

# The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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## a word from the prez

### Field Day 2002

Soon it will be one of the most important Amateur Radio events of the year. And the most fun too. It's the ARRL Field Day and it is held on the fourth weekend in June each year. It is the only event that I know of whereby tens of thousands of amateur's set up portable stations in temporary locations to communicate with each other world wide.

My first experience with "Field Day" was last year, and it was a great time. This years "Field Day" runs on June 22 and 23, beginning at 2:00 PM on the 22nd and running for 24 hours. As we have in the last three years, the Club will be setting up on the property of Dale Bowen, W8SHR. Dale has some great property and the most impressive Ham Shack I have seen. Dale's address is 4805 McConnell-East Rd., Southington, Ohio. McConnell - East Rd. runs east from SR 534 to Newton Falls-Braceville-Robinson Rd. in northern Braceville Township. The turn off on S.R. 534 to McConnell-East Rd. will be marked by a sign and Dale's house will have a large sign on the mailbox. If you have questions about how to reach the site, call Dale Bowen, W8SHR (330-898-8215), Tom Roscoe, K8CX (330-448-0306), or Pete Kozup, K8OUA (330-847-0975) and they will help you out.

We invite members of the public to attend as part of the purpose of Field

Day is to increase the awareness of Amateur Radio and what we do as hams to serve our community. There will be plenty of information and handouts at our "Public Information Table" to give prospective amateurs a chance to catch the "bug". So bring along your family, especially the kids, and friends.

You are welcome to bring your own rig, if you like, or come along and operate one of the member's radios that will be there. It's also a great time to experiment with different antennas, radios, and modes of operation. I hope to experiment with Solar Power (the sun always shines on Field Day) and hopefully PSK31.

To make this Field Day even better, the old "Novice" classification has now been replaced by the new ARRL "GOTA" (GET ON THE AIR) station. The ARRL's idea with this new classification is to give amateurs who have been inactive, as well as Novices, Technicians, and unlicensed people an opportunity to experience Field Day without the pressure of making many contacts. Of course, as always, any unlicensed operators must be under supervision of a "control operator". A "GOTA" station can really add to our Club's score and help get more amateurs active who may not have been for a while.

The ARRL Field Day event generates more visibility to the general public for Amateur Radio than any other single event. If you have any friends in the

local television, radio, or newspaper business be sure to tell them of our event and invite them to attend. It's a great time to increase our public relations!

Setup will begin the afternoon of Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at about 5:00 PM, but come earlier if you wish as Dale should be there all day. As I mentioned you do not have to bring a radio to operate, there will be plenty for you to use. If you have a large tent, or table and chairs please bring those along too. It's also a perfect time for a weekend campout with the family. Remember that if you come along and do some operating it counts as a Club activity that will earn you a free dinner at the awards banquet.

Hope to see many of you there!  
73, Your Prez, Bob, KC8PVB

## kids day

June is a great month for radio amateurs. As President Bob mentions in this month's article, Field Day is a fun day for all hams. Another fun day in June that is much more recent in its origins is Kid's Day. This ARRL sponsored event is designed to get kids involved in ham radio by allowing them to operate on air and talk to kids from around the country. The date for Kid's Day is June 15, from 1400 to 2000 EDT. The WARA will be helping to operate a Kid's Day station along with the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Association during that club's Special Event station at the covered bridge in Newton Falls. If you have the time stop in at the covered bridge in Newton Falls on the afternoon of June 15 and help introduce a kid to the fun of amateur radio. For more information on Kid's Day call our President, Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, at 440 548-4312, or email him

at [rmaurer@sprynet.com](mailto:rmaurer@sprynet.com). There is a nice article on Kid's Day in June QST.

## Covered bridges

The Western Reserve Amateur Radio Association in Newton Falls will be operating a special event station for Ohio Covered Bridges On the Air during the weekend of June 15 – 17. This will be done in cooperation with 15 other clubs in Ohio. The station, using the call W8I, will be operating from the covered bridge in Newton Falls. For more information contact Gail Wells, KC8LRH at 330 393-4795. A very nice certificate will be awarded to those contacting at least five OCBOTA stations. We wish our friends in the WRARA every success with their Special Event activity.

## Two meter net

The following is the net control schedule for June and July. The net is under the careful watch of Fred Olver, N9BSO. We are still looking for additional NCSs, and if you'd like to try it out, just contact Fred at 330 898-2943 (or talk to him on the two meter net!!).

June 5 – Fred, N9BSO

June 12 – Bob, KC8PVB

June 19 – Frank, KC8PUZ

June 26 – Andy, N8YR

July 3 – Fred, N9BSO

July 10 – Bob, KC8PVB

July 17 – Frank, KC8PUZ

July 24 – Andy, N8YR

July 31 – Fred, N9BSO

If you haven't joined in our net lately you might be surprised to find out just how active it is. Tune in on Wednesday night and say hello to your WARA friends.

## Updates needed!!

Renee needs help! Yeah, I know, some of us have known that for years!! But, she needs your help to bring the roster

up to date and make corrections where they are needed. If your name and call appear below, give Renee McCaman, KB8SVF, our trusty secretary, a call, send her an email, or send her a letter to let her know the information she needs.

Tom (AF4WU) & Carol (N3RNA) Dasen  
– phone number needed;

Lee Kerber (KA8RXW) – phone number;

Ken Sanders (KA8ZSO) – phone nr;

Ted White (KB8YWX) – phone nr and address;

Josh Sanders (KC8JSU) – phone nr;

Tony Swead (KG8TV) – phone number;

Josephine Wingrove (N8SYI) – phone nr

Clifford Malovski (N8VCJ) – phone nr;

Paul Boberski (N8ZKJ) – phone nr;

Wendell Chapman (W6VIF) – phone nr;

Dennis Hunt (W8DMH) – phone nr;

Charles “Doc” Mathias (W8KGD) – phone number;

Bill Maki (WB8ZBB) – phone number.

Renee can be reached by phone on 330 847-8478, by mail at 317 Raymond Ave., Warren, Ohio 44483, or by email at [mccaman@cboss.com](mailto:mccaman@cboss.com). Please let her know when you change your address or phone number.

## Guest speakers

President Bob has lined up some very entertaining, interesting, and useful speakers for our upcoming club meetings. Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB, is a ham with credentials dating back well over forty years, and has experience as a Dayton Hamvention Presenter.

June 4 – Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB, will talk on Causes and Cures of Electrical Interference;

July 2 – Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB, will talk on Causes and Cures of Appliance Interference – this will be a less technical and more humorous talk;

August 6 – Backup date if K8AGB can not make one of the other dates. Or, President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, will show a video on “Ham Radio Olympics.

## Kudos

The editor publishes the newsletter, and if he thinks someone should receive a bit of praise, he’s gonna give it to him or her. And, I’d like to give a bit of praise. This praise goes to a fellow who I’ve got to know over the past couple of years as a pleasant guy, kind of quiet, a good CW man, and fun to be around. In physical stature he’s probably the smallest adult frame in the club, but as Club Historian he’s a giant! I’m referring, of course, to Greg Kovach, WB8WUA. Greg takes his job as Club Historian seriously and rarely does a meeting go by at which he’s present that he doesn’t bring out some interesting bit of club history to show our members. It’s the sort of stuff that could easily be forgotten, but it’s also the sort of stuff without which we’d soon have no history, no tradition, and many fine members who should be remembered would soon be forgotten. Thanks for your efforts, Greg, and keep up the good work.

## Members around the traps

I heard some good news on the two meter net the other night. Heard it from Tom Lutz, KC8KVT, who announced that he had seen my old buddy Lee Right, WD8JRC, recently in Autumn

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Hills Nursing Home, and that Lee was doing well, smiling and in good spirits. I haven’t been in to see Lee in months, and I suspect that neither have many others. If you know someone in a

nursing home or who is incapacitated in some way, why not pay them a visit?

On a less cheerful note, we've heard that Slim Gilbert, W8ANN, the club's oldest member, is in St. Joseph's Hospital recuperating after having surgery on his leg. Get well and out of there soon, Slim.

## Happy birthday

June is a month of few birthdays, but they are significant ones. For example, it was in June some 96 years ago that our oldest most respected member, Slim Gilbert, was born. Here's wishing you a very happy birthday, Slim, along with all the other June birthdays.

June 3 – Gary Grimes, KB8GAB

June 4 – John Gabele, W8KCE

June 5 – Amanda Neely, KB8OYM

June 11 – Greg Kovach, WB8WUA

June 12 – Slim Gilbert, W8ANN

June 22 – Dale Scott, Associate

June 24 – Ernie Britton, K8EIH

June 27 – Leland Greuter, KA8TGX

ARL FORTY-SIX to each of these members on their special day.

## Thanks shirley

I'd like to give a special "thank you" to Shirley VanSlyke for taking over the job of compiling the *Q-Match* each month. Shirley has agreed to pick the *Q-Match* up from the printer, compile it, and deliver it to whoever is going to the first meeting of the month. Thanks Shirley, you're not just a pretty face, but a great help as well. Now, all we have to do is get that editor on the ball . . . .

## Update from dayton

Did you get to Dayton this year? A number of WARA members were seen sniffing around the flea market tables this year, and some of us even brought home a few goodies. I had the good

fortune to wander around with our Prez, Bob, KC8PVB, looking for all sorts of things. I found the Astron power supply I need to power my rigs for Field Day, and Bob, much to the delight of KZ8T found the parts needed to keep our Repeater working. Some of us rode the bus to Dayton, a bus provided by CARS from Cleveland. We all met at a suburban bus depot in Brecksville at about 1.00 AM Saturday morning, arriving in Dayton in time to have a good breakfast and to be at the gate in plenty of time for the start of the day. WARA members on the bus included K8OUA, N8IVE, KC8PVB, and KA8WMF. Also seen at Hare Arena were K8CX, WB8PPH, and WA8IWJ. So, the WARA had a good representation at the Hamvention. While it seems that the number of vendors was down somewhat from previous years, and perhaps the crowds were not as big as before, the weather was great and there was more there to buy than any of us could have seen. I ran into some old friends who I haven't seen for quite awhile, and it was great to see them. Dayton is a great place to meet old friends and pick up new pieces of junk to fit in that special spot in your shack.

## Fair chairman found

After much cajoling and pleading we have finally found a member to take over the job of organizing and coordinating our Trumbull County Fair booth this year. Don Hall, one of our younger fair chairman (cont . . .)

members, and at present an Associate member, has agreed to take on the job with the help of Pete, K8OUA. Well done Don. It's a great way to get involved in club activities. Of course, Don also knows that all of Trumbull

County's best looking YLs go to the Fair dressed in their summer finest. This way Don gets to watch them go by from his own special spot at the fair, and it's free! The rest of us now need to get our acts together and help Don out in organizing the event. If he asks you to do something please lend a hand. The date of the TC Fair is the week of July 7 – 14. See you there!

## classifieds

For sale -- 1991 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup Truck -- short bed, 149000 miles, 4.3 liter engine, 4x4, bed liner, matching cap, air conditioning, cruise control, am/fm radio, cassette player, rear sliding window, mag wheels. It has some rust. E-Bayprice \$3600. Asking \$2500 – this price is for WARA members. Call Mike Salcone, N8XXY 330-372-5834.

## Monthly calendar

6/1 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
6/3 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
6/3 K8OUA's summer break begins  
6/4 WARA mtg TCTC 7.30 PM; K8AGB speaker on RF interference  
6/5 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
6/8-10 RSGB Jubilee Contest See June QST pg 90  
6/10 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
6/12 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
6/15 Kid's Day Covered Bridge Newton Falls 2 – 8 PM  
6/15 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
6/15-17 WRARA Special Ev Stn Newton Falls covered bridge – OCBOTA  
6/17 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
6/18 WARA mtg TCTC 7.30 PM  
6/19 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
6/21 Field Day Setup at W8SHR 5 PM  
6/22-23 Field Day  
6/24 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

6/26 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
6/29 Lunch Covered Bridge Restaurant  
Newton Falls 12 N  
Dates for July –  
WARA mtgs – 7/2, 7/16  
Farmington brunches – 7/1,8,15,22,29  
Wayside Inn breakfasts – 7/6, 7/20  
Covered Bridge lunch – 7/27  
2 meter net – 7/3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Trumbull County Fair – 7/7 – 14  
Packard Spec. Event Stn – 7/27-28

## The route to dale's place

Follow these instructions to get to the QTH of Dale, W8SHR, for Field Day.

From Warren – head west on S.R. 5/82 past Leavittsburg to Center-of-the-World. Turn right to follow SR 82 (5 and 82 split), across the bridge, past the Riverview Golf Course, through Braceville, to SR 534. Turn right (head north) on SR 534 for about two miles to McConnell-East Rd. It will be marked. Turn right (East) on McConnell-East Rd. to Dale's place.

From northern Trumbull County – head west on whatever road takes you to SR 534 (SR 87, SR 88, SR 305). Head south on SR 534 past Rt 422. From Rt 422 it's about 3 miles to McConnell-East Rd. It will be marked. Turn left onto McConnell-East Rd. about a mile or so to Dale's place.

From Newton Falls or Lordstown – head north on SR 534, cross SR 5 west of the Ohio Turnpike. From SR 5 it's about 5-6 miles to McConnell-East Rd. Turn right to Dale's place.