

# The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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## Field day

Each year June brings one of the most enjoyable operating activities of the year, Field Day. For many of us Field Day combines two of our favorite activities – ham radio operating and camping. We set up stations in the field, hang antennas from whatever is available, sleep (or usually, don't sleep!!) in tents or trailers set up for the purpose, and operate for a twenty-four hour period with the objective of working as many stations from as many different areas as possible. If you like operating on ham radio and the outdoors, or would just like the opportunity to try it out, why not try field day this year. Field Day occurs annually on the last full weekend in June, and this year it will be held on June 26–27, 2004. This year Field Day will be held at a different location from previous years. Dale, W8SHR, has advised the club that due to some work he has been doing on his property in Braceville Township, his property will not be available this year. So, the club has decided to hold Field Day this year at the home of our President, Bob Maurer, KC8PVB. Bob lives on Rt 422 in Parkman, Ohio, just past River Pines Campground. We will, as usual, be setting up on the Friday night prior to Field Day, ie., June 25. You are welcome to bring your own rig and antennas, or just show up to help out and use someone else's radios. It works either way, and there will be plenty of experienced folk around to help you out.

If you'd like more information about how Field Day works you can find it in the May issue of QST magazine on page 107, or go to the ARRL website at [www.arrl.org/contests/forms](http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms). Even if you are hesitant to operate, come on out and see what's happening. There should be plenty of food and drinks there and the camaraderie of club members is always fun. For more information about field day contact Tom Roscoe, K8CX, at [k8cx@hamgallery.com](mailto:k8cx@hamgallery.com) or by phone at 330 448-0306, or President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, at [rmaurer@sprynet.com](mailto:rmaurer@sprynet.com), or by phone at 440 548-4312. Looking forward to seeing you at Field Day.

## New hamfest chairman

At a recent club meeting Renee McCaman, KB8SVF, resigned as Hamfest Chair after having served in that position for a number of years. Renee cited increasing job commitments as the reason for her giving up the position. Renee, as we all know, has served the club in many different ways, not least of which is as club secretary. Unfortunately for us her new job has cut into the time she has available for the hamfest. Fortunately for us, though, Richard Bell, KC8TAP, has stepped into the breach and taken the position over with zeal. He has held several hamfest committee meetings, the fliers for the hamfest are currently being distributed, the prizes have been purchased, and it looks as though things are in order for the August

event. The hamfest this year will be held on August 15, 2004, at the KSU Trumbull Campus Work Force Building. The hamfest will also include, as it did last year, a motorcycle show. Richard invites anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event to join the hamfest committee. Also, Richard has the raffle tickets for the hamfest to sell. He is asking that anyone willing to help sell tickets, or anyone wishing to buy tickets contact him at [kc8tap@neo.rr.com](mailto:kc8tap@neo.rr.com) or by phone at 330 898-6539.

## Chinese auction items

Speaking of the hamfest, Lisa Eckenrode, KC8VHB, is in charge of the Chinese Auction for that event. She is asking for donations and is asking that they be given to her by the first WARA meeting in August. These items can be of any type, but things of interest to men and things that are ham radio or electronics related are most needed. Editor's note: that's not a sexist comment, folks, Lisa will accept anything but she advises that the things she normally gets are more suited to the ladies and are often not ham radio related. Anyone who wishes to contribute anything to the Hamfest Chinese Auction can contact Lisa at home at 330 872-5045 or at [Lucca06@hotmail.com](mailto:Lucca06@hotmail.com).

## Classifieds

FOR SALE: craftman rotatiller, \$75.00 OBO. Contact Emily Wells, KC8RAL, at 330 393-4785, or [lwells1@neo.rr.com](mailto:lwells1@neo.rr.com).

FOR SALE: Sailboat, Hunter 185, many extras. Perfect for Mosquito or Pymatuning Lakes. \$3000 negotiable.

FOR SALE: 1991 Buick Skylark. Runs OK. Cheap transportation. \$750 ONO.

For both Contact Peter Kozup, K8OUA, 330 395-0975 or by email at [k8oua@yahoo.com](mailto:k8oua@yahoo.com).

## Happy birthday

As usual we extend the heartiest of birthday greetings to members celebrating their birthday in June.

6/3 KB8GAB ~ Gary Grimes

6/4 W8KCE ~ John Gabele

6/5 KB8OYM ~ Amanda Neely

6/11 WB8WUA ~ Gregory Kovach

6/27 KA8TGX ~ Leland Greter

My birthday list is somewhat outdated, so if you see an error on the list don't be shy, let me know. Again, ARL FORTY-SIX to each of our June birthday people. What a great month to be born in!

## Nets

The WARA sponsors two nets each week, both on Wednesday nights. The first is at 8.00 PM and is on ten meters. The frequency is 28.375 MHz. Anyone with a suitable license and rig is invited to join in. Usually the net control for this net is Fred, N9BSO, but at times Ken, KC8TML and others will control the net. The club's regular net is at 9.00 PM on 146.97 MHz and 443.00 MHz, both W8VTD repeaters. We're happy to report that we have two additional Net Control Ops for this net, and both have the sweet sound of the YL voice. One is Emily Wells, KC8RAL, and the other is Lisa Eckenrode, KC8VHB. Their names and calls appear on the NCS schedule below. Here is the Net Control Schedule for June and July with the addition of Emily and Lisa.

## Nets (cont. . . .)

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pete, K8OUA

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Andy, N8YR

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Emily, KC8RAL

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fred, N9BSO

June 30<sup>th</sup> – Bob, KC8PVB  
 July 7<sup>th</sup> – Lisa, KC8VHB  
 July 14<sup>th</sup> -- Pete, K8OUA  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> – Andy, N8YR  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> – Emily, KC8RAL

Why don't you plug in your radio and join us on the nets.

## Sunshine and sick

I stopped in to see Lee Right, WD8JRC, at Autumn Hills Nursing Home the other day. Lee is bedridden and does not speak much, but he does recognize people and is overjoyed to see them. His XYL, Cathy, still visits him daily at lunchtime.

President Bob Maurer advised me today that his XYL Marilu continues to improve. She does have some bad moments now and then, and is on Chemotherapy.

## ARES

Richard Bell, KC8TAP, advises that he has "Communicator" vests for those who have signed up to buy them. They will need to be tried on so that each person buying one can get the right size. If you have agreed to buy one or are interested in buying one contact Richard at 330 898-6539 or email him at [kc8tap@neo.rr.com](mailto:kc8tap@neo.rr.com) or use your radio – Richard is usually on the nets as well as a number of other local repeaters.

## Ohio section news

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16);  
 ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland;  
 SEC: John Chapman, WB8INY, Gahanna;  
 ACC: Mark Reising, WM8R, Mainville;  
 TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City;  
 PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield;  
 OOC: Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark;  
 SGL: Reuben Meeks,

W8GUC, Vandalia.  
 JUNE SECTION NEWS - This is Field Day month (June 26-27). Yes, have fun, get caught up in a high score, eat well and get new hams excited with the GOTA station. But remember the first objective is to practice our message handling skills and put these skills on public display. Also remember these important facts: (1) CW and Digital contacts are two points each and ORP (5W) contacts are five; (2) Deadline for getting your entry postmarked is July 27; (3) read all the rules at [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests). and (4) new this year - ability to file on-line. The form is at [www.b4h.net/cabforms/](http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/).

The West Chester Amateur Radio Association, WC8VOA (Butler County - Voice of America) will run a special events station beginning 8 a.m. Sunday, June 6 until 5 p.m. or longer if traffic permits. This is, of course, the 60th Anniversary of the 1944 Normandy Invasion (better known as D-Day). Freqs: SSB 28.305, 21.305, 14.275, and 7.275 CW up 35 kHz from lower band edge: 10, 15, 20, and 40 meters.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - Henry Koenig, WD8Q, of Mansfield, is the new Net Manager (NM) of the Ohio Slow Net (OSN). He succeeds Ken Buser, WB8KQJ, of Hinckley, who retired after 10 years of managing this net. The OSN, Ohio's longest continuing traffic net, currently passes traffic in CW at 3.708 MHz each day beginning at 6:10 p.m. (1810 local time; 2310 Zulu). "There are more popular ham radio activities than a CW traffic net," said SM Phillips, "but this

does not diminish the dedication and value to public service the OSN under Ken Buser and now Henry Koenig serves amateur radio. Remember the Ohio QSO Party is coming up in August, Make your plans now.

OHIO SECTION CLUB NEWS - New officers of the Warren Amateur Radio Club (Trumbull County) - President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB; Vice-President Dave Walters, KZ8T; Secretary Renee McCaman, KB8SVF; Treasurer Karl Gerlt, KF8MG; Directors, Dave Bowen, N8VCK, Charles Simpkins, KA8FUP, and Dennis Carraher, N8IVE. OHIO SECTION CONGRATS TO - (A) Joe Young, KC8TAC, for being named Ham of the Year by the Alliance ARC; (B) ASM Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, and his wife, former ASM Mary, N8OAM, for being honored by the Columbus Health Department and other service agencies for their work in the Franklin County hospital antenna program, and (C) The Montgomery County (Dayton) SKYWARN program for naming its ham radio station after Frank Schaub, W8OK (SK), who was a founding member of the program.

OHIO SECTION JUNE HAMFESTS... (Sunday-13) Fulton County ARC in Wauseon (west of Toledo); For more information, see <[www.fcarc.8m.com](http://www.fcarc.8m.com)> or E-mail: <[fcarc@hotmail.com](mailto:fcarc@hotmail.com)> and (Saturday-19) the Milford ARC, in Milford. For more information, E-mail <[kb8snh@cs.com](mailto:kb8snh@cs.com)>. DE K8QOE

Now for the April 2004 traffic reports.....  
Ohio Section Nets - April 2004

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS	N/M
OSN	123	38	601	29	WD8Q
BRN(E)	161	130	369	30	WA8ZGL

BNR(L)	176	96	326	30	NY8V
OSSBN	1906	769	3096	90	N8IO

Ohio Section PSHR Reports - April 2004  
N8IO 40, 40, 20, 20, 10, 0, TOT = 130  
W8MMN 40, 12, 10, 40, 20, 0, TOT = 122

WD8Q 40, 40, 10, 20, 0, 0, TOT = 110  
WA8SSI 40, 40, 20, 0, 0, 0, TOT = 100  
WG8Z 40, 40, 0, 15, 0, 0, TOT = 95  
N8DD 40, 40, 10, 0, 0, 0, TOT = 90  
KC8UTL 40, 40, 10, 0, 0, 0, TOT = 90

Member Traffic Reports - April 2004  
N8IXF-715, KD8HB-492, KC8UTL-410,  
KX8B-287, W8QIW-257, N8IO-240,  
N8BV-204, N8CW-158, W8PBX-137,  
WA8EYQ-96, WD8G-90, N8TNV-88,  
WG8Z-86, KB8SBK-75, KA8CXG-72,  
WA8SSI-66, WB8SIQ-64, NS8C-60,  
N8DD-56, WB8HHZ-53, W8RPS-48,  
N8GOB- 43, KA8WQL-39, W8GGX-34,  
AB8SK-32, KF8LE-30, NY8V-25,  
KC8BTN-21, W8RG-17, KC8TKB-16,  
K8PJ-15, KC8QYP-13, KC4IYD-12,  
KC8HTP-11, KI8IM-10, KC8YJW-10,  
N8LWE-7, K8NFF-5, K8QIP-4,  
K8DST-2, K8WC-0.

## Kids day

A couple of times a year the ARRL sponsors Kid's Day. One of those days is this month, on Saturday June 19, 2004. Following is some information about Kid's Day taken directly from the ARRL website. You can find it there by going to [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people kids day (cont. . . .)

(licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio. It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their

children. Dates for Kid's day are January 4 and June 19, 2004. The event runs from 1800 to 2400Z, and there is no limit on operating time.

Suggested exchange: Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day."

Suggested Frequencies are 28350 to 28400 kHz, 21380 to 21400, 14270 to 14300 kHz and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. Observe third party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs.

Logs and comments may be posted on the Internet. Those without Internet access may forward comments to the Boring Amateur Radio Club (address below).

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate (it becomes the child's personalized sales brochure on ham radio). You can download this certificate for free, customized with the kids' names, after filling out our Kid's Day Survey, or send a 9 X 12 SASE to: Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357; Boring, OR 97009.

So, how about it, perhaps you can find a group of kids, or even one or two, and enter a Kid's Day station. Check it out!

## Membership

At a recent meeting there was a question about how many members it takes to admit new members to the club. Over the years a number of us have come to believe that a simple majority vote of those present when a new member is being admitted is sufficient. However, our de facto parliamentarian, Dave Walters, KZ8T, has found some

information that does not support that view. In an email sent to the editor Dave states the following –

'I looked through the archives and came up with the document (the Articles of Incorporation) and that is where it states in 5c. "Attend the next regular meeting and be approved by the unanimous vote of the members present, after the investigative committee has reported, such action being taken with the applicant absent from the room." Notarized January 2, 1959.'

This is something found in what amounts to our "constitution" which has not been paid much heed over the years, and may be something that needs to be clarified. Attend your club meeting and have your say.

## Hamfests

We have a couple of big hamfests coming up in June that members might be interested in. Both are in Pennsylvania, but that's just next door folks!

The first is the Breezeshooters Hamfest in Butler, PA, which will be held on June 6, 2004. For further information contact Robert Benna, N3LWP

1010 Willow Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Phone: 412-366-0488

Email: [n3lwp@verizon.net](mailto:n3lwp@verizon.net), or just go to the Breezeshooters website at [www.breezeshooters.net](http://www.breezeshooters.net).

Another hamfest coming up in Western Pennsylvania is the Erie Hamfest.

## Hamfests (cont. . . .)

Thanks to Dave, KZ8T, for the following information. The hamfest is the Northwest Pennsylvania Hamfest, and is being held on Saturday July 10, 2004. The Hamfest will be held at the Greene

Township Municipal Building, 9333 Tate Road, Erie, Pa.

Talk-in is on 146.70 MHz.

The location is two miles south off Rt 8 from Interstate 90 near Erie. It is roughly three miles from the Erie City line.

## Kudos

Congratulations to WARA member Sara Kozup, KB8RHG, daughter of Peter Kozup, K8OUA, on her graduation Magna Cum Laude, from Case Western Reserve University recently. Sara graduated in nursing and will be taking a position as a medical/surgical nurse in the regional center of Bethel, Alaska, about 400 miles due west of Anchorage.

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6/7 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
 6/9 2 Mtr / 10 Mtr nets 8PM and 9PM  
 6/10 K8OUA's summer break begins  
 6/14 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
 6/15 WARA mtg TCTC 7.30 PM  
 6/16 2 Mtr / 10 Mtr nets 8PM and 9PM  
 6/19 Kid's Day – see article this issue  
 6/19 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
 6/21 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
 6/23 2 Mtr / 10 Mtr nets 8PM and 9PM  
 6/25 Field Day set up – see article  
 6/26-27 Field Day – see article this issue  
 6/28 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM  
 6/30 2 Mtr / 10 Mtr nets 8PM and 9PM

Dad is hoping that the long winter nights might mean she'll become active again.

## Calendar

6/1 WARA mtg TCTC 7.30 PM  
 6/2 2 Mtr / 10 Mtr nets 8PM and 9PM  
 6/5 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM