

The Q-Match

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a word from the prez

June / Amateur Radio Month

Well, it is hard to believe, but it is already July. The summer sure is going fast. I want to take a moment to recap the month of June. I have dubbed it in my own mind as "Amateur Radio Month". Why? Because to me at least, it was the most jam-packed month so far this year of great chances to work with Amateur Radio and be with other Amateurs.

First, leading into June was the "Dayton HamFest". And being my "First Time" there I can tell you it is amazing. I learned two things: First you can find almost anything at this HamFest. Everything from a car to a 25 Kilowatt nitrogen cooled steel cutting laser! And it is Big! You really need to spend more than one day to see everything, however that could be dangerous on the wallet. The second thing learned is that buying items for friends who could not attend can actually save you money because you can only carry so much. My XYL thanks everyone! HI HI

Then, we started out July with an excellent speaker, Dennis / K8AGB at our first Tuesday meeting. I really enjoyed his discussion about "Causes and Cures of Electrical Interference", and am looking forward to his next discussion.

Then, we enjoyed "Kid's Day" on June 15th. This was a very special event for this area as the WARA held it in

conjunction with the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Association's "Special Event Station". Their special event was for Ohio Covered Bridges On The Air. It was a great opportunity for both clubs to work together and show the true spirit of Amateur Radio. Both Frank Bosak / KC8PUZ and Donald Hall worked a good number of kids around the world and even made a contact with the NASA Johnson Space Center, W5RRR. They also made a fair number of contacts for the special event station, W8I, including W9/W9MVP "Phantasy Island". Many thanks to Gail Wells / KC8LRH and the WRARA for their great hospitality and for their help with stringing the Alpha-Delta dipole. Also, thanks go out to Renee McCaman / KB8SVF for contributing to the pizza fund. It sure hit the spot during the cold and rainy part of the day.

After that great weekend in June we rolled right into the biggest Amateur Event of the year, Field Day 2002! For those of you that could not make it out to the home of Dale Bowen, W8SHR, we missed you and you really missed a great time! From the time of getting everything setup and running, to the last contact made, it truly was Amateur Radio at it's finest. And we did not even make Fred Olver / N9BSO climb the temporary tower for the Tri-Bander we setup for him, even though he kept asking to do so! We had a GOTA station (new for this Field Day) setup in the trailer and I would like to say a big

“Thanks” to all of you who stopped by to work the air waves. We were also able to work UHF Packet and we had a Solar panel array setup. While we were unsuccessful in making a Satellite contact (sorry folks!) the last contact of Field Day ended as last year’s started: With a voice contact to the International Space Station -- we had a short QSO with 1A Field Day station, NA1SS. The operator was Russian cosmonaut and crew commander, Valery Korzun. And it really made the day hearing him repeat phonetically “Whiskey-8-Victor-Tango-Delta, 8 Alpha, acknowledged!”

A special thanks go to Dale, W8SHR, and Nancy, KB8OMO, for the great cooking during the whole event. If you did not make it this year, please make it a point to get there next year. It is one of the main Amateur Radio Events of the year, showing the world what we are all about and helping us to prepare for an emergency if the need arises.

So, with a month like June what’s next? Well July is going to be a great Amateur month for our club also! We have the Trumbell County Fair starting on July 7th through the 14th. And what a great way to show thousands of people a day how great Amateur Radio is, and possibly recruit some new hams. See either Donald Hall, Frank Bosak / KC8PUZ or Lisa Eckenrode for sign-up sheets for fair duty.

Then, we go right into our Special Event Station for the Packard Auto Show. Coordinated by Gail Wells, this annual two day event promotes the Packard Automobile and the history it has with Warren Ohio. So come out to the Packard Park and help with the station. You can contact Gail at 330

393-4795 for more information. I hope to see many of you there!

The excitement of Amateur Radio continues through July. Make plans to participate in at least one of these Club Events. For Amateur Radio to grow we need to continue to get the message out about what we are all about. And events like the Fair and the Packard Special Event Station are ways to do so. So get out and get on the air!

I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming club events, or at our regular monthly meetings. Till then,
73,

Bob, KC8 PVB

Field day 2002

Unfortunately, we do not have the results yet for Field Day 2002 in time for this issue of the *Q-Match*. However, Field Day organizer Tom Roscoe, K8CX, was very confident the last time I saw him that the club did a very good job that night. Tom was, as usual, very active and had close to 1000 QSOs. Pete, K8OUA, and Fred, N9BSO, teamed up on 20 and 15 CW to make close to 400 CW contacts. This was a good demonstration of how successful a couple teaming up and working together can be. That’s something to think about for next year, especially for those of you who might hesitate to get on the air. Get together with another ham and not only will you have a lot of fun, but you’ll find that you make a lot of contacts too. Dale, W8SHR, was busy on six and two meters, while Tom KC8KVT was persistent in his attempts to score points using PSK-31. Bob, KC8PVB, made points using digital modes, and several members, including Bob KC8QZR, were successful on phone. Overall, it was a

great weekend. I will have the results for you in the next issue of the *Q-Match*.

Two meter net

The Wednesday night net is going well. If you're not checking into the net, you're missing something. During the summer months we have only four Net Control Stations, so if you're not doing anything on Wednesday nights, you might want to try out as NCS. Contact Fred Olver, N9BSO, to have your name put down as NCS. Try it out, you might even find that you enjoy it!! Here are the NCSs for the next couple of months.

July 3 – Fred, N9BSO

July 10 – Bob, KC8PVB

July 17 – Frank, KC8PUZ

July 24 – Andy, N8YR

July 31 – Fred, N9BSO

August 7 – Bob, KC8PVB

August 14 – Frank, KC8PUZ

August 21 – Pete, K8OUA

August 28 – Andy, N8YR

Tune into the net on Wednesday nights and meet up with some of your friends.

Trumbull county fair

It's that time again, mid-summer and time for the Trumbull County Fair. As we have done for the past several years we will be having a booth at the fair to demonstrate amateur radio to the fair-going public. This year the fair runs from Sunday July 7 through Sunday July 14. We will be setting up for the fair on Saturday July 6 right after the regular club breakfast at the Wayside Inn in Champion. If you're going to the breakfast, just head on over to the fairgrounds afterwards. If you're not going to the breakfast, then head on over to the fairgrounds at about 10.30 AM or so. Whenever you head over, the main thing is that you head over!! We need

your help both to set up before the fair, and to help staff the booth during the fair. Those going to the fair to work in the booth will be able to receive tickets to get into the fair if they notify the fair organizers beforehand. As President Bob has mentioned in his monthly epistle, contact Lisa Eckenrode at 330 872-5045 to have your name put on the list of fair workers, and get your ticket to the fair. Associate member Don Hall, and Frank Bosak, KC8PUZ are also helping to organize the event, but will be away at scout camp till the day of setup. We will need rigs and operators for the display, as well as individuals who want to talk amateur radio to people who come through our booth. We need about four people per day during the fair, and your help will be gratefully appreciated. Fellas, remember, the YLs who go to the fair are the best looking in the county, and this is your chance to enjoy the view.

Packard special event

Over the past several years the WARA has organized a special event station to join in the annual Packard automobile show. This year is no different, and the club will be sponsoring a special event station using the callsign W8P on the weekend of July 27 – 28. The event occurs each year at the Packard Museum, right next door to the Packard Music Hall on Mahoning Ave. in Warren. In the past we've made some good contacts and brought Warren into the ham radio limelight. We will need members to help setup, members to bring equipment along to operate, members to actually operate on air, members to talk to Packard passerbys who stop and ask what's going on, and members to tear the station down when

it's all over. A very attractive certificate will be given to those members who help out on the day, as well as to stations those stations that QSO W8P. For information on how you can help out on the weekend, contact Gail Wells, KC8LRH, at 330 393-4795.

Happy birthday

Here's wishing each of the following WARA members a great birthday on their special day.

7/4 WA8SUV – Joe Williams
7/5 WD8OOI – Jerry Love
7/7 K8KAE -- Ed Chopko
7/8 N8VCJ -- Clifford Malovski
7/10 KC8GI -- Bill Melton
7/15 KC8FWT -- Richard Bish
7/15 Associate -- Kevin Bosak
7/19 KC8BYU -- William "Bill" Walker
7/26 N8LAB -- Lee Callow
7/29 KC8CMU-- William 'Jack' McClain
7/30 WB8PHH -- Frank Safran
7/31 KB8YWY -- Allen Scott
7/31 KC8TAP -- Richard Bell

Remember, you're not a year older, you're a year better!! ARL FORTY SIX to each of you!!

Mathematical english

Are you good at math? All good hams should have a good working knowledge of mathematics. See if you can fit the mathematical word(s) below to the correct meaning. Not all words are used, and only one word is used per meaning. Words – ACUTE, SLIDE RULE, SUM, PI, SQUARE ROOT, TANGENT, UNIT, PRISM, AXIS, INVERSE, POLYGON.

Meanings—

- a)The poet wrote his love letters _____.
b)The man lay out in the sun because he wanted to become a_____.
c)My favorite dessert is cherry _____.

d)People often use _____ to cut down trees.

e)A missing parrot is a _____.

f)Criminals usually end up in _____.

g)For safety every playground needs a see-saw rule, a swing rule, and a _____.

h)Square plants have _____s.

i)You use yarn and needles when _____.
Thanks to Don, K8BXT, for this month's puzzle.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Yaesu FT707 transceiver. 80-10 meters. Includes power supply and antenna tuner. Good solid HF rig. Asking \$350. Contact Pete Kozup, K8OUA, 330 847-0975.

FOR SALE: 1991 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck – short bed, 149000 miles, 4.3 liter engine, 4 X 4, bedliner, matching cap, air conditioning, cruise control, am/fm radio, cassette player, rear sliding window, mag wheels. It has some rust. E-Bay price \$3600. Asking \$2500 for WARA members. Call Mike Salcone, N8XXY, 330 372-5834.

Kudos

No club, especially these days, can exist without the regular faithful members who are almost always there when needed. Often, these folks give with little recognition. We do have some members like these. One of the best is Delbert Shafer, WD8KXD. Del seems to always be around when he's needed. Whether it's taking the minutes when Renee is away, connecting the right person up to his daughter-in-law who works for the *Tribune* to get some information in the paper for publicity purposes, or just lending a hand at club activities, Delbert is one of those hams who is never afraid

to help out. Thanks Del for being there when you're needed.

Notes from the arrl

NEW BAND PROPOSALS -- Were you aware that the FCC is proposing the establishment of new amateur bands in both the HF and VHF parts of the spectrum? Public comments on FCC proposals to create two new amateur bands and to create a new Amateur Service primary allocation in the vicinity of 2.4 GHz are due July 29, and reply comments are due by August 12. In response to an ARRL petition, the FCC last month released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ET Docket 02-98) that proposed to create a new 5-MHz HF allocation and a new low-frequency band in the vicinity of 136 kHz in addition to elevating amateurs from secondary to primary at 2400 to 2402 MHz. A copy of the petition is available on the ARRL Web site, at <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/et02-98/>. Interested parties may file comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website, <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Click on "Search for Filed Comments" and enter "02-98" in the "Proceeding" field. All comments and other correspondence--plus a copy of the NPRM--are available for viewing via the ECFS.

Would you like to find out what's happening with the ARRL on a regular basis? If you're a member why not join one of the email lists which will send you information about amateur radio via email. Go to the Members Only Page, and then click on the Member's Data Page. This will give you email options for receiving information. Try it out, it's a great service.

Monthly calendar

7/2 WARA mtg, TCTC 7.30 PM K8AGB speaker
7/3 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM
7/4 Sp Ev stn -- Happy B'day America Lake Co. ARC, N8GB see p86 July QST
7/6 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
7/6 TC Fair setup 10.30 AM
7/8 thru 7/14 Trumbull Co. Fair
7/8-7/14 Naturist ARC Sp Ev stn Nude Awareness Wk -- NU5DE -- p86 JI QST
7/8 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
7/10 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM
7/13-14 IARU HF World Championships see p85 July QST
7/13 Sp Ev stn Ohio Hammin Sams K8OBD see p86 July QST
7/13 FISTS Summer Sprint see p85 July QST
7/15 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
7/16 WARA mtg TCTC 7.30 PM
7/17 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM
7/20 Sp Ev stn Sandusky Radio Exper'tal L'gue W8LBZ p86 Jly QST
7/20 Sp Ev stn Reservoir ARA K8QYL Neil Armstrong Fest of Light p86 JI QST
7/20-21 CQ WW VHF Contest see p85 July QST
7/20-21 W/VE Islands Contest see p85 July QST
7/20-21 6 mtr sprint see p85 July QST
7/22 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
7/24 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM
7/27 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest 12 N
7/27-28 WARA Sp Ev stn Packard Museum W8P
7/27-28 RSGB IOTA Contst p85 JI QST
7/27 Sp Ev stn N.J. Camp for the Blind W2GLQ see p86 July QST
7/29 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
7/31 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM