

# The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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## Don Lovett – k8bxt, sk

The WARA lost another of its stalwarts in June. Don Lovett, K8BXT, one of our longest serving members, became a silent key on June 23, as a result of a massive stroke. Don was a very well known club member, and held many positions in the club over the years. He is probably best remembered for his service as Awards Chairman which he held for many years until giving up the position a couple of years ago. In this position Don was in his glory, keeping an unobtrusive eye on the happenings of the club in order to “award” those members who deserved an award. These awards were sometimes serious, but more often than not they were a tongue-in-cheek jab at humorous experiences from the lives of various club members. Don was a master as Awards Chairman, carefully developing a collection of stooges that kept everyone else on their toes.

Don served for years as the “Voice of the Howland High School Band”, and was well known and respected by band members and the Howland High School community.

From 1980, Don and his wife, Marguerite, spent about half of each year in Florida. He remained active on the air until his death, and would often run schedules from Florida with his ham friends in Warren.

A 1945 graduate of the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, Don

worked at Packard Electric for 36 years until his retirement in 1980.

Don is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marguerite, his four daughters, Marsha Wuerdeman of Cincinnati, Carole Koontz of Newark, Cindy Vetter of Lincoln N.C., and Karen (Chris) Lovett of Warren. Don and Marguerite had seven grandchildren.

The Warren Amateur Radio Association has lost a valued and highly respected member with the passing of Don Lovett, K8BXT. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, daughters, and their families.

## Field day

It's a bit early for a total Field Day report, seeing as how the event only ended a day before the writing of this issue of *The Q-Match*. We did have a good effort, though, as usual. The club participated as an 8A entry, which means that we had eight stations on the air at one time or another over the weekend. Contacts were made on all bands 160 through 2 meters, in various modes, including CW, SSB, and via satellite. The club was especially well catered for by Dale Bowen, W8SHR, who provided the venue, the tools, and whatever other odds and ends were needed, by Nancy Leeper, KB8OMO, who cooked and fed and kept our mugs full, and by Tom Roscoe, K8CX, who

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organized the event for the club. Unfortunately, while we had a lot of members in attendance, the club's

overall score will almost certainly suffer due to a general lack of operators. It needs to be said again, as it has for many years now, that Field Day is a time not just for watching, eating, chatting, or catching up on the local gossip, but more importantly, for operating. While I agree that the overall point of Field Day is not simply to rack up the highest score, contest-style, this editor's opinion is that every member who shows up should have a try at making a contact on some band using some mode. That would certainly improve our score, but more importantly it would give each of us practice at doing what Field Day is supposed to be about – operating under less than ideal conditions, the sort of conditions that just might occur, given the world we live in at the moment. I wonder how many of us would be able to justify, or would even try to justify, sitting and watching others operate during a true emergency, be it a natural calamity like a tornado or an emergency brought about because of a human act like another (God forbid) 9/11 episode. If we agree that we would not be able to justify such inaction, can we really believe that a bit of practice operating in such a situation wouldn't be valuable? Think about it, both for next year's Field Day, and for other WARA activities that are coming up in the near future.

## Birthdays

As usual, we have a good list of WARA birthdays to celebrate this month. If you see one of these folks be sure to extend a friendly arm and wish them a great day. What the heck, if you feel like it and if the birthday boy or girl deserves it buy him or her a card, put a few good

wishes into it, and make another good op feel a bit better. ARL FORTY SIX to each of the following for July:

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 Assoc. ~ 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, if I've left your name off this list and it's supposed to be there, don't cuss under your breath at me, let me know! Drop me a line by email (see the heading at the top of this issue), collar me when you see me in person, phone me at 330 847-0975, abuse me in public on the Wednesday night net, or do whatever works to correct the situation.

## Classifieds

WANTED TO BUY: Eleven or twelve horsepower Briggs & Stratton engine for riding mower. Must have three inch vertical shaft one inch in diameter. Contact Mike Salcone, N8XXY, by phone at: 330 372-5834.

## Trumbull county fair

It's T.C. Fair time again folks! And, as has become a WARA tradition, we will be staffing a Fair display complete with station. The dates of the Fair are July 7 – July 13, with a work day for setting up the displays, antennas, etc. on Saturday July 5, following the regular breakfast at Trumbull county fair (cont . . . .) the Wayside Inn. We will need help in setting the display up, in operating the

stations, and in answering questions from the public about amateur radio. The Fair display is under the organization of Gary Grimes, KB8GAB, who can be reached at 330 872-7158 or 330 717-8971, or by email at kb8gab@aol.com. So, if you haven't already done so, give Gary a call, or email him, and have him put your name down to help at the fair. Trust me, it's a great time and a great service to the club as well.

## Packard special event

Another event sponsored by the WARA that is becoming something of a tradition is the annual Packard Car Show special event station. Timed to coincide with the annual Packard Car Show this will be held this year on the weekend of July 26 and 27 at the Packard Auto Museum on Mahoning Ave. (right next door to the Packard Music Hall). As we have done in the past, we will be using the callsign W8P, and will be awarding certificates to the stations we contact. If you're one of those unfortunates who has never operated during this event, you've been missing a great weekend. Not only is there a great deal of enjoyable on-air activity, but it's all done in the middle of a car show that exhibits some of the finest automobiles ever made. Mark the date on your calendar, and plan to be there. If you have questions about the event contact the famous OM/XYL team of Gail and Emily Wells, KC8LHR and KC8RAL, at 330 393-4795.

## Two meter net

Still going strong on Wednesday nights the W8VTD net magically appears every Wednesday at 9.00 PM on 146.97 MHz. The following is the NCS schedule for July and August.

July 2 – Pete, K8OUA  
 July 9 – Andy, N8YR  
 July 16 – Fred, N9BSO  
 July 23 – Bob, KC8PVB  
 July 30 – Frank, KC8PUZ  
 Aug 6 – Pete, K8OUA  
 Aug 13 – Andy, N8YR  
 Aug 20 – Fred, N9BSO  
 Aug 27 – Bob, KC8PVB

Do you ever get tired of hearing the same Net Control Stations on the net week after week? Ever think that just now and then it'd be nice to get another sound running the net? Perhaps a YL would be good, or a younger voice, or an older one, or just a different one! Well, it could happen, all you have to do is let Fred Olver, N9BSO, know that YOU'D like to try Net Control for awhile, and the change you've been seeking will occur! If you want to try it out just contact Fred by email at [creacher@onecom.com](mailto:creacher@onecom.com). I'll be looking for your voice running the net one day soon!

## Ohio section news

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16);  
 ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland;  
 SEC: Larry Rain, WD8IHP, Mansfield;  
 STM: Jack Wagoner, WB8FSV, Hilliard;  
 ACC: Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, Toledo;  
 TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City;  
 PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Lexington;  
 OOC: Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark;  
 SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

JULY SECTION NEWS: For the second time in four years, Ohio is the scene of a

## Ohio section news (cont. . . .)

major ARRL Convention. In conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest, the Great

Lakes Division (Michigan-Ohio-Kentucky) Convention is Saturday, September 6 at the Findlay Inn downtown. Hamfest is the next day at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Big features; ARRL president Jim Haynie, W5JBP, Dallas; FCC Detroit head Jim Bridgewater; Seminars on APRS, HSMM, PSK-31, ARDF, and Official Observers; Conference of Ham Radio Clubs and Assistant Directors meeting with Director Jim Weaver, K8JE. Besides the obvious social partying, there will be a Saturday night banquet and Wouff Hong. All in a small-town classic motif hotel setting. Plus the Convention ticket gets you into the Sunday Hamfest (attended by 3,000 annually). For all the latest information on the Convention go to <<http://greatlakes.arrl.org>> and make arrangements through Jeanie Dalton <[JeanieDalton@COMPUSERVE.COM](mailto:JeanieDalton@COMPUSERVE.COM)> There is free toll number for reserving rooms at Findlay Inn <1-800-825-1455>. Special room rates for this convention held until August 15.

With a Division Convention so close to our regularly scheduled Ohio Section Conference (usually the following week after the Findlay Hamfest), the 2003 Conference will be canceled. But it returns in 2004, on Saturday, September 11, 2004 at the Ohio EMA Headquarters in Columbus as always. For 2003, the Ohio Section will hold a forum at the Findlay Hamfest where group reports and awards - the Severson and Newsletter Contest winners will be announced.

The 8th Call QSL Bureau, for years headquartered in Columbus, had an address change last month. For all you

Dxers, we repeat the new address of the bureau -- Eighth District QSL Bureau, Post Office 307, West Chester, Ohio, 45071-0307. Jay Slough, K4ZLE, of West Chester (north of Cincinnati) is the new Bureau Manager.

Frank Schwab, W8OK (sk), Dayton, who died in late May, was called the Father of The Dayton Hamvention, but it was a title he didn't endorse because as Frank liked to say "there were many people in the room" when the first Hamvention was formed 52 years ago - two tiny rooms at a downtown Dayton hotel.

OHIO SECTION CLUB NEWS: Recent election results - (A) Dayton ARA; Mike Buehler, N8XGA; Veep, Mike Arquilla; Sec, Nancy Krodel, KC8RMT; tres, Keith Marshall, AB8BD, and trustee, Steve Coy, K8UD; (B) Tusco ARC; Pres. Jim Foote, K8KSN, VP: Ben Pfeiffer, KA8LLE, Sec.: David Lomady, WD8CKK, Treas: Kenneth Stockert, KA8WUV and Activities Manager: Howard Blind, KD8KF, and (C) Bellbrook ARC: Pres.: Harry Noble, N8CYS, VP: John Ferguson, N8FJ, Sec.: Ed Kulesa, K2VEE, Newsletter Editor: Fred Stone, W8LLY, and Trustee: Clyde Schaffnit, KB8HV. Two clubs recently renewed their Special Service Club status - Cuyahoga ARS (near Cleveland) and Alliance ARC (Columbiana County).

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS: (A) To Byron Berger, KF8UN, and Rick Garner, KC8LYG, of Massillon for 1st place finish in the District 8 in the 2002 CQ WW WPX contest, (B) To Joe Papworth, Ohio section news (cont. . . .)

K8MP, for his most entertaining locally produced regular news column, "Joe's Place" in the Delaware ARA newsletter; and (C) To Phil Thomas, W8RMJ, Germantown, who almost two decades produced Amateur Radio Weekly, a ham radio news show from SW Ohio which ran on several area repeaters weekly. Phil, in declining health, retired the show in May.

OHIO SECTION JULY HAMFESTS: (19) Northern Ohio ARS at Wellington, For more information contact <<http://www.apk.net/noars/noarsfe.htm>> ; (20) Van Wert ARC at Van Wert. For more information, contact <[wd8mlv@earthlink.net](mailto:wd8mlv@earthlink.net)>; (26) OHKYIN ARS at Cincinnati. For more info, contact <[wd8jaw@arrl.net](mailto:wd8jaw@arrl.net)> and (27) Portage County ARC at Randolph. For more info, contact <[ljs@config.com](mailto:ljs@config.com)>.

## Arri news

### LEAGUE WARNS OF BOGUS QST SOLICITATIONS

Someone has been attempting to sell "subscriptions" to QST, but it's not the ARRL. ARRL Customer Service / Circulation Manager Kathy Capodicasa, N1GZO, reports she's received several telephone calls and e-mails from members reporting the scam.

"Apparently, there is some kind of bogus telephone solicitor out there trying to get people's names, addresses and credit card numbers," she said. "ARRL does not solicit for 'subscriptions' to QST." She warned that under no circumstances should a member give out a credit card number to someone trying to sell them QST over the telephone.

==>60-METER RULES ADD NEW RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENT

Five new 60-meter channels become available to US Amateur Radio operators at midnight (12 AM) local time on July 3. The rules governing the band will impose a new record-keeping requirement for hams. Under no circumstances may amateurs on 5 MHz radiate more than 50 W ERP in any direction, so those choosing to employ gain antennas will have to "do the math" and calculate their ERP. The requirement applies only to those using something other than a simple half-wave dipole for an antenna on the 5-MHz allocation.

According to §97.303(s), a half-wave dipole on the 5 MHz allocation will be presumed to have a gain of 0 dBd. "Licensees using other antennas must maintain in their station records either manufacturer data on the antenna gain or calculations of the antenna gain," the newest addition to the FCC's Amateur Service rules says. Because the new rules also require hams to run no more than 50 W effective radiated power (ERP) on the new channels, the choice of antenna becomes an important compliance factor. If you use a half-wave dipole -- about 87 feet 3 inches for the "middle" channel -- setting your transmitter's power output power at up to 50 W peak envelope power (PEP) should ensure compliance.

The ARRL has posted a list of frequently asked questions concerning 5 MHz (60 Meters) operation on the ARRL Web site --

<<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/faq.html#sixty>>.

JULY CALENDAR

7/1 WARA Mtg TCTC 7.30 PM

7/2 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
7/3 60 Mtr operation begins at 12 M  
7/4 Celebrate and watch the fireworks!  
7/5 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
7/5 Set up for T.C. Fair after breakfast  
7/7 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
7/7-13 Trumbull County Fair Display  
7/9 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
7/13 Trumbull County Fair Pull-Down  
7/14 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
7/15 WARA Mtg TCTC 7.30 PM  
7/16 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM  
7/19 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
7/19 NOARS Hamfest Wellington OH  
7/21 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
7/23 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM

7/26-27 Packard Sp Ev Stn W8P  
7/26 Lunch Covered Bridge Restaurant  
Newton Falls 12 N  
7/28 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
7/30 W8VTD 2 mtr net 146.97MHz 9 PM

7/25 Packard Sp Ev Stn Setup 6 PM