

The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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Lee right wd8jrc, sk

There are many good people in the world, and, unfortunately, the WARA lost another one this past month. Lee Right, WD8JRC, became a silent key on June 15, 2004. Though a series of strokes over the past 25 years cut into many of the things he was able to do with ham radio, Lee was always interested in what was happening, and eagerly tried to master everything from morse code to packet radio. Lee spent the last five years or so of his life bedridden at Autumn Hills Nursing Home, but was always ready with his famous smile whenever he saw someone enter his room. A teacher and school administrator by trade, Lee was born in Belington, West Virginia, on March 29, 1923. Lee is survived by his brother Gordon, wife Kathy (who he married in August, 1945), and three children, Pat, Rick, and Lisa. He and Kathy have eight grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. I'm proud to have counted Lee among my friends, and pass along 73 from all of us who knew him.

Tnx from marilu

The following was the inscription on a card I received on behalf of the club recently from Marilu Maurer, XYL of President Bob Maurer. Marilu has been suffering from a painful illness. The card reads "Bob and I would like to thank you for all of your kindness and the beautiful planter. Your thoughts, prayers, and

concern will help us through this rough time.

Marilu and Bob Maurer."

The card will be tabled at the next WARA meeting.

Field day 2004

Field Day 2004 was held this year at the home of WARA President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, and turned out to be a great success. Setup was held, as usual, on Friday evening, and about a dozen or so members arrived that evening to hang antennas, run lines, setup tents, etc. We ended up with five stations and a GOTA station on the air. As of this issue of the *Q-Match* the results are not available, but we do know that we had a good number of visitors and club members who showed up on the day. According to this year's Field Day Chairman, Gail Wells, KC8LRH, twenty-five WARA members signed in to show that they were present during the weekend, and about fifteen others, non-members, showed up to see what it was all about. During the twenty-four hour period of the event Pete Kozup, K8OUA, ran up over 320 QSOs on 15, 20, and 80 meter CW. Fred Olver, N9BSO, using his newfangled voice activated logging program, was close to 300 Phone and CW QSOs on 40 meters by mid-morning on Sunday and probably finished with well over 300 QSOs. We will have the final results of Field day 2004 (cont. . . .)

Field Day in the next issue of the *Q-Match*. It goes without saying that a

great time was had by all those who participated.

Packard special event

As the club has done for the past several years, we will be participating in the Packard Automobile Show to be held at Packard Park in Warren on the weekend of July 24 and 25, 2004. We will be setting up on Friday July 23rd. This year we will be operating from two different spots – on Saturday July 24, we will operate from the parking lot of the Packard Music Hall, between the Hall and the Packard Museum. On Sunday July 25, we will operate from Perkins Park, which, of course, is just down the street from the Packard Music Hall. We have requested the special event callsign of W8P. For more information on this event contact Gail or Emily Wells, KC8LRH and KC8RAL, at 330 393-4795, or by email at lwells1@neo.rr.com.

Tc fair booth cancelled

The club will not be setting up a booth or display at the Trumbull County Fair this year due to a very steep rise in the cost of such booths. This decision was made at a recent club meeting.

Race help needed

Richard Bell, KC8TAP, advises that help will be needed from Trumbull County ARES members, and others, in providing communications for the 2004 Bulldog Duathlon. This is a combination running race and bicycle race to be held on August 1st in Cortland. Those helping to provide communications are asked to meet at 7.00 AM, probably at Lakeview High School on Hillman Drive in Cortland. Tune in that morning on the 146.97 MHz repeater and call Richard to

make sure that that is the meeting spot. Those wishing to help out on the day are asked to contact Richard by phone at 330 898-6539, or by email at KC8TAP@races-ares.org. Richard asks that those interested in helping out on the day contact him as soon as possible.

Nets

Following is the Net Control schedule for the WARA's 2 meter net which meets each Wednesday at 9.00 PM local time on 146.97 MHz and 443.00 MHz, both W8VTD repeaters.

July 7th – Lisa, KC8VHB

July 14th -- Pete, K8OUA

July 21st – Andy, N8YR

July 28th – Emily, KC8RAL

August 4th – Fred, N9BSO

August 11th – Bob, KC8PVB

August 18th – Lisa, KC8VHB

August 25th – Pete, K8OUA

Congratulations to our two YL NCSs, Lisa and Emily for the great job they've done on the net.

Also, don't forget the ten meter net which is also held on Wednesday night at 8.00 PM on 28.375 MHz. Rumor has it that we're getting a pretty good turnout on both nets, so why not try it out and check in.

Happy birthday

The following is our list of birthday hams for July. As I've mentioned before, my list may be a little outdated, so if your call or birth date are incorrectly listed, please send me an email and let me know. Regardless, we extend a hearty "Happy Birthday" to each of the following members.

Happy birthday (cont. . . .)

7/5 ND8E ~ 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 K8WRM ~ William "Jack" McClain
 7/30 WB8PHH ~ Frank Safran
 7/31 KB8YWY ~ Allen Scott
 7/31 KC8TAP ~ Richard Bell
 ARL FORTY-SIX to each of these members on their special day.

Upcoming activities

Ada Simons, KC8MTZ, Activities Chair advises that the Hamfest Picnic will be held on Saturday August 14, at around 5:00 PM, on the evening after the setup for the Hamfest. Those who attend are asked to bring a covered dish and desert. We are also asking that they bring chairs if they have them. The club will be furnishing hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and tableware. Check next month's *Q-Match* to find out exactly where the picnic will be held, or contact Ada, by phone at 330 847-0005, or by email at Ab8gx@aol.com.

The location of the Awards Banquet has been changed. It will now be held on September 26, at approximately 5:00 PM at the JD Post House, on the corner of Mahoning Ave. and Glendola St. in Champion. Admission is free for members who have worked at least one major club activity – e.g., hamfest, field day, or a special event. Cost for those who have not worked at least one club event, including spouses and children, will be \$12.00 per person. Attendees have been asked to park in the back of the building. Again, for more information on this event check next month's *Q-*

Match, the Wednesday night nets, or contact Ada or John directly at 330 847-0005 or at Ab8gx@aol.com.

Ada asks that members contact her as soon as possible to let her know if they plan to attend, or run the risk of not eating on the night.

Comments from joe

The following article is written and submitted by Joe Wehner, W8KNO. We appreciate Joe's contribution to the *Q-Match*, and invite others to contribute articles as they will.

PAPER CHASE

Summer is here and Field Day is over so where does that leave us? It leaves us with time to pursue some of those pieces of paper we would like to earn.

In the last two weeks, six meters has been open to all parts of the United States and to Europe. The first "BIG" award for six meters is the VUCC Award awarded by the ARRL. To earn it you must have confirmed 100 Maidenhead Squares. A square is a two by one degree block on the earth's surface. We are in EN91, which is 80-82 degrees west longitude and 41-42 degrees north latitude. There is a separate award for six and two meters. More information can be found on the ARRL website, www.arrl.org, or the handbook. It is a lot of fun and the antennas do not have to be elaborate, though it helps. I have worked as far as New Jersey on two meters using a 1/4 wave ground plane and on six meters to the Netherlands with a Saturn Halo. You can do it too and enjoy the thrill of accomplishment and the agony of missing out, ala Jim McKay.

Comments from joe (cont. . . .)

Another interesting award is the WARM (Worked Albany Radio Members). The award is sponsored by the Albany (NY) Amateur Radio Assoc. (AARA).

The award is available at no fee to all Amateur Radio operators. Send name, call, mailing address or label, either by e-mail or postal mail. DO NOT SEND SASE.

Do NOT submit QSL cards; just log details.

Send application to: Bud Hover, WF2B, 15 Sylvan Lane, Troy, NY 12180-8542. From Ohio, you need seven contacts with an Albany anywhere in the world, of which one must be an AARA member. No repeater contacts permitted. Other Albanys can be in CA, GA, MO, OR and TX. There are additional Albany villages, towns and counties as well as some DX Albanys that can be found in Australia, Jamaica, PEI, Bermuda and the Galapagos Islands.

Have fun and I will see you in the pile up.

Joe - W8KNO

Books

Richard, KC8TAP, advises us that he has the library of Clarence Teter, W8PKC, SK. These are available to members, and one need only contact Richard to obtain loan of one of the books. Contact Richard by phone at 330 898-6539, or by email at kc8tap@neo.rr.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1 - Kenwood TS-440S HF Transceiver w/ external Speaker (seems to work) -- \$300.00

1 - HP Deskjet 870 CE Color Printer w 4 extra printer cart. \$60
 1 - APC Backup UPS 1400 Watts \$70
 2 - 3Comm Superstack II Network Switches 10/100 mps 24 ports each -- \$50 each
 1 - Master View KVM Switch 6 ports w/ cables \$ 50
 1 - set Panasonic 2.4 GHZ portable phones \$25
 1 - Alpha Tech Line Conditioner 600 Watts \$30
 1 - WebRamp 310I Modem/Router - three ports \$25
 2 - 14" Color Computer Monitors \$20 each
 1 - 17" Color HP Computer Monitor \$30
 1 - 14" Color NEC Multi-Sync Monitor \$25
 1 - 17" Nec Multi-Sync Monitor (Black) \$35
 1 - OkiLazer 840 Lazer Printer w/extra drums/toner \$50
 I also still have 10 of the "free" Computers (\$10 Club Donation)
 486 Process at 122 Mhz
 250 Meg. Hard Drive
 Between 284 and 512 Meg memory
 Build In Modem
 Built In Network Card
 Built In Y2K Card
 3 1/4 Floppy Drive
 MS DOS 6.22 OS
 No CD Rom (will support one)
 Mini Tower Case
 No Keyboard or Monitor Included
 And last but not least
 1978 Shasta Travel 25ft Sleeps 7-9
 Good Condition. "Ham" Friendly with 4
 though the wall cable connections. New
 Tire and running lights. \$1300 OBO.

Contact Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, 440 548-4312 or by email at rmaurer@sprynet.com.

Classifieds (cont. . . .)

FOR SALE:

Kenwood TS430 -- \$425.00

Kenwood TS490 sat with S-220 Scope - \$550.00 or Radio with the scope \$750.00.

Two meter all mode TR600 – no tone board -- \$100.

Team 2 meter / 440 MHz antennas -- \$29.95.

Contact Preston Dundorf, KC8ZKE, phone 330 538-0382 10 AM – 6 PM Monday – Friday.

Ohio section conference

This note is from Joe Phillips, K8QOE, the Ohio Section Manager. Joe was recently re-elected Ohio Section Manager, running unopposed.

The 2004 Ohio Section Conference, which skipped a year in 2003, will be held Saturday, September 18, at the Ohio EMA headquarters in NW Columbus. Which means the big social event of the year, the OSC Pizza Lunch, returns as well.

The Section Conference, a meeting of Ohio Section field appointments but all are welcomed, is held each September to review ARRL activity in Ohio. The Severson Memorial Award and Ohio Section Newsletter award winners are also announced. Plus pizza for lunch. In 2003, the Conference was canceled because of the Great Lakes Division Convention being the same week. The Conference begins at 10 a.m. The Ohio EMA address is 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road (Ohio 161) in Northwest

Columbus.

Ohio section news

Section News (Ohio Section) for July, 2004 For Ohio Newsletter Editors For Ohio Section Web Sites. 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: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

JULY SECTION NEWS - NEW OOC - Ohio Official Observer Coordinator, Alan Cook, N7CEU, will be returning to Utah and asked the Section Manager to appoint Rick Swain, KK8O, of Galion to the Ohio Section Cabinet The change is official July.

1. Rick, who has served as an OO since 1978, heads the Local interference Committee (LIC) for the Richland County area. He is president of the Crawford County ARC. Rick is married (wife, Coreen, W8COR) with one daughter. "The Ohio Section wants to thank Alan for his two years of service as OOC," said SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE, "Rick's many years of outstanding OO experience will ensure he will be a dedicated successor."

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OHIO SECTION REQUESTS - That you contact your congressman in Ohio and remind him/her about HR. 713, the Amateur Radio Spectrum protection act. Brent Stover, WD8PNZ, recently heard from Marcy Kaptur (9th District-Ohio) about her signing on as a cosponsor. Even if your congressman is a cosponsor, it is always a good idea to remind the congressman that you continue to watch the progress of this bill.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - Remember the Ohio QSO Party is coming up in August. Make your plans now.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO STEVE KATZ, N8WL, of Granville for donating a copy of "Now You're Talking" ARRL instruction course to the Newark and Licking County public library. The donation was noted in the local newspaper. Great idea for ham radio promotion: (B) TO ELIZABETH PRICE, KC8ALW, of Worthington for graduating Summa Cum Laude from Miami (Ohio) University last month. Beth was the 1999 ARRL National Maxim Award winner which included a \$1,000 scholarship. She will attend graduate school at Emerson College (Boston) in

the fall; and (C) TO GEORGE WILSON, W4OYI, Owensboro, Ky. the former ARRL National president and former Great Lakes Division director for winning the Special Achievement Award at the 2004 Dayton Hamvention. Among George's accomplishments in his five decades of service to ham radio is his successful arguing an antenna case in the U. S. Federal district court who led to the famous PRB-1.

OHIO SECTION SPECIAL CONGRATS TO The staff and volunteers of the 2004 Dayton Hamvention show; Gary DesCombes, N8EMO, general chairman and Jim Nies, WX8F, general vice-chairman. Given the problems you and your new team faced late last year, the 2004 Hamvention success was a minor miracle. And even more to the point, the fact you were able to announce future dates gives the Dayton Hamvention the stability we all have been waiting for. Again congratulations for saving the show and keeping it a first class event in the Ohio Section.

OHIO SECTION JULY HAMFESTS... (11) Wood County ARC at Bowling Green: Contact: Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ (419-353-9165) or at <wd8jwj@wcnet.org>.

(17) Northern Ohio ARS at Wellington. Information at <<http://www.apk.net/noars/hamfest.html>> or contact Al Moriarty, N8CX, (216-221-3682) or <n8cx@mindspring.com>.

(18) Van Wert ARC at Van Wert. Information at <<http://www.w8fy.org>> or contact Stephen Kouts, WA8WKF (419-238-5560)

(24) OH-KY-IN ARS in Cincinnati. Information at <<http://www.ohkyin.org>> or

Contact: Bruce Vanselow, N8BV, (513-251-1555) or <n8bv@juno.com>.

(25) Portage ARC at Randolph Information at

<<http://www.parc.portage.oh.us>> or

contact, Joanne Solak, KJ3O, (330-274-8240) or <ljs@config.com>.

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Ohio section news (cont. . . .)

Now for the May 2004 traffic reports.....

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OSSBN 1997 616 2799 93 N8IO

BN(E) 154 112 353 31 WA8ZGL

BN(L) 187 64 320 31 NY8V

OSN 129 20 564 29 WD8Q

July calendar

7/3 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

7/5 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

7/6 WARA mtg Grace Baptist 7.30 PM

7/7 W8VTD nets – 28.375 MHz 8 PM;

146.97/443 MHz 9 PM

7/12 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

7/14 W8VTD nets – 28.375MHz 8 PM;

146.97/443 MHz 9 PM

7/17 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

7/19 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

7/20 WARA mtg Grace Baptist 7.30 PM

7/21 W8VTD nets – 28.375 MHz 8 PM;

146.97/443 MHz 9 PM

7/24-25 Packard Special Event W8P;

Packard & Perkins Parks

7/26 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

7/28 W8VTD nets 28.375 MHz 8 PM;

146.97/443 MHz 9 PM

7/31 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest.

Newton Falls 12 Noon

