

# The Q-Match

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT FIELD DAY

As I am writing this one week after our participation in the 2005 ARRL Field Day I am thinking to myself what can we improve on? And that is a hard one as everything came together quite nicely with the efforts of our Field Day Chairpersons, Lisa (KC8VHB), Emily (KC8RAL), and Gail (KC8LRH). Not to mention all of those of you that stopped out to help with the setup or operate. So let's first just talk about what all fun we had.

We started Friday night with setting up the dipoles in the trees with expert bowmen Gail, assisted by Billy (N8VOR ). Then we put the tents in order and made sure that we were ready to go, as far as most of the manual work was considered. I can tell you that it was a little warm out there so plenty of water and ice was in order. Saturday morning rolled around and the QTH was a flurry of activity as the final coax was connected and the last SWR measurement was taken. At this time the solar powered ATV system was trained on route 422 and the driveway, just so no one could sneak up on us! HI HI

When the starting time for Field Day came upon us, the generator's were started and the radio's were officially placed on the air. This was the start of 24 hours of pure fun as a 5A station for the Warren Amateur Radio Association. As far as the first station contacted, it seems to be K4YTZ on 14.224 MHz at 18:19 UTC, just 19 minutes after the start of the event. Now who made that first contact I can not tell you as I did not have the operators name on the log. Well that something to improve on next year. Over all, unofficially we made around 431 contacts, with around 100 of those on CW. Not too bad in my opinion.

We had a variety of "Bonus Points" activities during this year's field day. Besides running on 100% Emergency Power we did have a "Public Information Table", "Alternate Power Station", "Non-Traditional Mode Demo" (ATV), "Portable Packet Station", "Site Visit From Representative of Agency/Governmental Official", "GOTA Station", and finally "Youth Participation (under 18 years). And we did copy the W1AW bulletin. So we just about covered most of those activities that gave us some extra points. Sure there were some we missed but that will give us something to shoot for next year.

Beside just running radio's, there was time to visit with friends, eat some great food, teach Amateur Radio to some non-hams, eat some more food, and have a great bonfire on Saturday night. The bonfire was a special event for me as it was started by none other than the Captain of the Middlefield Fire Department (Dan Rhodes)! Which was great as it got me off the hook for problems if the fire would have gotten out of control. He was also our official visitor that helped us gain some of those bonus points. So overall we did accomplish many of the ten items for a successful field day I quoted from an article on ARRL at our last meeting.

Now what can we do better? Well I think making sure we all know what information to log when we make contacts is one area we can improve on. It makes the job of the person who is filing the club's entry with the ARRL a lot easier if all the information is there. And since it's me this year that has that task, it really hits home. So next year I'll make sure we have an informal meeting prior to the start, to make sure all operators know what information is needed in the log.

The next, and probably most important improvement, is Club participation. For a club of our size I was surprised we did not have more club members turn out for this years Field Day. I view Field Day as the second most important annual event an Amateur Radio Club can have each year. Second only to our annual Ham Fest. Now maybe it was the heat, because it sure was hot that weekend ,but I would have liked to see more participation in this Club event. Especially if member's were having their own individual Field Day's, instead of participating in the Club's.

Many members come together to get the Field Day site setup and ready to go so that at the most to participate you would just need to show up and operate and make some contacts, and have some food while your at it. If anyone has any ideas about what we can do to increase participation in next years Field Day please bring them up at one of our Club meetings in the next few weeks, while Field Day is fresh in our minds. Oh by the way, I already have the suggestion for "air conditioning" throughout the site. HI HI. Well that's all for now. I will let everyone know the final results by the next meeting. Until then, have many QSO's and have a great summer!

73's Bob / KC8PVB

## PACKARD SPECIAL EVENT

As happens every year July is the Packard Annual Car Show. This year it happens on July 23-24,2005. We need operates and antenna's again this year. Set up will be July 22, at 6pm behind the Packard Museum. If any questions please call Gail Wells KC8LRH at 330-393-4795 (evenings) or e-mail [kc8lrh@hotmail.com](mailto:kc8lrh@hotmail.com)

## HAMFEST

Hamfest is approaching fast. I want to remind everyone we still need lots of help. We have some very important positions not filled and a lot of people that need help. Please contact me or one of the committee heads to offer your assistance. We need to remember that this is the biggest fund raiser for the club and all members of the club need to assist us in keeping the club funds sufficient. We also need to remember that not everyone can afford to buy a ticket, please let me know if you are in need of one. We are not charging people that are working to support the club. I strongly urge everyone to purchase a ticket but I also want everyone there helping out. We will have the committee heads signing in the workers again this year as we did last year. Last year we had 45 club members assist with hamfest duties. That number is a very small percentage of the membership. I understand some of the members are out of town and I want every member that is in town to show up and assist the club in raising funds for the years to come. Thanks Richard KC8TAP Hamfest Chairman 2005

Also need some to work the club information table.  
Please have all baskets for the Chinese auction by Aug 2  
meeting: call Lisa 330-827-5045

## YOUTH KIDS DAY

Hello again to all. There are times that it is very easy to be negative, but it is much more helpful to be positive. Kids day seems to be one of those times. On June 18 many members met me at Wal-Mart in warren to set up and hold this event. Let me first say thanks to Mike KC8WUX, Rich KC8TAP, Dennis N8IVE, Bob KC8PVB, Steve KC8YDS, Sherman KC8YHJ, Robert KC8QZR, Dave KZ8T, Nick N8NVI, Don N8VCK, Sue KD8AGA, Ray WD8DFW, Bill N8VOR, Lisa KC8VHB, and Robin Assoc. for all your help and the time you donated to our youth. They are the future of our hobby, and our hobby can aid them in their future by giving them something to do instead of "other things". With the help of the people mentioned above, we were able to have 2 HF Radios on air, as well as ATV, 2-Meter , and plenty of people to help inform the kids and show them what it's all about, and there were kids there. On the positive note, the attendance from last kid's day to this one increased 500%. That took us to a total of 5 Kids. I also made several media contacts as well as local contacts that will aid in future events. All in all, I think kids day went very well. We got a chance to test fire the new "tennis ball spud gun" (courtesy of Dennis) which did an excellent job and is much more populous safe than flying arrows or lead projectiles in crowded areas, to hang our wires. We had a very impressive set up thanks to all the help I received from the club, we did expose some kids to HAM Radio, and several contacts were made that will aid in future projects both for the youth department and for the club in general. Once again thank you to all and I look forward to making each event more successful.

As far as the Boy scouts and the "merit badge counselor" program are concerned, I am still working on that one. My paperwork is in, and the youth protection class has been taken and passed; now I'm just waiting on the council to get their paperwork completed. I hope progress will be made in this area very soon.

I am currently beginning plans for JOTA 2005. One thing I would like to do is possible have a program at a girl scout camp as well as the Boy scout camp. First I need to know if there is anyone interested in helping with this, as I simply cannot be in 2 places at once. I am not sure how their regulations work if any males are aloud in the camp, or if it's females only. For now I am just looking for interest, male of female, in this project so I know if I will have the resources to do both a boy scout and girl scout JOTA event and then follow it up accordingly. Please E-Mail me at [KC8VYS@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:KC8VYS@EARTHLINK.NET) or you can call me at (330) 207-0737, if I can't answer, just leave a message.

Thanks for your help, and 73 to all out there.

Roger J. Dean

## LARRY TAYLOR, SK

Larry passed away at his home on June 11, 2005. It was very unexpected. He is laid to rest Parkman Overlook cemetery by his father, Norman Taylor. He left behind 2 children Stephanie and Michael, and 2 grandchildren Clayton 5, and Victoria 3. He had no life insurance that we can find so we are trying to sell his radio equipment and his 1988 Blazer 4x4.

He had 3 radios in his Blazer:

YEASU FT 847 (he paid \$1675.96 4/30/04)

YEASU HFTRANSCIEVER FT 840 (he paid \$619.14 3/24/04)

RANGER RCI 6900F (unknown value on this)

He also had headphones: KENWOOD DELUXE KEN HS-5 (he paid \$79.99)

ANTENNAS: 2 ATOC 10M 7' ATO IHF-10 (he paid \$19.99 each)

1 ATOC 40M 7' MOBILE ANTENNA ATO IHF-40 (he paid \$22.99)

DUPLEXER MX72D

He also has a amateur radio license school book "NOW YOU ARE TALKING" \$19.95

(level 1 technician)

If you or anyone interested in these items please call Linda S. Taylor Fellenger at 330-898-5234 or e-mail me at [cmtbooter929@aol.com](mailto:cmtbooter929@aol.com).

## Happy Birthday

Here's wishing the best of birthday to these happy July birthday members.

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## Net News

As most of us know, the WARA sponsors two nets, both meeting on Wednesday night. The first is the ARES/RACES ten meter net which meets at 8.00 PM local time on 28.375 MHz. This net is usually controlled by either Ken Williams, KC8TML, or Richard Bell, KC8TAP, however they are looking for additional Net Control Operators. So, if you're interested in trying your hand at NCS of a HF net, and have the ability to do so, give Ken a call at 330 399-9628 or contact him by email at [kc8tml@neo.rr.com](mailto:kc8tml@neo.rr.com). Both Ken and Rich would love to hear from you. The second club sponsored net is the W8VTD two meter net which meets at 9.00 PM every Wednesday night on 146.97 MHz, the WARA repeater. The July Net Control schedule for the W8VTD net is as follows –

July 6 Lisa KC8VHB

July 13 Sherman KC8YHJ

July 20 Andy N8YR

July 27 Emily KC8RAL

August 3 Bob KC8PVB

Check in to either one of the WARA nets and find out what's happening with amateur radio in our area.

## July Calendar

7/2 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

7/5 WARA Meeting Grace Baptist Church 7:30PM

7/6 WARA Nets 10 M & 2 M 8PM / 9PM

7/11 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM

7/13 WARA Nets 10 M & 2 M 8PM / 9PM

7/16 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

7/18 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM

7/19 WARA meeting Grace Baptist Church 7.30 PM

7/20 WARA Nets 10 M & 2 M 8PM / 9PM

7/23-7/24 Packard Special Event

7/30 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newton Falls 12N

## New Editor

Editor this issue of the Q-Match was Emily Wells, KC8RAL. Mr. Pete Kosup will be off in the wilds of Alaska visiting his daughter. Sorry I am not Pete and did not call all the chair people of this club to get the information from them.. So I have only printed what you see.. If any complains please feel free to let me, Emily, know. Do not complain to Pete.

