



WARA Field Day 2006 is a Success

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It all started early Sat morning, June 24th. The stage was being set for one of the most exciting weekends for Amateur Radio. Members started to roll in, many with their first cup of coffee in hand, as we started the setup of the tables, radios, and computers. We were lucky as the night before the dipoles had been strung way up in the trees and all we needed to do was run the coax to them. Many thanks to those of you who showed up late Friday to help us with this first part of Field Day.

At the same time we were setting



up, the public was stopping by, asking questions about what was going on and seemed very interested. Our goal was to have everything ready by the 02:00PM official starting time for Field Day. However we really had to be ready by 01:00PM for the Mayor of Warren's visit. We were able to have the three HF radios on-line fairly quickly. We also decided that for the first time WARA would utilize Computer Logging for as many stations as possible. So computer work stations were setup and readied for operation. We had a total of 4 HF stations, 1 UHF/VHF/Packet station, and a ATV station on 70 cm. We also had a GOTA station ready to recruit new members, as well as enable some non-active Hams to get back on the air again. Just as

we finished having everything operational, the TV crews started to arrival. We were in luck that while we were being interviewed and filmed other Field Day stations were looking for signal reports on their newly setup stations. This gave us ready made contacts to show the media how Amateur Radio worked without the need to bust through your normal Field Day pileup to make a contact. And in fact when the Mayor did arrive, Pete / K8OUA had already lined up an HF contact ready and waiting to talk to the Mayor. It was great to see the Mayor take the mike and converse with a Amateur. It was also especially nice as it was this Amateur's birthday and he received a personal "Happy Birthday" from the Mayor



July 2006

WARA 2 Meter Net every Wednesday at 9 PM on W8VTD

Schedule of Events

- July 1... Breakfast , Wayside Inn, . Champion 9AM
- July 3... Brunch, Farmington Senior Center, ...11AM
- July 4... Independence Day
- July 4...**Meeting canceled**
- July 10... Brunch, Farmington Senior Center...11AM
- July 11... Hamfest Meeting(locating to be announced) 6PM
- July 14... Bastille Day
- July 17... Brunch, Farmington Senior Center,...11AM
- July 18... WARA Meeting, , 7:30 PM
- July 22-23...W8P Special Event, Packard Park 9am-6pm
- July 24...Brunch, Farmington Senior Center...11AM
- July 25...Hamfest Meeting , Arby's, Champion 7PM
- July 29....Brunch at FACES in Newton Falls, Noon
- July 30... PCARDS Hamfest
- July 31....Brunch, Farmington Senior Center... 11AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED 2M NET	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Breakfast
2	3 Brunch	4	5 KC8RAL	6	7	8
9	10 Brunch	11	12 KC8QZR	13	14	15 Breakfast
16	17 Brunch	18 Club Meeting	19 KC8VYS	20	21	22 W8P
23 W8P	24 Brunch	25 Hamfest Meeting	26 KC8YHJ	27	28	29 Brunch FACES
30 PCARD Hamfest	31 Brunch	<u>Check Schedule for times of events listed here</u>				

Hamfest News

Hamfest is coming along very nicely. If anyone is planning on working the day of hamfest please let me know I have plenty of assignments available. I would like to say thank you to all that attended the June meeting at Kent State Workforce Building. Our next hamfest meeting will be on July 25th at 7pm at Arby's in Champion, all are welcome.

The admission tickets have arrived and are \$6.00 this year so anyone wanting to purchase one please see me at a meeting or contact me at the e-mail address at the end of this article.

Charlene Farm Tickets are still available so if you haven't gotten yours to sell or just for a chance to win , see a club member for your lucky ticket. I would like to be able to say at hamfest that we have three drawings for the Charlene Farm prize, so please sell, sell, sell.

As a last note, please turn in any ticket money you may have at the next meeting.

. If anyone has any questions, please email me at: kd8dne@hotmail.com

The Amateur Radio Code

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE.... never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL.... offers loyalty, encouragement, and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE... with knowl-

edge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY... slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interest of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur service.

BALANCED... radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC... station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.



August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following WARA Members:

- 8/2..... KB8ULG ...Stanley
- 8/2.....KC8QZR...Robert
- 8/3.....KC8VHB...Lisa
- 8/13Shirley Van Slyke
- 8/14.....KD8BIC... Mark

- 8/15.....KZ8T.....Dave
- 8/21....WA8ABE...William
- 8/22K8JLKDick
- 8/22.....KF8MG...Karl
- 8/24....KB8UXJ...Sue
- 8/2....WB8GVB...Joe

8/29....KB8OMV...Bud

Here's wishing each of these hams a hearty ARL FORTY SIX for their special day. If I don't know your birthday I can't extend best wishes to you so please let me know if I missed your birthday.....

Former WARA Member Appointed New Position

A former member of the Warren Amateur Radio club, Charles has been active with the many events in Spokane County and serves as the amateur radio class coordinator within the area.

Charles Greeson, KG8ZK has been appointed as an Assistant Emergency

Coordinator for the Spokane County ARES/RACES group.

Charles Greeson, KG8ZK



Peter I Dxpediton

Several members of the Warren Club had the privilege to hear Mel, W8MV, at the PCARDS June meeting at Mike's Restaurant. Mel and several, others from 8 countries embarked on a Dxpediton to Antarctica to Peter 1 Island.. The countries represented were United States, Norway, Martinique, Poland, Switzerland, Netherlands and Russia.

It took them four days to travel from King George to Peter One Island; upon arrival by helicopter it took another 154 trips to and from the island for gear and personnel over 3 days, because of the weather which the temperature was a little above freezing. The heli-

copters fly a total of 29 hrs at the cost of \$3000.00 per hr.

Among the team they had one of the top CW operators, which they made a total of 43250 CW contacts which included 114 EMA and 2 ISS contacts. It amazed the team members on the discipline of the CW operators, the worst of which was Europe and the best was the Untied States. All in all there were 20 tubs of QLS's waiting for them to answer.

When they did complete the project and left the island the temperature was a little below freezing. They did complete one of their personal goals, which was to remain friends

though out the whole ordeal of isolated living.

The total cost of this Dxpediton was one half million dollars, which was all made up of donations from other operators and businesses. Also each member of the team had an out of pocket expense of 16k just for joining the team. Along with the money they had to provide their own survival equipment and personal clothing.

One of our members, Loraine, KD8DNX was lucky enough to have Mel, W8MV autograph a Peter 1 Dxpediton cap. So congratulations to you. Emily, KC8RAL



The team as they are getting ready to embark on the long journey home



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before the CQ was completed.

I believe that the one banner we displayed

with the ARRL slogan "*When All Else Fails!*" really caught the eyes of the media and general public. And then being able to see our actual setup brought home the concept that Amateur Radio is there providing the communication needs in times of disaster. We talked a lot about our role in disasters such as Katrina, 911, and the east Ohio Power outage. The public and the media were especially intrigued by our ability to communicate to the Space Station and how we were able to handle message "traffic" (Radio Grams).

I must admit I was at first a little concerned about the ability of us to get our signals out from that location with all of the buildings around us. And some of those buildings were pretty tall! But my concern was unfounded as when the clock struck 14:00 hours the stations were all on the air making contacts right off the bat! It was great. The

air was a buzz with phone and CW. And throughout the day and evening, and on to the next day the WARA Club was making contacts throughout the world, and most importantly demonstrating what Amateur Radio was all about to the general public.

And let's not forget the food! Our activities chairperson Robin, along with help from many other members, presented us with a great spread of fine food, and most important keep the coffee on tap and water available for all. The general public and news media was keep well aware of our event though the efforts of our Public Relations chairperson, Sue / KC8VHC, and through her we were all able to have our Amateur Radio story told. And with that in mind I do want to thank all of our members who came out to support the WARA Field Day 2006 event. It takes more then just our committee members to make a successful event; we need participation by our members. And I was happy to see so many members who were able to attend, if not to directly operate, but to see what was going on and show their support. That is after all what our Club is about.

Overall I feel personally that this was one of the best Field Days that the Club has



had overall, that I have been able to attend. The weather was great, the food was great, the people were great, and the bands were great. You can't ask for more than that. If you were unable to attend this year, please make it a point to try and attend next year. I think you would really enjoy it and maybe even learn a thing or two. And also remember that we have a number of other Club events on the horizon, so by all means attend out next Club event.

We have some great pictures that I will be placing on the Web Site as well as I hope to have some of the video from the TV coverage. I will also have our ARRL stats compiled and published as soon as possible. My plan is to also review all of this information at one of the upcoming meetings. And hope to have a DVD available for anyone who wishes a copy. We will also make sure a copy is placed with our Club's historical information for future members. Again, many thanks to all of you who made this WARA Field Day 2006 so successful and fun!

73 Bob / KC8PVB

Chinese Auction

Happy July, everyone! Now, let's talk about Hamfest...Let's talk about the Chinese Auction...

Okay, I heard the collective whine. Like it or not, this program is here to stay for this edition of the Hamfest, and I've been thinking of a lot of things. Like ways to cut the costs of the basket fillings and things to look out for basket wise.

1. Use Clearance items, dollar store finds, even gifts you have no use for in the house. If you're crafty, fill a basket with crafts. Know a merchant in the area? Ask them for a donation and make it into an opportunity not only to fill a basket, but to give them a bit of public exposure as well. All I ask is that items be in new or like new condition. A back to school basket Bill and I made up cost us \$11 and it was all new material from a dollar store.

2. Please, please, don't put a list with prices inside the baskets. If you want me to know how much you spent give me the list.

3. Please realize that these types of auctions are not always big sellers. If you want to spend \$50 on a basket, be aware that we probably won't bring in that much. Whatever we do bring in, though, is clear profit minus a roll of tickets.

4. Anyone with usable HAM equipment that's lying around? New or second hand equipment is more than welcome in a basket, and the one time I was fortunate enough to make such a basket, it did do very well.

5. Anyone who wishes to put wine in a basket, University policy prohibits alcohol and firearms on campus. However, as a prize, it needs to be in a covered, closed basket and we will ID the winner. It can't be opened at the University.

Please cover your baskets before you turn them in, which is normally between the end of July and the second meeting in August. I know basket bags are available at

the craft stores in the area and they were under \$2 last year. Don't worry about being fancy, just nice and neat.

Pick things up a bit at a time between now and July. Fill and cover your basket for turn in when you have enough things to fill and set it aside, then turn it in July.

I realize that there are some people in the club who have their problems with this part of the Hamfest. If you have a problem with it, I understand if you don't participate. Nor does anyone have to spend a lot of money on these baskets. I'll probably have this article republished from time to time until July. Should there be any questions, I can be contacted at

LuccaMichael@Yahoo.com,

or by phone at 330-872-5045.



Beautiful Baskets for the Auction

Sunshine and Sick

Carolyn Clisby, became an associate member after her husband Albert KB8CSD passed away, the club sent flowers.

Lisa KC8VHB was in the hospital and s

he is home now and just taking it one day at a time.

Karl KF8MG was diagnosed with cancer. He has started chemo treatments and is doing as well as can be expected.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to one and all. Sherman, KC8YHJ



Ballot Statement for Ohio Section Manager

An Ohio Section Manager appoints and supervises 12 cabinet level positions and 575 ARRL field appointments - the official observers; the public information coordinators; the affiliated clubs and, of course, all of our 88-county ARES emergency programs. The Section Manager must have contacts throughout the whole state to do this effectively. The Ohio Section is the ARRL's biggest section.

In the past 22 years, I have served as Newsletter Editor for the Ohio Area Repeater Council (1984-89); as ARRL Public Information Coordinator (1989-1998) and the last 8 years as Section Manager. In over two decades of

meeting and working with hams throughout this state, I have been a featured speaker in more than half of Ohio's counties (47). Thirty separate meetings in 14 separate counties in 2005 alone.

Working with others during those 22 years, I am proud of several landmarks. In 1986, I organized the first Ohio Repeater Directory (now in its 20th printing); in 1992, the first Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter contest (now in its 15th year - the only one in America); and in 1999, named the Ohio Ham of the year after the late Al Severson, AB8P, (SK) - my Elmer. Our annual Section Conference, with the famous PIZZA LUNCH,

has tripled participation the past 6 years.

First licensed in 1959, amateur radio has been my life-long commitment. Currently I am President of the Cincinnati FM club; a member of; OSSBN, QCWA, the Cincinnati Ham Radio Hall of Fame; the Southwest Ohio DX Association and the Voice of America museum committee.

Future plans? The Section is planning an Ohio PRB-1 passed by the Ohio General Assembly and creation of a cabinet level post for increasing ARRL membership.

Please vote for Joe Phillips, K8QOE and allow me to continue as your Section Manager.

Club Roster Update

We are trying desperately to update our Club Roster , please take the time and answer these few questions and return to the Club at the address below or you may fill out the form on line at www.kc8pvb.com. We would really appreciate it. Emily , KC8RAL, Secretary

Are you a currently paid up ?

- YES
- No
- Not Sure, Please let me Know

Are you a ARRL Member?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure how to become one, need information

Comments: Please add any comments or complaints in the space provided below.

Do you come and enjoy our meetings?

- Yes
- No
- I would, if had transportation.

Are you an American Veteran?

- Yes
- No
- If you answered Yes to this question, please answer the questions in the bottom of comment box.

Call Sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

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Veteran Questions?

What Rank at time of Discharge? _____

What Duty Station? _____

What Branch of Service? _____



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