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WARA Field Day

The WARA participated in the annual Field Day exercise again this year, setting up three HF stations on the grounds of Warren City Hall on Mahoning Ave. While the location was not as public as that of last year's Field Day setup – which was on the Courthouse Square in downtown Warren -- it proved to be a good location. We ended up with three stations on the air, a 3-Alpha setup, all on H.F. Our biggest problem was hanging antennas

that did not interfere with one another. Eventually we hung antennas for forty and eighty meters as well as a multi-band dipole for the other bands worked, and they provided the skywires needed.

A total of eighteen WARA members showed up on the weekend, though, as usual, not all of these operated. The list of those present also included Hunter Brister and Angel, Lisa and Bill Eckenrode's Pekingese. It would have helped

our cause in accumulating points if all three transceivers had been operating all weekend, but too often the transceivers were quiet while members talked among themselves. Hopefully, next year we will make arrangements to ensure that all rigs are manned at all times and this should help our accumulation of contacts to increase. We also missed some of our top operating guns, though others like Scott Bitner

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WARA Wednesday Nite Net

Due to some recent personal conflict we are in need of operators for Wednesday night.

So if you would like to help out and get a lit-

tle practice with your operating skills please contact Emily KC8RAL at the following; 330-394-3560 or you can e-mail at ;kc8ral@yahoo.com

We will let you have any night you would like to try and also send you a copy of the pre-ambule. So give it some thought .


73, Emily KC8RAL

Schedule of Events

- July 2.....10:30am.....Breakfast, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- July 3.....7:30pm....WARA Meeting First United Methodist Church
- July 4.....Independence Day
- July 7.....9am...Breakfast, Wayside, Champion
- July 9....10:30am.....Breakfast, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- July 16.....10:30am.....Breakfast, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- July 17.....:30pm....WARA Meeting First United Methodist Church
- July 21-22Packard Special Event
- July 21.....9am...Breakfast, Wayside, Champion
- July 23.....10:30am.....Breakfast, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- July 28.....10 am Brunch, FACES in Newton Falls
- July 30.....10:30am.....Breakfast, W. Farmington Sr. Center

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Please check schedule for Dates and times!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 WARA Meeting	4 	5	6	7 Breakfast
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 WARA Meeting	18	19	20	21 Break-fast
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 FACES
29	30	31				

WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday night on 146.970 at 9pm

Birthdays



This a is a very busy month for birthdays; so here is wishing each and every one a hearty Happy Birthday on their special day.....

- 8/2.....KB8ULG.....Stanley Shrodek
KC8QZR.....Robert Meeker
- 8/3.....KC8VHB.....Lisa Eckenrode
- 8/4.....KB8OVC.....Teresa Neely
- 8/13....Shirley VanSlyke
- 8/14....KD8BIC.....Mark Cassidy
- 8/15....KZ8T.....David Walters
- 8/20....Lynn Grenter

- 8/21....WA8ABE....William Caldwell Sr.
- 8/22....KF8MGKarl Gerlt
K8JLK..... Dick Ellers
- 8/24....KB8UXJSusanne Coe
- 8/26WB8GVB....Joe Shultz
- 8/29KB8OMV....Bud Neely

IF you know or see one of these special people on or near their birthday don't forget to say a hearty ARL FORTH SIX .



Paper Chase

I have always written about how you need to do something to acquire a certificate or QSL card. That is true but the easiest way is to just be active and exchange QSL cards. The cards you get back may be a joy to behold. I have two cards that



are exceptionally attractive and you will get some too if you QSL.

Hear you in the pile ups!
Joe W8KNO

A Word from the Prez

The club has several warm weather events and this year is no exception.

We start off with Field Day, with Peter K8OUA as coordinator; he did a very good job again this year. He obtained thru the Mayors office the area behind City Hall on Mahoning Ave in Warren, including a gazebo and all the shade trees we needed. Friday night and Saturday morning set-up was a sight to see, with the club's infamous bowman, Gail KC8LRH, getting reacquainted with the operation of stringing the antennas.

This year the radios seen their fair share of operations, with the good turn out of hams

again. Even though we did not have the community exposure as we did last year at Courthouse Square I think we had a very successful Field Day.

The month of July brings us the Packard Car Show and W.A.R.A. Special Event; again we are setting up in the usual spot by the maintenance building behind Packard Museum. The dates for the show are July 21st and 22nd. The Packard Car Show coordinator, said that this year the entries are larger than the last few years so it should be a very interesting weekend. So if you like to attend car show and wish to combine your love of cars and your hobby please think about giving the club a

helping hand.

August is an important month for our club; it is time for our Annual Ham fest, Chris Brister KD8BHR is this year's coordinator and is trying to make this a success, with him acquiring the post in May does need help for the membership. So please show your support and get a hold of the Chris and volunteer your time, knowledge and ideas so we can have a successful ham fest.

Remember this is your club and with out active members a club can not survive or prosper.

73 Gail KC8LRH



Amateur Training Exercise Turns into Real-life Emergency

On Saturday, May 12th the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association was performing training exercise at Salt Fork State Park when the training session turned real. This exercise was the third in a series of training sessions to develop effective radio direction finding skills. Called a Fox Hunt, a small radio transmitter is hidden somewhere in the Salt Fork Park, and various teams, using direction finding equipment, attempt to locate the hidden transmitter (Fox). During this exercise Sonny Alfman W8FHF and Lyn Alfman N8IMW were one of the teams attempting to be the first to locate the hidden transmitter. Direction finding equipment indicated that the Fox appeared be located somewhere in the area of the Hosak's Cave complex. At 10:55, Sonny was on the west side of the creek running through the Hosak Cave hollow and closing in the hidden transmitter when he heard a weak cry coming from somewhere in the cave complex. And Lyn Alfman was on the east side of the creek when she came across a small boy running down the path yelling "Daddy, Daddy." Lyn asked the little boy if he was lost, and he replied, "Daddy fell in the water." Thinking that the man was drowning, she asked the little boy to tell her where daddy had fallen into the water. He took off in the direction from which he had come. Lyn

followed the boy. At first it was thought that the cry for help was in attempt to locate the boy; however, continuing to close in the yelling, Sonny was able to determine that the man was actually injured and needed help.

At this time Sonny and Lyn Alfman terminated their fox hunt efforts and proceeded toward the Hosak's waterfall and cave. They found a man at the bottom of the waterfall, lying among the rock and across the small creek. He stated that he had fallen onto the rocks and believed that he had broken his leg and shoulder and was unable to move. The little boy, quite difficult to console, said that was his dad. Sonny placed a small log under the man's head to keep water from the waterfall from the injured man's face. Fortunately, we had a radio amateur located at the campground ranger station acting as the control point for the Fox Hunt. Sonny, using his amateur radio handheld, began attempting to contact Bill Dickson WB8TRK, who relayed the information to Dave Thompson, KC8OQW. (Dave is a ranger at the Salt Fork State Park and was working in the Campground office where we started the fox at that location.) This became difficult as Sonny's handheld had only the very inefficient mini-duck antenna, and he was well below the horizon within the cave

complex.

Note: Always be prepared; carry an extender whip antenna in case of emergencies.

Finally Sonny was able to contact Bill and advised him that we had an emergency with a man down and needed immediate assistance. Bill then contacted the park rangers, and this started the emergency rescue efforts as the Salt Fork rangers started contacting emergency personal to come to the scene. Meantime, Lyn Alfman took the small boy to the parking area, and she and two other radio amateurs, Sue Stuebe KB8SUZ, and Jay Milner, KA8LFI, kept him occupied while the emergency efforts were under way, about an hour and a half. Approximately 10 minutes later a Park Ranger arrived on the scene and noted that emergency help was needed. He then placed a radio call back to the Park Ranger office advising that an emergency squad needed to be called. Finally, after another 15 minutes, the first E squad arrived and began to administer first aid. Because of the location of the man on the rocks, it was very difficult to bring the man out of the cave area. The squad on scene did not have the necessary equipment to remove the victim from the creek bed to the ambulance. After another 15 minutes, it was determined that they needed assistance with ropes

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and other equipment to be able to bring him down to the ambulance area.

Sonny attempted to contact Lyn at the parking lot, but was unsuccessful in doing so, and had to return to the parking lot.

Note: Due to a failure in understanding her equipment communications was lost.

Lyn, using her amateur radio, contacted Mary Rhodes-Ellis, KD8EIR, and advised that the E squad needed ropes, etc to help in removing the man. Mary contacted 911, and shortly thereafter, the Guernsey County Technical Rescue personnel with ropes and rappelling gear arrived at the scene. After another 15 minutes, the E squad and Technical rescue team finally were able to remove the injured man from the creek bed and transport him to the waiting ambulance in the Parking lot area. The victim was then transported by ambulance to an awaiting helicopter at the Salt Fork helicopter-pad, a distance of about one quarter mile. After another 20 minutes the helicopter finally took off and began a flight to Wheeling,

WV.

It was decided that the boy did not need to see what shape his father was in when they were bringing him out. So, just before the man was brought out to the ambulance and placed on life flight, another radio amateur, Chad Hulboy, KC8YFP, personally took the small boy to the Cambridge SEORMC Hospital to be checked out, where Hulboy had arranged to meet the boy's grandmother.

As the original game plan was to locate the hidden transmitter, it was terminated for another day. Sonny Alfman can claim a small fox hunt victory as he was about to find the Fox, when the emergency situation began. Just by a stroke of luck the transmitter had been hidden in the Hosak Cave area.

The Cambridge Amateur Radio operators were glad that they were on the scene and able to assist in getting the rescue effects underway. Although our efforts in this emergency situation were successful and a timely rescue occurred, it also indicated a few weaknesses in our amateur radio emergency

preparedness.

One, we should always be prepared to communicate via our radios efficiently, that is have additional antennas and/or equipment at hand to operated from difficult locations.

Two, it is paramount that each of us completely understand our equipment's operations, that is, proper operating frequencies, that is, proper operating frequencies, off-set frequencies, sub audible tones, and major programming procedures of our gear. After all, we Hams claim to always being prepared to assist in time of emergencies when all else fails.

Three, there are no procedures in place to coordinate communications when unable to reach our repeater, i.e., changing to pre-determined emergencies channels or procedures to complete communications. We improvised as usual, and it worked this time.

Thanks to the Cambridge amateur Radio Club for the permission to us their article.....

Editor's Note: I would like to extend my thanks to everyone that contribute to the Q-Match. The deadline for August Q Match will be July 24th so please have your article in to me by then.





WARA Field Day

KD8FVH and Lisa Eckenrode KC8VHB stepped into the breach and did some serious operating. Top ops included K8OUA, KA8LCW, WB8WUA, KC8LRH, KC8URX and KC8VHC.

Overall the weekend proved to be as much fun as in previous years. Contacts were made on 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters, and on both CW and SSB. Both Emily KC8RAL and Lisa KC8VHB showed their mettle at cooking, and we all ate and drank well during the event. Unfortunately, the Mayor of Warren was not able to make

it as he did last year, and we did not receive the overall publicity that we did last year, but we did manage to make it into one of the local newspapers. It is too early to tell the final score for the effort, but we will have it in next month's Q-Match. A hearty "thank you" to all those WARA members who showed up on the weekend and helped in whatever way they could. For those of you who did not make it, all I can say is we're sorry you weren't there, and we missed you. However, as fans of Cleveland sporting teams say, "there's always next

year."

Members who signed in or who did not sign in but were remembered as having been present included K8OUA, KB8OVA, KC8VHB, N8VOR, K C 8 R A L , K C 8 L R H , WB8WUA, KC8URX, KD8BIB, KD8FVI, KD8BHR, KC8VHC, KD8FVH, KA8LCW, KC8TML, KD8DNE, KB8OMT and KD8DFR.

73,

Pete K8OUA

Ohio Section News

SUMMER!! Is finally here. You could have fooled me. Temperatures have been at summer level here in our section of Ohio for the past few weeks. Actually several days have topped the 90 degree mark. BUT, summer is here now and so goes the summer a c t i v i t i e s .

Field Day hopefully was a successful one for all the Ohio Section Clubs that participated in one of the most popular events every year. Let me know how your club celebrated Field Day.

Our new Section Traffic Man-

ager reports that effective immediately, all traffic reports for the Ohio Section should be submitted to him, John Tipka, W8UL, in particular, all Local Net Reports. This has been the most asked question to me, now here is the official answer.

The 2007 Dayton Hamvention is now history. Now we look forward to the 2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention to be held in Independence, Ohio, September 22nd. Mark your calendar and start making plans to attend this e v e n t .

Your Club should have received the Ohio Section Journal, Summer, 2007, edition. You will find complete details about the Great Lakes Division Convention on page 11.

Also it isn't too early to mark your calendar for the Ohio Section Conference to be held September 15th, The State Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg.

Don't forget the Ohio QSO Party scheduled for August 25-26th this year. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to t h e e v e n t .

Ohio Section News



There are many Hamfests still ahead. Support your Local Clubs as the members dedicate their time to making their event a success. We have the NOARSFEST in Wellington July 14th; Van Wert Hamfest July 22nd and the Portage Hamfair July 29th in Randolph. YOU can make these events successful. The Portage Hamfair will include VE Exam Testing starting at 9 A M .

The Mount Vernon ARC planned Field Day to be held at the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross this year. The plan was to show the local officials what they could do under difficult conditions, running a generator to power their equipment etc. With the Sunspot Cycle low this year, to say it could be a challenge was mild language for all participating in this Field Day event.

The 20/9 Amateur Radio Club planned to hold Field Day at Lake Milton State Park. Many members planned on going out to the Park and spending the entire weekend there. Members are planning a Fox Hunt to be held with the Club Picnic July 14th at Lake Milton State Park. Many events are still to come for this group such as the Mike Hartzell Motorcycle Run July 8th.

The Van Wert ARC members have a very busy summer

ahead of them. They certainly have a full calendar. Bike Tour (sounds like fun) VW Holiday at Home; set up in the Museum plus the Parade, the Van Wert Hamfest, the regular monthly meetings, and all the other events too numerous to mention here. This group remains a very "busy" Club.

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club members had quite a trip to Dayton this year. A tour bus sponsored by the Pioneer ARC to the Hamvention was involved in an accident on the way to the Hamfest. A stalled car in front started a chain reaction with the bus taking both front and back damage from semi trucks. The most seriously hurt person on the bus was the bus driver who had to be cut from the wreckage. "Hams" riding the bus had to use the emergency exits (windows), to get out of the bus. The Dayton Hamvention committee members heard of the accident, dispatched a RTA bus to the scene to get the passengers so they could continue their trip to the Hamvention, at no cost to the passengers. For more details on this accident go to the web site www.starkham.com/ (This information from the Massillon ARC Newsletter the FEED-B A C K) .

Hamvention 2007 had great weather, a good turn out, and that spells SUCCESS! Volun-

teers worked really hard to make Hamvention another huge success this year. Now, on to the planning for the next BIG HAMVENTION 2008!

Central Ohio ARES remains active with Field Day, the 46th Annual Tour of the Scioto River Valley, The UA (Upper Arlington) Memorial Day 5 Miler, and on and on goes this group's event schedule. It goes to show you, you can "train for a disaster" and have "fun" doing it .

I have been receiving some reports about Club Officers not filing the ANNUAL REPORT FORM. This can place your Club on the inactive list. You don't want this to happen, so make sure you file this form A S A P .

Well that's it for this time around. Remember, if you want your Club spotlighted in the Monthly Ohio Section News, you should get your Club information to me by the 10th, no later than the 12th, of t h e m o n t h .

So, until I see you somewhere, sometime, when you l e a s t e x p e c t i t .

Best 73, Joanne Solak, KJ3O.
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