

Hamfest 2004 Issue

The Q-Match

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Packard special event

A very active group of WARA hams met on the weekend of July 24-25 to operate a special event station to tie in with the annual Warren Packard Auto Show. The call sign W8P was once again used. The club set up stations both at Packard Park and at Perkins Park. Organizer Emmy Wells, KC8RAL, said that due to solar flares conditions were not ideal. Even with this, though, W8P was contacted by over 170 different stations in 31 different states, Canada, and even Guantanamo Bay Cuba (KG4).

Emmy would like to thank all those WARA members who helped set up and who operated on the day. These include Ray Sollinger N8HRZ, Nick Buhur N8NVI, Richard Bell KC8TAP, Lisa Eckenrode KC8VHB, Bill Eckenrode N8VOR, Bob Maurer KC8PVB, Ray Deramo WD8DFW, Ken Williams KC8TML, Bob Meeker KC8QZR, Emmy Wells KC8RAL, Reno Principi KA8LCW, Chuck Simpkins KA8FUP, Steve Ruman KC8YDS, Henry Snyder KC8UVY.

The WARA Packard Special Event has become an active and very successful event on the WARA calendar. Well done to Emmy, KC8RAL, and Gail Wells KC8LRH, for organizing the weekend, and to all those who helped out.

August is traditionally Hamfest month for the WARA, and this year is no different. The annual WARA hamfest this year will be held on Sunday August 15. Setup for the day will be Saturday August 16. Hamfest organizer, Richard Bell, KC8TAP, advises that volunteers are needed for most of the jobs on the day. Members should note that this is the one event during the year that is for others to enjoy and us to work at! While we all enjoy looking at things on display, our real purpose for being there is to do our part to make the hamfest a successful one. This year we will have a good slate of forums, including one put on by the Storm Chasers, another that takes a look at electrical hazards interference, and the third being the old favorite, the CW Blast. This year the hamfest is dedicated to the club's Silent Keys.

Entry fees for the hamfest are \$5.00 per person, as they have been. Cost for flea market space is \$5.00 per ten feet outside and \$12.00 per ten feet inside. As many of our members are new, all should be reminded that WARA members pay the entry fee too, even though they're going to work on the day.

Extra tickets for the main door prize, an Icom T90A transceiver, are available both to purchase and to sell. These sell for \$1.00 each, and are available from

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Richard Bell, KC8TAP, hamfest chairman. Richard can be reached by email

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at KC8TAP@NEO.RR.COM, or by phone at 330 898-6539.

So, if you haven't volunteered yet for a job at the hamfest, or, if you need extra prize tickets to sell, contact Richard and let him know. He'll find you either a good job or a good ticket or both.

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. The picnic will be held in the Workforce Building of KSU Trumbull Campus. This is the same building in which the inside part of the hamfest is held. 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. For more information on the Awards Banquet contact Ada or John Simons 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.

New club historian

At the last club meeting President Bob Maurer advised that club Historian Greg Kovach, WB8WUA, had resigned his position due to other commitments, and that Reno Principi, KA8LCW, had agreed to take the position. The Club Historian is the person who ensures that all the club documents, news clippings, papers, etc., the things that tell the story of the club, are preserved. Greg did a great job in the position, bringing displays to club meetings and activities, and generally letting members know the history of their club. Well done Greg and thanks Reno.

Anniversary publication

As one of his first jobs as Club Historian, Reno Principi, KA8LCW, has prepared a club history to commemorate its 65th anniversary. Reno has put considerable energy into this project over the past year and recently handed the finished product over to President Bob Maurer. Reno advised this editor that he obtained information for the history from written sources found in the club's archives – letters, club minutes, news clippings, etc. He did not interview or use oral sources of information. Reno also tried to include the names of as many present and past members as possible, especially members who were active and held positions in the club. The history should be ready soon, possibly in time for the hamfest. There

Anniversary publication (cont....) will be a cost to members to help defray the cost of putting the book together.

A letter from chappy

Many of us who have not had the good fortune to meet Wendell "Chappy" Chapman, W6VIF, have still had the good fortune to have heard from him. I have come across his call many times over the years. Often while handling traffic I would handle a message from Ft. Myers, Florida to a ham in the Warren area, and usually the signature at the bottom of the message was simply "Chappy". I received the following letter from Chappy for the *Q-Match*. I publish it in its entirety.

Editor – K8OUA

RE: Friend Slim Gilbert, W8ANN

A very wonderful part of my life has passed.

I lived in Niles, Oh as a ham in 1932. Moving to Warren I became acquainted with Slim.

I spent 53 years in Calif. Whenever I returned to Warren on business for the Taylor-Winfield Corp., my first eyeball was always with Slim.

I considered him one of my closest friends. I'm sure others did too, he was that kind of person.

From Fl. He & I have kept twice a week skeds for several years. Friend Mike Serotko, W8MTC, usually joined us on 14292. Along with W8KGD, Doc Mathias, in Sun City, Fl (whom I couldn't hear).

I followed his health problems (lost his left leg due to diabetes) and an ankle sore on the other leg that wouldn't heal. He had guts to put up with such – he would mention it, but only in passing.

He had started a radio club in Warren a few years before I met him, but for some reason it didn't jell – many hams were still going to Youngstown's club.

He supported efforts put forth by several of us to firm up our own club, which did happen in 1938.

When he wasn't on the usual schedule I phoned to check why. The night he died I learned he was in hospital and got to talk on phone with his son Bill, who knew by then the Acute Leukemia was taking its toll and said so.

I regret I couldn't say "Goodbye Pal."

May we all talk with you someday, no QRM, no QRN, no QSB, just Clear Channel Ragchew.

Chappy.

Thanks Chappy for that moving tribute to one of our finest. Chappy's previous call was W8HKR.

Packet frequencies

Thanks to President Bob for the following packet frequencies.

Frequencies used by hams in NE Ohio:

145.070 MHz – Stations on the air full time – KC8PVB, N8TIO, KC8PUZ – also, leave mail for KA8TGX on any of these stations

145.690 MHz – N8ZNE and others (see beacons)

International Space Station (ISS) Frequencies:

145.990 MHz (FM) – Worldwide packet uplink

145.200 MHz (FM) – Region 1 Voice Uplink

144.490 MHz (FM) – Region 2/3 Voice Uplink

145.800 MHz (FM) – Worldwide Downlink

Russian callsigns – RS0ISS; RZ3DZR

USA callsigns – NAISS

Packet frequencies (cont. . . .)

Packet station mailbox callsign – RS0ISS –11

Packet station keyboard callsign – RS0ISS – 3

Digipeater callsign – ARISS.

Happy birthday

It's time to extend our birthday greetings to the following WARA members for whom August is their special month.

8/2	Stanley Shrodek	KB8ULG
8/2	Bob Meeker	KC8QZR
8/3	Lisa Eckenrode	KC8VHB
8/4	Tresa Neely	KB8OVC
8/9	Lee Kerber	KB8RXW
8/13	Shirley Van Slyke	Assoc
8/15	Dave Walters	KZ8T
8/21	Bill Caldwell	WA8ABE
8/22	Dick Ellers	K8JLK
8/22	Karl Gerit	KF8MG
8/22	Charlie Wright	KG8IG
8/26	Joe Shultz	WB8GVB
8/29	Bud Neely	KB8OMV

Once again, as the traffic hounds put it, we extend ARL FORTY-SIX to each of these WARA members on their birthday.

Quote of the month

Have you ever heard a WARA member say something that you think the rest of the club should hear? Something extraordinarily funny, inciteful, or clever? If so, why not send it to me in an email and I'll publish it (as long as it is in good taste, doesn't insult anyone, and I don't end up with half a page of them). This month's comes from Richard, KC8TAP.

"You lied to me, there were no bathroom!"

Spoken by KC8RAL after four hours of duty during the recent Cortland Duathlon.

Ohio section news

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.

AUGUST SECTION NEWS - The 2004 Ohio QSO Party is Saturday, August 28. As always, it runs from noon to midnight EDT. And this year will add a new category and an additional plaque to the rules. Stations inside Ohio can work anyone, anywhere. Stations outside of Ohio (anywhere in the world, and yes, we do get entrants from Europe) can only work stations in Ohio - so we Buckeyes are the hunted, not the hunters for a change! This year a new plaque for the top Ohio Single Operator SSB score has been added along with a new category called - Rover. This will let operators move from county to county during the contest, without the need for a true mobile installation. The OQP Organizing Committee is hoping that Ohio hams will activate all 88 counties, whether from home or outside. (Last year 87 of the 88 counties were on the air - only Madison County was missing.) There will be plenty of activity for all 12 hours. Full details are on the official OQP web site, <http://www.oqp.us>.

IT'S BACK THIS YEAR - The 2004 Ohio Section Conference, which Ohio section news (cont. . . .) 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 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. It begins at 10 a.m. The Ohio EMA address is 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road (Ohio 161) in Northwest Columbus.

AMONG THE NUMEROUS EVENTS Ohio Section hams participate in will be the 17th Annual MS 150 Pedal to the Point Bike Tour, which begins in Berea (Cuyahoga County). Hams in Cleveland will assist in raising money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS). Over 1,500 cyclists will travel 75 miles to Sandusky, Saturday, August 21 and return the next day.

OHIO SECTION REQUESTS - We use to have four Hamfest Banquets in Ohio. You know - a social gathering the night before the Sunday event. But this has become a lost art. Now only the Massillon Hamfest in Summit County (Sunday, Oct. 31 with the banquet Saturday night) will do it. They do it easy and so could you. Nothing fancy, no tickets, no table decorations, no muss or fuss. Just meet at a restaurant and order from menu. Easy to set up and plan. But these get-togethers are an important social event for the Section. I'd like to promote more of them. And if you plan one for the 2004-2005 hamfest calendar in your area, tell me and Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE. Believe me that Jim and I will do everything we can to attend the banquet as well as your hamfest. (And remember

Saturday, October 30 in Massillon).

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - you watch sending any real money in an on-line deal. Take heed from the experience of Paul Glassman, W8JN of Cincinnati. Paul knew he was being scammed when a buyer of his equipment in one of those on-line auction web sites, offered a cashier's check for more than the agreed price. All Paul had to do was to send cash for the difference on receipt of the "cashier's check." The check Paul received was outstanding quality, would fool a local bank, and be at least two weeks in the system before the check would be discovered BOGUS. Paul had, of course, used as fake a name as the check. But he wanted to know how good the check looked.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO JIM STAHL, K8MR, for constant improvements in the Ohio QSO party - see above and participate this month; (B) TO "SAARA SPEAKS," newsletter of the Salem Area ARA (Columbiana County) for reprinting a photo of its Field Day site but adding the outstanding touch of marking on the photo all the transmitting locations, location of the power generator, and each antenna site; and (C) TO BUTLER COUNTY ARES for leading the Ohio Section in the 2003 SET points total (as reported in July, 2004, QST, page 100-101).

OHIO SECTION AUGUST HAMFESTS

(7) HAM "OH" RAMA in Columbus. Voice of Aladdin ARC; For more Ohio section news (cont. . . .) information: <<http://www.qsl.net/w8fez>> or contact: James Morton, KB8KPJ, 6070 Northgap Drive, Columbus, OH

43229-1945, Phone: 614-846-7790,
Email: kb8kpi@arrl.net.

(15) Warren ARA in Warren. For more information, <http://www.w8vtd.org/> or contact: Renee McCaman, KB8SVF, 317 Raymond Avenue NW, Warren, 44483; Phone: 330-847-8478; Email: rnmccaman@earthlink.net.

(28) Portsmouth Radio Club. For more information, contact: Kim Lozier, N8ZW, Phone: 740-456-1616, Email: n8zw@falcon1.net.

classifieds

FOR SALE: Kenwood TS450S with auto tuner, extra sideband filter, extra cw filter, and voice synthesizer. Condition 8-9 out of 10. Stock mike and power cable. No manual. Asking \$400.

Contact Ken Williams, KC8TML. Phone 330 399-9628 or call on 146.97 MHz or 147.045 MHz.

Nets

Both the WARA two meter net and the newly organized WARA ten meter net are thriving. If you haven't checked into one or the other of these you should try them out. The W8VTD two meter net meets on 146.97 and 443 MHz each Wednesday night at 9.00 PM. The ten meter net meets each Wednesday night an hour earlier, at 8.00 PM. Here is the NCS schedule for August and September.

August 4th – Emily, KC8RAL
 August 11th – Bob, KC8PVB
 August 18th – Lisa, KC8VHB
 August 25th – Pete, K8OUA
 Sept 1st – Andy, N8YR
 Sept 8th – Emily, KC8RAL
 Sept 15th – Bob, KC8PVB
 Sept 22nd – Lisa, KC8VHB
 Sept 29th – Pete, K8OUA

If you're observant you'll notice that Fred, N9BSO, is not on the list of NCSs for the two meter net. That's because Fred is one of two ten meter net controls (along with Ken Williams, KC8TML), and has decided not to take the two meter net as well. This means that there is an opening for a two meter NCS if you're interested. If so, contact Fred at creacher@onecom.com.

New website

Steve Ruman, KC8YDS, one of our newer and younger members, has just prepared and developed his own website on the internet. The web address for Steve's site is <http://www.qsl.net/kc8yds> and he encourages all members to stop by, have a look at what's there, and sign his guestbook. It's a neat site, Steve's done a nice job on it.

W8lyd–va hospital station

Thanks to Richard, KC8TAP, for forwarding the following letter to me. It gives info on the Amateur Radio Station W8LYD, housed in the Cleveland VA Hospital at E. 105th and East Blvd.

Hi Richard,

First of all, thanks for the e-mail. Appreciate hearing from you and your interest in the VA hospital.

The amateur radio station at the Cleveland VA Medical Center, East Blvd. and E. 105th St. is owned by the VA hospital. All equipment was purchased by the hospital with hospital money or donated funds. The station, W8LYD, is operated by Cleveland Chapter 1, Quarter Century Wireless W8lyd (cont. . . .)

Association. The station is operated five (5) days a week from about 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We operate on 20, 40 and 80

meters as well as 2 meters (146.85 repeater and 147.570 simplex.) Primary hf operation is on 20 meters usually at 14.287, 14.265 or 14.243 +- QRM. We check in and are the NCS for the Veterans Affairs Amateur Radio Service Net on Monday at 1 p.m. local time on 14.287. Other days we check-in only. If you hear us on any of the frequencies break in and we can go off frequency for a chat. We DO QSL from the hospital. We will be happy to handle any message (to or from) for any patient at the hospital. If there is any other specific information just ask.

73, Dick WA8TPP

ham bowlers??

The WARA may be starting a bowling team in a mixed league (two men and two women) on Sunday nights. This will be held at the Champion Lanes. Bowling skill is NOT required, and if we get enough bowling couples it will not be necessary to bowl every Sunday night. Anyone interested in participating contact Pete Kozup, K8OUA at 330 395-0975 or k8oua@yahoo.com.

Ohio qso party

As mentioned in the Ohio Section News, August 28 is the date of the Ohio QSO Party. In this contest YOU are the DX that everyone else is trying to work. The contest runs for eight hours, from 1600Z (2 PM EDST) till 0400Z (12 M EDST). For more information on this fun event check August QST, page 95, or the ARRL website at www.arrl.org.

august calendar

8/2 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

8/3 WARA mtg 7.30 PM Grace Bptst Church

8/4 W8VTD nets: 28.375MHz 8 PM;
146.97 MHz 9 PM

8/6-8 Pro Football Hall of Fame Sp Ev
Stn W8AL Canton OH; see Aug QST
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8/7 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

8/7 Geauga ARC Sp Ev Stn N8T; 20th
annv TRIVA net; see Aug. QST pg 96

8/7-8 N. American QSO Party CW; see
Aug. QST pg 94

8/9 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

8/11 W8VTD nets: 28.375MHz 8 PM;
146.97 MHz 9 PM

8/14 Hamfest setup 9 AM Kent Trumbull

8/14 Hamfest picnic 5 PM Kent Trumbull

8/15 WARA Hamfest--Gates open 6 AM

8/15 Ohio Covered Bridges OTA Sp Ev
Stn W8T; West Rsv ARA; see Aug
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8/16 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

8/16 KB8RHG arrives home from SE
Asia

8/17 WARA mtg 7.30 PM Grace Bptst
Church

8/18 W8VTD nets: 28.375MHz 8 PM;
146.97 MHz 9 PM

8/21 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

8/23 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

8/25 W8VTD nets: 28.375MHz 8 PM;
146.97 MHz 9 PM

8/28 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest.
Newton Falls 12 N

8/28 Ohio QSO Party; see Aug. QST
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8/30 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
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