

THE Q-MATCH

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

P.O. Box 809, Warren, Ohio 44482

Webpage – www.w8vtd.org Editor – k8oua@yahoo.com

August 2005

A WORD FROM THE PREZ

Thanks everyone for the feedback to my last article about our ARRL Field Day 2005. I hope to incorporate many of your ideas at next year's field day.

I did finally get the results tabulated and sent in to the ARRL. I used their Internet submission form, which gave us an extra 50 points. Also I sent them some pictures as supporting documentation, so don't be surprised if you see some in a future edition of QST. A short summary of the results are as follows:

We had a total of 28 "logged" participants at the Field Day site over the three days. I would guess that there was more than that, however I could only go by the log's. I know the names of some people that were there, but forgot to "sign-in", but did not think I caught everyone. This is on the list of items to improve on, general logging of information, at next years Field Day. As far as points, we were able to achieve 1,350 bonus points. Which I believe was higher than last year. For OSO's, we had a total of 91 on CW and 245 on Phone, which gave us a total QSO score of 854 points. Many thanks go out to those of you that operated CW. As this was one mode I did not want us to not have a showing in. Overall our score is not too bad and it gives us something to try to improve on next year. After all the main purpose of Field Day is to practice emergency preparedness and to bring new people into the hobby, both I think we did well at this year's event.

Our next event since the last news letter was the Packard Auto Show special event station, W8P. Thanks for everyone who showed up to help and work the stations. I am sure that Gail Wells / KC8LRH will have an update for us at our next meeting.

Now is the time to prepare for our main event, or the one that in many cases is viewed as the most important event of the year for an Amateur Radio Club. The annual WARA HamFest! Lets all pitch in this year to make this years HamFest even better than last years. I would like someone dedicated to insure that the weather is excellent that day, not too hot, sunny, with a slight breeze. HI HI. Seriously, I would like for all of you to think about how you can help this years HamFest be successful. The roles the last I knew we were still looking for help in was taking tickets, baskets made for the auction, and getting vendors. The item we can all help with is getting the word out. Many of you go to other HamFests and other Amateur Radio club meetings. Be sure to take with you to these events a handful of WARA HamFest flyers. We have some great prizes and raffles this year and really need to get the word out to get the crowd and vendors in. If you have any questions about how you can help please contact Richard Bell / KC8TAP at kc8tap@neo.rr.com.

Here is an event for you. On August 27th the planet Mars will be the closest to earth then it has ever been in 5000 years. On that day at 03:00AM it will be the same size in the sky as a full moon! "Here is the text taken from a web site about the topic:

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m.

Now in the meantime I have checked this information out and it may or may not be true. In any case you may want to keep you eyes open and upwards that early morning, Just for fun, check out the idea in 1928 about DX'ing to Mars at the web site: <http://earlyradiohistory.us/mars.htm>.

Keep enjoying the Summer!

73,

President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB

HAMFEST

August, of course, is Hamfest month. This year the hamfest will take place on August 21, 2005, at the Trumbull Campus of Kent State University Workforce Development Building. Hamfest Coordinator, Richard Bell, KC8TAP, advises that he is in need of lots of help. The hamfest is the major fund raising activity held by WARA, and we do need your help on the day. This year's hamfest has a great list of prizes. First Prize drawing will be an ICOM 706 Mark 2G transceiver, second prize is a Davis Vantage Pro Wireless Weather Station, and third prize is an ICOM 2720 dual band mobile VHF transceiver. In addition to these there will be a special raffle held for an ICOM 290A triband VHF transceiver – 6, 2 and .70 meters. There will be an hourly drawing for an ICOM V8 two meter HT. New this year will be two \$350 gift certificates for meat and produce from Charlanne Farms in Southington. For those of you who haven't found a place to work yet, there is plenty of opportunity. Contact any of the following members to find a niche – RobinTerlecky (ticket sales), Roger Dean KC8VYS (parking), Bud Neely (KB8OMV) Club table, Henry Snyder KC8UVY (Raffle), Lisa Eckenrode KC8VHB (Chinese auction), Dennis Carraher N8IVE (VE Testing), Sue Wagner (KC8VHC) "Make it and take it", Dave White WA8IWJ (Homebrew competition), Emily Wells KC8RAL (Motorcycle show). If there is something else you'd like to do, or if you can't reach any of the above, go straight to the top and contact Richard Bell KC8TAP, this year's hamfest chairman. Richard can be reached by phone at 330 898-6539, or by email at kc8tap@neo.rr.com. We'll look forward to seeing you there on the 21st. Reminder – Richard would like the raffle tickets for the Charlanne Farms gift certificates in to him as soon as possible. If you have sold your tickets give Richard the stub and the money, if you haven't sold your tickets just give him the tickets as soon as possible so that someone else can try to sell them.

HAMFEST PICNIC

As happens every year, the club will hold its pre-hamfest, post-setup picnic on the evening prior to the hamfest, Saturday August 20. Eating will commence at 5.00 PM, a bit earlier this year. Ada Simons, KC8MTZ, our Activities Chair advises that meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided for the picnic. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or a dessert dish. The picnic will be held at the Workforce Development Building of Kent State Trumbull. As it will be outside if the weather is suitable, you are asked to bring a chair if you can. Those attending are asked to contact Ada or John Simons at 330 847-0005 to let them know how many will be present.

SUNSHINE AND SICK

SILENT KEY – K8RBX

The WARA lost another of its older members last month. Garrett Greene, K8RBX (formerly KA8LIL) passed away on July 26 at Windsor House in Champion. Garrett had been a WARA member for many years, though he had been unwell and inactive for the past several years, living in Windsor House Nursing Home in Champion. Born in Clarksburg, WV in 1916, Garrett moved to the area in 1937, and lived in West Farmington. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of the Western Reserve Masonic Lodge 507. Garrett was preceded in death by his wife Juanita. He is survived by two sons, William of Texas, and Larry of Conneaut, and four daughters, Linda Woodford of Champion, Sandra Aeramovich of Champion, Maureen Garito of Warren, and Karen Schwartz of Greenville, PA. In addition, he leaves 14 grandchildren, 7 step grandchildren, and 20 great

grandchildren as well as two surviving sisters. Those of us who knew Garrett knew him as a very amiable gentleman with a ready smile and a good sense of humor. He'll be missed.

Renee McCaman, KB8SVF, has been in and out of the hospital lately. Renee has been suffering from internal bleeding and has been undergoing tests. You're in our hearts and prayers, Renee.

Do you know of a member who has been sick or who has been in the hospital lately, or conversely, someone who has done something noteworthy and deserves recognition? How about letting the editor of the Q-Match know so that the news can be included in the Q-Match? Just email me with the news! I'd be grateful!!

PUBLIC SERVICE

The club's link to the Emergency Coordinator, Richard Bell KC8TAP, advises us that we have been asked to provide communications for two running activities during August. Both will be held in Cortland. The first is the Dualthalon which will be held on August 14, 2005. This is both a running and bicycling event, with participants running at least 5 km and bicycling another 13 km.

The following week, on August 20, will see a candlelight run, again, in Cortland. In this event all runners will carry lit candles as the run is held at night. The WARA has been asked to provide communications for both events, and all members are asked to help out as much as possible.

Contact Richard Bell, KC8TAP, for information on meeting times and venues, as well as other information about the events. Richard can be reached by phone at 330 898-6539, or by email at kc8tap@neo.rr.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE -- 1 ICOM 2AT WITH PROBABLY FOUR BATTERY PACKS 2 BP3'S AND TWO PROBABLY BP14/15'S, DROP-IN AND WALL CHARGERS, MICROPHONE WHICH WORKS WITH THIS RADIO, AS WELL AS OTHER RADIOS LISTED. I BELIEVE I AS WELL HAVE A BATTERY PACK WHICH CAN BE USED WITH A POWER SUPPLY OR CIGARETTE LIGHTER ADAPTER SO AS TO SUPPLY THE RADIO WITH EXTERNAL POWER.

1 MICRO 2AT WITH TWO BATTERY PACKS AND A DR11 ADAPTER WHICH ALLOWS BATTERIES FOR THE IC2AT TO WORK ON THIS RADIO AS WELL. WALL CHARGER AND EMPTY BATTERY PACK FOR DOUBLE-A BATTERIES. ALSO HAVE CTCSS BOARD FOR THIS RADIO.

1 HDX 404 WITH TWO BATTERY PACK AND EMPTY BATTERY PACK FOR DOUBLE-A'S.
MICROPHONE

ONE 2-METER AMPLIFIER, RADIO SHACK, BEEN A LONGTIME SINCE I LOOKED AT THE BOTTOM OF IT, APPROXIMATELY 3-5 WATTS IN PRODUCES 30 WATTS OUT. WILL INCLUDE 15-20 FEET OF COAXE WITH B&C ADAPTER ON ONE END TO FIT EITHER THE IC2AT OR MICRO 2AT AND CONNECTOR FOR AMPLIFIER.

WOULD LIKE \$275 FOR THE WHOLE GROUP,

NOTE: BATTERIES FOR THE 2AT WILL ALSO WORK ON THE HDX404.

ALL EQUIPMENT WORKS.

65 PLUS SHIPPING FOR THE HDX404

75 PLUS SHIPPING FOR THE MICRO 2AT

125 PLUS SHIPPING FOR THE 2AT WITH DROP-IN CHARGER, WALL WART AND ALL

WORKING BATTERY PACKS

20 FOR THE MICROPHONE

35 FOR THE AMPLIFIER AND COAXE.

WILL CONSIDER TRADES FOR ITEMS OF APPROXIMATE SAME VALUE.

FRED OLVER N9BSO E-MAIL CREACHER@ONECOM.COM OR CALL HOME PHONE: 330 898-2943; CELL PHONE: 734 634-5678

PACKARD SPECIAL EVENT

As in past years the WARA set up a special event station as part of Warren's annual Packard Auto Show festivities. This was held on the weekend of July 23 – 24 at Packard Music Hall in Warren. The results were pretty good, as the station worked 130 stations in 36 states and 3 Canadian provinces, using the special event callsign of W8P. The list of members who helped during the setup of the station and who operated on the weekend included Sue KC8VHC, Lisa KC8VHB, Bill N8VOR, Reno KA8LCW, Robert KC8QZR, Karl KF8MG, Sherman KC8YHJ, Emily KC8RAL, Bob KC8PVB, Don N8VCK, Steve KC8YSD, Ray N8HRZ, and Nick N8NVI, and Gail KC8LRH. According to organizer Gail KC8QZR was the hot op on the weekend, creating pileups simply by calling CQ. Well done gang, good job keeping WARA on the air.

FCC PROPOSES TO ELIMINATE CODE REQUIREMENT

The FCC has proposed to eliminate the Morse Code requirement in the Amateur Radio Service in a new Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Other restructuring would not be addressed in this proposal.

The proceeding reference is WT Docket 05-235.

"Based upon the petitions and comments, we propose to amend our amateur service rules to eliminate the requirement that individuals pass a telegraphy examination in order to qualify for any amateur radio operator license. We believe that this proposal, if adopted, would:

- (1) encourage individuals who are interested in communications technology, or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become amateur radio operators;

- (2) eliminate a requirement that we believe is now unnecessary and that may discourage amateur service licensees from advancing their skills in the communications and technical phases of amateur radio; and

- (3) promote more efficient use of the radio spectrum currently allocated to the amateur radio service. We solicit comments on our tentative conclusions. We decline to propose any other changes to amateur radio service licensing or operating privileges in this proceeding." (FCC)

Read the entire NPRM in plain text:

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.txt

Read the story on ARRLweb:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/07/20/100/?nc=1>

PILOT IN THE MAKING

Received this from Fred N9BSO who forwarded it from a blind member of Handi-Hams. It kind of abstractly expresses the feelings of a lot of us who still love the sound of CW coming through our headphones.

"I understand that just like the FCC, the FAA also posts the question pools for its multiple choice exams. I'm going to memorize the question pool and try for my pilot's license by Labor Day. Since today's planes can take off, fly, and land by instrument, perhaps they will do away with the vision exam. After all, it's a relic from another era and not relevant with today's technology.

Now if I can just get Jaws to read that air speed indicator!
 Dahdahdididit didididahdah -- Whatever the heck that means."
 Steve KW3A

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

While she wished everyone a happy July birthday last month, Emily did not have the means to include names and dates for last month's Q-Match, so this month I will include both the July birthdays and the August birthdays. So again, happy birthday to each of these WARA members.

July birthdays

July 4 Rupert Harris N8HHM
 July 5 Jerry Love ND8E
 July 7 Ed Chopko, Sr K8KAE
 July 10 Bill Melton KC8GI
 July 26 Lee Callow N8LAB
 July 29 Jack McClain K8WRM
 July 30 Frank Safran WB8PPH
 July 31 Allen Scott KB8YWY
 July 31 Richard Bell KC8TAP

August birthdays

Aug 2 Stan Shrodek KB8ULG
 Aug 2 Robert Meeker KC8QZR
 Aug 3 Lisa Eckenrode KC8VHB
 Aug 4 Tresa Neely KB8OVC
 Aug 9 Lee Kerber KA8RXW
 Aug 13 Shirley Van Slyke ASSOC
 Aug 15 Dave Walters KZ8T
 Aug 21 Bill Caldwell WA8ABE
 Aug 22 Dick Eilers K8JLK
 Aug 22 Karl Gerlt KF8MG
 Aug 22 Charlie Wright KG8IG
 Aug 26 Joe Schultz WB8GVB
 Aug 29 Bud Neely KB8OMV

As usual we wish each of our birthday members the heartiest of birthdays, and an ARL FORTY-SIX.

OHIO SECTION NEWS

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: John Haungs, W8STX, Cincinnati; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC: John Chapman, WB8INY, Gahanna; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

SECTION - AUGUST EDITION Do not forget that the Ohio QSO party is at the end of this month. And the Ohio Section Conference (with Ohio's social event of the year - the LUNCH PIZZA party) is September 17 in Columbus. This remainder of month's report will mainly be written by Ohio Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Joanne Solak, KJ3O, of Mantua (Portage County).

OHIO SECTION CLUBS ARE ON THE MOVE!!

What enthusiasm we have here in the Ohio Section with our Clubs! What participation! Field Day produced lots of "traffic handling" many, many, messages were sent to Section Leaders like myself during this event.

Club newsletters I have been receiving mention the many "public service events" they are participating in this year..the "coffee-breaks" are another service many clubs across the Section have been more active in during the holiday weekends.

My calendar for July is "filled up" with requests for visits and presentations. I have two dates already scheduled in August . As I said Ohio Section Clubs are on the MOVE. More club officers are filing their Club annual report form, the club affiliation renewals are on the upswing, and club re-activations of affiliation have drawn more interest just in the last few months.

Congratulations to WESTERN RESERVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CLUB! This Club has just recently become an Ohio ARRL Affiliated Club. The ARRL Executive Committee has approved this club's application for affiliation. And now this club joins the many other Ohio Section Clubs as a duly affiliated society. AND one of the proud duties of mine is to present this Club with the "charter" of affiliation.

Remember to have your Club Secretary check the club records for renewal dates.. these are most important. Keep the clubs here in Ohio, On The Move! I am "working" with several clubs now to obtain their Special Service Club status. Clubs that are not SSC's can check the ARRL Web site for information about how to obtain this Club Status. Remember I am always here to assist!

If you need a speaker for one of your club meetings.. feel free to contact an Ohio Section Cabinet Member (the Ohio Section Journal) has a full list of Cabinet members available to meet your needs. If your Club is not receiving the OSJ, contact me and I will get your Club on the mailing list.

Support all Ohio Section Hamfests and activities. Keep Our Clubs on the move. Invite friends and neighbors to your meetings and activities.. Make the Ohio Section stand out front, keep us on the move!

Maybe the next edition of this Monthly will contain your Club's name. Best 73, Joanne KJ3O

OHIO SECTION AUGUST HAMFESTS - (6) Ham "OH" Rama -Voice of Aladdin ARC. For more information see < <http://www.qsl.net/w8fez> > or contact: James Morton, KB8KPJ; Phone: 614-846-7790 or Email: kb8kpj@arrl.net

(21) Warren Amateur Radio Association at Kent State; Trumbull County Branch: For more info, see: < <http://w8vtd.org/> > or contact Richard E. Bell, KC8TAP; Phone: 330-898-6539 or Email: kc8tap@neo.rr.com

(27) Portsmouth Radio Club. For more info, contact: Kim Lozier, N8ZW, Phone: 740-456-1616 or Email: n8zw@frognet.net

73, Joe Phillips K8QOE, Ohio Section Manager

NET NEWS

Our two nets, the ten meter net on 28.375 MHz and the two meter net on 146.97 MHz both meet on Wednesday nights. The ten meter net meets at 8.00 PM local time while the two meter net meets an hour later at 9.00 PM local time. The nets are one of the club's main means of getting information out to its members, and need to be supported by all. So, if you can, get on and say hello to your fellow hams. Both nets could use a few new net control operators, and if you're interested why not contact Ken

Williams KC8TML for the ten meter net or Fred Olver N9BSO for the two meter net. Here's the list of two meter net control ops for the months of August and September.

Aug 3 Bob KC8PVB
 Aug 10 Lisa KC8VHB
 Aug 17 Sherman KC8YHJ
 Aug 24 Andy N8YR
 Aug 31 Emily KC8RAL
 Sept 7 Bob KC8PVB
 Sept 14 Lisa KC8VHB
 Sept 21 Sherman KC8YHJ
 Sept 28 Andy N8YR

I hope to see some of you on the nets – that obviously means that I'll have to dust off my rigs and turn them on to get on – perhaps it's time I did that!! See you on the nets.

MOBILE RADIO INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Thanks to Dave Walters, KZ8T, for the following website that gives guidelines for installing mobile radios in automobiles. Just punch in the following URL --
<http://service.gm.com/techlineinfo/radio.html>.

REPEATER NEWS

As you probably know 443 went down again. I removed it on 7/7/05 and reinstalled it 1/17/05. The internal power supply was dead. This is the same problem we had several months ago. I would now suspect the pass transistor we blamed at that time was not the problem.

The repeater of course, started working when I began trouble shooting. The 13.8 Volt supply would occasionally drop or fluctuate enough to let me know there was still a problem. I finally spotted a hair line crack around a coil lead in series with the pass transistor using a magnifying glass. After soldering this I could see no more problem. Time will tell.

The layout of the repeater makes it difficult to work on it at the installation. Unlike the 146.97 machine which lends itself well to service. The repair was also slowed by midnight turn and some overtime.

73,

Dave Walters, KZ8T, Repeater Coordinator

KL7 PIX

For anyone interested, pictures of K8OUA's trip to Alaska are being placed on the web. Simply go to the following website and you should find them there – <http://peterkozup.fotopages.com/>. Enjoy them, I did!!

Didah Dahdahdit Didahdit Dahdahdah Dididah Dahdahdit Dah Dididit Didah Dah

Didahdidit Dahdahdah Dididit Dit Dididit

Didit Dah Dididit Dah Didahdit Didah Dahdidit Didit Dah Didit Dahdahdah Dahdit Dididit Didididit Didah Dididit

Didahdidit Dahdahdah Dididit Dah Didit Dah Dididit Didahdit Dahdahdah Dahdahdah Dah Dididit

Dah Didahdit Dahdidahdah Dahdahdit Didahdit Dahdahdah Didahdah Didit Dahdit Dahdahdit Didah

Dah Didahdit Dit Dit

Didahdah Didit Dah Didididit Dahdahdah Dididah Dah Didahdit Dahdahdah Dahdahdah Dah Dididit !!!!

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 8/1 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM
- 8/2 Election Day – special elections
- 8/2 WARA meeting Grace Baptist Church Mahoning Ave. Champion 7.30 PM
- 8/3 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM
- 8/6 Breakfast Wayside Inn Champion 9 AM
- 8/8 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM
- 8/10 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM
- 8/14 Duathlon Cortland Communicators needed
- 8/15 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM
- 8/16 WARA meeting Grace Baptist Church Mahoning Ave. Champion 7.30 PM
- 8/17 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM
- 8/20 Breakfast Wayside Inn Champion 9 AM
- 8/20 Hamfest setup meet in morning KSU Trumbull
- 8/20 Hamfest Picnic 5 PM KSU Trumbull
- 8/20 Candlelight run Cortland Communicators needed in evening
- 8/21 HAMFEST
- 8/22 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM
- 8/24 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM
- 8/27 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newton Falls 12 Noon
- 8/29 Brunch Farmington Sr Center W. Farmington 11 AM
- 8/31 Nets 10 mtr 28.375 MHz 8 PM; 2 mtr 146.97 MHz 9 PM