

# Q-Match

WARREN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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2006 Ohio Section  
Newsletter Contest Winner

## WARA'S HAMFEST

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Well, it's that time of the year again...  
**HAMFEST TIME**

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I would like to introduce myself; I am Chris Brister KD8BHR, this years Hamfest Chairmen; I accepted this position late in the year and am hoping to have a successful hamfest. But I need help from our club members; remember without club participation this event will not succeed.....

I am in need of help in the following areas; ticket

sales, parking, announcements, and Chinese auction, set up and tear down. I am also looking for donations for the Chinese auction and door prizes; I am also in need of food vendors, so please contact me if you can help out in any capacity;  
[kd8bhr@yahoo.com](mailto:kd8bhr@yahoo.com)  
or 330-240-6015.

To those of you who don't know the WARA Hamfest has moved to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds Commercial Building [next to the grandstand] and will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>

2007, gates open at 6am to vendors and 8am to 2pm for the general public, I also don't think we are getting the scouts this year, but I am hoping we do. (Scott KD8FVH is trying to work his magic).

Set-up for the Hamfest will be Saturday Morning, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, right after breakfast at the Wayside Restaurant in Champion, will be out at the Fairgrounds about 10:30 am. The picnic will be on Saturday also, please plan on attending.

Chris KD8BHR

## Hamfest Picnic

The hamfest picnic will be at the fairgrounds at 5pm on Saturday Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome ... please remember this is a covered dish event...

So show off your talent and plan on attending. If you have any questions or need directions please contact me at 330-240-6015. Hope to see you there.....Julie KD8FVI

**Schedule of Events**

- Aug. 4th ...9AM ... Breakfast, wayside Restaurant, Champion
- Aug. 6th....10:30 AM ...Brunch, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- Aug 7th....6:30 pm Hamfest Meeting , First United Methodist Church
- Aug. 7th....7:30 PM... WARA Meeting, First United Methodist Church
- Aug. 13th...10:30 AM... Brunch, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- Aug. 18th ...9AM ... Breakfast, wayside Restaurant, Champion
- Aug. 18th .... Hamfest set-up and Picnic
- Aug 19th... WARA HAMFEST
- Aug. 27th ... 10:30 AM ...Brunch, W. Farmington Sr. Center

# August 2007

*Please check schedule for Dates and times!!!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 KC8RAL	2	3	4 Breakfast
5	6	7 WARA Meeting	8 KD8FVI	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 KC8YHJ	16	17	18 Hamfest Picnic
19 WARA Hamfest	20	21 WARA Meeting	22 KA8OVA	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 KC8RAL	30	31	

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

## Paper Chase

I am writing this a week after the IARU Contest and the day before the CQ VHF Contest and am hoping for propagation as last years contest brought. Therefore, it is apropos that we note an ITU/VHF award this month.

The award is the World ITU Zone Award.

Contact the needed number of different ITU radio zones of the world. Cards are not required to be submitted.

Award Classes:

Class	HF	VHF
D	40	5
C	50	10
B	65	15
A	75	20
AA	90	25 or more

The official ITU zone list and map will be the criterion for determining zones, and is available from the sponsor for a SASE. The zone list is published yearly in QST prior to the IARU Radio sport Championship. A GCR list and a fee of

\$US2 is needed for the basic award or \$US.50 for endorsements. Send to: John Lee K6YK, 3654 Three Oaks Road, Stockton, CA. 95205.

If you are not familiar with GCR, it means, General Certification Rule. Most award sponsors allow a GCR in lieu of actually wanting to see your cards. You should actually have the cards! GCR usually means getting the signatures of two witnesses who certify that you possess the cards and that the information you state on the application is correct.

Hear you in the pile ups!

Joe W8KNO

# Packard Special Event

On July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> the club held its Annual Packard Special Event. I am happy to say that we had very good club participation with 16 members and 4 non- members for setting up, tear-down and operating of the radios.

The bands for the two days was not as good as we would have liked, we had a noise level of S-8. Reno KA8LCW tried to make contacts from his QTH with the same results as we were having. Chuck KA8FUP had very little noise when he made his contact with our event; even with these conditions we were able to make a total of 76 contacts, including 3 CW.

Thanks to the hamfest buggy

we had plenty of attention and once they were at our site they started to make inquirers as to Amateur Radio, we ran out of hamfest flyers and other hand-outs.

I would like to thank everyone that participated and helped make this another successful club event. Hope to see you all next year at this event ....

And to top off a successful event we had 3 of our members at Newton Falls for the WARA VE Test Session and here is the break down of the session;

2 upgraded and one new ticket... So congratulations to Sharon our newest ham, Claude (Jr.) KA8YTK for upgrading from Novice to Tech with HF privileges, and Emily KC8RAL upgrading to General.

Now if we can see the same enthusiasm for our Hamfest we will no doubt have a very successful one this year. So please plan on participating and hope to see you at hamfest set-up on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Trumbull County Fairgrounds after the club breakfast at Wayside Restaurant.

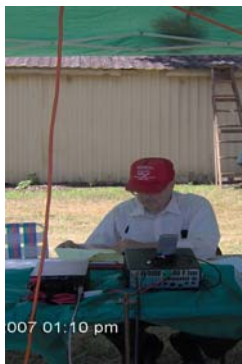
Gail KC8LRH  
President/Club Special Event Coordinator



KD8FVH working from his dad's radio



At our usual spot under the trees



KA8LCW working HF



2007 Packard Certificate for Contacts

## Three types of Hams

I've been wondering, after about five years as a Ham, I've seen, heard, and met quite a few different Hams and attitudes on pretty much all the different modes and bands, and both on and off the air. I've come to a conclusion of sorts; that there are three very different types of Hams...

1: The "disgruntled" Ham. This type of Ham is easy to find. They are very bitter, for reasons generally unknown or at least not understood by me, and they really do nothing to help out their fellow Amateurs.

What they do is complain and whine a lot, get angry, yell scream, post flames to the discussion boards on the Internet and to various e-mail reflectors, cuss at their fellow Amateurs on the air, and are a general pain in the rear. They do not care about Amateur Radio, just themselves their selfishness, and complaining all the time about anything and everything. Kind of depressing when you think about them for too long.

2: The Ham who wants help, and or is "new" to Amateur Radio. Now this Ham could end up like either the first type of Ham, the third type of Ham, or just get out of Amateur Radio out of disgust. (Then we ALL loose.) This type of Ham just needs a helping hand, someone who is willing to help them set up their station, or maybe even upgrade! They tend to find only the "disgruntled" Hams, and end up leaving the Amateur Radio Service. Funny how most Amateurs never even notice this type of Ham, as they slowly fade away.

3: The very rare Ham, the Ham who wants to help out, and does, in every way that he or she can. This can be in the form of joining ARES, becoming a V.E., starting up Ham Radio classes (hey a first day Technician is perfectly qualified to teach!) Setting up a Club station, helping out the Community, or helping the second type of Ham. Keep in mind that this third type of Ham is very rare, and if you find one, don't lose touch. To bad, that this type of Ham seems to be a dying breed.

They might not be, if a few more "type two" Hams were helped out by say the "type one Hams", if they (we), could get their (our), act together... Yes, "type three" Hams care about their fellow Hams, Amateur Radio, and it's future. They are not a part of the problem, as the "type one" hams are, but rather, are a part of the solution. So, which "type" of Ham are you? Personally I try my best to be a "type three" Ham... Food for thought!

"The time has come for all of us set aside our differences, help out all new Amateurs that are coming into our ranks, and help them to become the type of Amateur that we aspire to be." --

Clinton Herbert, AB7RG

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*Editor's Note:* This was published in PCARS Radiogram , they were not sure where it

was originally posted or published but thought it might be worth reprinting in the newsletter with the credit on

AB7RG



# Member's Birthdays

I am sorry I did publish July's Birthday list . So here is wishing each and everyone a very Happy Belated Birthday;

July 7....K8KAE ...Ed Chopco Sr.

July 29 ...K8WRM... Jack McClain

July 30..WB8PHH...Frank Safran

July 31...KB8YWY... Allen Scott

July 31...KC8TAP...Richard Bell

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 Greuter

8/21....WA8ABE....William Caldwell Sr.

8/22....KF8MG .....Karl Gerlt

K8JLK..... Dick Ellers

8/24....KB8UXJ .....Susanne Coe

8/26 ....WB8GVB....Joe Shultz

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

Here's wishing each of these members a hearty ARL FORTH SIX for their special day.



It is time again to wish everyone of our special birthday members a very Happy Birthday. ..

## Editor's Note And Trivia Question

### the Editor's Notes:

The dead line for the September Q-Match will be Aug. 24th, 2007. Again if there is anything you would like to see in the Q-Match please send it in and you may include pictures. Please call me at 330-394-3560 or email kc8ral@yahoo.com, Without input I can not put out the monthly Newsletter...

I have been asked by several members why there was no trivia question , so here is this months question, good luck to everyone... It's really an easy one....

### August Trivia:

Which of the following systems of code is not used in modern radio communications?

- A.) American Morse Code
- B.) Radiotelegraph
- C.) Continental Code
- D.) International Morse Code

Please let me know your answer by E-mail or when you see me at any club event.





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