

# Q-MATCH

August

2006

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## W8P Special Event

What started out as a wet and miserable weekend actually wound up as being a fairly good weekend for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Packard Car Show and WARA 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Event!

The event started Friday evening with set up. We had several members of the club there to lend a helping hand. This year we even had a Warren Police Officer there to see one of our members in action with his neat little antenna stringer.

The event officially started on Saturday about 8 am with the setup of radios and getting operators on the air. Of course the weather just tried everything in its power to dampen our spirits and the car show attendance, which wasn't very impressive that day. But our op-



erators were diligent and determined to see a successful event. By the close of the first day we had a little over 100 contacts in about 4 1/5-5 hrs.

The second day dawned foggy and fairly dry. So our diligent operators were back at the mike again making contacts. By late morning the car show was expanding to the whole parking lot, so we had a nice parade of cars to check out most of the afternoon. The 20 meter band was per-

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## Sunshine and Sick

This month a has been a good month for most of our members are well . The only member is the hospital right now is Lisa Eckenrode, KC8VHB and that is because

she had a complete knee replacement. From what I hear she is doing well and in rehab right now. She is in Greenville Hospital, Greenville, Pa .



Here's to a speedy recovery

**Schedule of Events  
For WARA**

- August 1...WARA Meeting 7:30 pm St Johns Orthodox Church,2220 Reeves Rd NE Warren,Ohio
- August 5...breakfast Wayside in Champion @ 9am
- August 7...Brunch, W. Farmington Sr. Center 10am
- August 12... PCARS 2 Meter Simplex Contest 11;59am-11:59 pm
- August 14... Brunch , W. Farmington Sr. Center 10am
- August 15... WARA Meeting ,7:30pm place to be announced on Wens. Net Aug 9th
- August 19... Breakfast , Wayside @ 9am

- August 19... Set up WARA Ham fest, Kent State Trumbull Campus
- August 20... WARA Hamfest
- August 21...brunch W. Farmington, Sr Center 10 am
- August 26... Brunch , FACES in Newton Falls 11 am
- August 28... Brunch , W. Farmington Sr Center 10 am



# August 2006

**Check Schedule list of events and times**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Meeting	2 KD8BIC	3	4	5 Breakfast
6	7 Brunch	8	9 KC8PVB	10	11	12 PCARS 2 Meter
13	14 Brunch	15 Meeting	16 KC8RAL	17	18	19 Breakfast
20 WARA HAMFEST	21 Brunch	22	23 KC8QZR	24	25	26 FACES
27	28 Brunch	29	30 KC8VVYS	31		

**WARA's 2 meter net ever Wednesday Night on 145.970 at 9 pm**

## PCARS 2 Meter Simplex Sprint Contest

Sat August 12,2006 from 11:59am—11:59 pm

This sprint contest is sponsored by the Portage County Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS). The purpose of this contest is to encourage amateurs to learn the basics of contesting and simplex operations and expand the scope of their VHF operating techniques beyond that needed for repeater operation.

The contest is open to all— you don't have to be a member of PCARS, you don't have to even be inside Portage County. You

can operate from home, mobile, or portable. Even if your

passing through( or near) Portage County. Heck, you do not even have to be a “contester” to have fun during this sprint-just have some FUN!

For more information and the forms for this contest you can contact the coordinator, Joe, W8KNO at w8kno@portcars.org or visit their web site at

Editors Note: Apologizes to PCARS for adding an extra letter to your name in last months issue

## Youth

Greetings to all. First let me say that I apologize for not having an article July's Q-Match. It has been a very stressful time in my life with family problems of all different types. Enough with the update, lets get to the meat and potatoes.

We had Kids day on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Eastwood Mall community booth in Niles Ohio. Setup started at 12:00pm and we operated from 1:00pm until approximately 7:00pm. This event was a decent success as we had about 7-10 children on the radio. Many club members showed

up to help with this event and I would like to extend my gratitude to them: Mark KC8BIC, Jackie KD8DNE, Sue KC8VHC, Robert KC8QRZ, Pauline KD8CTI, Billy N8VOR, Lisa KC8VHB, Sherman KC8YHJ, Chris KD8BHR, Jonathan Assoc., Paul Wagner, Julie Morris Assoc., Robin Terlecky Assoc., Bob KC8PVB, and Mike KC8WUX thank you so much for your support in my endeavors. If I missed anybody I do truly apologize, these are the members that I have on my list.

Next on the list is an

upcoming event that showed up on short notice. On Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> we will have an operating station at the Austintown Salvation Army on Mahoning Av. This event is held by the Salvation Army and other events are to include a petting zoo, kid's identikit (courtesy of the Salvation Army I believe), food/game vendors, and more. Each booth will have a youth oriented event of some type. Due to a scheduling problem, I am unable to get this date off work; however I would like to thank Robert KC8QZR, and Chris KD8BHR, for stepping up and taking this event for me. They will be putting children on the air on 2 meters as

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## July and August Birthdays

I would like to apologize to everyone that had a birthday in July I will post July and August birthdays, again so sorry.

### July's Birthdays

7/7.....K8KAE ... Ed Chopco Sr  
7/17...KC8VYS..... Roger  
7/29...K8WRM.....Jack  
7/ 30...WB8PHH.....Frank  
7/ 31...KC8TAP .....Richard  
7/ 31.. KB8YWY.....Allen

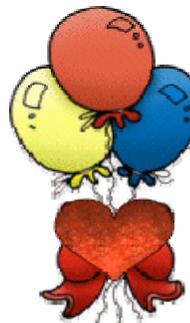
### August Birthdays

8/2..... KB8ULG ...Stanley  
8/2.....KC8QZR...Robert  
8/3.....KC8VHB...Lisa  
8/13 .....Shirley Van Slyke  
8/14.....KD8BIC... Mark  
8/15.....KZ8T.....Dave  
8/21....WA8ABE...William  
8/22 ....K8JLK .....Dick  
8/22.....KF8MG...Karl

8/24....KB8UXJ...Sue

8/26....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....

## W8P Special Event cont'

forming beautifully for our operators and even with a 20 minute down pour they were able to make a total of 257 contacts covering 42 of the 52 United States and 6 out of the 11 Canada Providences. It's a shame that we weren't able to make any contacts outside the US and Canada, the state we made the most contacts in was New York with 21 followed by Texas with 15.

I would like to give KUDOS

to our two weekend warriors who stuck with the 20 meter thru rain and shine, Robert Meeker KC8QZR and Mark Cassidy KD8BIC. I don't want to forget the others that had a hand in making this event a success: Sherman Davidson KC8YHJ, Chris KD8BHR, Jackie KD8DNE, Ed Shepard KC8URX, Julie, Reno Principi KC8LCW, Bob Maurer KC8PVB and Peter Kozup K8OUA.

73 Gail KC8LRH

To the left is KC8UAX just waiting for his turn at the mike.



Below is K8OUA hoping to make a few contacts



## SWAP -N- SHOP

**Wanted:** Kantronics owners manual Lee Grenter KA8JGX, 330-872-0362

### FOR SALE

- 1) RG-58/U – 9 FT. Coax cable jumper (with both PL-259 male terminals) – asking \$5.00. a) Mirage B-108 2-meter RF amplifier (all-mode, 75 watts out max) – asking \$75.00. b) Computer

monitor screen – by Delta Electronics – asking for any respectable price. c) Mitsumi computer keyboard – asking for any respectable price. d) Seven inch Rubber-Duck HT Antenna for 2-meters - asking \$5.00. Please contact Greg Kovach, WB8WUA – 330-652-1005

- 1) **For Sale:** BC 248 LLT 50 channel scanner, am/fm radio, one touch weather with manual and box. \$50.00

210XLT no manual or box. Fully programmable, \$30.00 contact Bill Eckenrode N8VOR-330-872-5045

Here is August trivia question. Please if anyone knows the answer email or call me to give the answer. There just might be a prize for you.....



Everyone knows the product Cracker Jacks and that the little sailor boy named was Sailor Jack . But does anyone know the name of the dog? Is it

- A) Cracker
- B) Bingo
- C) Chance
- D) Sailor

# Hamfest

Happy August everyone. The closer our hamfest date is getting the busier the committees and I am becoming. I am hoping to have enough volunteers selling tickets at the entrance gates to have them only working a 2-3 hr shift, but as looks right now that's not going to happen, I am still in need of a few people to help in that department, so Please sign up with me at the next meeting or by emailing me at [kd8dne@hotmail.com](mailto:kd8dne@hotmail.com). Our

youth director is also in need of one more volunteers. I need to know who the people are that are doing the VE testing this year, so please contact me as soon as possible.

We will be selling our Charlene farms raffle tickets August 6 from 8am to closing and August 7 from 8am to noon at Charlene farms in Southington and need volunteers. We still have at least 1000 tickets to sell before the hamfest so

please see me if you know someone or if you would like to purchase some or even try to sell a few to your friends and neighbors. IF you have any questions or need information about the hamfest or the tickets please contact me at 440-669-8267 or email [kd8dne@hotmail.com](mailto:kd8dne@hotmail.com).  
Jackie, KD8DNE

*Charlene Farms Tickets are still for sale so anyone would like to have please contact me*

## Youth cont'

our youth activity. on the radio and talk to some kids. I will post follow up information in September's Q-Match as it becomes Available.

The next major kids event will be JOTA on the third weekend in October (Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>). I am contacting Mr. Johnson as we speak to find out the exact date and times the scouts will be having their Trail blazer event at Camp Stigwan-

dish in Madison. I know, I can hear the collective groan from here and I understand. Sadly, the boy scouts of America no longer own Camp Chickagami in Parkman, and have limited use rights for the next 2 years or so. The only scouting event held at this time of year is the Trail Blazer event at Stigwandish. However we were invited by request of the BSA to do our JOTA event at Stigwandish, and when we held it there the first time in 2004, it was a great success. I will give more details once I get them.

In closing I would like to thank all the members and Associate Members for their support in all that we have done with youth so far. Believe me, it is making a difference. We are becoming known, and new doors are beginning to open Please help me keep it up for the sake of youth and the future of our hobby. Until next time 73 and hope all have a great month.

Roger KC8VYS

### Editors Notes: September Q-match deadline is Sunday August 20,2006

**midnight.** Thanks everyone for their input. If there is any questions or corrections please let me know and I will issue a correction or apology, which ever is necessary. I would like to thank Sue KC8VHC and Jackie KD8DNE for proofreading the articles .  
Editor, Emily KC8RAL

## 2006 WARA Field Day Reflections

Since my article of last month of have had time to review the finer details with regards to our Field Day event this year. Also I had the task of making sure that our information was posted accurately and timely to the ARRL folks for our entry, and I learned much from my second year of performing that task.

In summary, as I stated before, the location and the event overall was a great homerun. I have received no negative comments to date and if you do have an issue (good or bad) PLEASE bring them up at one of our formal meetings. Our Club is strong only by reflecting the needs by our members and if you keep a concern about any of our events to yourself, or do not share it at a meeting, we never have a chance to "fix it" ..

First off, I learned many things about "amateur event" computer logging. Since I have used computer logging for years It was not a problem to setup a couple of computers with the correct software and show the operators how to log. I think that did work out very well as I was able to extract the information needed by the ARRL easily and accurately. Having the computers interact with the radios and Ham Call lookup also worked well. And we had very few dups. with

this system.

However I did learn some new things to utilize for next years Field Day that I would like to share:

### ***Setup a common Log Server***

computer so that all entries will go into one file. This will prevent dups. from the same band being worked on a separate station. And also allow a single database for all contacts. So if a computer should go home early, the log will stay there. The software I use has this great feature built in, which I discovered after our event. So look for this enhancement at next years Field Day.

### ***Pay close attention to paperwork.***

This is always a challenge each year. However this Field Day I think we did the best ever. It is very hard to keep in mind everything that needs to be documented as we go though Field Day. As it is easy to be caught up in the moment. This year we had great documentary photos taken, and the ARRL messages prepared ahead of time. Also the interaction

with the local news and television stations was great. Improvements that I plan make for next year are to have single card "Quick Tips" at all operator stations for logging. Including information on call sign to use and station type. Also I will be making sure our GOTA station has the information and processes they need to operate.

### ***Encourage more Club members to participate.***

While I believe that at this past field day we have had the greatest number of Club Members participating, and visiting, then prior years. I think we can do even better. So if you do have a suggestion please bring it to the table at a future meeting. This is a "Club" event and the more members that participate, the more fun it is for all.

So this is my list of items to work on for next years ARRL Field Day Event. Now what are your comments and suggestions?

73'

Bob / KC8PVB

## Paper Chase

CEOZ

Juan Fernandez Island holds a history unto itself. Can you answer the following four questions?

1. What other name is Juan Fernandez Island known?
2. Who is its most famous visitor?
3. What novel did his visit inspire?
4. Who wrote the novel?

Read the answers below:



View from Selkirk look

Frequently history is stranger than fiction and none more so than in the tale of Alexander Selkirk: the

real-life Robinson Crusoe.

Born in 1766, the seventh son of a cobbler, Alexander Selkirk grew up in Lower Largo,

Fife. At the age of 19 he found himself in trouble with the Kirk Session after his brother's trick of making him drink sea water resulted in a family fight. Before his case was heard, Selkirk fled to sea hoping to make his fortune through privateering (effectively legalized piracy on the King's enemies) against Spanish vessels off the coast of South America.

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## Young Ham of the Year

The Newline Young Ham of the Year - Kathy Ferry, NC8F, of Silver Lake (Summit County) was honored during the Wednesday, July 26th Akron Aeros Double A baseball game at Akron's Canal Park.

Pictured here she is shown on the field before the game with Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE (second from left), her father Bruce Ferry, AK8B, (left) and Cuyahoga Falls ARC president Bob McFadden, K8RJM. Kathy, an Extra Class ham who was first licensed at the age of ten, is the club's newsletter editor.

Now a little about this young lady:

Cathy, who is from Silver Lake, Ohio, is the daughter of Bruce Ferry, AK8B, and the late Joan Ferry. She was first licensed at the age of 10 and had her Extra Class ticket by age 13. For the past two years, she's served as editor of the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Newsletter and received an honorable mention in the 2004 ARRL Ohio Section Newsletter Contest. She's also serving as an Assistant Emergency Coordinator and secretary of the Summit County Red Cross Amateur Radio Club.

*She was first licensed at the age of 10 and had her Extra Class ticket by age 13.*

She is a music major at Baldwin Wallace College near Cleveland and will receive the Young Ham of the Year at the August Huntsville (AL) Hamfest. (Photo by Beth McFadden.)

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## Paper Chase cont'

Within a few years his skill at navigation led to his appointment as Sailing Master on the 'Cinque Ports', a sixteen gun, ninety ton privateer. The expedition was a disaster. The captain of the ship was a tyrant and after a few sea battles with the Spanish, Selkirk feared the ship would sink. So, in an attempt to save his own life he demanded to be put ashore on the next island they encountered. In September 1704, Selkirk was castaway on the uninhabited island of Más a Tierra (today known as Robinson Crusoe Island), over 400 miles off the West Coast of Chile. He took with him a little clothing, bedding, a musket and power, some tools, a Bible and tobacco.

At first Selkirk simply read his Bible awaiting rescue, but it soon became apparent that the rescue wasn't imminent. He resigned himself to a long stay and began to make island life habitable with only rats, goats and cats for company in his lonely vigil.

After several years of isolation, two ships drew into the island's bay. Selkirk rushed to

the shore, realizing a little late that they were Spanish. Their landing party fired, forcing him to flee for his life although he managed to evade capture and the Spaniards eventually departed.

Finally On 1st of February 1709, two British privateers dropped anchor off-shore. Alexander lit his signal fire to alert the ships, who dispatched a rather astonished landing party to find a 'wildman' dressed in goat skins. Remarkably the privateers' pilot was William Dampier, who had led the Selkirk's original expedition and was able



to vouch for the 'wildman'.

Selkirk had spent four years and four months of isolation on the island, yet seemed stable when he was

found. The experience had, in fact, saved his life.

From William Dampier he learnt that he had been right to leave the 'Cinque Ports', which had sunk off the coast of Peru with all of its crew drowned except the captain and another seven men, who had survived only to be captured and left to rot in a Peruvian jail.

Selkirk re-embarked on his career as a privateer and within a year he was master of the ship that rescued him. In 1712 he returned to Scotland £800 richer, and surprised his family as they worshipped at the Kirk in Largo. They had long given him up for dead and were

astonished that he was alive, let alone alive in his fine, gold and lace clothes. In 1713 he published an account of his adventures which were fictionalized six years later by Daniel Defoe in his now famous novel: 'Robinson Crusoe'.

Selkirk, however, could never really readjust to life on the land, and, in 1720, a year after he was immortalized by Defoe, he joined the Royal Navy only to die of fever off the coast of Africa.

### Section Nets

Buckeye (early):	1845	3.577
Buckeye (late):	2200	3.577

Ohio Slow:	1810	3.708
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Ohio Single Sideband:		
1030, 1615, 1845		3.9725

Times are Eastern.

## Upcoming Events

SPONSOR	LOCATION	DATE	CONTACT
Van Wert ARC	Van Wert	July 16	WD8LLO (419-238-2812)
Portage ARC Hamfair	Randolph	July 30	ljsolak@apk.net
Ham O'Rama	Columbus	August 5	kb8kpj@arri.net
Northwest ARC	Lima	August 12	fairradio@fairradio.com
Warren ARA	KSU (Champion, Ohio)	August 20	jacquelinewilliams03@hotmail.com
Findlay RC	Hancock County Fairgrounds	September 10	kanga@bright.net
GCARA (Cincinnati)	Diamond Oaks CDC	September 17	stanco49@aol.com
Hamfest Association	Cleveland	September 24	info@hac.org
Massillon ARC	Massillon	October 29	truss@sssnet.com

If your activity is not listed, contact the ARRL at <hamfests@arri.org> or the Section Manager. Or if you have yet to file the application, do so at <greatakes.arri.org>.

While we wish all Ohio Section hamfests are ARRL affiliated hamfests, it is not a requirement to be listed on the ARRL web site hamfest list or to be listed here. So some Ohio hamfests may not be listed here yet because paperwork is not complete as of publication date. Get your paperwork done on-line immediately at <greatakes.arri.org>. It is never too early to begin promotion of your event. The best strategy is to fill out the paperwork for next year the day after your hamfest this year.

## ARRL Auction

The ARRL may be giving eBay and the other auction sites a little competition in the Amateur Radio arena this fall when the first ARRL Online Auction gets under way. Auction proceeds will help to support the League's educational services and programs.

The event now is in the planning stages, says ARRL Business Services Manager Deb Jahnke, K1DAJ. "We will soon embark on an exciting new venture," Jahnke said in providing the broad strokes of the online auction to ARRL Headquarters staff members. Jahnke and her Business Ser-

vices team will organize and manage the event, which is planned for late October -- the exact dates haven't been set yet -- and she promises it will be lots of fun. "This will not be just another boring auction, because we plan to include many unique and special items related to Amateur Radio," she said. "We are hoping to offer items that will interest our audience, ranging from DXpedition vacation rentals to restored Collins 75A4s." Jahnke says this inaugural online auction will be limited to 100 items.

The auction will be open to all -- ARRL members and otherwise. Bidders just need online access to take part. "With an online auction, we can reach potential bidders across the nation and around the world," Jahnke pointed out. Jahnke says she anticipates that the online auction will be open for about two weeks, and participants will need to register in advance. At this stage, she says, the auction planners are seeking additional ideas but no auction booty as yet. Contact Jahnke via e-mail <[djahnke@arri.org](mailto:djahnke@arri.org)>.

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