

# The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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## hamfest 2002

Club Treasurer Karl Gerlt, KF8MG, proclaimed this year's hamfest, held on August 18, 2002, to be one of the more successful in recent years. Beautiful weather and good organization by the Hamfest Chairperson Renee, KB8SVF, made the club's most important fundraiser a good one. Well over a thousand people showed up for the day, and they enjoyed an excellent outdoor flea market. While the number of inside vendors appeared to be down somewhat from previous years, this was more than made up for by the number of outdoor flea market sellers.

The Hamfest VE session, run by Dennis, N8IVE, saw a total of 14 tests taken. This resulted in 6 new technician class licenses, 4 new general class licenses (these were all paperwork upgrades), 1 general theory exam passed (no upgrade as the CW portion was not taken), and 3 people failed their tests. VE's present included Andy -- N8YR, Lee -- KA8TGX, Dave -- WA8IWJ, Jerry Wheeler -- KG8RN, and Dennis -- N8IVE.

Winners of the hamfest prizes were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize -- Icom 706 HF transceiver -- Cecil Magargee, N3CM, Sharpsville PA

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize -- HP Computer -- Lawrence Goray, Streetsboro, Ohio

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize -- \$200 cash -- Ann Gerlt, XYL of club member Karl Gerlt.

The club would like to thank the members of Boy Scout Troop 25 for

their help in parking cars on the day. A big thanks also to all the club members who showed up on the day to work. And, of course, a special thanks to the Hamfest Chairperson, Renee McCaman KB8SVF, for the excellent job she did in getting the show off the ground. A sign that the hamfest was successful can be seen by the fact that Renee did not announce after the event that she "will NOT be organizing the hamfest again next year," as normally happens.

As happens every year, the pre-hamfest picnic was held on Saturday night, August 17. Organized by Activities Chair Ada Simons, KC8MTZ, the picnic was well attended and the food particularly good. Ada would like to thank all of the club ladies who provided great food and a lot of help to her while she was trying to put it all together.

## awards banquet

The annual Awards Banquet will be held this year on September 22, 2002. The Banquet is being organized by Ada Simons, KC8MTZ, our Activities Chairperson. It will be held at the Golden Gate Restaurant on Parkman Rd. in Warren, and will begin at 5.30 PM on that evening. This is the night at which we remember all those who have done good things for the club over the past year. Of course we also remember some others on the same evening. It's a

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fun night, one that many of our members look forward to each year. For

those members who have worked at the Hamfest, Field Day, the Packard Special Event station, or the Trumbull County Fair, or for those who have held a club office over the past year, dinner is free on that night, compliments of the club. For guests or those who have not worked at the events mentioned, cost of the dinner will be \$12.00.

Ada requests that you get your reservations in early, and she definitely needs them by September 14. Call Ada on 330 847-0005.

The Awards Chairman reminds us that if you know of anyone in the Club who you think deserves a special award you should contact him – that is, Pete Kozup, K8OUA, either by phone at 330 847-0975, email at [pkozup@juno.com](mailto:pkozup@juno.com).

## Lucky warren

When Ned, KB3CZE, bought a 50-50 ticket at the WARA hamfest he told me that he knew he would win. And, sure enough when the winning ticket was drawn, it was his. Ned based his prediction on a series of coincidences that made him sure that he would win something on the day. After all, Ned was at the Warren Hamfest, sponsored by the Warren Amateur Radio Association, in Warren, Ohio, and he himself was from Warren, Pennsylvania with a last name of, yep, you guessed it, Warren. Congratulations to Ned Warren, KB3CZE, of Warren, Pa. We hope to see you here in Warren, Ohio often, Ned.

## Happy birthday

You'd think that the cold dark month of January would result in many September birthdays, but it's not the case. While we have only a small number of birthdays in September, we

wish each of them the greatest of special days.

9/15 – Larry Durkos, N8WRT

9/16 – Velma Telford, Associate

9/21 – Sandee Fairman, Associate

9/26 – Dennis Carraher, N8IVE

9/30 – Andrew Shine, N8YR

To each of these club members we extend an ARL FORTY-SIX.

## Upcoming election

ARRL Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, advises that with the recent resignation of Great Lakes Division Director George Race, WB8BGY, there will be an election for a new Great Lakes Division Director. The Great Lakes Division includes the ARRL sections of Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky. Three candidates have filed for Great Lakes Division Director in the fall election. Pending certification of petitions, the following candidates met the deadline for the office:

Paul Daley, WT8S, Canal Winchester, Ohio (near Columbus).

Gary Johnston, KI4LA, Edgewood, Kentucky.

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Mason, Ohio (near Cincinnati).

As there was no other candidate filing for vice director, the current Vice Director, Dick Mondro, W8FQT, Dearborn Heights, MI, was declared elected. Gary Johnston, KI4LA, had been Vice Director until the resignation of George Race, WB8BGY, in mid-July, and has been serving as interim Director since that time.

Elections will be held for Division Director this month. Ballots will be mailed out to those who are full ARRL

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members as of September 10, 2002, and should be received no later than October 1, 2002. Members will then have until November 15, 2002 to have their completed ballot in to ARRL Headquarters. More information about the candidates can be found in August QST.

## Annual section meeting

Each year the Ohio Section of the ARRL has an annual meeting in Columbus. This year the meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2002. I have attended this meeting on several occasions, and it is an interesting event. It is open to any ARRL member and you only need to show up to attend. The meeting will be held at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency Headquarters at 2855 West Dublin-Granville Rd. (State Route 161) in Columbus. The agenda includes reports from the Section Manager, Traffic Manager, State Government Liaison, Division Director, Technical Coordinator, Official Observer, and a demonstration of Amateur Radio Positioning System mode. A pizza lunch is provided. The meeting begins at 8.30 AM on Saturday September 14. If you need more info contact the *Q-Match* editor, Pete Kozup, K8OUA, at 330 847-0975, or on email at [pkozup@juno.com](mailto:pkozup@juno.com).

## Two meter net

The weekly W8VTD Wednesday night two meter net is going strong. We seem to get new members often, and some old-timers check in periodically after months or years away. When was the last time you QN'ed (checked in) on Wednesday night? If it's been awhile, why not try it out again? Net Control Stations for September and October follow.

September 4 – Fred, N9BSO  
September 11 – Bob, KC8PVB  
September 18 – Frank, KC8PUZ  
September 25 – Pete, K8OUA  
October 2 – Andy, N8YR  
October 9 – Fred, N9BSO  
October 16 – Bob, KC8PVB  
October 23 – Frank, KC8PUZ  
October 30 – Pete, K8OUA

Again, if you'd like to try your hand at being a Net Control Station contact Fred Olver, N9BSO, and get your name on the list. Fred's can be reached at [creacher@onecom.com](mailto:creacher@onecom.com).

## Ve corner

The WARA VE team assisted at the Portage County ARA hamfest on July 28. At that hamfest 15 exams were given, 8 were passed. One person earned an Extra Class license, one a General Class license, and six earned Technician Class licenses. WARA members who assisted in the testing included Delbert Shafer, WD8KXD, Dave White, WA8IWJ, and Bill Showers, WB8S.

Joanne Solak, KJ3O, of the Portage club expressed that club's appreciation to the WARA for its continued support of their annual VE Testing program during the club's hamfest at the Randolph Fair Grounds. Joanne stated that they are looking forward to the 2003 hamfest and WARA's help again for next year.

## Classified

FOR SALE machine shop equipment –  
18 X 24 Granite Surface plate with stand  
18" Vernier height gage  
36 piece gage blocks  
5" sine bar  
Dial indicator  
All items are like new. Contact Henry Parise, NZ8W, at 330 399-1959.

FOR SALE: Black metal desk, \$40; Filing Cabinet, \$10; Electric Heater, \$25; 40 Meter Rotatable Dipole, \$50. Contact Donna Craiger at 330 889-2602.

## Do you remember

Soldering irons that had to be heated over a gas heater

## Kudos

Some members seem almost always to be there when things are happening. A good example of such a member is Chuck Simpkins, KA8FUP. Chuck has, of course, been in charge of a number of projects over the years, and has carried these out well. But, whether he's in charge or not, he is almost always at club events giving a hand at whatever needs done. One of the neatest things about Chuck is that he always shows up with a smile on his face and a friendly manner that makes him one of the club's more popular members.

9/4 2 Mtr net, 146.97 MHz, 9 PM  
9/7 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  
9/9 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
9/11 2 Mtr net, 146.97 MHz 9 PM  
9/14 Ohio Section Mtg, Columbus, see article this issue  
9/16 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
9/17 WARA Mtg TCTC 7.30 PM  
9/18 2 Mtr net, 146.97 MHz, 9 PM  
9/21 Breakfast Wayside Inn, 9 AM  
9/22 WARA Awards Banquet, see article this issue  
9/23 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM  
9/25 2 Mtr net, 146.97 MHz, 9 PM  
9/28 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest, Newton Falls, 12 Noon  
9/30 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

## welcome

New members to our club include George Houtz, Associate, and Mark Blythe, KC8UKX. Welcome to you both.

## September calendar

9/3 WARA Mtg TCTC 7.30 PM