

# The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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## Awards banquet

The annual WARA Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, September 26 at the J.D. Posthouse on the corner of Glendola St. NW and Mahoning Ave. in Champion. The events are scheduled to begin at about 5.00 PM. 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.

The Awards Banquet is one of those events that is at the top of the ladder in terms of things you won't want to miss. Unless you've been hiding out it is probably free of charge. It is also a lot of fun and quite an enjoyable evening. Awards Chairman Pete Kozup, K8OUA, asks that anyone knowing of someone who deserves an award contact him at either 330 395-0975 or by email at [k8oua@yahoo.com](mailto:k8oua@yahoo.com).

For more information on the Awards Banquet contact Ada or John Simons directly at 330 847-0005 or at [Ab8gx@aol.com](mailto: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.

## News – an editorial

You might notice that this issue contains a lot of ARRL news and news from outside of our local club. The reason is that I have not received the sort of local news I need to include in the *Q-Match*. The club has had a number of activities over the summer months, but it is very difficult to get the information on these events if members do not send that information to me. So, as editor, I implore you, please send me information on the things you are doing in the club, the events that have been run, contacts you've made, or whatever it is that has rung your bell over the past month or so. Send any such info to me at [k8oua@yahoo.com](mailto:k8oua@yahoo.com) or leave a message for me on the landline at 330 395-0975. I'll do all I can to include it in the next issue.

## Hamfest

The WARA annual hamfest was held last month and was a fairly successful one. I do not have the figures as to the number in attendance or the amount of income the club made, but it has been estimated that the numbers were down on the day. Still, the weather was great and the flea market was thriving. A great number of winners were found in all sorts of places. For the record here are the winners of various prizes for the day. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of the HF transceiver was Ed Santaviecs, AA8TV, of Lakewood, Ohio. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize was taken by Jim Wilson, Hamfest (cont. . . .)

W8OA, of Mansfield. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize was won by William Reeker of Beaver Falls, PA. The winners of the hourly drawings were Ron Naviglia, WA3HOL, Gary Grimes, KB8GAB, Steve Dando, K8QXB, and Don Frances WB8YZF. The mobile checkin prize winner was N2COD, and the 50/50 drawing was won by Richard Bell, KC8TAP. Andy Shine, N8YR, was the winner of the Icom T90A.

Congratulations not only to the prize winners, but to WARA members who worked so very hard on the day. Special congratulations to Richard Bell, KC8TAP, for doing an excellent job as Hamfest Chairman. Great job Richard.

## Happy birthday

Here's wishing a happy birthday to the following club members who celebrate their birthday in September.

Sept. 15 – Larry Durkos – N8WRT  
 Sept. 16 – Velma Telford -- Associate  
 Sept. 20 – April Reisinger – KC8VUN  
 Sept. 21 – Sandee Starr -- Associate  
 Sept. 26 – Dennis Carraher – N8IVE  
 Sept. 30 – Andy Shine – N8YR

As usual we extend the heartiest of birthday greetings to these members and wish them the best of days.

## Drivers needed

The WARA has a number of disabled members who require assistance in getting to meetings and other club functions. We have organized a small committee, the Transportation Committee, to try to round up some members to pick up others who can not get to meetings. Unfortunately, it has been hard to get drivers. Some members regularly bring in a specific member who needs a lift, but there are still members who can not get to meetings and would

like to. So, how about sending an email to either Pete Kozup, K8OUA, (k8oua@yahoo.com) or Fred Olver, N9BSO (creacher@onecom.com), and volunteering to pick up a member to bring to a meeting or to a club event. There's really no need to think about this, we're all friends in this club. So, DON'T think about it, just DO IT!!

## Classifieds

EPSON Stylus color printer model 640 with extra black cartridge \$25.00  
 MUSTEK 1200 IIIEP Flat Bed Scanner (for windows) \$10.00  
 NEW ADI AT-201 2m Hand Held Transceiver With rechargeable battery \$60.00  
 All with manuals. Contact: Rupe Harris N8HHM

## Nets

Both of the club's nets, the 2 meter net and the ten meter net are going well. If you haven't checked into the nets for awhile you should make the effort to do so. A lot of useful info is being passed, and it's great to get together on the medium we use, radio, to socialize. The ten meter net, which meets on 28.375 MHz, is run by Fred, N9BSO, and Ken, KC8TML. Here is the list of Net Controls for the two meter net for September and October.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Andy, N8YR  
 Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Emily, KC8RAL  
 Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Bob, KC8PVB  
 Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lisa, KC8VHB  
 Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – Pete, K8OUA  
 Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Andy, N8YR  
 Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Emily, KC8RAL  
 Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Bob, KC8PVB  
 Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Lisa, KC8VHB

If you'd like to try your hand at being Net Control some evening, why not give  
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Fred, N9BSO, a call and let him know you're interested.

## Cert training

At the time of this newsletter several WARA members have joined a number of other local residents in training aimed at providing assistance to the safety forces, fire, police, and medical, during emergencies such as weather emergencies, earthquake, or even terrorist emergencies. The training is known as CERT or Community Emergency Response Team. While not strictly an amateur radio function, hams would obviously be called upon to assist with communications and other needs during a local emergency. WARA members seen at the meetings include Pete, K8OUA, Jerry, ND8E, Gail, KC8LRH, Emmy, KC8RAL, Fred, N9BSO, and Sue, KC8VHB. (I've listed these by memory, so if I've left out a name or two I apologize and will mention them next month!! – editor).

## From the great lakes director

We normally do not received a report from the Great Lakes Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE, but this month I received two – one on my email, and one from President Bob. So, I've decided to print it all for you to peruse. It follows --

I've been forgetting to mention this, but I appreciate receiving club newsletters. I don't want to add to club expenses, so if your newsletter is available via the Internet, please put me on the list either to send it to me by E-mail or to send the notice when an issue becomes available.

Thanks to the many editors who already are sending me their newsletters.

Speaking of newsletters, don't forget that the Division winner of the newsletter contests will be announced at the Great Lakes Division Convention March 19, 2005 (see, I can get it right!). The Convention is the day before the Toledo Hamfest which, according to the answer I got when I included my toes in the counting, is March 20. Tnx to the Toledo Mobile Radio Association for sponsoring the Convention this coming year.

I'm so thrilled that I finally typed the dates correctly that I'm going to stop on this topic right where I am. You know, "Stop while you're ahead!" (I usually get the sense that I should "stop while I'm not any farther behind!")

BPL

The campaign season for the coming National elections is clearly upon us. This season provides us with a tremendous opportunity to lobby our US Representatives and US Senators concerning interference from BPL. They will be touring their Congressional Districts seeking votes and will be very available to voters when they do this. Go to their rallies. Take every opportunity given for you to meet the candidate even if only for a minute. Talk to them about the devastating interference BPL can cause if it is not fully controlled by the FCC.

Try to get a meeting with them at a more relaxed time to discuss the damage BPL interference can cause to public safety and law enforcement agencies if it is left uncontrolled.

REGULATION BY BAND WIDTH

## Great lakes director (cont. . . .)

Thanks to concerted effort by a few ARRL Board members, including yours truly, you have seen a historic degree of discussion of the Board's petition to move from regulating our amateur bands based upon type of emission to regulating by the bandwidth of emissions. To this date, I've received (via forward from HQ or direct E-mail) only a half dozen comments since the proposal was published in synopsis form on the web.

One of these strongly favored the proposal while two were in the manner of questions for clarification. The other three notes expressed disapproval although there were no technical reasons cited for the disapproval.

A number of Great Lakes Division members had asked questions prior to the publication of the proposal's synopsis after reading comments I have made on the proposal over past months. Again, these questions expressed uncertainties over the proposal, but this was natural. The details of it had not yet been published.

I intend to give my formal blessing to forwarding a petition for rulemaking to the FCC to regulate by bandwidth and not by mode of transmission. My reasoning for this is: 1) There has been quite a bit of discussion via the E-mail and in forums I've presided over in recent months about the bandwidth proposal. 2) There have been no firm objections raised against the bandwidth proposal by you members. 3) Finally, I believe after reviewing the proposal and the background to it that regulation by bandwidth vs. mode is the best way to

go to promote the future development of Amateur Radio.

## CONGRATULATIONS GLD SMs

In closing, I wish to extend my congratulations to all three of the Section Managers in the Great Lakes Division for being returned to their offices for another two-year term. The three are dedicated and hardworking and deserve the support of every member in their individual Sections. Great jobs, Dale, Joe and John.

PS

I finally remembered to prepare this note in Plain Text form rather than html. I hope this gets rid of the quote-unquote and other such gobbledygook translational errors from the last issue.

73,

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## A note from joe

Here is another article from Joe Wehner, W8KNO. Thanks again, Joe, for your very welcome contribution.

## PAPER CHASE

September and October are great months if you like QSO Parties as two of the biggest will occur, the Texas and California. Five years ago, when I was just getting interested in contesting, during the California QSO Party I made 108 contacts in 50 counties on ten meters with 25 watts output. Though the conditions on ten meters have changed, the other bands have plenty of activity.

At the same time I was starting contesting, a special event occurred in preparation of the the 75th Anniversary

A note from joe (cont. . . .)

of Route 66. This year will mark the 5th annual event. The event occurs from 0000Z September 4<sup>th</sup> until 2400Z September 12th. You will be able to find the stations in the vicinity of the following frequencies: SSB - 3866, 7266, 14266, 18166, 21366, 24966, 28466 and 50166 KHz. For the avid CW operator you will find them near - 3533, 7033, 10110, 14033, 18080, 21033, 24900, 28033 and 50033 KHz. The first event in 2000 used call signs K6A through K6L with the stations in Chicago, St. Louis, Joplin, Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Gallup, Winona, Flagstaff, Kingman, Barstow, San Bernardino and Los Angeles. For the Anniversary, the call signs were W6A through W6J. Lebanon, Missouri was added; Amarillo, Texas was dropped; Albuquerque replaced Gallup in New Mexico as Williams, Arizona replaced both Kingman and Winona and finally in California Los Angeles was dropped. In 2002, The call signs were again a series of K calls, K6A through K6M, with K6M being a designated mobile driving from Chicago to Los Angeles. The changes that year were that Albuquerque was dropped, Kingman was added as was Los Angeles. In 2003, the call signs were N6A through N6N with N6A being in California and N6N being in Chicago, a reverse of the call signs. Also that year Santa Monica and Victorville were added in California and Amarillo returned in Texas. This year the call signs are W6A through W6O with W6A being in Chicago. Also, Elk City, Oklahoma will be a new participant. A certificate will cost \$3 and available from the Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, PO

Box 3788, San Bernardino, CA 92413. The application is available at [www.qsl.net/w6jbt](http://www.qsl.net/w6jbt). If you do not have internet access just contact me and I will give you an application. Hope you work them all! This is a fun event.

If you read any of the amateur radio journals you probably remember reading at one time or another about a mini DXpedition to the Dry Tortugas. You have probably asked yourself, what are the Dry Tortugas? Here is your answer: Almost 70 miles west of Key West, Florida lay a cluster of seven islands (discovered by Ponce de Leon in 1513), composed of coral reefs and sand. Along with the surrounding shoals and waters, they make up the Dry Tortugas National Park. The area is known for its famous bird and marine life and its legends of pirates and sunken gold.

During the 1600's and 1700's pirates used the area around these islands as a base for attacking merchant shipping in the Gulf of Mexico. Fort Jefferson, officially named after our country's third President, was built to protect the southern coastline of the United States and the lifeline of commerce to and from the Mississippi River. The Fort consists of a six-sided building constructed out of 16 million handmade red bricks, but it was never completed.

During and after the Civil War the fort began to be used as a prison for deserters and other criminals, most notably Dr. Samuel Mudd, who was sentenced to life in prison for his part in President Lincoln's assassination. In 1874, the army completely abandoned the fort after several hurricanes and a yellow fever epidemic. It wasn't until

## A note from joe (cont. . . .)

1898 that the military returned, in the form of the navy, which used the facilities during the Spanish-American War. The fort was also used from 1888 through 1900 as a quarantine station and was garrisoned again briefly during World War I. In 1908 the area became a wildlife refuge and transferred to the Department of Agriculture. On January 4, 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt designated Fort Jefferson as a National Monument, the world's first underwater unit protecting the endangered green sea turtle and the threatened loggerhead turtle. To protect both historical and natural features, the monument was upgraded to national park status in a bill signed by President George Bush on October 26, 1992.

Hope to hear you on the air,  
Joe - W8KNO

## Ohio section news

Section News (Ohio Section) for  
SEPTEMBER, 2004

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.

SEPTEMBER SECTION NEWS - IT'S BACK THIS YEAR - The 2004 Ohio Section Conference, which 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. In 2003, the Conference was canceled because the Great Lakes Division Convention was held the same week. It begins at 9 a.m. (Not 10 a.m. as originally announced.) The Ohio EMA address is 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road (Ohio 161) in Northwest Columbus.

PARADE OF VANS - Special treat this year's Ohio Section Conference will be the display of emergency vans from various county ARES programs in Ohio. Last time we did this, nine such vans made the trip - this year SEC John Chapman, WB8INY, is looking for a few more. At this display, you can see what other ARES programs are doing and the equipment they employ.

FOR OHIO OFFICIAL OBSERVERS - Here is the directory information for getting in touch with the OOC, if necessary. Please add to your address book or Palm Pilot -- Official Observer Coordinator Richard Swain, KK8O, 837 Timberlane Dr., Galion, OH 44833. Home phone (419) 468-6050. Email [kk8o@arrl.net](mailto:kk8o@arrl.net)

OHIO SECTION REMEMBERS - JOHN D. KRAUS, W8JK, (sk) of Delaware, well-known radio astronomer, antenna designer, cosmic explorer and author who died July 18. He is best known within the Amateur Radio community for his bi-directional wire beam antenna design--often dubbed the '8JK array'. ROBERT R. ADAMS, W8BKO (sk) of Columbus, the first Ohio Section winner



Ohio section news (cont. . . .)  
of the AB8P Severson Memorial award, and former leader in metallurgical and nuclear engineering projects for the Department of Defense, died August 10 in Columbus. His work on local emergency projects, for which he is noted since his program in the 1950s in Franklin County ARES served as model for the rest of Ohio.

PR NOTE TO EVERYONE - One of the Ohio Section Congrats (see below) concerns a story this ham got in his local newspaper. When you accomplish that in your area, please inform the Section Manager [k8qoe@arrl.org](mailto:k8qoe@arrl.org). Our national magazine, QST each month runs an example of these "Media Hits." Be nice if Ohio was represented each issue.

8TH CALL QSL BUREAU - Another reason to see the Voice of America Museum in West Chester (near Cincinnati) is to visit the 8th QSL bureau set up by bureau chief, Jay Slough, K4ZLE. This mini-post office always has hundreds of QSL cards passing though from all points of the planet.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - This Section has two daily operating CW traffic nets on 3.577MHz. Buckeye Net Early (BNE) is at 6:45 p.m. and Buckeye Net Late (BNL) at 10 p.m. BNE Net manager is Tom Carroll, WA8ZGL, Cuyahoga Falls and BNL Net Manager is Phil Pockras, NY8V, Belle Center. OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO GARY STEHENSON, WW8O, New Boston (Scioto County) for the outstanding write-up of the local CERT program in the August 4th edition of the Portsmouth Daily Times; (B) TO JOYCE JUDY, KD8HB, of Mechanicsberg, for

achieving an A-1 Operators certificate for outstanding station operation. Her certificate came after two A-1 members signed off on her service, particularly on CW; (C) TO FRANK COOPER, W3NV, Youngstown, for qualifying for his 60 years ARRL membership certificate which he received in August from Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE. OHIO SECTION SEPTEMBER HAMFESTS... (12) Findlay Radio Club at Hancock County Fairgrounds. Web site can be seen at <http://www.findlayradioclub.org> or contact Bill Kelsey, N8ET, (419-423-5643) or email to [kanga@bright.net](mailto:kanga@bright.net).

(19) Greater Cincinnati ARA at Scarlet Oaks Career Center, Sharonville. Web site can be seen at <http://www.themikeandkey.com> or contact Stan Cohen, W8QDQ (513-531-1011) or email [stanco49@aol.com](mailto:stanco49@aol.com).

(26) Hamfest Association of Cleveland at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Berea. Web site can be see at <http://www.hac.org> or contact William Beckman, N8LXY, (1-800-CLE-FEST) or email [info@hac.org](mailto:info@hac.org).

DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Ohio Section Manager

## calendar

9/7 WARA mtg Grace Bptst Ch 7.30 PM

9/8 2 and 10 Mtr Nets 8 PM and 9 PM

9/13 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

9/15 2 and 10 Mtr nets 8PM and 9PM

9/18 Ohio Section Conf – see Ohio Section News this issue

9/18 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

9/20 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

9/21 WARA mtg Grce Bptst Ch 7.30 PM

9/22 2 and 10 Mtr nets 8 PM and 9 PM

9/25 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest  
Newton Falls 12 N

