

# The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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## A WORD FROM THE PREZ

WARA Jamboree On The Air 2003/SET:

Well the Fall Season is certainly with us now. I could not believe the snow coming down the other day. I can say for sure the Motorcycle riding season is come to an early end around here.

Our Club had a very successful S.E.T. (Simulated Emergency Testing) this past Saturday. I believe that all who participated learned some valuable information that they could apply to an actual emergency if need be. While I would have liked for more club members to have participated, I think for our first time we did a great job. Many thanks go out to all of those who participated. Especially Richard Bell (KC8TAP), Fred Olver (N9BSO), and Ernest Keiser (KB8QDX) for their setup and running of the whole event.

Next on the agenda for October is the annual "Jamboree on the Air". And I am hoping for good weather this year. I do have confirmation that we can have it again this year at the Boy Scout camp, Camp Chicagami. There will be three Scout Troops there that weekend as well as a Scoutmasters Course going on. So we should have plenty of opportunity to be active with the Scouts in J.O.T.A. again this year. The only thing we do not know is if we will be able to setup our equipment in the big hall, off of the kitchen as we normally do. They may have that area in use for the Scoutmaster training. I have some follow-up to do in that area to secure us

a location. I hope to see many of you out there for this Club event. We normally have at least two HF radios on the air and some HT's for Repeater and Simplex use. And we hope to have an ATV setup as we did last year. The setup time and day of JOTA will be Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at around 07:00AM. We try to be on the air by 10:00AM and stay until about 4:00 PM or so. It is a great time for all and a good opportunity to recruit some new Amateur's into the hobby. There will be a signup sheet for the WARA classes also. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Also in October, October 11<sup>th</sup> to be exact, is the "Akron Marathon". The WARA has been asked to help out with communications at this 26 mile relay. While we have some members already signed up, we could still use a few more. The meeting place will be at the Akron North High School. We hope to get together at that location between 7:15AM and 7:30AM. Please see me if you need directions. This event is being coordinated by our District Emergency Coordinator, Jim Miller, K8EIO.

So as you can see there is plenty to do yet in October. Hope to see you at one of our events or hear you on the air!  
73, Your Prez,  
Bob, KC8PVB

## Jamboree on the air

As President Bob points out in his article, October is JOTA month. Here is

some info on this annual event from the ARRL website.

**Who:** Girl and Boy Scouts around the world

**Where:** Wherever you set up your radio!

**When:** **October 18-19** (The JOTA begins on Saturday, at 0001 hours local time, and ends on Sunday, at 2359 hours local time.)

### **Scout Frequencies for JOTA 2003**

band	phone (MHz)	cw (MHz)
80m	3.740* & 3.940	3.590
40m	7.270**	7.030
20m	14.290	14.070***
17m	18.140	18.080
15m	21.360	21.140
12m	24.960	24.910
10m	28.390****	28.190

\* Not authorized in the United States (Region 2); however, you may listen or work split-frequency if the DX station indicates it is listening in the US phone band.

\*\* While 7.290 MHz is the "official" JOTA calling frequency, US JOTA participants are advised to use 7.270 MHz to avoid AM activity on 7.290 MHz.

\*\*\* 14.070 MHz has become the unofficial gathering place for PSK31 activity on 20 meters; JOTA operators may want to shift 5 kHz down to avoid causing QRM.

\*\*\*\* This frequency allows US Novice ops to participate in JOTA on phone.

### **JOTA 2003 Possibilities**

We have received a few comments referring to the possibility of using more SSTV during JOTA. Wouldn't it be great to send a picture of your girl and boy scouts to the troop they are talking with? These pictures would be a great addition to a scout scrapbook.

Demonstrate a simple 2-meter HT and mobile rig. It is much easier for scouts to see themselves owning this type of radio as opposed the "top of the line" radios. Remember to show both the scouts and leaders how ham radio will compliment the scout program. With a little guidance, a girl or Boy Scout leader will be able to work ham radio into several badges such as electricity, communications, and, of course, radio.

This is also an opportunity to discuss the value of a 2meter HT while on a hike or field trip. I know from passed experience that scouts want to go at their own pace especially on a hike. With a few licensed ham/scouts in the group everyone will be able to keep in contact.

### **Scout Participation cards & JOTA patches**

These are **not** available through ARRL. They come directly from BSA Headquarters in TX. Order your cards and JOTA patches early to avoid disappointment. Visit

<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?c=xds&terms=JOTA> for complete information.

### **JOTA Exhibit Kits are back and better!**

JOTA Exhibit Kits are now available! Each kit will contain the ARRL Scout handbook, 100 Boy or Girl Scout brochures. It will also include 100 fliers, a list of suggested activities. In the past we have had requests for building small projects. This year we are also including directions for a few of these projects. The cost of shipping and handling will Jamboree on the air (cont. . . )

be \$7.50. You must specify that you want a "JOTA" exhibit kit. ½ kits are

available for \$4.50. (total of 50 brochures, project and activity sheets, 50 fliers and an ARRL Scout handbook) You can now order online at <https://www.arrl.org/forms/ead/recruit/oderform.html> .or send a check to the ARRL, Field & Educational Services, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, or you can call Linda at 860-594-0292 with a credit card number. Please order early to avoid the rush.

You will also find a good deal of information on the web page at <http://www.arrl.org/ead/#scout>

**ARRL wants to hear from you! After JOTA 2003, don't forget to complete the Survey at**

<http://www.arrl.org/ead/jotalog/>

We read your survey comments and suggestions. Some of them may find their way into QST, or the ARRL Web pages. The numbers you provide through this survey help us to see the trends of this youth program.

## classifieds

FOR SALE: \$7500.00 -- 1996 Dodge Hi-Top Conversion Van -- Mark II LX Dodge 2500 Chassis. Mint Condition -- Always Dealer serviced. Extended Warranty. One owner -- 88,700 Miles.

Includes: Four Captains Chairs; Cruise Control; Mood Lights; Fog Lights; Air Conditioning, Both Front and Back; Heater, both Front and Back.

TV with VCR, and Nintendo Plug In System; Four sets of headphones; AM/FM radio Cassette Player in the Dash; Complete Blaupunkt sound system if the rear -- With: AM/FM Radio; Six CD Player; Speaker System with Sub-Woofer.

5.9L V8 Engine; Full Towing Package including electric brake controller.

Red Two tone exterior; Tan leather interior; Electric Seat/Bed In the Rear; Built in Air Compressor; Fire Extinguisher;

Room for Seven People; Interior and Exterior Maintained Yearly By Ziebart.

Contact Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, Phone 440 548-4312, or email to [rmaurer@sprynet.com](mailto:rmaurer@sprynet.com).

FOR SALE: 1978 SHASTA Travel Trailer -- 25 ft. Sleeps 7 - 9. Good Condition. Refrigerator and Stove Work. Full working bathroom. Winterized. "Ham Friendly" with 4 through the wall cable connections. New tires and running lights. No leaks. Electric heater included. \$1500.00 OBO. Contact Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, Phone 440 548-4312, or email to [rmaurer@sprynet.com](mailto:rmaurer@sprynet.com).

## Ohio section news

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see page 12 in QST); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland;; INTERIM SEC John Chapman, WB8INY, Columbus; ACC; Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, Toledo; TC: Tom Holmes. N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

OCTOBER SECTION NEWS; This edition was going to be a happy one - describing the great success of the Great Lakes Division Convention at Findlay. But just two days later, the Ohio Section suffered a great loss with the sudden death of Loren "Larry" Rain, WD8IHP, of Mansfield. As Section Emergency Coordinator the past four years, Larry brought Ohio's ARES

Ohio section news (cont. . .) program into the 21st century by enhancing the roles of the DEC's, filling

county vacancies and joining the Ohio Single Side Band Net into the emergency response plan. Read the full story at our web sites (1) [www.arrl.org/sections/OH.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/OH.html) or (2) <http://www.maser.org/>.

John Chapman, WB8INY, of Columbus, DEC of District Seven (Central Ohio), will serve the Section as interim SEC until November 1. John can be reached at 743 Fleetrin Avenue, Gahanna, OH, 43230 or (cell) 614-946-4001 or E-mail <[wb8iny@arrl.net](mailto:wb8iny@arrl.net)>. Among other ARES projects upcoming is the October SET. Contact your county EC for more details. John will take full authority as SEC in the interim and receive full cooperation from everyone.

On November 1, a permanent SEC appointment will be made. All DEC's who wish to be candidates should contact the Section Manager. We are committed to fact that the new SEC will come from the ranks of the District Emergency Coordinators.

October is the month ham radio and the Boy Scouts join forces. It is called "Jamboree On The Air" (JOTA). Many local clubs in Ohio give Boy Scouts actual on air experiences.

George Henzler, WB8HHZ, of Toledo, District Emergency Coordinator and long time supporter of amateur radio activities, is the 10th Ohio ham to receive the Alan Severson, AB8P, (SK) Memorial Award for outstanding service to the Ohio Section. The presentation was made during the ARRL Forum at the Findlay Hamfest.

"Pioneer Radiator," the newsletter of the Pioneer ARF of Akron (Summit County), won the 12th annual Ohio newsletter contest, also awarded at the Findlay Hamfest. Second place was

awarded to "HF Chronicles" of the West Chester ARA (Butler County) and third place was awarded to "News Unwired," the newsletter of the Grant ARC (Adams County). See full details at the web sites. The winning editors are Jesse Wall, KA8YYZ, Akron (first place), Mike Ashley, KC8PTP, West Chester (second place) and Carolyn Donner, N8ST, Georgetown (third place).

OHIO SECTION REMEMBERS: Lillian Abbot, K8CKI (SK), who died in August near Cincinnati. For more than two decades (mid-60s to mid-80s), if you earned a ham license in Cincinnati, you probably passed a ham course taught by Lillian and her husband, Jim, W8CKJ (SK since 1991). And Queen City hams will tell you that's a bunch of licenses.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS TO: George Race, WB8BGY, of Albion, MI, the former Great Lakes Division Director for being the first winner of the George Wilson W4OYI, plaque awarded at the Division Convention at Findlay. Mr. Race gain prominence for traveling more than 600,000 miles within the Division (Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky) during his term of office representing the ARRL. Mr. Wilson, W4OYI, of Owensboro, KY, a former Division Director served the ARRL as National President - the only Great Lakes Division member to do so. Mr. Wilson, as League attorney, argued the 1993 amateur radio antenna case in Federal court, which led to the famous PRB-One - the FCC directive solidifying ham radio tower privileges.

Ohio section news (cont. . .)

OHIO SECTION OCTOBER HAMFESTS; (5) at Medina sponsored by the Two Meter Group. For more info;

contact <[n8tzy@m3net.net](mailto:n8tzy@m3net.net)> or the web site at <[www.qsl.net/n8tzy](http://www.qsl.net/n8tzy)>; (11) at Lima for the NorthWest Ohio ARC, For more info, contact <[kc0jdt@yahoo.com](mailto:kc0jdt@yahoo.com)> or go to the web site at <<http://www.nwoarc.org>> and (26) at Canton for the Massillon ARC. For more info, contact <[w9np@qsl.net](mailto:w9np@qsl.net)> or go to the web site at <http://www.marcradio.org>.

de Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

## Stop press

New meeting venue – the wara will be holding its regular meetings at a different venue, effective october 7, 2003. From that date club meetings will be held at the grace baptist church in champion. The address is 5418 mahoning ave. the church is 1.5 miles north of the educational drive light, .4 miles south of the rt. 305 / rt. 45 intersection, and directly across the street from st. william's catholic church. This info was mailed out to all members. If you have not received it contact renee, kb8svf.

## Happy birthday

We wish a great birthday to these club members, all born in October.

10/1 – Jim Wolford, WB8FAX  
 10/2 – Tom Roscoe, K8CX  
 10/4 – Gary Patterson, N8IIV  
 10/7 – John Pappas, N8VFF  
 10/8 – Kenneth Williams, KC8TML  
 10/8 – Bill Showers, WB8S  
 10/10 – Lloyd Carmichael, N8UXX  
 10/13 – Richard Selep, KF8YG  
 10/13 – Henry Parise, NZ8W

10/14 – Charles Tewkbary, KF8MK  
 10/17 – Patricia O'Neil, KC8DCG  
 10/19 – Richard Grimm, KA8HUT  
 10/20 – Charles "Doc" Mathias, W8KGD  
 10/20 – Eric Shafer, KC8OHU  
 10/23 – Charles Solinger, KB8VRI  
 10/27 – Danny Coe, KB8QVS  
 10/28 – Delbert Shafer, WD8KXD  
 10/29 – Mark Blyth, KC8UKX  
 10/31 – Grover Eutsey, KB8PKL

We wish each of these birthday boys and gals a great day, ARL FORTY SIX!! I've received a new roster with an updated birthday list from Secretary Renee, but if I've missed a birthday or messed up your birthday please let me know.

## Two meter net

Here's the Net Control roster for the W8VTD Wednesday night net. Remember, if you'd like to try your hand at NCS just let Fred Olver, N9BSO, know. He's looking for some dependable hams to serve as NCS!!

October 8 – Frank, KC8PUZ  
 October 15 – Pete, K8OUA  
 October 22 – Andy, N8YR  
 October 29 – Fred, N9BSO  
 November 5 – Bob, KC8PVB  
 November 12 – Frank, KC8PUZ  
 November 19 – Pete, K8OUA  
 November 26 – Andy, N8YR

If you haven't checked in to our Wednesday night net, why not give it a try. It's a good active net and a good way to keep in touch with what's going on.

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## Awards banquet

This year's Awards Banquet was a great success, thanks to the efforts of our Activities Chairpeople, Ada Simons KC8MTZ, and her partner in festivity,

John Simons, AB8GX. An excellent crowd turned up at the Golden Gate Restaurant for dinner and a lot of fun. Awards Chairman Peter Kozup, K8OUA, recognized those members who had contributed to the success of the club over the past year. Twenty-five year plaques were awarded, and several special awards were presented, capped by the "Queen of the Hamfest" award which went to our own Renee McCaman KB8SVF. Come to the hamfest next year to watch Renee ride around the grounds on her "throne". It was a very enjoyable night.

## Upcoming events

Mark your calendars for these events coming up in the near future.

November 1-3 – ARRL Sweepstakes Contest CW

November 15-16 – ARRL Sweepstakes Contest Phone

December 6 – WARA Christmas Party Hannah's Home Cooking

January 20, 2004 – WARA Annual meeting and Election of Officers

## by-laws

A committee has been formed to look into the revision of some of the club's by-laws. The committee is made up of Dave Walters, KZ8T, Peter Kozup, K8OUA, and others. If you have ideas for revising any of the club's by-laws or constitution see a member of this committee.

October 11 – Akron Marathon, communicators needed – see details in Prez's Report this issue.

October 18-19 Scout JOTA at Camp Chicagami, Parkman OH