

The Q-Match

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Awards presented

The annual WARA Awards Banquet was held on Sunday evening, September 26, at the Post House Restaurant in Champion. Organizer Ada Simons, KC8MTZ, reported that we had a full house with fifty-six members, spouses/friends in attendance. Award certificates were presented by the Awards Chairman, Peter Kozup, K8OUA, and President Bob Maurer, KC8PVB, to office holders, committee chairmen, and others who provided service to the club over the past year. Twenty-five year plaques were also awarded to three of our long-standing members – Frank Fitzhugh, KD8KJ, Jerry Love, ND8E, and Roger Phillips, KZ8W. Three other members received twenty-five year plaques late -- Delbert Shafer, WD8KXD, (2002), Fred Swartz (2003), and James Werner, WD8NUS (2003). As usual, we had a number of “special awards” which went to members who were reported by their friends to have done something rather humorous during the past year. Overall it was a fine evening with good food, good attendance and some good awards to a number of good people. Special thanks goes to Ada, KC8MTZ, Activities Chair and Awards Banquet organizer.

Screw-up apologies

The Awards Chairman, Peter Kozup, K8OUA, has asked that we issue a public apology to two individuals who were inadvertently (that means “oops, I

forgot”) left off the list of award recipients. These two are not hams, they’re not even members, and yet helped considerably at our hamfest by carrying things, running errands, and generally being the arms and legs of members such as Sue Wagner, KC8VHC. These two are Kynslie Thorndike and Maggie Olver. Kynslie is Sue’s granddaughter and raised her own money to attend the dinner because she thought she would receive a certificate, and Maggie is the daughter of member Fred Olver, N9BSO. Pete, advises us that as this is his error he will have a certificate for these girls and promises to treat them to a Sundae of their choice at a time of their choosing. Pete feels very embarrassed at his mistake and would like the girls to know this. Contact him at k8oua@yahoo.com or by phone on 330 395-0975.

JOTA

The annual Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will take place on Saturday October 16. This year’s JOTA promises to be one with loads of activity. It will be held at Camp Stigwandish, which is on Ross Road in Madison. The event is a combined camp in which several hundred scouts and cubs of all ages will be meeting. JOTA will be one of many activities for the scouts, and it should be an exciting day for all. Obviously, we need as much amateur help as we can Jota (cont. . . .)

get, and that includes YOU!! We hope to operate several stations and help will be

needed in setting up the stations, hanging antennas, operating with kids in tow, talking with the kids about ham radio, and just keeping things going. The contact for the event is our Youth Activities Coordinator, Roger Dean, KC8VYS who can be reached on email at kc8vys@earthlink.net. So, how about contacting Roger, letting him that you'll be there, finding out the information on the location, etc. and just showing up. You will enjoy it, and when you see a kid's face light up because you've made contact with an interesting station, it'll be worth it, believe me!

Amateur classes

Dennis, N8IVE, the club's VE Coordinator, advises us that he plans to start classes for those wishing to obtain their first ham license as well as for those who would like to upgrade to a higher class. These classes should begin in early to mid October. For more information on these contact Dennis Carraher, N8IVE at n8ive@arrl.net.

73/88 to rupe and April

Two of our members, April Reisinger, KC8VUN, and Rupert Harris, N8HHM, have advised me recently that they will be departing the Warren area soon. Not sure exactly where Rupert is going, but he did let me know that he will be moving to another county. April will take up residence in Upper Sandusky. She wanted all her local amateur friends to know this and therefore I am posting it in the *Q-Match*. We wish the very best to April and Rupert, and hope that they will keep in touch via whatever means are available, amateur radio, email, or even snail mail if necessary. April plans to be

at the next WARA meeting to say goodbye to all her friends in person. As they say in CW, GL es 73 April and Rupert.

Classifieds

FREE – As mentioned above April Reisinger, KC8VUN, will be leaving the area and has two older but very beautiful dogs to give away. One is a black lab and the other a golden retriever. Both are about thirteen years old and are trained but retired guide dogs. Both are calm and gentle and would make excellent pets. Ideally they would go together, but she will part with them separately as well. Contact April by email at kars@neo.rr.com, by phone on 330 393 5722.

Youth report

The WARA is fortunate to have a fairly new member who is interested in getting more young people involved in our hobby. Roger Dean, KC8VYS, has recently taken over the position and what follows is the first of what I hope are many reports on youth in amateur radio from Roger.

What can youth do in HAM Radio? Well, that is somewhat the wrong question. You see, as there are no age restrictions on license classes, there are also no age restrictions on what you can do with your ticket. (Assuming you stay within your operating privileges) You can talk to your friends who are HAMS as well, you could help with communications during an event, (with your parents permission of course), and you could even talk to the crew aboard the International space station. Do not let your age be a barrier to having fun

Youth report (cont. . . .)

with HAM Radio. There will be some things you will need help with from time to time. I still ask for help on occasion. Everyone is more than happy to help out and, "set me straight". A good example of this comes from the October 04 issue of QST magazine, page 51. This is a story of how a young man by the name of Robbie Rikard, KG4MBQ, chose for his Eagle scout project to set up an Amateur station at a local hospital. This station was to be used in the event that a disaster took out or overloaded normal communication lines. With the aid of a fellow club member, Robbie was able to put together a plan and present it to the local hospital, which in the end accepted his proposal. Many club members helped Robbie with the work in setting up the station. Since the primary operators of this station would be the communication staff of the hospital, they needed to earn their Amateur radio license. The club also assisted with this by setting up technician classes, and testing. Of the 19 people that took the classes, 16 people passed and received their ticket. Now the hospital can communicate with other hospitals that have similar stations and also with emergence workers directly in the field in the event of a disaster. There is one thing I forgot to mention, Robbie is only 14 years old. A great civil service and a leap forward for community safety were accomplished by a 14-year-old boy. What could you accomplish with an idea and some help from your peers?

I would like to close every month with a few short stories of a young person who has done something good for his or her family, community, or even just for

themselves. Just about anything is noteworthy so I'm asking both youth and adults to send me any stories you have about young people involved in amateur radio, any comments you wish to make, or anything that concerns you about our youth. My E-Mail address is KC8VYS@earthlink.net

Thanks and 73,
Roger Dean (KC8VYS)

Repeater news

It's been awhile since I have written. The link transmitter for Newton Falls stopped working a few weeks ago. It has been operating from the Exciter for the last few weeks. Sometimes it was not full quiet back to the main site. I made a back today and installed our spare final amplifier. Surprise, it did not work! I then went through an alignment procedure for the exciter (The two plus the oscillator comprise the transmitter) and the final came alive. I believe the level of drive was not high enough to drive the power amplifier. I don't know for sure because I did not notice the point it came up. However I believe one of the air variable capacitors was setting on a dirty spot. I had output but, on the one hundred watt scale of my communication service monitor it is hard to tell the difference between 100 milliwatts and 200 hundred. This should mean the spare is still good. This is good because the only source I see these days is Ebay and they are bringing more than I think they are worth.

If any one happens on a source of UHF GE Master II's we may be interested.

I would like to talk about the controller identifier (ID) in my operating tips. For

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the most part most of the ID timers are as they came from the factory. The manufacturer calls the technique "Smart ID'er". Smart in that it tries to ID at least every ten minutes without interfering with communications.

The first ID is the initial ID. This is sent when the repeater has been inactive for ten minutes. The repeater will send this when the initial transmission ends, unless this transmission exceeds fifteen seconds. If this transmission exceeds fifteen seconds the "forced ID" is sent. Forced ID is CW at twenty words per minute. Our forced ID is low enough in tone and volume as not to cover voice communications but still can be copied.

After the repeater has been in use for six minutes the controller starts looking for a chance to ID without interfering with communications. It will do so by sending one of the three "Rotating ID's." To do this it will wait for the repeater to be allowed to drop. After the four second "tail timer" times out. The controller will send the ID then drop the transmitter.

After the repeater has been in use for eight minutes without an ID the controller will start trying to send an "Anxious ID." This is a voice ID containing only the repeater call sign.

Finally after nine and a half minutes with no repeater ID the controller will send an "Forced ID." This ID can come over a user station if necessary.

If a voice ID of any type comes on a user can interrupt the ID by transmitting over it. The controller will immediately change to a "Forced ID."

My operating point is that many people feel they should let the repeater

drop between users' transmissions allowing time for breakers. An admirable operating policy. However keep in mind if you do this the controller will try to ID with a "Rotating ID" every six minutes. Causing an even further delay before you can transmit.

Another thought might be this. The purpose of the "Courtesy Tone" was originally to allow time for breakers to enter a QSO. Preventing repeater users from "quick keying." If you accept this idea then a second or two after the courtesy tone is enough time for possible breakers to get in.

Keep in mind if you wish to enter an existing QSO on a repeater with a three or more second tail timer you must break as soon as one station unkeys. Waiting for the repeater to drop will result in a long wait. Most repeaters still seem to have at least a three second tail timer plus a one second courtesy tone.

73,

Dave kz8t

Net news

It's always good to report that we have a new net control operator on one of our two nets. Sherman Davidson, KC8YHJ, recently took the two meter net and enjoyed it so much that he is now on the list of NCSs, replacing Pete, K8OUA. Pete is often away on Wednesday nights and has willingly given up his slot to Sherman. Here is the two meter roster for October and November.

Oct. 6th – Andy, N8YR

Oct. 13th – Emily, KC8RAL

Oct. 20th – Bob, KC8PVB

Oct. 27th – Lisa, KC8VHB

Nov. 3rd – Sherman, KC8YHJ

Nov. 10th – Andy, N8YR

Nov. 17th – Emily, KC8RAL

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Nov. 24th – Bob, KC8PVB

Remember, also, that the ten meter net operates on 28.375 MHz at 8.00 PM each Wednesday night with Fred, N9BSO, and Ken, KC8TML, in command. Try them out, you'll enjoy it!

Ohio section news

Section News (Ohio Section) for OCTOBER, 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.

OCTOBER SECTION NEWS - September is awards month in the Ohio Section. The OSSBN awards are listed below. At the Ohio Section Conference, September 18 in Columbus, the Allan Severson, AB8P Memorial Award for outstanding service to the Ohio Section went to Joyce Judy, KD8HB, of Mechanicsburg. Joyce is well known for her many decades of service in traffic handling and liaison to national traffic nets. She is the 11th amateur radio operator so honored.

The 13th Annual Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter Contest award winners (and editors) are: first place "The Spirit of 76 & 88" of Cleveland LEARA (Mike Diturno, KC8OWL, editor): second place "The Q-Fiver" of Cincinnati OHKYIN ARS, (Susie Scott, N8CGM, editor) and third place "HF Chronicles" of West Chester ARA (Mike Ashley, KC8PTP, editor). Congrats to all the 44 ham radio

newsletters who entered and especially to PIC Scott Yonally, N8SY, who was contest manager for another successful year.

OHIO SECTION ON THE INTERNET - Visit the Ohio Section Web Page regularly. You'll find a lot of interesting items there about our Section and updates from our leadership and the League. The sited is constantly changing with new items all the time, so please check-in often. Go to: <www.iarc.ws>.

Visit the Ohio Section Web Page for the latest edition of the Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) Go to <www.iarc.ws>. Want the Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) delivered directly to your email?? Go to <www.iarc.ws>. Thanks again to PIC Yonally, N8SY, who manages the Ohio web sites.

PARADE OF VANS - Special treat this year's Ohio Section Conference was be the display of emergency vans from various county ARES programs in Ohio. Eight such vans made the trip and were on display. Congrats to SEC John Chapman, WB8INY, for this presentation.

FOR OHIO OFFICIAL OBSERVERS - Ohio announces the formation of a fourth Local Interference Committee for Youngstown and Mahoning County. Jim Seckinger, KC8HSD, is the LIC Chairman. LICs currently active (1) Greater Cincinnati LIC, Ernie Howard, W8EH, chairman; (2) Greater Toledo LIC, Vince Vassello, KB8TEP, chairman; (3) NE Ohio LIC (Morrow, Richland Counties). Rick Swain, KK8O, chairman.

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - That if you are going to the October 31 hamfest

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 in Massillon (downtown Canton at the Stark County Fairgrounds), you attend the Hamfest Banquet the night before at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Dressler Road, Massillon. No tickets, no reservations, no notice. Just show up at 6:30 p.m., order from the menu, and join the festivities in the private meeting room. Join Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE, and Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

PR NOTE TO EVERYONE - When there is a ham radio note in your local newspaper or television news, please inform the Section Manager (k8qoe@arrl.org). Our national magazine, QST, runs each month an example of these "Media Hits." Be nice if Ohio was represented each issue.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - On September 12, at the semiannual Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN) meeting, the Net awarded its Garlock Lifetime Membership Award to Bob Johnson, K3RC, of Stoney Ridge. The 2004 OSSBN Merit award went to Don Frazer, KA8FCC, Ashland. Congrats to both. And to Omal Garlock, K8BYR, Springfield, who was the first OSSBN Lifetime Membership winner - from this date the award will be named for him in action by the OSSBN Board this past summer.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO Justin Rigling, KC8OIO, Hamilton, for receiving the Robert E. True Memorial Scholarship from action by the ARRL Board of Directors: (B) TO Justin Stoll, KC8LIN, Massillon, for four years service on the West Stark Net (Stark County). He signed off recently - college awaits: (C) TO the FCC, which became

70 years old on July 1. The Communications Act of 1934 established this Federal agency.

OHIO SECTION OCTOBER HAMFESTS...(9) Northwest Ohio ARC. Lima. For more info, see <<http://www.nwoarc.org>> or contact Gary Clements, KC0JDT (Phone: 419-227-6573) or Email: <kc0jdt@fairradio.com>. (10) Medina 2 Meter Group. For more info, see <<http://www.qsl.net/m2m>> or contact Ed Eyerdorn, K8NVR, phone: 330-239-1686 or Email: k8nvr@arrl.net; (31) Massillon ARC. For more info, see <<http://www.marcradio.org>> or contact, Terry Russ, N8ATZ, phone: 330-837-3091 or Email <truss@sssnet.com>. DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Ohio Section Manager

Now for the August traffic reports..
 OHIO SECTION NETS - AUG. 2004
 NET QNI QTC QTR SESS N/M
 BN(E) 134, 117, 320, 31, WA8ZGL
 BN(L) 190, 83, 325, 31, NY8V
 OSN 145, 45, 635, 29, WD8Q
 OSSBN 1522, 531, 2351. 93, N8IO

Happy birthday

Here's wishing the following members the very best of birthday greetings for the month of October.

10/1 Jim Wolford, WB8FAX

10/2 Tom Roscoe, K8CX

10/4 Gary Patterson, N8IIV

10/7 John Pappas, N8VFF

10/8 Bill Showers, WB8S

10/8 Ken Williams, KC8TML

10/10 Lloyd Carmichael, N8UXX

10/13 Henry Parise, NZ8W

10/13 Richard Selep, KF8YG

10/14 Charles Tewkbary, KF8MK

10/17 Patricia O'Neil, KC8DCG

10/19 Richard Grimm, KA8HUT

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10/20 Charles "Doc" Mathias, W8KGD

10/20 Eric Shafer, KC8OHU

10/23 Charles Solinger, KB8VRI

10/28 Delbert Shafer, WD8KXD

10/31 Grover Eutsey, KB8PKL

When you see these birthday boys and girls this month be sure to wish them an ARL FORTY-SIX. May your special day be a happy one for you and yours.

Cert training

The next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training session will be coming up this month. This from the Trumbull County EMA, Pat Cline -- Just wanted to let you know the dates of the next CERT class. The class will be held from 6-10PM at Packard Shelter House on the following dates:

10/12, 10/13, 10/18 and 10/21.

If you know anyone interested in registering for the class, please have them call into the CERT line at 330-392-7928.

Thanks!

Pat Cline

CERT Coordinator

A number of WARA members have already received CERT training. These will have the opportunity to assist in various emergency management sessions that will be coming up in the county. Amateur Radio operators are among the groups that have been requested for this training. If YOU are interested be sure to let the folks at CERT know by phoning in on the number above.

If you'd like more information about CERT try the CERT website which is at <http://www.homelandsecurity.co.trumbull.oh.us/cert.htm>. The site is new and more information will be added in the future, but it does contain information

about CERT, what it aims to do and what the training sessions include.

Arri news

The following is a synopsis of what can be found on the ARRL website at www.arrl.org.

FCC Poised to Act on BPL Report and Order in Mid-October (Sep 24, 2004) -- The FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) will present a broadband over power line (BPL) *Report and Order* to the full Commission when it meets October 14, the ARRL has learned. More than 6100 comments have been filed on the topic since the FCC released its initial *Notice of Inquiry* in the proceeding, ET Docket 03-104, in April 2003 and a subsequent *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)*, ET Docket 04-37, in February of this year.

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration (Oct 1, 2004) -- Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I on-line course (EC-001) opens Monday, October 4, 1201 AM EDT, and will remain open through the October 9-10 weekend or until all available seats have been filled. Class begins Friday, October 22. Radio amateurs over age 55 are strongly encouraged to participate. Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) Web page. For

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more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

Calendar

10/2 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

10/3 Sp Ev Stn W8QLY MVARA

Celebrate Boardman

10/4 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

10/5 WARA mtg Grace Bptst Ch 7.30PM

10/6 10 & 2 mtr nets 8 PM and 9 PM

10/8-9 Sp Ev Stn Ashtabula Co. ARA

Covered Bridge Festival K8CY

10/11 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

10/13 10 & 2 mtr nets 8 PM and 9 PM

10/16 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM

10/16 Sp Ev Stn K8QMN 1600-2000Z

Mich. Net Telegraphers Reunion

14.050 MHz

10/16-17 JOTA Camp Stigwandish in
Madison OH see article

10/18 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

10/19 WARA mtg Grace Bpt Ch 7.30PM

10/20 10 & 2 mtr nets 8 PM and 9 PM

10/23 Sp Ev Stn Blount County AL ARC

W4BLT Covered Bridge Festival

14.260 MHz

10/25 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

10/27 10 & 2 mtr nets 8 PM and 9 PM

10/28 K8OUA's boat comes out of water

10/31 Sp Ev Stn Transylvania Co NC

ARC K4HXZ Halloween in Trans-

ylvania County.