

# THE Q-MATCH

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## A WORD FROM THE PREZ

Well the summer is winding down and overall I think the Club has a great one with some areas to improve on for next year, like our annual Hamfest .And I am sure that the Hamfest investigation committee with have some great ideas to report on over the next couple of months, but enough about that for now.

As far as summer leaving, the one good thing about the fall and winter months is that it should give everyone more chances to “get on the air”. Believe me I know it’s hard to operate in a contest, or check into a Net, when the lawn needs mowed, and the barn needs painted. But as Amateurs we owe it to ourselves and our hobby to keep our skills honed by checking into the various Nets, included the two our Club hosts every week, and participating in Club public service activities, like the races we help with. Also the SET, or “Simulated Emergency Tests” that we have had all along, and the ones other Clubs in the area have, present us with many good ways to test our readiness, should the need arise. Our special event stations we hold during the year, Field Day included, also offer opportunities to “get on the air” and operate.

This year I think takes the lead for the most Natural disasters, and in every case it was Amateur Radio operators who came through for emergency communications when the need arose. Those operators were ready, bags packed, and batteries charged to help out when the call first went out. So there is merit in our keeping our skills up to par because you never know when we could be called upon to take the lead in emergency communications. Are you ready?

Also just operating on the air, making new contacts, contesting, or just HF rag chewing could mean the difference of life and death for someone. In a recent publication a story came out about a rescue that took place in the seas of Mexico thanks to two Amateur operators in the cornfields of Wisconsin and a third in California. These three met almost every day for a QSO and this day they were lucky to pickup a “mayday” distress call from a sailboat that had lost its engine, was taken on water, and the owner had fallen and seriously injured his leg. The three Amateur operators went to work determining the ship’s whereabouts and welfare status. Then they contacted the coast guard, while one of them stayed in communication with the vessel until its rescue. Now if these Amateur operators were not on the air that day the worst could have happened to this ship and its crew.

Remember we are “Amateur Radio Operators” and as such need to be able to operate under duress and in times of need. The only way you become good at that is to use your radio! So dust off that HF radio and turn it on. You may even just leave it tuned into one of the call frequencies on a given band. And also try and check into a Net or two. You may even learn something about events in the Amateur news, but better yet you will be testing your equipment and operating skills. You could also be asked to handle some traffic, would you know how?

There are still some nice Club operating events that promote operating and help recruit new Amateurs still to come this year. JOTA being the main one, which we still need Club volunteers to help with. So see or contact Roger Dean / KC8VYS to get involved, and “get on the air”!

73,

Bob / KC8PVB

## HAMFEST

I have taken a new job and am currently working second shift. I don't know how long I will be on this shift or if I will be on another one soon. I would not be offended if someone would like to step up and become hamfest chairman. I will remain as chairman if no one wants to fill my shoes. I think the hamfest chairman should be a retired person, so they can devote more time to the needs of the club's largest money maker. The job is not really a physical job but it does involve a lot of time. I am willing to try and assist anyone that might like to become the new hamfest chairman. Yes, I know it is not mine to give away but I am sure president Bob will be glad to appoint anyone that would like to volunteer. I have received many emails from people that attended the 2005 hamfest and were very pleased with the hamfest. I know the club did not make a lot of money this year but the fact that we made the people that did attend is a sign that the people that did a lot of my leg work did a fine job. Thank you to everyone who did what they could to help the club have a successful hamfest. I really wish more people would get involved and make the event an even bigger success. I know we have members that live out of state and we have some members that were sick. I also know we had perfectly healthy members that did nothing. I also know we only had a total of 5 people that worked the radio for hamfest. Yes it was a ham radio. I also know we had members on oxygen working very hard to help out. To all that did help I say thank you very much. Richard (KC8TAP)

## YOUTH REPORT

Hello everyone. JOTA is set for 12:01am October 15th till 11:59pm October 16th this year. I am still waiting to hear back from both the Girl Scouts and boy scouts to see what day and where they have any events scheduled this year. Once I get that information, I will be able to set a day, time period, and location where we will be setting up. I would like to remind everyone that if you would be interested in helping out with JOTA for either the girl scouts, or the boy scouts, please let me know either by E-Mail at [kc8vys@earthlink.net](mailto:kc8vys@earthlink.net), or by phone at 330 207-0737. Thank you and 73 to all.  
Roger Dean (KC8VYS)

## AWARDS BANQUET

The WARA's annual Awards Banquet will be held this year on Sunday October 9 at DiLucia's Restaurant on Elm Road. The evening will begin with a social hour at 4.00 PM and dinner will begin promptly at 5.00 PM. Dinner has traditionally been free of charge to those members who helped out at any of several club activities, e.g., hamfest, field day, special events, or who held a club office. This year, due to the need to conserve money a donation box will be placed at the entrance to the banquet room and members are asked to donate whatever they are able toward the cost of the dinner. In other words, the dinner is still free to those who have participated in club activities during the year, but a donation to help cover expenses will be appreciated. Remember, the Awards Banquet is one of WARA's most enjoyable evenings, and all members should make an attempt to attend. If you know of someone deserving of an award contact either Richard Bell, KC8TAP, or Gail Wells, KC8LRH. If you need information about the dinner or wish to reserve a spot contact Ada Simons, KC8MTZ at 330 847-0005.

## AREA HAMS LEND A HELPING HAND

A call for help on the Wednesday night net resulted in a small but active turnout of club members to help gather and load supplies to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The WARA was represented by 5 hams and 1 non-ham who showed up and helped. These included Gail KC8LRH, Don N8VCK, Billy N8VOR, Lisa KC8VHB, Emily KC8RAL, and Associate member Robin Terlecky. Randy, KC8IBK, from another local club also joined in the activities. Each, if asked, might have an interesting story to tell about their time at the collection site. It was amazing how generous the local people are when giving to others less fortunate. An elderly lady in a Caddy come up and asked for help to unload a few cases of bottled water. Her few was 75 cases! Another lady came by to donate dog and cat food. She then went

back to Pet Smart to get her own and the cashier asked why she was back so soon. After she told them where her first load went a representative from Pedigree who was in the store donated a stack of free coupons, which added up to 10 cases of cat food and ten one hundred pound bags of dog food (good thing she had a pickup truck!). Later some Amish people showed up with stuffed animals their children wanted to donate after their parents explained to them what had happened. The last day of collections I was there helping to close everything down and a woman showed up and said she was from Pet Smart and the employees there had taken collection. Then 3 younger boys came with their mother to donate 3 cases of water and 3 boxes of diapers that they had purchased with their own money.

The area merchants were just as generous. We had Subway, and Domino's Pizza bring food and drinks for the volunteers. Taco Bell not only supplied the volunteers with food but anytime we needed ice for the coolers they were right there. Also Staples did any copying and printing that needed done. With the help of lots of volunteers in Mahoning and Trumbull counties a total of 18 tractor trailers went to Louisiana with everything from bottled water and medical supplies (also donated from a local merchant) to dog and cat food.

Lastly I would like to give a big KUDOS to our own president Bob Maurer for his donation of medical supplies. Emily (KC8RAL)

## ARES

On Saturday September 24, 2005, we assisted with a 5 km race and a 1 mile fun walk in Warren. We found out about the race on Tuesday and did not have a lot of time to notify people. We used good amateur practices and got people to attend by using ham radios. Yes it does work like that. We had 7 people help out for the race and had a good time.

I would like to give special thanks to Emmy, kc8ral, she did most of the preparations for the race, organized the other hams, and ran the net and I don't think any of us could have done the job any better. I know she was a little stressed over not having all the details before hand. I explained to her that she would not have the details if it were a true emergency. She found out where we needed to be and had people in place in less than 15 minutes. Great job and thanks again. Richard KC8TAP

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Here's wishing the best of birthday greetings to these October birthday members.

10/1	Jim Wolford	WB8FAX	10/13	Henry Parise	NZ8W
10/2	Tom Roscoe	K8CX	10/14	Charles Tewkbury	KF8MK
10/4	Gary Patterson	N8IIV	10/17	Patricia O'Neil	KC8DCG
10/7	John Pappas	N8VFF	10/20	Eric Shafer	KC8OHU
10/8	Ken Williams	KC8TML	10/19	Richard Grimm	KA8HUT
10/8	Bill Showers	WB8S	10/20	Charles "Doc" Mathias	W8KGD
10/10	Lloyd Carmichael	N8UXX	10/23	Charles Solinger	KB8VRI
10/13	Richard Selep	KF8YG	10/28	Delbert Shafer	WD8KXD
			10/31	Grover Eutsey	KB8PKL

Here's wishing a hearty ARL FORTY-SIX to all of our October birthdays – May your day be sunny and may this be one of many many more.

## REPEATER NEWS

Not much to report this month. The repeater has been working well. No repair or tune up trips have been necessary for a few months.

We are in that time of year that band openings are common. These openings are for the most part a nuisance. Making the repeater noisy, but it comes with the territory. Putting the repeater in PL mode would help but, we have always wanted to keep the repeater open.

I would like to remind everyone to when entering 146.97 repeater in a memory of your transceiver also enter 100 Hz PL tone. In this way if it becomes necessary to put a receiver in the PL mode you will still be able to access the repeater. (PL is a registered Motorola trade name. Generic names are "subaudible tone" or "CTCSS").

I would like to remind control operators, if you put a receiver in PL you must restore it to normal later. Once a receiver is in PL you must have a PL tone on your transmitter to restore it to normal.

Last meeting and on a few previous occasions we have discussed eliminating the commercial phone line costing \$70 a month for the 146.97 repeater. The auto patch is a nice by product of a phone line however, the real purpose of this line is for repeater control. FCC rules require a means other than the repeater input receiver to control the repeater. Primarily to turn it of in case of illegal operation or a malfunction. The auto patch does not average being used once a month now that so many people have cell phones. It has not been used for emergency traffic or road assistance for years.

An alternative method of control would be a control receiver. This receiver would be on UHF and must by FCC rules be above 220 MHZ. The control receiver would not be used to access the repeater and would have priority for the Touch Tone decoder.

I also looked for a device to interface our controller to a cell phone. I was not successful in finding such a device. Some new controllers do interface to a cell phone but, our 1980s design does not.

Dennis N8IVE reviewed the owners manuals for several Amateur transceivers using the Internet. There are several models that come equipped with a digital interface connector. We could use this connector to connect the transceiver to the controller.

It seems likely in view of our loss of income for the Hamfest we will go this route.

Dave kz8t

## NET NEWS

As most of us know, the WARA sponsors two nets, both meeting on Wednesday night. The first is the ARES/RACES ten meter net which meets at 8.00 PM local time on 28.375 MHz. This net is usually controlled by Kenneth Williams, KC8TML, or Richard Bell, KC8TAP; however they are looking for additional Net Control Operators. So, if you're interested in trying your hand at NCS of a HF net please give Ken a call at 330 399-9628 or contact him by email at kc8tml@neo.rr.com. Both Ken and Rich would love to hear from you. The second club sponsored net is the W8VTD two meter net which meets at 9.00 PM every Wednesday night on 146.97 MHz, the WARA repeater. The Net Control schedule for the W8VTD net in October and November is as follows –

October	5	Emily	KC8RAL	November 2	Andy	N8YR
October	12	Bob	KC8PVB	November 9	Emily	KC8RAL
October	19	Lisa	KC8VHB	November 16	Bob	KC8PVB
October	26	Sherman	KC8YHJ	November 23	Lisa	KC8VHB
				November 30	Sherman	KC8YHJ

Check in to either one of the WARA nets and find out what's happening with amateur radio in our area.

## OHIO SECTION NEWS

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at < [www.iarc.ws](http://www.iarc.ws) >); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; SEC: John Chapman, WB8INY, Gahanna; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC:

Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

## OCTOBER SECTION NEWS:

At the 2005 Ohio Section Conference, Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, announced the 12th member of the Allan Severson, AB8P, (SK) Memorial Award - Assistant Section Manager, John Haungs, W8STX, a former Ohio SM, and treasurer to at least eight different clubs and hamfests in the Greater Cincinnati area for almost four decades.

PIC Scott announced the three winners of the 14th annual Ohio Newsletter Contest - The Third Place winner: "News Unwired" from the Grant Amateur Radio Club Editor: Carolyn Donner, N8ST: Second Place winner: "Smoke Signals" from the Indian Hills Radio Club, Editor: Dee Logan, W1HEO: And the winner for 2005, "20/9 Radio Club News" of Youngstown; Editor: Jane Avnet, K8JAA. As is tradition, K8JAA, gave a short acceptance speech on how her newsletter was able to improve its score this year. Also by tradition, her newsletter now becomes ineligible for the next five years.

Both the Section Conference report and a complete photo report are on the Ohio Section Web page at [www.iarc.ws/ohio](http://www.iarc.ws/ohio)

Now for the clubs report from Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Joanne Solak, KJ3O.

More Clubs are submitting applications for affiliation and more are getting re-affiliated! SSC renewals are on the upswing as are SSC applications. My "ACC" calendar is full for August and into the end of September, in fact I have one speaking engagement in October already!

Larry, WD8MPV, and myself just visited the Salem Area Amateur Area Assn. President, Dave Sprouse, N8GOB, was a great host that evening as was Mel Lippiatt, KA8OEB (County EC and club member). This club is a very active club, really earning the SSC status. Before the evening ended we had a really great round table going with lots of information flowing about ARRL topics, Ohio Section topics and plain everyday "ham-radio" talk. A nice time was had by all! Check out the SAARA Web page at [www.gsl.net/saara](http://www.gsl.net/saara) This club showed great organization, very community minded, great ARES participation with Repeater 147.255.

The Mahoning Valley ARA is recognized in QST, page 20 July 2005 issue. This club's members were involved with the Civil War re-enactment event...check it out!

I haven't heard much from the Ohio Section Clubs about the "Take Your Handheld to Work Day". It was June 21st and I really thought by now "someone" would have shared their experience with us.

President Bush sent a message to all Amateurs celebrating our annual Field Day. To quote him he said "Your good work reflects the Spirit of America and contributes to a culture of responsibility and citizenship that strengthens our nation" . Such words of praise to our "hobby"! from President Bush!!

Let me know what is "happening" with your Club. Labor Day is just around the corner and lots of parades and events for the Fall are in the planning stages. Don't forget the Ohio Section Conference to be held September 17th.

Until next time Best 73 Joanne. KJ3O, ACC OHIO

OHIO SECTION OCTOBER HAMFESTS - 9-Sunday) Medina County Hamfest sponsored by the Medina 2 Meter Group. For more information: visit - <http://www.m2mgroup.org/> or contact; Ed Eyerdom, K8NVR, Phone: 330-239-1686 or E-mail: [k8nvr@arrl.net](mailto:k8nvr@arrl.net) Located at the Medina County Career Center, 1101 West Liberty Street in Medina. (9-Sunday) Contest Station N8HR Hamfest & Open House sponsored by the Muskingum County ARC. For more information, contact: Jim Mayercak, WX8J, Phone: 740-455-3050 or E-mail: [mayercak@clover.net](mailto:mayercak@clover.net) Located at the Home of Everett Jackson, WZ8P, 5075 Dresden Court, Zanesville (30-Sunday) Hamfest & Auction sponsored by the Massillon Amateur Radio Club. For more information visit: <http://www.marcradio.org> or contact, Terry Russ, N8ATZ, Phone: 330-837-3091 or E-mail: [truss@sssnet.com](mailto:truss@sssnet.com)

## WEAVER'S WORDS – FROM THE DIRECTOR

The following has been edited by the Q-Match editor to conserve space.

### CC&R BILL SPECIAL

Amateur Radio needs your help.

"Amateur Radio Antenna "CC&R Bill" Reintroduced in Congress (Sep 23,2005) -- New York Congressman Steve Israel has reintroduced legislation that could make it easier for radio amateurs living in communities with deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&R's) to erect suitable antennas. Arkansas Congressman Mike Ross, WD5DVR, signed aboard as an original cosponsor of the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876). ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, who attended Israel's public announcement of the bill September 19 on Long Island, pointed out the Amateur Radio volunteers always fill the gap after other communication systems fail in an emergency or disaster. He notes the bill's introduction comes in the immediate aftermath of positive media coverage of Amateur Radio's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster."

If you would like to become an integral part of the person-to-person phase of our Grassroots (Legislative Action) program in your state, please contact your State Legislative Action Coordinator to become a Local Contact with your Congressional Representative (or Senator). The State Legislative Action Coordinators are: Kentucky - Gregory Baize, Sr., KG4VJG, [kg4vic@arrl.net](mailto:kg4vic@arrl.net); Ohio - Jim Ashman, W8ASH, [w8ash@arrl.net](mailto:w8ash@arrl.net); and Michigan - Val Rose, N8EXV, [n8evx@arrl.net](mailto:n8evx@arrl.net). The Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chairman is Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT, [w8fqt@arrl.org](mailto:w8fqt@arrl.org). I am very pleased to have introduced the motion that resulted in the creation of the ARRL Grassroots program.

Additional details of Congressman Israel's bill can be found at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/23/7/?nc=1>.

I encourage you to become familiar with the overall need and value of this bill and to await specific instructions on how to proceed. By following a sound, coordinated approach, we have a good chance of getting this legislation enacted. If we pursue an uncoordinated, fractionalized effort, we are nearly certain to fail.

### CW POLL

The results are in from my poll asking what, if anything, ARRL ought to do in response to FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to abolish all Morse code testing for amateur licenses. A total of 523 of you participated. Thanks.

Overall, you appear to believe ARRL should fight the Commissions' proposal. This preference was expressed by 64% of the total of 523 responders (and by 43% of 213 non-CW ops and 58% of CW ops). Of those who said to fight to retain "a" CW test somewhere in the licensing structure, 20% thought we should engage in the battle but not drop everything else; whereas, 13% thought we ought to drop everything else to fight. Twenty two percent of CW users recommended we not fight FCC's plan to drop all code requirements while 56% of non-CW ops held the same opinion. Of the total 523 responders, 36% said we ought not to fight the FCC NPRM, but that we should let the Commission do what it wants without protesting.

A couple of additional revelations of the poll were that 43% of non-code users believe FCC should maintain a CW testing requirement of some sort. Only 57% of non-code users feel there should be no Morse code requirements for amateur licenses.

Taken together, 327 of 522 total responders to the most recent poll say we should fight to keep code at some level in the Amateur Radio license structure. Only 185 responders said to do nothing to preserve some form of code requirement.

### WE SAY RELUCTANT GOODBYES!

An open letter from Vice Director Dick Mondro, K4FQT (ex-W8FQT) -  
"My Fellow Amateurs,



"I would like to take a few moments to express my feelings to all the wonderful people I have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing during my tenure as vice director in the Great Lakes Division.

"As you know, I have decided not to run for re-election for another term of office because Sandy and I have plans to relocate to the warmer South to enjoy retirement to its fullest.

"73,

Dick Mondro K4FQT (new Callsign), [k4ftq@arrl.org](mailto:k4ftq@arrl.org), and (Sandy Mondro KG8HM [kg8hm@arrl.net](mailto:kg8hm@arrl.net))"

BALLOTS FOR DIRECTOR/VICE DIRECTOR

In answer to several questions, ballots were mailed over the weekend to ARRL members of records as of October 10. These were mailed from Newington/Hartford, CT by bulk mail. Ballot counting will be in early November.

Tnx for supporting ARRL and Amateur Radio through it.

73, GL,

Jim Weaver, K8JE

Director, Great Lakes Division ARRL; <http://www.arrl.org/>

## NEW VANITY CALLSIGN COSTS

The application fee for an amateur radio vanity call sign is now \$21.90. The new fee went into effect on August 23, 2005. A new Fee Filing Guide has been released by the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the new fee is listed therein. The Guide is available online at:

[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-260618A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-260618A1.pdf)

NOTE: When filing, you must use the new FCC Form 605, dated July 2005. All prior editions are obsolete. Use of any other form will cause your application to be rejected by the Commission. Also, include FCC Form 159 — Fee Remittance Notice (February 2003 edition).

## SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARIES

As has been requested in the past we will attempt to publish summaries of our club meetings each month. A summary of the meetings held in September follow below, thanks to Emily KC8RAL.

<p>Sept, 6, 2005            Carl treasurer:            Checking: \$3,167.73            Savings: \$1,194.20            Savings #2: \$202.95            Total worth: \$20,194.24</p> <p>Ada put a deposit of \$100.00 to Delucias for the awards dinner which will be Oct. 9 beginning at 4:00 p.m. mixer then we eat at 5pm</p> <p>Hamfest information:            Paid Charlanne farms for Gift Certificate: \$1,450.00            Tickets sales: \$3,531.00            50/50 sales \$65.00            Chinese auction: \$117.00            Cost Charlanne: \$630.00            Profit of hamfest: \$279.71.</p> <p>Guest: Lisa's friend: Gabe Knight from New Orleans. Gabe spoke about his experiences in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.</p>	<p>Sept. 20,2005            Carl: Treasurer:            Financial report            3167.73 beginning total            2632.37 total after expenses            19069.62 club total valuation            We will need to cash in one of the CD's in order to meet our projected expenses this year. Motion was passed.</p> <p>Guests            Jim and Danny Good            Jim Dillon, who was accepted as a member.            WB8UNE</p> <p>Annual Banquet is October 9 at DiLuccias. 4pm is social hour, 5 is the meal.            A question has come up that because of the club's financial difficulties whether we should have a "free" banquet or not. This year, a can will be put out for donations to defray the cost of the banquet, but this will be discussed at a later date.</p>
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<p>Oct. 22 and 23 weekend will be GOTA for Boy and Girl Scouts, Roger Dean is in charge of this</p>	<p>A committee is being formed to look into club fundraising, especially the Hamfest. Pete Kozup will chair the committee and will appoint other members.</p> <p>Can we save money by eliminating phone patches on the repeaters? The phone lines attached now are for computer control. Dave will check into equipment to change repeaters to radio control.</p>
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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

<p>10/1 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  10/3 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM  10/4 WARA Meeting Grace Baptist Church 7:30PM  10/5 WARA Nets 10 M &amp; 2 M 8PM / 9P  10/9 Awards Banquet DiLucia's Rest. 4-5 PM  10/10 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM  10/12 WARA Nets 10 M &amp; 2 M 8PM / 9PM  10/15 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM  10/15-16 JOTA – see article this issue</p>	<p>10/17 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM  10/18 WARA meeting Grace Baptist Church 7.30 PM  10/19 WARA Nets 10 M &amp; 2 M 8PM / 9PM  10/20 K8OUA's boat comes out of the water  10/24 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newton Falls 12N  10/26 WARA Nets 10 M &amp; 2 M 8 PM/9PM  10/31 Brunch Farmington Sr Center 11 AM</p>
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