

The Q-Match

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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Jota report

This years JOTA event was a great success. We made over twenty-five contacts with other scouting groups around the world, including one at Guantanamo Bay Cuba. We estimate we had more than 200 scouts come up to the tents and either made contacts, or learned more about HAM Radio. The staff at Camp Stigwandish was very helpful and also very kind. They were going to move us to a less than desirable site from where we originally planned to set up. Unfortunately, that new site included MANY power lines and therefore much interference. Fortunately the camp staff was very receptive to our concerns, and allowed us to set up at another area instead. The weather was a bit cold, however not too terrible until then end. Many young faces were lit up with amazement as they discovered that you could talk to the astronauts, or to people around the world. Many old faces were also lit up with joy when they saw a young scout smiling with wonder at our hobby. We asked them to figure out how we had raised the dipoles. We got answers ranging from throwing a rock, using a crane, and one even suggested a helicopter. I would like to pay special thanks to the following members who helped out or donated equipment on the day. These include Mike, KC8WUX, Gale, KC8LRH, Frank, WB8PHH, Dennis, N8IVE, Mike KA8WMF, Steve KC8YDS, and Bob KC8PVB. Without

these members the event would not have occurred for the scouts at Camp Stigwandish.

Thanks again to all who helped out by making this year's JOTA a great success! I'm already looking forward to next year, and am planning to become more involved with the scouts in the months to come.

Roger Dean (KC8VYS)

holiday stuff

Activities Chair Ada Simons advises that the club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 4 from about 5.00 PM on at the Grace Baptist Church in Champion. There will be a gift exchange for those interested, and guys should bring a gift for guys and girls a gift for girls. Maximum amount to be spent for the gift should be about ten dollars, though a little less will be fine too.

The club agreed at the last meeting to collect food goods for a Christmas basket for needy folks. The goods will be donated to the Grace Baptist Church basket. Members are asked to bring canned goods to the next three meetings.

Just a question from the editor – do we want to have a “talk to Santa on the air” at one of the Wednesday night net sessions as we have done in the past?

HOLIDAY STUFF (CONT. . . .)

No answers, just something to think about.

Change of email address

Associate member Sandee Starr has asked that we change her email address from SandeeStars@aol.com to SandiCutie@aol.com. Please change this on your address book.

Happy birthday

To all of our members celebrating birthdays in November we extend our best greetings. Happy November birthday to these WARA folks.

11/02 Harold "Buzz" Firster, K8NTD
 11/03 Kay Parise, N8WER
 11/07 Sue Wagner, KC8VHC
 11/14 Ed Chopko, Jr., K8KBB
 11/15 Jim Townley, K8SSP
 11/15 Jack Sullivan, KC8RJU
 11/16 Henry Snyder, KC8UVY
 11/18 Bob Moran, KC8FWQ
 11/20 Bill Kemp, KC8KBC
 11/24 Bill Eckenrode, N8VOR

As usual we extend a hearty ARL FORTY-SIX to each of these birthday people. And remember, if we've missed your day, let us know.

Nets

The two meter and ten meter Wednesday night nets continue to prosper. If you haven't checked into one of these nets recently you should try them out. The ten meter net meets at 8.00 PM local time on 28.375 MHz with either Ken, KC8TML, or Fred, N9BSO in control. The two meter net meets, as it has for decades now, on the W8VTD repeater at 146.97 MHz at 9.00 PM local time. Here is the two meter net control schedule for November and December.

Nov. 3rd – Sherman, KC8YHJ
 Nov. 10th – Andy, N8YR
 Nov. 17th – Emily, KC8RAL
 Nov. 24th – Bob, KC8PVB

Dec. 1st – Lisa, KC8VHB
 Dec. 8th – Sherman, KC8YHJ
 Dec. 15th – Andy, N8YR
 Dec. 22nd – Emily, KC8RAL
 Dec. 29th – Bob, KC8PVB

Check into either of our Wednesday night nets as often as you can. If you'd like to try your hand at NCS contact Fred, N9BSO.

Good morning net

Karl, KF8MG, sent along this bit of info for last month's *Q-Match*, but it inadvertently got left out, so I've included it in this month's issue.

For many years, and I can't tell how many exactly, but certainly more than 20 years, there has been a "Good Morning Net" which was supervised by Mike Serotko, W8MTC. As Mike got older he asked me to handle it, and I have done so for the past five years. We have a very simple but effective way of running our net and ask any and all who are licensed to join in. The net is on the air six days a week at 9.00 AM local time on 146.55 MHz simplex. The net does not meet on Sundays.

Our roster of Net Control Operators is simple and straightforward. Each operator is responsible for the net for the whole week on which he's scheduled. At present we have five Net Control Ops and one alternate. This arrangement has worked fine for us.

I invite you and all others to join us, and remember YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CLUB MEMBER TO JOIN US!!

Here is the schedule of NCSs for the months of November and December.

November 1 – 6 – Lee, KA8TGX
 GOOD MORNING NET (CONT. . . .)
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 November 8 – 13 – Larry, N8WRT

November 15 – 20 – Joe, W8KNO
 November 22 – 27 – Mike, W8MTC
 Nov. 29 – Dec. 4 – Karl, KF8MG
 December 6 – 11 – Lee, KA8TGX
 December 13 – 18 – Larry, N8WRT
 December 20 – 25 – Joe, W8KNO
 Dec. 27 – Jan 1 – Mike, W8MTC

Sweepstakes

November is Sweepstakes month. The first weekend, November 5 – 7, is the CW portion, and the third weekend, November 19 – 21, is the SSB portion. For more information on this great ARRL contest check the ARRL website at www.arrl.org, or October QST. Get into it, you'll have a ball.

Youth activities report

Firstly I would like to thank Steve, KC8YDS, for helping with JOTA. He made the sacrifice of an entire day to come out and help with JOTA from setup to tear down. Also thanks to Steve, we have some wonderful pictures to remember this year's JOTA by. If it were not for him, people that wanted to be there but couldn't, would not be able to enjoy some of the smiles and enjoyment that was shared between young and old alike. I'm sure he could have done any one of a million other things, but he took the time to share something he loves with others. He also brought out, and set up his HF rig, so that he and others would be able to share HAM Radio with these scouts. It may even be that because of his actions what is now a child enjoying scouts, may become our next news broadcaster, or even the next astronaut aboard the International Space Station. Only time will tell.

I would like to invite all youth in our club to not only begin enjoying the many joys that HAM Radio has to offer, but to come to a meeting, or an event. Get to know the others that support the club. Matter of fact, bring one of your friends. This hobby is all about friends and spending time with them. In what other hobby can you regularly talk to and make friends with people in other parts of the world. Some of you may not be interested in talking on the radio. That's fine. There's packet where you can send mail and messages similar to E-Mail. There's radio Teletype where you can chat just like you were on the Internet. There is also an emerging communication mode called "D-Star" in which you can link computers digitally over the HAM radio to form a long distance network connection. Take a look at www.icomamerica.com to learn more about it. Or, if you like tradition and the historical way of doing things why not try out the oldest and still one of the most popular ways of communicating of all – Morse Code?

Best wishes to all and hope to see you all soon.

73,

Roger J Dean (KC8VYS)

WARA Youth Activities Director

A note from joe

Once again we're blessed with an article submitted by Joe Wehner, W8KNO, and again, the editor says "Thanks Joe" for your insight and willingness to share info with us.

As we approach the end of another year, we find the same special event stations that appear each year. Read A NOTE FROM JOE (CONT. . . .)

last years article or check QST, CQ or e-ham for the specific information.

The following article appears on page 99 of the November issue of CQ.

"CQ magazine will be 60 years old in January 2005, and to celebrate we're bringing back the "CQ Gang Award" and operating activity that premiered ten years ago during our golden anniversary. The goal is to provide recognition for, and encourage you to work, everyone who's contributed to CQ's success over the past six decades.

For the first 60 days of 2005 (January 1 - March 1), all current and former CQ staff members and associates, along with the current subscribers, will be authorized to sign "/60" after their call signs. Any ham (or SWL) will be able to earn a nice piece of wallpaper for contacting enough members of "The CQ Gang."

The "CQ Gang Award" is easy to earn. Just contact stations signing "/60," tell them your name, where you're operating from and their signal report, and then write down (or type) each person's call sign, name, signal report, and CQ position held (Please don't feel shy about continuing the QSO and actually having a conversation with one another!). You get 6 points for each contact with a "/60" station, plus bonus points for working top CQ staffers. If you qualify to sign "/60" yourself, then you would also get one point for every QSO with a non/60 station. When your point total is 60 or higher, you qualify! It's as simple as that! There are even endorsements for higher scores, up to 600 total points. The only catch is that you have to make all of "/60" contacts in

the first 60 days of 2005 (January 1 - March 1).

Listen for WW2CQ

In addition, various members of the CQ "family" will be activating the CQ club callsign -- WW2CQ -- from different parts of the U.S. during January and February. Listen for WW2CQ/61 (first call area), WW2CQ/62 (second call area), etc. We will have a separate certificate for working WW2CQ in all ten U.S. call areas.

Complete rules for the "CQ Gang Award" and details on the WW2CQ/6x operation will appear next month and will be posted on our website as soon as they're finalized. Have fun and see you on the air in 2005!"

Since the majority of club members do not subscribe to CQ, I will gladly provide you the information as it becomes available.

73,

Joe - W8KNO/60

Bpl

The FCC has released the full BPL Report and Order (R&O) in ET Docket 04-37 that it adopted just two weeks ago. While extolling the purported benefits of broadband over power line technology, the 81-page document also declares the FCC's intention to "protect licensed services from harmful interference."

The FCC said it expects "good faith" on both sides in the event of interference complaints. Shutting down a BPL system in response to a valid interference complaint "would be a last resort when all other efforts to satisfactorily reduce interference have failed," the FCC said. ARRL officials are studying the R&O and considering

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possible responses. The ARRL Executive Committee (EC) already has authorized filing a Petition for Reconsideration. The EC also authorized ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, to "prepare to pursue other available remedies as to procedural and substantive defects" in the BPL proceeding. For more information on BPL, visit the "Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) and Amateur Radio" page at, <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/>.

Severson award winner

CW SPECIALIST, JOYCE JUDY, KD8HB, IS 2004 SEVERSON WINNER Joyce Judy, KD8HB, well known for her work in CW and Ohio traffic handling, is the 11th winner of the Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award. Joyce, a former Ohio Section Traffic Manager, received the award from Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

The Ohio Ham of the Year is named for former ARRL Leader Severson, AB8P, (SK) of Lakewood, OH who died in 1997.

Butler hamfest

Joe, W8KNO, recently took a trip to Butler PA to attend the Butler hamfest. He sent along the following.

Left a little after six, called into the PARC repeater -not reply- got money at the ATM so I could BUY, BUY & BUY! Took 305 to 422 and changed to the WARA repeater and got a response from KF8T and N8WRT both enroute to the hamfest. Copied the repeater until I was east of New Castle. After passing under I-79 checked in with the mobile check-in, did not win the mobile check-in

prize. Arrived at the fair grounds at five after eight. Took my DXCC QSL cards to be checked and to deposit my ticket stub, again I did not win an hourly drawing or any of the other prizes. The DXCC checked, as I found was not there because of a death in the family. Returned my cards to the car and started walking the flea market. Met K2VNM, net control for the Old-Old Timers and N8WRT and K8WRM from Newton Falls. Talked to K2VNM until an announcement was made that Rick Linquist, N1RL of ARRL Headquarters, was giving a lecture on "Whats Happening." Attended this lecture and was surprised by the number of filings that had been made to the FCC. The most interesting part of it was how the changes would only advance the submitters cause and not Amateur Radio as a whole. Rick's lecture was followed by two more:

Traffic Handling and the PA QSO Party. I then walked through the inside vendors looking for some parts for my latest project. However, there were less vendors this year than I remembered from years past. Deciding I should walk the flea market one more time, I found myself being called as I started up the hill. I looked and there was Jim, K8MR, in his mobile. This was the weekend of the ARRL VHF QSO Party and he parked up by the end of the airstrip. I walked the flea market, helped K8MR set up his portable station and took pictures for K8MR. You might find them on the MRRC web site. I then got in the car drove home and made a few contacts, one being with K8MR. It was a good day and I plan to do it again next year! 73, Joe - W8KNO

ohio section news

Section News (Ohio Section) for NOVEMBER, 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.

NOVEMBER SECTION NEWS - Happy Thanksgiving. Ohio will be the site of two major ARRL Conventions in 2005. On March 19, 2005 or the day before the Toledo Hamfest, the Great Lakes Division (Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky) will be held in Maumee - about 1.2 miles from the Hamfest site. Information is at www.greatlakes.arrl.org and opening registration is coming this month. Then the Dayton Hamvention (May 20-22, 2005), the 2005 ARRL National Convention is scheduled - the second time the past five years, the National Convention will be at Hamvention. ARRL Convention events will be scheduled throughout the three day event at Dayton and will be announced after the New Year.

The next edition of the Ohio Section Journal, which will be sent to all Section Field appointees in late November, will be the last until March, 2005. That in the normal schedule. Current edition of the OSJ is available for downloading at www.iarc.ws or www.w8we.org, and click on OSJ. Editor of the OSJ is ASM Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay.

ARRL PR NOTE - The 2004 Ohio Section Conference, September at

Columbus, was the highest attended in Section history. Some 121 hams attended for at least part of the day with 107 participating in the social event of the year - the OSC PIZZA LUNCH. Both numbers are records. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

And at the conference, Michigan SM, Dale Williams, WA8EFK, gave the famous Colin Powell's (Secretary of State) 18 points of leadership. For those who wish a copy, see the Ohio Section web site www.iarc.ws.

Allen Pitts, W1AGP, is the new ARRL Headquarters Media and Public Relations Manager. An Extra Class, Allen started in September succeeding Jennifer Hagy, N1TDY, who resigned when she moved to Boston.

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - Since the Ohio Section web site www.iarc.ws took 42,954 hits last month, maybe it is time you visited it. It seems that every month our site gets more hits than the month previous. The site is updated daily thanks to PIC Scott Yonally, N8SY, Lexington.

With Holiday giving time fast approaching, look over the list of ARRL books, tapes and other ham radio items advertised in each edition of QST. Some are even stocking stuffer size.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - Ohio Slow Net (OSN) meets every day at 2210 (10:10 P.M.), 365 days a year on 3708 kHz. Speeds from 10 to 12 WPM, but will slow down for someone who needs it. OSN passes traffic and give some instruction or direct folks to instructional nets, such as the Maryland Slow Net @ 3717 kHz at 2330 Eastern. Usually KX8B or WD8Q can carry through traffic to Buckeye Net. New

OHIO SECTION NEWS (CONT. . . .)
 check ins are always welcome, and,
 again, they will match senders speed.
 OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO
 Tom Swartz, KB8PAI, Toledo as TMRA
 Ham of the year. He is also club
 president; (B) TO Doug Gardner,
 KB8PHJ, Akron, as new editor of the
 Pioneer Radiator of the Pioneer ARF.
 He succeeds Jesse Wall, KA8YYJ and
 (C) TO Al Haller, W8PBX, for achieving
 the Greater Cincinnati ARC
 Distinguished Service Award. A member
 since the club was formed in 1936, Al
 writes GCARA history columns for area
 newsletters.

OHIO SECTION NOVEMBER
 HAMFEST... (6) Grant ARC at
 Georgetown. Contact Rodney Crawford,
 WD8CTX, at 937-446-2338 or at
 <wd8ctx@juno.com> or visit
 <www.geocities.com/garcoho/>.

DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE.
 Ohio Section Manager

November calendar

11/1 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
 11/2 Get out and vote!
 11/2 WARA mtg 7.30PM Grace Bpt Ch
 11/3 10 mtr net 8 PM; 2 mtr net 9 PM
 11/6 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
 11/6 Sp Ev Stns – several – USCG Aux
 65th Anniv. See Nov QST p 103
 11/6-8 Sweepstakes CW Contest see
 Oct QST pg 107
 11/8 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
 11/10 10 mtr net 8 PM; 2 mtr net 9 PM
 11/11-14 Sp Ev Stns – several – Vet'ns
 Day -- See Nov QST p 103
 11/13-14 Japan Int'l DX Contest – See
 Nov QST p102
 11/15 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
 11/16 WARA mtg 7.30PM Grace Bpt Ch
 11/17 10 mtr net 8 PM; 2 mtr net 9 PM

11/20 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
 11/20-22 Sweepstakes SSB Contest
 See Oct QST pg 107
 11/22 Where were you on 11/22/63?
 11/22 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
 11/24 10 mtr net 8 PM; 2 mtr net 9 PM
 11/25 Be thankful! Turkey day!!
 11/26 YL Shopping Day
 11/27 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest.
 Newton Falls 12 N
 11/27-28 CQ WW DX Contest CW see
 Oct QST p99 or www.cgww.com
 11/29 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM

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