

THE Q-MATCH

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AWARDS BANQUET

The WARA annual Awards Banquet was held on Sunday evening October 9, 2005, at DiLucia's on Elm Road in Warren. The evening was hosted by the club's two Awards Co-chairmen, Gail Wells KC8LRH, and Richard Bell, KC8TAP. Activities Coordinator and event organizer Ada Simons KC8MTZ advised that fifty-two people attended the dinner, thirty-three members and nineteen guests. The dinner is traditionally free for those who have held officer and/or worked at major club activities during the year, but this year a donation was accepted from those who wished to contribute. According to Ada donations covered about 16.5% of the cost of the dinner to the club. She was very pleased with this in light of the club's overall shortfall in bringing in income this year through the hamfest. Awards were given out to the club's office holders, to the winners of the Bill Craiger Memorial QSO Party, and to those who held other positions of authority in the club during the year. As usually happens, some members were issued awards for, well, let's say slipshod performance or humorous performance. For example, Nick Buhhur N8NVI, was awarded the "Uneasy Rider" Award for his competence (incompetence??) in motorcycle riding, Steve Ruman KC8YDS was awarded the "Log Penmanship" Award for his unreadable logs during the Packard Special Event, and Karl Gerlt KF8MG was awarded the "Raccoon Catcher" Award for his skill in eliminating, or trying to eliminate, raccoons from under his house.

The main award, the first "Ham of the Year" Award was awarded to Ada Simons KC8MTZ. She was elected Ham of the Year by the members of the club for the work she has done during the year as Activities Chairperson.

Overall, it was a fine evening enjoyed by all.



Karl KF8MG with his Raccoon Award 1

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Hello again to all and hope you had a wonderful Halloween. Well, November is here and with it comes colder temperatures, more inclement weather, and fewer events. However I would like you to keep in mind that Kids day is coming up in January. It will be Sunday, January 8th, from 1800 to 2400 Zulu time

(1:00pm to 7:00pm). I am unsure what our plans will be yet but I am working on ideas. Obviously, an outdoor event would be "less than appealing", but it is hard to find indoor events that cater to kids. If anyone knows of an event that we may be able to work in conjunction with, please let me know and I will do my best to arrange it.

On another note, our absence at JOTA this year must have raised some questions. I was contacted last Wednesday (October 26th) by the boy scout council to find out when JOTA 2006 would be, so they could schedule their "Trail Blazer" event the same weekend and include us as part of the program. For those of you that were not at JOTA 2004, the "Trail Blazer" is an event that the boy scouts have every year at camp Stigwandish, and in 2004 it had over 400 scouts of all ages in attendance. We were placed on their activities schedule of things to do, and therefore had a wonderful turnout of scouts coming by to learn about HAM Radio and talk on the air. Hopefully JOTA 2006 will be as successful as JOTA 2004.

If anyone has information about any youth that they would like published, please E-Mail me at KC8VYS@earthlink.net and I will be sure to publish the information in the youth section. Also if anyone would like to help with planning, or production of an event, please let me know. I welcome any and all ideas, or suggestions.

Thank you and see you on the air.

73,

Roger J Dean KC8VYS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual WARA Christmas party will be held December 2, 2005, at the Grace Baptist Church in Champion, Ohio. This is the second year we will have a club Christmas Party and last year's event was very successful. Doors will open between 5.00 and 5.30 PM, and we will eat at 6.00 PM. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert dish. You are asked to let Ada Simons KC8MTZ, know what you are bringing. Ada can be reached by phone at 330 847-0005.

As happened last year there will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Men are asked to bring a gift for a man and women a gift for a woman. Humorous gifts are acceptable, and the maximum cost for a gift should be around \$10.00.

Renee McCaman KB8SVF will be in charge of games. Renee advises that she needs donations of prizes for the games. If you have anything to donate please let Renee know as soon as possible. Renee can be reached by phone at 330 847-8478 or by email at mrmccaman@earthlink.net.

If you intend to attend the club's Christmas party please let Ada Simons KC8MTZ know as soon as possible.

ELECTIONS

The regular annual meeting of the WARA will be held at the second club meeting in January. That is, January 18, 2006. Yeah, we know, that's still a ways off, but the time will fly by before any of us knows it is gone. Now is the time to be thinking about who you would like at the head of our club, not just as President, but for all the officer positions in the club. Normally a nominating committee is selected sometime in November or December, and that group searches out suitable candidates to run for office. Are you willing to hold an office in the club? Do you know someone who might be willing to serve if only he or she was asked? It has always struck this editor as strange that while we were quick to condemn Communists and other totalitarian regimes for limiting the number of individuals running for office to one person, we are more than happy to nominate only one person to offices in most of the organizations we belong to. Wouldn't it be great to have two or three people running for each of the club's offices? Think about donating some of your time by running for a club office, or nominate someone you know would be a good club officer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We have quite a few club members born in November. As usual, we wish each of them a great birthday and all the happiness possible for you and yours. Happy birthday to these members.

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

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

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER'S MEETINGS

<p>October 04, 2005 (thanks Renee)</p> <p>Carl treasurer: Checking Balance: \$7893.59 Total worth: \$19920.10</p> <p>Hamfest information: Plaque was taken and given to Charlene Farms.</p> <p>Pete organized a committee of 5 for fundraiser. Committee consist of; Pete K8OUA, Karl KF8MG, Reno KA8LCW, Richard KC8TAP or Bob KC8PVB, Ed Chapko Jr. K8KBB.</p> <p>Guest: Chris's friend: Julie Morris</p> <p>Repeater : Dennis N8IVE done some research to do away with 97's phone line, cost \$260-@320.00 for dual bander radio.</p> <p>Sunshine/sick: Ruth Hawkin's husband passed, sent card..</p>	<p>October 18, 2005 (Thanks Sue KC8VHC)</p> <p>Carl: Treasurer: Treasure report #1 savings 5,699.28 #2 savings 5,000.00 #3 savings 1,194.20 seven seventeen: 203.95 Total evaluation: 18,710.92 Dues are due for the year 2006 by end of December 2005..</p> <p>The awards banquet was held at DeLucias and a lot of fun was had by all. Total of 52 at banquet, 33 club and 19 guests. paid DeLucias 981.50 club paid 796.50 food cost: 788.20 sir charge: 155.74 guests: 285.00 donations: 108.00</p> <p>616.50 came out of club funds</p> <p>Christmas Party: Eat at 6pm Covered dish and Dessert and man gift for man/ woman gift for woman. Renee will be in charge of games, she needs donations of prizes if you have anything to donate. New Associate Member: Julie Morris</p>
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OHIO SECTION NEWS

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at 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: (appointment pending).

NOVEMBER EDITION BY OHIO ACC Joanne Solak, KJ3O - Ohio Clubs continue on the move! So many parades this weekend, so many festivals this month. And newsletter after newsletter informs me of the many public service events our clubs are involved with again this month.

I am pleased to learn of so many of the clubs continuing VE Exams. Not a week goes by that I am not asked where the next exams will be held. Continue the good work.

This month again several renewals for ARRL Club affiliation have been received..and some SSC renewals and applications are sent to the League..a good sign Clubs are on the move here in Ohio.

The Western Reserve Emergency Communications Service had quite a busy month in July and August with their very informative meetings especially at the July meeting when their members met off-site at the Bainbridge Township Fire Dept.

The 20/9 Radio Club enjoyed burgers and dogs in the rain at their corn roast, but I am told a good time was had by all. The group held a Trash & Treasure sale setup August 20 th & 21st and then their participation at the Canfield Fair. What a busy time.

The Massillon ARC has been planning for their Safety Break located on Interstate 77 near Dover, Ohio. The club's largest amateur radio public service activity of the year was the assistance with the annual Community parade and the Hoover Grand Parade.

The Grant Amateur Radio Club remains active with their picnic and the Brown County Fair parade, not to mention the mock bio-terrorism drill on August 4th.

The Indian Hills Radio Club remains active also with their Club net Thursday nights at 8 pm 146.430 simplex. Their September 12th meeting for the club was to begin with a close-up look at the BC-610 transmitter. It was to be profiled in a video by their President, W8DOE. (The BC-610 was a military communications giant made by Hallicrafters. It ran 450 watts on CW and 325 watts on AM. The weight 390.5 pounds!).

Well last but not least, remember The application fee for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign is now \$21.90.

Enjoy the Fall Season and all the activities, support your local club and I will see you when you will least expect it.

Until then,

Best 73,

Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC Ohio

OHIO SECTION NOVEMBER HAMFESTS: (12 Nov) Grant Amateur Radio Club hamfest; For more information see <http://www.garcohio.net> or E-mail Rod Crawford, WD8CXT at : wd8ctx@juno.com. Hamfest is located at ABCAP Building, 200 South Green Street, Georgetown.

Now for the September Traffic Reports.

OHIO SECTION NETS:

QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS	FREQ	NM
BN(E)	165	78	292	3.577	WA8ZGL
BN(L)	134	43	187	3.577	NY8V
OSN	158	38	499	3.708	WD8Q
OSSBN	1890	552	2555	3.9725	N8IO

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 November Net Control schedule for the W8VTD net is as follows –

November 2	Andy	N8YR	December 7	Andy	N8YR
November 9	Emily	KC8RAL	December 14	Emily	KC8RAL
November 16	Bob	KC8PVB	December 21	Bob	KC8PVB
November 23	Lisa	KC8VHB	December 28	Lisa	KC8VHB
November 30	Sherman	KC8YHJ	Have to check and see if might have a Christmas net...Will advise in next month's Q-Match		

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

GEAUGA NET WEBSITE

Thanks to Sue KC8VHC for the following information. The 147.015 repeater in Newbury has a new web site for their two meter traffic net. It is: www.tricountytraffic.net. The site was set up by Bill WB9LBI, and he did a wonderful job. The controllers of the 147.015 MHz repeater would like clubs like the WARA to link this site to ours to allow users to move freely from one site to the other.

WINTER ARRL OPERATING SCHEDULE

Have you ever listened to the W1AW, the voice of the ARRL? W1AW regularly transmits news and information for hams. The following is the W1AW operating schedule for winter 2005-06.

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)
 (Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 " (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 " (6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 " (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 " (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 " (9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 " (9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 " (10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri

0300 " " CWs Tue, Thu
 0400 " (11 PM EST) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8175 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555

RTTY: 3.625 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555

VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur radio license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 100 in the November 2005 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.

A NOTE FROM THE SEC

When you receive the November issue of QST, you will read major reports on the response to Hurricanes, Katrina and Rita. While it was not documented in this issue of OST, the Ohio Section played a VERY important part of that response. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who registered and responded into the affected area. This is echoed by my fellow SECs in the affected regions. The Ohio Section definitely came through when needed.

If you responded into the area to serve any agency, please let us have your story, and any pictures. We will be passing them on to the ARRL for a complete wrap-up, and putting together a story for all of the Ohio Section to post on our web site, and include with future ARES presentations to show to our served agencies.

I'm interested in what worked, and what didn't work. The US has never experienced a disaster this complex in recent times, and we are all learning from what happened. All comments will be summarized and distributed to those who lead the response, and the goal is to be even better prepared the next time. We learn from all of our activities.

Again, thanks to all in the Ohio Section who assisted in any way. This was a "job well done", and was much appreciated.

73,

John Chapman WB8INY -- Section Emergency Coordinator wb8iny@arrl.net

Joe Phillips K8QOE -- Ohio Section Manager k8qoe@arrl.org

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE BANQUET



The Boss and his Court 1



Ada and John relax after a hard day 1

OUR ESTEEMED AWARDS CO-CHAIRMEN



Rich and Sue 1



Gail and Emily 1

