

The Q-Match

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

The Newsletter of the Warren Amateur Radio Association

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Christmas party

The annual WARA Christmas party will be held on Saturday evening December 4, 2004, at the Grace Baptist Church on Mahoning Ave. in Champion. All members and their families are invited to attend. The party will begin at 5.00 PM. Ada Simons will be providing meat for the evening in the form of turkey and ham, and soft drinks also will be supplied. Everyone attending should bring either a casserole, vegetable, salad, and/or desert dish to go along with the meat being provided. There will be a gift exchange for those who are interested. OMs bring a man's gift and YLs bring a ladies gift - to the value of \$7-10. Children, of course, should bring a gift for either a boy or girl. Those planning to attend the party are asked to advise Activities Chairperson Ada Simons, KC8MTZ, by phone at 330 847-0005, or by email at jsimon@neo.rr.com. So, give Ada a call, we're looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at the party.

Food for christmas

As we've done in the past, the WARA is collecting non-perishable food items at our club meetings to donate to the Grace Baptist Church's food basket which it gives to needy families in the area. We have been doing this throughout the month of November, and the next club meeting, December 7, will be

the last meeting we will be collecting. So, bring along some canned food or other non-perishable items and get into the Christmas spirit of giving.

Club elections

It's that time again folks, it's election time! Every year at the second club meeting in January the WARA has its General Meeting. This year the meeting will occur on January 18, 2005. After the business part of this meeting we will elect the club officers for 2005. Obviously this is an important meeting, and we need you there. We also need candidates to run for club officers. A nominating committee made up of Richard Bell, KC8TAP, and Sue Wagner, KC8VHC, is trying to get a list of candidates for club officers. As usual, we will need people to run for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a three-year Trustee. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, or if you know someone in the club who you feel should be an office holder, contact Richard by email at kc8tap@neo.rr.com or by phone on 330 898-6539, or Sue by email at sweetannie62@onecom.com or by phone on 330 898-6626. Most importantly, whether you run for office or not, be at the meeting on January 18.

Youth report

Calling all amateur youths!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I am looking for club youths that would be

interested in being in a commercial. This may or may not end up broadcast. We are not really sure what the major plans are yet, but I would like to show other young people what can be done and that there is fun to have here. Even if you have not been active lately, please don't let that stop you. Drop me a line at KC8VYS@earthlink.net to let me know that you are interested.

On that note, I am also looking for youth volunteers that would be willing to help out at a club table at a show. There are no scheduled dates as of yet, however if I can get enough help from our youth, I would like to start making us seen at public events such as hobby expos, electronics demos, etc. Please let me know if you're interested.

What else is going on:

I am still perusing a program at the YMCA, and have received 2 volunteers for Boy Scout merit badge counselors. I would like to thank Ken (KC8TML) and Dennis (N8IVE) for offering to help with the scouts. There are also plans in the works for contacting media classes in local schools to give demonstrations of how HAM Radio works. I will provide more details on all of this as I get them. I would like once again to ask for stories. I would like to put at least one or two stories in each Q-Match of youths doing something of merit. I'd like to hear about what you've done whether it be getting good grades in school, or rescuing the neighbors dog from a drain culvert, or anything in between. If you have heard about another young person who has done something exciting, please send me these stories to KC8VYS@earthlink.net so that I may get them printed. Anyone sending their

story will be kept anonymous if they choose to be. So often we hear only about the bad side of our young people, both in our news and our gossip. Lets all remember that there are also many good things that happen with kids. If you've had some good experiences in your lifetime just remember how it made you feel when you were recognized for them. Thanks for all the help from the entire WARA body and I wish all of you a very happy holiday season

73,

Roger J. Dean (KC8VYS)
Youth Activities Chairman

Happy birthday

I always felt sorry for people with December birthdays because their special day always seemed to be too close to Christmas for my tastes. But, I think that I've probably been wrong. As I write this it's their turn to have a special day, and they get two good days in the same month. Wish a happy birthday to the following members on their special day.

12/1 Fred Olver	N9BSO
12/2 Larry Taylor	Assoc.
12/3 Bob Schweinfurth	KB8RHH
12/3 Bob Maurer	KC8PVB
12/10 Chuck Simpkins	KA8FUP
12/10 Charles Greeson	KG8ZK
12/16 Ray Solinger	N8HRZ
12/16 Renee McCaman	KB8SVF
12/17 Frank Fitzhugh	KD8KJ
12/17 Sherman Davidson	KC8YHJ
12/20 Fred Swartz	WD8OPI
12/25 Deb Murphy	KC8NLX
12/29 Oran Telford	KC8AWS

happy birthday (cont. . . .)

To each of these WARA members we extend a hearty ARL FORTY-SIX.

I rely on my list of birthdays which I receive from Renee, our club secretary. We all know that she does a great job, but my list is only accurate through July 18, 2004. And even for that date there are a few members whose birthdays I do not have. So, if I've forgotten your birthday, or had the date wrong, or if you've joined the club since mid-July of this year please email me with the correct date of your birthday so that you can be included in our monthly birthday greeting with everyone else. You can email me at k8oua@yahoo.com.

Ohio section news

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.

DECEMBER SECTION NEWS - Happy Holidays 2004. Make it a New Year's resolution to sign up new ARRL member in 2005. If we all did that, ARRL membership would double in a year. Worth thinking about.

Ohio ACC Mark Reising, WM8R wants to remind everyone that the end of the year means your local club is promoting, (1) Holiday parties; (2) Ham of the Year balloting; (3) Officer elections and (4) dues for 2005 which are due. Strong Ohio Clubs makes a strong Ohio Section. Support the club of your choice - participate in its activities and pay the dues.

The last edition of the Ohio Section Journal for 2004 was mailed November

15th. For those who are not ARRL Field appointments, and thus do not get a mailed copy, the 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. Webmaster for the Ohio Section is PIC Scott Yonally, N8SY.

ARRL PR NOTE - Remember that in 2005, Ohio will be the site of two major ARRL conventions. The Great Lakes Division convention will be March 19th in Toledo - one day before the Toledo Hamfest. And in May, the 2005 Dayton Hamvention (May 20-22) will also serve as the 2005 ARRL National Convention. This makes us the center of the ARRL next year.

OHIO SECTION CLUB NEWS - The ARRL has new information about the reimbursement for ARRL membership program. It is on the web site www.iarc.ws. Pay a visit.

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - A new organization responsibility is coming into play. That of Webmaster. This thought came as we were reading club newsletters and saw two instances where newsletter editors, who had that added responsibility, were asking the clubs to name a separate Webmaster.

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 Ohio section news (cont. . . .)
Slow Net @ 3717 kHz at 2330 Eastern. Usually KX8B or WD8Q can carry

through traffic to Buckeye Net. New check ins are always welcome, and, again, they will match senders speed.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO Joe Papworth, K8MP, who writes the column "Joe's Place" in the Delaware ARC Newsletter, for his October column describing repainting a tower; (B) TO Seneca County ARC of Tiffin for getting a major ham radio story in the "Advertiser-Tribune" October 10th issue; (C) Greater Cincinnati ARA for its work at Peterloon - the Dan Beard Boy Scout Council Conclave - making ham radio display to 5,200 Boy Scouts that weekend with hands on experience to about 300; and (D) TO Massillon ARC Newsletter for writing a complete account of one member's experience (Don Wade, K8DEA) while in the Florida relief effort. <You can read the story from the Ohio Section Web page.. www.iarc.ws>

OHIO SECTION DECEMBER HAMFEST... No hamfest for December is listed on the ARRL web site. Only those so listed are considered for this column. NOTE FOR 2005, even if your hamfest is not ARRL affiliated, you can be listed on the ARRL web site. It is in your best interest to do so.

DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Ohio Section Manager

Skywarn recognition day

ARRL-National Weather Service SKYWARN Recognition Day is December 4 -- The sixth annual ARRL-National Weather Service SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) event will take place Saturday, December 4. Begun in 1999, SKYWARN Recognition Day pays tribute to Amateur Radio SKYWARN volunteers for the vital services they

provide during weather-related emergencies. During the 24-hour activity, radio amateurs set up stations at National Weather Service (NWS) offices and work as a team to contact other hams around the world. More information on this ARRL sponsored activity can be found on the ARRL website at www.arrl.org/.

Net schedules

The WARA W8VTD nets continue to prosper thanks to a combined effort by net control stations and those checking into the nets. The WARA has two nets, both meeting on Wednesday evening. The first is the ten meter net, with either Ken, KC8TML, or Fred, N9BSO, at the helm. This net meets on 28.375 MHz at 8.00 PM local time on Wednesday. Then, at 9.00 PM local time on the 146.97 MHz the two meter net meets. The net control schedule for this net for the months of December and January follows.

Dec. 1st – Lisa, KC8VHB

Dec. 8th – Sherman, KC8YHJ

Dec. 15th – Andy, N8YR

Dec. 22nd – Emily, KC8RAL

Dec. 29th – Bob, KC8PVB

Jan. 5th – Lisa, KC8VHB

Jan. 12th – Sherman, KC8YHJ

Jan. 19th – Andy, N8YR

Jan. 26th – Emily, KC8RAL

Anyone interested in trying the Net Control slot out is encouraged to contact Fred Olver, Net Coordinator, to have a try at NCS. Fred's email is creacher@onecom.com. Over half of the NCSs on the nets at present are newcomers, and this is very good for the Net schedules (cont. . . .)

net, for the hams involved, and for the club.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: FREE to good home Heathkit tube checker with book. Call Bob Smith 330 637-0906.

FREE: Various Commodore 64 items. Contact Karl Gerlt, KF8MG, at heinz14311@netzero.net or by phone on 330 889-3890.

Karl is also looking for someone who repairs digital cameras. If you know of such a person or company please contact Karl at the above.

Dues

Karl, KF8MG, the WARA Treasurer reminds us that dues for 2005 are now due, and he will be accepting them at any time. Either pay Karl in person at any club meeting or function, or Mail your check to: W.A.R.A., P.O. Box 809, Warren, Ohio. 44482.

Just a reminder that dues have gone up this year to \$10.00 per year. That increase was actually voted on at the 2004 Annual Meeting last January as per the requirements in the by-laws. So, when you mail in your check make sure it's for \$10.00.

Cert training

I know that this doesn't give anyone much time to register, but for your information, the next class starts on Tuesday the 30th. If anyone is interested in the class call the CERT line at the EMA on 330 392-7928 or 330 675-2666. Even if it's too late for the next class perhaps they can give you information on future classes you can take.

December calendar

12/1 10 & 2 mtr nets 8PM & 9PM
12/3-5 ARRL 160 mtr contest see

www.arrl.org

12/4 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
12/4 Skywarn Recognition Day see Dec QST pg 72 or hamradio.noaa.gov
12/4 WARA Xmas Party 5 PM see Q-Match article
12/4-7 Sp Ev Stn W2W Com Pearl Harbor Day see www.qsl.net/w3hem
12/6 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
12/7 WARA mtg Grace Bpt Ch 7.30PM
12/7 Sp Ev Stn W5KID Pearl Harbor Day see www.arrl.org
12/8 10 & 2 mtr nets 8PM & 9PM
12/9 Happy Hannukah!!
12/11-12 ARRL 10 mtr contest see www.arrl.org
12/11-13 Sp Ev Stn Nazareth-Bethlehem PA WX3MAS see www.arrl.org
12/13 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
12/15 10 & 2 mtr nets 8PM & 9PM
12/17 K8OUA's winter break begins
12/18 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
12/18-26 Sp Ev Stn Xmas - Bethlehem NM KC5OUR see www.arrl.org
12/20 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
12/21 WARA mtg Grace Bpt Ch 7.30PM
12/21 First day of winter
12/22 10 & 2 mtr nets 8PM & 9PM
12/25 Merry Christmas to all!!
12/26 Kwanzaa begins!!
12/27 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
12/29 10 & 2 mtr nets 8PM & 9PM
12/31 Have a safe New Years Eve
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