

Q-Match

WARREN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

November/ December 2007

2006 Ohio Section 3rd place
Newsletter Contest Winner

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Reflections of 2007

By Gail KC8LRH
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The editor asked me if I had anything to contribute to the last Q-Match of the year and I realized a few things...

1. This year is nearly over! I can hardly believe 2007 has flown by so quickly.

2. It has been a fair year for the W.A.R.A

In 2007, we, as a group participated in a parade, Field Day, held a Technician's class with the help of Western Reserve

Amateur Radio Association, VE Test sessions, monthly meetings, weekly nets, and other activities. WARA is lucky to have some members who are interested in participating in these activities.

Now, do we have things in the works for 2008? You bet, let me tell you a few...

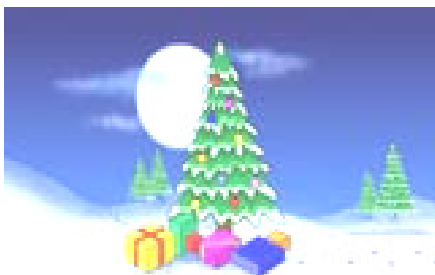
- Peter K8OUA already has our location secured for our Field

Day. We will be at the same location we was 2 years ago, Court House Square. So look for more information in upcoming Q-Match's.[scores for 2007 Field Day; contacts 409, total score 1 7 4 6] , [k8oua@yahoo.com]

- March 18 will be our annual Skywarn training. Gary Garnet from Cleveland Nation Weather Service will be doing the

Schedule of Events

- Dec 1 ...9am...Breakfast, Wayside Inn
- Dec 1... Skywarn Recognition Day
- Dec. 3...10:30 am... Brunch , W. Farmington Sr. Center
- Dec. 4...7:30 pm...WARA Meeting, First United Methodist Church
- Dec 8... Christmas Party , 5pm social hr, First United Methodist Church
- Dec. 10...10:30 am , Brunch, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- Dec 15... 9am...Breakfast, Wayside Inn
- Dec 17... 10:30 am , Brunch, W. Farmington Sr. Center
- Dec 18...7:30 pm...WARA Meeting, First United Methodist Church
- **Dec 19.. Santa Net 146.970 @ 6:30pm**
- Dec 24....10:30 am... Brunch , W. Farmington Sr. Center
- **Dec 25...Christmas**
- Dec 31...10:30 am... Brunch , W. Farmington Sr. Center



December 2007

Please check schedule for times and dates:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Breakfast
2	3	4 WARA Meeting	5 KD8FVI	6	7	8 WARA Christmas Party
9	10	11	12 KC8YHJ	13	14	15 Breakfast
16	17	18 WARA Meeting	19 KD8FVI	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26 KC8RAL	27	28	29
30	31					

WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday night on 146.970 at 9pm

A Word from the Secretary/Editor

As a rule I do not write articles for the Q-Match, but thought this one time I would, so here goes...

This year the club has had its ups and downs, hopefully this New Year there will be more ups, than downs and bring more involvement of the membership. We have way too many that just pay their dues. If you don't think you have anything to contribute to the club and newer members, think again, there is plenty a long time ham can do. Below are a few ideas;

- If you are a General class

operator or above, consider becoming a Volunteer Examiner (VE) and help at our test sessions. Go to ARRL website for more information.

- If you have never been a net operator for our Wednesday night net, give it a try.
- Consider writing an article for our newsletter. Could be able some thing that happened while you was working a contest or even about your ham shack. Submit it to the editor as she is always on the look out for any ham related article.

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A little Extra

Submitted by Joe W8KNO



CONTESTING

During the recent CQWW SSB Contest there was a change of local time because of Day Light Savings Time. Reading many of the contest club reflectors it caused some problems to the logging programs that were being used. The following is from the CT logging program "Frequently Asked Question.": "CT for Windows does not care whether your computer is set to local or UTC time. It will 'do the right thing' automatically. If you

want to set your Windows PC to UTC time, make sure to use the 'Casablanca/Monrovia' setting. Otherwise, you may incur Daylight Savings Time adjustments when you don't expect them."

T I D - B I T

While I was trolling down the 20 meter band during the recent CQWW SSB Contest, I heard a station trying to complete a QSO and he was having a problem with the receiving station not under-

standing his suffix. He used the correct phonetics saying "Juliet Charlie Alpha", but the receiving station would have him repeat his suffix over and over again. The transmitting station even tried to use other combinations such as "Japan China Australia". Finally in desperation, he said, "Jesus Christ Almighty." The receiving station came back saying, "I understand that!" and confirmed the QSO. I continued to listen until the receiving station identified himself, HV50HV-----The Vatican.



Sunshine and Sick

Lyle KB8OVA, has started his radiation treatments and so far has not had too much of a reaction.

Several members went to Bob KC8PVB and Mary's wedding in Canton on October 20th, Sweetest Day, and it was wonderfully different. The Minister did an unexpected part about King and Queen and then for

the Bride/Groom dance, instead of you paying to dance with bride or groom, they gave you a lottery scratch off ticket. The food and entertainment was fabulous and sorry more didn't make it to this wonderful event. We wish Bob and Mary many happy years together.

The month of October we had a silent key that I just found out

about , William Caldwell WA8ABE, our prayers go to the family.

So if anyone has anything please let me know so I can have it posted in the Q-Match.

Sherman KC8YHJ /
nooch5@aol.com

Reminder: 2008 dues are now being accepted by the treasurer, Betsy KD8BIB at any of our meetings or you can mail them in with the form on page 9 of this issue. Also your dues must be paid by the annual meeting to be able to vote or be nominated for any office. **Our nominating chair is Sherman KC8YHJ.**





What is meant by X band?



It's a band designated for a specific range of microwave frequencies. The letters came into use during World War II in order to keep radar frequencies used by the allies a secret from the Germans. Current frequency bands are listed below. Remember, 100MHz=

30-300MHz (vhf)

300-1000 MHz (uhf)

1000-2000 MHz (L band)

2000-4000 MHz (S band)

4000-8000 MHz (C band)

8000-12000 MHz (X band)

12.4-18 GHz (Ku band)

18-26 GHz (K band)

26-34 GHz (Ka band)

34-300 GHz (mm wave)

This is from Oct/Nov issue of Radio-TV experimenter

Given to Q-Match by Ed KC8URX



Mission Work thru the Methodist Churches

At our November 20th meeting we had Judy and Jerry Milks do a presentation on the First United Methodist Church and the Mission work they do. They have gone down to help with the recovery of Katrina and are planning on another trip in February. Below is information from their flyer they passed out to us .

Mission Work trip

D'Iberville, Mississippi 2008

Project overview:

They will be rebuilding homes that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. There will be jobs for all skill levels.

Cost will be about \$250.00 per person(out of pocket ex-penses)

If you might be interested

in joining this work group you can contact Judy or Jerry Milks at 330-544-6122 or 330-550-2723 e-mail jjmilks@yahoo.com

The club formed a committee to check and see the feasibility of are hams joining the group. We will be having more information at a later meeting.

Judy or Jerry Milks at 330-544-

6122 or 330-550-2723 e-mail

jjmilks@yahoo.com



Food Bank

The First United Methodist Church is in need of non-perishables food donation for their food bank.

So if you can when attending our meeting bring an item or two to donate. You can drop them off just inside the rear door on the left hand side , there is a bin . Any little bit would more than be appreciated.



Annual Christmas Party



OH Man ... Where did the year go!

This years Christmas Party will still be a covered dish event and will be held at the First United Methodist Church @ 309 N. Park Ave in Warren. Social hour will start at 5 pm, with dinner at 6pm. Please let me know if you are planning on attending [Julie, kd8fvi@yahoo.com or Emmy KC8RAL @ 330.394.3560].



As in years pass we will be exchanging gifts, a girl for a girl, boy for boy to exceed \$10.00.

We will again have a visit from that jolly old elf" Santa Clause" . So plan on brining your children, grandchildren, niece or nephews. For each child you bring have a wrapped/ tagged gift not to exceed \$5.00 , Santa will hand the gifts out after dinner.

I am hoping this Christmas Party will be as fun as last

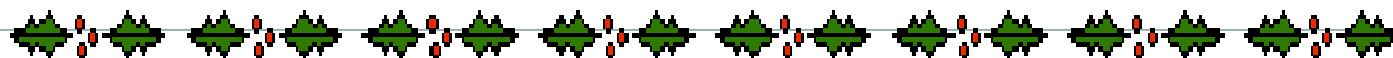
years with lots of fun, good food, good friends and a good time had by all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Julie KD8FVI

P.S. Am in need of donations for game/door prizes.

Julie , kd8fvi@yahoo.com / Emmy KC8RAL 330.394.3560



Word from our Secretary/Editor

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Could even start a SHACK OF THE MONTH column!

- Ask some of the newer members and see if they might be interested in how a repeater works, how to build an antenna or do a packet station, ect...

These are just a few of the things you as a WARA member could contribute to the club. I would hope to see the club membership be more active in the year 2008.

73

Emily KC8RAL

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Holiday Recipe

By Sue Wagner KC8VHC

Chocolate Twinkie Dessert

9 Twinkies
1 lg. box instant chocolate pudding
1 -1/2 Cups milk
4 Cups vanilla ice cream (softened)

8 oz. Cool-Whip
3 Heath candy bars, crushed (I put them into a large baggie, & pound with a mallet)

Slice Twinkies lengthwise & lay in cake pan, filling side up.

Mix pudding with milk, add ice cream. Spread on top of Twinkies.
Top with Cool-Whip & sprinkle candy bars on top.

Keep refrigerated.





Paper Chase

Submitted by Joe W8KNO

I started writing this on Sunday the 25th, a month before Christmas. I thought first of the special awards you could obtain for working one of the Special Event stations celebrating Christmas. I then remembered there is another important day in December that we should not forget, December 7th. The "Day of Infamy" as President Roosevelt called it. The following is a brief description of what occurred least we forget or were never taught in history class at school.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a pre-emptive military strike on the United States Pacific Fleet base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii by the Empire of Japan's Imperial Japanese Navy, on the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941 that made the United States enter

World War II. Two aerial attack waves, totaling 350 aircraft, were launched from six aircraft carriers with the intent to destroy the United States Pacific Fleet.

The attack wrecked two U.S. Navy battleships, one mine-layer, and two destroyers beyond repair, and destroyed 188 aircraft; personnel losses were 2,333 killed and 1,139 wounded. Damaged warships included three cruisers, a destroyer, and six battleships (one deliberately grounded, later re-floated and repaired; two sunk at their berths, later raised, repaired, and restored to Fleet service late in the war). Vital fuel storage, shipyards, and submarine facilities were not hit. Japanese losses were minimal, at 29 aircraft and five midget submarines, with 65 servicemen killed or

wounded.

To remember this event, Don Goff, AB5BG, will operate a special event station from 0700Z till 2359Z on December 7th, 8th and 9th. You will find him around 7.235, 14.260, 21.220 or 28.360 Mhz.

If you would like a certificate send a SASE either in a size 10 envelope and your certificate will come folded or a 9x12 inch envelope if you want your certificate flat.


Mail this to :

Donald Goff, 1210 Ardmore, San Angelo, TX 76905.

Hear you in the pile up.
Joe
W8KNO

DECEMBER 7, 1941
A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

SPECIAL EVENT STATION
AB5BG
DEC 7-9, 2007



THE USS SHAW EXPLODING

AT 7:55 AM ON THE MORNING OF DEC 7, 1941 THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES NAVAL BASE AT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII. THE ATTACK LASTED JUST 2 HOURS AND 2 MINUTES BUT LEFT THE PACIFIC FLEET IN SHAMBLES. LET US NOT FORGET THIS UNPREVOKED ATTACK UPON THE UNITED STATES AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WOULD FIGHT, DIE AND SURVIVE THE NEXT 4 YEARS OF WAR. LET US FORGET WHAT HAS HAPPENED WE ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT OUR DASTY.

CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE
 KILLED 2800 MILITARY OR CIVILIAN
 WOUNDED 1178
 106 PLANES DESTROYED
 2 BATTLESHIPS DESTROYED
 8 SEVERELY DAMAGED
 A TOTAL OF 31 SHIPS WERE SUNK OR DAMAGED

QSO with	Confirming QSO						
	Day	Month	Year	UTC	MHZ	RST	Mode





For Your Information



SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY

The 9th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) special event is a co-sponsored by the National Weather Service and The ARRL. The SRD is the National Weather Service's way of recognizing the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. SRD will take place on December 1 from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC.

--December 2007, QST, p. 64.

HAMFESTS

Jan. 20—Nelsonville, OH, SCARF Hamfest, Tri-County Career Center, kc8qdd@hughes.net

Jan. 20—Strasburg, TUSCO Hamfest, Wallick Auction House,

<http://noard.com/tuscoarc.htm>

Feb. 3—Lorain, OH, Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Gargus Hall,

<http://www.noars.net>,

Feb. 10—Mansfield, OH, Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest, Richland County <http://www.iarc.wa>

SECOND GENERATION TO OPERATE IN SPACE

Richard Garriot, KE5QNX, son of Owen Garriot, W5LFL, will launch into space and live aboard the International Space Station in October 2008 as a client of Space Adventures. Owen Garriot operated the world's first Amateur Radio Station from space, W5LFL, as part of the Spacelab mission on the shuttle Columbia (STS-9)

in 1983 and is on the Astronaut Advisory Board of Space Adventures, which a company that allows private citizens the chance for space travel on Russian Soyuz spacecraft at an estimated cost of \$30-55

million per person. Richard, Space Adventures Vice Chairman, has applied for his grandfather's call sign, W5KWQ.

--From QST On-line, October 7, 2007.

TRIVIA QUESTION # 1

Who was a very well-known early radio and television personality, also known as K4LIB on the amateur bands?

1. Kate Smith;
2. Freeman Gosden;
3. Authur Godfrey; or
4. Lowell Thomas



Remember our Soldiers at Christmas Time

Submitted by Sandra Shephard and Sue Wagner KC8VHC

When you are filling out your Christmas card list this year, please make one more for one of service men or women whom are away from their families at this time of year.

A Recovering American Soldier

c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center

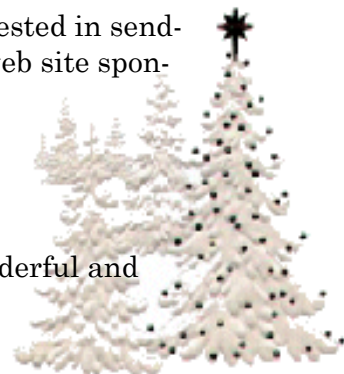
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

And if you might be interested in sending more there is also a web site sponsored by XEROX.

www.lets saythanks.com.

Hope everyone has a wonderful and joyous Christmas.





Reflections on 2007

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presentation on Skywarn, and the new polygon warning system. [Allen, kb8ywy@neo.rr.com / kc8ral@yahoo.com]

- As in years pass, Bill WB8S, will continue to hold VE testing sessions on the third Sunday of the odd months [Jan., March, May, ect...] with walk-ins at 6:30 pm, testing 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome ...[Bill-330-872-

1929]

- Special event commemorating the Packard Automobile, which will be coming in July. [Gail ~ kc8lrh@hotmail.com]
- Chris KD8BHR has already secured the fairgrounds, some vendors and a food vendor for the upcoming hamfest in August. This coming year the hamfest will be in memory of SK, Karl Gerlt
K F 8 M G [C h r i s

kd8bhr@yahoo.com]

These are but a few of our upcoming plans for the WARA if your might be interested in joining any event and are not sure how to go about it...just ask any of our club officers.

We encourage everyone to join in the fun and activities...

73, Gail KC8LRH



November / December Birthdays



It is time again to wish everyone of our special birthday members a very Happy Birthday.

Happy Belated Birthday to you.

November;

2nd.....K8NTD.. ...Buzz Firster

3rd.....N8WER.. ...Kay Parise

7th.....KC8VHC... Sue Wagner

14th....K8KBB.. ...Ed Chopco Jr

15th....K8SSPJim Townley

..KC8RJU... Jack Sullivan

16th...KC8UVY.... Henry Snyder

24th... N8VOR ... Bill Eckenrode

December ;

3rdKC8PVB... Bob Maurer

KB8RHH... Bob Schweinfurt

10th...KA8FUP... Chuck Simpkins

16th... KB8SVF... Renee McCamen

17th... KC8YHJ... Sherman Davidson

KD8KJ Frank Fitzhugh

20th... WD8OPI... Fred Swartz

29th... KC8AWS... Rev. Telford

Here's wishing each of these members a hearty ARL FORTH SIX for their special day.



WARA Membership Renewal/ Up-date Form



Year: _____

Call: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you an ARRL member? [Circle one please] YES / NO

Please enclose this form and a check for \$10.00, mail to:

Warren Amateur Radio Ass. ,

P.O. Box 809,

Warren, Ohio 44482

Trivia Answer is : 3. Authur Godfrey





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