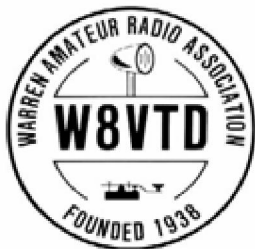


Q-Match

WARREN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

December

2008



Word from the Prez

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As I recap 2008 I would have to say that the club had a very successful year with Field Day and Hamfest, thanks to Peter Kozup K9OUA and Chris Brister KC8BHR. Then there were the other special events that we participated in like Packard, OSPOTA sponsored by PCARS, and the activities that we were requested to participate in; which was the Warren's First

Night Out, (informational booth, parade), The Italian Festival Parade and Warren's Halloween Parade. The year did end with a sad note, we lost four members this year; Ron Parise WA4SIR, Robert Schweinfurth KB8RHH, Raymond "Bud" Neely KB8OMV, and Charles W. "Doc" Mathias W8KGD which will be surly missed by one and

all. As the holidays approach and thoughts of the upcoming year has in store for each individual and the club itself, I hope the club has as successful a year as this year has been and the membership continues to have good health and prosperity...

Now as we think about the up-coming year we should give

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The Rag Chewers' Club Award

The Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio (SPAR) is pleased to offer the ever popular Rag Chewers' Club award. This prestigious award is available to all ama-

teur radio operators who submit evidence of having "chewed the rag" using amateur radio.

History: The Rag Chewers' Club award was offered by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) for

many years. It was initially free of charge and very popular, especially for new hams. Later the ARRL began charging for the award and its popularity waned. Finally, in 2004, the ARRL decided to discontinue the award due to lack



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of interest. In view of the history and goodwill embodied in this most noble of ham radio activities, Rag Chewing, SPAR has re-activated this unique and illustrious award.

Basis. One of the most popular ham activities is simply chatting about nothing in particular. In other words, chewing the fat, or in ham jargon, "Rag Chewing." Based on this popular activity, it seems only right that rag chewing should be acknowledged as a truly ham activity. For anyone not familiar with the term, rag chewing isn't just contacting someone. It involves actually conversing, talking and listening for more than a few minutes. Have you ever had a ham QSO and later wrote the time down in the logbook and wondered, "Where did the time go?" Congratulations, you are a bona fide "Rag Chewer!"

To qualify for the Rag Chewers' Club award, you need to submit a report of having had a 2-way QSO (not a net) using amateur radio that lasted at least 30 minutes. RCC members are encouraged to invite new hams of any age or license class to apply for the award. Of course, all the rules and regulations pertaining to the Amateur Radio Service must be followed during any QSO.

Official Rules:

1. Submit the report of a QSO that lasted at least 30 minutes. Any mode, band is eligible.
2. The awards are numbered in the order issued.

3. The award may carry an endorsement by operating mode for Phone, CW and Digital.

* Phone (Any voice mode: AM, FM, (SSB)

• CW

* Digital (Any digital mode: RTTY, PSK31, MFSK, SSTV, Hellschrieber, etc.)

4. Details of the report must include

• * Station contacted

* Date, time and length of QSO

* Frequency and mode of QSO

5. Endorsement for additional modes should be requested by submitting a new application. The certificate number will not change, only the listed endorsements will be updated on the new certificate.

6. Recipients of the RCC Award will be listed on the SPAR web site.

An online application form can be found at the Award Application web page. Award applications may also be submitted by email to awards@spar-hams.org. The award document suitable for printing and framing in the form of an Adobe PDF file will be sent as an attachment via return email. In the case that email attachments are not acceptable, please make a request with the application and other arrangements will be made if feasible

Joe W8KNO





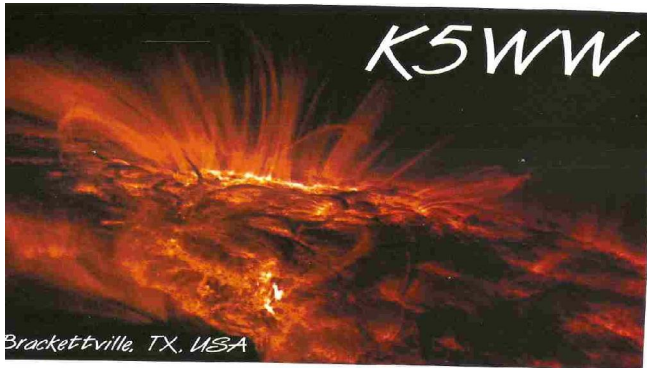
Contesting QSL card

When in the course of contesting, You will come across a QSL card that stands out among the rest. That occurred recently because I worked a county I had not worked in Texas, Kinney County.

The face of the card is a photograph of bright gas emissions on the sun, photographed by the

Transition Region and Coronal Explorer, a mission of the Stanford-Lockeed Institute for Space Research. If you would like to learn more go to <http://trace.ismal.com/>.

Joe
W8KNO



December Birthdays

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

KA8FUP.... Chuck Simpkins

KC8AWS... Rev. Oran Telford

KC8PVB... Bob Maurer

KC8YHJ... Sherman Davidson

KD8DFR... Paula Rabbitts

N8HRZ... Ray Solinger

KB8SVF... Renee McCamen

KD8KJ... Frank Fitzhugh

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

The Legend of the Candy Cane~ Author Unknown

Look at the candy Cane~ what do you see?

Strips that are red like the blood shed for me.

White is for my Savior who's sinless and pure!

"J" is for Jesus, my Lord, that's for sure!

Turn it around and a staff you will see~

Jesus, my shepherd, was born for me!

CLUB

Committees

Awards: KC8LRH

Christmas Party:
KD8FVI

Field Day: K8OUA
and all WARA
Members

Net: KC8RAL
**KC8YHJ
**KB8OVA
**KC8URX

Program Director:
K8OUA

Property Custodians: KA8LCW historian, KC8PVB equipment

50/50: KD8BIB

Refreshments:
KD8FVI

Sunshine (welfare):
KC8YHJ

VE exams:

Web Master:
KC8PVB

Public Information
Officer:: KC8VHC

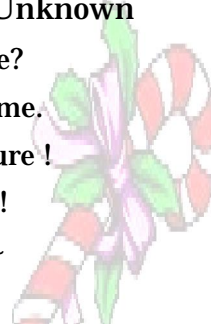
Hamfest: KD8BHR

Repeater: KZ8T

Newsletter: Editor
KC8RAL

** KC8VHC,
**Jeannie

** Co-Chair



Holiday Mail for Heroes

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(<http://www.redcross.org/email/saf/>)

Holiday Mail for Heroes is a partnership between the American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes to deliver one million holiday cards to American service members, veterans and their families in the United States and around the world. Please send cards to this address, following the guidelines listed below:

Holiday Mail for Heroes
P O B o x 5 4 5 6
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

You can also:

- Download and print a free cards
- Learn about other ways to participate.
- Get [the latest news](#) about Holiday Mail for Heroes.
- Watch a video from Red Cross Celebrity Cabinet Members [Dr. Phil](#) and [Nancy O'Dell](#).

Please follow these simple guidelines when sending your card to ensure it will quickly reach service members, veterans and their families.

- All cards must be **post-marked no later than Wednesday, December 10, 2008**. Cards sent after this date will be returned to sender.
- If sending more than one card, please mail all cards together in

one large shipping envelope. Cards sent in this manner do not need individual envelopes or postage.

- Please ensure that all cards are signed.
- Please use generic salutations such as "Dear Service Member."
- Please do not include personal information, like email or home addresses.
- Please do not send letters.
- Please do not include inserts of **any kind, including photos, glitter, confetti, gift cards or calling cards**. Any items inserted into cards will be removed during the reviewing process.
- All cards received may be used in program publicity efforts, including appearing in broadcast, print or online mediums.

Pitney Bowes is generously donating technology, resources and postage to make this holiday card program possible. Every card received will first be screened for hazardous materials by Pitney Bowes and then reviewed by Red Cross volunteers working in one of 16 sorting stations around the country.

If you have questions that are not answered here, please review our **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. My classroom/church is doing a community service project after the postmark deadline. Can we still send our cards t o y o u ?

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1st Yr. Trustee: Gary Grimes KB8GAB

2nd Yr. Trustee Sherman Davidson, KC8YHJ

3rd Yr. Trustee: Kenneth Williams, KC8TML



Word from the Prez



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some thought to the up-coming elections that are just one month away. The offices that are to be voted on are the follow (I have also included *brief description* of each office from Robert's Rule);

President. To open the session at the time at which the assembly is to meet, by taking the chair and calling the members to order; to announce the business before the assembly in the order in which it is to be acted upon; to recognize members entitled to the floor; to state and to put to vote all questions which are regularly moved, or necessarily arise in the course of the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote; to inform the assembly, when necessary, or when referred to for the purpose, on a point of order or practice pertinent to pending business; to authenticate, by his signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the assembly declaring its will and in all things obeying its commands

Vice-President. If it is necessary for the President to be absence then the Vice President, if there is one, should take the chair and calling the members to order; to announce the business before the assembly in the order in which it is to be acted upon; to recognize members entitled to the floor; to state and to put to vote all questions which are regularly moved, or necessarily arise in the course of the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote; to inform the assembly, when necessary, or when

referred to for the purpose, on a point of order or practice pertinent to pending business; to authenticate, by his signature, when necessary.

Secretary: The Secretary is the recording officer of the club, the custodian of its records except such as are specifically assigned to others, as the Treasurer's books. In addition to keeping the records of the club the minutes of the meetings, it is the duty of the secretary to keep a register, and to sign with the President all orders on the Treasurer authorized by the society, In addition to the above duties, when there is only one Secretary, it is his duty to send out proper notices of all called meetings, and of other meetings when necessary, and to conduct the correspondence of the society, except as otherwise provided. The Secretary should, previous to each meeting, for the use of the chairman, make out an order of business, showing in their exact order what is necessarily to come before the assembly. He should also have, at each meeting, a list of all standing committees, and such special committees as are in existence at the time, as well as the by-laws of the organization and its minutes.

Treasurer: The duties of this officer vary in different societies. In probably the majority of cases he acts as a banker, merely holding the funds deposited with him and paying them out on the order of the society signed by the president and the secretary. He is always

Candy Cane Fudge

- 1 package vanilla milk chips
- 1 can Pillsbury Vanilla Creamy Supreme Icing
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 4 drops of red food coloring
- 2 Tablespoons of peppermint candy canes (chopped)

Put vanilla chips in pan on the stove at medium heat. Continue stirring until the chips have melted. Add icing to pan and continue stirring. Take off heat and add peppermint extract until dissolved. Pour mixture into a pan. Take food coloring and add one drop in each corner of pan. Take butter knife and begin stirring until the food coloring has been swirled into the fudge. Add chopped peppermint pieces to top of fudge. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator until the fudge has harden. Cut into small pieces.

Holiday Mail for the Heroes

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A. Unfortunately we cannot accept any cards that are postmarked after Dec. 10, 2008. Cards received after this date may be returned to sender. This deadline ensures that we can provide the cards to military members and their families before the end of the holiday season.

Q. Can I send a letter to a soldier through your PO Box?

A. This program is for holiday cards only.

Q. I got an email that I should send my cards for wounded soldiers to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington DC. Is this true?

A. Walter Reed is not accepting holiday cards for soldiers. Any cards sent there will be returned to sender. If you received such an email, please consider sending your cards to the Holiday Mail for Heroes mailbox instead.

Q. If I'm sending more than one card, do I need to put a stamp on every one?

A. If you are sending several cards, please mail them in one large envelope. Each card does not need its own envelope or postage. Pitney Bowes and the Red Cross are taking care of sorting and delivery, so the only postage needed

is what gets it to our PO Box.

Q. If I am sending a large quantity of cards, can I ship them in a box?

A. Yes, we can accept boxes for large quantities of cards.

Q. Can I drop my cards off at my local Red Cross chapter?

A. Local chapters are not accepting cards—in order for them to be sorted and delivered they must be sent to the PO Box.

Where to Send Phone Cards, Gift Cards and Care Packages:

• Phone cards or gift cards will not be accepted with the holiday cards. Those wishing to send calling cards or gift cards/certificates should go to www.aafes.com, scroll down to "AAFES Community Connection" and click on "Help Our Troops Call Home" or "Gift Cards/Certificates for Our Troops" in order to send such items.

No 'Care Packages' will be accepted at this address. Those wishing to send care packages should go to www.AmericaSupportsYou.com and click under "Home front Groups" to find out how to send care packages.

From American Red Cross

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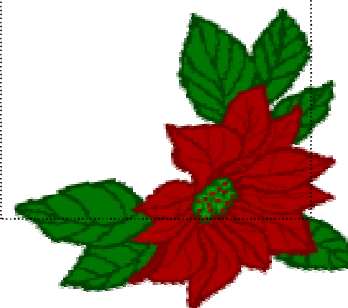
www.AmericaSupportsYou.com

To send calling cards:

www.aafes.com,

To read this article online :

<http://www.redcross.org/email/saf/>



A Word from our Prez

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required to make an annual report. If the society has auditors the report should be handed to them, with the vouchers, in time to be audited before the meeting. The auditors having certified to its correctness, submit their report, and the chair puts the question on adopting it, which has the effect of approving the Treasurer's report, and relieving him from responsibility in case of loss of vouchers, except in case of fraud. If there are no auditors the report when made should be referred to an auditing committee, who should report on it later.

It should always be remembered that the financial report is made for the information of members. The details of dates and separate payments for the same object are a hindrance to its being understood, and are useless, as it is the duty of the auditing committee to examine into details and see if the report is correct. The best form for these financial reports depends upon the kind of society, and is best determined by examining those made in similar societies. The following brief report is in a form adapted to many societies where the financial work is a very subordinate part of their work:

First Year Trustee. (from our by-laws)

The Trustees shall have the con-

trol and management of the property of the club, subject only by the action of the membership, audit the books of the corporation, conduct the annual meeting, and further duties as may required of them by the members.

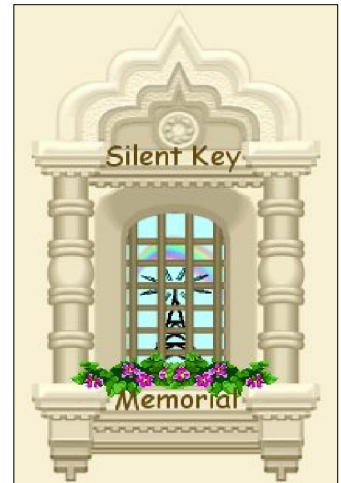
The above description is not in any means complete for each office it is just a summary ...

If you are willing to be part of the nomination committee please let me know at the first meeting in December. .

The annual meeting and election will be held on January 20,2009, and please remember that your dues must be up to date to be elected to an office or to vote. If you have not paid next years dues please see our present Treasurer Betsy Williams KD8BIB at any meeting or they can be mailed to P.O. Box 809, Warren, Ohio 44483. The dues are still only \$10.00 a year...

On closing my family and I would like to offer one and all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year....

Gail KC8LRH
President



Our Sympathy to the Family of Dr. Charles Mathias W8KGD whom went SK on November 5, 2008. He is believed to be one of the founding members of WARA...

2008
Silent Keys
Our Sympathy to the Families of
Ron Parise WA4SIR
Robert Schweinfurth KB8RHH
Raymond "Bud" Neely KB8OMV



Sunshine and Sick

The club had the unfortunate loss of four **Silent Keys: Ron Parise (WA4SIR), Bob (KB8RHH) Schweinfurth, Raymond "Bud" (KB8OMV) Neely, and Charles "Doc" (W8KGD) Mathias.**

These hams have been inactive for quite a while due to medical reasons. At one time they were quite active and enjoyed themselves very much with the club. These fine hams will be missed by one and all.

I am just sorry to say that I wasn't as acquainted with, Ron, Bob

and Charles as I was Raymond. Sorry for not putting any of their OB's in the report, but I feel it is sad enough to even have to mention them at all. But in all honesty I cannot put into words what these hams meant to the club and their families.

So Please, Lets give them a moment of prayer in their memory.

Sherman Davidson KC8YHJ

Berry Fisher KD8EIT

Reminder

December 13, 2008

Christmas Party at
First United Methodist Church at
309 N. Park Ave
Social Hour: 5:00 PM

Covered Dish

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Santa Claus

will be there

If more information :

330-394-3560

Schedule of Events

- December 1st ...Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **December 2nd... WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church ,7:30 pm
- December 6th ...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- December 6th... **Skywarn Recognition Day**
- December 8th Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **December 13th... WARA Christmas Party**, First United Methodist Church, Social hr. 5 pm, Covered Dish Dinner 6pm
- December 15th ...Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **December 16th... WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church ,7:30 PM
- **December 17th... Santa Net on 146.970 at 6:30 pm**
- December 20 ...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- December 22nd ...Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **December 25th... Christmas**
- December 29th ...Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **Jan 1, 2009 New Years Day**

December 2008

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

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

WARA Net Schedule

Dec. 2nd... KC8RAL

Dec. 10th ... KD8EIT/KC8YHJ

Dec. 17th... Santa Net- 6:30 PM

Dec. 17th... KC8RAL

Dec. 24th... KC8YHJ

Dec. 31... KC8URX/KC8YHJ

Net schedule is subject to change without notice



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Swap & Shop

Bob Maurer has the following items for sale; 150 Ft. Grand Coax

Cushcraft A35 2-/15/10 Meter Add-on (and control cable)

Yaesu G-450A Antenna Router and Controller

Included is the tower it is on. This must be taken down.

Price for all is \$500.00

Contact Bob At : rmaurer@sprynet.com