



WARREN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
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W.A.R.A. was founded in 1938 and has been a non-profit service organization for 65 years and still going strong. We provide communications for emergency services in the event of tornados, hurricanes, storms, floods, disasters or anywhere else we are needed.

We hold our meetings the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Trumbull Career & Technical Center which is located at 528 Educational Highway in Champion off of Rt. 45 (road next to KSU). The meetings start at 7:30pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME (HAMS AND NON HAMS)

Some other club functions we have during the year are:

Kids Day ~~ Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio. It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children.

Field Day ~~ In times of disaster, when communications is most needed to organize relief efforts, it is very likely that electric power and telephone service can be disrupted, sometimes for days, over large areas. Since the earliest days of radio, amateur operators have provided their communications services voluntarily and without charge to aid individuals or entire communities in distress. When electricity and telephones are out of service, amateur radio operators are able to power up their radios with portable generators, batteries, solar panels and many other power sources and combinations of power sources, and get emergency communications flowing quickly. Field Day is an event that, among other things, tests the preparedness of operators and equipment. Through this event and others throughout the year, amateurs keep their emergency equipment in operational readiness at all times. Then when disaster does strike they are ready to load up, go, set up and get communications running in minimal time. As with any of our other communications events, but more so at Field Day, it also provides us time to get together, relax and just have fun. And as enjoyable as that is, it also strengthens our interpersonal relationships allowing us to work together better as a team when we do have to operate in disaster assistance. With the long hours and stress involved in disaster assistance, this is an essential ingredient to effective communications operations. Hams and non-hams are encouraged to come out, operate the equipment and enjoy the fun.

Packard Special Event ~~ the special event station is in honor of the birth of the Packard automobile. Right here in Warren, Ohio. The WARA sponsors a number of special events each year.

JOTA ~~ When Scouts want to meet young people from another country, they usually think of attending a World Jamboree. But few people realize that each year more than 400,000 Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Modern technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without leaving home. JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) Radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via radio waves. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years. With no restrictions on age or on the number of participants, and at little or no expense, JOTA allows Scouts to contact each other by ham radio. Licensed ham radio operators operate the radio stations. Many Scouts and leaders hold licenses and have their own stations, but the majority participates in JOTA through stations operated by local radio clubs, like the Warren Amateur Radio Association, and individual radio amateurs. Some operators use television or computer-linked communications.

W8VTD Wednesday Night Net ~~ 146.970 Repeater ~~ The purpose of this net is to promote fellowship among area hams, to communicate news about club activities and other items of interest to the amateur community, and to informally help all radio amateurs prepare themselves to participate in emergency communications.

Hamfest ~~ Vendors and Flea Market Vendors (they sell new and used equipment)

Summer Picnic

Awards Banquet

Christmas Party

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