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WARREN AMATEUR

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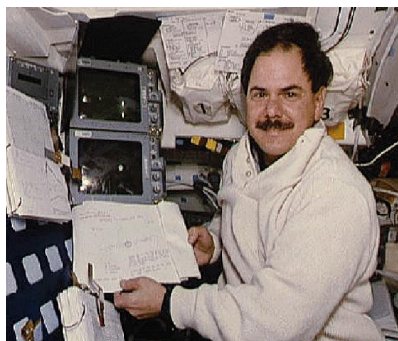
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Sunshine and Sick

By Sherman Davidson KC8YHJ



W.A.R.A would like to send our sympathy to the Parise family for their loss;

Henry NZ8W and Kay N8WER can be very proud. They raised a great son

that will be missed

Ron, WA4SIR held an advance class license. .

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Ronald A. Parise, Ph.D., 56, formerly of Warren, died Friday, May 9, 2008, of a brain tumor.

He was born May 24, 1951, the son of Nicholas A. and Cathryn E. Parise of

W a r r e n .

Dr. Parise was a payload specialist astronaut with NASA

Sue KC8VHC is home and recuperating slowly, and missed by the club.

Frank KD8KJ is slowly coming along. He is still having problems with his foot not healing .

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Memorial Day Parade

The W.A.R.A. participated in this years Warren Memorial Day parade. We had Sherman KC8YHJ, Delbert WD8KXD, Betsy KD8BIB, Gail KC8LRH , Emily KC8RAL and Debbie Anderson [non-member] attended. Thank you goes to Sherman's wife , Alice for the use of her car.



Schedule of Events

- June 2nd ...Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **June 3rd...WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church ... 7:30 pm
- June 7th ...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- June 9th ...Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **June 14th ...Flag Day**
- **June 15th... Father's Day**
- June 16th ...Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **June 17th... WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church ... 7:30 pm
- **July 22-28 ..Ohio Lightning Week**
- June 21st ...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- June 23rd .. Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **June 28... Ham Appreciation Day**
- **June 28,29... Field Day**
- June 30th...Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM

June 2008

Please check schedule for Dates and times!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>WARA Meeting</i>	4 <i>KC8YHJ</i>	5	6	7 Breakfast
8	9	10	11 <i>KD8FVI</i>	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17 <i>WARA Meeting</i>	18 <i>KC8RAL</i>	19	20	21 Breakfast
22	23	24	25 <i>KB8OVA</i>	26	27	28 <i>Field</i>
29 <i>Day</i>	30					

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

June Birthdays

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

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

- 6/3...KB8GAB.. Gary Grimes
- 6/4...W8KCE ..John Gabele
- 6/5...KB8OYM...Amanda Neely
- 6/24...KD8FVI...Julie Morris
- 6/25...Assoc. ~ George Houtz
- 6 / 2 7 ... K A 8 T G X ... L e e Greuter



REMINDER:

**Field Day
 June 28-29,
 2008**

What is the meaning of "HAM"?

A member's wife recently asked her ham husband the following question.. What does Ham mean? He then came to us and asked, since I didn't know, I did a little research and below are the answers I found;

The reason why an amateur radio operator is called a 'ham' is not known. Some relate these three letters (HAM) to the names of three great radio experimenters. They are-Hertz (who practically demonstrated the existence of electromagnetic waves in 1888), Armstrong (who developed a resonant oscillator circuit for radio frequency work) and Marconi (the 1909 Nobel laureate in Physics, who in the year 1901 established the first transatlantic radio contact).

Some people believe that when the young and inexperienced radio enthusiasts began to venture on air with crude spark transmitters based on vehicle ignition coils, their Morse code transmission must have been pretty poor and professionals dismissed them as 'ham fisted'!

While others have their own version; according to them during the earlier days of radio communication, government stepped in to conquer short-waves and allowed the radio amateurs to operate only on [certain frequencies](#); thus the frequencies of amateur radio

stations were sandwiched like a 'ham sandwich' and so amateur radio operator came to be called a 'ham'.

Another speculation is that the word "HAM" stands for " Help All Mankind" as reflected in its service towards people in distress during natural calamities, disasters and civil emergencies!

"Ham: a poor operator. A 'plug'!"

That's the definition of the word given in **G. M. Dodge's The Telegraph In-structor** even before **radio**. The definition has never changed in wire telegraphy. The first wireless operators were landline telegraphers who left their offices to go to sea or to man the coastal stations. They brought with them their language and much of the tradition of their older profession. In those early days, spark was king and every station occupied the same wavelength--or, more accurately perhaps, every station occupied the whole spectrum with its broad spark signal. Government stations, ships, coastal stations and the increasingly numerous amateur operators all competed for time and signal supremacy in each other's receivers. Many of the amateur stations were very powerful. Two amateurs, working across town, could effectively jam all the other operators in the area.

When this happened, frustrated commercial operators would call the ship whose weaker signals had been blotted out by the amateurs and say "SRI OM THOSE #&\$!@ HAMS ARE JAMMING YOU." Amateurs, possibly unfamiliar with the real meaning of the term, picked it up and applied it to themselves in true "Yankee Doodle" fashion and wore it with pride. As the years advanced, the original meaning has completely disappeared.

There is a continuing debate on what the activities carried out by radio amateurs should be called. Some radio amateurs complain that the terms 'ham radio' is derogatory, and some even object to being called 'amateurs' on the ground that this may be taken to imply 'amateurish', but in fact nowadays amateur radio communication system is of more than the professional standard. Today, with most traffic sent by machine telegraphy or data communication, it is observed that there are fewer professional stations availing these facilities and Morse code heard on the amateur radio bands is of more than the professional standard.

Source:

- 1.Wireless-Glimpses of Yester-years (**ZERO BEAT**)
- 2.ARRL Homepage

Ham Appreciation Day

BIG NEWS, FIELD DAY FANS!!!! Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland has declared June 28 - Saturday of Field Day - as Ohio Ham Radio Appreciation Day. The official proclamation, signed by the Governor, will soon be posted on the Ohio Section Web Site - www.iarc.ws/ohio - and I ask all Field Day chairmen to download the document and post it at every Field Day location in Ohio that weekend.

NOW THINK PUBLICITY!: June 28th and 29th. Get

your publicity out there to all the local newspapers, radio stations etc. Get the information into the local schools. Get those invitations out to the officials you wish to invite to your Field Day event. Now is the time to get it done! Right now! If you haven't already done so, order your Field Day supplies from ARRL Headquarters. Get your field day chairman to tie up loose ends so that when the day arrives, your group is ready and waiting to "get on the air"! This event is one of the greatest ways to introduce the public to

amateur radio . Publicity is the name of the game. Remember to let me know what your group did for Field Day and what Officials attended your event..

There is an eight (8) page insert in June QST – ARRL Field Day Cookbook- it tells you how to have a successful Field Day. Read all about it and tell your fellow club members to read it as well.

From Ohio Section News

More Pictures from the Parade



Ham Operator has Won Top Honors

TCTC student Steve Ruman of Niles, one of our Ham Club members has won top honors at the National, State and Regional Competition for computers, multimedia and business from Trumbull Career and Technical Center.

On May 6-11 the American Competition in Reno, Nevada was held with Steve taking high honors for Information Technology.

Steve received plaques, trophies and medals, placing fifth out of 115 competitors in Fundamentals of Web Page Design.

After graduation Steve will be attending Kent State University Trumbull Campus for computers.

Steve said this competition was a way for him to see and meet people from other walks of life who will be in a similar field.

Steve was one of three who won top honors the other two were Steve Bada of McDonald and Bob Hausen of Southington.

The WARA Club wishes you well in your studies Steve and may you go far with your life plans.

-- submitted by Sue Wagner



Trumbull Career and Technical Center seniors Steve Ruman of Niles, Steve Bada of McDonald and Bob Hausen of Southington

Tribune Chronicle photo / Bob Coupland

Your Article Could be Here

Founded In 1938, The W.A.R.A. Has Been An Anchor For Amateur Radio Enthusiast Throughout North East Ohio. For The Past 69 Years We Have Encouraged Young And Old Alike To Enjoy Themselves While Participating In An Interesting And Truly Wonderful Hobby. We Hope That You Too Will Find Yourself Swept Up In The Spirit Of Ham Radio

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is June 20, 2008**