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THE WOBBLY OSCILLATOR **MEETINGS BACK IN THE PARK FOR THE SUMMER**

FROM THE PREZ

I was able to spend the holiday weekend, including Friday, preparing the Field Day site for the big event. The weather has not been cooperative this year and the normal maintenance operations were delayed due to the frequent rains and wet conditions we have had this spring. With four good days of sunshine and warm temperatures I have been able to catch up and get back on track.

Last year we put the emphasis of Field Day on getting more members involved and insuring that all who attended would feel welcome and comfortable. The event was treated as a learning experience for many who had never been at Field Day. Judging from the feedback we receive from many who were there, we succeeded. This year we will continue with the same theme and I want to extend a sincere invitation to new members who have not seen a Field Day, or existing members have not attended Field Day in the past. We would like to see as many people out there as possible. What we really need is for people to operate at the stations that are set up. There are still too many who observe but are "mike shy." We do have experienced operators who will be glad to help get you over the shyness. Once you jump in, I'm sure you will find the water to be fine.

Don't forget Field Day is a twenty-four hour event. Every year there are only a stalwart few who are there all night. We sure could use some activity in the wee hours, so please think about camping out and let's see if

we can light up the night a little bit.

The planning for the special event station we will be setting up at The Cuyahoga County Fair in August is coming along just fine. There was a meeting with the fair officers and the station was explained to them and they were quite enthusiastic. Notifications have been sent to **QST** and **QRZ** to publicize the event. The design for Certificates and QSL cards is underway. Many thanks to **Dick, KD8VIP**, for not only suggesting the idea for the station, but for doing all the work that needs to be done. This is a perfect example of member involvement.

June will be our first picnic meeting of the summer; I hope to see you all there.

73, Toby, WT8O

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MAY MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. membership meeting was called to order by President Toby Kolman, WT8O, on the 13th of the month at 7:30 pm. at the Bush Funeral Home Community Room on Ridge Road in Parma, Ohio. There were 31 members and 2 guests, Betty Check & Ed Semler, KD7EVT, from Arizona present.

The summer meetings in the park will begin on June 10th at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in Brecksville Reservation of the Metro Parks, off Chippawa Rd. (Rt. 82) just past Brecksville Rd.

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was given before the meeting.

After introductions, the April minutes were declared approved as published in the May Wobbly Oscillator by Toby, WT8O.

Bob, W8GC, gave the Treasurer's report.

The graduates from the CARS license classes; David Houpt KD8YHT, Nick Moysaenko KD8YHU, Andy Moysaenko KD8YHV, Karl Batman KD8YHW, Christine Batman KD8YHX were voted in as members.

Gary, NI8Z, reported that an inventory of equipment at the Copley Fairlawn Middle School had been taken and that the two meter antenna at the school station needs work.

Bill, WA8GEO, brought up about CARS being involved with the Seven Hills Memorial Day parade. It was decided that there was too short notice for CARS to be involved. This will be investigated for next year.

Eddie, KB8FTS, is looking for hams to help out with the Cleveland Marathon on Sunday, May 18 and also other events coming up in July & August. If you can help out contact Eddie.

Bob, W8GC, mentioned that there are two scholarship applications, but that we are still accepting applications which can be obtained on the CARS website. Also, check the website for Picnic and Christmas party details.

Toby, WT8O, reported that the re-write of the CARS constitution is in the final stages and that the by-Laws will be finalized and will be presented to the members in the fall.

The Field Day Committee is starting up and looking for help.

Toby reported on the suggestion to setup a radio station at the Cuyahoga County Fair in August. More discussion to follow next meeting.

Toby asked the members present to thank the refreshment committee: K8VJG, K8DMT, and WB8ROK.

Other business; Roger Boehnlein, N8TCP, has a Cushcraft R-7000 vertical for free to anyone needing an antenna. Gary, NI8Z, has a manual tuner for free to anyone that wants it also. Matt, W8EBB, gave away a Dell Computer. Anyone needing help with anything such as antennas, radios, parts for projects, etc, let club members know.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Bill Kemmett, KD8QBB, who won \$30 with \$30 going to CARS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

There was no program after the meeting due to technical difficulties with a projector.

Submitted by Dwaine Modock, K8ME, CARS Secretary

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osiki, K8OAE

We finally refinished our basement and I decided to build a wall around the area that I affectionately call my "shack." If you are like me, you long ago developed a habit of grounding yourself before reaching for that "power" button, a hold-over from working on computers. Static electricity can fry a lot of circuits.

Before remodeling, I would reach behind my equipment to touch the grounding rod. Having been zapped too many times this past winter when touching a light switch somewhere (anywhere) in the house, I decided to use this observation to my advantage. I came up with a trick that everyone else probably already uses, but I thought I'd share it here anyway.

When I installed the new wall around my "shack" I, of course, installed wiring to switch the room lights on and off. Since the screws that hold the face plate to the switch are grounded when they are screwed in, I simply used an unfinished metal switch plate to cover the box and, as they say, "voila," a *Continued on next page....*

quick grounding and discharge when I turn on the lights! A simple cure (I hope) for that moment of reaching for the power button instead of the ground rod.

Finally, two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

<http://www.capradio.org/news/npr/story?storyid=316110359>

Fox News did a great two minute piece on "Ham Radio: Old technology gets new respect" Check it out at:
<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2014/05/19/ham-radio-old-technology-gets-new-respect/>

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Keith Alexander	W8NOX	6/7/39
David Dressler	KC8LZO	6/28
Mike Dressler	KC8OMW	6/7
Lou Ignanczak	N8PZK	6/24/48
Dwaine Modock	K8ME	6/16/48
Linda Rose Sinko	N8LRS	6/24/53
Joe Ulaszewski	KD8BAL	6/21/50

Congratulations to one and all and many happy returns!

ANTENNA PARTY

Recently, Metro, W8MET, hosted an "antenna party" to get his SteppIR beam antenna back on the mast on top of his tower and up in the air. It was a nice sunny afternoon and there was plenty of help on hand. Here is a short pictorial of the process.



Tower tilted over and K8SAS contemplating the situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next membership meeting; Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Harriet Keeler Pavilion in the Brecksville Metro Park.

Board meeting; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, prior to the membership meeting.

NPR recently did a story on "Celebrating 100 Years Of Ham Radio" which "marks the centennial of the American Radio Relay League" and includes a short interview with ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager KX9X, Sean Kutzko, and can be heard at:

More pics on the next page....



Beam resting on saw horses prior to lifting into position.



Success! Antenna & tower raised into position.



Attaching antenna to mast.



Antenna mounted on mast. Ready to raise into position.

Besides the host, W8MET, others helping with this project were Gary, NI8Z; Mark, WJ8WM; Walt, KD8TWL; Steve, K8SAS; and Tom, WB8N

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

MEMOIRS OF DAYTON, 2014

The great Dayton Hamvention® 2014 is history. I went down early Friday morning, leaving home at 3:30 a.m. with N8MOX driving, and arriving in time for the flea market to open at 8:00 a.m. The skies were overcast and of course in a short time it began to sprinkle. We went into the huge Mendelson's tent to look around, as the arena wasn't to open until 9:00. Once inside the arena we split up, each having different interests.

I got my Kenwood pin & bag, and Yaesu cap, and began to peruse the various manufacturer's wares and check out the dealers. Once I got to the ARRL area, there was plenty to see and people to chat with. I met and talked briefly with Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, the CEO of the ARRL, and thanked *Continued on next page....*

him for the hospitality we were shown by everyone at the ARRL during our visit there in April. I had wanted to talk with Kay Cragie, N3KN, the president of the ARRL, but though she was there I didn't see her.

They were handing out ARRL Centennial coins to anyone that wanted one. They are a nice souvenir of the centennial and the Hamvention®. Just for kicks I checked out ebay when I got home and someone already had one of the coins for sale with the bidding starting at \$25.00. Plus shipping no less. Some hams have no scruples.

I took in the Ham Nation forum on Friday morning and three more forums on Saturday. Several of us met in the Hara Pub for lunch and a cold one Saturday around noon.

Sunday morning I volunteered to man the Ham Nation booth in Audio Alley. I relieved an interesting ham named Simon, ZL2FAW, from New Zealand. He had such an accent it was difficult to understand everything he said.

By noon Sunday, it was time to head back to the Cleveland area. The trip down and back was uneventful. I ran into several people I know in arena & flea market, but there were several hams that I knew were there but didn't meet up with for one reason or another.

Room reservations for next year were made when we checked out. We were informed the price of the room per night was going to be raised by about \$25.00. The motel we stayed in was being renovated during our stay so I figure they have to pay for that by raising the room rates.

All in all it was a good Hamvention® despite some rain off and on Friday and Saturday. It was rather cool too. I had brought along shorts but never wore them.

BACK TO THE REAL WORLD

So now it's back to the everyday routine, cutting the grass, planting my tomatoes, relaxing on my deck with an adult beverage, playing ham radio...the usual stuff. We have our first "picnic" meeting in the park this month. If you can, come early and bring a steak, a couple of burgers or a couple of hot dogs to cook out before the meeting starts. CARS will supply the fire. Even if you have to pick up a sandwich at Mickey D's, you can pretend you cooked out.

The end of June will be busy with Field Day on the 27th, 28th & 29th. In July there will be a VE license

test session on the 13th and on the 18th is the CARS family picnic. A busy summer indeed.

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That's about it for this month gang. If you made it to Dayton this year I hope you had as good a time as I did. If you didn't get to go, there's always next year. You've got to go at least *ONCE* in your ham career.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on the 10th. Don't forget, it's in the park.

Remember, in the immortal words of Mike Baxter, KA0XTT, "Ham Radio, the last line of communication before the coming apocalypse".

73, de Tom, WB8N

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By reading this you have committed yourself to attending as many CARS meetings as possible and participating in as many CARS activities as possible.

FROM THE GEARVAKf (the f is silent BULLETIN

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Congress To Pass Copyright Laws Governing All Radio Frequencies

The Speaker of the House of Representatives has told the House members that he intends to pass legislation that will require the copyrighting of American radio frequencies, In addition to tightening licensing requirements, he wants the Congress to force the FCC to register all privately owned RF transmitters and receivers in the USA. The RF spectrum is to be divided into millions of discrete bands, each of which will be no wider than 3 KHz. Users of radio frequencies will have to pay fees to apply for an RF use license, pay additional copyright license fees for each RF band used, and pay equipment registration approval fees for non-exclusive use of each discrete 3 KHz RF band. All fee payments and approvals must be completed before signal receptions or transmissions are attempted. To prevent rules violations, all RD assignments will be voided upon passage of the proposed legislation, and all RF communications methods will cease. Existing transmitters and receivers will be confiscated and destroyed, including simple "cat's whiskers and galena crystal" type radio and TV sets, van DeGraff generators, Tesla coils, radio controlled toys, and of course, cell phones. Government officials will be exempt from all the new rules, whatever they are, but will be required to assist the FCC and the FBI in enforcing them.

Contributed by ZMD8K.

CISP Claims Challenged by League

The League of Radio Relaying Americans (LRRRA) has challenged researchers of the Center for Scientists Interested in Publicity (CSIP) to prove CISP's claim that radio spectrum use by hams has changed the Earth's orbit. Late last week the CSIP reported that its studies "showed that heavy use of radio waves caused a change in the Earth's orbit that contributed to the global cooling experienced last winter." CSIP spokeswoman, Robeeya Gazorts-Piddle said that they planned to ask Congress to outlaw radios. According to LRRRA spokesman, F.B. Claude Lots, "Those clowns don't keep all their

cookies in the same jar, know what I mean?" Lots said that the CSIP issued a report last year that claimed ham radio use was causing global warming. Ms. Gazorts-Piddle responded to the LRRRA criticism by explaining, "These @#\$\$&!# hams outta be shot!"

GEARVAKf Bulletin Pulls Story

In a special staff meeting held on Thursday, GEARVAKf Bulletin political editor Jose Phaven Tolo,ZMD8K, told his staff to stop work on a story linking cancer and other diseases to ham radio. "We've been doing research and background investigations for this story for over five years" Tolo said, "and were ready to publish our findings which proved the studies to be part of a nationwide hoax. Unfortunately, we were too late and the hoax has already been exposed in the media" Tolo explained. Although the GEARVAKf Bulletin has pulled the cancer pieced, Tolo asked his staff to begin new investigations on possible links between ham radio and other potentially fatal diseases such as hemorrhoids, obesity, athletes foot, pregnancy, ingrown toenail, influenza and tummyache. Staffers however, had to postpone their work on the new story until Tolo, who is at home recovering from an undisclosed illness, is able to return to work.

Tha tha, tha tha, tha tha, tha tha, that's all folks.

Remember, not all hams are created equal... Some know CW!

Use your priviligages...get on the air!

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9th ANNUAL CARS PICNIC

Friday July 18, 2014 will be the CARS annual picnic. We will again be in the **Kiwanis Pavilion**, see the picture below, it is **behind the Independence Civic Center**. We will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage/brats, potato salad, Cole slaw plus all the trimmings.

Again this year we ask anyone who can to please bring a desert.

There will be several door prizes for the winners of our drawings.

The picnic is FREE to all CARS members, family & friends! All we ask is you tell us how many will be coming on or before Tuesday July 14. Arrive anytime after 5:30 to eat about 6:00pm.

email: w8gc@2cars.org or call 216-524-1750

