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SEPTEMBER MEETING BACK AT BUSCH SIGNALS THE END OF SUMMER

FROM THE PREZ

We have an opportunity next month to serve our community and many people in need by providing radio communications for the annual Diabetes fund raising walk on Saturday, October 2nd

Most members are aware of this by now with announcements made at recent club meetings and on the weekly club net. Tom Wayne, WB8N, has organized the communications for many years, and is doing so again this year. He certainly deserves accolades for his successful efforts, and you may want to give him a pat on the back the next time you see him. We always get the job done in fine fashion, but we never have too many participants. So please volunteer if at all possible. This is one way you can contribute to a very good cause. The event is usually over by noon, so you don't have to give up an entire day. I just wanted to use this space to make one more request to any members who could help out.

Another area where members can be helpful is by being a net control operator for the Wednesday evening club nets. We cannot have too many net controllers, and the addition of more would give a break to those who have faithfully run the net over the years. Personally speaking, I have been overwhelmed

with work, and 9:00 PM sometimes find me still at work, or dead to the world. I would be glad to help anyone get started. I would be happy to have a prospective net controller come over to my shack and work together running the net.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting when we move our venue back to the Busch Funeral Home. 73, Toby, WT8O

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JULY MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. August monthly meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 10th of the month. The meeting was held at Harriet Keeler Shelter, in the Brecksville branch of the Cleveland Metroparks. Twenty one members and one guest introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Bob, KC8MRC made the motion to accept the July minutes as published in the August Wobbly Oscillator, and Joe, KB8BAL seconded. There were no additions, or questions and the motion passed.

Bob, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same as last month. Bob then mentioned the scholarship raffle, saying that we broke even after every thing was done. If anyone can think of a better way to support the scholarship other than selling raffle tickets they can get in touch with Bob.

EchoLink is still not setup on the 146.82 repeater but this is being worked on by the technical committee.

Toby, WT8O gave the Net report and thanked all the net controllers and also thanked everyone who checks into the net and encouraged anyone with a two meter radio to check in. He is also looking for two or three net controllers.

A vote was taken as to continue having the Christmas party at the Independence community center or to have it at a restaurant or other facility. The membership voted to keep the Christmas party at the community center.

The Sunshine Chairman sent two cards this month, to Scotty, WA8SLN who has cancer and to Linda, N8LRS whose aunt passed away

Dave, KD8V reported that the Copley school club will have about twelve kids for a special VE session.

Tom, WB8N, asked everyone to send articles and pictures for the WO. He also mentioned the October Diabetes walk and asked for volunteers. Eddie, KD8FTS is asking the club and board members about being the ARES backup radio and the process to initiate it. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Ed, WB8ROK accepted the responsibility of

bringing the soft drinks to the meetings from now on as Mike, KB8UGT is unable to perform this service any longer.

Refreshments: coffee – Darren, K8DMT. Drinks – Bob, W8GC & Toby, WT8O. Donuts – Ron, K8VJG. Delivered by Dwaine K8ME on his Harley.

The 50/50 winner was Linda, N8LRS who walked away \$19.00 richer.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the **Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, OH.**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Stephen Jones N8SRJ
C.A.R.S. Secretary.

NOTICES

If **anyone** has digital or print photos of CARS Christmas parties for the years 2000, 2003 or 2006 please contact Bob Check, W8GC ASAP by phone at 216-524-1750 or by email at bob@2cls.com.

All pix will be returned.

Please mark your calender for the CARS Christmas party on Friday, December 10, 2010 at the Independence Civic Center - Details to follow ASAP.

ARRL ANNOUNCEMENT

Incumbent Ohio Section Manager Frank Piper, KI8GW, of Pickerington, was re-elected to a new full two-year term of office with 978 votes. His opponent, Thomas Sly, WB8LCD, of Kent, garnered 887 votes. Piper was appointed by ARRL in July 2009, to fulfill the term of office left vacant after then-Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, passed away.

THE END OF A COUNTRY

Submitted by Bob Check, W8GC

The end of a country - The Netherlands Antilles With a 99% certainty, many things are about to change for the people and all radio amateurs in the Netherlands Antilles. On October 10, 2010 the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the islands will emerge with several new statuses:

St. Maarten and Curacao will become an independent country within the Kingdom and will be granted the same status that Aruba attained in 1986.

Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius (also called BES islands) will be given the status of a public body (a kind of special municipality) in the Netherlands and will therefore fall directly under Dutch rule.

What does this mean for radio amateurs? The two current DXCC entities of PJ2/PJ4 (Leeward Islands) and PJ5/PJ6/PJ7 (Windward Islands) are expected to be deleted. However, several new entities are likely to emerge on 10-10-2010.

Both St. Maarten (PJ7) and Curacao (PJ2) will become a new DXCC entity. Bonaire (PJ4) will become a new DXCC entity.

C.A.R.S. NET, 9 P.M. EVERY WEDNESDAY ON 146.82 REPEATER

A CLOSER LOOK

This month we'll take a closer look at D. Michael Cegelski, K8EHP, otherwise known as Mike. Ask him what the D. stands for and he'll say that if he tells you, he'll have to kill you.

Where were you born? Cleveland, Ohio

What is your favorite childhood memory? Don't Have Any

If you could be stuck at one age forever, what age would that be and why? No One Age, Life MUST Progress

What is your favorite food? Pierogies

What are your favorite TV shows? History and Discovery Networks

What are your favorite movies? Submarine and Good Science Fiction

What type of music do you enjoy the most? Classic Rock and Roll and Country

What one thing do you make it a habit to do every day? Practice my Guitar.

What would be your ideal job, other than your current one or retired position? Playing Guitar Just Because I Love It so Much

Who or what always makes you laugh? No One Person Or Experience

What one thing would people be surprised to know about you? I Like To Shoot Both Guns and Archery

If you could pick one place in the world to visit, where would it be and why? Europe To See and Learn From Their History

If you were an animal which one would it be? An Eagle

If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do with the money?

Invest For The Future

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki, K8OAE

I was looking up some celebrity names to find out who might be amateur radio licensees and was disappointed to find out that Patty Loveless let her license become canceled. Did you know that she became interested in amateur radio when she had a serious voice problem and could not talk? In an effort to communicate with her better, her husband taught her Morse code which led to her interest in amateur radio and to her eventual licensing. *(Editor's note: Patty is a Country Music singer. She was licensed as KD4WUJ under her maiden name, Ramey. Patty liked to work CW on 40 meters. She is still performing. Ed)*

That got me to thinking about other women in amateur radio and the influence that they might have brought to the science and, among quite a few names, I found two to be of special interest.

Eunice Randall was Boston's first female announcer and radio engineer back in the 19-teens and 20s. Did you know that back then announcers did not generally use their names while broadcasting? Eunice was simply "ER." Eunice had already built her own amateur radio station and was very experienced with broadcasting when she became a draftsman at AMRAD (American Radio and Research Company). In 1919, Eunice became an announcer for the AMRAD-sponsored radio station, 1XE, at Tufts College. She sent out code for amateurs to practice, and got a sponsor for her Story Lady broadcasts, reading bedtime stories for the kids. In addition to being known as the "Story Lady," she was also affectionately referred to as the "OW of 1XE." When guests previously scheduled did not show up, she and other engineers at the station would sing duets to fill the allotted time.

In 1922, 1XE became commercially licensed as WGI, but WGI and AMRAD went bankrupt in 1925. Eunice left broadcasting, but remained an engineer and an amateur radio operator. She passed away in 1982.

I'll tell you about another important woman next month.

(The above excerpted from an article by Donna Halper: Eunice Randall—Boston's first female announcer/engineer.)

OHIO QSO PARTY - 2010

By Omar H. Mung

At noon on Saturday, August 28th, members of the Northern Ohio Wireless Amateur Radio Group began their efforts to take part in the 2010 Ohio QSO Party.

Adam Grossmeyer, N8MOX Metro Sinko, W8MET, Gary Dewey, NI8Z, and Tom Wayne, WB8N operated NO8N on both CW and SSB from N8MOX'S QTH, for a total of 265 Q's.

Fueled by soft drinks and taco salad, these valiant operators worked in shifts throughout the duration of the contest which ended at midnight.

Most cw contacts were made on 40 and 80 meters, with some made on 20 meters. SSB operations were on 20 meters.

Below are some pics of the event, taken by the author of this article.

Editor's note: Omar H. Mung is a new contributor to the Wobbly Oscillator and is the former holder of license KB8ZBE.



W8MET operating at the CW position

More pics on page 5.



N8MOX logging for W8MET

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- WB8CDA Glenn Fenzel 9-1-43**
- KD8APY Dennis Rabbitts 9-11-49**
- KD8GIR Jeff Bolek 9-21-50**
- KP2VI Tom Price 9-26-39**
- KB8PMM Richard Braun 9-29-35**
- N8RPM, Maryann Fkete 9/10/49**

And Many Happy Returns !



WB8N operating CW with W8MET logging

And a fun time was had by all! Can't wait until next year. Some fun contests are coming up this month which you can participate in. They are; the Colorado QSO Party on Sept. 4th, the Tennessee QSO Party on Sept. 5th, the Labor Day Sprint on Sept. 6th, the Arkansas QSO Party on Sept. 11th, Ohio State Parks on the air on Sept. 11th, the North American Sprint on Sept. 12th and Sept. 19th, the Connecticut QSO Party on Sept. 18th, the South Carolina QSO Party on Sept. 18th, and finally the Texas QSO Party on Sept. 25th. So you see, there are many days of HF fun to be had during the month of September.

See you next month.....73, de Omar H. Mung.

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THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER

As you can see from the headline this month, we will be meeting back at the Busch Funeral Home Community Room again. It was great meeting in the park, although we got cheated out of the June meeting in the park because of the re-vamping of the Oak Grove Picnic area. The Harriet Keeler Picnic area was just as good, if not better, and definitely had better scenery, right Steve? It was asked at the August meeting if we could have the September meeting in the park, but it was explained that the weather is too unpredictable in September. So, it's back to Busch.

I was a bit disappointed in the number of members taking advantage of the cooking fire provided by the club for our use before the meeting. As far as I know only three members cooked up something on the grill. I cooked a steak for myself at both the July and August meetings. Thanks to Darren, K8DMT for getting the grill going and securing the pavilion for the meeting.

DIABETES WALK

It's not too early to start making plans to help out with the American Diabetes Assn. Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes. It is on Saturday, October 2nd and begins and ends at the Time Warner Amphitheater in the flats. All who help out gets a T-shirt, a "goodie bag", and there will be bagels, coffee and juice in the morning before the walk and a lunch of pizza and other good food after the walk. I have several people who have said they will help out but need more. It's a lot of fun and for a very good cause. All you need is a hand held radio with a fully charged battery at the least, and a mobile rig at the most. I will be talking more about it at the September meeting and will be sending out e-mails as we get closer to the walk date.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT C.A.R.S. NET

The past few club nets have been rather lacking in participants and I am wondering why. Whatever the reason might be, make an effort to check into YOUR net on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater. The more the merrier you know and it is fun and informative. Who knows, you might even get the answer to the trivia question correct. There's not much on TV on Wednesday nights anyway, and if

there is something you really want to watch at net time, record it and view it later.

CONTEST TIME

As mentioned earlier in this issue of the W.O., I had a great time participating in the Ohio QSO party on Saturday, the 28th of August. I hadn't operated cw since Field Day, and it was a good chance to hone my cw skills. I participated from a little after noon until 3:30 in the afternoon when I had to leave for a prior commitment. Thanks to Adam, N8MOX for providing his station for us to use.

WELCOME

I would like to welcome aboard Omar H. Mung to the list of contributors to the Wobbly Oscillator newsletter. I have known Omar for some time now and when he asked if he could submit an article to our newsletter I told him that I would have read it first. After I did so, I felt his article was within our guidelines. I am looking forward to further articles by Omar.

TOODLE-OO

Guess it's time for me to go qrt for now. Hope to see you all at the next meeting and/or on the air.

73, de Tom, WB8N

The GEARVACf BULLETIN EXCERPTS

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Ohm's Law reinstated on appeal Last year, after years of bitter legal wrangling and controversy, the U.S. Supreme Court supposedly settled a long argument by ruling Ohm's Law unconstitutional. In a unanimous vote the high court ruled that the Ohm had no legal basis, and could no longer be used to justify electrical resistance. However, in a precedent-setting move, the High Court agreed to hear further arguments in support of the legal status of Ohm's Law. Spokesman for the Court, R. Harlan Habeas, explained that the rare reversal of precedent was due to a new Presidential policy which says that "the old

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American way of doing things must change,” even in the Judicial Branch, “regardless of what our outmoded Constitution says.” --K8DMZ

Missing ham bands restored---The

FCC confirmed yesterday that the pranksters who stole the 40-meter and 80-meter bands last year have been caught. The 40- and 80-meter bands went missing, along with other higher frequency HF bands last year during a solar storm. Most of the 80-meter band and other HF bands were found after a brief search, but the 40-meter band remained missing until three months ago when it was discovered in a warehouse that has been used as storage for damaged parts of the 20-meter band after the disastrous 20-meter band fire two decades ago. In executive session, the FCC decided not to tell anyone, lest they be criticized for not telling anyone that the 40-meters had been stolen in the first place, and had been found.

--N4GG

And now, a rare look at the “Editorial Page of the infamous GEARVAJf Bulletin.

“The Editor is always right”

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Special commentary--As editor of this Bulletin, I haven't put anything serious in it until now. Ham radio should be fun; a serious demeanor should be saved for real emergencies. Over the past 16 years, I've become increasingly alarmed that the Bulletin's satire is believed. No wonder. Some of our most im-probable satires have been legislated by Congress! Our politicians more often turn out to be the liars, crooks, and morons we joked about in our parodies. It's now impossible to come up with an unbelievable parody of our mainstream print and electronic media. The propaganda distortions they now dispense exceed the levels reached by Pravda, Radio Moscow, and Novosty combined during the darkest years of the Cold War. Our nation is becoming Brave New World, 1984, Fahrenheit 451, and Soylent Green, all rolled into one. Soon, I hope to write the real Gearvakf story. Will satire, parody, and humor still be legal in 2011? I think chances are barely 50%. I want to be wrong, but. --K8DMZ