

Q-Match

WARREN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC.

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2006 Ohio Section
Newsletter Contest Winner

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I can hardly believe that it is school time again and summer is almost over with .. Our club has been busy with several different projects that went fairly well, including ham fest.

Even though it was cool and wet, our ham fest was a success . Already we have vendors that want to attend next years hamfest, one will be doing the food concession , serving breakfast and lunch. Chris KD8BHR has already secured the fairground, at the same price for 2008.

I got the privilege to deliver the main prizes to the winners and can say that all was very glad and surprised to have won. Mr. DeMarco WA3ZRM from Ali-

quippa, Pa was our first place winner, admitted he has been attending our hamfest for the past 37 years and has never won anything, but he will be returning next year. Mr. William Kahn WB8ZET, from Shaker Hts, was our second place winner and has also been attending for several years and said he always looks forward to our hamfest. Third place went to Cortland to Mr. Ron Baricks WD8IVX.

We still have our Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party to look forward to and they both will be held at the First United Methodist Church on N. Park. Watch for more information on these upcoming event is future issues of Q-Match.

Now on to a sadder note. The month of Aug gave us a Silent Key, Karl Gerlt, KF8MG. A member that will be missed for all he has done for the club with being a past president and severing as our treasurer For those that did not make it to the Memorial Service , Pete K8OUA and Bob KC8PVB did a very fine job giving the eulogy.

73

Gail Wells KC8LRH



September 2007

Please check schedule for
Dates and times!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4 WARA MEETING	5 KB8OVA	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 KC8YHJ	13	14	15
16	17	18 WARA MEETING	19 KC8RAL	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 KD8VFI	27	28	29
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WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday night on 146.970 at 9pm

Letter to the Editor

As I read the July Q-Match article on page 4 and 5 pertaining to the "Amateur Training Exercise Turns into Real-life Emergency" I see that I for one am not prepared to be a true emergency worker. I am talking about the paragraph that says you need to be prepared by knowing your radio workings.

Most hams just learn the main ways of tuning their radio, like what repeater you like to be on. Some of us do not know how to tune the radios, I feel it is the fault of the builders of these radios, every thing about them is very complicated. Page after page of in-

structions turn this once, click this twice, etc. All of this is very confusing for a new ham and radio operator with a new radio. Why can't these companies use easy terms for setting frequencies, tuning to repeaters, setting PL tones etc.?

More people especially ladies would like to be hams if this process was made easier, it seems to me that all this ham jargon is for men. I am not being snide when I say, I have found that men tend to know all this information and do not need to read the instructions for most men it comes naturally.

Schedule of Events

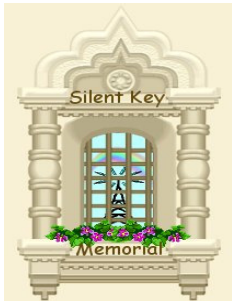
- Sept. 1...9 am .. Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant in Champion
- Sept. 3... Labor Day
- Sept. 4... 7:30 pm.. WARA Meeting, First United Methodist Church, Warren
- Sept. 10..10:30 am...Brunch...W. Farmington Sr. Center
- Sept. 15... 9am.. Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant in Champion
- Sept. 15....Ohio Section Conference in Columbus, Oh
- Sept. 17...10:30 am .. Brunch, W Farmington Sr. Center
- Sept 18...7:30 pm WARA Meeting, First United Methodist Church
- Sept. 19...Great Lakes Divisions Convention in Cleveland
- Sept. 23. Cleveland Hamfest
- Sept. 23..7pm,, WARA VE Testing, Newton Falls Community Center
- Sept. 24... 10:30am..Brunch , W. Farmington Sr. Center

I worked very hard to get my license and take as many emergency courses as I am able, but I don't know how to operate my radios, if they get off frequency or someone clicks a button, I do not know how to fix it.

This is disturbing and frustrating to me as a Ham and a woman. Right now my car ham

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Sunshine & Sick



Friends, it's sad to say that the month of August has not been kind to our club, with the passing of our beloved treasurer, Karl Gerlt KF8MG. He has been fighting this disease a long time. He is at peace and will be greatly missed.

Bud Neely KB8OMV has

also been fighting bad health, but the hospital and Doctors are helping him with that. Bud is having trouble breathing. He was hospitalized for a while and is now home recovering.

Lee Greuter KA8TGX, has also been having a few health problems, I can't remember off hand, but will report at the meeting if I can go talk to him, assuming he doesn't mind.

So let's pray everything works out for Bud, Lee, Karl's wife Ann and any one else that

is feeling under the weather. If you know of a club member needing checked-up on please let me know.

Sherman KC8YHJ



KF8MG at our last Awards Banquet

Editor's Notes & Trivia

We will start off with October Q-Match deadline. It will be September 21st.

Now on to the trivia....

Last month's trivia answer is ;

A) American Morse Code....

Here is October's Trivia:

When was the first electronic computer completed?

A) 1938

B) 1944

C) 1946

D) 1948

I want to thank ARRL for the last trivia question.

Emily KC8RAL

Paper Chase

Thanks go out to everyone who took part in the Ohio QSO Party especially those operating from the PCARS club station. In total, the club station handed out over three hundred contacts from Portage County. Now

that we all know how to hand out a county, let us not stop! Let's work some more. September is full of QSO Parties that have promise of being interesting if not exciting.

Dates	State	Counties
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Sept 8 & 9	~Arkansas	~ 75
Sept 9	Tennessee	95
Sept 15&16	~Washington~	39

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Letter to the Editor

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radio is not working, I have no clue if it is the radio or the antenna? It just sits there in my car not in use. I do thank Sherman, Ed, and Lyle for trying to get it working again, to no avail.

What is the answer? It would be nice to have a Ham radio repair service available in our

area. Probably not in the near future will companies make directions for radios easier. I do hope in the future they will though. I'm looking forward to it.

Submitted by:

Sue Wagner-KC8VHC



September Birthdays

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

Sept 15....N8WRT... Larry Durkos

Sept. 16....Velma Telford

Sept. 18....KB8OVA.. Lyle Rabbitts

Sept.26....N8IVE...Dennis Carraher

Sept. 30....N8YR...Andy Shine

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

Amateur Radio Awareness Day

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The ARRL, the national organization for Amateur Radio, will be among dozens of organizations and agencies participating in National Preparedness Month in September. The campaign, headed by the US Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/), is aimed at making citizen preparedness "a priority for every city, every neighborhood and

every home" in the US. In addition, ARRL encourages all Amateur Radio operators to have a family emergency communication plan in place in case of an emergency, such as a severe weather event.

The ham radio operators will combine their role in National Preparedness Month with their own



Ohio Section Conference

NEW LOCATION: SAME WINNING AGENDA

The Ohio Section Conference, which annually draws nearly a hundred Buckeye hams, will be held in a new location but the same time - 9 a.m. the Saturday after Findlay Hamfest - or September 15th for you calendar buffs.

This year the Section Conference, with the famous PIZZA LUNCH, has been moved to the Ohio State Fire Academy, 8895 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. It is on old Ohio US 40 east of town - just east of Columbus. And about three miles from the Interstate 70 exit 118.

The conference is exactly one week before the Great Lakes Division Convention - which is September 22 in Cleveland.

The Fire Academy auditorium is only a year old and the lunchroom facilities are very comfortable for Ohio Section's Social Event of the year - P I Z Z A L U N C H .

FOUR QUICK NOTES ABOUT THE SECTION CONFERENCE

ONE - if you have an item of interest you would like to present at the conference OR you have an idea for a Conference topic you would like us to cover-call me immediately at 513-874-0006. This is why we call this a "tentative agenda."

TWO - the PIZZA LUNCH is the social event of the year. Great time for all of us to exchange ideas on what others are doing across Ohio. This is the "can't miss" event of the

d a y .

THREE - The State Fire Academy had adequate parking and does not have the security limitations of our old facility. We still start at 9 a.m. though and I suggest you try to be on time and not miss anything.

FOUR - For the first time in years, The Ohio State University Buckeyes are playing an away game during Section Conference. Thank you Coach Tressel. No football traffic in Columbus during Section Conference t h i s y e a r .

Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Ohio Section Manager

For more information and agenda check out the Ohio Section Web-Site <http://www.iarc.ws/ohio/>

Amateur Radio Awareness Day

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"Amateur Radio Awareness Day" on September 15.

The ARRL encourages affiliated clubs to take advantage of the occasion to set up public demonstrations of Amateur Radio and to present or even demonstrate--under the banner of National Preparedness Month--the free services Amateur Radio provides to the community and to invite their

local Citizens Corps leaders to come and see Amateur Radio installations. (Take a handheld to work, if you can!)

Visit the Ready.gov <www.ready.gov/> and ARRL.org <www.arrl.org/> Web sites for more information.



Paper Chase

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Sept15 &16~S. Carolina 46
Sept 29 & 30 Texas 254

That is a total of 509 counties available to be contacted. Of these, Texas has the most activity. If conditions are right, you can work the mobiles in as many as twenty counties. Washington is next for good signals. South Carolina probably has the best hams as they have QSLd 100% each year, they recently restarted their QSO Party, this will be their 5th, and it seems to get better each year. Arkansas used to have their QSO Party the same weekend as the Texas QSO Party but did not get the following. It will be interesting how the QSO Party results are since the weekend

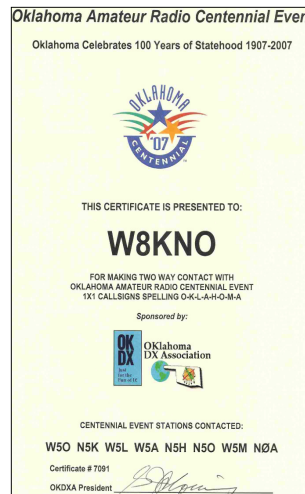
changed. Tennessee gives the most challenge since it is so close that it is reliant upon the propagation Gods. It is not difficult to achieve an operating award in the Arkansas, Tennessee, South Carolina or Washington QSO Parties.

The big change seen this year in QSO Parties is the use of more 1x1 call signs. Oklahoma gave a special award for working 1x1 calls to spell OKLA-H O M A . The promotion was such a great success that Michigan followed

suit and will be distributing awards if you spelled either MICHIGAN or M A C K I N A C .

Just in case you are working or away on the weekends of the QSO Parties, September is the month of the Route 66 special event. The special event runs September 8th through the 16th. This year the call signs will be W6A through Q. You can find them around 3.866, 7.266, 14.266 and 21.366. For more information check out www.w6jbt.org.

Hear you in the pile-ups
Joe W8KNO



You are Invited

As you may have seen in the past, I sent out an e-mail inviting you to the 1st Annual Forest County ARC and Hunting and Fishing Museum of PA Hamfest/Flea Market. This event is scheduled on the 22nd of September which is rapidly approaching. I again would like to invite your club and all of it's members and ask that you spread the word to your amateur community. All are welcome to attend and Vendors are still being accepted.

Details of this event are listed on my website at www.forestcountyyarc.com

If you have Vendors who plan to attend and set up tables or even tailgate, please have them call as soon as possible to the Hunting and Fishing Museum and pre register to reserve a spot. That number is 814-755-3256 or e-mail the POC at info@huntfishmuseum.org

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can, and would like to thank you for your time, and bid you a good day.

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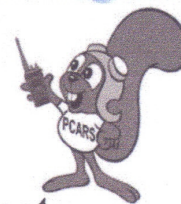
Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS)



presents the

Second Annual

PCARS 2 Meter Simplex Sprint Contest



**Saturday - August 18, 2007
12:01 pm until 8:01 pm**



See if you can Work All of Portage County, Ohio

This sprint contest is sponsored by the Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc.(PCARS). The purpose of this contest is to encourage amateurs to learn the basics of contesting and simplex operations and expand the scope of their VHF operating techniques beyond that needed for repeater operation.

Contest is open to all - you don't have to be a member of PCARS, you don't even have to be inside Portage You can operate from home, mobile, or portable. Even if your passing through (or near) Portage County.

Heck, you don't even have to be a 'contester' to have fun during this sprint - just have some FUN!

Special Participation Certificate for all that send in a log! Hams belonging to clubs out side Portage County can submit scores for themselves & also your club scores, too!

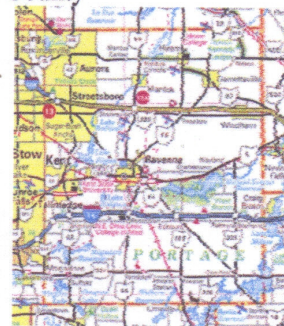
See how many Cites, Villages, and Townships throughout Portage County you can make contact with on 2 meter Simplex.

In Portage County, there are:

5 Cities: Aurora, Kent, Ravenna, Streetsboro, Tallmadge,

7 Villages: Brady Lake, Garrettsville, Hiram, Mantua, Mogodore,
Sugar Bush Knolls, Windham

18 Townships: Atwater, Brimfield, Charlestown, Deerfield, Edinburg, Franklin,
Freedom, Hiram, Mantua, Nelson, Palmyra, Paris, Randolph, Ravenna,
Rootstown, Shalersville, Suffield, Windham



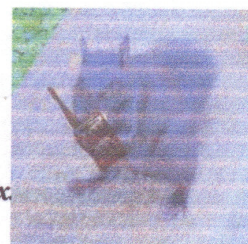
**Complete Rules, Summary Sheets & Log Sheets
are available for download on the
PCARS web site:**

www.portcars.org



We'll be listening for you!

*Join us in the fun and see just how far your rig will go on simplex.
Best of all - let's have a FUN day on the radio!!*



Need more information? Contact Joe - W8KNO by e-mail at W8KNO@portcars.org



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