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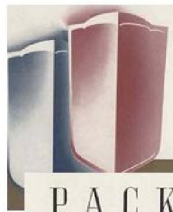
2009



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W8P Special Event



This years Packard Special Event was a 10 year Anniversary for the club for doing the event and for the opening of the Packard Museum here in Warren. This is the 20th Annual Packard Car Show, so we have several reasons for the event this year.

As anyone that has attended and tried to operate in the past few years know, we had some trouble with RF interference, thanks to the new location that did not seem to be a problem this year, we were set up on the southern lawn behind the Packard Music Hall. We made a total of 158 contact thru-out the event, with contacts made in 32 different states and 5 Canadian Providences. We had 13 club member sign in... 1 potential club member, out of area hams and a few curious onlookers.

I want to thank all the people that showed up to help make this, which is my last year doing the W8P Packard Special Event a success. Special thanks go to Claude Linger KB8YTK and Sharon Hoffman AB8ZT for the use of their generator and equipment.

Hope the new Special Event Coordinator has the same luck and success in all her undertakings for the WARA.

Gail Wells KC8LRH....

P.S. I would like to thank everyone that has participated in this event over the last 10 year, you are the reason this has been such a success and a very fun event to do, Special thank you to Bob Maurer KC8PVB for the use of his equipment



MARASCHINO CHERRY CAKE

2-1/4 cups
sifted cake
flour
1-1/3 cups
granulated sugar
3 teaspoons bak-
ing powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup vegeta-
ble oil
1/4 cup mara-
schino cherry
juice
1 cup maraschino
cherries (cut in
eighths)
1/2 cup milk
4 large egg
whites
(unbeaten)
1/2 cup chopped
nuts

Sift together in
a bowl: the cake
flour, granu-
lated sugar,
baking powder
and salt.
Add: the vegeta-
ble shortening,
cherry juice,
cherries and
milk.
Mix with elec-
tric mixer at
slow speed for
two minutes.
Then add un-
beaten 4 large
egg whites.
Beat two more
minutes.
Fold in the
chopped nuts.
Bake at 350 de-
grees for 30-35
minutes.

Sunshine and Sick

.This report concerns Lyle Rabbit KB8OVA's wife who went into the hospital for heart problems, and had two stints put in her heart. The doctors thought they might need three, but thank God they didn't.

Delbert Shafer WD8KXD had surgery on his throat on July 17th. His throat is a little sore but he is feeling fine. The doctors took a tumor out the size of a lemon; the doctors also removed half his thyroid . He sounds in good spirits and told me too tell everyone he's fine and thanks for the prayers.

Chris Brister's KD8BRX father passed away July 21, 2009 , Our prayers are with you and your family at your time of lose.....

Sherman KC8YHJ
Barry KD8EIT

Silent Key



Walter Cronkite,
KB2GSD (SK)

Legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncu-



lar Cronkite anchored [*CBS Evening News*](#) for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo XI lunar landing, Vietnam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords.

Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video [*Amateur Radio Today*](#). Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications.

More of the story at www.arrl.org

Paper Chase

If you have read CQ Magazines' "Results of the 2008 CQ WW DX SSB Contest", you notice it reads "The 2008 CQ WW DX SSB Contest occurred with the solar flux about as low as it can get". If it had said "as low as it can go" you might have been in a limbo contest instead of a radio contest and continued, "Conditions were predicted to be a challenge." Therefore, I decided to continue this month with paper chasing within North American. Paper you have a chance to collect as was done last month with the Original Thirteen Colonies Award. I did contact nine of the thirteen and hope you did better than that. If you worked all but Connecticut your award will show you having worked them all as there was a problem with the Connecticut station and you should not be penalized.

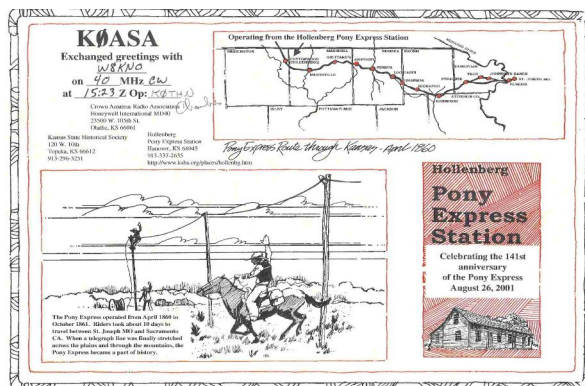
So what is the award for this month? The Hollenberg Pony Express Station. The first event took place in 2000 and has been an annual event since. The Pony Express existed for the sole purpose of bridging a 2000 mile gap in the telegraph line in 1860. The Pony Express operated only from April 1860 to October 1861. Riders took about 10 days to travel between St. Joseph, MO. and Sacramento, CA. When a telegraph line was finally stretched across the plains and through the mountains, the Pony Express became a part of history.

You will find the special event on 3.540, 7.040, 14.040 and for the non cw operator 14.240. I received special notice in the 2001 write up of the special when I made my contact. It read in part, "Requests for a Pony Express Special Event Station certificate are coming in from across the country. On the back of one of the QSL cards we received was a note that read 'this was only my second CW contact in 42 years. I practiced all week to get ready for when I would have to use it'. "If I could do it you can too. Their operators are good.

Certificates are available from the Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 West 17th Terrace, Olatha, Kansas 66062.

Hear you in the pile-up!

Joe - W8KNO



CLUB

Committees

Awards: KC8LRH

Christmas Party:
KD8FVI

Field Day: KB8GAB

and all WARA Members

Net: N8IVE

Program Director:
K8OUA

Property Custodians: KA8LCW historian,

50/50: KD8BIB

Refreshments: Alice Davidson Assoc.

Sunshine (welfare):
KC8YHJ

VE exams:

Web Master:
KC8PVB

Public Information Officer: KC8VHC

Hamfest: KD8BHR

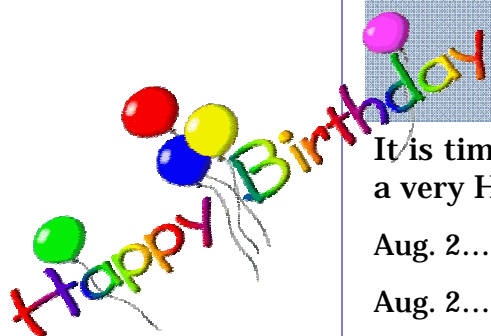
Repeater: KZ8T

Newsletter: Editor
KC8RAL

** KC8VHC,

** Jeannie

** Co-Chair



August Birthdays

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

Aug. 2... KC8QZR... Robert Meeker

Aug. 2... KB8ULG ... Stanley Shrodek

Aug. 3... KC8VHB... Lisa Eckenrode

Aug. 13 ... Assoc. ... Shirley VanSlyke

Aug. 14... KD8BIC.. Mark Cassidy

Aug. 15 ... KZ8T... Dave Walters

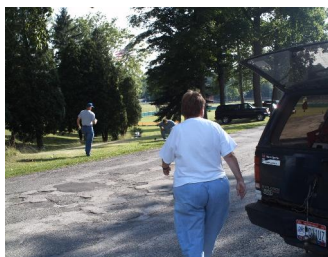
Aug. 20... Assoc. ... Lynn Greuter

Aug. 22... K8JLK... Dick Ellers

Aug. 22... KG8IG... Charles Wright

Aug. 24.. KB8UXJ... Susanne Coe

**W 8 P Set-up
Pictures**



REPEATER

John Davison W8ZL and I have been to main repeater site two times working on a noise keying the repeater. Hopefully the problem was squelch pots on two receivers being dirty. Have not heard much in a couple of days. We were also able to regain some receiver sensitivity in the main site receiver. It had been receiving poorly.

It may become necessary to put receivers in PL or turn off receivers in this time of band openings. So users should be sure they have a 100 Hz tone entered into their transmitter.

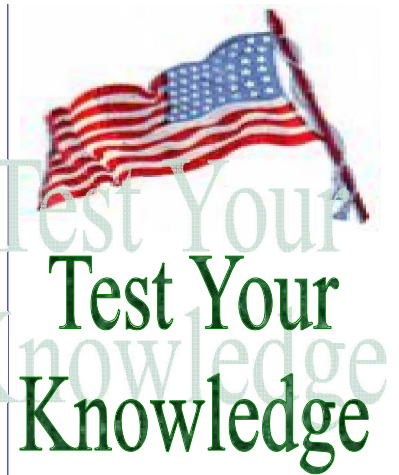
Dave KZ8T

Hamfest

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It's that time a year again; Hamfest is just around the corner, which will be held on August 16th at the Trumbull County fairgrounds. So far we have 5 vendors and 1 food vendor. The grand prize has been purchased, thank you Betsy! The grand prize is the radio and GPS combo. Set-up for hamfest will be August 15th following the breakfast at Wayside. If you can help with either set-up or the event Please contact Chris

Field Day Pictures



What famous member of the "Eagles" is also an avid ham operator?

- A. Don Felder
- B. Glen Frey
- C. Joe Walsh
- D. Randy Meisner

Pictures to the left are from Packard Special Event:

Left to right; Ed KC8URX, Robert KC8QZR and Claude KB8YTK

Bottom left to right: Group of hams just passing the time of day..

Sherman KC8YHJ



WOPRIS



REMINDER

OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR

September 12,
2009

At Mosquito
State Park

For more infor-
mation check
this web-site:
[hamparks.portcrs
.org](http://hamparks.portcrs.org)

Or you can
contact Jackie
at the follow-
ing:

[kd8dne@yahoo.
com](mailto:kd8dne@yahoo.com)

(440) 636-2806

Ohio QSO Party

We are sending this email to all the clubs in Ohio, hoping you will spread the news and excitement of the upcoming Ohio QSO Party on August 22, 2009. This is the ARRL's "Year of the State QSO Party", and we're hoping to generate the largest Ohio turnout ever!

The Ohio QSO Party is a popular state QSO party, where Ohio hams become the hunted stations. The event is casual and fun, yet you can really rack up the QSOs with modest stations. It's fun trying to work all 88 Ohio counties as well as all the states and Canadian provinces.

Load up anything you have on 10-80m and you will make lots of QSOs! In fact, the best antennas for 40 & 80m are low dipoles. At this time of the solar cycle, most of the QSOs are on 20, 40 & 80m, though keep an eye out on 10 & 15m too. Skip on 10-40m is often "long", so if you are looking for other Ohioans, the best place to look is on 80m, even at the start of the contest in broad daylight.

Each year all 88 Ohio counties see some activity, though many of the lesser populated counties are activated by mobile stations which only make 10-30 QSOs per county. CQ stations in rare counties! Were especially trying to get hams in lesser populated counties to get on the air and make some contacts this year. A few hours on the air will make a big difference in generating activity in all 88 counties.

There are numerous awards (certificates and plaques) available – including a club competition. These are the plaques, available to the top scorers in each category.

- Ohio Single Operator High Power - sponsored by Findlay Radio Club
- Ohio Single Operator Low Power - sponsored by Cincinnati Buckeye N e t t e r s
- Ohio Single Operator QRP - sponsored by Kanga US
- Out of State Single Operator - sponsored by Muskingum Ham Radio C l u b
- Out of State Single Operator, Mountain/Pacific Time Zone -sponsored b y C a n t o n A m a t e u r R a d i o C l u b
- Out of State Single Operator QRP - sponsored by Ohio Independent C o n t e s t e r s
- Single Operator DX - sponsored by Northern Ohio DX Association
- Ohio Multi Operator - sponsored by Wayne Amateur Radio Club
- Ohio Mobile - sponsored by Lake County Amateur R. A.
- Ohio Rover - sponsored by Joe Matt, W3AG
- Ohio Club - sponsored by Mad River Radio Club
- Ohio YL - sponsored by Buckeye Belles

Ohio QSO Party

- Ohio SSB - sponsored by Muskingum Ham Radio Club
- Ohio CW - sponsored by Forty Over Club (K8FOC) of Cincinnati

* * N e w f o r
2 0 0 9 *

With 100w and low wires or verticals, it's pretty easy to rack up many of the states for your WAS award including Alaska and Hawaii. Operate the full 12 hours, and you might find 300-500 QSOs in your log and might complete your WAS. One of the best ways to rack up the QSOs is to balance CQing with S&Ping.

Since everyone is looking for Ohio stations, they will be tuning the bands for Ohio stations who are CQing. For working your fellow Ohioans, a combination of S&P and CQing is effective. An example CQ would be: "CQ CQ this is KB8ABC KB8ABC Ohio QSO Party". You will be surprised that modest stations can work 40-100 QSOs per hour by calling CQ - and you might have a few pileups on you too.

Please join us for the Ohio QSO Party on Saturday August 22, 2009. The OQP starts at noon local time and goes to midnight local. Ohio stations work anyone, and the exchange is a sequential serial number plus your county. Work SSB and CW only on 10-80m. For full rules and official county abbreviations visit <<http://www.ohqp.org/>> . Submit logs to:
l o g s @ o h q p . o r g

We apologize for some confusing emails regarding the rules of the OQP. The rules have not been changed as one individual has suggested. The Ohio QSO Party is sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club and not by any individuals. The official OQP website has been moved to <<http://www.ohqp.org/>> . For up-to-date OQP news, there is a new OQP email reflector which may be subscribed to from the web site, or by sending an email to: ohqp-mail-request@ohqp.org with "subscribe" in both the subject line and body of the message.

7 3 & C U o n t h e A i r !

Jim, K8MR. President, Mad River Radio Club



Test Your
Knowledge
Answers:

C. Joe Walsh

He has been an Amateur Radio enthusiast since 1961. His QSO is WB6ACU

ARRL/FCC Cooperation Agreement Program

Most of the club knows that we have been having a really bad RF interference with the Packard Special Event and also Claude KB8YTK has the same trouble in his area. I have contacted FCC to help and they have turned it over to the ARRL for their help. Below is the proper procedure for making complaints on power-line noise. Gail KC8LRH

Let's take a step-by-step look at the entire procedure starting from the very beginning:

- 1) Eliminate the RFI source as being internal to your home and verify it as power-line noise to the best of your ability. Maintain a log of frequencies, noise levels in S-Units, the date, weather and time of day. It can be just as important to log the presence of noise as well as the absence of it.
- 2) Get the ball rolling as soon as possible! File a complaint with your local utility's customer service immediately after performing step 1 above. And as before, don't forget to maintain an accurate log. Be sure to record each contact and any associated help ticket numbers with your complaint.
- 3) If, after a reasonable period of time, your utility remains unresponsive to your complaint, contact the ARRL RFI Desk. Sixty days is probably a good approximation, but this can be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. You'll need to provide the name of your utility, plus the name and address of your utility's CEO.
- 4) The ARRL will send your utility an ARRL letter. Typically, this letter is addressed to your utility's CEO. It describes the FCC /ARRL Cooperative Agreement, pertinent FCC Rules, and includes brochures and includes pamphlets on how to fix the problem. It also urges voluntary cooperation with an offer to help from the ARRL. You will automatically receive a copy of this letter.
- 5) The ARRL Letter allows 60 days before proceeding to the next step. An extra week or more is also added for mail delivery. During this time, you must cooperate in any reasonable way you can with the utility's RFI Investigator. This includes allowing the investigator to hear the noise and take sample of it at your station. You must also inform the ARRL of any activity or correspondence from the utility regarding your case.
- 6) If, after 60 days, the utility has failed to make a good faith effort to fix the problem, you need to once again contact the ARRL. **This is an important step, and the only way the ARRL has of knowing the problem has not been resolved.** Should you fail to contact the ARRL at any time during or after this step, your case may incorrectly be assumed to have been resolved. At this time, you must also specify if you want your name and related information removed from the FCC letter as it will appear in the Enforcement Log. Please note that FCC documents such as these are public information. You can however request your name and related information be removed from the public release.
- 7) The ARRL prepares your case for FCC consideration. Assuming the Commission does not reject your case, the FCC sends an official advisory notice to your utility. This step typically takes up to two weeks. You do not receive a copy of the FCC letter. It will however be released

NOWS HEAR THIS

WARA first
meeting of
the month
will be Au-
gust 11th at
the First
United
Methodist
Church on
North Park
Ave.
At
7:30 pm



ARRL/FCC Cooperation Agreement Program

in to the Enforcement Log approximately two to four weeks after it is issued. Review the FCC Enforcement Log for your letter. (Alternately, a search for your call sign on the ARRL Web Site is often another convenient approach.) If your letter does not appear in the log for a month after it is issued, you need to inform the ARRL RFI Desk. Here is a link to the FCC Enforcement Log:

http://www.arrl.org/news/enforcement_logs/

8) The FCC letter allows another 60 days for utility to fix or demonstrate a good faith effort to fix the problem. The same rules apply during this time period as with the ARRL Letter. An extra week or more is added for mail delivery you must cooperate in any reasonable way with the utility's RFI Investigator. You must also inform the ARRL of any activity or correspondence from the utility regarding your case.

9) If, after the 60 days allowed by the FCC letter, the utility has failed to make a good faith effort to fix the problem; you need to once again contact the ARRL RFI Help Desk. **As with the previous ARRL Letter, this is an important step.** It is the only way the ARRL and the FCC has of knowing the problem has not been resolved. Should you fail to do this, the ARRL and FCC may incorrectly assume your case is closed.

10) The FCC issues a second notice to the utility. Depending on the specific circumstances of your case, this notice typically allows 15 to 30 days for a response. As with the first FCC Letter, you do not get a copy. You should again look for your letter to appear in the enforcement log. If it doesn't appear after four weeks, you should notify the ARRL RFI Desk.

11) If after the second FCC Notice, the utility fails to demonstrate a good faith effort to resolve the problem, again contact the ARRL Help Desk. The next step is to form a committee to provide an independent assessment of the situation. The committee will generate a report, which the ARRL's RFI Desk will present to the FCC.

The FCC will then make a decision as to whether or not a formal field investigation is in order. Should such an investigation be requested, it is important to understand the outcome will be difficult to reverse. The FCC may or may not decline to take any further action in your case. Monetary forfeitures may also be levied against the utility. This is a risk that most amateurs would obviously prefer to avoid. It is in everyone's best interest to achieve a voluntary resolution with which everyone will be satisfied.

Information from the ARRL Web-site

Hamfest

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Brister @ 330-984-2199 or by email KD8BHR1@YAHOO.COM

Also the Hamfest picnic will be August 15th @ 5p.m. at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds. Please bring a covered dish for all to share. If you have any questions you may contact Julie kd8fvi at 330-984-2199 or by email at KD8FVI@YAHOO.COM

Also we are looking for donations on the Chinese auction we have 3 baskets so far. Thank you to the ladies who have donated them! If you can donate a basket or have any questions please contact Julie at the information above. We greatly appreciate all the help everyone has given us. The baskets can be brought to the meeting before hamfest or contact me to pick them up...

Also the club will be selling pop and water again this year, since it was a great success last year, so if you would like to donate pop or water please contact Julie or Chris at the information above. Or if you would like to help sell the pop or water thank you!

Hope to see everyone at hamfest!!!!

Thank you,
Chris & Julie
KB8BHR / KD8FVI

Hamfest Meeting

Chris is announcing the last meeting before hamfest. Please attend at Perkins Restaurant on Elm Rd. on the 9th of Aug. @ 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there....



Schedule of Events

- Aug. 1st... Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- Aug. 3rd ...Brunch..West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **Aug 4th....WARA Meeting, CANCELLED**
- Aug. 10th ...Brunch..West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- Aug. 15th ... Breakfast / Hamfest Meeting, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- Aug 15th... Hamfest Set-up @ Trumbull County Fairgrounds about 11 AM
- **Aug. 16th....WARA HAMFEST**
- Aug. 17th ... Brunch..West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- **Aug. 18th.WARA Meeting, First United Methodist Church 7:30 pm**
- **Aug. 23rd....WARAVE Testing , Newton Falls Community Center**
- Aug 24th / 31st Brunch... West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- Aug 31st.... First day back to school in the City of Warren

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Breakfast
2	3	4 WARA Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Breakfast Hamfest
16 WARA Hamfest	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 WARA VE Testing	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday

WARA Net Schedule

WARA is looking for someone to volunteer for Net Coordination, if you might be interested or know someone that is please contact Dennis N8IVE



www.kc8pvh.com
(mirror site)
www.w8vtd.org
(under construction)

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Nothing sent in for this space , so if you have anything that you want to give, sell or trade please let me know for the next issue of the Q-Match....