

The Q-Match

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A word from the prez

The Santa Claus Net / 2004:

By the time you are reading this issue of the Q-Match the Christmas holidays will have come and gone. And all the hustle and bustle in our lives during this past season will have hopefully quieted down. Along with the Christmas holiday we also were able to make it through that night of nights, when the ball falls in New York City, and has all of us welcoming in the New Year in our own way.

I first would like to wish all of you a very prosperous and healthy New Year! I believe it will be another great year for the Warren Amateur Radio Association, and Amateur Radio itself. There are so many new technologies arriving on the Amateur Radio front, many you will probably see or hear of at the Dayton Hamfest this year. But we also need to pay close attention to those issues that threaten to take something away from the Amateur Radio community in 2004. Issues such as "BPL (Broadband over Power Lines)", "Part 15 RF Identification Devices on 70 cm", and others. That's where all of us need to work together protest these issues. The simplest way is to write letters to the FCC, another way is to "get on the air". Fire up those HF rigs during these cold winter nights and show the world that we use these bands that are allocated to us and do not wish for them to be taken away, or polluted.

Before however we say good bye to the old year I wanted to share with you an event that exemplifies part of what Amateur Radio is all about. The event occurred as I was driving home from working late on the evening of December 18, a Thursday. It was around 9:00 PM and I had my mobile radio scanning the most common repeaters I use. All of a sudden I heard the most interesting communications on the 147.015 (W8OKE / Newbury) repeater:

It was a number of children (as third party traffic) talking with Santa Claus about their hopes and dreams for Christmas 2003. There were many marvelous conversations where the children would go through lists of items, (sometimes with some coaching from Dad), and Santa Claus would discuss the items and interact with the children in a very real way. For those shyer children, Santa Claus would recommend toys and other items to elicit responses from the kids. As I listened further I understood that the Santa Claus was one of the newer members to our Club this past year, no other than N8ZNE, David Menock. I also learned later that David does this every year for the children and has quite a few check-ins from all over northeastern Ohio. I think that this is a great example of one of the many ways that Amateur Radio

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can give back to the community. I know it certainly made a big impression in those children, and probably planted the seed of Amateur Radio in a few of them too. So if you happen to run into David you might want to mention to him what a nice event he puts on each year, bringing Santa Claus to the homes of many, via 2 meters.

Let's all make a New Years resolution to give something back to the community through Amateur Radio, as I am sure we can all agree that Amateur Radio has given each of us a lot in return.

73, Your Prez, Bob / KC8PVB

Annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the WARA will be held this month on January 20, 2004, immediately following the regular meeting. This meeting is, of course, one of the most important of the year, being the meeting at which we elect club officers for the new year. The meeting will be held at the regular venue, Grace Baptist Church on Mahoning Ave. in Champion. Any Full Member of the club who has paid his/her annual dues is eligible to vote and to run for office as well.

To ensure that we have people willing to run for office a Nominating Committee has been appointed by President Bob Maurer. The members of this committee are Ada Simons, KC8MTZ, Fred Olver, N9BSO, Richard Bell, KC8TAP, and Peter Kozup, K8OUA. While nomination for office can be made at the meeting, it is also possible to nominate either yourself or another member ahead of time by contacting any of the members of the Nominating Committee.

Having good club officers means having a better club, and you can help

out by running for office, by nominating a member for a club office, or just by showing up at the Annual Meeting and voting. Mark January 20 on your calendar and play your part in the future of our club.

Silent keys

It is with considerable sadness that we report the passing of two of our longstanding members. Clarence Teter, W8PKC, unexpectedly became a Silent Key on December 21, 2003. Clarence had been quite active in the club recently, attending meetings regularly and participating in the club's Saturday morning breakfasts. Clarence was born in Newport News, Virginia, and had worked at American Welding here in Warren. An active Amateur TV enthusiast, Clarence had been a member of the WARA for over 26 years, first joining in 1977. He was preceded in death by his wife Martha, and is survived by a son, Michael Teter of Gulfport, Mississippi, and a daughter, Kathleen Teter. He had a sister living locally, and a nephew John Ballantine, who was his caregiver.

News was received at the last minute of the passing of Ernie Britton, K8EIH. Ernie passed away on January 2 after a battle with cancer. Ernie and his wife Lillian lived in Liberty, and he was retired from the Liberty Police Department where he had served from 1971-94. Ernie was survived by his wife Lillian, two daughters Susan Jensen of Liberty and Kathy Ruggeri of Cortland, one son, David of Howland and four grandchildren. Our sincere condolences go out to Ernie's family.

Ohio section news

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see page 16 in QST); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; SEC John Chapman, WB8INY, Gahanna; ACC; Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, Toledo; TC: Tom Holmes. N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Lexington; OOC: Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

JANUARY SECTION NEWS: Welcome to 2004. To start, here are important dates for the Ohio Section this year, Sunday, February 8 - Mansfield Hamfest; Sunday, March 21 - Toledo (Maumee) Hamfest; Saturday, April 24 - annual ARES Conference in Columbus; Friday-Sunday, May 14-16 - Dayton Hamvention; Saturday, June 26 - Field Day begins; Sunday, September 5 - Findlay Hamfest; Saturday, September 11 - Ohio Section Conference in Columbus at the Ohio EMA Headquarters. (The Section Conference was not held in 2003 since the Great Lakes Division Convention was a week earlier. It returns this year - same place; same date).

OHIO NET NEWS: Thomas Carroll, WA8ZGL, of Cuyahoga Falls, has been named Net Manager for the Buckeye Net Early (BNE) one of two operating CW traffic nets in Ohio. The BNE (at 6:45 p.m. daily) and its companion CW net, Buckeye Net Late (BNL at 10 p.m.) both meet daily for the purpose of handling CW traffic on 3.577 MHz. The traffic is handled to and from the Eighth Region Net (8RN) of the National Traffic System.

OHIO SECTION CLUB NEWS: Great Lakes Division Vice Director Dick Mondro, W8FQT, is organizing letter writing through Division clubs (Michigan

and Kentucky as well as Ohio) on BPL, Spectrum Protection Act and antenna protection legislation.... Just a reminder for clubs to check your Special Service Club status and Affiliation status and keep it up to date. Any new officers? Any news about your club? Contact Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, The Ohio ACC, <kb8iup@arrl.net>.

OHIO SECTION REMEMBERS: Adrian Fallert, WB8GEW (SK) who for more than three decades made badges and other identifications for most Cincinnati-Dayton ham club members. He died in December.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS ... (A) All Ohio Amateur Radio Operators in military service now serving in Iraq. Local clubs keep track of their members on active duty. Be sure to write them; (B) Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NM, of Cleveland, whose DX Bulletins on packet networks and other modes are known nationwide; (C) George Shaffer, W8NTX, of Hillsboro, recognized recently for his ham radio recruiting efforts in the 70s and 80s in Highland and Clinton County (Hillsboro) area; and (D) Kevin Halloran, W8KPH, Kenton, for his article in local newspaper about a three county emergency drill. An excellent media hit; it was called. OHIO SECTION JANUARY HAMFESTS AND SYMPOSIUMS... (10) SouthWest Ohio Digital Symposium begins at 9 a.m. at Miami University-Middletown. Check the web site <www.swohdigi.org> or E-mail <n8xx@arrl.net>. All day symposium on digital modes: no flea market; (18) Sunday Creek ARF at Nelsonville. More info? E-mail <n8mwl@arrl.net> and (25) TUSCO Ohio section news (cont. . . .)

ARC at New Philadelphia. More info? E-mail <k8wfn@tusco.net>.

TRAFFIC REPORTS

Ohio Section Individual Traffic - November 2003

N8IXF-485, N8IO-382, KD8HB-277, KC8UTL-258, KX8B-232, W8QIW-199, N8BV-196, W8PBX-190, AB8NI-184, N8CW-131, W8STX-130, W8MMN- 97, N8TNV-96, N8IBR-82, KA8FCC-74, NS8C-71, N8DD-59, N8OD-57, KA8WQL-57, WB8SIQ-56, KA8CXG-52, WA8SSI-52. KB8SBK-50, WA8EYQ-44, K8PJ-44, KC8VPA-39, WB8SRN-27, KI8IM-24, NY8V-23, N8GOB-22, KC8TKB-22, W8RPS-21, KF8LE-20, KC8KYP-18, WB8PMG-18, W8RG-17, KC4IYD-16, N8EFB-13, K8QX-8, N8WLE-8, KC8HTP-7, W8TAH-4, K8QIP-1, LATE OCTOBER 2003: N8TNV-71, WB8HHZ-48, N8SC-26, KA8WQL-14.

Ohio Section PSHR Reports: NOVEMBER 2003

N8IO 40, 40, 20, 25, 0, 0, TOTAL = 125
 WA8SSI 40, 40, 20, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 100

N8OD 32, 40, 20, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 92
 N8DD 40, 40, 10, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 90
 KC8UTL 40, 40, 10, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 90

Ohio Section Nets Traffic Reports - November 2003

| | QNI | QT C | QTR | SESSIONS | TIME |
|--------|------|---------|------|----------|------------------|
| BN (E) | 129 | 93 | 330 | 30 | 1845 |
| BN (L) | 139 | 60 | 311 | 30 | 2200 |
| OSN | 146 | 15 | 475 | 30 | 1810 |
| OSSBN | 1831 | | 2740 | 90 | 1030, 1615, 1845 |

January is traditionally a great month in which to be born, and scientists have shown that people born in January are not only excellent ham radio operators, but they tend to be good looking and of great intelligence as well. So to the following we wish a great day on their special day.

- 1/1 Josephine Wingrove N8SYI
 - 1/4 Michelle McCaman Assoc.
 - 1/10 Jim Gabriel WA8DXB
 - 1/11 Dennis Gregory WM3H
 - 1/12 Pete Kozup K8OUA
 - 1/13 Donna Craiger Assoc.
 - 1/17 Don Bower N8VCK
 - 1/22 Emily Wells KC8RAL
 - 1/31 Mike Austin KC8WUX
- ARL FORTY-SIX to these highly intelligent and good looking club members.

Two meter net

Here is the schedule for Net Controls for the W8VTD Wednesday night net. Remember, the net meets each Wednesday night at 9.00 PM local time on the 146.97 MHz and the 443.00 MHz repeaters. Remember also that the Net Coordinator, Fred Olver, N9BSO, is always looking for people interested in taking the net as NCS. If you're interested just contact Fred. Sometimes the regularly scheduled NCS does not show up (this editor is a good example of just such a person!!). If you're ready to check into the net but it hasn't begun by, say 8:05 or 8:10 PM, and no NCS has appeared on the scene, you should feel ready to do so yourself. A good example of this occurred a few Wednesdays ago when Dennis, N8IVE, took the net in the absence of a regularly scheduled op and did a great job. That experience wasn't new to

Happy birthday

Two meter net (cont. . . .)

Dennis, but it had been a few years. Try it out, you might find that you enjoy it! Here's the schedule for January and February, 2004.

January 6 – Bob, KC8PVB

January 13 – Pete, K8OUA

January 20 – Andy, N8YR

January 27 – Fred, N9BSO

February 4 – Bob, KC8PVB

February 11 – Pete, K8OUA

February 18 – Andy, N8YR

February 25 – Fred, N9BSO

Here's looking forward to seeing you each Wednesday night on the net.

Kudos

Awhile back we began to recognize the efforts of WARA members who took a bit of time and energy to do something special for the club. This month's Kudos go to one new member and one member who has been with us for awhile. Firstly, Kudos to Dave Menoch, N8ZNE, for playing Santa on the air to a number of children. President Bob, in his column this month, says it all. Well done Dave.

Secondly, Kudos to Dave Walters, KZ8T, for taking it upon himself to bring members up to date on our club by-laws. At each meeting Dave has been reading and leading a discussion of one of the club by-laws. This has led to some very interesting and worthwhile discussions and an overall greater understanding of our club and the way it works. Thanks, Dave, and well done.

Change of address

Peter Kozup, K8OUA, has endured a move with a resulting change of address. Please change your club roster for the address of Pete and his daughter Sara Kozup, KB8RHG, to read 3408 Greenfield St. NW, Warren, OH 44485.

His new phone number is 330 395-0975. Pete's email address should remain the same, but he has been having trouble with it over the past two weeks, so if you can't get through to him at first, please try again.

Classifieds

FOR SALE – Standard Twin-band Transceiver, 144 MHz and 440 MHz, with manual and mag-mount antenna.

FOR SALE – SONY external CD writer with cable and manual.

Contact Karl Gerlt, KF8MG, by email at heinz14311@netzero.net or by phone on 330 889-3890.

District ec visits

The District Emergency Coordinator, James Miller, K8EIO, spoke at the December 2, 2003, WARA meeting. James discussed the differences between ARES and RACES, and the importance of readiness and preparation for emergency work in today's world. He especially thanked those WARA members who assisted in the recent Akron marathon and invited the club to send more assistance next year. A major outcome of the talk was the excellent discussion that resulted on the state of preparedness for emergency work that the Trumbull County area is in. Richard Bell, KC8TAP, promised to bring his camera to the next meeting to take ARES photos so that those interested in emergency work could obtain updated ARES cards. Another outcome of the evening's discussion was that the need to train local members in emergency procedures as brought up. Richard promised to look into ways of doing this. Overall, the evening was both interesting and informative.

Calendar

- 1/1 Straight Key Night see www.arrl.org
- 1/3 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
- 1/4 Kids Day see www.arrl.org
- 1/5 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
- 1/5 K8OUA's Christmas break ends
- 1/6 WARA mtg 7.30PM Grace Baptist Church
- 1/7 W8VTD Wed nite net 146.97 MHz 9PM
- 1/12 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11AM
- 1/14 W8VTD Wed night net 146.97 MHz 9PM
- 1/17 Breakfast Wayside Inn 9 AM
- 1/19 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
- 1/20 WARA Annual meeting 7.30 PM Grace Baptist Church
- 1/21 W8VTD Wed nite net 146.97 MHz 9 PM
- 1/26 Brunch Farmington Sr Ctr 11 AM
- 1/28 W8VTD Wed nite net 146.97MHz 9PM
- 1/28 Sp Event Stn KI6YG 18th Anniv of Challenger Disaster see www.arrl.org
- 1/31 Lunch Covered Bridge Rest Newton Falls 12 N
- 1/31 Sp Event Stn K3HWJ Punxsutawney ARC Ground Hog Day see www.arrl.org