

# Q-Match

WARREN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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2006 Ohio Section  
Newsletter Contest Winner

Happy Easter!

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## WARA'S Program Schedule

A representative from CART, Child Abduction Response Team, gave a presentation to WARA members on the second meeting of February. Jim Luonuan-suu, dispatcher with both the Lordstown and Newton Falls Police Forces, described the organization which has been set up to assist police and rescue officials

whenever a child goes missing, for whatever reason. Mr. Luonuan-suu indicated that the hams would provide needed communications for those searching for or tracking missing children. He gave a brief history of CART and spoke about what CART would do in the event of a missing child. He handed out forms for

those interested in joining to fill out in order to register, and then answered questions about the organization from WARA members.

The talk was well received by members and there were many questions and comments about the organization.

Next month is

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## March Skywarn Training

The 2008 Severe Weather Spotter Training Meeting on Tuesday March 18th will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 309 North Park Ave in Warren.

Registration will begin at 6:30pm. The meeting will be con-

ducted by Cleveland Meteorologist Gary Garnet. The training is free and open to the public.

The training will last about 2 hours and will consist of a PowerPoint presen-

tation with movie clips and classroom discussions.

Contact Allen Scott [kb8ywy@aol.com] or Emily Wells [kc8ral@yahoo.com]

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## Schedule of Events

- March 1st...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- March 3rd... Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- March 4th...**WARA Meeting**, First United Methodist Church ... 7:30 pm
- March 9th... **Daylight savings Time begins [clock forward]**
- March 10th ...Brunch.. West. Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- March 15th ...Breakfast, Wayside Restaurant... 9 AM
- March 17th...Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- March 17th... Saint Patrick's Day
- March 18th ... **Skywarn Training , First United Methodist Church... 6:30 Pm**
- March 21st. Good Friday
- March 23rd. **Easter Sunday**
- March 24th ...Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM
- March 31st.... Brunch.. West Farmington Senior Center 10:30 AM



Pete K8OUA at the finish line of the Kuskokwim 300

# March 2008

Please check schedule for  
Dates and times!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Breakfast
2	3	4 WARA Meeting	5 KB8OVA	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 KC8YHJ	13	14	15 Break-fast
16	17	18 Skywarn Training	19 KD8FVI	20	21	22
23 EASTER	24	25	26 KC8RAL	27	28	29
30	31					

**WARA's 2 M net every Wednesday night on 146.970 at 9pm**

## K8OUA Travels from North to South

WARA member Pete Kozup, K8OUA, spent most of the last half of January visiting his daughter in Alaska. Pete assures us that while it was cold in Bethel, Alaska, the town in which his daughter Sara lives; visiting Alaska in the winter is an experience that most Ohioans would enjoy. Pete's daughter Sara is licensed as KB8RHG, and is a WARA member, though she lives in Alaska working as a nurse up there. Pete spent a lot of time snowmobiling through the backcountry on the Kuskokwim River which runs through Bethel. He timed his trip to

coincide with the running of the Kuskokwim 300, a dogsled race that begins and ends on the river ice in Bethel. The Kuskokwim 300 is a qualifier for the Iditarod, the thousand mile race that goes from Anchorage to Nome. if you are interested in seeing photos of Pete's trip you can find them on the internet at [www.photoblog.com/petekozup](http://www.photoblog.com/petekozup).

On February 27 Pete will be traveling again, and again into the colder parts of the world. This time, though, he is heading south, south to Argen-

# K8OUA Travels from North to South

tina and then further on to Antarctica. Pete will be accompanying his son Christopher, and both of them are entered into the Antarctic Marathon which will be run on March 5. Christopher has run many marathons and is striving to run a marathon on every continent. After they have completed their run they will return to South America and Pete intends to do some touring of Patagonia on his own.

Pete has an IARP which will

entitles him to operate amateur radio in South America and he intends to take along his HT. No, he will not try to work into Warren on his HT, but he does intend to try to link into Ohio using Echolink via some Argentine links. There are no active Echolink repeaters locally, but he will try using the Kent repeater N8EQJ/KC8RKV on 146.895 MHz, which does have Echolink capability. If you can work into that repeater you might be

able to work Pete. You can email him at [k8oua@yahoo.com](mailto:k8oua@yahoo.com), and he will be checking his email on the trip. If you have Echolink capability contact Pete by email and it may be possible to set something up.

As soon as he can he will also put his photos on one of the blog sites, probably at [www.photoblog.com/](http://www.photoblog.com/). He will send an email out to members to advise them where to look. Here's wishing Pete bon voyage!!



Sticker Shock!! Gas at \$4.64 per gallon, Diesel at \$4.55 per gallon in Alaska 1-12-2008 Diesel here was \$3.20per gal.



Pete K8OUA [in white jacket] and daughter Sara KB8RHG



Post Office at Napaskiak, Alaska

## WARA Program Schedule

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Skywarn month and the second meeting of the month will be taken up with Skywarn. In April Dennis Alexander, KC8LMC, will give a presentation on the Dayton Hamvention aimed primarily at those hams who have never been there. Dennis has been a regu-

lar at Dayton and this should be an interesting talk, particularly for those who have never been to the Hamvention and who have been wondering what it's all about.

In May we will have a presentation on Echolink given by

Jim Godfrey, KC8RKV, of the Portage County Amateur Radio Service. Remember, if there is some ham radio related topic that you'd like to see, let Pete Kozup, K8OUA know. Just email Pete at [k8oua@yahoo.com](mailto:k8oua@yahoo.com).

## March Member's Birthdays

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

3/7... KZ8W, Roger Phillips

3/8...KC8LMC , Dennis Alexander & Kc8YDS, Steven Ruman

3/9... KA8WMF, Mike Yakopiec

3/10... KB8PXP George Syrko, & KC8TNK, Harold

Butler

3/11... W8KNO, Joe Wehner

3/14... KD8EIT, Berry Fisher

3/19 KB8RHG, Sara Kozup

3/26... W8TWO, Dick Alexander

3/30... Assoc. Ann Gerlt

3/31... KC8URX, Ed Shephard

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



## Winter Weather Terms

The National Weather Service uses specific winter weather terms to ensure that people know what to expect in the coming days. But what do they mean?

A **Winter Storm Watch** means that severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may occur in your area, but how much, where and when are still uncertain. A watch is issued to provide 12 to 36 hour notice of the possibility of severe winter weather.

A watch is up-graded to a **Winter Storm Warning** when 4 or more inches of snow or sleet is expected in the next 12 hours, or 6 or more inches in 24 hours, or 1/4 inch or more if ice accretion is expected.

**Winter Weather Advisories** let you know that

winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous.

If caution is exercised, advisory status should not become life-threatening.

A **Blizzard Warning**

means that snow and strong winds will continue to produce a blinding snow [near zero visibility,] deep drifts, and life-threatening will chill.

**Winter Storm Warning** when  
4 or more inches of snow or  
sleet is expected in the next 12  
hours,

less than 1/4 mile for at least 3 hours.

**Blowing Snow:**

Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility. Blowing snow may be falling snow and/or snow on the ground picked up by the wind.

**Snow Squalls:** Brief,

intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulations may be significant.

**Snow Shower :** Snow falling at varying intensities for a brief period of time. Some accumulations is possible.

**Snow Flurries:** Light snow falling for a short durations with little or no accumulation.

### WINTER WEATHER TERMS:

Some winter weather terms you should be familiar with;

**Blizzard:** Winds of 35 mph or more with snow and blowing snow, reducing visibility to





# Paper Chase

By Joe W8KNO

If you have received QSL cards, you may have enough to earn an award, you know it only takes 100 different countries for a DXCC or 100 different grids on VHF for a VUXX. In looking at the cards I have, the largest amount from outside of the United States come from Germany, 1 1/2". What award/awards could I/you obtain from Germany?

Many German awards require the working of DOK's. The DOK is the letter and number combination used by the DARC to identify regional radio clubs. The first letter is the district, and the next two numbers identify the respective club in the district. For example, DK4SY uses DOK P05. P is the District of Wuerttemberg and 05 identify the Radio Club of Heilbronn. DOK P40 is another radio club in the same town. German stations are excellent at including this identifier on their QSL's, since a very important use is

that of a QSL distribution system, whereby cards are sent to the respective clubs monthly

One is the :  
Goethe Award

Award is issued by the DARC Division Ilmenau (DOK X30) in commemoration of the famous German writer Goethe. The aim of the award is to contact regions or locations which were closely associated with the major events in his life. Earn 100 points after 1 Jan 1998. SWL OK. 3 classes: Shortwave, VHF/UHF and VHF/UHF including repeaters.

Each different station from the following DOK's = 5 points: X03, X04, X09, X11, X18, X19, X21, X22, X24, X30, X34, F05, F49, F57, S30, S31, S37, Z05, Z83 and Z91. Club stations from these DOK's = 10 points. Special event stations with special DOKs, = 20 points. No mode or band restrictions. CW contacts count double. At least one of the following club sta-

tions must be contacted: DL0WEI (X03), DK0TUI (X30), DF0TUI (X34), DA0HQ/DF0HQ (X34) or DL0RUD (X24).

GCR list and fee of 5€ or \$US8 to: Wilfried Besig, DH5WB, Sperrerring 17a, D-98693 Ilmenau-Oberpoerlitz, Germany. (also: Darc e.V. OV-X30, "Goethe Award", PSF 100261, D-98682 Ilmenau, Germany.

Hoping to hear you on the air waves,  
Joe

W8KNO



Now here is a few new ideas for some antennas that maybe some innovating ham might want to try out. Don't know how well they would work but you never know until you try. HI HI

Thank you Sue KC8VHC





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