

MULTI-COUNTY COALITION HISTORY

- March, 2009 -- The Tuscarawas County Amateur Radio Club (TUSCO ARC) played host on March 29, 2009 at the Tuscora Park meeting house in New Philadelphia. In attendance were 25 members representing four counties. Chair Sonny Alfman, W8FHF, called the meeting to order, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, conducted a round of introductions, and read the minutes from the previous meeting. There were one DEC, three ECs, and three AECs in attendance. Each member club was given the opportunity to share its previous four months of activities and to announce the next four months of future plans as well as announcing any special events, hamfests, or testing sessions. A sad note—CARA lost three former members—Ray Howard, K8BD; Walt Brown, N3DZP; and Ray Dillon, AA8BX. The one item under Old Business was the nomination of candidates and election of the Chair for 2009 since it was postponed from the November 2008 meeting due to poor attendance. There was no New Business. Following the meeting, the TUSCO ARC supplied a late lunch (cold cut sandwiches, potato salad, chips, cookies, cake, and various beverages) and a nice social hour. The Cambridge Amateur Radio Association (CARA) will host the July 26 meeting at 2 PM in pavilion #4 (new) at the Cambridge City Park. CARA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, bottled water. Attendees are requested to bring their families, a covered dish to share, and their appetite. Following the meeting and meal, CARA will hold a “fox hunt.”
- November, 2008 -- The Zanesville Amateur Radio Club (ZARC) played host on November 23 at the Muskingum County EOC. The ten attendees representing four counties enjoyed snacks while they socialized. Chair Sonny Alfman called the meeting to order and read the minutes from the July meeting. Each member club shared its activities and future plans. There were one DEC, one EC, and three AECs in attendance. The election of the MCC Chair will take place at the next meeting on Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 2 PM at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia.
- July, 2008 --The Cambridge Amateur Radio Association (C.A.R.A.) provided hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, buns, and condiments for the covered-dish picnic in the Cambridge City Park on July 27. Following the meal and social hour, Chair Sonny Alfman, brought the meeting to order. Of the twenty-two “hams” and six non-hams present, representing nine counties in eastern Ohio, there were one DEC, four ECs, and two AECs. ARRL DEC 9 Sonny Alfman asked each EC to give a report on their ARES status and their club’s activities since the

March meeting. Long time MCC member and TUSCO ARC President Jim Foote, K8KSN, died in May, 2008.

- March, 2008 --The TUSCO Amateur Radio Club hosted the spring session at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia. There was a round of introductions by the nineteen hams representing four clubs. The Pledge of Allegiance opened the business meeting. Jim Foote, K8KSN, gave a report on the installation of new repeater equipment, grants through EMA, and upcoming events such as Field Day, and GOBA. Sonny Alfman, representing the Cambridge ARA discussed their Adopt-A-Highway project and the Cambridge Hamfest & Computer Show on August 24 at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center.
- November, 2007 --Belmont County's Eastern Ohio Amateur Wireless Association (EOAWA) hosted the fall session at the new Belmont County EOC. There were twelve hams and one guest in attendance. A round of introductions was followed by reports from the five counties represented. A round-robin discussion was then held on how to boost ham memberships and interest in attending meetings. A tour of the facilities was conducted, a 50/50 drawing held, and a meal was served.
- July, 2007 --Cambridge Amateur Radio Association supplied the hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns for this cookout meeting at the Cambridge City Park. All guests were asked to bring a covered dish to share. Dick Wayt discussed the ARRL EMCOMM Classes; Sonny Alfman displayed and demonstrated fox hunting antennas and explained antenna matching as a way to work DX.
- March, 2007 —Tuscarawas County TUSCO Amateur Radio Club hosted the 8th year anniversary meeting at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia. A moment of silence was observed for Dave Lomady, WD8CKK, Recording Secretary and Newsletter Editor for TUSCO ARC, who became a silent key. He was responsible for setting up the program on ARES Communications in Disasters by Terry Russ, N8ATZ, AEC for Stark County. Following the program's question-and-answer session, each county was given time to brag about its club's accomplishment in the last four months and to tell everyone present about upcoming events. The host club had prepared a cold cut and cheese platter for sandwiches, a variety of side dishes, desserts, and beverages for the attendees.
- November, 2006--CARA hosted this meeting at the newly constructed Crossroads Library Branch. A tour of the new library was the program.
- July, 2006 --CARA hosted this meeting in the Cambridge City Park under the large pavilion. It was a covered dish picnic. Belmont County officially

joined the coalition.

- April, 2006 --TUSCO ARC hosted this meeting at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia.
- January, 2006 --CARA hosted this meeting at the Community Healthlink Building in Cambridge.
- November, 2005 --Zanesville Amateur Radio Club (ZARC) and CARA jointly sponsored this meeting at the Senior Citizens Center in the Sunrise Shopping Center in Zanesville. CARA provided the program and door prizes.
- July, 2005 --Newark Amateur Radio Association (NARA) hosted this covered dish meeting at the Newark's OSU Branch Campus.
- April, 2005 --TUSCO ARC hosted this meeting at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia.
- January, 2005 --CARA hosted the meeting at the Community Healthlink Building in Cambridge.
- October, 2004 --Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association (CCARA) hosted this meeting at the American Red Cross Building in Coshocton. The program was a tour of their new ARES Communication Van.
- July, 2004 --CARA hosted a covered dish meeting at the Healthlink Building in Cambridge.
- April, 2004 --TUSCO hosted the MCC meeting at the Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia. On display was their Communications Van.
- January, 2004 --Members of TUSCO, NARA, and CARA met in Cambridge for the Winter quarterly meeting. It was a covered dish dinner with a small group in attendance. Hopefully the annual meeting in April will bring our more members. A Constitution is currently in the process of being written.
- October 2003 --NARA hosted this meeting on the OSU branch campus in Newark. The potluck dinner/meeting was well attended. There was a program on 'Get 'N' Go Bags' given by Sonny Alfman, W8FHF.
- July 2003 --CARA hosted this covered dish picnic meeting at the Cambridge City Park. The meeting consisted of each club telling what they have been doing or accomplished in the last four months and upcoming events or projects. Representatives from Muskingum, Guernsey, Licking, Tuscarawas, and Monroe counties were represented. The covered dish

meal was followed by a guitar duet by Greg Childs, KC8HRW, and Cale Barton.

- April 2003 --TUSCO hosted the MCC on April 6 at 2 PM at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia. ASM Connie Hamilton, N8IO, was in attendance. A program was presented on finding electric line noise interference sources. Guernsey, Muskingum, Tuscarawas, Coshocton, Licking, and Stark counties were represented.
- January 2003 --CARA hosted this meeting at the Healthlink Building.
- October 2002 --CARA hosted the MCC meeting at the Healthlink Building. Representatives from Muskingum, Guernsey, Tuscarawas, Perry, and Licking counties were present. The program was a technical demonstration of Amateur Television.
- July 2002 --CARA hosted this meeting of the MCC at the Healthlink Building.
- June 2002 --Members of ZARC, CCARA, and CARA provided communications for the 16-hour Benchmark Appalachian Adventure Race at The Wilds. These are the people who helped: Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; Fred Barton, KB8MGI; Trey Barton, N8NAK; Roger Davis, AB8JH; Ben Baker, KC8MLT; Rick Kanchat, N0KYN; Mark Jenei, KC8SBB; Billie Dickson, WB8TRK; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Gordon Jividian, KA8VSS; Colleen Wheatcraft, AA8UA; Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Bruce McKim, N7XGR; Dick Wayt, WD8SDH; Don Parmiter, n8ljf; Gene Morris, N8MTP; and Dick Clifton, KG8CZ.
- June 2002 --COVERED BRIDGE SPECIAL EVENT—Members of ZARC and CARA supported the Ohio Covered Bridges On The Air Weekend by operating a Special Event Station W8D from the Salt creek/Johnson Mill Covered Bridge in Norwich, Ohio. The following people operated, set up, or visited the site: Roger davis, AB8JH; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Gordon Jividian, KA8VSS; Jay Milner, KA8LFI; Dick Clifton, KG8CZ; Les Sherwood, KB8YUK; Danny Grandstaff, KB8RIM; Mary Jane Grandstaff, KB8ZXH; Greg Childs, KC8HRW; and Jim Houser, WA8JIM.
- April 2002 --TUSCO hosted the MCC at the EOC in Port Washington. On display was their amateur radio set up at the EOC.
- January 2002 --Perry County hosted this meeting at the airport in New Lexington. A decision to organize formally the MCC by having each member organization send two official representatives to attend meetings. G.

Sonny Alfman, founder of the MCC, was elected its first official Chairperson. There were 23 hams in attendance.

- October 2001 --MCC provided communications for the ECOTrail at The Wilds (a horse and rider competition). The following people participated: Susie Stuebe, KC8SBD; Jay Milner, KA8LFI; Fred Barton, KB8MGI; Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Billie Dickson, WB8TRK; and Roger Davis, AB8JH.
- October 2001 --MCC provided communication for the Ohio Adventure Race series Championship, which involved mountain biking, running, orienteering, kayaking, and completing an obstacle course. The following people helped: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Fred Barton, KB8MGI; Trey Barton, N8NAK; Jay Milner, KA8LFI; Susie Stuebe, KC8SBD; Joe Robinson, KC8BHQ; Jill Robinson, KC8NYU; Rick Kanschat, N0KYN; Roger Davis, AB8JH; Bruce McKim, N7XGR; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Dick Wayt, WD8SDH; and Liz Nichol, KC8SIQ.
- October 2001 --CARA hosted this meeting of the MCC at the Healthlink Building.
- July 2001 --ZARC hosted this meeting at the Senior Citizens Center in the Sunrise Shopping Center in Zanesville.
- June 2001 --MCC provided communications for The Wilds' ECOTour Bicycle Event that covered six Ohio counties. The following people helped: Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; Bill Wagner, WV8Z; Ray Lindimore, K8ZJG; Karl Wilson, KC8ENI; Gordon Jividian, KA8VSS; Trey Barton, N8NAK; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Ben Pfeiffer, KA8LLE; Ben Baker, KC8MLT; Rick Kanschat, N0KYN; Rob Cole, KB8PSR; Bob Gray, KE8NI; Dave Thompson, KC8OQW; Betty Shoemaker, KC8MFL; Steve Riggs, KB8FZY; Max Garrett, KB8WBG; Carl Hulse, N8RFD; Roger Davis, AB8JH; Gene Morris, N8MTP; Jack Carpenter, N8GUW; Cleveland Beatty, WD8KPI; Bruce McKim, N7XGR; Jay Milner, KA8LFI; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Susie Stuebe, KC8SBD; Billie Dickson, WB8TRK; Ralph Dovenbarger, AD4CO; and Dwight Bonifield, W8TJT.
- April 2001 --MCC's second anniversary meeting was held on Sunday, April 29 in Cambridge. Ideas for a "amateur radio bicentennial project and a joint SKYWARN emergency plan for the multi-county area were discussed. Each county's ARES organization is to gather information on frequencies used, call up lists, maps with the amateurs' homes marked on them, and how information is passed from county to county and/or NWS in Pittsburgh and come up with a comprehensive multi-county

area plan. It was decided that CARA would devote a page on their web site for the use of the MCC. It was decided that the host club would be responsible for minutes of the MCC meeting. Refreshments were served and two programs presented. The first was a video tape about Ohio's Bicentennial celebration slated for 2003. The second was a technical program on finding the source of noise interference by Sonny Alfman.

- January 2001 --CARA hosted this MCC meeting. It was a covered dish meeting. The weather was not good and the turn out was poor.
- October 2000 --CARA hosted the October 15 carry-in dessert meeting at Cambridge Hall on Muskingum College campus in New Concord. One of the programs was a tour and discussion of the college's radio and television studios and facilities.
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- April 2000 --MCC meeting was held in Cambridge. A representative from The Wilds was there to ask for our help with communications for the upcoming ECOTour Bicycle Event.
- January 2000 --TUSCO hosted this meeting at the Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia. ASM Connie Hamilton, N8IO, was in attendance. A technical demonstration on QRP was presented by Ben Pfeiffer, KA8LLE.
- October 1999 --Perry County hosted the MCC meeting at the airport in New Lexington. A vote was taken to include Perry County in the MCC. It passed. Each club was given time to talk about its recent accomplishments and upcoming events. After a successful meeting, the host club served a chili and sandwiches.

- September 1999 --The first MCC picnic was held at the handicap accessible pavilion at Salt Fork State Park. The following people were in attendance: Gene Poland, KB8RAK; Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; Fred Barton, KB8MGI; Greg Childs, KC8HRW; Bruce McKim, N7XGR; Betty Shoemaker, KC8MFL; Don Shoemaker, KC8MFK; John Poland, N8TRL; Jay Milner, KA8LFI; Walt Brown, N3DZP; Bev Bishop; Al Day, K8AL; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Edith Seenes, KC8RAE; Robert Seenes, Sr., KC8EHO; Robert Seenes, Jr., KC8KKT; Janie Seenes, KC8KGM; Dave Brink, KC8FSM; Mary Jo Brink, KC8JBI; Cary Grandstaff, KB8ZMH; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Bill Brown, KC8JTO; Jeff Meadows, KC8IXT; Carolyn Poland, KB8UJA; Dick Wayt, WD8SDH; Terri Wayt; Bill Wagner, WV8Z; Corinne Wagner; Gary Blagg, KC8IHR; Shirley Bragg; Trey Barton, N8NAK; Gloria Muces; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW and eight children.
- July 1999 --The meeting took place at the church where CARA held its meetings. The purpose for the existence of the MCC was written down as well as its mission statement.
- April 1999 --Multi-County Coalition of Eastern Ohio Amateur Radio Operators was founded on Sunday, April 18 at 3 PM in the basement of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 130 North Seventh Street in Cambridge, where the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association (CARA) met. The minister for the church was Dudley Field, KC8BTX. Sonny Alfman, President of CARA, promoted the idea for this meeting. In attendance were hams from five of the seven counties that were invited: Guernsey, Perry, Muskingum, Noble, and Tuscarawas. Areas of common interest were discussed in the hopes of pooling ideas, resources, and personnel to further amateur radio. It was decided to meet on a quarterly basis.

This history was compiled by Lyn Alfman, N8IMW, and Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS. We hope that our memories have compiled an accurate history, but if we have not, then, please let us know so that we can correct our errors for posterity. Thank you.