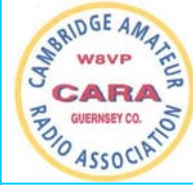


CARA COMMUNICATOR



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CARA HAS A LONG HISTORY!

The Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc. is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, continuous amateur radio club in Ohio. It is celebrating its 95th birthday this month.

The Cambridge Amateur Radio Association (CARA) began as the Wireless Association of Cambridge founded on December 4, 1913 by Roy Waller, J. Homer McMunn, Edward "Tom" Sarchet, George Rubicam, George Robey, Don Hinton, Paul Simcox, E.D. Shipley, Ray Sears, and Miss Nellie Waller 8ACU (Roy's sister and 4th female operator in the U.S.).

This group of wireless radio operators and experimenters were real pioneers in a new technology, with no "experts" or "old timers" to consult for assistance in their endeavors. Transmission and reception of signals in those early days was primitive and limited. Wireless operators were licensed by the government and were allocated specific segments of the radio frequency spectrum for their operations and experimentations.

Our first president, Roy Waller 8CL, put the first wireless station on the air in Cambridge (1914). He founded Cambridge's first commercial broadcast station, WEBE, which became WALR when it moved to Zanesville and eventually became WHIZ.

Over the years, the organization has gone through numerous name changes, but has been in continuous existence since 1913. Members, who were not serving their country at the time, met and discussed radio even though they could not operate during the World Wars.

J. Clayton Nicholson, first licensed 8CFM in 1919 at age 13, was a very active "CW" (Morse code) operator who handled hundreds of messages each month, and in 1928 changed his call to W8VP. In March 1935 as President of the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club, he established the 1935 and 1937 "hamfest and national conventions" similar to the Dayton Hamvention —continued on page 4.

CARA CELEBRATES 95 YEARS

CARA had a display of historical newspaper clippings announcing its establishment in the Crossroads Library display case in Cambridge during the month of November.



Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS, CARA Historian, stands in front of the display she designed for CARA's 95th birthday at the Crossroads Library.

An amateur radio display showcasing our founding fathers and mother can be found in the Guernsey County Museum, located on N. 8th St. in Cambridge. The display is on loan from Robert Ballantine, W8SU, who wrote The Radio Boys Leave a Legacy about Cambridge and the surrounding area. —continued on page 3.

HOLIDAY AWARDS BANQUET

Our annual Holiday Covered-Dish Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 5 PM in the Community Healthlink Building located at 1205 Clark Street in Cambridge. All hams and their families are invited to attend.

Lyn Alfman, N8IMW, will present CARA 2008 Year. The Ham of the Year will be presented. Please bring canned food items to donate to the local food pantry, Feed My People.

MEETINGS

December—No meeting
January 31, 10 AM.—Nominations of Officers
February 28, 10 AM.—Election of 2009 officers

2009 Dues are due!

2008 ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Sonny Alfman, W8FHF

Vice President: Bruce Homer, N8JMK

Secretary: Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS

Treasurer: Betty Shoemaker, KC8MFL

Newsletter Editor: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW

PIO: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW

Activities Chair: Dick Wayt, WD8SDH

Program Chair: Mark Jenei, KC8SBB

Trustees: Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Alan Day, K8AL; and Bob Gray, KE8NI

MCC Representative: Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; & Dean Gilpin, KD8BTL

2008 APPOINTED POSITIONS

Webmaster: Dave Dilbeck, W8ACE

Historian: Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS

District 9 DEC: Sonny Alfman, W8FHF

Guernsey CO. EC Mark Jenei, KC8SBB

Guernsey CO AECs: Bruce Homer, N8JMK; and Dick Wayt, WD8SHD

LOCAL WEBSITES

CAMBRIDGE ARA
www.w8vp.org

ZANESVILLE ARC
<http://zarc.eqth.info>

NEWARK ARA
<http://nara.eqth.info>

COSHOCTON ARA
www.w8cca.org

TUSCO ARC
www.tuscoarc.org

MUSKINGUM VALLEY HAM RC
www.n8hr.bravehost.com

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SSB TRAFFIC NET FREQUENCIES

OH 3.9725 MHz – 1030, 1615, 1845 Local Time

WPA 3.983 MHz – 1815 Local Time

WV 3.865 MHz – 1815 Local Time

LOCAL NETS

Sunday 9 PM 147.045 MHz CCARA

Monday 8 PM 146.730 MHz TUSCO
9 PM 145.230 MHz CCARA.

Tuesday 8 PM 146.850 MHz CARA
8:15 PM 146.850 MHz CARA
9 PM 146.880 MHz NARA

Wednesday 9 PM 146.610 MHz ZARC

Thursday 9 PM 51.135 MHz ZARC
9 PM 145.230 MHz CCARA

Friday 9 PM 28.450 MHz CCARA

Saturday 8 PM 146.820 MHz PARC
9 PM 146.610 MHz MCC

HAMFESTS/CONFERENCES

10 Jan.—SW OH Digital & Technical Symposium, Miami University, 4200 E. University Blvd., Middletown, OH.
<http://www.swohdigi.org>. 513-934-0235.

18 Jan.—Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest. Tri-County Career Center, 15676 SR 691, Nelsonville, OH.
Duncan10847@embarq.com. 740-767-2554.

25 Jan.—TUSCO ARC Hamfest. Wallick Auction House, 965 N. Wooster Ave., Strasburg, OH. <http://noard.com/tuscoarc.htm>.
hamfest@tuscoarc.org. 330-231-6269.

15 Feb.—Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest & Computer Show. Richland Co. Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, OH.
<http://www.w8we.org>.
metal107man@yahoo.com, 419-589-2415.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec. 6-7. 1400Z-2200Z. Wheeling, WV. Northern Panhandle ARC, W8ZQ. Winter festival of Lights at Oglebay Park. 145.52, 18.120, 14.250, 7.250. Certificate.

Jan. 1-31. 0000Z-2359Z. Straight Key Century Club, K3Y. 14.240, 10.120, 7.055, 3.550. QSL.

Feb. 21. 1500Z-2300Z. Portage CARS, KD8CKP, Freeze Your Acorns Off (FYAO) QRP SE. 21.320, 14.320, 7.245, 3.830 Echolink KC8RKV node. Certificate.

LOCAL NEWS
CARA ANNUAL PICNIC



Shown are: Rob Cole, KB8PSR; Harold Thompson, KD8JF?; Larry Mason, N8RAF; Ann Mason; Leah Moore; Tom Moore, WA8RPK; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; and Fred Barton, KB8MGI. (Not shown were Sonny Alfman and the Dilbeck Family.)

About fourteen people, from four counties, attended the picnic held on Sunday, September 14 at the Cambridge City Park. About an hour into the picnic, the attendees had to fight “quite a breeze” to keep their food from flying away, and so packed up and headed for home.

Most of the picnickers returned home just before the full winds of Hurricane Ike blew through causing widespread damage to homes and trees and power-outages that lasted from several hours to several weeks. Eventually several Ohio counties, including Guernsey, were declared eligible for federal disaster funds.

OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR

On Saturday, September 6, several CARA members activated Wolf’s Run, Bark Camp, Salt Fork, and State Parks. Amateurs were asked to try to put all of Ohio’s State Parks on the air for a new contest sponsored by the Portage County Amateur Radio Service.

CARA members hope that next year, with better planning, to activate at least six state parks.

MEMBERS’ BIRTHDAYS

December 3--Doris Brown, KB8OLG

MEMBERS’ ANNIVERSARIES

December 29—Gil, K8BTD & Helen Gilcher

December 29—Sonny, W8FHF, & Lyn, N8IMW, Alfman.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUPS

CARA recently conducted the last two cleanup sessions for the year. The third cleanup of the year was held on September 28.



The members of the crew, pictured from left to right, were: Fred Barton, KB8MGI; Al Day, K8AL; Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Gerry Shaffer, KD8HWB; Alexis Alfman; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Walter Kreis, KD8HWG; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Roger Davis, AB8JH; and Dick Clifton, KG8CZ.

The last 2008 cleanup occurred on November 2.



The crew, left to right: Al Day, K8AL; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Roger Davis, AB8JH; and Dick Clifton, KG8CZ.

CARA CELEBRATES—cont. from page 1

This year CARA held its first Hamfest in decades and plans on having one again on August 23, 2009 in the same location. The club’s archive mentions hamfests/national conventions being held in Cambridge in 1935 and 1937 and as late as 1947 (monthly meeting minutes discussed the annual hamfest).

CARA provided communications for and entered a float in the Cambridge Holiday Parade.

CARA ...Long History—cont. from page 1
today in the National Hotel in Cambridge. He was a Naval Reserve Radioman Chief and taught radio for the Navy. In 1949, the Club obtained permission from his family to adopt his call, and W8VP is now heard as the identifier on the club's repeater system (146.850 MHz).

In the 1950s and 60s, two former presidents, Al Blancett W8BMS and Clarence Waller W8RVU (Roy's son), now W8CL, were the main driving forces with the organization, and Joe Wagner, WA8AHV, helped form a radio club at the Cambridge High School. During this period, alignment with the Civil Defense of the county was forged, and many technical achievements through amateur radio were developed which are in use today.

Then, in the 1970s came the development of the high frequency repeater systems. Former president, Ron Rogers WB8ERB, now WW8RR, developed and placed into operation the first computer controlled repeater system in the state. An updated version of this system is still in operation today.

Later in the 1980s and 90s, space communications began here when CARA made a radio contact with the 1st space shuttle ham in space, Owen Garriot W5LFL. Technology then began to include ham satellites and moon bounce communications. CARA set many national VHF communication competition records; some still stand today.

With the turn of the 21st century, amateur TV and digital communications appeared. CARA members continued to be at the leading edge of technology, following the example set by our founders.

In 1999, with CARA's assistance, President George "Sonny" Alfman, W8FHF, formed a new organization called the Multi-County Coalition of Eastern Ohio (MCC). The MCC, which consists of about 110 hams from many clubs in nine counties, meets three times a year to promote friendships and cooperation between the hams and their counties and to coordinate radio communications for disasters and large public events. CARA is a member of the MCC group. Past presidents of the club include: Roy Waller 8CL, Paul Simcox 8NZ, Rankin Cohagan W8NBM, Jim Hoag W8NQX, Dick Barrett WA8ALS, Charles Galloway WD8KNY, Steve Brown WD8QJB, Dean Jenkins K8KNL, Clancy

Waller W8RVU, Ron Rogers, WB8ERB, Nick Nicholson W9VP, Cam McCartney WB8TSI, Bert Nagy N8GUU, Frank Hyder N8ZJF, Fred Barton KB8MGI, Evelyn Barton KA8NZS, Bruce Homer N8JMK, and G. Sonny Alfman W8FHF.

Today CARA consists of approximately 50 members who provide back up communications for the Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency as needed just as they did for the county Civic Defense. Its ARES members are NIMS compliant and CERT trained through Citizens' Corps. Several are also trained in radiological equipment and as well as hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction.

CARA also provides communications for public events such the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA), 5K runs and walks, parades, and Civil War re-enactments.

Other public services provided by CARA including its Adopt-A-Highway clean up project of a two-mile stretch of US 40 east of Cambridge at least four times a year. And collecting and donating money and non-perishable food items for the local food pantries.

CARA members also enjoy a wide variety of amateur radio related activities: attending regional meetings and conferences, sponsoring special event stations that highlight local historical landmarks, conducting "fox hunts" or direction finding events, participating in operating events such as the Ohio State Parks on the air, Ohio Covered Bridges on the air, the Ohio QSO Party, and Field Day exercises.

CARA welcomes visitors into the hobby by actively promoting amateur radio through speaking engagements, public demonstrations and displays, free radio classes, and providing FCC license test sessions.

For more information on our early history, see [Radio Boys Leave a Legacy](#) by R.R. Ballantine available at the Guernsey County Library in Cambridge.

TRIVIA QUESTION

When was the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association first established?

Happy Birthday!

S. E. T. DRILL

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members of the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association (CARA) conducted a Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) drill Saturday afternoon on October 25 under the auspice of ARRL Guernsey County Emergency Coordinator (EC) Mark Jenei. ARES members were told on Tuesday evenings' net to monitor the local repeater on Saturday morning before the scheduled meeting.

The call out, announced on the CARA repeater on at 0930, told ARES members to report to EC Mark Jenei after the CARA meeting for their assignments and to take their "GO KIT," CARA vest, 2-meter radio equipment and supplies for a 8 to 24 hour deployment.

Upon adjournment of the 10 AM CARA meeting, the ARES members were each given a location and a packet of numbered envelopes and told to grab a bite to eat and to monitor the repeater for deployment information.

At approximately 1 PM, Guernsey County EC Jenei called up the net, announced the drill, and asked for volunteers to check in for instructions. ARES members who checked in were told that an outbreak of meningitis had hit schools in and around Cambridge. The City of Cambridge and the Guernsey County Health Departments had requested communications assistance from the Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). The EMA Director requested activation of the ARES members, who were in turn told that medication would be coming into Guernsey County from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The medications would be dispensed from the township garages and the county garage. ARES members had been requested to support the Health Department by providing communications from the medicine dispensing areas. They were told to contact Net Control (EC Jenei) once they had reached their assigned locations and checked in. Once they had checked in, they were then given permission to open envelope number 1 and follow the instructions and timeline enclosed till the end of the exercise.

The drill provided the ARES members an opportunity to gain knowledge of emergency communications, to practice locating various service locations, and to practice remote handling of emergency traffic to the EOC.

CARA'S FIELD DAY RESULTS

The Ohio section, one of the 79 sections, had more Field Day entries than any other section—115 entries.

There were 338 3A entries total. If we subtract the 8 battery and the 90 commercial entries, there were 240 entries like ours. CARA operating under W8VP (+N8XAY) finished 65th out of the 240 entries.

CARA also came in 9th out of the 40 3A entries in the Great Lakes Division. There were one Kentucky entry—Paducah ARA, and four Michigan entries—Oakland County ARS, Hazel Park ARC, SMARS, and Mich-A-Con ARC with more points than CARA as well as the three Ohio entries—Dial ARC/Butler Co. VHF, Milford ARC, and Medina 2-Meter Group that placed CARA as 4th out of 16 entries in the Ohio Section.

CARA can be very proud of their 2008 Field Day results! Congratulations W8VP!

CARA CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT



Josh and Jamie Boyd, Lyn and Sonny Alfman, and Bruce Homer put the majority of the float together on Friday afternoon.



Jay Milner put the finishing touch on the tree top.

CAMBRIDGE CHRISTMAS PARADE



Twenty people lined up the entries, provided communications, and helped to place a float in the Cambridge Holiday Parade on Thanksgiving weekend.

The following people were involved: Bruce Ady, KD8JFW; Mary Ady, KD8JFX; Lyn Alfman, N8IMW; Sonny Alfman, W8FHF; Fred Barton, KB8MGI; Evelyn Barton, KA8NZS; Josh Boyd, N8XAY; Jamie Boyd, KD8GKK; Rob Cole, KB8PSR; Zach Cole, son of Rob Cole, who rode on the float; Bill Dickson, WB8TRK; Randy Evilisizor, N8YGM; Gil Gilcher, K8BTD; Bob Grey, KE8NI; Bruce Homer, N8JMK; Chad Hulboy, WK8L; Larry Mason, N8RAF; Jay Milner, KA8LFI; Betty Shoemaker, KC8MFL; and Dave Thompson, KC8OQW.

HAMFEST & COMPUTER SHOW

The Cambridge Amateur Radio Association will have another Hamfest & Computer Show on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center.

Setup begins at 6:30 AM and the doors open are open from 8 AM to 1 PM. Admission is \$5. Table rental is \$10. Tailgating will be available with paid admission. There will be a radio grand prize and door prizes. Fresh homemade food will be available on the premises. An ARRL VE Session will be held at 11 AM. All classes are welcome. Walk-ins are welcome. Talk-in will be on 146.850 with a PL of 91.5Hz.

For reservations or more information contact Russ Ellis, N8MWK, or Mary Jane Rhodes-Ellis, KD8EIR by phone at (740) 439-6610 or (740) 767-2226. E-mail n8mwk@arrl.net or radicalrhodes@yahoo.com.

AREA NEWS

MCC MEETING MINUTES

The Zanesville Amateur Radio Club (ZARC) hosted the Multi-County Coalition of East Central Ohio Amateur Radio Operators (MCC) on Sunday, November 23, 2008, at 2 PM in the Muskingum County Emergency Operations Center in Zanesville.

Eleven attendees, representing four counties, enjoyed snacks. Then Chair Sonny Alfman called the meeting to order and read the minutes from the July meeting. Each member club was the given an opportunity to share its activities since the last MCC meeting. Nominations and election of the MCC Chair will take place at the next meeting, which will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 2 PM in the shelter house at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia.

Russ Ellis and Joe Paul won the Turkey Quiz prizes. Sonny Alfman won the 50/50 drawing. Mary-Jane Rhodes Ellis and Dick Wayt won the door prizes.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Members from CARA and the Muskingum Valley Ham Radio Club, N8HR, set up and helped operate an amateur radio station for the scouts at the Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation, Conesville, on October 18 during Jamboree On The Air (JOTA).

OHIO NEWS

KATZ HEADS OHIO PRB-1 EFFORT

Ohio's effort to write national PRB-1 type tower protection into state law will get a new project manager to organize the Ohio Section effort in the 2009 General Assembly.

Ohio State Government Liaison, Nick Pittner, WB8TMF, has appointed Steve Katz, N8WL, of Granville as Project Manager. Steve has a strong record of service to the Ohio Section first in ARES, currently serving as District Emergency Coordinator for the 7th District, and in governmental oversight as Local Government Liaison for Licking County. Steve plans to continue his current ARES activities as well as heading the PRB-1 effort. Complete details can be found in the current issue of the Ohio Section Journal and on www.arrlohio.org.

---from ARRL OH Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE

OHIO HAMS FIX "DITTERS" ON 40

ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, on October 22, received a complaint from North Carolina hams who were hearing a continuous string of "dits" on 7.0574 MHz. Skolaut asked the FCC HFDFing station if they could locate the area of the "dits" and they responded Westerville, Ohio.

Skolaut then called on ARRL Ohio Section Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swain, KK8O for assistance, who immediately had his team of Official Observers (OO) to check out the situation and then placed a call to Assistant Section Manager Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, who lives in Westerville.

On October 23, Swain and Carpenter armed with names and addresses of 172 licensees in the area, a general idea of where the signal should be based on the data from the FCC's HFDFing station, a HF radio with an all-band screwdriver antenna, a GPS receiver, and a VHF radio for information and directions drove around the area checking the signal. Swain and Carpenter made their way to the area where the signal peaked. From the list, they found a ham lived on that street; however, no one was home, but they saw a 4-band trapped vertical antenna in the backyard.

With a neighbor's help, Swain contacted the ham at work and explained the situation. The ham told the neighbor how to get in the house and where they would find the transmitter. They went in, found the transmitter in operation, and turned it off. They then noticed the ham had a large cat lounging near the transmitter and assumed the cat could have leaned up against the keyer paddle and started the transmitter. When Swain and Carpenter left the house, the signal had disappeared.

<<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2000/07/28/2/>>
--from ARRL Newsletter, October 31, 2008

DIVISION NEWS

8TH AREA QSL BUREAU NEWS

Effective immediately, Great Lakes Division Webmeister Gary Osborne, W8XS has accepted responsibility for maintaining the Bureau's web site. The site has been moved to <http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org/gldburo.html>. If you have questions concerning DX cards that come in through the Bureau, you will find a list of Letter Managers and their contact information on the site. All DXers are encouraged to review the

rules and guidelines of the Bureau's operation that are found on or linked to the 8th Area QSL Bureau site. These discussions provide a good summary of what individual DXers need to do to receive cards through the Bureau, and what the Bureau workers can be expected to do to make your cards available for you to obtain.

Each DXer needs to provide self-addressed envelopes and postage to the correct person at the Bureau to receive QSLs from the Bureau.

--from Weaver's Words, Nov. 15, 2008

IS ARRL WORTH THE DUES?

When one considers what each member receives for the \$39 typical dues, the price is fairly low. Let's take a look at this. I've subscribed (i.e. paid for the magazine) to CQ Magazine for many years. It's a nice magazine. The guys and gals associated with it put on a few on-air activities and publish a few items to help make Amateur Radio more interesting. I generally support what is done by the CQ gang; however, when I compare what the CQ \$36 annual subscription rate with the annual ARRL dues of \$39, it is like comparing a small piece of mint candy with Forrest Gump's box of chocolates. There is no comparison.

With ARRL, one does not subscribe to QST. Instead we receive it as one of the benefits of membership. What we do is join ARRL, the organization -- an organization that represents Amateur Radio in the legislative and regulatory processes at the state, federal and international levels; an organization that fights against attacks on Amateur Radio frequencies and rights by non-government organizations, and fights for the rights and success of our great service; an organization that provides technical consultation and evaluation of amateur and non-amateur equipment; and organization that helps us learn to develop the skills to build certain of our own equipment; an organization that developed and supports the most effective, nationwide Amateur Radio emergency communications service available; an organization that developed and sponsors the most coveted Amateur Radio on-air awards in existence; and an organization that publishes some of the best electronics manuals and handbooks, and how-to books in the field today.

In my opinion, membership in ARRL is a steal at a mere \$39 per year.

--from Weaver's Words, Nov. 15, 2008

NATIONAL NEWS

WORLD RADIO NEWS

In a joint statement, World Radio Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, and CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, announced that World Radio magazine will no longer be published as a print magazine. According to the announcement, CQ Communications, Inc. has acquired World Radio and plans to continue it as an online publication on CQ's web site. World Radio subscribers will have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. More details as plans are finalized.

--from ARRL Newsletter, Nov. 14, 2008

SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY

The 10th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 0000 UTC- 2400 UTC <<http://hamradio.noaa.gov/>>. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS) as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe.

It is mainly an SSB event, but a greater use of digital communications such as EchoLink and Winlink in addition to CW, RTTY and packet radio has been seen in recent years. Last year, contacts were made in all 50 states and 40 countries during the 24 hour event. If you haven't joined in the fun, make 2008 your year to do so!

--from ARRL Newsletter, October 31, 2008

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

CARA was founded under the name of "Wireless Association of Cambridge" on December 4, 1913.

BANDS NEED FCC ENFORCEMENT

CQ magazine is calling on FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief Kris Monteith to move swiftly to name a successor to Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, as Special Counsel for Amateur Radio, and to bring FCC enforcement back to the ham bands because not a single amateur enforcement action has been taken since his retirement this past July. The full text of Moseson's editorial is online at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, linked from the December issue highlights.

From the CQ Newsroom, November 18, 2008



W1AW WINTER OPERATIONS

Morning Schedule:

1400 UTC (9 AM EST) CWs Wed, Fri

1400 UTC (9 AM EST) CWf Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC -1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
(Station closed 1700-1800 UTC)

1800 UTC -2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri

2100 " " CWs Tue, Thu

2200 " (5 PM EST) CWb Daily

2300 " (6 PM EST) RTTY Daily

0000 " (7 PM EST) CWs Mon, Wed, Fri

0000 " " CWf Tue, Thu

0100 " (8 PM EST) CWb Daily

0200 " (9 PM EST) RTTY Daily

0245 " (9:45 PM EST) VOICE Daily

0300 " (10 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri

0300 " " CWs Tue, Thu

0400 " (11 PM EST) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW:1.8175, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, 147.555; **RTTY:**3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555;

VOICE:1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590, 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13, and 15 WPM; **CWf** = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13, and 10 WPM; **CWb** = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

All licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC-1700 UTC and from 1800 UTC-2045 UTC Monday through Friday with your current FCC amateur radio license or photocopy.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC, Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC Thursdays and 0100 UTC Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

<<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>>

--from the ARRL Bulletin 17, November 5, 2008

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

DESECHEO ISLAND

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has notified a group of hams led by veteran DXpeditioners Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, that they will be able to mount a DXpedition to Desecheo Island (KP5, IOTA NA-095), February 12-26, 2009
<<http://www.kp5.us/>>.

Desecheo currently sits at number 7 on the Most Wanted list, kept by "DX Magazine." Desecheo is a small uninhabited island in the Mona Passage, 14 miles off the western coast of Puerto Rico. It is part of the USFWS's national wildlife refuge system administered by the Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge Complex (CNWR).

Johnson said the team will be running CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 meters. Desecheo is the second most-wanted DXCC entity in Asia and third most-wanted in Europe.

The KP5 DXpedition team will set out for Desecheo on February 12. Allphin said that as soon as they land on Desecheo, two stations will be "immediately activated. Stations will continue to operate until the final moments of departure on February 26."

Johnson told the ARRL, "This has been a true team effort on our part from the start. We look forward to activating an entity in the Top 10 Most Wanted that is located in our own back yard! We are most grateful to the USFWS for giving us this opportunity to activate this rare entity."

--From the ARRL Letter, November 26, 2008

ARISS COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

Twenty-five years ago this week, Owen Garriott, W5LFL, made history by being the first amateur radio operator to talk to hams from space.

Owen's historic flight on the STS-9 Space Shuttle Columbia mission was launched on November 28 and landed on December 8, 1983. Owen's ham radio adventure on STS-9 ushered in a host of outstanding outreach activities that continue today with the ARISS program.

Many will recall that first set of contacts and downlinks with Owen. Those first contacts allowed each of us to share the excitement of space exploration through Owen's first-hand eyewitness accounts.

Owen's ham radio legacy enabled space travelers that have flown on the Space Shuttle, the Space Station Mir and now the International Space Station to share their journey of exploration. And Owen's son Richard, W5KWQ just a month ago carried the torch further to become the first 2nd generation amateur radio operator to talk to hams from space. What other hobby, except amateur radio, could or would open the communications lines of space travelers beyond that of the space agencies or international heads of state?

To celebrate our 25 years of amateur radio operations from space, the ARISS team has planned a set of special event opportunities during the month of December and part of January. A special certificate is being developed for those who communicate with the ISS, either 2-way direct (with the ISS crew, the digipeater, or cross band repeater), or 1-way reception of SSTV or voice downlink.

Several events will be described here with several 'surprises' planned over the month-long celebration. The surprises will be announced once we are pre-positioned to accomplish them.

Specifically, the following is being planned in the near-term:

- December 1-5 In addition to school contacts and APRS digi operations, we plan to configure the radio system for cross band repeater operations. This will utilize the standard U/V operations in low power mode.
- December 7-12 We will run a test of 9600 baud packet operations on the simplex frequency 145.825 MHz.
- Given that PCSAT should be in full sun starting December 9, December 14-19 we will switch to 1200 baud packet on 145.825 to support double hop opportunities.
- And at times, especially during the weekends, you might see some SSTV operations if the crew is available.

We will provide more updates in the near future. We would like to remind everyone that ISS flight requirements related to EVA and vehicle activity may require the radio to be off for some portion of this schedule. And school contacts and general QSO opportunities by the crew will also preempt this schedule for short periods of time. (But remember that if you hear these, you still qualify

for a commemorative certificate).

In the meantime, enjoy the ARISS ops on ISS!
And congratulations to Owen Garriott, W5LFL,
on the 25th anniversary of his historic flight!!

73, Frank Bauer, KA3HDO
AMSAT-NA V.P. for Human Spaceflight
Programs ARISS International Chairman

TRADING POST

CLUB CLOTHING

Carolyn Poland, KA8UJA of Newcomerstown,
who owns Bluebird Embroidery, is having a
Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 6
from 9 AM to 5 PM at her home/shop.

She does custom embroidered items, imprinting
of t-shirts and hats, such as hats, shirts, jackets,
towels, fleece blankets as well as framed sayings,
and Christmas items.

Directions from Newcomerstown –Go to River
Street (toward the high school), go across the
bridge, go left, go the top of the hill. It is the first
house on the right of the first road to the right
bluebirdembroidery@hughes.net.

CARA'S CLUB PATCH



Contact Lyn Alfman, N8IMW, to buy a CARA
patch which can be sewn on clothing or a hat.
The cost is \$2.50 each.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Please let me know if there is anything that you
would like to see in “your” newsletter. E-mail me
at lynalfman@aol.com with your suggestions and
contributions.



FOOD CORNER

VEGETABLE TRAY WITH DILL DIP

Ingredients:

½ cup sour cream

½ cup Miracle Whip salad dressing

1 teaspoon dried dill weed

4 or 5 cups of assorted raw vegetables

Mix sour cream with Miracle Whip. Add 1
teaspoon of dried dill weed. Blend completely.
Refrigerate for 15 minutes or until ready to serve.

Makes 20 appetizers.

WHAT DID YOU ASK SANTA FOR?



THIS ONE WON'T GO DOWN THE CHIMNEY,
RUDOLPH --- SEE IF THERE'S A 20 FOOT
TELESCOPING MAST IN THE SLED!

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS &

***A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR***

73 de Lyn Alfman, N8IMW



BE RADIO ACTIVE!