

# Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

**W8CCA**

P.O. Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

## December 2004 Newsletter



### 2004 Club Officers

*President:*

Colleen Wheatcraft, AA8UA

*Vice President:*

Randy Fisher, KL7RF

*Secretary:*

Pat Tucker, KB8CRB

*Treasurer:*

Dan Hardy, N8VV

*Coshocton County EC:*

Bruce Adams, KE8XM

*COARVET Session Manager:*

Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN



### **TUSCO HAMFEST JAN. 23**

**New Location!**

For info and map:

<http://www.noard.com/tuscoarc.htm>

### **PREZ SAYS**

I'm going to miss writing the traditional Prez says article for the CCARA newsletter. Although I would not rule out ever running again for President or another office, for now, the right thing for me to do is step down. While I plan to be active with CCARA, after 6 years of service as your President, I feel it is time for someone else to take the reigns. I would like more free time and time to pursue other interests. Over the years, I have had tremendous support from the Club and my officers. I also want to thank my OM, Steve, AA8BN, for all of his help and support. I am thankful for Ham Radio giving me the opportunity to meet and marry AA8BN. Together, we have all accomplished quite a lot. I will reminisce here on a few of these accomplishments. We had better Club finances through fund raisers at the Tusco Hamfest and changing to a bank with lower fees. There was GOBA 99, and a great newsletter with an honorable mention in 2000 by the ARRL Ohio Section when Ron, N8KRR was editor. We also did Red Cross bike hikes, parades, ham radio classes, had Amateur Radio displays at the library, donated a "Now You're Talking" book to the local library, had a level one EMCOM class taught by N8VV- Dan, Balloon festivals, (Cont. pg. 2)



### **NETS**

Coshocton Co. ARA  
Sundays 2100 hrs EST  
147.045 MHz W8CCA Rptr

Coshocton Co. ARES®  
Mondays 2100 hrs EST  
145.230 MHz KE8XM Rptr

Johnny Appleseed  
Fridays 2100 hrs EST  
28.450 MHz SSB

### Newsletter Committee

Dan Hardy, N8VV  
Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN

### Club Repeater Committee

Warren Peiter, KC8WX  
Tom Cordes, KB8HEA  
Bruce Adams, KE8XM  
Mike Porcher, Sr., WD8CHR

### Local Web Sites

[www.w8cca.org](http://www.w8cca.org)  
(Our Club Site)  
[www.w8vp.org](http://www.w8vp.org)  
(Multi-County Site)  
[www.wxnet.itgo.com](http://www.wxnet.itgo.com)  
(Warren - KC8WX)

**Meetings First Tuesday  
of Every Month - Coshocton  
Co. Services Bldg., 724 S.  
7th St.**

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### PREZ SAYS (cont. from page 1)

Field Day and the annual Fair. We've tried to provide interesting / informative programs at every meeting. We've had assigned Net controls for our 147.045 Sunday night Club Net and recently did the same with our Club's Johnny Appleseed net. We amended the constitution and bylaws in 2001. The club raised some money in 2001 after 9-11 and donated it to the Red Cross. We've had Fox hunts, picnics and participated in the Multi-County Coalition of Eastern Ohio. We raised money for Coshocton County ARES and our members are actively involved with ARES and SKYWARN. We sponsored our local COARVET VE team. In 2003, we had a special event station for the Ohio Bicentennial Bell Casting. We obtained a club call sign, W8CCA (Whiskey eight Coshocton County Amateur). We made W8JNS (SK), Bob, a lifetime honorary member and all the officers presented him with a plaque. We raised hundreds of dollars for our repeater which was recently destroyed by lightning. We have applied for and should soon become incorporated. I'm sure I've forgotten some things, but as you look at the list of things I did remember, you can see that you and I have a lot to be proud of. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your CCARA president for the past 6 years.

They have been a busy and fulfilling 6 years. Good luck to my successor. This is AA8UA signing off and clear as your Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association President.

73,88, Colleen Wheatcraft - AA8UA

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2005

Having canvassed the CCARA Roster, the Nominating Committee has identified individuals to run for the 2005 campaign for club officers. The official 2005 Ballot is shown below with instructions. The Nominating Committee recognizes that every club member has the right but not the obligation to run for office. The committee duly seeks to identify active club members qualified to administrate club affairs and promote the best interest of the club. To that end, all candidates are duly considered, but the committee goes forward only with the BEST from the available pool of candidates.

We make a sincere attempt to contact every member to solicit their input and apologize in advance for errors or omissions if any. In fairness, current club officers were not involved in the nominating process other than to indicate their willingness to run again for an office. Nominations from the committee become official when placed on the ballot based on information known

to the committee during the selection process. If for any reason, there are questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee nominates the following candidates as listed for the 2005 Club Elections: Please vote by checking only one (1) candidate for each position.

President:

Randy Fisher, KL7RF

Vice President:

Dan Hardy, N8VV

Mike Miller, KC8ZWR

Secretary:

Pat Tucker, KB8CRB

Treasurer:

Fred Hobbs, KC8ZLJ

Ed Udischas, AB8WA

### INSTRUCTIONS

Ballots will be available at the next club meeting. Optionally, mail-in Ballots from club members will be accepted prior to the December club meeting. In that case, please print the Official Ballot from the club newsletter. Only club members may vote, and ONLY ONE BALLOT per club member is allowed. Please write in your call sign to validate your ballot. – The CCARA Nominating Committee.

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## 147.045 REPEATER MAKES RETURN

I'm glad to report that the CCARA repeater is back on the air; better than ever. After the lightning strike in late August that destroyed the receive antenna, controller and other equipment, we all missed the "voice" of the '045'. Through the good efforts of the repeater committee, Warren, KC8WX; Tom, KB8HEA; and Bruce, KE8XM we now have our repeater back in very good condition. We replaced the antenna and feedline with the expert help of Jim, K8KSN and Gary, K8WFN who did the tower work. Many thanks to you guys. We also discovered a failing fuse holder that was giving us trouble for quite awhile. A new controller was purchased and a replacement power amp was installed. Warren did a very good job of programming the controller and aligning the receiver. Thanks Tom, for researching and purchasing the equipment. Thanks go to both Bruce and Tom for the installation work and improving the tower grounding. I think we have a very good machine up and running now. The club and the local ham community thanks all who worked on the repair project. We also want to thank all that contributed finances for the purchase of the replacement equipment.

Randy, KL7RF

## ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSION COSHOCTON, OHIO

**Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio  
Volunteer Examiner Team**

Sponsored by the

Coshocton County Amateur Radio  
Association

For PRE REGISTERED Sessions,  
contact us for dates and times to  
set up a session for you!

Contact person:

Colleen, AA8UA 740.622.5761  
email: [alphaalpha@gurulink.com](mailto:alphaalpha@gurulink.com)

AA8BN, Session Mgr., good luck

## ARRL-NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY IS DECEMBER 4

The sixth annual ARRL-National  
Weather Service SKYWARN  
Recognition Day (SRD)  
<<http://hamradio.noaa.gov/>> event  
takes place Saturday, December 4.  
SKYWARN Recognition Day pays  
tribute to Amateur Radio  
SKYWARN volunteers for the vital  
services they provide during weather  
related emergencies. During the  
24-hour activity, radio amateurs set  
up stations at National  
Weather Service (NWS) offices and  
work as a team to contact other  
hams around the world.

"Ham radio operators are a  
tremendous resource for the  
National Weather Service," says  
Scott Mentzer, N0QE, the event's  
organizer and the meteorologist in  
charge at the NWS office in  
Goodland, Kansas. "The  
dedication these amateurs have  
shown is inspirational, and their  
assistance during the year is  
invaluable."

The 2004 activity gets under way  
December 4 at 0000 UTC (Friday,  
December 3, in US time zones) and  
continues until 2400 UTC. The  
object is for amateur stations to  
exchange QSO information with as  
many National Weather  
Service stations as possible on 80,  
40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters, and  
70 cm. Contacts via repeaters and  
Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)  
modes also are permitted.

Operators will exchange call sign,  
signal report, QTH, and a one or  
two word description of their  
weather, such as "sunny,"  
"partly cloudy," "windy," etc.  
Participants in the 2003 SRD logged  
nearly 19,000 QSOs.

From ARRL Website



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