

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

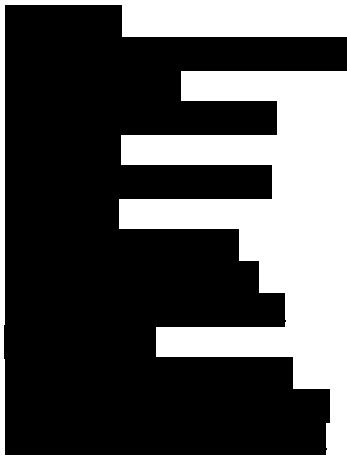
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December 2003 Newsletter



2003 Club Officers



Election of Officers and Holiday Party: December 2, 2003 meeting!

Come join us at the Dec 2, 2003 Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association meeting for election of your 2004 officers and for a holiday social. You must be a 2003 CCARA member to vote. If you can, please bring a snack, goodies, finger food, munchies, dessert or whatever you can to the party. Your family is welcome to attend. Come talk with friends and family after the elections. And eat lots of good munchies.

PREZ SAYS

The summer and most of fall are gone, and winter is almost here. Hope it's not as bad as last winter! CCARA had a pretty busy fall. Our September meeting program was an interesting speaker from AEP, Mike Foughty. The CCARA Picnic/Foxhunt was a lot of fun. Thanks to Baker's Foods, Buehler's and Big Bear for their generous donations to our Picnic. We had quite a few people attend the Picnic and lots of delicious dishes. September also brought the County Fair. The Club had a booth under the grandstand which looked great this year! We obtained lots of sign-ups for the Class at the Fair this year. Thanks to Steve-AA8BN and his Fair committee for doing such a marvelous job this year. I feel it was one of the best years ever.

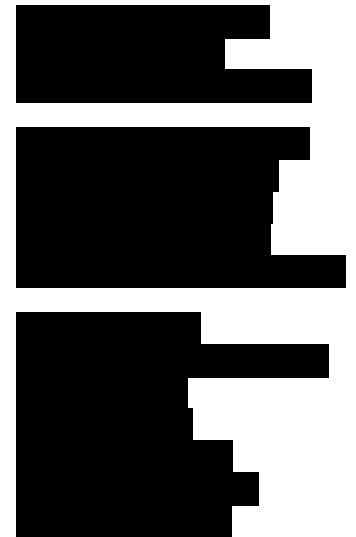
October kept us busy as well. At the meeting, we had another speaker from AEP, Ron Borton. TNX to Bruce-KE8XM for setting up both of our AEP presenters. There was a great CCARA display in the Coshocton Public Library's display window. Steve-AA8BN and Eric-AB8RR (formerly KB8QMO...congrats on the Extra and the new call!), Jim, WA8NBP and Chad, KC8YLH did a great job. Pat, KB8CRB contributed some magazines, TU. The County's Bicentennial Bell Casting was Oct 18-19. The CCARA had a special event station and worked about 120 stations on various bands. Thanks to co-chairs Sandy, KC8STS and Pat, KB8CRB and to the rest of the committee for a job well done! Eric-AB8RR is an instructor and the chair of the Class committee, and has a fairly large class this year (10 or so). I feel getting sign-ups at the Fair and having the class after the Fair were great contributors to such a large class. Dan-N8VV (a.k.a. lightning Dan) is the code instructor for the class; and Bruce, KE8XM and Randy, KL7RF are also (Cont. Page 2 , Column 1)



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



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

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Prez Says (cont. from Page 1)

instructors. I know we have some REACT members in the class this year which I think is just fantastic! Hopefully, it will foster a closer working relationship between our organizations in the future. Of course the month of October also brought a Happy Birthday wish to Bob-W8JNS on October 31!

In November, things slowed down a little for us, which for me is good because things at the work QTH are about to be crazy. 'Tis the Season! Our program for the November meeting was the origins of CW, presented by Dan-N8VV and Randy-KL7RF. Thanks for a great program! We also had some quite lively discussion at this meeting!

Please attend the December 2 meeting for our holiday party and election of officers for CCARA for 2004. Bring a snack, dessert, or finger food to the party if possible. Your family is welcome to attend. See you there! Happy Holidays!

The Prez,
Colleen-AA8UA

2003 Coshocton County Fair

The A.R.E.S. booth under the grandstand seems to have been a success. The new club callsign W8CCA was used. I want to thank all Amateurs who volunteered their time and loaned equipment for the booth for the week and thank you to those who helped set up and tear down. Without your participation CCARA would not have had the booth. This year for the first time in a while we advertised and took sign-ups for the Amateur Radio Class, which started after the Fair. It worked very well. (Cont. Page 3, Column 1)

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSIONS COSHOCTON, OHIO 2003

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 !

All Exam elements available. The 2003 exam fee is \$12.00. Exact amount appreciated. Checks made out to ARRL/VEC accepted too.

2nd version of exam available at VE discretion, time permitting.

REQUIRED:

- >PHOTO ID (driver's license) or two forms of non-photo ID
- >CURRENT ORIGINAL AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE and COPY
- >ORIGINAL valid CSCE(s) that apply and COPY
- >Social Security number or FCC issued FRN (FCC Registration Number)

(The FRN is viewable by doing a search for LICENSE at the FCC WTB ULS webpage (). An FRN is a ten digit number preceded by three or four zeros then six or seven numbers.)

We have NCVET 605 forms at session

Handicap accessible

Copy machine available

Contact person:

Colleen, AA8UA 740.622.5761
email : alphaalpha@gurulink.com

**AA8BN, Session Mgr.
Good Luck!**

W8CCA QSL

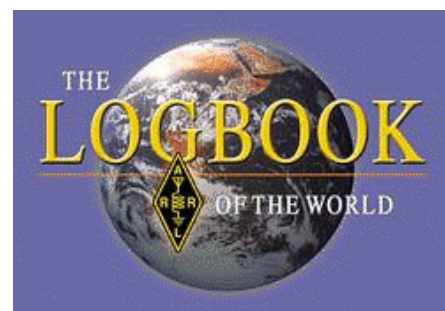
The brand new QSL cards for CCARA have arrived. They look great. If you worked our clubs new call, W8CCA at Field Day or at the Coshocton County Fair this year or at other special events, send us your QSL (sase appreciated) and we'll send you the new W8CCA QSL.

Note: The Bicennitenial Bell Casting special event station will be issuing certificates instead of a QSL card.

Steve, AA8BN

ARISS Announces Roy Neal, K6DUE, ISS Commemorative Event

(Nov 11, 2003) -- The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) international team has announced an on-the-air event to commemorate Roy Neal, K6DUE, who died August 15. ARISS has requested that the ISS Expedition 8 crew of commander Mike Foale, KB5UAC, and Alex "Sasha" Kaleri, U8MIR, communicate from space with earthbound radio amateurs during the November 29-30 weekend. Those contacting the ISS by voice (NAISS) or packet (RSOISS) through the end of December will be eligible for a special anniversary event certificate.



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2003 Coshocton County Fair (cont. from Page 2)

We had 14 or so persons interested. Most all are now in the class. The display was a little different this year. Jean, KB8PGH of the EMA thought a red, white and blue theme would be good. Also, combining the two booths together in a fashion worked very well. Jean loaned us a display table, display 3 pt board and a couple blue table cloths. Thank you, Jean. The chair decided to cover up most of the old wooden panel background and covered it with some blue board. A different look. (Next year we will have blue cloth if we want to use it.) The display had A.R.E.S., ARRL logos and info about ARES and CCARA. Had some pictures and handouts too. We also had some QSL cards on the wall again. The winning QSL card drawn at the Fair was WA8NBP. Prize: a log book. Not many contacts were made from the station but we did hold both 2 meter Coshocton Co. nets from the Fair. Only 3 DX contacts were made: an OZ, LN and a TG. W8CCA managed a few stateside contacts too. Maybe next year will be better. Cu at the A.R.E.S. Fair booth next year. CCARA will be looking for your participation next year.
73.....AA8BN

QSL BUREAU

GENERAL QSL BUREAU INFORMATION

The 8th Call Area Bureau operates as part of the ARRL's volunteer QSL bureau system. We handle cards having the numeral 8, such as K8, N8, W8, AA8-AK8, KA8-KZ8.

The Bureau address is:
8th Area QSL Bureau
P.O. Box 307
West Chester, OH 45071-0307

ARRL Club Membership Commission Program

\$15.00 Commission For New ARRL Members

With our recently revised Club Commission Program, your club can retain \$15 for each NEW regular and senior membership submitted. A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission.

- Clubs will be allowed to retain \$15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more) submitted to ARRL Headquarters.
- Family, Blind or 21 and under discounted memberships are not applicable for any discount.
- May not be combined with any other promotion or special offer.

CONTESTS: from ARRL SITE

2003

December 5-7 ARRL 160 Meter Contest

December 13-14 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

2004

January 1 Straight Key Night

January 3-4 ARRL RTTY Round-Up

January 4 Kid's Day

January 24-26 ARRL January VHF

Sweepstakes

February 9-13 School Club Round-up

February 21-22 ARRL International DX Contest (CW)

Hamfests

Hamfests: from ARRL site

10 Jan 2004 SWOH Digital Symposium
Dial Radio Club

Contact: Hank Greeb, N8XX
6580 Dry Ridge Road
Cincinnati, OH 45252-1750
Phone: 513-385-8363
Email: n8xx@arrl.net

18 Jan 2004 Sunday Creek AR Federation
Contact: Russ Ellis, N8MWK
8051 Kochis Road
Glouster, OH 45732
Phone: 740-767-2226
Email: n8mwk@arrl.net

25 Jan 2004 Tusco ARC
Contact: Gary Green, K8WFN
32210 Norris Road
Tippecanoe, OH 44699
Phone: 740-922-4454
Email: k8wfn@tusco.net

8 Feb 2004 Inter-City ARC

Contact: Jack Weeks, K8RT
1210 East Hanley Road
Mansfield, OH 44903
Phone: 419-756-5301
Email: bigdogg@richnet.net

14-16 May 2004 Dayton Hamvention
Dayton ARA

Contact: Gary Des Combes, N8EMO
PO Box 964
Dayton, OH 45401-0964
Phone: 937-276-6930 or 937-276-6934
Email: info@hamvention.org

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OHIO Bicentennial Special Event Station

The Bicentennial Bell Casting special event station on October 18th and 19th was a success. We had a total of 121 check-ins. The committee would like to thank all of you for supporting us by means of a contact, or posing as an operator for the event.

We had all but 4 of the contacts from inside the USA; the remaining four were from Canada. We had gorgeous but cool weather, which produced marvelous pictures of the bell casting event. One of the highlights for me was having a contact from a ham who I had the opportunity to meet at the Dayton Hamvention last May, K0NEB, Joe Eisenberg from Omaha, Nebraska. We also talked to a few boy scouts who were with hams as part of Jamboree on the air, which was the same weekend as the special event station.

We have the certificates printed and ready to mail out as soon as we receive the SASE 9x12 envelopes from our contacts. CCARA members may come to the December meeting and pick up their certificates then. If you can't make it to the meeting, you will receive your certificate when we receive your SASE.

Again, the Bicentennial Bell Casting special event station committee would like to thank all hams who contacted the station and the hams who took time out of their busy schedule to come and operate the station at the fairgrounds.

KC8STS and KB8CRB

Bicentennial Bell Special Event Station
Co-Chairs

FYI: A Little Known Fact of CCARA's History

After recuperating from the special event station and numerous trips with various family members to Columbus hospitals, I finally have had an opportunity to work more on the history of the club. I have discovered one little known piece of information about 2 CCARA members. Carl Tucker (K8CLC) and his daughter, Pat Tucker (KB8CRB) have both served in every office position in the club. Carl was Vice President in the Club in 1963 and President in 1964. After the club reorganized after a few years' hiatus, Carl held the office of Sec/Treas. from 1987- 1989. Pat held the office of Vice President in 1988, President in 1989, Treasurer in 1990, and Secretary from 1997- 2003. I guess this is like the Hank Williams, Jr. song about family traditions. Just a little bit of your club's history for your information.

If you have any bits of information that you would like to be included in the club history, please let Pat or me know. We would like to have any old copies of the CCARA newsletters to look at. These would be happily returned unharmed of course. We will be working on 2003 in the next few months. We would enjoy any and all information we could get. Maybe you have a funny story or memory from a club meeting or a club event that was memorable to you. Why not share that memory with the rest of us. We would like the club to have as detailed history information as we can get. After we get it all put together, we will make a copy for all interested parties, the club archives, and place one copy in the club's file at the Coshocton Public Library in the local history room.

Sandy Robinson, KC8STS

OHIO REPEATERS

Want to find a coordinated repeater in Ohio? Check out the Ohio Area Repeater Council. They provide coordination and maintain records for all repeaters operating in the state of Ohio. Go to www.oarc.com/ and try out the search feature. Click on, find a coordinated repeater. You can find repeaters in Ohio by frequency, band, county or city. This search engine will allow you to find a repeater by frequency, band, county, or city. Band searches are for 28, 50, 144, 220, 440, 900, 1215, and 2300 mhz. They also pass out free Ohio Repeater Directories at the Hamvention in Dayton each year. They have a booth near the Buckeye Bells.

SPECIAL EVENT (Meet the Real Santa Before December 24th!)

Juha, OH9MM, reports: "As we all know the real Santa Claus comes from Finland! Santa Claus Land (OH9SCL) will be active again during December from the Arctic circle." This year there will be a special activity period between the 17th of December and the 21st of December. Operation will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31/SSTV. The main focus of digital modes will be during the weekend. The persons willing to help Santa this year are: OH2BH, OH2NWX, OH3BHL, OH9KL, OH9MDV, OH9MM, OH9RJ and OH9VC. QSL is via OH9UV.

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Foxhunt and Bicentennial Bell Casting

The first event I would like to report on is the Foxhunt held after the picnic in September. There were not many entries this year. This makes us think there isn't much interest anymore, so maybe we should do it every other year. Anyway, it was still fun. We hid the fox in the cemetery in Keene. First prize went to Sandy, KC8STS; second prize went to Craig, KB8RQW; third prize went to Steve, KC8IDJ. This is a fun event for me, but we need more hams involved.

The next event was the Bell Casting. I brought the A.R.E.S. van to the Fairgrounds and set up the special event station with the help of other interested hams and ham students. Many thanks to all who participated in the event. We had at least 120 contacts with several of them out of the country. The same weekend was the big Boy Scout event, Jamboree on the Air, so we talked to a lot of Scouts also. Those of you who come to the next meeting can pick up your special event certificates there; all others need to send an SASE to the club address if you would like to receive one. This was a very nice time for all who participated. If you did not attend, you missed experiencing a piece of Coshocton County history.

Bruce, KE8XM



2003 CCARA Amateur Radio Class

This year's class is well underway, about halfway to be exact, and things are going great! We have 11 students, and soon, 11 new licensees. Instructors this year include myself (AB8RR), Randy Fisher (KL7RF), Bruce Adams (KE8XM) and Dan Hardy (N8VV). The technical portions of the class are progressing nicely, and as I write this article, we are currently halfway through module 7, the dreaded Electronics Module. Dan is working with this year's students who have expressed an interest in learning CW. What better instructor could there be? Upon completion of the class there will be an ARRL Exam Session, the Technician Exam, and the 5WPM Code Exam will definitely be offered. Inquiries about other exams should be addressed to the VE Coordinator, Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN. Of course this isn't the only time of year for someone interested in Amateur Radio to get their "ticket." If you know of anyone interested, please refer them to me, Eric Udichas. I can be reached in the following ways: Home 623-2648, Work 622-1633, Email AB8RR@Hellstorm.ws or they can stop by Radio Shack and speak with me in person. I am willing to work with anyone interested, or simply help them get a book if they want to work on their own. Please encourage anyone you know who may have an interest to go for their license. Let's keep our hobby strong. If you know someone in this year's class, take a minute to encourage them a little. We were all there once.

73 All,

Eric, AB8RR

Tower/Antenna Raising

If you happen to be in the neighborhood of 1434 East Main Street in Coshocton, be sure to check out the latest Amateur Radio tower to go up in the area. On Saturday, November 15 there was a tower/antenna raising party at my residence. I am finally able to get on the air across the HF bands, and I have a slightly higher and better location for my VHF/UHF antenna. My new tower and HF beam were both assembled and installed with the help of many people, including Steve Wheatcraft (AA8BN), Randy Fisher (KL7RF), Chad Lawrence (KC8YLH), Donald Dishong, and Keith Sharrock. The latter two are currently unlicensed; I'll have to work on changing that. The tower is a U.S. Tower TMM-33SS 35 foot telescopic tapered tower. My antenna farm now includes a Cushcraft A27010S, and a Sommer XP406. I now have capabilities on 40, 20, 15, 12, 10, 6, and 2 Meters as well as 70 Centimeters. None of this would be possible without the advice and assistance of the terrific people mentioned above as well as the advice and guidance of Dan Hardy (N8VV) and Bruce Adams (KE8XM). We really do have a wonderful local Amateur Radio community with years of experience who are willing to lend a hand to fellow Amateurs. I am grateful to be part of Amateur Radio and to be associated with such a fine bunch. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank and acknowledge these fine people and to let everyone know that I am willing to assist others in the same way.

73,

Eric, AB8RR