

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

W8CCA

PO BOX 501 Coshocton, OH 43812

June 2005 Newsletter



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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



**Meetings: First Tuesday Each Month
Coshocton County Services Bldg.
724 South 7th St.**

[Http://www.W8CCA.org](http://www.W8CCA.org)

PREZ SAYS

Spring is finally here, and summer is fast on its way. I want to encourage you all to enjoy this wonderful time of year, and not to forget how much fun ham radio can be through these warm months. We have "Field Day" just around the corner on June 25 & 26. This is usually the biggest and best event for ham radio of the year, with lots of ham radio fun, contacts, good eating, and good fellowship to boot. Come on out for a visit, get on the air on HF, or just enjoy the cookout. Many thanks to Mike, WD8CHR for hosting the event for CCARA this year again. I look forward to seeing you out there.

I want to thank Eric, AB8RR, for donating his expertise in signs and lettering, for the ARES van. We now have a newly "identified" vehicle for emergency communications for the county. Come out and see it, and operate from the

new ARES van at field day.

Speaking of ARES, we look forward to hearing more activity on the Monday night Coco Net, 145.230Mhz. Don't forget that in addition to normal ARES preparations, the net provides a way to update our skills in "Skywarn" training. We try to keep the training session short and to the point. Remember that as radio amateurs, our frequency allocations are maintained because of the public service that we provide to our community and our country. Let's keep up our skills and readiness.

Take ham radio along with you when you're out mobile, walking, riding, enjoying the outdoors. We have two good repeaters; let's make use of them. They are there for you to use. Identify your station while (Cont. Pg 2)

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PREZ SAYS (cont. from page 1)

you are tuned in, so that folks will know that you are monitoring, and can contact you for a QSO.

If you are interested in knowing more about some of the many aspects of ham radio, let Dan, N8VV, know and we'll try to set up a program about it so that we can all increase our knowledge about it.

In any case, have a safe spring and summer..... and I'll look for you on the air.

73,
Randy, KL7RF

Field Day 2005

WD8CHR will again host our June 25 & 26 outing at his house on TR 104 near Newcomerstown. We plan on operating Class 2A with Phone, CW, and Get On The Air stations. The GOTA station allows unlicensed people or those without HF privileges to get a chance to experience HF operation and have some fun.

Setup will begin after 1 PM on Friday and continue as necessary on Saturday morning. Operation begins at 1 PM on Saturday and concludes at 1 PM on Sunday.

Everyone is invited to join in on the setup Friday afternoon and evening but be sure to stop in sometime over the weekend and operate or visit even if you can't make it for setup.

Everyone is invited to a picnic on Saturday around 4 or 5 PM. The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, and punch. A covered dish, chips, or a dessert will be appreciated but not required. Be sure to come out for the food and fellowship.

AA8BN Number 9 in Ohio in VE Sessions Attended

The ARRL has started a listing on their website to recognize VE's for their service. In checking the site I found that AA8BN attended 139 sessions and was ninth in Ohio on the list.

Congratulations Steve!

Several other COARVET members have impressive totals also. Check out the ARRL website to see what your count is.

Dan, N8VV

Free CW Training Software

Chuck Adams K7QO's new CW training course is extensive, up-to-date, and FREE. It's designed to get the trainee from nothing to 20 wpm and replaces the recently discontinued ARRL Morse training CDs. Chuck was handing out copies of the course on CD - it includes 90 Mbytes of MP3 files, instructions, a PDF manual, sample QSOs. There is a review of the course in the June issue of WorldRadio and you can download all of it from Chuck's Web site at <http://www.k7qo.net>

THE COSHOCTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION WILL RECEIVE A \$15.00 COMMISSION FOR EVERY NEW (OR LAPSED MEMBERSHIP OF 2 YEARS OR MORE) ARRL MEMBERSHIP. IN ADDITION, OUR CLUB WILL RECEIVE A \$2.00 COMMISSION FOR EACH RENEWING ARRL MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARRL, PLEASE SEND YOUR ARRL APPLICATION AND DUES TO THE COSHOCTON CO. AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 501, COSHOCTON, OH. 43812. THE CLUB WILL SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE ARRL AND BE ABLE TO RETAIN A PORTION FOR THE CLUB TREASURY. (Family, Blind or 21-and-under discounted memberships are not applicable.)

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AMATEUR RADIO EARNS KUDOS FOR TOPOFF 3 PERFORMANCE

The role of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers in Connecticut in this week's massive TOPOFF 3 exercise has drawn praise from the American Red Cross, for which ARES provided virtually all radio Communication. Sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security and intended as a realistic test of the nation's homeland security system, TOPOFF 3's goal was to push the system of first responders beyond its limits to find the weak spots. American Red Cross emergency services director Mario J. Bruno extolled ARES' performance.

Connecticut's phase of TOPOFF 3 began April 4 with a bang--an explosion in New London meant to simulate a terrorist attack. "Loud enough that the organizers passed out earplugs for the media gathered on the bluffs above," recounted ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP--a former Connecticut Section Emergency Coordinator and current ARES member.

After ARES stood down from the drill late on April 6, ARRL Connecticut Section Manager Betsey Doane, K1EIC, and SEC Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR, said they felt Amateur Radio acquitted itself very well during the drill.

In all, as many as 40 of the 150 ARES volunteers from Connecticut and other states in the Northeast were deployed to the field at any given time, and everyone got to take part at some point. "Everybody had a job to do," Rexroad said. "Everyone had at least one shift when they were able to get on the radio and provide communications support." (From The ARRL Letter)

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSION COSHOCTON, OHIO June 11, 2005

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PLACE: COSHOCTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
655 Main St., Coshocton, Ohio (Large Meeting Room)

DATE: June 11, 2005

TIME: 10:00 AM (arrive 30 min. before to sign in)

Walk-in session

All Exam elements available. The 2005 exam fee is \$14.00. Exact amount appreciated. Checks made out to ARRL/VEC accepted too. 2nd version of exam available at VE discretion, time permitting. Additional \$14.00. Handicap accessible. Copy machine available.

REQUIRED:

PHOTO ID (driver's license) or two forms of non-photo ID.

Persons without photo IDs, and/or young persons must supply TWO forms of alternate identification to satisfy their ID requirements. These two items can include: Non-photo ID/driver's license; Social Security Card (as FCC presently requires each applicant to supply a taxpayer ID number also know as your Social Security Number) Birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal); Minor's work permit or school report card; Utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person; A postmarked envelope addressed to the person indicating the same mailing address as shown on Form 605; or an employment 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)

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