Club meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the Coshocton County Services building at 725 South 7th St. at 7:00 PM

2009 CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** Randy Fisher - KL7RF

**VICE PRESIDENT:** B.J. McDowell - KD8HHQ

**SECRETARY:** Pat Tucker - KB8CRB

**TREASURER:** Tom Cordes - KB8HEA

**TRUSTEE:**
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- Craig Affolter – K8CAA
- Ron Carns – N8KRR

**COARVET MANAGER:**
- Steve Wheatcraft – AA8BN

**HISTORIAN:**
- Pat Tucker – KB8CRB

**NEWSLETTER:**
- Ron Carns – N8KRR

**CLUB REPEATER:**
- Tom Cordes – KB8HEA

**A.R.E.S. REPEATER:**
- Bruce Adams – KE8XM

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- Bruce Adams – KE8XM

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- Dan Hardy – N8VV
- Steve Wheatcraft – AA8BN
- Randy Fisher – KL7RF
- Tom Cordes – KB8HEA

**MCC REPRESENTATIVE:** Dan Hardy – N8VV

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LOCAL NETS:

**Sunday:** 9:00 PM 147.045MHz CCARA
**Monday:** 8:00 PM 146.730MHz TUSCO
9:00 PM 145.230MHz CCARA
**Tuesday:** 8:00 PM 146.850MHz CARA
8:15 PM 146.850MHz CARA
9:00 PM 146.880 MHz NARA
**Wednesday:** 9:00 PM 146.610MHz ZARC
**Thursday:** 9:00 PM 51.135MHz ZARC
9:00 PM 145.230MHz CCARA
**Friday:** 9:00 PM 28.450MHz CCARA
**Saturday:** 8:00 PM 146.820MHz PARC
9:00 PM 146.610MHz MCC

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“**Keep an eye to the sky!”**

NETS

**- Coshocton Co. ARA -**
Sunday 2100 hrs EST
- Coshocton Co. ARES -
Monday 2100 hrs EST
147.045 MHz W8CCA Rptr
145.230 MHz KE8XM Rptr
- Johnny Appleseed -
Friday 2100 hrs EST
28.450 MHz SSB

**- Coshocton Co. EMA: James Van Horn -**
www.coshoctoncounty.net/agency/ema
Tel: 740.622.1984
JUNE 2, 2009 CCARA MEETING --
--will be held at the County Services Building at 7:00PM.

Our program for the evening will be a "Show & Tell". Come and bring in something to share with the group (i.e. QSL cards, awards, certificates, projects that you have been working on, or recent purchases [from Dayton, perhaps]).

We will also be firming up plans for our field day operations. Field Day this year will be on the weekend of June 27 & 28. Don't forget that you can still order pins, hats, and t-shirts for the field day event at that meeting. We will send in the order after the meeting so that you can avoid shipping costs. We will have the items for you before field day.

PREZ SAYS ..........
Here we are in the midst of a great Spring Season in Ohio. There are lots of things happening in Ham Radio in Coshocton County about now.

We are preparing for another field day activity at the end of the month. We are looking forward to a great weekend for the event on June 27th and 28th. Keep checking our website for details as we approach the time. There is always a lot of fun, excitement, and fellowship as we join together to represent Coshocton County in the biggest ham radio event of the year. Don't miss it. Even if you have not operated on HF radio before, there will be opportunity for you to "get on the air" with our W8CCA call sign.

We have a great new addition to the repeaters in Coshocton County as well. Rod, KB8JSC has set up a 440MHz repeater for us all to use and enjoy. The antenna is up on its tower in the northeast part of the county. The repeater equipment itself is temporary, as Rod is awaiting his permanent transmitter, receiver and duplexer. He has purchased a new controller for it and is in the process of configuring it. There are good reports coming in from within and outside of the county on the range of the 443.5375MHz repeater. Don't forget to set up your rig for a plus offset of 5MHz. This repeater should give us a great alternative to the two meter machines in the county for ARES communications and for casual "rag chews". Come on aboard and give it a try. I'll be listening for you.

I am very happy to report that our CCARA website is up and running offering very current information on club happenings. Check the club news page to get up-to-date. There is also a wealth of information available including lots of PDF downloads of net preambles, newsletters, Skywarn info, and links to other ham radio websites. Our home page even includes current weather information for Coshocton automatically updated courtesy of The Weather Channel. If you're looking for callsign information, we have a link to QRZ.com there too. You can even check out the date and information concerning the next Volunteer Exam Session for upgrading your license. You can find all this and more at: http://www.w8cca.org

As I write this column I hear thunder in the area. This reminds me that we should all remain ready for the unexpected by having our radios ready, batteries charged, and "go bags" filled. Are we ready to provide emergency communications for the county? We could get the call anytime. We are now getting into the time of greatest potential for severe storms. Don't forget that we will use the 145.230 repeater for Skywarn and ARES, but if it should fail, you may find us on the CCARA repeater 147.045 or on simplex on 146.490. NOW we have one more option, the 443.5375 repeater. Let's make use of our machines and test our equipment regularly.

One more thing... The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association is YOUR club. The more you put in, the more enjoyment you get out of our hobby together. I'll see you at the meetings, and look forward to our contacts on the air!

Best regards,
Randy KL7RF

CCARA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Rod McBride, KB9JSC

I became interested in radio communications at a relatively young age. My father retired from the military so through out my childhood years we would make trips to the McCord Air Force base in Washington State. It was on one of those trips that I bought my first short wave radio receiver. (I was around 12 or 13 at the time.)
I would take that radio everywhere I went. I even would go to sleep listening to foreign broadcast. I found it very interesting, though I’m sure my family thought it to be quite annoying.

When I was 13 or 14 I saved up enough money to purchase a CB radio and had it installed in my parent’s 1964 ford falcon. As time went on I lost interest in the CB radio because of all the filth on it. I didn’t know that Amateur Radio existed.

We took a trip from Oregon to Kansas to visit an elderly pastor who happened to be a licensed ham. He made contact with a missionary while I was standing there and I thought that it was cool.

Years later after I had gotten married, my father in law became interested in amateur radio. He and I studied together for a while but he got his ticket before I did. His call was N7JJS (he passed away in 1997) he kept after me to get my ticket. So, in 1995 my daughter Rachel (KB9JSB) and I took our test while living in Indiana.

My first project was to build a 2 meter ladder line J pole antenna. It worked perfect and I have had many projects since, my latest project being the building of a 440 repeater. This project like most has taken more time and money than I thought it would at the beginning. It has been fun though and I hope it is more beneficial as time goes on.

Amateur radio is so diverse that there is always something new to explore or build. Even with cellular phones and the internet, Amateur radio is a useful and fun hobby.

73, Rod KB9JSC

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**ARRL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTERS, BULLETINS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

*From ARRL® Newsletter March 6, 2009*

Did you know the ARRL offers more newsletters than just The ARRL Letter? One of the many ARRL membership benefits includes other newsletters, such as the ARRL Contest Update (a bi-weekly contest newsletter), the ARES E-Letter (sent monthly, containing public service and emergency communications news), the ARRL Club News, the ARRL Instructor/Teacher E-Letter and the VE Newsletter, just to name a few.

You can also elect to receive news and information from your Division Director and Section Manager (keep in mind that not all Divisions/Sections send notices), as well as W1AW bulletins that relate to DX, propagation, satellites and Keplerian reports. The ARRL also offers a free notification service to members, letting them know when their membership and license are due to expire.

Sign up for these newsletters, bulletins and notifications on the Member Data page of the ARRL Web site [www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html](http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html)

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE ARES® E-LETTER - IT’S FREE!**

[www.arrl.org/ares-letter](http://www.arrl.org/ares-letter)

**ARRL CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

When you join the ARRL, or renew your membership through the club, we retain $15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more), and retain $2 for each renewal. Please support your club, it doesn’t cost any more. Send or give all paper work to the club Treasurer with your money.

**OSSBN FREQUENCIES**

OSSBN OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

**OSSBN SESSION TIMES AND FREQUENCIES**

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ALTERNATE FREQUENCY ALL SESSIONS 3968 KHz
This is the first time that the CQWW – already the world’s most popular amateur radio contest – has broken the 10,000 log mark. Of these, nearly 98% were submitted electronically.

It is also the first time since 1986 that more CW logs have been submitted than SSB logs. “This is a clear indication,” says Cox, “not only of the health of contesting and of CW, but of ham radio as a whole.” In addition, the logs contained the callsigns of more than 50,000 different amateur stations making at least one contest contact, indicating that many more stations participate in the CQWW Contest than submit logs.

SSB results of the 2008 CQWW Contest will be published in the August 2009 issue of CQ magazine; CW results will appear in the September issue. 

**Bold and underline added by N8VV**

**COSHOCTON COUNTY A.R.E.S.®**

**TRIVIA**

**CQWW Contest:** For the first time, more than 10,000 logs have been submitted for the CQ World Wide DX Contest, according to Contest Director Bob Cox, K3EST. In addition, Cox reports that the number of CW logs have exceeded the number of phone logs for the first time in more than 20 years. According to Cox, there were a total of 5013 SSB logs and 5272 CW logs submitted for the 2008 running of the event, for a total of 10,285 logs.
** TESTING INFORMATION **

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSION
JUNE 13, 2009 Coshocton, Ohio
Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner
Team, sponsored by the
Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association, W8CCA

• LOCATION: Coshocton Public Library,
  Large meeting Room
  655 Main St., Coshocton Ohio 43812
• DATE: June 13, 2009
• TIME: 10 AM (library opens at 9:30, arrive before 10
to fill out the 605 form, etc.)
  Walk-in and pre registered sessions are available
throughout the year.
  Contact us for other dates and times to set up a session
  for you!

All Exam elements available.
The 2009 exam fee is $15.00.
Exact amount appreciated.
Checks made out to ARRL/VEC are accepted too. A 2nd
version of exam is available at VE
discretion, time permitting.
An additional $15 is needed.

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 now requires each applicant to supply a taxpayer ID
number also known as our 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. If you don’t have ID,
then no exam will be administered.

>CURRENT ORIGINAL AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE and
COPY, if you already have a license, then you need
your FRN number on the 605 application.

>ORIGINAL valid CSCE(s) that apply and COPY, if you
have already taken exams and have a CSCE.

>Social Security number or FCC issued FRN.
Already licensed, then you need the FRN number.
(The FRN is viewable by doing a search for LICENSE at
the FCC WTB ULS web page.

>WE have NCVEC 605 forms at session; handicap
accessible; copy machine available.

Contact person: Colleen, AA8UA 740.622.5761
Email: aa8ua@arrl.net
AA8BN, Session Mgr., good luck

FREE SAMPLE TEST SITE
Upgrading your license, go to the following website for
practice tests for aid in preparing for the upgrade.
copaseticflow.blogspot.com

(http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls). An FRN is a ten digit
number preceded by three or four zeros then six or
seven numbers) It is also listed on recent Licenses.

When all else fails, AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

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FROM the EDITOR

Please let me know what you would like to see in “your” newsletter. E-mail me at n8krr@arrl.net with your suggestions and contributions. All articles are appreciated.

“Support your club.........CHECK-IN TO THE NETS!!”
Pay your Club membership dues; Volunteer for Club events; Enjoy amateur radio.

***FYI - CLUB DUES***

CCARA has financial obligations throughout the year-
i.e.:
- repeater site lease
- Keene repeater maintenance
- monthly program's
- activities:
  - fox hunt
  - family picnic
  - Buehler's Food Stand
  - Johnny Appleseed net certificates
  - post office box
  - bank checking account
  - Coshocton Public Library Display
  - other communications

CCARA finances come from dues. Please help your club by joining and attending meetings. Annual dues are $15.00 per individual or $20.00 for family membership. Thanks

W8CCA CCARA patches

$3.00 each or two for $5.00
Purchase from the CCARA Treasurer.

FREE SWAP and SELL

If you have ham related items to sell you can do it here. List your item(s) here; list a price and how to contact you. Send list to: n8krr@arrl.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week
June 21 – 27, 2009

FIELD DAY 2009
Saturday, June 27 - 28, 2009, 2pm thru Sunday, June 28, 2009, 2pm

GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION Findlay, OH
The 2009 Great Lakes Division Convention will be Saturday, September 12, in Findlay, Ohio.

Former Astronaut Tony England, WOORE will be the principal speaker.

September 12 is the day before the annual Findlay Hamfest.

Watch for further information. Mark your calendar.

ARRL Great Lakes Division
Director: James Weaver, K8JE
K8je@arrl.org

HAMFESTS

Saturday, June 6, 2009 – All day
Fulton County Hamfest, Roth Family Park, 101 Hill Ave, Tedrow, OH
FCARA Hamfest and Tailgate Party k8bxq.org
Talk-In: 147.195/147.795
Phone: 419-822-4382
Email: lindsayinf@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 20, 2009 –
MILFORD ARC HAMFEST. For more information, visit <www.w8mrc.com> or e-mail <wb8rrr@arrl.net>.
Located at the Eastside Christian Church just off Interstate 275.

Sunday, July 26, 2009 – All day
Portage Hamfair ’09, Portage County Fairgrounds 4215 Fairgrounds Road, Randolph, OH Hamfair.com
Talk-In: 144.790/145.390
Phone: 330-274-8240        Fax: 330-274-8527
Email: kj3o@arrl.net
Saturday, August 1, 2009 – All day
“Voice of Aladdin” Hamfest – Columbus
Aladdin Shrine Complex, Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH

Sunday, August 16, 2009 – All day
Warren Hamfest
Trumbull County Fairgrounds,
899 Everett Hull Road, Cortland, OH  www.w8vtd.org
Talk-In: 146.970
Phone: 440-548-5616  Chris Brister, KD8BHR
E-mail: kd8bhr1@yahoo.com

Sunday, August 23, 2009 – All day
Cambridge Hamfest & Computer Show
Pritchard Laughlin Auditorium,
7033 Glenn Highway, Cambridge, OH  www.w8vp.org
Talk-In: 146.850- (PL 91.5)
Phone: 740-439-6610  Mary Jane Rhodes-Ellis, KD8EIR
E-mail: radicalrhodes@yahoo.com