

COSHOCTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

PO Box 501 Coshocton, OH 43812

WEB SITE www.w8cca.org

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NEXT CLUB MEETING JUNE 2, 2009



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

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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

"Keep an eye to the sky!"

NETS

- Coshocton Co. ARA - - Coshocton Co. ARES -

Sunday 2100 hrs EST 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.)



ARRL has online classes beginning every month: emergency communications, antenna design & construction, HF digital communications and more.

Register at: www.arrl.org/cce

ARRL CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE CATALOG

Level 1- -Introduction to Amateur Radio Emergency Communications -- EC-001

Level 2- Intermediate Amateur Radio Emergency Communications -- EC-002

Antenna Modeling -- EC-004

Antenna Design and Construction (ADC) -- EC-009

Radio Frequency Interference -- EC-006

The ARRL Ham Radio License Course -- EC-010

Radio Frequency Propagation -- EC-011

Analog Electronics -- EC-012

Digital Electronics -- EC-013

Visit: www.arrl.org/cce for the following info:

- Description
- Syllabus / Required Student Activities
- Prerequisites
- Availability
- Additional Info
- Suggested Reference Material
- Option Reference Material
- Fees

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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.**

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.

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COSHOCTON COUNTY A.R.E.S. ®



LINKS: VARIOUS OHIO CLUB NEWSLETTERS

- www.maser.org = Mansfield Intercity Amateur Radio Club
- zarc.eqth.info = Zanesville Amateur Radio Club
- nara.eqth.info/index.html = Newark Amateur Radio Association
- www.cooken.org = Central Ohio Operators Klub Extra-Novice
- www.tuscoarc.org = TUSCO Amateur Radio Club
- www.mvarc.net = Mt Vernon Amateur Radio Club
- www.w8vp.org = Cambridge Amateur Radio Association (link to MCC on W8VP web site)

LINKS: ARRL, ARES, OHIO SECTION, NOAA

- greatlakes.arrl.org = ARRL Great Lakes Division
- www.arrlohio.org = ARRL Ohio Section
- www.ohioares.org = Ohio ARES
- www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz = National Weather Service Pittsburgh
- www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/skywarn.htm = National Weather Service Pittsburgh, SKYWARN
- www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html = ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation Page

**** 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

(<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.

>We have NCVET 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



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

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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

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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

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