

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association W8CCA

PO BOX 501 Coshocton, OH 43812

March 2006 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,
7:00 PM, Coshocton County Services Bldg.
724 South 7th St.**

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

PREZ SAYS

Hi to all from the "hills of Fresno". The new year started out with the same slate of officers for the club as we had last year. We will certainly do our best to make our club interesting, fun, and beneficial to the community. We are sorry, however, to have to proceed into the new year without the services of our treasurer, Fred Hobbs, KC8ZLJ who had to step down due to health reasons. We wish Fred a fast and complete recovery. Our vice president, Dan, N8VV will take over the treasurer duties for us during this time.

Looking forward to the spring of the year, there are lots of opportunities for all of us to enjoy our hobby and contribute to amateur radio and to the county. Spring brings with it the possibilities of severe weather to our area. The Pittsburgh office of the National Weather

Service will be presenting a one night class to anyone who is interested in becoming a part of Skywarn. Certification will be offered as a benefit of attending. NOAA requires re-certification every five years as part of the program. The class will be held at the County Services Building on March 16th at 6:30PM. Don't forget to tune into the ARES repeater (145.230MHz) during times of severe weather to get updates on current conditions. Check-ins will be very welcome from all corners of the county when the weather nets are called up. Coshocton County is fortunate to have two good two meter repeaters. Let's keep them active.

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PREZ SAYS (cont. from page 1)

I really enjoy having company while I'm driving down the road. If you're monitoring the repeater frequencies, give a call and let folks know that you are there. Let's make the most of our hobby. I've heard that amateur radio is a "contact sport"; so let's make some contacts!

Randy, KL7RF

SkyWarn Classes Scheduled

Conducted by Rich Kane WCM (Warning Coordination Meteorologist) from the National Weather Service, Pittsburgh, Pa.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/skymeet.htm>

March 2 (Thu) Tuscarawas OH 6:30 PM
Emergency Operations Center
2295 Reiser Ave SE
New Philadelphia, OH

March 16 (Thu) Coshocton OH 6:30 PM
Emergency Operations Center
S 7TH Street
Coshocton, OH

March 29 (Wed) Muskingum OH 7:00 PM
Emergency Operations Center
2215 Old Adamsville Road
Zanesville, OH

April 4 (Tue) Guernsey OH 7:00 PM
Emergency Operations Center
Wheeling Ave. Cambridge OH

New TECHNICIAN Class (Element 2)

New question pool has been released. The use of this new Technician question pool will take effect July 1, 2006. The General class (Element 3) pool updates, previously scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2008, will be released December 1, 2006, and become effective July 1, 2007. The Extra class (Element 4) pool originally scheduled for 2005, will be released on December 1, 2007, and will become effective July 1, 2008.

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSION
COSHOCTON, OHIO **March 25, 2006**

Administered by the Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Team, sponsored by the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association, W8CCA
www.w8cca.org

PLACE: Coshocton Public Library
655 Main St.
Coshocton, Ohio

DATE: March 25, 2006

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 known 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)

AA8BN, Session Mgr.

Contact person: Colleen, AA8UA 740.622.5761

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SKYWARN REPORTING

Try to report as soon as possible after observing the event and remember to be careful!

SNOWFALL - After 2 inches of new snow, and then at 4 inches, 6 inches, and every 3 inches thereafter (e.g., 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, etc.)

FREEZING RAIN - As soon as you observe the occurrence of freezing rain or freezing drizzle, especially if it starts to collect on objects. Call again if the glaze/ice accumulation exceeds 1/4 inch

THUNDER SNOW - Location and time of occurrence

WIND SPEEDS - Report wind speeds greater than 40 mph

RAINFALL - Report any rainfall in excess of 3/4 inch in an hour

FUNNEL CLOUD - A "rotating" appendage descending from the base of a cumulonimbus cloud, but not touching the ground. If possible, always look at the area beneath the funnel cloud for flying debris. If flying debris is observed, it is a tornado.

TORNADO - Violently rotating column of air descending from a cumulonimbus cloud and touching the ground. Look for flying debris. If possible, report any injuries or fatalities. Tornadoes usually rotate counterclockwise, and this can be a good indicator if what you are observing is a tornado or other meteorological phenomena. However, this is not always true. When in doubt, report!

HAIL - Report any size hail. Specify the diameter based on the hail scale (coins)

FLOODING - Report any flooding you observe, including basement, road, stream, creek, and ice jam flooding.

Report the name of the stream/creek, road number/name (if applicable) and depth

DAMAGE - Report all storm-related damage (large branches, fallen trees, structural damage, flood damage, etc.) Even if it is several days after the event.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/fallwinter05.htm>

SKYWARN NEWSLETTER, Fall/Winter 2005

THANK YOU TO ALL SKYWARNERS!!!

The National Weather Service would like to extend a thank you to all of our SKYWARN members.

Although technology allows us to survey weather conditions across a very large area, nothing can replace a ground report from you, our dedicated observers! Your reports are critical to our mission:

- 1) They immediately add credibility to our warnings
- 2) They alert everyone downstream of the potential for severe weather
- 3) They help us make decisions on additional warnings, watches and statements
- 4) They help us verify our warnings
- 5) They serve as part of the national severe weather archives (National Climatic Data Center) and to build a severe weather climatology.

Most importantly, your reports help us save lives and protect property! Often times a single SKYWARN report leads to the issuance of a warning, watch or statement. Keep up the great work, and thank you all for your participation! Remember that safety does come first. Only report severe weather when you can do so safely! Always report severe weather to the SKYWARN Number you were provided during your training. If you are not a SKYWARN Member, you can report severe weather to the National Weather Service through the toll-free public line at 1-877-633-6772.

SKYWARN NEWSLETTER, Fall/Winter 2005

NOAA WEATHER RADIO (NWR)

We are currently anticipating the deployment of two additional NWRs in our County Warning Area (CWA). One transmitter is slated to go into Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The other is scheduled for Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The timetable for deployment of these two transmitters is uncertain. However, we are rather certain they will be installed.

As a reminder, if you notice that one of our NWR transmitters is off the air, please contact us as soon as possible.

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NIMS/ICS TRAINING ESSENTIAL

The Department of Homeland Security is requiring all first responders, including volunteers, to complete training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by 2007. This sounds formidable, but in reality there is an Independent Study course from FEMA that covers it. The course is IS-700 go to:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIweb/IS/crslst.asp>

and find the course list. Follow directions and you will get to IS-700. Readers can take the course on line or download the material and do it at their own pace. It shouldn't take more than three hours in any case. There's a final exam on line, but it isn't going to cost much sweat (or any money - courses are all free). After passing the final, the student will get notification by e-mail or regular mail.

Readers are encouraged to look at the rest of the course offerings on the FEMA training Web site. They represent a wealth of knowledge, organized so that us real people can get through them and actually learn something.

From the ARRL ARES Newsletter

ARES APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE FEMA/ARRL COURSES

Successful completion of the ARRL Levels 1, 2, and 3 EmComm courses and FEMA courses IS-100 and IS-700 should be a requirement for all new SECs, DECs, ECs and Official Emergency Stations (OES). ARRL could grandfather current appointees with the provision that they complete the required course work within three years. These courses provide the basics that every ARES appointee should have if they are to work effectively with served agencies and each other. There is a need for a new minimum level of training for ARES operators.

From the ARRL ARES Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 4-5 ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)

March 16 - Sky Warn training - 6:30 PM
Coshocton Co. EOC

March 25 - Exam Session - 10:00 AM
Coshocton Library

March 26 - MCC Meeting - Tuscora Park

March 26 - April 1 - WX Awareness Week

March 29 - WX Siren Test

April 22 - ARES Meeting
Columbus EOC

May 19 - 21 - Dayton Hamvention

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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