

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

W8CCA

PO BOX 501 Coshocton, OH 43812

September 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.
No OCT. Meeting Due to
the Fair**

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

PREZ SAYS

Greetings to all you "half-baked" hams out there. Well, actually, I feel more like we all fully baked this summer (or is it roasted?). In any case, it has been a very hot summer, and Field Day this year was no exception. I want to congratulate those brave amateurs who endured the heat of the day, and put W8CCA on the field day map this year. Great job, folks! I hope that next year we will see more reasonable temperatures and lots more participation from the club members and nearby hams. Many thanks, again, go to WD8CHR, Mike Porcher, and his wife for their fine hospitality and providing a wonderful location for the Field Day operations.

This summer ARES has made some good progress in getting our new ARES Communications Van fitted and ready for service to support the Coshocton County Emergency Services. The van made its maiden appearance at Field Day in June and was used as the "get on the air" station at the site. The van also made an appearance in the Coshocton Canal Days Parade. Recently, we have discovered an electrical problem related to starting the engine, and it has been sent to the EMS garage to be repaired. With that behind us, we should be ready to serve when the need arises.

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PREZ SAYS (cont. from page 1)

I would also like to thank all the Skywarn spotter volunteers who have reported into the County Skywarn Nets over this spring and summer. All the check-ins have been appreciated, and we have been able to be of service to both the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh, and the local Sheriff's Dept. in reporting severe weather and damage reports during several storms that crossed our county this season. Actually, the season is not over yet (as witnessed by the recent hurricane activity), so let us continue to be vigilant and tune in to 145.23MHz when there are severe weather alerts.

On the subject of ARES, I will be trying to contact all those local amateurs who have received their Coshocton County Volunteer ID badges to verify that you are all still active and available to assist in emergency communications if we are called. Any hams who do not have badges and would like to participate in ARES activities, please let me know.

Let me encourage you all to enjoy and participate in the ham activities coming up this fall including our annual picnic, fox hunt, and fair booth. Have fun with the hobby, use the repeaters, and make it a great autumn season. I look forward to our next QSO.

Randy, KL7RF

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.)

FAIR REMINDER

A reminder that the fair is coming up the end of September. A work schedule sheet will be available at the meeting and the picnic for signing up to help in the booth.

There are a limited number of passes available for those who might need one to get in the fairgrounds to work in the booth. They will be given on a first come first serve basis. If you take a pass and find you have a change of plans and cannot use it, please make it available so someone else can use it.

Thanks for your help in letting the community know we are available and what we can do to assist when help is needed.

The Fair Committee

UPDATED PICTURES TO BE TAKEN FOR FAIR BOOTH

This year for the fair booth the fair committee would like to update the pictures we have of club members so people can place a face with a call that they may hear on the air.

I have already taken a few at Field Day and the last club meeting. It would be nice if we could get a few more of you. We still have the September meeting on the 6th and the club picnic on September 18th. If you are unable to attend either of these dates but would like to have your picture taken and included, please contact me at kc8sts@msn.com and we can try to make arrangements.

Sandy, KC8STS

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AMATEUR RADIO AWARENESS DAY TO FEATURE EMERGENCY POWER OPERATING EVENT

This Amateur Radio Awareness Day, September 17, the ARRL will sponsor a 15-hour Emergency Power Operating Event for stations operating off the grid. An announcement in September QST (page 49) spells out the details. The event kicks off at 1300 UTC on Saturday, September 17, and wraps up at 0400 UTC on September 18. The ARRL is inviting home stations to operate from generator or battery power. Mobiles and portable stations also are welcome to participate, although unlike Field Day, the emphasis is not on setting up a temporary station, but rather on operating your regular station on emergency power.

There is no set exchange; contacts may be casual, but operators are encouraged to share information on their emergency power sources in addition to the traditional signal report, name and location.

The League is encouraging participating radio amateurs or groups to invite local Citizen Corps leaders to see Amateur Radio installations in emergency power mode.

From the ARRL Letter

CCARA PICNIC

The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association will hold the annual club picnic on Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 PM at Lake Park, Shelter number 9. Lake Park is located ½ mile north of US 36 on SR 83N. All Amateurs and their families are welcome. The club will provide the burgers, hot dogs and buns, condiments, soft drinks, plates and utensils. If you can, bring a covered dish or dessert. Hope to see you all there. It is always a good time.

Colleen, AA8UA - Picnic Chairperson

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSION

COSHOCTON, OHIO **Sept 25, 2005**

Administered by the Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Team, sponsored by the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association, W8CCA

www.w8cca.org

PLACE: COSHOCTON County Senior Center
201 Brown's Lane (Brown's Lane and S. 2nd St.)
Coshocton, Ohio

DATE: September 25, 2005

TIME: 1:00 PM (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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ARES E-Letter

Attention All Amateurs...

Sign up for The ARES E-Letter. Since 9/11, interest within the Amateur Radio community in emergency communication and public service has greatly increased. More than ever, hams are volunteering to help meet the communication needs of our nation, states and communities. The ARES E-Letter is a response to this expanding awareness. Any ARRL Member with an interest in emergency communication or public service activities can sign up online to receive The ARES E-Letter via e-mail, and anyone can read it on the Web site. Each issue will contain a wealth of after-action reports, editorials, technical tips, news and views--information you'd otherwise have to wait for in QST. Timeliness, utility and inspiration are the goals of this informative publication that's devoted entirely to Amateur Radio emergency communication and public service.

From the ARRL Letter

Estimated Wind Scale

NWS, NOAA, Pittsburgh, Pa

- 25-31 MPH - Large branches in motion; whistling in telephone wires
- 32-38 MPH - Entire trees in motion; slight difficulty in walking against wind
- 39-54 MPH - Twigs break off trees; wind generally impedes progress
- 55-72 MPH - Damage to chimneys and TV antennas; large limbs, branches down
- 73-112 MPH - Roof surfaces damaged; windows broken
- 113-157 MPH - Roofs torn off; weak buildings and mobile homes destroyed
- 158 MPH - Severe damage; cars lifted completely off ground

2005 Simulated Emergency Test

The 2005 Simulated Emergency Test is the weekend of October 1-2. It is NOT TOO EARLY to be planning your county (or district) exercise. Note that your official exercise does not have to be on that exact date, you can use any exercise around that date. More information can be found at www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html

NEW CLUB PATCH

The new club patch will be available at the next club meeting for a \$3.00 donation.



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JIM WEAVER, K8JE, SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS DIRECTOR

Dear Ohio newsletter editor or club contact,

As you likely know already, it is time to elect the Director and Vice Director for the ARRL Great Lakes Division (Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio). I have been honored by being elected to serve as Director for the previous three years and I hope the ARRL members in this Division will return me to the Directorship for three more years of service beginning January 1, 2006.

I will appreciate it if you will share the following information with your members so they may understand more thoroughly just what I "stand for" when I work on their behalf.

Fellow ARRL members, I am honored that you have allowed me to serve you and Amateur Radio as your Great Lakes Division Director the past three years. I appreciate your confidence in me and ask you to re-elect me to three more years of progress.

Why vote for me? I've fulfilled every promise I've made to you and have proven my leadership. You don't need to guess "what" I am. My work on your behalf includes:

Through my monthly "Weaver's Words" newsletter, I continually seek your advice on key issues, inform you of the "full story" behind these issues and demonstrate my belief that you are "The Reason ARRL Is." I kept my word to you. Incidentally, my votes on the Board have been completely consistent with the wishes expressed to me by the overwhelming majority of you.

Work by the Board, Staff and local leadership resulted in victories by Division amateurs in nearly each instance our right to install antenna structures was challenged. I kept my word to you.

ARRL Staff has begun a unique, detailed project to reach the pool of non-hams that will restore growth to the Amateur Radio Service. The results of the project will be

recruiting new and younger amateurs, and keeping them active in our great Service. I kept my word to you. My motion that established the ARRL Grassroots Legislative Action Program is effectively promoting the needs of Amateur Radio. I kept my word to you. The future offers unforeseen challenges. Key among these challenges is action resulting from FCC's decision to minimize its involvement in Amateur Radio. I want to work on the Board to develop strategies that to enable us to achieve the flexibility we need to guide our great Service through coming successful years. If re-elected, I will renew my commitment to resolving members' concerns, to strengthen and to grow Amateur Radio and to continue to promote the full significance of "Members, The Reason ARRL Is."

Thanks. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments – k8je@arrl.org.

73,

Jim Weaver, K8JE

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