

**COSHOCTON COUNTY  
AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC**  
September 2008 Newsletter



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**WEB Site** Visit often for club updates.  
[WWW.W8CCA.ORG](http://WWW.W8CCA.ORG)

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[www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/index.php](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/index.php)

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[www.greatlakes.arrl.org](http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org)

**Next Monthly Meeting**

The September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is at 7:00 PM in the Coshocton County Services building at 724 South 7<sup>th</sup> St. in the lower meeting room. The program will be about DX presented by N8VV, Dan, with assistance from AA8BN. Bring some DX cards for show. Hope to see everyone there.....

**COSHOCTON COUNTY EMA site:**  
[www.coshoctoncounty.net/agency/ema](http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/agency/ema)

**"Keep an eye to the sky!"**



**NETS**  
**- Coshocton CO. ARA -**  
Sunday 2100 hrs EST  
147.045 MHz W8CCA Rptr.

**- Coshocton CO. ARES -**  
Monday 2100 hrs EST  
145.230 MHz KE8XM Rptr

**- Johnny Appleseed -**  
Friday 2100 hrs EST  
28.450 MHz SSB

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**SKYWARN**  
During bad WX

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When requested

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## **CCARA Club Patch**

W8CCA CCARA patches, \$2.50 each.  
Purchase from the CCARA Treasurer.



## **PREZ SAYS.....**

I'm going to try and make this short, as I have already used a lot of ink in other parts of the newsletter. The last three months have been busy with lots of activities and filled with sadness too. I need to report that Tom Harper, KC8VGS is a silent key. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Carol and his family. A donation was made in Tom's name from the club to Health Services of Coshocton. He was an active Ham, always volunteering when needed. He will be missed. Our condolences also go to KC8DEY who lost his brother during this time also. CCARA also made a donation to the TUSCO club in memory of K8KSN, SK.

Don't forget to ATTEND the CCARA meeting Sept 2nd at the Co. Services Building on S. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. It's the first Tuesday of every month. We will have a meeting October 7th too. The fair will not interfere this year. The Sept.2nd program will be about DX and presented by N8VV with a comment or two from AA8BN. If you don't know (or do know) what DX means or who IS DX please attend.

On Sept. 5th and 6th from 10-4 CCARA will man the Buehler's Food stand for the second time in Coshocton. This is a fund raiser for the club. Please stop by and support CCARA. We still need volunteers. Food server Fri. afternoon 1-4 and Cook on Saturday from 1-4.

Don't forget the Annual CCARA Picnic at Lake Park. Please attend Sept.14th. (Article elsewhere in this Newsletter.) The foxhunt will follow the picnic.

CCARA will have an Amateur Radio display in the case at the Coshocton Public Library

during the last half of Sept. All should stop by and take a look. Display organized by N8LPB, KC8NJT and N8KRR.

Starting on Sept 26th is the Coshocton County Fair. We have decided not to pay for the fair booth this year as mentioned in the June newsletter. This means the Coshocton ARES and CCARA will not have its own booth for the first time in a long time. We will have a small display at the Coshocton EMA booth, which this year will be at a new location. It will be located in the small commercial building near where we have had our Ham booth the last few years. We hope to help man the booth at times. Please volunteer.

We had a surprise visit at our club meeting from Rob, KD8FAI in August. It was good to see him again. He has hooked up with some Hams in Oregon and is doing well. Maybe we will make a HF contact someday with Rob.

If you have an article or idea you might like to write about, please send it to Ron, N8KRR the Editor of this newsletter. He works hard to put this all together every three months, TU. We need more input from our 50 some membership. Local experiences, Hamfest experience, HF experience, maybe you made an antenna, digital modes, ... a paragraph or two...need some new thoughts... new ink on these pages.

I've no doubt missed something I should have mentioned, so I'll see you at the next CCARA meeting Sept 2. By that time I'll remember and you will find out what important thing I forgot to mention.....

73.....

Steve, AA8BN  
President CCARA

## **CCARA Member Spotlight**

### **KB8CRB, Pat Tucker**

My interest in Amateur Radio began back in the late 1950s. I enjoyed listening to Mom and Dad get on the nets. Dad would also work mobile with a big six meter rig in the car.

There was a time when the club had been dormant for a while. Some hams wanted to reactivate it in 1986. They hoped to get more community interest in Amateur Radio and decided to have a class. There were six of us in the class plus Mom, Dad and a couple other guys who wanted to increase their code skill to upgrade. At the next to the last class Jim Norman, our instructor, said we were having a practice exam. When we were done, he said that those of us who passed the practice exam had passed the test. What a relief!

On June 4, 1987, I got the mail and found a letter for me from the FCC. I opened the letter and found I was a newly licensed ham with the call KB8CRB. My first contact was with a guy in Maine.

I have worked all states on 10 meters plus Canada, France, England, Argentina, Switzerland, Netherlands, South Africa, Lesotho (Africa), Spain, Australia and Japan to name a few countries I have worked.

While on a vacation, I stopped at W1AW Headquarters and toured the facility. Very interesting!

When researching the history of the club, I discovered that Dad and I are the only two members who have held all four offices at various times.

I enjoy the nets and other contacts I make on the radio.

Since retiring from 29 years of teaching, I hope to get back on the air making new friends through radio contacts.

Pat, KB8CRB  
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### **GOBA 2008 - Coshocton County**

This years GOBA (Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure) on June 18, 19 and 20 was the fourth time they have been in Coshocton

county. The first year was in 1992. The second time was in 1995 and the last visit was in 1999. I had a lot of fun at each and I think improved my communication skills with a real time event. With nearly 3000 bicyclists on the route, we all had a lot to do. Hams manned the route every 5 miles or so. It seemed to have gone pretty well. The three days included the ride from Mt. Vernon to Coshocton via Mohawk Dam. Thursday's route was Coshocton to Sugarcreek and onto Bolivar and Zoar with a return to Coshocton. Friday's route was from Coshocton and northward up SR60 to Millersburg and into Wayne co. W8CCA call was used for net control all three days.

Messages personally delivered to me for all Hams that participated in Coshocton and Tuscarawas counties, was a thank you and a job *well* done from GOBA Director, Julie Van Winkle, KC8LOX and from GOBA Communications Director/Trail Boss, Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, who is also ARES® District 8 DEC. Also stopping by to thank all Amateurs involved for their communications support were GOBA Communications Director Emeritus, Jeff Ferriell, K8ZDA and Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, former GOBA "Road Boss" and current ARRL Assistant Section Manager. We appreciate their kind words. All who participated received a 2008 GOBA pin as well.

On Wednesday, we manned 10 sites with a station (KC8WX) monitoring WX/WX radar from work, as he did all three days. 14 Hams total volunteered. We also had a weather alert radio at Lake Park as well as a backup NC station for 147.045 if needed. KD8HHQ, KC8YXY and AA8BN were at the Lake Park station. Several had WX radar on cell phones too, if needed. The Coshocton ARES® Communications Van was in use at the Mohawk Dam near Nellie. KE8XM manned the van and was on 147.045 as NC station. He was in contact with Knox Co. on 146.79 if needed. N8VV worked simplex on the output of 7.045 and monitored Knox Co. at Walhonding to have coverage from Knox Co. to the Dam. 4 of the 14 total Hams were from the TUSO Amateur Radio Club and are listed below and

helped in Coshocton Co. on Wed. We needed everyone that day, so thanks for coming down to help.

On Thursday, 20 Coshocton Hams manned 13 locations in Coshocton Co and 2 locations in Holmes Co. The ARES® van with KE8XM and N8VV was located at 1200' + elevation US Experimental Watershed station. The primary NCS was on the 147.045 CCARA repeater and listening on the output of .045 if simplex was needed to any hams unable to hit the .045. NC was KE8XM. N8VV handled any communications on 6.925 by monitoring the TUSCO frequency as liaison for Coshocton and as NC on .045 if needed. A backup/NC station for 7.045 and liaison with TUSCO was at Lake Park if needed. KC8YXY, N8KRR, KD8HHQ and AA8BN manned this station. Coshocton Hams also manned 2 locations in Holmes Co. in the 50 mile outbound loop. 3 Hams listed below from the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club helped man locations in Coshocton Co. Thanks for their much needed service. The TUSCO Club had 17 members and manned about 16 locations on Thursday in Tuscarawas Co. starting in Sugarcreek at the 100/50mile split, through Zoar and ending at Baltic. The TUSCO ARES® van was located in Winfield. KB8YDK monitored all frequencies from home base station on all three days. The TUSCO net was conducted on 146.925 with NC being K8WFN in the TUSCO ARES Van.

On Friday, 12 Coshocton Hams and 2 Hams from the Cambridge Club manned 9 locations. The last being in Killbuck, Holmes Co. Once again as above, WX was being monitored by KC8WX and others. NC stations were located at Lake Park in Coshocton. The Coshocton net was on 147.045 with NC being KB8HEA. KD8HHQ assisted in the van and was there as backup NC. We also ran a net on 146.67 for Holmes Co. coverage with NC being AA8BN. KC8YXY assisted at the NC position. During the morning at Lake Park we also were in contact with the Wayne Co repeater with traffic from GOBA.

**The following is a list of Hams helping in Coshocton County for the three day 2008**

### **GOBA event. THANK YOU !**

(I hope I didn't miss anyone. I apologize if I did)

#### Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association, W8CCA and Coshocton County ARES

AA8BN , Steve Wheatcraft, President  
Coshocton Co. Amateur Radio Assoc. , AEC  
AA8UA , Colleen Wheatcraft  
K8CAA , Craig Affolter  
KB8CRB , Pat Tucker  
KB8HEA , Tom Cordes, Assistant EC  
Coshocton Co.  
KB8HHO , Tom Elson  
KB8KEV , Dan Lyons  
KC8NJT , Nan Leeseberg  
KC8WX , Warren Peiter  
KC8WXK , Alice Phillips  
KC8YXY , Jamie Hoy  
KC8YYF , Scott Shingleton  
KD8HHQ , B.J. McDowell  
KD8RDP , Rick Phillips  
KE8XM , Bruce Adams , Coshocton County  
Emergency Coordinator  
N8GXQ , Mike Casey  
N8KRR , Ron Carns  
N8LPB , Ron Leeseberg  
N8VV, Dan Hardy, Assistant EC Coshocton  
Co.  
WN8RGW Jim Wolff

#### The TUSCO Amateur Radio Club, W8ZX

(The following TUSCO Hams helped in Coshocton County Wed. June 18.)

K8WFN, Gary Green, President Tuscarawas  
Co. Amateur Radio Club, W8ZX  
KB8YDK, Janice Green  
KD8FMV, Ron McKinney  
KD8IDG, Kelly Gilmore

#### Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, W8VP

(The following helped in Coshocton Co. Thur. June 19. (On Fri the 20th, W8FHF and N8IMW returned to support the communications event)

AB8JH, Roger Davis  
N8IMW, Lyn Alfman  
W8FHF, Sonny Alfman, President Cambridge  
Amateur Radio Assoc. W8VP and  
District 9 DEC

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The following is a list of Hams working the Thursday GOBA route in Tuscarawas Co. (ref. K8WFN).

K8LWP, Wallace Pealey  
K8WFN, Gary Green, President TUSCO  
Amateur Radio Club, W8ZX  
KA8FTS, Roger Trompower  
KB8FZY, Steve Riggs  
KB8SAF, Ray Humphrey  
KB8YDK, Janice Green  
KC8WFM, Al Keller  
KC8YYM, Michael Melzer  
KD8ELX, Rex Simmons  
KD8FMV, Ron McKinney  
KD8IDG, Kelly Gilmore  
KD8IDI, Teresa Whitmore  
KD8KF, Howard Blind  
N0WFT, David Whitmore  
W8RRG, Harold McConaughy  
WA8JLM, Welton Stein  
WD8NWQ, Monroe Yoder

On behalf of The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association and Coshocton County ARES®, we greatly appreciated your time and support of communications for the 3 day 2008 GOBA event. Thanks, excellent job.

Steve, AA8BN  
President Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association  
Coshocton County ARES® AEC

### **FIELD DAY 2008**

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association and Coshocton County ARES held Field Day at the residence of WD8CHR, Mike and his XYL Cheryl. We want to thank them again for all the hard work for preparing for the group. Great hosts. Cheryl and Mike had a lot of delicious food for us during the 24 hour event. They provided the grill and Saturday night a campfire; a good time.

I would also thank all those who participated this year! Thanks for the good food that you brought too. FD is more fun with a bunch of people. This year we had 30 people sign up on

the roster, terrific. Even a few, who saw our road signs and stopped by.

We had three stations running. The Field Day call used was the Club call of W8CCA. The GOTA station used Jim's call of WN8RGW. Stations included the N8VV CW station in a tent on top of the hill with a G5RV antenna and a phone station in the ARES Communications Van running a multiband dipole. We also had a very successful GOTA station located in the garage with a G5RV antenna. Thanks to Jim, WN8RGW for all he did with the GOTA. Power sources were generators.

The total CW QSO points were 380 racked up by N8VV. Digital QSO points were 110 by KL7RF, who had PSK running. He also gave hands on demo. The total phone QSO points were 163. Bonus points included 100% emergency power, Media publicity, Info booth, NTS message sent, W1AW FD message copied on PSK, Site visit by elected officials invited by WN8RGW(tu), GOTA, Demonstration PSK, and entry on-line sent in by N8VV. We claimed a total score of 2256. Except for the wind and rain that moved through a couple of times right during meal time, all went well. Wind and rain did a number on Dan's tent on the hill. It collapsed one end. Fortunately he had his equipment covered on the table. No major damage occurred. Thanks to all who helped from setup through tear down. CU next year.  
AA8BN

### **Local Events**

**September 26 thru October 2 Coshocton County Fair**  
County Fair grounds on South 7<sup>th</sup> St.

**September 5-6 Buehler's Food Trailer**  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days

**September 14 CCARA Picnic/Fox hunt**  
Coshocton Lake Park, Shelter #9  
Picnic: 1:00 PM  
Foxhunt: (2:30 PM) ,after meal is finished

## September 14<sup>th</sup> Annual CCARA PICNIC

The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association will have it's annual picnic Sunday , September 14th 2008 at 1pm at Lake Park, which is located about ½ mile north of the intersection of SR 83 and US 36 on SR 83. We once again will be at shelter number 9 at the rear of the picnic shelter area. All Amateurs and their families are welcome. Hamburgers and hotdogs and buns, punch, condiments and place settings will be supplied from the club and from the usual donations of local grocery stores. If you can, please bring a covered dish or chips or desert or fruit, etc. We always have a great time with plenty of delicious food and lots of great conversation. Someone will monitor the 145.23 and 147.045 repeaters in case you need directions. No pl on either. Hope to see you at the PICNIC !!!!! Rain or shine.

A Coshocton Co. Fair signup sheet will be available at the picnic. A foxhunt will follow the picnic as well.

Further information

Colleen AA8UA, Picnic chairperson

[aa8ua@arri.net](mailto:aa8ua@arri.net)

## September 16<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> Library Display

Coshocton Public Library  
655 Main St.

## Upcoming OHIO Events

**September 5 1400Z-2359Z** Marion, OH  
Popcorn Festival Marion Amateur Radio Club  
[www.marionhamradio.org](http://www.marionhamradio.org)

**September 6** PCARS Ohio State Parks  
(see article next page) Get info at:  
[k8cmp@portcars.org](mailto:k8cmp@portcars.org)

**September 13 Ohio Section Conference**  
Reynoldsberg, OH [K8QOE@ARRL.ORG](mailto:K8QOE@ARRL.ORG)

## FEATURE NEW SEC-PIZZA LUNCH

The new Section Emergency Coordinator, expected to be named next week, will be one of the featured speakers at the September 13th Ohio Section Conference which also features

the famous PIZZA LUNCH - Ohio's big ham radio social event. The Section Conference, open to all Ohio hams, begins at 9 a.m. at the State Fire Academy east of Reynoldsberg on old US 40. Beside the PIZZA LUNCH and the new SEC, the Conference also features the awards - the 18th annual Ohio Newsletter Contest awards as well as the naming of the newest honored Ohio ham as receiving the Allan Severson, AB8P (SK) Memorial award. Below is a complete list of a tentative agenda for the Conference. But you can make suggestions by contacting the Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

**September 21** GCARA Hamfest  
Cincinnati, OH [stanco49@zoomtown.com](mailto:stanco49@zoomtown.com)

**September 27-28 1600Z-1600Z** Mt. Vernon, OH  
Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club  
Fifty Year Affiliation with ARRL  
[www.mvarc.net](http://www.mvarc.net)

**September 28** Hamfest Association  
Cleveland, OH 1-899-CLE-FEST (phone)

**October 26** Massillon ARC  
Massillon, OH [truss@sssnet.com](mailto:truss@sssnet.com)

**November 8** Grant ARC  
Georgetown, OH [wd8ctx@juno.com](mailto:wd8ctx@juno.com)

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### **NEW SEPTEMBER CONTEST SCHEDULED**

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) announces the first Ohio State Parks on The Air Contest to be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. EDT (1600Z to 2400Z).

For hams throughout the State of Ohio this contest presents an opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the seventy-three beautiful State Parks here in Ohio. You can spend the day or even spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts you will find that the parks are one of Ohio's greatest assets. Find out more about the parks and all that they have to offer at:

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/default/tabid/80/Default.aspx>.

This contest places a premium on working stations at the State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as

possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300 mile range. Contacts can be made with any mode on the HF and VHF bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters and all contacts have the same point value. This is a great chance to try something new, like an NVIS antenna or two meter SSB.

Individuals and clubs can operate high or low power park stations and there is a special award for the club that activates the greatest number of parks! Non-park stations in Ohio as well as outside of Ohio can also compete with each other.

So get to an Ohio State Park and get On The Air in September. Have some fun with this contest!

You can get complete information, including rules, forms and FAQ's, at: <http://parks.portcars.org>, or contact the contest chairman, Chuck, K8CMP, at: [k8cmp@portcars.org](mailto:k8cmp@portcars.org). Check back at the web site for future announcements about additional prizes.

Phillips, K8QOE [K8QOE@ARRL.ORG](mailto:K8QOE@ARRL.ORG)

### **From the Editor**

This is your CLUB newsletter. Please let me know the type of info you would like to see in each issue. If you have a ham related article, submit it by e-mail it to the editor at [N8KRR@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8KRR@ARRL.NET)

### **HELP PROMOTE THESE BILLS!!**

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in its BPL Decision. The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation. This means the FCC doesn't have to

retract BPL just that they need to redefine it. So, where does that leave us, the Amateur population? Needing some type of legislation before the FCC can change or make any new rules.

Senate Bill (S-1629): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007, a bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR), cosponsor Sen. Michael Crapo [R-ID]. Also, House of Representatives (H.R. 462): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007 to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Rep. Mike Ross [D-AR] and cosponsors Rep. John Barrow [D-GA], Rep. Roscoe Bartlett [R-MD], Rep. Baron Hill [D-IN], Rep. Steve Israel [D-NY], Rep. Ron Lewis [R-KY], Rep. Michael McNulty [D-NY], Rep. Tim Murphy [R-PA], Rep. Sue Myrick [R-NC], Rep. Ronald Paul [R-TX], Rep. Collin Peterson [D-MN], Rep. David Price [D-NC], Rep. Bart Stupak [D-MI], Rep. Timothy Walberg [R-MI].

People, who think members of Congress or the House of Representatives pay little or no attention to constituent mail, are plain wrong. Concise, well thought out personal letters are one of the most effective ways Americans have of influencing lawmakers. But, members of Congress and the House of Representatives get hundreds of letters and emails every day. Whether you choose to use the Postal Service or email, here are some tips that will help your letter have impact. Most of the time, we as Amateurs, write our Senators or House of Representatives complaining that a certain Act or Bill will not be good for Amateur Radio. But, this time we all need to write and let our Representatives know that we would like them to support these Bills and that we appreciate the fact that they are looking into the future of the service of Amateur Radio. If you're not sure who to write then go to the leagues web site

(<http://www.arrl.org>) click on Members Only and a new page will pop up with the listings of the Congressman/Congresswomen, Senators and House of Representatives in your District.

There is also a sample letter there that is already written for you. Copy and paste it into an email and fill in the appropriate places with the Representatives name, then the place with your name and information in the proper places. We must make sure we can congratulate as well as complain. Remembering that no matter what way we do it we must do it with respect to them and in confidence. Here are some examples for writing a Senator, Congressman/Congresswomen or House of Representative.

It's usually best to send letters to the Representative from your local Congressional District or the Senators from your state. Your vote helps elect them -- or not -- and that fact alone carries a lot of weight.

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John D. Meyers, NB4K  
Great Lakes Legislative Action Coordinator  
Great Lakes Division

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ARRL Great Lakes Division Director:  
James Weaver, K8JE [k8je@arrl.org](mailto:k8je@arrl.org)

#### **AMATEUR STATION AT SMITHSONIAN QRT AFTER 32 YEARS**

After more than 30 years on the air from the nation's capital, NN3SI  
<<http://americanhistory.si.edu/events/programdetail.cfm?newskey=48>>, the Amateur Radio station at the National Museum of American History  
<<http://americanhistory.si.edu/index.cfm>> -- part of the Smithsonian Institution  
<<http://www.si.edu/>> -- became silent on Thursday, July 31. Originally located in the Nations of Nations exhibit, the station first went on-the-air in 1976 in celebration of the US Bicentennial. The FCC caught the patriotic



spirit, giving the station a temporary call sign -- NN3SI -- standing for Nation of Nations, Smithsonian Institution. The Commission later made the call sign allocation permanent. According to NN3SI volunteer Carl Lagoda, W3CL, a Special Event operation was planned for earlier this week, with certificates available to those who contacted NN3SI. DX Summit <<http://www.dxsummit.fi/>> spotted NN3SI on 75, 40 and 20 meters SSB. NN3SI has been situated in several different exhibitions in the Museum; it was most recently housed in the former Information Age exhibit. This exhibit chronicled the birth and growth of the electronic information age -- from Samuel Morse's invention of a practical telegraph in the 1830s through the development of the telephone, radio, television and computer. The Museum has been closed since 2006 while undergoing a major renovation and is scheduled to reopen to the public this fall.

The station participated in many special events throughout its history. During the dedication of the World War II Memorial on the National Mall, station operators made many contacts and taught children visiting the Museum how to spell their names in Morse code. Over the years, operators at NN3SI -- who hailed from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (and the occasional guest operators from various parts of the globe) -- have logged contacts with amateurs in all parts of the world and with astronauts and cosmonauts in orbit. By operating the station, NN3SI ops promoted Amateur Radio as a national resource for emergency communications, trained operators, technicians and engineers -- as well as an outstanding hobby -- to the more than 4 million people who visit the Museum each year.

QSL via NN3SI, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, 17701 Bowie Mill Rd, Derwood, MD 20855.

## ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSIONS

### *Coshocton, Ohio 2008*

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

LOCATION: Coshocton Public Library,  
655 Main St., Coshocton Ohio 43812

Walk-in and pre registered sessions

If you are interested in setting up a pre registered exam session. **Contact us for dates and times to set up a session for you !**

All Exam elements available. The 2008 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. An additional \$14.

#### **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 one.**

**>ORIGINAL valid CSCE(s) that apply and COPY,**

**>Social Security number or FCC issued FRN (FCC Registration Number), Already licensed, then you need this 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](mailto:aa8ua@arrl.net)

AA8BN, session mgr., good luck

### **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](mailto:N8KRR@ARRL.NET)

### **Submitted by Randy, KL7RF**

A REWARD OF 500 MICROFARADS IS OFFERED FOR THE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF HOP-A-LONG CAPACITY. THIS UNRECTIFIED CRIMINAL ESCAPED FROM A WESTERN PRIMARY CELL WHERE HE HAD BEEN CLAMPED IN IONS AWAITING THE GAUSS CHAMBER.

HE IS CHARGED WITH THE INDUCTION OF AN 18 TURN COIL NAMED MILLI HENRY WHO WAS FOUND CHOKED AND ROBBED OF VALUABLE JOULES. HE IS ARMED WITH A CARBON ROD AND IS A POTENTIAL KILLER. CAPACITY IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DRIVING DC MOTOR OVER A WHEATSTONE BRIDGE AND REFUSING TO LET THE BAND-PASS.

IF ENCOUNTERED, HE MAY OFFER SERIES OF RESISTANCE. THE ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE SPENT THE NIGHT SEARCHING FOR HIM IN A MAGNETIC FIELD, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO EARTH. THEY HAD NO SUCCESS AND BELIEVED HE HAD RETURNED OHM VIA A SHORT CIRCUIT.

HE WAS LAST SEEN RIDING A KILOCYCLE WITH HIS FRIEND EDDY CURRENT WHO WAS PLAYING A HARMONIC.

73 de NN3V ...-.-

### **Cambridge Hamfest**

After a couple of years of hit and miss trying to make hamfests, CCARA made it to Cambridge. Weather got us trying to attend TUSCO and we ended up at Mansfield a while back. We didn't make any Hamfests in early 2008 as our material was locked up in KE8XM's storage and we didn't make connections with him before he left for AZ. However, on Sunday August 24 the Coshocton Co. Amateur Radio Association set up 3 tables at the first Cambridge Hamfest. Bottom line is we had a good time. Cambridge put on a good show. Nice big room and good food. Here is wishing you many more to come. KE8XM, KD8HHQ and AA8BN were involved with setup and tear down and manned the tables from 7am until noon. KE8XM spent a lot of time unloading and loading his van so we could haul all the boxes. AA8BN assisted KE8XM Saturday evening loading the van.

In addition to the CCARA inventory, KE8XM and KB8HEA donated several items for the club to sell, with all proceeds going to the club. Thank you both! KB8CRB contributed several items *again* with money going to the club. Thank you too Pat!

After expenses (tables/two tickets, etc) the club has about \$100 more than it did.

AA8BN  
President CCARA

### **DX**

JX - Jan Mayen

Start looking for Svein, LA9JKA, to be "very active" as JX9JKA from Jan Mayen now through early October 2008. He plans to be QRV on 6 through 160 meters on SSB and digital modes. QSL via LA9JKA, Svein Rabbevag, Brendlia 12, N-6013 Alesund, Norway with at least one IRC or two green stamps. Web page at [www.jx08.eu](http://www.jx08.eu).

### **GOBA donation**

GOBA has given CCARA a generous donation for our communication support and activity during the 3 day event in June . THANKYOU !