

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



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NETS

- Coshocton C0. ARA -

Sunday 2100 hrs EST
147.045 MHz W8CCA Rptr

- Coshocton C0. ARES -

Monday 2100 hrs EST
145.230 MHz KE8XM Rptr

- Johnny Appleseed -

Friday 2100 hrs EST
28.450 MHz SSB

WEB Site Visit often for club updates.

www.w8cca.org

NWS PITTSBURGH site:

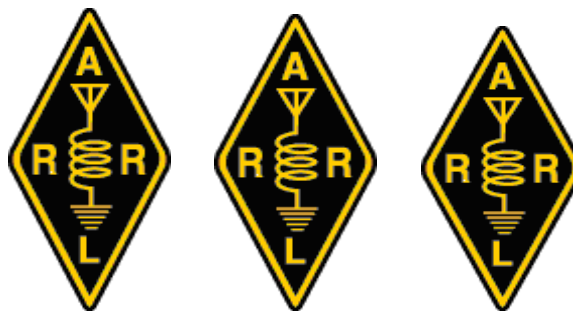
www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/index.php

COSHOCTON COUNTY EMA site:

www.coshoctoncounty.net/agency/ema

VIEW OHIO NEWSLETTERS:

www.iarc.ws/ohio/newsletters.html



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PREZ says:

June is almost here. It feels like fall however. I hope it warms up for all the events we have planned in the coming months. See you at all the activities.

A sad note to report is that amateur radio has lost a good friend, K8KSN, Jim Foote. He was President of the TUSCO Radio Club and was active in all aspects of ham radio. He was always there if you needed help. He will be missed.

With a sudden change in job opportunities and to be near family our CCARA VP, KD8FAI Rob, had to resign and has moved to Oregon. Rob had attended his first Field Day last year after becoming licensed and had become *involved* and volunteered for many amateur radio activities in the county. He plans to upgrade and perhaps we will contact him on the HF bands. Thanks for all your help and enthusiasm. In regards to the vacancy in the VP position and according to the By-Laws the Prez appointed KL7RF, Randy as VP for the remainder of the year. Several people applied so we drew from a hat, as all would have made great VP's.

Newsletter editor N8KRR, Ron has changed the design of the quarterly newsletter and has been working hard to improve its look and quality. Look for the addition of more PIX to appear in future issues. Help with the newsletter by sending ham related articles to the editor: n8krr@arrl.net. Committee Chairman Articles are welcome.

The club decided not to pay for the Fair booth this year. We will, if all things work out, be located at the Coshocton County Emergency Management Agency Booth, which will probably be under the grandstand. We will have some amateur presence at their booth. We plan to have a rig set up as well. More on this in the Sept. CCARA Newsletter.

Colleen and I attended our 13th Dayton Hamvention. N8VV kept us company in the back seat as well. We all had a great time. Went over to perhaps get a dual band antenna

for 2 and 440 and a simple VHF UHF rig and came back with an all mode all band rig, HF, 6, 2 and 440. I don't know what happened. Too many temptations at that place. We saw many of the local hams in the area this time, about a dozen; and hooked up with KE8XM after we arrived.

Don't forget GOBA and Field Day. Articles elsewhere in this newsletter. Tom, KB8HEA will talk about GOBA at the June 3 meeting. All amateurs should attend. Dan, N8VV will present a program on Field Day. We need operators and we need help for setup June 27 and tear down. Come join us for operating and the food. Should be a great program June 3 !!!

All for now, 73
Steve, AA8BN
President CCARA

CCARA Member Spotlight **AA8BN, Steve Wheatcraft**

The first thing I can think of when asked to write something about my Ham adventure is AA8UA. The best thing about amateur radio and life in general is that I met Colleen, AA8UA, my *best* friend and wife through Amateur Radio.

Colleen came to an Amateur Radio exam session in late 1994. After that we started talking and I sent her practice CW *all* the time on 2m simplex during the first half of 1995. Practice, practice does work, as in mid 1995 Colleen was at 20wpm and along with 5 exams earned her Amateur Extra.

We kept talking and seeing each other and not very long after Field Day 1995 we were the Alpha Alphas. A very good year!

There are a few other Ham highlights along the way however. One is our Jamaica honeymoon trip, with 6y5 callsigns. That was fun even though we only contacted ourselves on 2m. It still counts!

Another memory I can think of is the day in 1990 I passed my first license exam, 20wpm. The 5 written exams that followed do not

compare. I worked hard to get 20wpm and am glad I did; a very good feeling.

Other good memories are working DX with my friends in the early to mid 1990's. I regret my DX has been on the sideline for some time. I plan to fix that because DX is fun and was one of the reasons I got my license. I have all the DXCC countries except for Yemen.

Another area I have been involved in since 1993 is the ARRL VE program. The other reason I wanted to become a Ham was to administer Amateur Radio exams to others. Along with all the Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio VE Team members since then, I think we have all volunteered our time quite well. Lots of hams around the area (and state) have come through these 'doors' and a thank you from time to time from the candidates is another good feeling. I continue to participate and have been involved in over 171 ARRL exam sessions in this small community. Easy to do since I've been Session liaison/manager, since 1993.

Last but definitely not least are all the good friends I have found because of Ham radio; a great group of people. I have had a ball.

I realize the following should come first in this bio but not in my mind, so... My early close encounters (unfortunately) with Amateur Radio are in the 1960's. I had a plastic radio receiver kit and a wire out window to a tree in Coshocton. That was interesting and even more so when a Ham moved in next door. I often wonder what might have happened if I had got a look at his Ham shack; it wasn't to be however.

In the early 1970's I started learning 5wpm with code tapes and bought a Realistic receiver but got side tracked to Amateur Astronomy.

In the late 1970's and 1980's, genealogy was my priority.

Somewhere in the late 1980's I started listening to W1AW code practice on that old Realistic receiver. I decided I would see how far I could go in copying CW with no actual

plans to take any tests. I did subscribe to QST again and was getting more involved. I worked my way to 20wpm and 25wpm and bits of 35wpm. I decided then I should get the 5 exam books.

In 1990 I went to Columbus and took the exams. My first contacts were with Bob, W8JNS (SK), and Bob, WB8RWP.

I have been involved with the local Amateur Radio club, ARES® and Skywarn over the years. I was club Treasurer for a few years and now for the last two years have been CCARA President. I am also an AEC in ARES®. If I had it to do all over again, I would.
Gud DX,
Steve, AA8BN

GOBA

The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure is coming to Coshocton County on June 18, 19 and 20.

CCARA, Coshocton ARES® and all amateurs from this and surrounding counties will provide emergency and health and welfare communications for the estimated 3000 bicyclists.

We will be positioned along the bike route, located in ambulances and anywhere else GOBA will need communication.

We will have a net each day. If you wish to participate, you should come to the June 3 CCARA meeting. We will have a sign up sheet and be passing out some needed information.

Get your go bags in order and volunteer your communications skills. We'll have pre-assigned positions on the route when possible. If you can't make it to the meeting, check in with Net Control each of the mornings and make yourself available. Check in on 147.045 or 145.230. You will be able to pick up needed information at our amateur radio location at Lake Park, It should be shelter #2 near the front. You can also email AA8BN@ARRL.NET. Visit their web site at: www.gobahams.org
CU at GOBA AA8BN

Field Day 2008 June 28-29

Setup Friday, June 27, 2pm, at WD8CHR's Qth, 60040 TR 104 Newcomerstown, OH 43832 . Help is needed for setup. Signs will be posted near the entrance on US 36. Site location also listed on the ARRL's web site for Field Day Locations. Operating will begin at 2 pm Saturday and conclude at 2pm on Sunday. We also need your help with tear down after 2pm Sunday. Dinner on Saturday will be at 5pm with a lunch on Sunday near noon. Please bring a covered dish and join us for Field Day 2008. Check out the following web site for complete information contained in the Field Day package.

<http://www.arrrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/CCARA>

Field Day Pins and Shirt orders

Final order for these items taken at the June 3 CCARA meeting. Pay for your order at this meeting. See above web page for a link to items and prices.

Local Events

CCARA meeting June 3rd
Coshocton County Services building
724 South 7th St.

GOBA June 18th thru 20th
Coshocton Lake Park
US Rte 83 north

Field Day 2008
June 28-29 / setup June 27 2PM at WD8CHR
QTH 60040 TR 104
Newcomerstown, OH 43832

Library Display September
Coshocton Public Library
655 Main St.

CCARA Picnic/Fox hunt September 14th
Coshocton Lake Park, shelter #9
(*same as in the past*).

Coshocton County Fair Sept. 26th thru Oct. 2nd
Fair grounds on South 7th St.

Upcoming OHIO Events

June 7 Fulton County ARC Tedrow, OH
webmaster@k8bxq.org

June 14, 1500Z-2100Z Wooster, OH
Wayne Amateur Radio Club, W8WOO
Wooster Ohio's Bicentennial. 21.245, 14.245,
7.245. QSL. Wayne Amateur Radio Club, PO
Box 881, Wooster, OH 44691. w8woo.com

June 14-16 2008 ARRL June VHF Contest
Complete rules can be found at:
www.arrrl.org/contests

June 21 Milford ARC Milford, OH
wb8rrr@arrrl.net

June 23-July 4, 1500Z-2359Z, Mansfield, OH
Inter-City Amateur Radio Club, W8WE
IARC's 75th Anniversary and Mansfield's
Bi-centennial. 14.260, 7.260. QSL Robert Ruth,
2556½ Lexington Ave, Lexington, OH 44904.
kd8azq@yahoo.com or www.iarc.ws

July 20 Van Wert ARC Van Wert, OH
skouts@bright.net

August 24 Cambridge Hamfest and computer
show at Prichard Laughlin Civic Center
US Rte 40 west n8mwk@arrrl.net

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

September 7 Findlay RC Findlay, OH
hamfest@findlayradioclub.org

September 13 Ohio Section Conference
Reynoldsberg, OH k8goe@arrrl.org

September 21 GCARA Hamfest
Cincinnati, OH stanco49@zoomtown.com

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

October 26 Massillon ARC
Massillon, OH truss@sssnet.com

CCARA Club Patch

W8CCA CCARA patches, \$2.50 each or two for \$5.00. Purchase from the CCARA Treasurer.



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. Check back at the web site for future announcements about additional prizes.

Phillips, K8QOE k8qoe@arrl.org

US HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORS FIRST RESPONDERS, HAMS

House Resolution 851, passed in December by the 110th Congress, which praised the work of first responders during the severe storms that struck Oregon and Washington in early December, included the following:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives---

(1) honors the citizens of the Pacific Northwest for their courage in facing the storm and efforts in helping their neighbors in a time of great need;

(2) honors the National Weather Service, State and local police officers, fire fighters, local rescue personnel, other first responders, and amateur radio operators for their efforts in the face of the severe storm;

(3) extends its thoughts and prayers to those whose lives have been devastated, and who have lost their housing, transportation,

communications, water, heat, or electricity; and

(4) extends its profound and deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those who perished.

H Res 851 was introduced by Rep David Wu (D-OR) and received bipartisan support.

(above article copied from QST May 2008)

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 .

Free Swap and Sell

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

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSIONS Coshocton, Ohio 2008

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

Walk-in and Pre-registered sessions. Sessions usually held at the Coshocton Public Library in Coshocton
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, if you have already taken exams and have a CSCE.

>Social Security number or FCC issued FRN (FCC Registration Number), Already licensed, then you need an 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 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

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ARES REPORT FOR APRIL-MAY

By Section Emergency Coordinator Frank Piper, KI8GW

(Coshocton Report for March submitted by AA8BN,AEC, Editor note)

COSHOCTON CO: During most of the month the primary ARES repeater 145.23 was not operating at full potential and eventually was off the air. We used our backup, the 147.045 (W8CCA club),repeater as the ARES repeater. During the month several of our weekly ARES nets had message handling instruction. We also held another ARES planning committee meeting. On the 26th we conducted a tornado drill siren net with reports taken from 9 Hams in the county, which were turned into the EMA and Sheriff Dept. Coshocton County ARES was represented at the ARES conf and we came away with a lot of good information.