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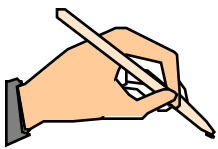
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A Note from the Editor

It's spring again, and time for all active amateurs to prepare for the "high" season of activities. The very first sign of this period is the Dayton Hamvention. The dates this year are May 14th through 16th. If you have never attended, it is worth spending at least one day there if only to walk through the world's largest ham flea market. The next event is Field Day, which will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27th. This contest provides a good test of the emergency capabilities of any club and also a good time dust the cobwebs off and do some serious operating.



The next event of course is famous WCARC Hamarama, which will be held on Sunday, July 11th this year. The location is as before, the Junior Fair Building at the County Fairgrounds. VE exams will also be held, starting at 9:00 am sharp in the Fair Administration Building.

The rest of the seasonal events sponsored by WCARC include the picnic/fox hunt, which usually occurs in September or October. This is a good time for all -we have had some ve-e-ery sly and slippery foxes running the show in past years. I'm sure that this year's event will not be disappointing.

As always, there is one event this time of year that cannot be planned. That is when Mother Nature decides to put on some fireworks. All amateurs need to update their storm spotting skills and emergency communications techniques. Keep your HT batteries charged!

73 de Bob

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Club Meeting:
Monday, May 10th
Social Hour @ 1900
Fairgrounds Club Room**

Brief Summary of Field Day Rules

The times of operation are: 1800 UTC on Saturday, June 26th, through 2100 UTC on Sunday, June 27th. The entry category for the contest is the maximum number of simultaneous transmitters plus a letter designator as follows: A = club portable (independent of commercial mains); A-battery = club station using any source other than commercial mains or motor-generator and at 5 watts or less; B = 1 or 2 person portable; B-battery = same as A-battery, but with 1 or 2 persons only; C = mobile; D = home stations operating from commercial mains (can contact only non-class D stations for points); E = home stations on emergency power. Usually, WCARC manages to scrape up enough equipment to operate in class 3A, but it all depends on who shows up.

The bands of operation are all amateur bands, excluding 30, 17 and 12 meters. When a contact is made, the following info is ex

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Charges Dismissed

You may recall the case of the young Kentucky amateur, Greg Godsey, KF4BDY, of Hopkinsville, who was charged with impersonating a public servant and disorderly conduct as a result of his participation at an emergency as an ARES member. In fact not only was he an ARES member, but was the Christian County EC!! He had been arrested and his HT confiscated with the additional specification that he was carrying a scanner capable of receiving police frequencies. The scanner charge was dropped after only a month, but the other charges have finally been dropped after a 2-year legal struggle. Godsey's family estimated a total expenditure of over \$3,000 in fighting the battle.

Hamarama News

The WCARC Ham-a-rama will be held on Sunday, July 11th this year. Tickets are available - contact N1RB at (419) 354-1811. Cost is \$4.00 by July 10th and \$5.00 the day of. The prize line-up is as follows:

- 1st prize:** \$300 cash
- 2nd prize:** \$100 cash
- 3rd prize:** \$50 cash
- 4th prize:** \$50 cash

Prizes winners will be drawn around noon at the Hamarama.

Mobile Equipment Stolen!

Be on the lookout for a 2 meter mobile transceiver: Yaesu model CPU-2500. The owner is Jim Keen, WB8NYM, and he can be contacted with any information leading to the recovery of his equipment at 372-9377 or 353-7233.

HF Rig For Sale

ICOM 725 all mode rig for sale
 very good condition
 contact: Earl (800) 716-4599
 pager: (419) 444-8686

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Apr 27	N8QMV
May 4	WD8ICP
May 11	KB8QEW
May 18	N1RB
May 25	N8QMV
Jun 1	WD8ICP
Jun 8	KB8QEW
Jun 15	N1RB

May Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of May includes the following:

- May 1-2 1800 to 2100 UTC all bands
Massachusetts QSO Party - all modes
 0400 to 1100 UTC off time
- May 2-3 2000 to 2000 UTC all bands
ARI (Italy) DX Contest - all modes
- May 1-2 2000 to 2000 UTC all bands
Connecticut QSO Party- all modes
 0400 to 1200 UTC off time
- May 8-9 0000 to 0600 UTC all bands
Nevada QSO Party- all modes
- May 8-9 1400 to 0400 UTC all bands
Oregon QSO Party - all modes
- May 8-9 1800 to 2300 UTC all bands
Indiana QSO Party- all modes
- May 8-9 2100 to 2100 UTC all bands
CQ-M International DX (Russia) -
all modes
- May 15 1500 to 1859 UTC 80m-20m
European Spring Sprint-SSB

May 22-23 2100 to 0200 UTC 80m
Baltic Contest-CW & SSB

May 21-23 9-six hour periods begin. 1800 local
 time all bands above 50 MHz
CQ-VHF Specialty -any video or digital modes

May 22-23 1400 to 2200 UTC all bands
Texas QSO Party - all modes

May 29-30 0000 to 2359 UTC 160-10 m
CQ WPX CW - CW only

June 12 0000 to 2400 UTC 80-10 m
Portugal Day Contest - SSB only

June 12-13 1200 to 1200 UTC 160-10 m
TOEC Field Contest - SSB only

June 12-13 1500 to 1500 UTC 80-10 m
WW South America 'test - CW only

Pagers Available

A quantity of voice pagers is available to members of RACES/ARES at a small fraction of the original cost. The estimated total cost of the pager with crystals is \$35.00. This is a one-time charge and there is no monthly service fee. If you would like to be alerted to local emergency situations quickly, a pager fills the need ideally, and is a really good deal cost-wise. One of the objectives stated by the WCARC President, Larry Reitz, is to have all Wood County RACES/ARES participants equipped with pagers so that quick call ups can be made in time of emergency. For further information, please contact Larry, WA8CWD, at (419) 837-2202.

Hamfest Calendar

May 14-16: Dayton Hamvention

A special local hamfest this month is "the big one". Sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, the Hamvention is a **must** for any serious amateur. For further details, see www.hamvention.org, or e-mail: info@hamvention.org, or FAX at (937) 454-5655.

May 30 Franklin County ARC 8am - 2 pm
 Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard, OH.
 Contact Chris KC8BUO, (614) 267-7779 or FAX:
 (614) 263-7934.

June 6 Medina Two Meter Group 8am - 2pm
 Medina County Fairgrounds in Medina, OH.
 Contact Mike, N8TZY, (330) 273-1519.

June 6 Wabash County ARC 6 am - ?
 Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds in Wabash, IN.
 Contact Ralph, KB9PLV, (765) 833-7372.

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changed: FD class and ARRL section. For example, if K8TIH has 3 operators working on emergency power, the exchange sent to another station is "3A Ohio".

Scoring is simple: the final score is equal to the total number of contact points on each band, multiplied by the total number of ARRL sections on each band. In other words, it's quite permissible to work the same station more than once, as long as it's on different bands each time. All phone contacts count one point and all CW contacts count for two points. There are also power multipliers: if all contacts are made with an output power of 5W or less on non-commercial and no generator, then the score is multiplied by 5; if all contacts are made with an output power of 150W or less, then the score is multiplied by 2. There is a large array of bonus points that can be gained for 100% emergency power, publicity, etc., etc.

Whatever the score, all reporting clubs are listed in the Field Day results in QST. This is the one contest where hams can not only get together for a good time, but many new hams can experience the thrill of operating on the HF bands. If you get the opportunity, get on out and try your hand at the mike (or the key).

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