

# CQ Chatter

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## A Note from the Editor

Congress recently passed a revised scanner bill to reduce some of the more stringent provisions of the original bill. You probably know that the cellular telephone industry was behind the first scanner law that prohibits scanners from covering the cellular telephone band. I think its interesting to learn first-hand what the philosophy of these people is. Here is a quote from the scanner bill's sponsor, Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-LA). In reporting on some of the testimony before his Telecommunications Subcommittee, he said, "(there is) a residual belief out there, hearkening to the early days of radio, that because the airwaves are a public good, all communications traversing over them are public as well. We discovered an almost right-to-listen mentality, and that mentality is directly inconsistent with cellular users' expectations, and of course would hamper the growth of wireless communications services..." You've got it right, Billy - there is a very strong "right-to-listen" mentality out here. It is of course inconsistent with the cellular telephone industry's expectations to take over more and more of the rf spectrum.

The bill makes it illegal not only for commercial firms to build scanners that cover the cellular band, but also makes it illegal for you and me to build or modify a receiver that is used to monitor it. It's ironic, but I can recall as a child growing up during the height of the cold war, learning that "free" radio reception on the public airwaves was to be regarded as just one more benefit that our free society had over the Soviets.

Now it looks like Congress likes the Soviet way better. The FCC has now become the enforcer of a prohibition on reception, not transmitting or interference. Congress passed the bill 403 to 3.

73 de Bob

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

**Club Meeting:  
Monday, July 12th  
Social Hour @ 1900  
Fairgrounds Club Room**

***It's Hamarama Time!!***

On Sunday, July 11th, the WCARC will hold its annual hamfest, the Hamarama. The locale is the Wood County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building on W. Poe Rd. in Bowling Green. The gates are open to the public at 8:00 am. VE Exams will be held at 9:00 am sharp in the Fairgrounds Administration Building.

As usual, admission is free and drawing tickets are \$5.00 at the event (\$4.00 if purchased before the 11th). Tickets are available - contact N1RB at (419) 354-1811. Indoor tables and outdoor trunk spaces are \$5.00 each. The prize line up is all cash:

<b>1st prize:</b>	<i>\$300 cash</i>
<b>2nd prize:</b>	<i>\$100 cash</i>
<b>3rd prize:</b>	<i>\$50 cash</i>
<b>4th prize:</b>	<i>\$50 cash</i>

Prizes winners will be drawn around noon at the Hamarama.

Set up will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 10th. Volunteers are welcome. Please contact Larry Reitz, WA8CWD, for details. ■

## Emergency Training Exercise

The Wood County EMA is conducting an emergency exercise on Saturday, July 24th. This event will replace the one that had been scheduled several months ago that was postponed on account of inclement weather.

All members of Wood County RACES / ARES are invited to participate. All amateurs who are interested in being a part of the emergency preparedness effort should report to the West Milgrove Fire Station at 8:30 am. West Milgrove is located on S. R. 199 about 8 miles south of U.S. Rte. 6. If you plan to attend, please inform Larry, WA8CWD, at (419) 837-2202. ■

## 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. The pagers have been purchased and were re-crystallized, so they should be available soon. 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. ■

## 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.

## Hamfest Calendar

**July 11 The World Famous WCARC**

**HAMARAMA** 8am - 1pm -

Wood County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green, OH. Contact Larry, WA8CWD, (419) 837-2202.

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## WCARC

### Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Jun 29	WD8ICP
Jul 6	KB8QEW
Jul 13	N1RB
Jul 20	N8QMV
Jul 27	WD8ICP
Aug 3	KB8QEW
Aug 10	N1RB
Aug 17	N8QMV

## July Contests

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

July 1	0000 to 2359 UTC	all bands
	<b>RAC Canada Day - all modes</b>	
July 4-5	0000 to 2359 UTC	160m to 10m
	<b>Venezuela SSB 'test - SSB only</b>	
July 4-5	2300 to 0300 UTC	160m to 6m
	<b>Fourth of July QRP Sprint - all modes</b>	
July 10-11	1200 to 1200 UTC	160m to 10m
	<b>IARU HF Championship - all modes</b>	
July 10-11	1800 to 2100 UTC	6m on up
	<b>CQ VHF 'test - all modes</b>	
July 17-18	2300 to 0400 UTC	6m only
	<b>Six Club 6 Meter Sprint</b>	
July 17-18	0001 to 2359 UTC	160 to 10m
	<b>SE Asia (SEANET)</b>	<b>CW only</b>
July 18	0000 to 2359 UTC	80 to 10m
	<b>Colombian Independence - all modes</b>	
July 24-25	1200 to 1200 UTC	80 to 10m
	<b>Islands on the Air - all modes</b>	

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## Volunteers Wanted!

The 1999 American Lung Association is sponsoring a Big Ride across America this summer. It is a 3,500 mile bicycle ride from Seattle to Washington, DC that takes place from June 14th through July 25th. The Ride will travel across Ohio from July 21st through July 25th. They enter from the west on Route 6, and parallel the highway through Napoleon and Bowling Green, then on to Fremont and Sandusky. We have been notified that the group will be using our repeater during their trek through Wood County. They would very much appreciate it if we could have some volunteer monitors listening to the machine to help out with any emergencies or queries. Most likely this will occur on the first 2 days they are in Ohio (July 21/22). They would also like to have 8 volunteer operators to ride with them all the way across the country. For more info, check with Dick, KE7A, at [www.bigride.com](http://www.bigride.com). ■

### July Contests- continued -

July 24-25            *0000 to 2359 UTC* 160 to 10m  
**Venezuela CW Test**

July 31- Aug 1        *1800 to 0359*  
*and 1400 to 2359 UTC*                      80 to 10m  
**Georgia QSO Party - all modes**

July 31 - Aug 1      *1600 to 2359 UTC* 160 to 10m  
**W/VE Islands Contest - all modes**

Aug 1                *0001 to 2000 UTC* 80 to 10m  
**Romania DX Contest - all modes**

Aug 7-8              *1800 to 0600 UTC* 160 to 10m  
**NA QSO Party - CW only**

Aug 7-8              *1800 to 1800 UTC* 220 MHz& up  
**ARRL UHF Contest - all modes**

Aug 14-15            *0000 to 2359 UTC* 80 to 10m  
**European DX CW 'Test - CW only**

Aug 14-15            *1600 to 2359 UTC* 80 to 10m  
**MD -DC QSO Party - all modes**  
*0400 to 1600 off*

### Hamfest Calendar - continued -

**July 17 Northern Ohio ARS**            *8am - 2pm*  
 Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, OH  
 Contact John, KC8AOX, (216) 696-5709.

**July 18 Van Wert ARC**                    *8am - 3pm-*  
 Van Wert County Fairgrounds in Van Wert, OH  
 (US Rte. 127 S). Contact Bob, WD8LPY, (419) 238-1877.

**July 24 OH-KY-IN ARS**                    *8am - ??*  
 Diamond Oaks Career Development Campus,  
 6375 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH. Contact  
 Dana, WA8M, (513) 761-7388.

**July 31 Huntington, IN**                    *no details*  
 Contact Ray, KC9DZ, (219) 786-0057.

**Aug 1 Angola, IN**                         *no details*  
 Contact Bill, WD9DSN, (219) 475-5897.

**Aug 1 Portage ARC**                         *8am - 4pm*  
 Portage County Fairgrounds, Randolph, OH  
 (S.R. 44, 4 mi S of I-76). Contact Joanne, KJ3O,  
 (330) 274-8240.

**Aug 7 Voice of Aladdin ARC**            *8am - 3pm*  
 Aladdin Shrine Temple, 3850 Stelzer Rd., Col-  
 umbus, OH. Contact James, KB8KPJ, (614) 846-7790.

## 10-10 International

The 10-10 International is an organization devoted to promoting operation on 10m. If you work that band, you surely have heard members exchanging their membership numbers. For information on the organization, send \$2.00 to Jeff Ritter, 6959 Hovenkamp, Richland Hills, TX 76118, or check out <http://ten-ten.org>. ■

## 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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