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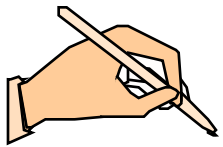
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A Note from the Editor

This summer is a pretty activity-packed period for WCARC. The GOBA visit was also an adventure for those who volunteered their time and expertise. There were at least 2 hospital runs that were handled by the formal net and another one later in the evening. We can all feel a sense of pride that our communications help eased the problem for those who were injured.



In less than 2 weeks, we have our annual fund-raiser, the Hamarama. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will get a good turn out. It cannot be overemphasized how much a successful hamfest means to the Club in helping us to continue to provide the services that we do. If you can find some time on Saturday or Sunday to help, contact John, AA8XS, for details. The work will begin on Saturday, July 8th at noon. The Hamarama work begins at 6:00 am on Sunday, July 9th.

Next on the docket is the Club foxhunt/picnic, which will probably occur in August or September. The fox will be on hand to try to fool the hounds. Have a great summer!

73 de Bob

July Contests

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

July 1	0000 to 2359 Z RAC Canada Day	160 to 2m all modes
July 1-2	0000 to 2359 Z Venezuela 'Test	160 to 10m SSB
July 4-5	2300 to 0300 Z QRP Sprint	160 to 6m all modes

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WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz

Club Meeting:
Monday, July 10th
Location: Fairgrounds
Time: 7:30 pm
Social Hour: 7:00 pm

Local Scout Troop to Sponsor Jamboree Activities

The Bowling Green Senior Girl Scout Troop 818 will be hosting the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) activity on October 20th through the 22nd (Fri. - Sun.). The Jamboree On The Air is an annual event that is part of the regular Scout Jamboree, where Scouts all over the world camp out together to put the skills they have learned into practice. One of these skills is communications, and the many Scout hams are encouraged to set up Jamboree stations to handle traffic and to hook up with other Jamboree stations, hence the "on the air" designation.

The location of Troop 818's Jamboree campsite will be at the Wood County Fairgrounds on Poe Rd. in Bowling Green. Members of the Troop are hosting the event for the Gold Award Project. Since the event is being staged near the Club station, WCARC members will be assisting the scouts in making contacts and in developing operating skills. A special-event call sign, W8G, has been assigned to Troop 818 for the weekend. Any Club members who wish to help out should contact the President, John, AA8XS for details. All area Boy or Girl Scout Troops are invited to participate. For more details, contact Ruth, KC8EKT at:

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July 8-9	1200 to 1200 Z	160 to 10m
IARU HF World Championship		all modes
July 8-9	1800 to 2100 Z	6m & up
CQ WW VHF 'Test		all modes
July 15-16	1800 to 0600 Z	80 to 10m
NA QSO Party		all modes
July 15-16	0001 to 2359 Z	80 to 10m
Colombian Ind. Day Party		all modes
July 22-23	1200 to 1200 Z	80 to 10m
RSGB Islands on the Air		all modes
July 22-23	1800 to 2359 Z	80 to 10m
GA QSO Party (0400 to 1400 off)		all modes

WCARC
Net Control Roster
Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

June 27	N8QMV
July 4	AA8XS
July 11	KG8FH
July 18	WD8JWJ
July 25	WD8ICP
Aug 1	N1RB
Aug 8	N8QMV
Aug 15	AA8XS

Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure Rolls through Wood County

On Friday, June 23rd, a hugh throng of bicycle adventurers entered Wood County near North Baltimore and rode along the Slippery Elm Trail to Bowling Green. The group was over 3,000 strong and as such represented a traveling small town. The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) began its week-long tour the previous Sunday, setting out from Fremont to points south. Each day they covered 40 to 50 miles along a big circuit that would eventually bring them back to Fremont on June 24th.

The Wood County ARES group was called upon to provide communications for logistics and emergency medical and transportation services that GOBA provides. Our job began on Friday morning when the first riders appeared along the Slippery Elm Trail. All day long, the multitudes kept on coming, heading for their campsite for the night on the BGSU campus.

The ARES set up net control in a motorhome provided by Jim, N8DWR at the BGSU campsite. Several hams were called upon to ride "shotgun" on the three Medical Emergency Vehicles that the tour brings along with it. Others were posted at possibly hazardous points along the path. As it turned out, there were several injuries sustained by riders on the Slippery Elm Trail. It seems that the yellow posts used to warn riders of a road crossing were more of a hazard to the riders than

a help. This proved to be especially true for tandem bicycles, which of course are not quite as maneuverable as singles. Several riders were injured seriously enough to require a ride to the hospital emergency room. Fortunately, the worst of all the injuries appeared to be a separated shoulder. Others sustained scrapes and bruises.



net control with JWJ and DWR

The GOBA net operated from about 9:30 am until 4:00 pm on Friday. We had about 15 amateurs working the route that day and had many check-ins from participants who were working "bicycle mobile".

The activities on Saturday, June 24th began at dawn. The net was in operation by about 6:30 am. The route for the riders was an eastern excursion back to Fremont via Pemberville and Gibsonburg.

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Our job was to be completed when the tour left Wood County. Unfortunately, due to some sort of snafu in Sandusky County, there were no ama-

teurs there who had volunteered to work the ride on Saturday! Several of our ARES members graciously volunteered to extend the coverage into Sandusky County. This was made quite easy because the 147.18 machine has good coverage over to Fremont and also because of N8DWR's fine set up. We were able to hit the Fremont 146.91 machine with ease from the comfort of his motor home as it sat parked in the BGSU parking lot!

As the Emergency Coordinator of Wood County, I want to thank all who participated. We had an excellent turn out of volunteers! The GOBA communications manager mentioned that our county had the largest turn out of any on the tour! So, I think we can put a feather in our respective caps with that kind of compliment.

The volunteers who participated were: K8NEA- Duane, N8QMV-Esther, N1LB-Linda, KG8FL-Phil, N8DWR-Jim, WD8ICP-Chuck, N8MSU-John (and son, John), KG8FH-Jeff, KC8EKT-Ruth, K3RC-Bob, KB8FXJ-Chuck, AA8XS-John, N8CWJ-Fred, K8BBK-Steve, WB8ZHU-Tom, N8VNR-Kevin, KC8IFW-Wil, WD8JWJ-Bill, and WB8NQW-Bob. I especially want to thank those persons who stuck it out in the Med Vans and on site in Sandusky County far longer than I had promised you it would take.

We all enjoyed working the GOBA tour because it gives us a good opportunity to test out our communications capabilities. In this exercise, the Wood County ARES set a shining example. ■

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WCARC Hamarama Sunday, July 9th

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Wood County Fairgrounds
Junior Fair Bldg.
VE Exams at 9 am sharp**

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