

CQ Chatter

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A Note from the Editor

The new hamfest year always begins in March. In Northwest Ohio, we have the Toledo hamfest on the 18th. You can always tell when Spring is on the way when the festivities at the Lucas County Rec Center come along. Not too far afterward is the Dayton Hamvention in May, and we know for sure that it is the high season.

Also be aware that March brings with it the beginning of the severe weather season. The annual training session for Skywarn is slated for March 5th this year. Please note the change of venue. This meeting is always informative and educational. If you haven't been able to attend one yet, it's a good way to learn something about what the Skywarn net does, how it operates, and what is expected from field operators.

As a new feature for CQ Chatter, we have included a list of the upcoming Club meeting programs. If you see a topic that is of interest to you, come on out to the meeting. Also, if you feel that you would like to present a program on almost any topic that would be of interest to the membership, contact the President, Bob, WB8NQW, and let him know what you can present and when you can do it.

The final topic in this rambling editorial is the planned training classes. Over the past few months, we have been made aware of some interest in holding both Technician (entry level) and Amateur Extra (upgrade from General) license classes. We would need at least 5 candidates in each group to make a go of it. If you know of a prospect, give them the info. 73 de Bob ■

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

**Club Meeting:
Monday, March 12th
Location: Fairgrounds
Time: 7:30 pm
Social Hour: 7:00 pm**

Upcoming Programs

The following programs are scheduled for the monthly WCARC meetings:

MARCH: The PSK31 mode for HF,
by Shawn Hudson, KB8QEW

APRIL: The Public Service-Amateur Radio
Interface, by Jim Davis, N8DWR

MAY: Micro-model airplanes,
by Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ

Skywarn Meeting Slated

This year's Skywarn training meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th, at 7:00 pm. The location is a new one from past years. It will be held at the Wood County Hospital in the Allman-Bachman Room. This room is located by the Emergency Room entrance on the left-hand side. Make sure you attend to see what's new with the Skywarn organization. Light refreshments will be served. ■

**Last Chance to renew
without missing an issue!!**

March Contests

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

Mar 3-4	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
ARRL DX SSB		SB
Mar 11	<i>1200 to 2200 Z</i>	80 m
Nova Scotia QSO Party	<i>(1600-1800 off)</i>	all modes
Mar 11-12	<i>1800 to 0100 Z</i>	160 to 10m
Wisconsin QSO Party		all modes
Mar 17-18	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
Bermuda 'test		all modes
Mar 17-18	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Alaska QSO Party		all modes
Mar 17-18	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Russian DX 'test		all modes
Mar 17-19	<i>1800 to 0200 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Virginia QSO Party	<i>(0500-1100 off)</i>	all modes
Mar 24-25	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
CQ WPX 'test		SSB

March Hamfests

The hamfest line-up for March is listed below:

Mar 18 **TMRA** **8 am - 2 pm**
Toledo area hamfest. Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key St., Maumee, OH. Contact Paul, N8XDB, (419) 385-5056.

Mar 23 **Lake County ARA** **8 am - 2 pm**
Lake County, OH, Hamfest. Madison High School, North Ridge Rd., Madison, OH. Contact Roxanne (440) 257-0024

Ham Classes Planned

The WCARC Education Committee is planning to hold license classes this spring. Plans are in the works to hold an entry-level Technician Class license study class using the ARRL publica-

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Feb 27	N1RB
Mar 6	N8QMV
Mar 13	AA8XS
Mar 20	KG8FH
Mar 27	WD8JWJ
Apr 3	WD8ICP
Apr 10	N1RB

Pagers Available

The emergency pagers that the Club purchased some time ago are ready to go. These units can be obtained for a \$35.00 deposit that is refundable on return.

Thanks to the efforts of KB8QEW, they can be activated through the 440 MHz machine whenever an emergency occurs. If you want to be alerted whenever ARES/RACES requires your services, you need a pager. To obtain one, contact Bob, N1RB, at 354-1811 or at:

boughton@bgnet.bgsu.edu. ■

tion, *Now You're Talking!-4th edition* as reference text (available for \$19.00). At the same time, there is a growing demand for Amateur Extra classes for those who recently upgraded to General Class. It is assumed that the 5 wpm Morse Code element has already been earned, and so the Extra Class classes will cover theory only. We will use the *ARRL Extra Class License Manual-7th edition* (available for \$19.00).

Plans are to hold the classes beginning some time near the second week in May. Contact N1RB at boughton@bgnet.bgsu.edu or (419) 354-1811 if you are interested. ■



WD8ICP at the repeater

Incorrect Info

In the August, 1999, issue of CQ Chatter, it was reported that one of the persons abusing the privilege of holding multiple club calls was William Shipley, N4WS, of Cookeville, TN. Mr. Shipley has provided information that the 6 different calls signs allocated to the Cookeville Repeater Association under his trusteeship are legitimate uses of calls held by deceased members and others whom the club wants to honor in different phases of its operation, such as emergency nets, EOC operations, training nets and weather nets. It is a very nice way to honor those members who are silent keys, and furnishes a perfect counter-example to the many others who are abusing the privilege by holding phony "club" calls.

The Repeater Association has obtained these calls through the normal application process and with permission from the deceased persons' relatives. The editor apologizes for any incorrect impression the article in point conveyed. ■

Are You an Acrobat?

If you surf the web and have the capability to read files with the ".pdf" extension, you should consider receiving the CQ Chatter electronically. As you know, in this era of reduced income and tight budgets, every paper newsletter that must be mailed out costs the Club for copying and postage. If you have Adobe Acrobat, you can get CQ Chatter "hot off the presses" and much sooner than by snail-mail.

If you are currently a recipient of the paper edition of CQ Chatter, and want to switch to the electronic form, please send your editor an e-mail to that effect. My e-mail address is:

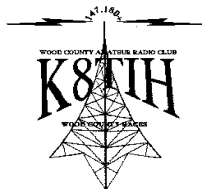
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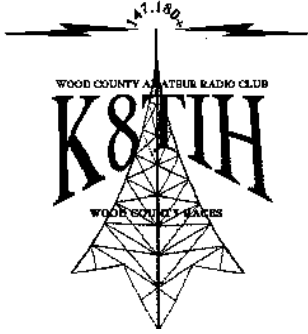
Save the Club some money! ■



Close-up of what makes K8TIH/R tick (output side)

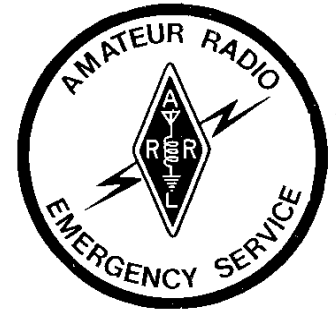
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2001 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular-\$15===Family-\$20===Senior/Student-\$10

DATE _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y _____ N _____ DATE OF EXP. _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CALL _____ CLASS _____ E-MAIL: _____

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY? _____

Please Circle All That Apply:

Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW SSB PACKET RTTY FM DX MOBILE QRP AMTOR PSK31 SSTV

ATV EME SAT APRS RC

Interests: Traffic DX Contests Foxhunts Satellites Nets Antennas

Computers Emergency ARES/RACES Skywarn Classic Radios

Do You Own a Computer? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what operating system _____

Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what class? _____

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see? _____

What type of equipment would you like to see the Club purchase? _____

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer _____

General Comments _____

SIGNATURE _____