

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

W8CCA

P.O. Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

March 2004 Newsletter



2004 Club Officers

President:

Colleen Wheatcraft, AA8UA

Vice President:

Randy Fisher, KL7RF

Secretary:

Pat Tucker, KB8CRB

Treasurer:

Dan Hardy, N8VV

Coshocton County EC:

Bruce Adams, KE8XM

Assistant EC:

Warren Peiter, KC8WX

COARVET Session Manager:

Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN

Skywarn Training Meeting

Conducted by Rich Kane, the WCM
(Warning Coordination Meteorologist)

LOCATION: Coshocton County
Services Building, 724 S. 7th Street,
Coshocton, OH, Room B-100 (basement
level)

DATE: MARCH 4, 2004

TIME: 6:30 PM

All Amateur Radio Operators need to
attend. The official NWS Pittsburgh
website address changed February 3,
2004. Our new address is:
www.erh.noaa.gov/er/pbz

PREZ SAYS

Winter is losing a little steam as of the writing of this newsletter. Better than last year at this time as I recall with a foot of snow. I hope that spring weather is just around the corner. The December meeting was a success with a fantastic holiday party and the election of 2004 CCARA officers. 2003 officers were all re-elected: President-Colleen, Vice President-Randy, Secretary-Pat and Treasurer-Dan. Congratulations. The class that started in October and ended in January gave us a few new hams. Congratulations to those with their new tickets! Thanks to all the Instructors and VE's who participated.

The January meeting was mostly the setting up of the 2004 CCARA committees. February's program was very interesting. It was presented by Dan, N8VV, who is level 2 certified in the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course. He gave us a great presentation on the AREC course and encouraged those interested in ARES to take the course. Dan is also a certified instructor and certified examiner for the course. He is currently working on level 3, while yours truly has signed up for and is taking level 1.

Jean Honabarger, KB8PGH, retired from the Coshocton County Emergency Management Agency in December. The club gave her a token of our appreciation at the December meeting. Thank you Jean for everything you've done for us. Andy Arthurs is the new EMA Director and seems willing to continue the cooperative efforts of our 2 organizations to benefit Coshocton County. It is also rumored that he may be interested in getting his Amateur Radio license! Welcome Andy.

(cont. Page 2 Column 1)



NETS

Coshocton Co. ARA
Sundays 2100 hrs EST
147.045 MHz W8CCA Rptr

Coshocton Co. ARES
Mondays 2100 hrs EST
145.230 MHz KE8XM Rptr

Johnny Appleseed
Fridays 2100 hrs EST
28.450 MHz SSB

Newsletter Committee

Dan Hardy, N8VV
Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN

Club Repeater Committee

Warren Peiter, KC8WX
Tom Cordes, KB8HEA
Bruce Adams, KE8XM
Mike Porcher, Sr., WD8CHR

Local Web Sites

www.noard.com/ccara.htm
(Our Club Site)
www.w8vp.org
(Multi-County Site)
www.wxnet.itgo.com
(Warren - KC8WX)

**Meetings First Tuesday
of Every Month - Coshocton
Co. Services Bldg., 724 S.
7th St.**

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

W 8 C C A

P.O. Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

March 2004 Newsletter

Prez Says (Cont. from Page 1)

The March CCARA meeting will be on the 2nd at 7 PM. It will be in the lower level Rm. 125 (small meeting room) of the County Services Building. Warren, KC8WX, will be presenting a video featuring a factory tour of the Ten-Tec facility in Sevierville, TN, and details of Ten-Tec's Jupiter HF Radio, a very nice "made in the USA radio." Also, Rich Kane from The National Weather Service in Pittsburgh will be conducting a "SkyWarn Training/Information Session" on March 4, 6:30 PM, in room B-100 at the County Services Building. Everyone should try to attend. In April, we will have a presentation on APRS (automatic position reporting system) by Eric, AB8RR. If you have other ideas for programs or wish to present a program, please contact Randy, KL7RF. In May (14,15,16), don't forget to go to the Dayton Hamvention. It is always a great time and if you've never been, this is a must see. I understand we may be having a show and tell on the Hamvention at the June meeting. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Prez,

Colleen-AA8UA

History of Johnny Appleseed Award

In 1964, the amateur radio club developed the Johnny Appleseed award. Contacts for the award were made on the Johnny Appleseed net. It was a rather informal net; however, certificates were awarded for contacts. The net met on Friday evenings at 8:00 on six meters: transmitting on 50.527 and listening on 50.697. Six meters was used to make the frequency more active.

By 1967, twenty certificates had been issued. The most significant one going to VQ9EFJ, J. Web Fleurdelys, on Segcheles Island in the Indian Ocean. This was on May 7, 1967. Contacts for his award included: Dan Parks W8CUT; Carl Drake W8MPW; and Gale Ecenbarger K8NSE. These certificates were fee free meaning they were sent from the club without expecting any cost to the awardee.

After a several year dormancy, the club members moved to reinstate the Johnny Appleseed award. Someone had found a box of blank certificates. It was moved to have the club secretary issue the awards.

More discussion followed in 1990 and the club decided to keep the Johnny Appleseed award active.

With the reinstatement of the award, it was decided that the requirement would be 15 contacts with either club members or Amateurs who are Coshocton County residents. Apples were awarded for contacts in code and on various frequencies. All bands and frequencies except the two meter repeaters would count. The major band, however, was ten meters (28.450) since it was more active than six meters. Certificates were to remain fee free.

The club found it to be rather difficult for some distant away stations to confirm

the 15 contacts. The number of contacts was lowered to just one which later seemed too easy to obtain.

In 1997, the Johnny Appleseed rules included: continue to meet on ten meters on Friday evenings at 9:00.

To earn the award, five contacts with either club members or Amateurs who are residents of Coshocton County are required. If the contacts are not completed on the first check in, the contacts can be held until a subsequent time. There should be 12 hours between contacts with the same local station. If a member can be contacted that following week, it will count as another contact. The awards are still to be fee free.

Since reinstatement of the award in 1989, Floyd Markley, N8KRS, earned the first certificate on Dec. 24, 1989. As of Feb. 6, 2004, 314 certificates have been awarded--one to New Zealand, several to Australia and Canada and the rest to stations within the United States.

In 2004, Gene Poland, KB8RAK, was appointed net manager and several members volunteered to take net control one Friday night per month.

Pat, KB8CRB

QSL BUREAU

GENERAL QSL BUREAU
INFORMATION

The 8th Call Area Bureau operates as part of the ARRL's volunteer QSL bureau system. We handle cards having the numeral 8, such as K8, N8, W8, AA8-AK8, KA8-KZ8.

The Bureau address is:
8th Area QSL Bureau
P.O. Box 307
West Chester, OH 45071-0307



Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

W 8 C C A

P.O. Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

March 2004 Newsletter

History Tidbit

In December 1969, there was an attempt to organize a Tri County Emergency Radio Network (TCERN) which included Coshocton, Holmes, and Knox counties.

The first emergency coordinator (EC) for Coshocton County was Dan Parks, W8CUT. After the club reactivated in 1986, Bob Manson, WB8RWP, was emergency coordinator and set the first ARES net on the 145.230 repeater. His Assistant EC was Verlie Wilson, W8QDC.

In 1990, a 2 meter station was installed at the Coshocton County Sheriff's office. Plans included setting up a station at the Emergency Management office at the Coshocton County Services Building, and one was set up at the Red Cross for use in shelter setup at the Coshocton County Career Center.

Bob Manson, WB8RWP, remained EC with Warren Peiter, KC8WX, and Glenn Mitchell, KC8YV, as the assistant EC's. In 1996, Bruce Adams, KE8XM, took over the role as EC with Warren Peiter, KC8WX, as his Assistant EC. The duty of the Emergency Coordinator is to keep AREC members updated and prepared for emergency situations. The EC helps the club train through simulated emergency drills and practice nets. The EC acts as a coordinator between the Emergency Management Director and the group of AREC operators. Sandy, KC8STS



Ohio Area Repeater Council, Inc.

The 2003-2004 Ohio Repeater Directory will be available at the Dayton Hamvention or by mail after the show. Once again, they will be free.
www.oarc.com/

ARRL Club Membership Commission Program

\$15.00 Commission For New ARRL Members

With our recently revised Club Commission Program, **your club can retain \$15** for each NEW regular and senior membership submitted. A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission.

- Clubs will be allowed to retain \$15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more) submitted to ARRL Headquarters.
- Family, Blind or 21 and under discounted memberships are not applicable for any discount.
- May not be combined with any other promotion or special offer.

See Dan, N8VV, for forms.

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station

The following frequency is used for ARISS Voice and Packet Downlink: 145.80 (Worldwide), **listening** only.

Russian callsigns: RS0ISS, RZ3DZR
USA callsign: NA1SS

If you want to find out more about ISS and the transmit frequencies, visit the web site:

www.rac.ca/ariss/

If you want to locate ISS in its orbit, check out Heavens-Above.

www.heavens-above.com/

Select Anonymous Users, then Select your location from the database.

AA8BN

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSION COSHOCTON, OHIO

Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Team

sponsored by the

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

For PRE REGISTERED Sessions, contact us for dates and times to set up a session for you!

Contact person:

Colleen, AA8UA 740.622.5761

email: alphaalpha@gurulink.com

AA8BN, Session Mgr., good luck

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

W8CCA

P.O. Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

March 2004 Newsletter

Hamvention®

May 14 - 16, 2004

The world's largest amateur radio gathering and trade show.

Hara Arena is located at 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Trotwood, OH. (7 mi. NW of downtown Dayton)

www.hamvention.org/

146.940 (-600, 123.0 tone) DARA's repeater - used for Talk-In the entire weekend.

Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Outside Exhibits open. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Inside Exhibits open.

Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Inside and Outside Exhibits open.

Sunday 8:00 AM - 1 PM Inside and Outside Exhibits open.

Directions: Interstate 70 Westbound (from Columbus, Ohio and points east) Take exit 29 (State Route 48/Main Street) south 3 miles to Shiloh Springs Road. Turn right onto Shiloh Springs Road. Travel 1 mile west to Hara Arena.

You might also consider parking at the Salem Mall and take the Hamvention bus to and from the arena. You can also park across the street from the arena.

\$20.00 advance admission for all three days, or \$23.00 advance admission if you add the Hamvention bus, or \$25.00 Hamvention admission at the door for all three days.

CU at the 2004 Hamvention.
AA8UA & AA8BN

From: Dave, WD8CKK, TUSCO ARC

As of Feb. 22, they still had room on the chartered bus for the Hamvention in Dayton, OH on May 15. Please contact Dave Lomady, 723 East Front St., Dover, OH 44622 as soon as you can for seats. Deadline April 16.

From: Dave, WD8CKK, TUSCO ARC

Next Multi County Coalition Meeting (MCC) will be at the Tuscora Park pavilion in New Philadelphia, OH on April 4, 2004.

Life Membership Awarded to W8JNS

The club officers presented a plaque in appreciation of years of service to CCARA and life membership to Bob, W8JNS.



Field Day

Field Day will be here before you know it! Complete rules and a package of logs, etc. are available in PDF format from the ARRL web site.

www.arrl.org/contest/forms

Download a copy and brush up on FD so you will be ready.

Dan, N8VV

CCE Classes

Registration for the level 1 Emergency Communications course starts the first Monday of the month at 12:01 a.m. eastern time. Don't forget to get registered.

Completing at least level 1 is of great benefit to anyone participating in ARES.

You still get the course fee reimbursed at completion but the grants won't last forever.

Dan, N8VV

