

Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association

W8CCA

P.O. Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

September 2004 Newsletter



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PREZ SAYS

Lots of exciting things have happened and are about to happen with amateur radio in Coshocton County. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come join us at the Coshocton County Services Building the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, with the exception of October. The October meeting is canceled due to it falling during the Coshocton County Fair. The September meeting will be of interest to all ARES® and Skywarn as our program will be a "hands on" demonstration of the new ARES® UHF/VHF transceivers. Everyone can learn to operate these rigs that will be located at various locations during times of emergencies. Field Day was a success for us during June. The club call, W8CCA was used and the GOTA station's call was AB8SV, Chad's call sign. TU Dan, N8VV, the chair of the Field Day committee submitted our results to the ARRL. We look forward to seeing how the club did this year as soon as the ARRL posts all submissions. We had fun again. It isn't hard to do. Once again Mike, WD8CHR, and his XYL, Cheryl, hosted the event. We all thank you for letting us use your QTH for the 2004 Field Day site. (cont. page 2)



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

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Local Web Sites

www.w8cca.org
(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.**

(NO Oct. Meeting)

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PREZ SAYS (cont. from page 1)

Thanks to all those who helped put it together from making contacts throughout the day and night, to the great food. CU next year!

During July we attended the MCC meeting at New Concord hosted by the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association. It was a very informative meeting with great attendance. Mark Shallenberger, a National Weather Service Skywarn volunteer from Pittsburgh, gave a very interesting talk regarding communicating with NWS Pittsburgh during severe weather. Sonny-W8FHF, the DEC, gave all a great tour of the new Communication and Arts Complex at Muskingum College. We also saw a video from the TUSCO ARC about how they converted an old ambulance into a communications center on wheels.

Speaking of the MCC, the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association will host the October MCC Meeting on the 10th. The location of the meeting is at the Salvation Army, 219 N. 4th in Coshocton, OH. The time will be from 2-4PM. The club will provide some snacks and refreshments and some prizes. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Don't forget to visit the club web site at www.w8cca.org. We thank Eric, AB8RR and Chad, AB8SV of Clue Technologies for hosting and designing the site. TU! Lots of

great info on the site. Don't forget to visit the ARES® and Skywarn areas. All should have downloaded the files listed on these pages. Everyone should have a book of this information handy when and if called upon to provide emergency communications. The CCARA newsletter is also available under Newsletter. All newsletters can now be downloaded here. Also, don't forget to check the News area often. As some of you may have heard, the 147.045 Club repeater was hit by lightning during August. The antenna was blown in half and the controller needs replaced. We are waiting for the repeater committee to determine what else might be wrong. We hope to get it back in service as soon as possible. Donations are welcome. Send to PO Box 501 Coshocton, OH 43812. Mark what it is for (repeater). We hope to make it even better than before! KC8IVC has already donated \$20. TNX Steve!

As listed elsewhere, the CCARA picnic will be September 12 at 1PM at Lake Park in Coshocton. Shelter # 9. Hope to see you there. October 1 through October 7 is the Coshocton County Fair. ARES® will have a booth under the grandstand. Come and pay us a visit. Don't forget to volunteer some time and man the booth during the fair. The club pays for this booth each year. Thank you for your

dues. Contact the chair, KB8CRB for details.

The Prez,
Colleen - AA8UA

COSHOCTON COUNTY FAIR

The fair is coming up - Oct. 1 to Oct. 7. We will again be having a booth under the grandstand. There will be a schedule set up with two hour time slots: 10 - 12, 12 - 2, 2 - 4, 4 - 6, 6 - 8 and 8 - 10. Anyone wanting to sign up early, the sheet will be available at the September meeting and the picnic.

We have a limited (14) number of one day passes. They will be available on a first come first serve basis for those who will be working a shift or more. One pass per person. Any time scheduled on two or more days : one day could be on a pass but the other days are on your own.

We hope you will stop by the booth while you are at the fair and say hello to those there. You might give the workers a little break to go get a cup of coffee or sandwich or just a chance to stretch their legs.

Thanks to all who give up some time to help us.

The Fair Committee

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CCARA PICNIC SEPT. 12TH!!!!

The CCARA Picnic will be held on September 12, 2004 at Lake Park on SR 83, Coshocton, OH. It will be at 1 PM in Shelter #9. Please plan to attend and bring the family! The Club will provide the burgers and hot dogs and punch. We will also provide condiments, paper plates, and most other table service items. Please bring a covered dish or dessert or snack if you are able. (It is not required.) We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Colleen - AA8UA

MULTI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO COALITION OF EASTERN OHIO

The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association will host the MCC meeting on October 10, 2004 from 2- 4 PM. The location will be at the Salvation Army, 219 N. 4th Street, Coshocton, OH. We will provide some snacks and drinks such as donuts and punch and/or cider. We will also have some door prizes. Hope to see everyone there.

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2004 SCHEDULE OF SKYWARN CLASSES

09/20/04	6:30 PM
Harrison, OH	
Puskarich Public Library	
East Market St.	
Cadiz, OH	
09/21/04	6:30 PM
Allegany, MD	
Emergency Operations Center	
Cumberland, MD	
09/28/04	6:30 PM
Allegheny, PA	
O'Hare Township Building	
325 Fox Chapel Rd.	
(Space is limited , please RSVP to the O'Hare Township Emergency Management Coordinator in care of Township of O'Hare @ 412-782-1400.)	
10/06/04	6:30 PM
Belmont, OH	
Emergency Operations Center	
68329 Bannock Rd.	
St. Clairsville, OH	
10/07/04	6:30 PM
Noble, OH	
Caldwell Public Library	
Caldwell, OH	
10/08/04	6:30 PM
Preston, WV	
WVU Extension Office	
Kingwood, WV	

For more information, exact locations and specifics, contact your local county Emergency Coordinator, EMA Director, or the WCM richard.kane@noaa.gov at the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh.

ARRL ANNOUNCES NEW ARES® RULES

The July 16, 2004 meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors, established as policy, that ARES® groups and any group using the ARES® logo, shall formally acknowledge ARES® as an ARRL program, including in their bylaws or other organizational documents and agree to abide by all rules and guidelines the League establishes. Since both ARES® and Amateur Radio Emergency Service are registered ARRL service marks, ARES® groups are to utilize the R symbol in any printed or electronic media and note that the logo is used by permission.

All ARES® records, membership rosters and other data pertaining to the ARES® program, wherever located, are the property of the ARRL.

This item excerpted from the ARRL Letter of July 23, 2004. For the complete transcript of this meeting, go to the ARRL website and type the following: <http://www.arrl.org/announce/board-0407/>.

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CCARA REPEATER OFF THE AIR

On August 19th the CCARA repeater (147.045) was hit by lightning. The receive antenna was destroyed and some of the controller and amplifier equipment was also damaged rendering the repeater useless.

The club has some dedicated hams on the repeater committee who have determined that we will need at least \$450 to get the repeater back on the air. The repeater has served the amateur community so well over the last twelve years or so, and we have not had to put much money into the equipment. Now, however, we have the necessity to replace some of the worn parts, and get the repeater back into A-1 condition. The club treasury is basically composed of membership dues from club members, and is not able to handle large expenses. The club officers would like to put before the local ham community the opportunity to donate to the project of restoring the club repeater.

This is, of course, entirely voluntary. Any contributions would be gratefully accepted and put directly to the use of refurbishing the CCARA repeater in Coshocton County. If there might be any overflow, we would also consider helping to improve the equipment of the ARES repeater. The 145.23 repeater is privately owned, but it

has well served us as the ARES repeater, and, as now, been a great back-up facility for us in times of need.

If anyone would like to contribute to this project, please send a check to:

The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association
Box 501
Coshocton, OH 43812

Please specify that the money should go to the repeater repair project.

Many thanks to all for your support of the CCARA and its related repeaters, nets, and activities.

On behalf of the club officers,

Randy Fisher KL7RF
(Vice President)

2004 FIELD DAY SUCCESSFUL

A good time was had by all who attended this year's Field Day and we also doubled last year's score. The Get On The Air (GOTA) station made 158 phone QSO's, the phone station made 348 QSO's and the CW station made 420 QSO's. This gave us a total of 2690 QSO points. We also had 750 bonus points for a total score of 3440.

Dan, N8VV

FCC Expands Universal Licensing System Hotline Support

The FCC has announced expanded hours for its Universal Licensing System (ULS) <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> Hotline Support. ULS users now may reach the FCC ULS Hotline by phone--toll-free, 877-480-3201 or local, 717-338-2888 (Amateur Service callers select Option 2)--from 8 AM until 7 PM Eastern time except on federal holidays. ULS Hotline Support also is available via e-mail ulshelp@fcc.gov. Contact ULS Hotline Support if you have questions about which applications to use, what information is being requested on a ULS form or schedule or any other ULS-related licensing matter. The FCC continues to provide ULS technical support weekdays from 8 AM until 6 PM Eastern time. Call toll-free, 877-480-3701 or local, 202-414-1250 (TTY 202-414-1255). Technical Support handles questions concerning computer access to ULS, uploading files, submitting attachments to ULS filings and FRN passwords. The FCC notes that all calls to the ULS hotlines are recorded.--

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ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSION COSHOCTON, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 25, 2004

By the Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Team, sponsored by the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association.

Location:

Coshocton Public Library
655 Main St, Coshocton, OH
(basement meeting room)

Date:

September 25, 2004

Time:

10:00 AM

Arrive before 10AM (library opens at 9:30 AM) to go through the ID/FEE process, so that we might get started on time.

WALK-IN Session

All Exam elements available. The 2004 exam fee is \$12.00. Exact amount appreciated. Checks made out to ARRL/VEC accepted too. 2nd version of exam available at VE discretion, time permitting, for an additional \$12.00.

REQUIRED:

PHOTO ID (driver's license) or two forms of non-photo ID.
Persons without photo IDs, and/or young persons must supply TWO forms of alternate identification to satisfy their ID requirements.

These two items can include: Non-photo ID/driver's license; Social Security Card (as FCC presently requires each applicant to supply a taxpayer ID number also known as our Social Security Number); Birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal); Minor's work permit or school report card; Utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person; a postmarked envelope addressed to the person indicating the same mailing address as shown on Form 605; or an employment ID.

CURRENT ORIGINAL AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE and COPY (if you have one)

ORIGINAL valid CSCE(s) that apply and COPY (if you have them)

Social Security number or FCC issued FRN (FCC Registration Number) (The FRN is viewable by doing a search for LICENSE at the FCC WTB ULS web page <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>. An FRN is a ten digit number preceded by three or four zeros then six or seven numbers.)

We will have NCVEC 605 forms at the session. Handicap accessible. Copy machine available.

Contact person:
Colleen, AA8UA
740.622.5761
email : aa8ua@arrl.net

AA8BN, session manager,
Good Luck!

MAXIM BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Members of the amateur community are invited to help celebrate the 135th birthday anniversary of the League's co-founder and first president, Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, who was born September 2, 1869. ARRL Life Members and the League's extended family of elected and appointed volunteers and officials are eligible to identify by appending /135 to their call signs.

Complete details at:

</qst/2004/09/field-positions-135.html> (or see Sep QST, p 40) The object of the 10-day event is to work as many HPM/135 stations as you can. Putting at least 25 in the log will make you eligible for an attractive certificate endorsable in increments of 25 contacts up to a maximum of 100.

The HPM/135 event begins at 0000 UTC on September 2, and concludes at 2400 UTC on September 12. Stations may be contacted for credit on any band or mode -- including repeaters. HPM/135 stations transmit signal report, appointment (or position) and name. All others transmit signal report and name.

Excerpt from the ARRL Letter

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