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## THE CENTRAL OHIO Radio Club April 2008 Newsletter

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1 Year Member Dues \$18 per year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Optional Repeater Maintenance Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make check payable to CORC. Please place call sign on check. Mail check and application to:**

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**Thank You for your Membership and Support**

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#### Repeaters

52.70 / 52.94  
W8RRJ

146.16 / .76  
W8RXX

146.37 / .97  
W8RRJ

147.93 / .33  
W8NBA

444.200  
449.200  
W8RXX

#### Associated Repeater

145.49 / 4.89  
442.8/447.8  
W8CMH

## CORC Annual Meeting Announced!

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Central Ohio Radio Club, Inc. will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2008 at the Genoa Township Hall. The Pot Luck Dinner will start at 6 pm. A flier with a map is enclosed with this newsletter. The club will provide the soft drinks and coffee, paper plates and plastic ware. Please bring a covered dish and serving utensils. This year we spared no expenses to convince you to attend. We are giving away a Two-Meter Mobile Rig (Model to be announced closer to the event, check .76 repeater for details) as in past years. Like previous radio raffles, any paid up MEMBER present, is automatically entitled to one ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5. We are also giving away several Weather Radio Monitors with SAME All Hazards Alert. This alone is a great reason to attend.

Jim Martin, N8PCJ an engineer from The Liebert Corporation will be speaking on uninterruptible power supplies. He will be explaining everything we need to know about selecting a UPS and how they work. This is another great reason to attend. He will also have a unit for us to raffle off. This is definitely the most prizes we have ever given away at one meeting.

Election of directors, whose terms are expiring, will take place as well as an overview of the last year's operations. Those directors are: W8RRJ, John Hull; WD8JKX, Steve Robeano and N8PVC, John Montgomery. Volunteers for committee chairs will also be taken and appointed by the President. We are looking for a Social Committee Chairman.

Anyone wishing to nominate a member for a board position should contact W8RXX, John Perone, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, in writing, at least ten days prior to the meeting. Letters of Intent can be mailed to: John Perone, 3477 Africa Rd, Galena, OH 43021 or can be e-mailed to John at: [jper@insight.rr.com](mailto:jper@insight.rr.com). Any member can nominate or be nominated for a board position. Be sure to have the nominee present a letter of consent with your nomination.

For your information, and according to the by-laws, printed below is Article V, Section 10 "Election of the Board" from the CORC Constitution.

The election of Directors to replace those whose term has expired shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the Members, or at a special meeting called and held for that purpose. At least twenty (20) days prior to the date of which such an election is held, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) persons who may but need not be directors. Such committee shall prepare a list of candidates to fill the Board of Directors and nominate such candidates at the meeting. Other nominations may be made from the general membership; however, any candidate's name so placed in nomination must be submitted in writing and accompanied by written consent of the nominee to the Nominating Committee and least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. A director's failure to attend two (2) consecutive meeting may result in declaration, by simple majority of the directors, the position vacant...

## Newsletter and Yahoo Group Info

By Joe Hahn, W8NBA  
Newsletter Editor and CORC Webmaster

I mentioned in the last newsletter that this edition would be mailed to all members, whether they elected to receive the electronic version or not. The electronic version has saved the club many dollars that now can be used to help with repeater maintenance and utilities. It is working well other than one problem. Some of you are not receiving it. It might be due to spam filters at your ISP or us just not having a current e-mail address on file. That is why I am choosing this newsletter to go over how to receive the electronic version and joining the CORC Yahoo Group.

If you look at your mailing label on the cover page, you will notice above your name an expiration date. Please send in your payment if the date is April 08 or earlier or if you just want to pay ahead. Included on the other side is a renewal application. You can fill this out if your address has changed or just put "all ok" if everything is the same. An important part is checking if you want the electronic version of the newsletter. If you do, please check the appropriate box and include a current valid "non-forwarded" e-mail address. This will become part of your membership record until you change it.

The CORC Yahoo Group is the way we notify members of upcoming events and newsletter publishing dates. It is also another way to ask questions of the members and board. It is moderated and you will receive very few notices from it. If a question is asked of the group, it will be forwarded. If the question is for the board or technical committee, a reply answer will go to that individual. We will also answer questions here in this newsletter as space permits. The first batch of questions will follow this article.

To join the CORC Yahoo group go to our website at [www.corc.us](http://www.corc.us) and click on the Join Yahoo Group Button and follow the instructions. Joining the group does not mean you automatically stop receiving the newsletter by mail. That has to be requested on your membership application. Joining the Yahoo Group will include you in discussions that go on about the club and you will be the first to know the dates for meetings when they are announced.

Again, please check your e-mail address that you have on file with the club. We need your current, "non forwarded" address. We also need you to allow CORC to bypass by your spam filters. Each time I send out notices about a quarter of them bounce. That tells me you are not getting the notices. Most of those are because the e-mail address has changed or the ISP thinks its spam.

Thanks for your co-operation and hope to see you at the General Meeting on June 1st.

### THIS N' THAT

The CORC 146.76 West Receive site is temporarily out of service. Jim, W8MAP and Martha, KN8ITR the previous site location owners moved back to Columbus. We have another West site location arranged but will take a little time to install.

We have added a Canal Winchester receive site for 146.76 at the world famous K8VKA QTH. Look for the strobe in the sky. It is working VERY well filling in gaps. We are planning on adding a 146.97 receiver there in the near future. Sure was COLD climbing to install the UHF link antenna and feedline back in early January. Burr... W8RXX

The power amp failed on 444.200 after nearly 10 years. It was off the air for about 2 weeks. Not bad for surplus parts? We put a gently used PA board back in it. It is again up to full power of 15 watts. While it was down the audio interconnecting cabling was replaced to the controller. This should eliminate the WNCI audio from being heard. Can we get another 10 years of service out of it? We will hope...

## Letters to Corky

The new CORC Yahoo user group has received some interesting questions of late. This user group is a way for you to ask questions about the club & the CORC repeaters.

***When should I identify while on the repeaters?  
D.H. Gahanna***

The club highly recommends you ID when accessing the repeaters. The FCC requires at 10 minute intervals as well as when you sign off. Control operators need to verify a ham is using the system. Without the initial ID the repeater may be shut down. Something else to keep in mind is when you ID, PLEASE say your call clearly. Be proud of your call and let others hear what it is. How many times have you mistaken a "V" for a "B", or an "N" for an "M"? Identifying every 2 or 3 transmissions is both unnecessary & annoying.

***I hear hams talking about turning up the modulation on their transmitters to increase the chances of being heard. Is this a good idea?  
R.F. Hilliard***

In FM we speak of deviation not modulation. The maximum deviation must be limited to 5Kc. When you turn it up further you will squelch limit the repeater receivers and drop out of the repeater on voice peaks. You may seek additional information in the amateur handbook. What advice you hear on the air is not always correct information. With the combination HF/VHF/UHF rigs out, the mike gain is for SSB not FM. A good antenna (not a rubber duck) is a great way to be heard.

***How can I tell if I am making it into the repeater & have good audio?  
B.T. Dublin***

CORC offers on the 146.76 repeater an echo test feature. To access, ID and state you are requesting an echo test then un-key. After hearing the reset beep, touch tone 725\* and wait for the message, "start test now". After hearing that message you have 5 seconds to say something like this is KC8TTT testing 1,2,3. The repeater will play back your test message allowing you to hear your station.

***I hear people talking about "handles" & "personals" on the radio. What are they?  
J.P. Columbus***

Well, I am not exactly sure. I know axes, skilletts, and suitcases have "handles". Some of us may have love handles. "Personals" on the other hand, most of us would rather not know about. I think they may be referring to your name. I would think if someone requests your name it would make more sense. These terms may be a carryover from 11 meters.

***I have heard hams spending hours talking play by play about sporting events that are on TV. Is this legal?  
A. F. Columbus***

Yes, it is legal as long as ID's are given. It is not however the best use of high profile repeaters, or considerate of others who may want to use the repeaters. I might suggest to the sports fans that want to share play-by-play details to use simplex or perhaps the telephone. The repeaters are like a party telephone line and to monopolize them is just rude.

***I have heard the repeaterisms and announcements on the 146.76 repeater. How are they accessed?  
K.L. Reynoldsburg***

The club produced the repeaterisms back in the 1970's. The other humorous announcements were done shortly after. They were recorded at Musicol here in Columbus. To access the announcements, first ID stating you are requesting the announcements, unkey and wait for the reset beep, then press 41 on your touchtone pad. The announcement will play. Please ID when the announcement is complete.

***Who listens to the amateur repeaters other than hams?***

***G.W. Grove City***

Great Question! This is something everyone should be aware of. Many public service and media outlets listen to the repeaters, even when severe weather is not in the immediate area. We don't want them to sound like 11 meters. We attempt to operate high quality profile repeaters in a professional manner. Many people left 11 meters because they did not like the operating practices and mannerisms. Unfortunately some have forgot why they left and are bringing those unprofessional habits to the ham bands. Common sense and courtesy are not that difficult to use.

***What do the reset beeps on the repeater signify?***

***D.R. Gahanna***

Most repeaters are similar in their reset beep structure. I will give the timing details on the 146.76 repeater. When you unkey a 1.5 second courtesy timer starts allowing a station to ID and join in before the reset beep. After the reset beep two things happen. First it resets the 3-minute repeater time out timer required by the FCC. Secondly it starts a 3.5 second timer that allows the transmitter to remain on. This means the transmitter stays on for 5 seconds after you unkey. This keeps the transmitter from dropping between voice exchanges. It is actually easier on the equipment to not constantly allow the transmitter to drop then come right back up. I am not certain why, but stations feel the need to allow the transmitter to drop before transmitting. This gap is also bad operating practice, as stations may feel your QSO is complete. FYI... When the club announcements are programmed to run they will run only on transmitter drop. As long as a conversation is going they will not play.

***I hear some hams saying 73's am not quite certain what this means?***

***D.D. Hilliard***

The traditional expression "73" goes back to the beginning of the landline telegraph days. It is found in some of the earliest editions of the numerical codes, each with a different definition, but each with the same idea in mind--it indicated that the end, or signature, was coining up. Today, amateurs use it more in the manner, a friendly word between operators. If you notice, "73" is not 73's (pronounced 7 - 3's would be "21") or not 73's (pronounced 70 - 3's would be "210") I guess a person could just say "210" or "21" if that is what they meant. You would not say 210's (2 -10's would be "20") You get the idea.

Till next time... 73, Corky

## **A Message From The Presidential**

By Laura Perone, KA8IWB

I want to thank all who came to the Ground Hog pot luck in January. Keith, KB8VUL, gave an interesting talk on tower safety. I learned to identify parts of climbing gear at our house and what we were lacking in. The talk gave John the reason to get the things he was missing. So now we will be even safer in tower climbing here.

This is the time of year we have our membership drive. We want to thank you for your support of the club. Why is this support so important? Yes, we do receive donated equipment but the phone lines, feedlines, controllers, antennas, connectors, electricity bills, newsletters and membership mailings etc. must be purchased. Many of our sites require professional tower climbers to do the work so that is an expense we must be prepared to cover. The club has only three meeting a year. For these we have hall rental, paper products, door prizes and beverages. These are the Ground Hog potluck, Annual meeting and Hibernation potluck. We try to make these enjoyable evenings where you can visit with fellow hams and have a good time.

Many of us do more listening to the repeaters than talking on them. However, when you hear a station mark on and welcome them to the repeater. If they ask for help jump in and try because frequently that encourages someone else to jump in and help out with directions.

I want to thank Bob, W8OLO, for jumping in as membership chairman. It has been nice that he is easy to find on the repeaters to answer your membership questions. However, he has let us know he will be unable to continue in this job as he is moving away from the area. He will be missed and we wish him the best. John Perone, W8RXX is taking over that position.

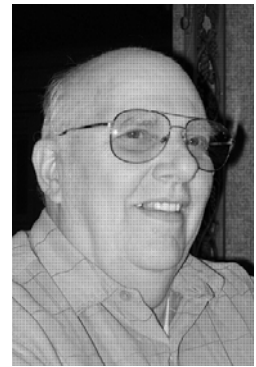
Have fun and be safe with your spring ham work.

73,  
Laura

## Profile of a CORC Director

Ed Schleppe, K8VKA has now been a CORC Director for over 35 years.

He is responsible for a lot of behind the scenes work on the repeaters. Ed is owner of Comtech, Inc. communication equipment, cellular phone, RF Solution, and Service Company. They have provided CORC with some great locations for much of the club's equipment. In addition, technical support from his company has helped solve a technical issue more than a time or two.



Back in the early days of repeaters K8VKA and W8RRJ were racing to see who could get the first repeater on the air in Central Ohio. Even though W8RRJ won the race in 1970 (by a hair) Ed quickly became involved and provided the first remote receive site for 146.76 at his home in Canal Winchester.

Ed over the years has serviced medical equipment, TV's, and two-way radios. In addition he was a police officer for both Canal Winchester, and Pickerington. On top of that he, with a little help from his wife Jean, has raised some very nice children. ☺

He also has served as both a trustee at WCVO radio and chief engineer. Currently he is Vice President of WCMI.org an Internet Christian Radio streaming audio provider.

One of his most noted accomplishments (besides square dancing) was the design and development of the "world famous" Schleppe antenna. This extremely high gain VHF communication antenna was tested extensively in the 1980's. I believe NASA has considered it for their moon-based equipment. Even though currently out of production, Ed still holds the patent. ☺



The club wishes to thank Ed for all his work. He was awarded a plaque for his many years of service on March 24<sup>th</sup> at a luncheon in his honor. A picture of that award is on the last page of this newsletter. If you hear him on the air, you may want to congratulate him on this accomplishment.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

CORC now has a total 181 fully paid members and 1 associate member. In addition, there are 33 family members and 10 lifetime members. The following person(s) have joined CORC since the last newsletter was printed.

Dale Spangler	KC8ZET
Derek Kinsey	KD8HQK
William Schwertfagan	KD8FKA
Kenneth Hagans	N8DWS

Please welcome them when you hear them on the air!

CORC members and other individuals continue to donate time, talent and extra money to assist the Club with its operating expenses. The following individuals have donated since the last newsletter was printed:

Derek Kinsey	KD8HQK	John Hull	W8RRJ
William Schwertfagan	KD8FKA	John Perone	W8RXX
Matthew Gilbert	K8KDR	Ed Schelppi	K8VKA
Bill Wetzel	KC8YVP	Joe Hahn	W8NBA
Robert Zimmerman	W8OLO	Tony Fabro	N8RRB
Laura Perone	KA8IWB	Phil Carter	WD8QWR
Steve Robeano	WD8JKX	Trigg Tabor	K8NIO
Tony Palone	KC8ASF		

### HAM RADIO – *a hobby for you!*

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My science teacher in high school was my ham radio Elmer. In 1969, I got my novice class license. In 1988, I took the last FCC Field Exam in Columbus passing my advanced, 20 wpm code and extra class examinations receiving my current call sign WG8I. I developed the above web site to give back to ham radio – to be your Elmer. I've had many great experiences as a ham radio operator and I hope you will too.

HAVE FUN EXCHANGING IDEAS HERE !

Use the FORUM which has six categories:  
Newcomers, Radio Equipment, 220 Mhz, Six Meters, Morse Code  
and an area for General Discussion.

CHECK IN WITH YOUR QUESTIONS  
and SUGGESTIONS

73, Chris, WG8I, a CORC member



## Central Ohio Severe Weather Network

By John Montgomery, N8PVC

What can be said about our weather so far this year but WOW. We've had no less than 3 severe weather events causing damage in central Ohio. Add in the snow event of March 7<sup>th</sup> and it's been busy.

Tornadoes have brought death and destruction across the southern United States. . The tornado trend is elevated and shows no signs of slowing down. Normally it's late April before we've hit 400 plus tornadoes in the US.

The urban legend about tornadoes steering clear of major cities was proved wrong again when a tornado moved through Atlanta the evening of March 14<sup>th</sup>. While it seems that tornadoes avoid large cities, it's more a function of how much area they occupy compared to overall land area.

This is a La Nina year, which typically brings central Ohio more unsettled weather and a increase in severe weather events. The experts claim that the wet spring has stored up an ample supply of one of the main ingredients of severe weather, moisture.

This is the time of year to review tornado safety procedures. If a warning is issued where will you go for shelter? Make those plans now while you have time. When you go to work, school, church or shopping, think of what action you'll take when a tornado approaches.

The weather service began issuing storm-based warnings (SBW) in October of 2007. SBW mean that a warning may only include a portion of a county or counties instead of an entire county. If a storm moves across northern Franklin County and southern Delaware County only those areas will be included in the warning. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts don't include the digital signal information for SBW so in the example above weather radios will continue to activate as they do today. Some television outlets can display SBW in their weather coverage.

Stay tuned for updates in this area.

## 25 years ago in the CORC Newsletter

(Formally known as the CORC Repeater News):

April 1983:

"The FCC released an order on March 18, 1983 granting ARRL's request to extend the comment deadline on FCC's no code license proposal... to June 18, 1983." (We didn't even know there was a no code proposal prior to the one in 1991).

"CORC Trustees up for reelection at the May 1, 1983 Annual Meeting are WB8SYK, K8VKA, and WB8WKZ."

"N8BHL and W8OZA give instructions (complete with a diagram) on how to create your own wind speed indicator using a plastic coffee cup, 3 half-sections of L'eggs eggs, a small motor threaded shaft, case for the motor, mounting bracket, 1-10K variable resistor, and a DC micro-volt meter."

# CORC Members

As of 3-17-08

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VICKIE	AMIRAULT	KB8FXO	EIAN	COUNTS	KC8EVP	GARY P.	GREENLAND	KB8USE
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TONY	BAKER	KC8PZU	BETH	CROWNER	KC8NRI	ROBERT J.	GUNDERMAN	W8INO
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EDWARD	CASTLE	N1WMM	JOYCE	FORD	N8PHG	JOHN G.	JOHNSTON JR.	KA8CER
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S. LINDA	COTTER	N8LEQ	MARTHA	GIFREDA	KN8ITR	TIM	LEGGETT	KD8BDP
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JIM	MARTIN	N8PCJ	JOE	REINEKE	N8TQR	STEVE	TRENT	KC8WHY
BRUNO J.	MASDEA	WB8BM	SYLVIA	REINEKE	KB8SHX	MARY L.	TREON	N8ISI
DAVID	MATHENY	KC8UDL	RUTH L.	RICKETT	W8LGY	RONALD C.	TREON	K8PFD
WELDON	MATHEWS	K8NQ	MICHAEL L	RIESER	N8ABE	BRYAN	WAINES	KC8YKP
MICHAEL	MCCARTY	K8WTR	CHERYL	RIESER	N8RZB	JOHN M.	WATKINS	N8BUG
SCHRAMM	MICHAEL	KD8GIJ	MICHAEL	RINGER	N8YKW	GERALD	WATTS	N8RFW
PETE	MILLER	W1DOD	MICHAEL	RISER	KC8YPH	TOM	WEAVER	K8TW
MATT	MITCHELL	KB8UVN	SANDY	ROBEANO	KB8CIQ	BILL	WELCH	K3ZAA
SANDY	MONEYPENNY	KB8WQ	STEVEN	ROBEANO	WD8JKX	STEVE	WENDT	KB9RDS
JOHN	MONTGOMERY	N8PVC	ROBERT T.	ROBERTS	K8BSW	ADAM	WESTLUND	KC8ZEY
JIM	MORTON	KB8KPJ	JAN	ROBERTS	KD8DSP	RICHARD	WETHERALD	KE8OD
KENNETH C.	MYERS SR.	N8XYP	DENNIS	ROE	WA8HPW	WILLIAM	WETZEL	KC8YVP
JONATHAN	NASBY	W8JNY	VAN	ROSS	KB8ORU	DEE	WHEELER	W8GKN
ALFRED A.	NICKERSON	NL7CF	TERESA M.	SCHLEIFER	KA8MYI	JOHN	WILKERSON	KD8DVR
DAVID	O'HARE	KB8DRQ	DOUGLAS E.	SCHLEIFER	WD8KVA	RALPH D	WINKLER	WD8BBE
JAMES	O'KEEFFE	N8JBO	ED	SCHLEPPI	K8VKA	BRIAN	WOLF	N8XRV
TONY	PALLONE, JR	KC8ASF	BARRIE	SCHWARTZ	W3ENL	PAUL B.	WOLFE	W8UGG
JIM	PARKS	KD8DBH	DAVE	SCHWERTFAGER	N8EFB	BARB	WOOLDRIDGE	KC8KYP
LINDA	PENZERA	N8FES	JERAD	SHEPARD	KC8WHX	GERRY E.	WRIGHT	WV8U
JOSEPH R.	PENZERA	N8DRZ	CHRIS	SHIRK	KD8EFU	JOANNE M.	WRIGHT	N8KJE
JOHN	PERONE	W8RXX	EDWARD T.	SIERADZKI	WD8CKG	ROBERT	ZIMMERMAN	W8OLO
LAURA	PERONE	KA8IWB	WILL	SMITH	KD8FMM	JOHN	JOLLEY	KD8FKC
TOM	PERONE	N8UNM	FROSTY	SPARROW	W8AEY	JOHN	JOLLEY	KD8FKC
MATT	PHILIPS	KD8CGX	ROBERT E.	STAMPFLI	KD8WK	CHARLES	WOOD	WA8KKN
MARVIN	PHILPOTT	KA8KVV	STUART W.	STEENBURGH	KB8DEO	KEN	HAGANS	N8DWS
ARNOLD	PLUMMER	N8IGW	MIKE	STONE	KD8BDS	WILLIAM	SCHWERTFAGER	KD8FKA
MARILYN	POE	KC8TJV	MICHAEL	STRAUTZ	KA8RTI	DEREK	KINSEY	KD8HQQ
CHUCK	PRICE	N8XLW	ANDREW ERIC	SZUCS	WA8FKC	DALE	SPANGLER	KC8ZET
STANLEY F.	QUAYLE	N8SQ	WILLIAM T.	TABOR	K8NIO			

Thank you for being on this list of amateurs that help support our repeater system. If you know of someone using the repeaters and not a member, ask them to join. Again thank you for your support!

When is the Dayton Hamfest? May 16, 17, 18 at Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road Trotwood, Ohio

### Talk-in Frequencies...

For directions and assistance in the Dayton Area during your visit to Hamvention®, contact "Talk-In" on the DARA Repeater 146.94 (-), alternate 146.64 (-). Dayton Hams also monitor 223.94 (-) and 442.1 (+). MIDCARS will again monitor and provide travel assistance on 7.258 MHz. Go to <http://www.hamvention.org/index.htm> for more info.



## Plaque awarded to K8VKA for 35 Years of Service

Ed Schleppi, K8VKA was awarded a plaque commemorating his 35 years of Service to the Central Ohio Radio Club, Inc. during a luncheon in his honor.

### DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION - February 17, 2009 WILL YOU BE READY?

#### What Is Happening?

Your TV signal is switching to "digital." For more than fifty years, TV broadcasters have sent their shows to your TV using "analog" signals. After February 17, 2009, most of the old analog signals will be gone and most of the stations you watch will use only the new digital signals.

#### Why Is The Government Switching to Digital?

- For improved public safety for everyone. The transition to digital will help police, fire, and other public safety departments to communicate more easily with each other during emergencies.
- For you, digital TV offers better picture and sound quality, as well as more channels and programming choices.

#### What Does This Mean To You?

- If all of your TVs are hooked up to cable or satellite, you will continue to get your TV after the switch. Just check with your cable or satellite company to be sure.
- If you have a digital TV, you are ready for the switch. (If your TV is more than 10 years old it probably is not digital. If it is less than 10 years old, ask the manufacturer if your TV is "analog only.")
- If you have an analog-only TV with a roof top antenna or "rabbit ears," you will not be able to watch most TV stations after February 17, 2009 unless you get a "converter box." The converter box will attach to your TV and let you go on getting free TV. With the converter box you can get a better picture and more channels. The antenna you have should work with the box. You can buy a converter box at a retail store. The boxes will cost \$40 to \$70. You can get two \$40 coupons per household from the US Government to help you pay for up to two boxes. (One coupon per box only.)



# Now that you know about it . . . Here's how you get there!

