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Letter from the President

The next CORC potluck dinner and annual meeting is coming up on Sunday, May 5th. See additional details on the enclosed Fridge Note. John, W8RXX will give a presentation on the repeater sites and equipment. He has been requested by several new members for a review. Many have no idea what it takes to make it all work. I have told him to keep it SHORT!

I hope you are making plans to go to Field Day activities and a Hamfest this spring and summer. I know life gets busy but these are nice activities to keep us involved in the hobby. The Dayton Hamfest is the largest in the country and the Columbus Hamfest is coming up in August.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be the club president for well over 20 years. I never planned on keeping the job this long. I have worked with and met many wonderful people during this time. This upcoming annual meeting and potluck dinner is my last as your president. It is time for someone with fresh ideas.

Feel free to bring a friend that may not yet be a CORC member to the next potluck on May 5th. I will see you there!

73, Laura / KA8IWB

From your CORC Membership Chairman...

John / W8RXX

First, sadly, W8RRJ, John Hull, founding father of the Central Ohio Radio Club has passed away. A later publication will highlight all of his accomplishments and his history with the club.

New Members... Welcome All!

The following have recently joined CORC. Please thank them for joining the club when you hear them on the air.

KE8MAK – Kristopher

KC8EOO – Thomas

Donations... MANY Thanks!

Thank you, thank you, to those who have donated their time, talent, money, printing, etc. since the last newsletter. This extra income and work helps keep CORC financially sound.

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Guest Speaker on May 5th.

John, W8RXX will speak on the history of club equipment and sites, and all the improvements made during the past few years.



Travelin' Tony's Timetables

by: Anthony "Tony" Fabro N8RRB

On February 28, 2024 at roughly 4 a.m. or so, our weather radio jarred me awake announcing a severe thunderstorm watch for Franklin County. A quick look at the National Weather Service radar on my phone revealed a strong line of storms headed our way. Things were quickly heating up as a short time later thunderstorm warnings, then tornado warnings were issued for Madison County.

It was clear this was going to be a stormy end to the overnight and any chance of more sleep was out of the question. I started thinking about contingency plans to prepare for the storm. I went downstairs and disconnected the radio from the feedline to the outside antenna and disconnected the computer from power and the cat-4 cable.

Then the idea of us losing power crossed my mind. The sump pump battery had just been tested and was good for at least four hours of normal duty. Then I got my HT in case we had to head to the basement and lost power while down there. I have three batteries for this radio. Two of them are about five years old and the other is much older but still holds a charge.

The old battery was attached to it, so I turned on the radio – nothing. No problem, I have two more and this battery had been on the radio for a while. Battery #2 – worked for about five seconds then the display started to flash meaning it was dead. On to battery #3 – worked for maybe two seconds then the display began to flash. So much for being prepared! Fortunately, we never lost power and other than a lot of rain did not experience any severe weather.

There are many witty phrases we could insert here and the one that applies well is Ben Franklin's quote, "Failing to prepare is preparing to fail."

As ham operators we pride ourselves on being there "when all else fails." However, if we do not prepare and execute a plan to make us available "when all else fails" then we're no better off. I clearly was not prepared!

Take an inventory of your objectives as a ham operator. Do you have a plan for "when all else fails?" If so, does it include preparation steps to follow *before* things fail? Do you want to be one of those hams who is there to help others "when all else fails?" Think about what it will take for you to accomplish that objective as there are many variables to consider (radios, antennas, power sources, shelter, mobility

access, etc.). I recommend looking for articles written by Rick Palm K1CE who lives in Florida and has written many articles about preparing in advance for an emergency.

My lesson learned is simply to make sure I have a schedule in place to keep batteries charged. That way I'll always have at least two batteries ready to go at all times. While it won't get me through a multi-day outage, I don't need it to. Again, each one of us may have different objectives for "when all else fails." Evaluate your objectives, create a plan, and execute it so you will be ready for the next emergency.

Have a safe day.

CORC Tech Net Update

On April 21, 2024, the Technet had its last session for the 2023-2024 season. This talk was on Hamfests and the Dayton (Xenia) Hamvention. I hope everyone attends. We want to thank all that participated this year. The Technet is always looking for new topics. Please send your suggestions to technet@corc.us The next season dates have not been confirmed. Normally the net starts in September/October on Sunday at 7:30 PM on the 146.760 MHz repeater. Each session is every two weeks. The dates are dependent upon holidays and special events. The schedule will be confirmed in August 2024.

2024 COLUMBUS HAMFEST

Saturday, August 3, 2024

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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CENTRAL OHIO RADIO CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

May 5th, 2024
6:PM

**Speaker: John, W8RXX on Repeater
sites and new equipment.**

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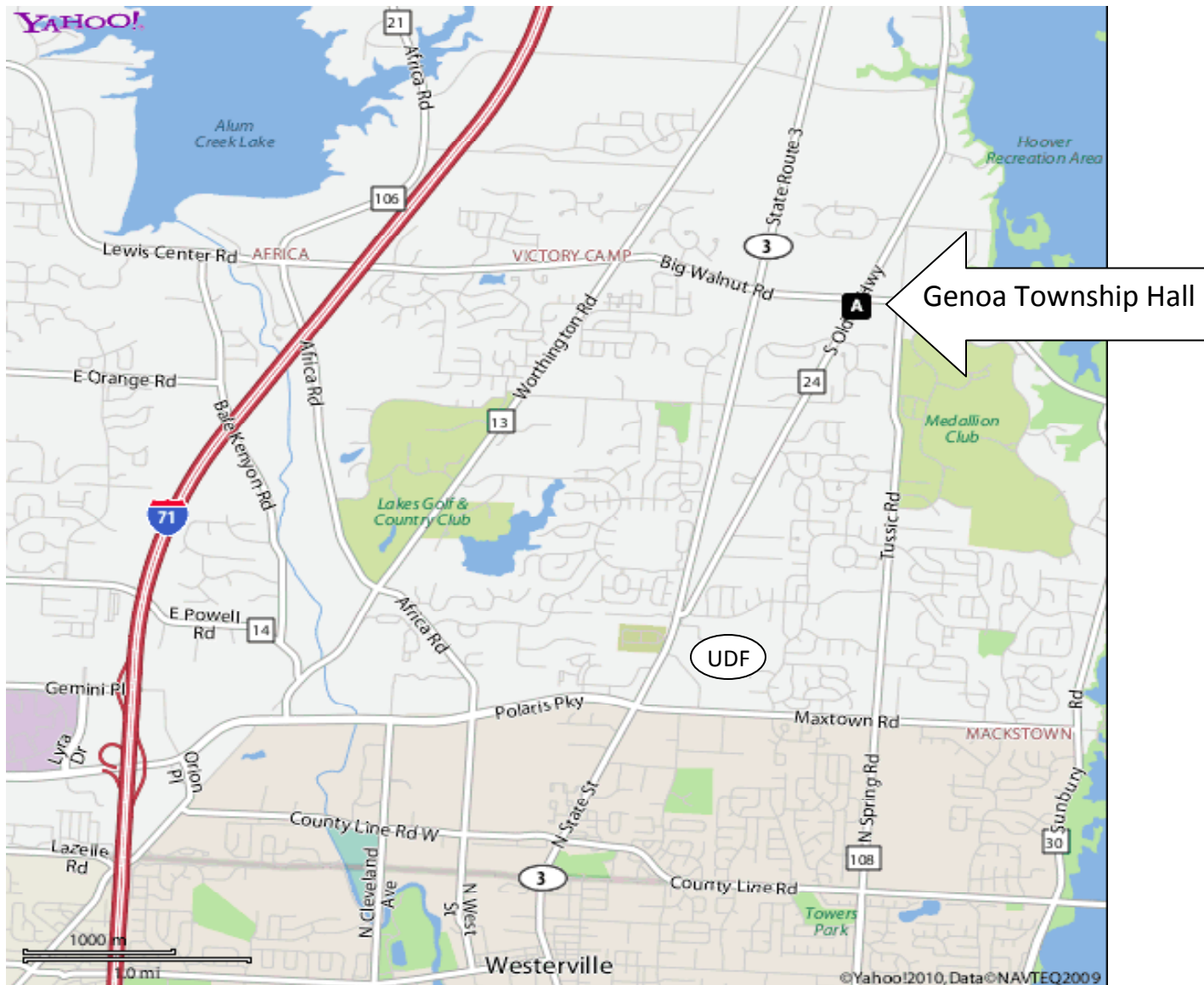
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