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146.37 / .97
W8RRJ

147.93 / .33
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444.200
449.200
W8RXX

Associated
Repeater

145.49 / 4.89
442.8/447.8
W8CMH

CORC Fall Event Planned

The *Central Ohio Radio Club* will hold its 15th annual Welcome Fall Festival on Sunday November 1st at the Genoa Township Hall. It will start at 6 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share with a serving utensil. CORC will provide the drinks, plastic ware, cups, plates and many other surprises. Don't miss this opportunity to meet many of the operators you have spoken with over the years. A splendid time is guaranteed for all. Although a speaker is not planned as of this printing, you'll never know what the social committee has planned for our entertainment. Look for the fridge flyer later in this newsletter for more information and directions. The latest info on this will be on the CORC website at: www.corc.us. Don't miss this fun event.

Ed Schleppe, K8VKA, SK

We were all saddened by news of the recent passing of Edwin "Ed" Schleppe, K8VKA. Ed died peacefully at home on July 27, 2009. He was 69 years old. Ed developed an interest in amateur radio as a freshman in high school and became a licensed ham radio operator when he was 20 years old. Ed often worked behind the scenes, coordinating volunteers for agencies such as the State Fire Marshal's Office and equipment for community events. He was recognized for his work as a Reserve Police Officer in the City of Pickerington 2003 Annual Report for "service during special events and parades... essential to the success of the department...."

Ed represented (CORC) on the Volunteer Organization Coordinating Council, a committee of volunteer agency liaisons who collaborate with the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security staff in support of their mission to coordinate county-wide all-hazards disaster planning, community education, warning, training, grant funding, response, and recovery.

Ed's enthusiasm for radios as a hobby merged with his career in 1988, when he bought Comtech, Inc., a communication and cellular company. New radio antennas and towers at his home and business expanded the coverage area for CORC's many repeaters. Ed received a CORC Life Membership for over 30 years of service back in 2004. All together he served the club over 37 years. He was a founding member and a wonderful asset to the club.

Ed embraced new technology throughout his life, working as the Chief Engineer at 104.9 WCVO Radio (now The River), and as VP of Christian Internet Radio www.wcni.org, where he was the technician responsible for streaming radio online. Ed's often unseen contributions to the community will missed, but never forgotten.

Membership Update

By John Perone, W8RXX
Membership Chairman

Many thanks to CORC members who have donated time, talent, extra money or equipment to the club in addition to their dues.

K8XYZ	KC8EVR	W8NTU	N8JYV
N8YKW	KD8LEV	KB8VUL	N8SQ
KD8HJA	N8XYP	N8GU	WA8OMQ
KN8ITR	K3ZAA	KB8EUX	WB2FUE
KD8GIJ	KF8SD	KA8IWB	W8RRJ
K8VKA (SK)	N8PCJ	N8RRB	W8NBA

We want to welcome the following “NEW MEMBERS” that have joined our club since the last newsletter was printed. Thank each and every one of you!

KB8YQS	Josh Stevens	KC8PFD	Chris Stevens
W8IDA	Jeff Bowles	KD8LUV	Ida Bowles
W8HGO	Cecil Henderson	KD8LLM	Trevor Ferrell
KF8SD	Terry Zihlman	K8SAR	Stephen Rish
WA8EYX	James Shull	N8VW	Pat Collins
N8PAI	Marty Litzinger	NE1LL	Bill Neill
KD8GIJ	Michael Schramm	KD8LEV	Marco Valdez
KD8LEF	Richard Hill	Studying	Thomas Terry
N9MOT	Rick Finkbeiner		

Please welcome them when you hear them on the air.

Big WINNERS at the June 2009 General Meeting

N8UVH, Larry - won the 50/50 Drawing

KD8ION, Patrick – won use of the famous “Rock Bound” rig for a year

K8VKA (SK), Ed – won the Yaesu 2 meter rig. This was after N8RRB, Tony had his ticket drawn declined the radio because he had won twice before. Hope Tony plays the lottery!

Travelin' Tony's Timetables

By Tony Fabro N8RRB

Greetings to all reading this article! By the time you receive this newsletter we will be heading into Autumn and cooler days and nights. Where did the Summer go!

I'd like to thank everyone who stopped by the CORC table at the Voice of Aladdin Columbus Hamfest. It was nice to see several hams I've met before, as well as a few new hams who had just received their license. Welcome to the hobby! I also met a handful of people who were studying to get their license and were there to see what ham radio was all about. Seeing the new and soon-to-be-new hams at the event gave me the inspiration for this article.

So you just got your ham license. Now what? After all those hours of studying FCC rules, protocol, and basic electronics, all you have to show for it is a piece of paper from the government. What do you *do* with a ham license? Like so many other things in life, it all depends on what you want to make of it.

Ham radio is a very diverse hobby. There are groups and on air nets covering dozens of interests. Do you like public service? How about putting together your own equipment? Whatever it is, ham radio likely has a focus area to match your special interest.

The first place to look for these groups is in your local community. Most people start their ham careers talking on the local repeaters. Supporting the local repeater clubs (such as CORC) help to ensure that the repeaters they maintain will be available for you to talk on, and also be available if a local disaster should take place. Local repeater clubs are a good way to get to know the hams in your community.

Beyond the repeater clubs, public service groups such as COARES provide emergency communications support in times of disaster, and assist in other events such as marathons and parades. Other public service groups include weather spotting (COSWN and Skywarn), and formal traffic handling (COTN). Public service can be very challenging, but also very rewarding and a lot of fun.

Then there are club groups, groups which focus on a particular aspect of ham radio (such as QRP or DX), and groups who get together just to chit chat (some are formal, others are not).

Even if you do not get involved with a formal group or club, there's so much you can do with the hobby. And don't forget to tap into the greatest part of the hobby if you need help – the hams themselves. Having problems building an antenna? Chances are there is someone who can help you with your project. Not sure which radio to buy? Ask 10 hams, they'll give you 10 different opinions, but knowledge is power when making your radio purchase decision.

The bottom line I'm trying to convey is get involved in the hobby. And if you don't join a group, at least get to know the hams you talk to on the radio. There's so much to experience in ham radio, and so much to learn from those in the hobby.

Have a safe day.

BUCKEYE D-STAR COLUMN

The Summer of 2009
by WG8I, Chris Vojsak ©2009

Here it is fall again – Ohio State has played its first game and started the season with a win – GO BUCKS!!

Most hams spent the summer vacationing and relaxing – not as much ham activity; therefore, The Buckeye D-STAR Net was curtailed until fall. EVEN SO there is much to talk about and D-STAR activity has actually increased overall in Ohio with the Cincinnati area having the most activity, Dayton second and Columbus third – let's see if we can get to be #1 on D-STAR!! Even though the new sunspot cycle has gotten off to a very slow start, making propagation on HF a challenge, once again D-STAR comes through by allowing world-wide communications using the D-STAR gateway.

We had a very nice D-STAR get together during the Dayton Hamvention – there were many “famous” D-STAR users and programmers there to meet. There were quite a few D-STAR radios sold especially since **ICOM introduced two new radios** for which the software is now available FREE as a download from the ICOM website. **The handheld is the IC-80AD and the mobile/base is the IC-880H.** Please visit the ICOM website for more information: <http://www.icomamerica.com/en/products/amateur/dstar/dstar/default.aspx>

Don't forget the DV Dongle (http://dvdongle.com/DV_Dongle/Home.html). It's **very cost effective** and allows the ham radio operator to use his computer to connect to the D-STAR gateway – it also serves as a useful diagnostic tool when used in conjunction with a D-STAR radio. It connects to your PC, Mac or Linux via a USB port and provides encoding and decoding of digital audio. The DVTool application used with the DV Dongle may be installed and run on Microsoft Windows XP/Vista, Mac OS X Leopard, or many flavors of Linux.

The W8DIG D-STAR Repeater in Columbus, Ohio	
W8DIG /A	23 CM Digital Voice, 1285.00 Mhz [-12 Mhz offset]
W8DIG /A	23 CM Digital Data, 1298.00 Mhz [simplex]
W8DIG /B	70 CM, 442.650 Mhz [+ 5.0 Mhz offset]
W8DIG /C	2 MTR, 145.390 Mhz [- 600 Khz offset]

There is much interest in a new method of accessing D-STAR through the local repeater. It's called **HotSpot**. It's similar to adding a remote receiver site to an existing analog repeater. W1IX, Justin lives right here in Columbus and has a HotSpot site on the air! You can also find him on the W8RXX/R's on 444.200 and 146.76. He's very helpful and I'm sure he would be happy to talk to you about it as well as answer any D-STAR questions you might have.

I am in the process of rearranging my ham shack so I am not able to get on D-STAR from my home QTH; however, I do get on D-STAR when I'm in my mobile.

Please feel free to contact me via email – please use wg8i.ham@gmail.com .

[** NOTE: buckeye.dstar@gmail.com is NOT IN USE > any emails sent to this address will not be seen**]

The Buckeye D-STAR Net will be held on Sundays at 8:00 pm local time every other week starting in October. This net will meet either on the W8RXX 146.76 repeater for those of you with analog radios or scanners or on W8DIG/C 145.39 Mhz repeater for those of you with D-STAR radios or DV dongles. Please listen to the W8RXX repeater for details or contact me, WG8I directly via email.

Thanks for reading my column. I'll have more for you in the next issue. I look forward to hearing from you via email (wg8i.ham@gmail.com), on the Buckeye D-STAR Net and on W8RXX/R – 73

Upcoming Amateur Radio VE Testing News

from NE1LL, Bill Neill

Bill wants to remind many older “Technician Class” Amateurs that they can still do a paper upgrade to “General Class” simply by showing up at a testing session and providing proper documentation. Below is a common question that is asked.

Q. My Technician license was issued prior to March 21, 1987, am I grandfathered?

A. Actually, having held a Tech before March 21, 1987, you could have already taken proof of holding that license to a volunteer examiner (VE) test session and already enjoying General privileges. Proof of holding that license prior to March 21, 1987, could be a copy of the Technician license grant or the page listing from the Radio Amateur Call Book showing your call sign / license listing as Technician. At the November CORC pot luck there will be a VE team there to do your Technician to General grandfathered upgrade for FREE! Be certain to bring the proper proof as mentioned above.

My Current VE Exam schedule is:

For the following dates the exam & test are FREE!

10/31 Saturday (Halloween) 10:30 AM Universal Amateur Radio - Test only

11/12 Thursday 7:00 PM - Genoa Township Hall – Test Only

11/27 (Black Friday) 9 AM TENTATIVE Tech Cram session, test at 1:30 PM at Universal Radio.

Please contact me to schedule an appointment.

Bill Neill, ne1ll@ymail.com or 614-357-1932 (C) or 614-890-5204 (H)

News from the CORC President

By KA8IWB, Laura

I would like to let the membership know that W8NBA, Joe Hahn was awarded a CORC Lifetime Membership by the Board of directors after 23 years as your newsletter editor and 19 years as a CORC director. He has also been the 147.33 Repeater Trustee for many years. Thanks Joe for all your time you spend with the club.

With the passing of K8VKA, Ed, your directors have elected W8VET, Warren Hull to fulfill his term. Warren was first licensed as KC8JQB. Congratulations Warren!

25 years ago in the CORC Newsletter... August 1984

“Packet radio activity is growing fast in the Columbus area... ..The .33 repeater has been modified to allow packet transmissions; however, early experiments suggest that packet and voice communications may be incompatible... ..The [CORC] Board approved a proposal that an experimental digital repeater be established at the Jersey site...”

“Volunteers are needed to man the amateur radio booth at the 1984 Ohio State Fair. This year the booth is being coordinated by CARA (Columbus Amateur Radio Association), however, nonmembers are welcome to participate... ..Bob Adams W8BKO is in charge of scheduling. If you would like to spread goodwill for our hobby contact Bob...”

“The Central Ohio Traffic Net began operation on Tuesday June 5, 1984 at 8 PM EDST. COTN is initially meeting twice a week, on Tuesday evenings at 8 PM EDST, and on Saturday mornings at 9 AM EDST, on the CCRA 147.24+ repeater... .. For additional information about COTN contact Bob Koss KD8KY, or Jeff Maass, K8ND.”

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CORC Membership Roster

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VICKIE	KB8FXO	JIM	W8MAP	SYLVIA	N8AKI	TATE	KD8HJA
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STEW	W8FEH	J. ARTHUR	KD8ZG	SANDY	KB8CIQ	JEFF	WD8JLI
JEFF	K8XYZ	DEAN	WA8OMQ	STEVEN	WD8JKX	RICK	N9MOT
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WILLIAM W.	K8UHH	ROY E.	WA8UHB	DAVE	N8EFB	CHRISTOPHER	KD8EVL
BILL	AA8EY	FRANK	KF6PEG	WILLIAM	KD8FKA		
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MARY	KB8PZA	ROBERT W	KI8JM	CHRIS	KD8EFU		
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CHRISTOPHER	KC8FRJ	ROSE M.	N8KPY	TOM	K8TW		
ANN	KC8NRE	JIM	N8PCJ	BILL	K3ZAA		
FRED D.	WD8OTO	BRUNO J.	WB8BM	STEVE	KB9RDS		
BETH	KC8NRI	MICHAEL (MAC)	WI4NDS	RICHARD	KE8OD		
CHARLIE	KC8NRF	PETE	W1DOD	WILLIAM	KC8YVP		
LARRY	KA8HEO	MATT	KB8UVN	DEE	W8GKN		
ERIC	KC8RJB	SANDY	KB8WQ	JOHN	KD8DVR		
KIM	KC8RXL	JOHN	N8PVC	ROSS	KA8CYA		
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JOHN	WB8AKW	STANLEY F.	N8SQ	BILL	NE1LL		

If you are a member and your name or call is not listed here, contact John Perone, W8RXX, Membership Chairman at 740-548-7707 for more information.



15th Annual Welcome Fall Festival

November 1st 2009 (Sunday)

6 PM ET (Eastern Time)

Genoa Township Hall (See Map)

Bring a Covered Dish (with Spoon)

CORC will Provide:

Soft Drinks

Coffee/Tea

High Quality Plastic Ware

Cups and Plates

\$\$ 50/50 Drawing \$\$

Games and other Surprises

**Put this notice on your
refrigerator as a reminder!**

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

