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NEWSLETTER

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Winter lunch is January 12th; Are you familiar with the World Radiosport Team Championship?

Hear what WRTC is all about !



Our Saturday, January 12th meeting will feature a program by contester Jim Stahl, K8MR, who will describe the upcoming event to be held in New England in July 2014. He will also cover the history of the WRTC. Many of you know Jim as Chairman of the Ohio QSO party and former TV station engineer at WJW-TV. In addition, he has participated in many HF and VHF contests, starting with the Novice Roundup in 1965.

Dues are due! That's right folks, please send your \$10.00 check to our Chapter 1 Treasurer, Bob Knaack, K8RDK, 238 Stanford Drive, Berea, Ohio 44017.

Join us Saturday, January 12th, starting at 11:30 a.m. for our quarterly luncheon. The place is JB Milano's restaurant adjacent to the Cuyahoga County Airport, 355 Richmond Road, Richmond Heights. Lunch orders taken at noon. Door prizes, 50-50 raffle, music, and fellowship awaits!

Do bring a friend! ■

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HEARD ON OUR CHAPTER NET

Recently, your Executive Committee brought up some ideas to attract more participants to our Wednesday net on 146.85 MHz at 8:00p.m. It was decided to replace the trivia question with a discussion question. For example, on December 12th, each ham who checked into the net was asked to describe the rig and antenna they were presently operating. It was very interesting to hear about the broad range of radios that we are using on VHF, including the power input and the antenna.

The following Wednesday, we were asked to recall our very first QSO. Clearly, this brought back some nostalgic memories going back to before World War II. John Mistic, W8VRJ stated that "this is a wonderful question!" as he clearly remembered his first contact was in February 1941. Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO reported that his first QSO was in May 1941 on 160 meter CW with a ham in Weirton, Massachusetts. But the oldest first contact was reported by Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA, who related talking to a ham in Baraboo, Wisconsin on 9 August 1939. Kirk's rig at that time used a 6L6 running 20W on 40 meters and his receiver was a Sky Champion from Henry Radio that he financed with monthly payments.



PEOPLE

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Please notify Secretary Al Moriarty of any changes in your address, e-mail etc. so your roster information can be kept current. Thanks.

New member:

Welcome to George A. Harizal, K8HLJ of Vermilion.

Radio activities:

Kate Saccany, KC9IQF, was one of 120 hams who participated with several other ham clubs in providing radio support for the medical teams for the Chicago Marathon.

Tom Wayne, WB8N, Gary Dewey, NI8Z, and Metro Sinko, W8MET helped the Copley High School radio club, WA8CHS, participate in the ARRL School Club Roundup.

Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA, is doing his European hamming via Skype, due to a lack of a decent antenna.

Other goings on:

George Cox, W8PJN, has moved into Wellington Place, an assisted living residence where he can be reached on (440) 414-0598.

SILENT KEY

Longtime chapter member and past treasurer Ray Wassum, W8SZL passed away in November. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.



Secretary's

Report

By Al Moriarty, N8CX

Hi everyone!

I sincerely hope that everyone is having the very happiest of holidays, the merriest of Christmas's and will have the very, very best in the New Year.

Shortly, I will be emailing the newest roster to everyone that I have an email address for. There are some that I don't have or are not valid. These members I will know when their email bounces. Others I will identify and try to get an email address for them.

If you do not receive a roster within the next two weeks or so, email me at n8cx@mindspring.com and let me know. I will then have your address. Many thanks.

NET REPORT

de Craig Kollai, N8ZT

October:
65 members/ 5 listeners/ 70 total check-ins

November:
63 members/ 1 listener/ 64 total check-ins

December:
65 members/ 0 listeners/ 65 total check-ins

Classified Advertisements

For Sale:

Cushcraft X-9 beam covers 40 to 6 meters, with 9 elements on a 28 foot boom for \$350. Also, a Hi-Gain vertical Hy-Tower for \$300. Contact Dwaine Modock, K8ME on 440-582-3462 or k8me@sbcglobal.net

Ten-Tec Jupiter HF transceiver. Also, Yaesu VX-5 dual band HT. Contact Ken Kling, W8VZT for details. 216-299-1827 or kpkling@att.net

Ham Radio Services:

Drake and other old radio service, including TR-7s. Thirty-five years of experience. Contact Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ on 440-951-6406 or wa8saj@ncweb.com

Equipment sold or purchased: If you want to dispose of old radio equipment that you no longer want, KE8RN offers to either purchase it or sell it for you on eBay. Excellent eBay reputation with 15 years experience. Call George Mistic on 412-486-8566 or email him at KE8RN@comcast.net.

TREASURER'S REPORT

de Bob Knaack, K8RDK

Total income this year was \$911.50. The largest expense is to print the quarterly newsletter, followed by the cost of the award plaques. Cash on hand is \$5,084.36.



*Birthdays
This
Quarter*

January

WA8KHL	Robert Rohton	1/18
N8UIN	Sherrel Wimer	1/21
W8DDD	David Dennis	1/26

February

K8TTZ	Robert Mills	2/10
KC8FF	Betty Scholz	2/18
KC8ZOE	Floyd Wimer	2/21
KE8RN	George Mistic	2/22
N8IJG	William Wihebrink	2/29

March

WA8NJP	Charles Whalen, Jr.	3/2
K8EHP	Mike Cegelski	3/2
K8HLJ	George Harizal	3/2
N8OOG	Jim Wimer	3/4
K8QOT	James Pracker	3/8
N8TCN	Charlie Collister	3/9
K8CKG	Paul Poling	3/9
W8AZO	Marv Grossman	3/10
WA8VSJ	Arthur Lewis	3/11
AF8B	Don Norman	3/17
W8KYD	Ronald Mayer	3/18
W8DOE	Joe Gutoskey	3/24
W8WGO	Jack Goldfarb	3/29

Birthdays are announced each week during the chapter's Wednesday night net at 8:00 p.m. on 146.850 pl 110.9. Join us! (Corrections to Al Moriarty, N8CX—n8cx@mindspring.com)

CORRECTION

The previous newsletter was edited by George Mistic, KE8RN in Word and converted to the familiar newsletter format in Publisher, by our webmaster Don Ritchie, K8ZGW. While Don did an excellent job in conforming this newsletter to the style that Dee Logan, W1HEO, had developed, there were a few inadvertent glitches.

Because George was unaware of the conversion, he was not able to make the necessary corrections. George had asked me to notify our members that “On page 4 in my article on the Hammarlund receivers, the beginning of the second column was deleted, causing the first sentence to start with a small letter [the word “neither”] and be incomplete.” In addition, George said that the spaces between the ads on page 5 were deleted, making them hard to read.

[I accept full responsibility. *Ed.*]

Join the Friday Lunch Bunch
 QCWA Chapter One members and other radio hams gather for lunch each Friday at 11:00 in Richmond Heights. The place? JB Milano's Restaurant adjacent to the Cuyahoga County Airport, 355 Richmond Road. Join us!

President's Perspective

By Bob Winston, W2THU

The winter solstice, marking the first day of winter, accompanied by northeast Ohio's first snowfall in 290 days, sets the tone for this winter edition of our chapter newsletter. This is a good time to review our QCWA activities for the past year and also to look ahead to 2013.

First, I would like to thank George Mistic, KE8RN, for his service as our newsletter editor for the past five editions. George always included an interesting article about quality ham gear that we fondly remember from our early years in this great hobby. His knowledge and experience as a collector of these vintage radios was clear to all who attended our July luncheon, when George was our guest speaker.

Our January luncheon featured Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ, known worldwide as a restorer of vintage gear, especially Drake. Our longtime venue, Dimitri's Restaurant, went out of business shortly before the luncheon, resulting in a qsy to JB Milano's, well known to the Lunch Bunch.

In April, we were treated to a program by Dee Logan, W1HEO, with a picture tour of the Panama Canal and the USS Midway following his 28 day cruise. The October awards luncheon featured a special award presented to Bob Leskovec, K8DTS, recognizing, among other endeavors, his painstaking design and installation of the HF yagi at the Gilmour Academy amateur radio station.

There were important changes at the national level when the QCWA leadership recognized that our parent organization was headed for bankruptcy. The most significant fix was to eliminate mailing the quarterly *QCWA Journal*. In other words, the *Journal* must be retrieved on line, via your computer, smartphone or tablet. The leadership really struggled with this decision because they know that some members have no access to the internet. Feedback from the chapters showed a consensus for printing the *Journal* locally for these offline members. If you need this service, please let me know.

For the new year, we want our chapter to grow. As reported elsewhere, we have made the net more interesting. **We ask you to recruit new members.** Who do you know that was first licensed 25 years ago? Contact them and forward our chapter membership application. We want and need your feedback. **What programs are you interested in for our luncheons? What topics can we discuss on our nets?**

I am editing this chapter newsletter for now, but it has been suggested to me that I should concentrate on my presidential duties. I think I can do both, but if you would like to become the permanent editor, contact me.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our January 12th luncheon at JB Milano's. Jeannie and I wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year!