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July 10 meeting: A look at ARES® activities in Ohio W8DEC gives us an update

Guest speaker at our Saturday, July 10 lunch meeting will be Matt Welch, W8DEC, District 10 Emergency Coordinator of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service®. This is the 75th anniversary of the ARES, and today, this ham radio activity is more important than ever. So we're glad to hear what's being done in our area involving amateur radio operators in emergency communications.

Matt will describe the objectives, function



and operation of ARES in the Cleveland area and beyond. W8DEC has been personally involved in several emergency efforts, including Hurricane Katrina, and will share

some of his experiences with us.

QCWA members are important to the ARES, and Matt will explain why, and what we can do to help.

Our meeting begins at 11:30, with lunch orders taken at noon. The place? Dimitri's Restaurant in the Midtown Shopping Center, 1830 Snow Road, Parma.

Enjoy the fellowship, food and fun! There's a 50-50 raffle, door prizes, updates on chapter doings, music, and more. Do bring a friend!

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Chapter One now has a New president: W2THU

Other officers seek replacements

Leadership changes occur slowly in Cleveland Chapter One, so it's very newsworthy to welcome our new president: Bob Winston, W2THU. The change was orderly, following the retirement of Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP, who now takes over as the sunshine chairman from K8SGM. Replacing W2THU as Vice President is Al Moriarty, N8CX.

WA8TPP was president for over six years, and said that it was a pleasure to have served the chapter and wished Bob all the best in his new leadership role. Dick noted that he has a number of other responsibilities that made this the right time to step down.

Remaining chapter officers request that anyone with an interest in relieving them please contact them directly. Could YOU offer your services?

Wednesdays are net nights. Join us at 8:00 p.m. 146.850, PL 110.9 QCWA news and information.



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



New member: Welcome to Gary Dewey, NI8Z, of Independence, OH

Radio Activities: Enjoying operating D*Star from his mobile is **Bob** Winston, W2THU. The Cleveland D-Star repeater is on 145.35Mhz. Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP, reports

working the east coast on 160 meters with a long wire.

Joe Nocifora, KE9UL, replaced his "dead" two meter rig with an ICOM HT, a gift from his ex-ham brother.

Travels: Our accordion-playing member **Al Lada, WA8OZC,** is always on the move, including a Caribbean cruise, the Dayon Hamvention, and Great Smokies. At home, it's golf.

Jerry Dusa, WB8ADF, attended a leadership academy in Gettysburg, PA to study civil war leadership of the generals.

Sunshine notes: Good to hear Bernie Hinrichsen, W2NTB, check into the net. He comments that he finally got his voice back following treatment for cancer of the vocal chords. And Clarence "Sac" Saccany, K8SLF, has recovered from congestive heart failure and is back bowling twice a week. His son **Richard**, who is involved in a new production hoisting system at a potash mine in Saskatchewan, was a guest at our last luncheon meeting. Sorry to report that Richard Storm, SM5BVU, passed on March 9th. He was 78, valued his OCWA membership and traveled often to the U.S.



Birthdays this Quarter **By Paul Poling, K8CKG**

July

W8PT	Charles M. Patellis	07/04		
K8SGM	George J. Keltner Sr.	07/04		
WA8VMN	William Hammond	07/08		
K8YLY	Kenneth J. Wolenski	07/16		
W8YEO	Marvin S. Goldfarb	07/17		
WA8OZC	Alphonse H. Lada	07/25		
W8JZZ	Albert S. Wilde	07/26		
W2THU	Robert M. Winston	07/28		
WB8ADF	Gevard F. Dusa	07/29		
NW8X	Richard H. Williams	07/30		
August				
N8CX	Alan R. Moriarty	08/05		
W8WHO	Clifford P. Dice	08/08		
K8ZGW	Donald A. Ritchie	08/10		
KC9IQF	Cathy D. Saccany	08/12		
W8GVE	Howard L. Reichle	08/14		
WD8AQH	Nadya Cole	08/15		
KE8GA	George R. Vilican	08/17		
K8SLF	Clarence Saccany	08/22		
AA8BV	Robert C. Mate Sr	08/22		
W8RPT	Augustine Mirsalis	08/28		
W8PIU	Onerio L. Sabetto	08/29		
W8FSF	Fred S. Freer	08/30		
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September

W8WNA	Kirk Sanderson	09/06
W8CJB	Clifford E. Bade	09/11
KB3MPF	Barbara Misic	09/12
N8EQT	Raymond B. Suing	09/16
K8LXH	Harry L. Winfield	09/21

Birthdays are announced each week during the Chapter One Wednesday night net at 8:00 p.m. on 146.850.

Join the Friday lunch bunch

QCWA members and others gather for lunch each Friday at the Firehouse Grill & Pub, one block west of route 91 and route 6, at 2768 Stark Drive in Willoughby Hills. Stark is the first street west of route 91. Seating at 11:00 with orders taken at 11:30. Join us!

Watt's New at Dayton?

Observations and scuttlebutt

The 2010 Hamvention featured new radios from a number of firms. Here are some notes from Jeff, WA8SAJ, and other Chapter One observers:

Attendance at this year's Hamvention increased by an estimated 50% over last year due to an earlier promotional mailing.

Kenwood is introducing its TS-590 in the Fall. It's a copy of the K3 by Elecraft, which is offering a new 500-watt solid state amplifier.

ICOM is rolling out a new rig that updates its IC-746 and covers HF, VHF & UHF.

DX Engineering, which is increasing its line of ham radio products, showed a line of vertical antennas and is now a dealer for Hustler.

Weekly Net Report

By Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO

March 2010 Checkins

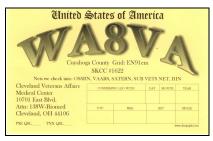
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10	19 members	0 listeners	19 total		
17	17 members	0 listeners	17 total		
24	24 members	0 listeners	24 total		
31	19 members	0 listeners	19 total		
April 2010					
7	21 members	0 listeners	21 total		
14	18 members	1 listener	19 total		
21	19 members	0 listeners	19 total		
28	18 members	0 listeners	18 total		
May 2010					
5	20 members	0 listeners	20 total		
12	17 members	0 listeners	17 total		
19	20 members	0 listeners	20 total		
26	20 members	0 listeners	20 total		

A look at the VA Medical Center's amateur radio operation

Volunteers from Cleveland Chapter One of QCWA help keep the station on the air

The VA Medical Center on East Blvd. in Cleveland is a well-equipped hospital run by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Some of our veteran members utilize this facility and know that it's equipped with a first-class amateur radio station with the

Call WA8VA. Station trustee Dennis Doran, WB8WTU, who is the hospital's Supervisor of



Biomedical Engineering, explains that the station is run by an all-volunteer group that includes members of our QCWA chapter.

"QCWA got involved in the station in 2000," recalls Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP. "We were asked by the VA hospital to help rejuvenate it." Among the early volunteers were K8OCK, N8TCN, N8MZJ, W8WGO, WA8LOB (sk), and WA8TPP.



Volunteer operators from Chapter One gather at the WA8VA operating position. Shown from left: Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP; Ray Suing, N8EQT; Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO; and Rick Christian, N8BY.

Doran says that there also are VA patients who use the station. "We welcome all hams to become volunteers," he adds. The VA's interest is in having the station available for emergency use, but also to represent the VA. WA8VA also is used to check into the veteran's affairs amateur radio net on 20 meters. **The WA8VA station** was upgraded in 2001 by orders of the hospital's executive director. It now is equipped with top quality equipment that includes an IC 756 Pro III, FT-1000 MP, Ameritron AL-811A amplifier, Yaesu FT-920, and Kenwood & ICOM dual banders. Antennas include a Cushcraft 7-element X7 "Big Thunder" triband yagi, and Diamond 2B vertical.

Current operators from Chapter One include N8BY, N8EQT, K8LXH, W8KRF, and W8TTZ. They staff the station on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



WA8VA volunteers, left to right (Back row): Charlie Collister, N8TCN; Harry Winfield, K8LXH; John Esborn, K8OCK; Rick Christian, N8BY; Ray Suing, N8EQT. (Front row): Bob Mills, K8TTZ; Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO; Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP; and May Tomazic, N8MZJ.

During our visit, we chatted with Rick, N8BY, and Ray, N8EQT, both of whom have volunteered at the station for five years.

"We enjoy coming down and chatting with visitors," says N8EQT. "We try to use the equipment and check into the VA net at 1700Z on 14.287 sideband. Sometimes we serve as net control," he added.

Information on the WA8VA station is found at QRZ.com. Members wishing to visit the station during regular operating hours should go to the main desk and ask for extension 5082.



News From Ham Radio's Wide World

Tornadoes hit Ohio: Hams in Erie, Huron, Sandusky and Wood Counties swung into action June 5-6 as severe weather and tornadoes roared through Northwest Ohio. Operators relayed reports of funnel clouds, downed power lines and emergency operations during the weekend.

Canadians get new band: VE hams now have a new 2200 meter band (135.7-137.8kHz), with a 41-mile QSO reported.

"Powerful" fine:

Christchurch, New Zealand ham ZL3II was found guilty of running excess power over the 500 watt limit when he showed a video on YouTube of his 3,100-watt transmitter.

An Imperfect Storm: A major

geomagnetic storm May 2 lasting 15 hours caused auroras visible in Northern U.S. states and produced transcontinental DX on six meters.

New foreign radios: Cuba has created a new 1.8 mHz, 20-watt transceiver for delivery to hams for emergency use. And, a new Chinese company, Wouxon US, is offering a 2 meter/70 centimeter dualbander for about \$80 plus \$40 shipping.

City drops BPL: The city of Manassas, VA has ended its broadband over power lines service to residents. A declining customer base and a yearly deficit of \$166,000 led to the decision. BPL has caused interference to amateur radio stations in a number of communities, an issue that ARRL has discussed with the FCC for some time. ■

President's Perspective

By Bob Winston, W2THU

It is an honor to have been selected by the Executive Committee as the president of one of the largest and most active chapters in the nation. I hope to live up to the expectations of my fellow Chapter 1 members by continuing the leadership of our former president, Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP. Dick, on behalf of the entire chapter, thank you for your time and effort to keep our chapter vibrant here in the greater Cleveland area.

Recently, I attended the Dayton Hamvention and visited the QCWA booth where I spoke to the president of our national organization, Bob Roske, NOUF. Bob suggested that our chapter might be ready to host a national convention again. I wasn't in Cleveland the last time we hosted but I recall Fred Collins, W8ADW (SK) telling me the whole story. Let me know if there is any interest.

I want to remind everybody that we have other members of the Executive Committee who are looking to retire from their chapter duties. Presently, our treasurer, secretary, membership chair and newsletter editor are ready to mentor their replacements. We are looking to the younger members to fill these rolls. Please step up to assist our organization. I look forward to seeing all of you at our July luncheon.

73, Bob W2THU



Sunshine Report By Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP

Bob Mills, K8TTZ, suffered a mild stroke recently and was undergoing treatment for a heart problem at press time. Jesse, XYL of Joe Nocifora, KE9UL, is home and receiving therapy for her broken leg. Your reporter recently had surgery for appendicitis and is recovery nicely at home.

Hear sunshine reports during the chapter's Wednesday night net on 146.850. Updates to WA8TPP: <reingraham@sbcglobal.net>

QCWA Chapter One Resource List

Our members have a variety of specialized knowledge and experience that can be shared with others. Need help? Give them a call. What can *you* offer? Let the editor know. Contact him at (440) 352-8292 or deverelogan@gmail.com Thanks!

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