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The President's Shack

By KE8FK - Edward Lock

If you missed the August meeting of the De Forest Amateur Radio Club you missed a good Pizza Party. Maybe we can do this again in the near future.

We helped with the Marine Run and Fun Walk on Saturday August 21st. The Race started at 8:30 AM. The race benefits the underprivileged children at Christmas time. The race was sponsored in part, by Snappy Pizza and by PEPSI.

Four club members helped with communications. They were Barbara N8HIA, Pat KC8LVE, Mary N8VGQ and Bob KC8HFX. Thanks to all of you.

Next meeting is September 14th. So come on out to keep up with what is going on in the Club.

Also we need more Checkins on the Thursday Night Net. This is a good time to check your radios for Emergency Use. The net is at 9:00 every Thursday Night. During the summertime the checkin count is low, so mark your calendars. See you at the next meeting.

73 Ed KE8FK

Secretary's Minutes

(Editor: There were no minutes submitted for the newsletter this month.)

Next Meeting September 14, 2004

ABCAP Senior Nutrition
Center, across from the front
steps of the courthouse in
West Union, Ohio

7:00 PM

Birthdays & Special Events

September

1 K8GXL Donald Hoop
4 KB8SCV Warren Lewis
10 KB8JML John Kimble
11 KC8HGA Helen Paquette
14 DeForest Amateur Radio Club
meeting - 7:00 PM

22 KC8BWJ Bruce Ashley
22 KA8URK Jack Bradford
25 KE4ETT James Brewer
29 KB8OMG Barry Storer
30 N8YWYX Kim Paquette

October

2 KB8VBJ Sheila Starcher
4 W8UJM Al Norris
6 Angela Larter
21 KC8OIZ Berlin Setty
25 N8SND Bill Mangus
31 KC8VIJ Judy Setty

OHIO EMERGENCY VANS ON DISPLAY AT COLUMBUS IN SEPTEMBER

Special treat this year's Ohio Section Conference will be the display of emergency vans from various county ARES programs in Ohio.

In the era of Homeland Security, it is helpful to see what other Ohio ARES County groups are doing, said Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

The 2004 Ohio Section Conference is Saturday, September 18, at the Ohio EMA headquarters in NW Columbus. Beside the parade of emergency vans, the Conference will feature the big social event of the year, the Pizza Lunch Party sponsored by the Ohio Section of the ARRL.

This meeting of Ohio Section field appointments but all Ohio hams are welcomed is held each September to review ARRL activity in Ohio. The Severson Memorial Award and Ohio Section Newsletter award winners are also announced. It begins at 9 a.m. (Not 10 a.m. as originally announced.) The Ohio EMA address is 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road (Ohio 161) in Northwest Columbus.

The Parade of Vans was last done in the September 2003 Conference. Nine such vans made the trip - but this year Section Emergency Coordinator John Chapman, WB8INY, is looking for a few more.

At this display, you can see what other ARES programs in Ohio are doing and the equipment they employ.

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OHIO SECTION REMEMBERS -
JOHN D. KRAUS, WB8JK, (sk) of
Delaware, well-known radio astronomer, antenna designer, cosmic explorer and author who died

July 18. He is best known within the Amateur Radio community for his bi-directional wire beam antenna design--often dubbed the '8JK array'. ROBERT R. ADAMS, W8BKO (sk) of Columbus, the first Ohio Section winner of the AB8P Severson Memorial award, and former leader in metallurgical and nuclear engineering projects for the Department of Defense, died August 10 in Columbus who died in August. His work on local emergency projects for which he is noted since his program in the 1950s in Franklin County ARES served as model for the rest of Ohio.

PR NOTE TO EVERYONE - One of the Ohio Section Congrats (see below) concerns a story this ham got in his local newspaper. When you accomplish that in your area, please inform the Section Manager <k8qoe@arrl.org>. Our national magazine, QST runs each month an example of these "Media Hits." Be nice if Ohio was represented each issue.

8TH CALL QSO BUREAU - Another reason to see the Voice of America Museum in West Chester (near Cincinnati) is to visit the 8th QSL bureau set up by bureau chief, Jay Slough, K4ZLE. This mini-post office always has hundreds of QSL cards passing though - from all points of the planet.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - This Section has two daily operating CW traffic nets on 3.577MHz. Buckeye Net Early (BNE) is at 6:45 p.m. and Buckeye Net Late (BNL) at 10 p.m. BNE Net manager is Tom Carroll, WA8ZGL, Cuyahoga Falls and BNL Net Manager is Phil Pockras, NY8V, Belle Center.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO GARY STEHENSON, WW8O, New Boston (Scioto County) for the outstanding write-up of the local CERT program in the August 4th edition of the Portsmouth Daily Times; (B) **TO JOYCE JUDY, KD8HB**, of Mechanicsberg, for achieving an A-1 Operators certificate for outstanding station operation. Her certificate came after two A-1 members signed off on her service, particularly on CW; (C) **TO FRANK COOPER, W3NV**, Youngstown, for qualifying for his 60 years ARRL membership certificate which he received in August from Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE.

OHIO SECTION SEPTEMBER HAMFESTS... (12) Findlay Radio Club at Hancock County Fairgrounds. Web site can be seen at <http://www.findlayradioclub.org> or contact Bill Kelsey, N8ET, (419-423-5643) or write <kanga@bright.net>.

(19) Greater Cincinnati ARA at Scarlet Oaks Career Center, Sharonville. Web site can be seen at <http://www.themikeandkey.com> or contact Stan Cohen, W8QDQ (513-531-1011) or write <stanco49@aol.com>.

(26) Hamfest Association of Cleveland at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Beria. Web site can be seen at <http://www.hac.org> or contact William Beckman, N8LXY, (1-800-CLE-FEST) or write <info@hac.org>.

DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Ohio
Section Manager

BREAKING NEWS!

Great Lakes Division Convention
Date Set: 3/19/05

Riley Hollingsworth confirmed as banquet speaker!

On the heels of the resounding success of the 2003 Great Lakes Division Conference in Findlay, Ohio (this past September 2003), the 2005 GLD Conference has been announced.

The Toledo, Ohio club (TMRA) will host the convention, which will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2005, in conjunction with the Sunday, March 20, 2005, Toledo Hamfest! Both events are held indoors, with the hamfest drawing typically 3,000 hams. Details will be forthcoming, but **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH has confirmed as guest speaker for the banquet for the evening of Saturday, March 19, 2005. Riley will also present a seminar that afternoon.

Also, keep in mind that we will also be accepting nominations for the Division level awards: The George S. Wilson III W4OYI Great Lakes Division Award, Great Lakes Division Amateur Of The Year, Great Lakes Division Technical Achievement Award, and the Great Lakes Division Newsletter Award. Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT from Dearborn Hts., Michigan will chair the GLD Awards Committee and will send out the awards criteria, procedures and deadlines later this Summer.

Brenda Krukowski KB8IUP from Toledo has been appointed as the Convention Manager, and Joe Phillips K8QOE from Cincinnati has agreed to again serve as Seminar Chair (Send your ideas for the presentations you would like to see to Joe!).

Jeanie Dalton KB8QLC from Lexington will continue running the Convention Office. Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE, Kentucky SM John Meyers and Michigan SM Dale Williams WA8EFK are also on the GLD Convention Committee. We are looking forward to another GREAT convention, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

73 de Gary KI4LA,
2005 GLD Convention Chair

**HAM RADIO "ONLY
RELIABLE COMMUNICATION"
AT HURRICANE CHARLEY
GROUND ZERO**

Once again, Amateur Radio has proven its value in an emergency. With conventional telecommunication systems unreliable and power still out after the Category 4 Hurricane Charley blasted across the Florida Peninsula August 13, Amateur Radio has proven to be a communication mainstay.

"The only reliable communication we have here is Amateur Radio," ARRL West Central Florida Section Manager Dave Armbrust, AE4MR, told ARRL earlier this week. He was one of the three dozen ARES volunteers at the Charlotte County command post. "We're out in the field trying to handle so many different things that it's almost overwhelming," he said five days into the activation.

By week's end, the need for additional ARES volunteers in the Hurricane Charley relief and recovery effort had stabilized. Communications and Warning Officer John Fleming, WD4FFX, of the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)

told ARRL that ham radio volunteers already on duty in the five most severely affected counties were holding their own in maintaining necessary emergency communication. But he advised Amateur Radio volunteers to remain at the ready, just in case, and recommended that ARES teams, clubs and individuals work through their ARES Section Emergency Coordinator.

The FDEM says Hurricane Charley caused two dozen deaths and nearly 4000 injuries, and almost a quarter-million residents were still without power at week's end. Other reports indicate that as many as 10,000 homes were badly damaged or destroyed.

The most severely stricken communities are in largely rural areas of western and central Florida made up of smaller towns. Among other storm relief duties, hams have been part of an effort to check on residents and determine what they need and to "make sure everyone's okay," Armbrust said.

Amateur Radio operators have been handling emergency traffic and assisting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in setting up HF communication to the state emergency operations center in the capital of Tallahassee. ARES also has provided communication for search-and-rescue teams and supported American Red Cross and The Salvation Army humanitarian relief efforts.

In addition, ARES operators handled outgoing health-and-welfare traffic from storm victims now taking refuge in shelters, provided or supplemented public safety communication and even took on some dispatching duties. Amateur Radio volunteers also deployed to hospitals, some of which have experienced spotty communication. Several VHF and UHF repeaters have been buzzing with emergency traffic all week.

Armbrust emphasized that Hurricane Charley cut a broad swath across Florida, and the devastation was widespread. "This looks like a war zone," he remarked. Hot, humid weather has aggravated the relief effort, especially for emergency

medical service personnel who not only are dealing with storm-related health issues but with those resulting from the heat.

ARES teams from Florida Miami-Dade, Martin, St Lucie, Broward, Okeechobee and Palm Beach counties deployed to relieve or assist the amateur operators on duty in the affected communities.

In Sarasota County, Ron Wetjen, WD4AHZ, has been working at the county EOC and assigning volunteers to assist in neighboring Charlotte County, where Armbrust has been holding down the fort.

"We've had offers of help from guys in Montana, Ohio, and New York!" Wetjen said August 19. "We have a couple from Tennessee here now, with two more on the way for the weekend."

The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) on 14.265 MHz spent nearly five days in continuous operation. It's also used Amateur Radio for its logistical communications. The Salvation Army has been providing meals, household necessities and other assistance to residents displaced by the storm and has been relying on its own Amateur Radio resources. SATERN also has taken on responsibility for health-and-welfare inquiries, both via Amateur Radio and through its Web site <<http://www.satarn.net/>>.

In advance of the storm, SKYWARN teams were active the Hurricane Watch Net and WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center cooperated to gather ground-level weather data and damage reports.

"It seems as if the Amateur Radio world is listening and waiting to help when an event such as this occurs," observed SATERN National Director Pat McPherson, WW9E, "and it's edifying to realize the positive impact of their dedication to the task of helping others."

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