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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – K8GE



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IN MEMORY

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Dot Silman's daughter in an automobile accident. Dot (KB8TQU) and her husband Jerry (KB8PVY) are members of the DeForest Amateur Radio Club.

The President's Shack

By KE8FK - Edward Lock

Just a short note to thank everyone that came to the November Meeting. This was Nomination Day for the Club. Nominations were made and calls were made to the Persons missing the Meeting. We have one person per office so elections will go as did last year. There should be more information in the minutes.

I did not sell any of the computer monitors at the Georgetown Hamfest, so we still have 10.

The Christmas Party will be At the Sr. Citizens Building on December 14th. See you there.

73 Ed KE8FK

Secretary's Minutes

By Jerry Paquette

As Ed said in his article (above) we held the nominations for the 2005 officers. The nominations were by secret nomination, written on a card and then tabulated.

There were several nominations and a few people who were unable to make the meeting were called to see if they were interested in holding the office for which they were nominated.

In the end, only one person for each office was in the running. As in past years where only one person was running for each of the four offices, the election was declared closed.

The following will be the officers in 2005: President - Jerry WB8IOW, Vice president - Pat KC8LVE, Secretary - Kim N8YWX, and Treasurer is Ed KE8FK.

There was a lot of discussion about the future of the DeForest Amateur Radio Club.

Jerry said that in 2005 there would be at least two meetings held on the repeater rather than at the meeting room. That would allow members who might not make the meeting to be able to at least listen to a meeting in progress.

The Christmas dinner was discussed at length. Pat and Barbara would purchase about \$50 to \$60 worth of door prizes for the dinner/meeting.

Food will be catered by Prather's IGA (note: Thanks to N8HIA for confirming that.)

The cost for each member who joins us for dinner will be \$4.00.

It was decided that in order to get an accurate head count that

we would call all members on the telephone.

The monthly club meeting will follow the dinner - HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT !

NEXT MEETING CHRISTMAS DINNER

TUESDAY - December 14, 2004

eat at 6:30 PM

at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center - which is our normal meeting room.

The ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center is located across the street from the front steps of the Adams County Courthouse, West Union, Ohio

Birthdays & Special Events

December

- 2 W8ZFO Richard Sauer
- 6 KC8OLS Kyle West
- 7 N8HIA Barbara Lock
- 14 DeForest Amateur Radio Club Christmas dinner 6:30 PM at ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center**

January

- 5 KE8FK Edward Lock
- 6 KB8VBI Fred Starcher
- 8 KC8ULW Marty Lambert
- 11 DeForest Amateur Radio Club meeting - 7:00 PM
- 15 KK8S Joe Gardner
- 17 KB8LKK Scott Hardert
- 20 KB8QNT Debbie Lorenz
- 21 Paul Howelett
- 22 KE4WAL Thomas Callahan
- 27 KB8QNO Denton Meade
- 28 Carolyn Moore

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY SEEKS RADIO AMATEURS

CQ, CQ CQ! The US Coast Guard Auxiliary <http://www.cgaux.org/> is looking for Amateur Radio operators or prospective amateur licensees.

"Like every other emergency based service, the Coast Guard operates every day, in good weather and in bad," says Wayne Spivak, KC2NJV, of the USCG's National Public Affairs Department. "We, in the USCG Auxiliary operate whether there is power to operate the normal modes of communication, such as phones, or whether the weather is bad, and the normal means of communications are out of service."

At times like these, the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary rely on the Auxiliary Net (AuxNet), a backup radio network, to maintain communication with both the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard. In areas where there is no regular Coast Guard presence, the Auxiliary may rely solely on its AuxNet for communication. In areas with a large USCG presence, the AuxNet operates in both a support and backup capacity.

The USCG Auxiliary is seeking ham radio volunteers because amateurs "are good communicators," Spivak says, in particular because of skills they've developed both in everyday radio operation and participation during emergencies in RACES, ARES and SKYWARN. He suggests Amateur Radio and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary are an ideal fit.

To find out more, visit the USCG Auxiliary Public Service Articles

Web site. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is open to all US citizens over the age of 17. A security background check, paid for by the US Coast Guard, is required before an applicant is accepted. Visit the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Web site <<http://www.cgaux.org/cgauweb/getzip.html>> to start the process.

*(Thanks for article to ARRL Letter and
The American Radio Relay League)*

OHIO SECTION MANAGER

By Joe Phillips K8QOE

*(Thanks to the IARC for Joe's
article - <http://www.iarc.ws>)*

NOVEMBER SECTION NEWS - Happy Thanksgiving. Ohio will be the site of two major ARRL Conventions in 2005. On March 19, 2005 or the day before the Toledo Hamfest, the Great Lakes Division (Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky) will be held in Maumee - about 1.2 miles from the Hamfest site. Information is at <www.greatlakes.arrl.org> and opening registration is coming this month. Then the Dayton Hamvention (May 20-22, 2005), the 2005 ARRL National Convention is scheduled - the second time the past five years, the National Convention will be at Hamvention. ARRL Convention events will be scheduled throughout the three day event at Dayton and will be announced after the New Year.

The next edition of the Ohio Section Journal, which will be sent to all Section Field appointees in late November, will be the last until March, 2005. That in the normal schedule. Current edition of the OSJ is available for downloading at <www.iarc.ws> or <www.w8we.org>, and click on

OSJ. Editor of the OSJ is ASM Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay.

ARRL PR NOTE - The 2004 Ohio Section Conference, September at Columbus, was the highest attended in Section history. Some 121 hams attended for at least part of the day with 107 participating in the social event of the year - the OSC PIZZA LUNCH. Both numbers are records. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

And at the conference, Michigan SM, Dale Williams, WA8EFK, gave the famous Colin Powell's (Secretary of State) 18 points of leadership. For those who wish a copy, see the Ohio Section web site <www.iarc.ws>.

Allen Pitts, W1AGP, is the new ARRL Headquarters Media and Public Relations Manager. An Extra Class, Allen started in September succeeding Jennifer Hagy, N1TDY, who resigned when she moved to Boston.

OHIO SECTION SUGGESTS - Since the Ohio Section web site <www.iarc.ws> took 42,954 hits last month, maybe it is time you visited it. It seems that every month our site gets more hits than the month previous. The site is updated daily thanks to PIC Scott Yonally, N8SY, Lexington.

With Holiday giving time fast approaching, look over the list of ARRL books, tapes and other ham radio items advertised in each edition of QST. Some are even stocking stuffer size.

OHIO SECTION NET NEWS - Ohio Slow Net (OSN) meets every day at 2210 (10:10 P.M.), 365 days a year on 3708

kHz. Speeds from 10 to 12 WPM, but will slow down for someone who needs it. OSN passes traffic and give some instruction or direct folks to instructional nets, such as the Maryland Slow Net @ 3717 kHz at 2330 Eastern. Usually KX8B or WD8Q can carry through traffic to Buckeye Net. New check ins are always welcome, and, again, they will match senders speed.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) TO Tom Swartz, KB8PAI, Toledo as TMRA Ham of the year. He is also club president; (B) TO Doug Gardner, KB8PHJ, Akron, as new editor of the Pioneer Radiator of the Pioneer ARF. He succeeds Jesse Wall, KA8YYJ and (C) TO Al Haller, W8PBX, for achieving the Greater Cincinnati ARC Distinguished Service Award. A member since the club was formed in 1936, Al writes GCARA history columns for area newsletters.

OHIO SECTION NOVEMBER HAMFEST... (6) Grant ARC at Georgetown. Contact Rodney Crawford, WD8CTX, at 937-446-2338 or at <wd8ctx@juno.com> or visit <www.geocities.com/garcoho/>.

DE Joe Phillips, K8QOE. Ohio Section Manager

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration: Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level III on-line course (EC-003) opens Monday, November 15, 1201 AM EST, and remains open through the November 20-21 weekend or until all available seats have been filled. Class begins Friday, De-

cember 3. Radio amateurs age 55 and older are strongly encouraged to participate. Thanks to our grant sponsors—the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/cce>>. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

FCC FINES CB OPERATOR-AMATEUR LICENSEE, CB SHOP

The FCC has imposed large fines on a Washington CB operator who now holds a Technician class amateur license and on an Ohio CB shop that's run by an apparent amateur licensee. In an October 18 Forfeiture Order (NOF), the Commission levied a \$10,000 fine on Robert A. Spiry, now KD7TRB, of Tacoma, for unauthorized operation on 11 meters that also involved the use of uncertificated equipment and the use of an illegal external RF power amplifier. The alleged violations occurred in 2002.

Following up on "numerous complaints of interference to home electronics equipment" from CB transmissions, agents from the FCC's Seattle Field Office tracked the interfering transmissions to Spiry's home and vehicle.

"The agent observed signal levels that appeared to be significantly higher than those expected from a legal CB transmitter," the FCC said in a subsequent Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL).

The FCC says its agents conducted inspections of Spiry's station in April and November 2002 and determined that Spiry was operating uncertificated transmitters and using a linear amplifier attached to his CB transmitter in violation of Part 95 rules. The FCC said it

advised Spiry that his use of unauthorized and non-certified equipment voided his blanket authority to operate his CB station, but he continued to operate anyway.

The Commission said that when Spiry responded to the December 2002 NAL, he did not dispute the facts as the FCC had presented them. But, Spiry told the FCC that he had given up CB, removed his CB antenna and obtained an Amateur Radio license. Spiry's ham ticket was granted December 2, 2002.

Spiry also said he didn't realize that the fine for such violations could be so high and that he is unable to pay it. The Commission says Spiry presented no evidence to back up that claim, however, and it's not persuaded that Spiry's "remedial efforts" warrant any reduction in the fine.

In an unrelated case, the Commission issued an NOF October 21, fining Paladen Communications Inc, of North Jackson, Ohio, \$7000 for "willfully and repeatedly" selling illegal CB external RF power amplifiers.

(Thanks for article to ARRL Letter and The American Radio Relay League)

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Secretary: Kyle West KC8OLS
Treasurer: Patricia Ellis KC8LVE

Meetings are usually held the 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM. Exceptions are noted in the newsletter.

Meetings are usually held at the ABCAP SENIOR NUTRITION CENTER, across from the front steps of the Adams County Courthouse, in West Union, Ohio

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I am thankful for my family, friends,
and good health.

I wish the same to all of you!

(paid for by Kim Paquette)

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Thank You
for all your support !

(paid for by Brett Spencer)