



# DeFOREST



MAY 2003

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – K8GE

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## The President's Shack

Just a short note to remind everyone of the covered dish meeting at Jerry's on June the 10th. Also the Parade on June the 14th. Meet at the Wayside Inn at 11:00 and the Parade has been changed to 12:00. We need operators for this project. See you there.

73 Ed

**NEXT MEETING - PICNIC  
TUESDAY – JUNE 10, 2003**

**EAT AT 6:30 PM**

**Covered dish picnic at the Field  
Day site – 1966 Logans Lane,  
West Union, Ohio**

**At the residence of  
WB8IOW and N8YWX**

## Minutes of May 13 meeting

The May 13, 2003 meeting of the DeForest ARC was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Ed Lock KE8FK who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. No corrections or additions to the secretary's minutes of the April meeting were voiced. KE8FK announced the minutes will stand as published in the newsletter. N8YWX advised everyone in attendance that a card was being passed around for signatures. It will be sent to Paul Whitehead KQ4TN as he recovers from his surgery.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** KE8FK reviewed the treasurer's report since KC8LVE was not in attendance. The balance as of 4-07-03 was \$1,735.00. Inflows were \$30.00. Outflows were \$172.00. Current balance is \$1,593.00. KE8FK advised that KC8LVE renewed the P.O. box for another year. Lyle Lambert

KC8DDY motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read. Barb Lock N8HIA seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jerry Paquette WB8IOW received papers from the state for incorporation and advised that this has to be done every five years. He explained the purpose of the incorporation was for education and scientific purposes and he provided an overview of the benefits of incorporation. KC8LVE provided check in the amount of \$25.00 for the renewal.

There are several events coming up:

- The June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DARC will be at the home of WB8IOW and N8YWX.
- The Covered Bridge Special Event is June 21. KC8LVE is still working towards getting permission for DARC to use the Kirker covered bridge on SR 136.
- Field Day June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The parade for the Wilson Memorial Rededication on June 14<sup>th</sup>. KE8FK announced that the lineup time has been changed to 11:00 p.m. at the Wayside Inn. Parade starts at noon. Operators are needed to assist with communication.

## REPEATER REPORT: WB8IOW

and KE8FK will go up after the session on the 17<sup>th</sup> and cut grass and spray, sweep and clean up. WB8IOW reminded those in attendance that replacing the battery in the spring was discussed at a previous meeting. He will check the battery on Saturday to see if this will be necessary.

WB8IOW discussed various area repeaters that were either inoperable or whose range was diminished due to technical problems. He explained that this made it more difficult to effectively cover the SKYWARN

area that the DeForest ARC is responsible for. He noted that during a recent weather net, 5 repeaters in our watch area were down. Georgetown was down for 2 days, Maysville repeater was down although Beechburg was up. The 147.180 has been down for almost two years. The Lewis County repeater has been down for almost two years and, as a result, Skywarn was unable to reach them during the weather event that affected their area on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Portsmouth's repeater 146.730 is off the air and most of the hams that are active weather spotters are unable to hit the Otway repeater.

**ARES REPORT** – Kim Paquette N8YWX noted that there have been 6 SKYWARN sessions during the first 13 days of May for our watch area. Although one of these was a standby session, she noted that it takes participation to maintain a successful reporting event. N8YWX encouraged more participation in the SKYWARN nets. She also reminded those in attendance that Hams would be needed during the upcoming season with several public service events that the DeForest club has committed to assisting with.

## NEW BUSINESS

KE8FK would like to look into the possibility of operating a special event from the Jennie Wade paddle boat. He will check into what the cost might be.

WB8IOW discussed calendar being included in newsletters that are sent via e-mail as .pdf files.

Adjourn 8:08 p.m.

Those in attendance were: KE8FK, N8HIA, KB8QMV, KC8OLS, KB8OMG, WB8IOW, N8YWX, KC8DDY, AND KC8LUH.

73, Kim N8YWX

**Birthdays &  
Special Events**

**June**

4 WB8IOW Jerry Paquette  
5 KC8CZB Polly Hayden  
6 KB8TQU Dorothy Silman  
10 PICNIC - 6:30 PM  
11 KB8UAO Kelly Boone  
17 Gladys Stultz  
20 KB8TJT Wanda Mangus  
23 KC8NHU Maxwell Moore

**July**

1 WA8YIQ Earl Paquette  
1 KB8QOZ Stephanie Groves  
8 DeForest meeting 7:00 PM  
9 KB8VLF JD Rosselot  
12 KB8VBH Deanna Rosselot  
15 KB8PVY Gerald Silman  
16 KB8QMV Karen Groves  
23 KA8EKC Richard Newbauer  
31 KC8CXO Ray Music

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**G.M.C.A.R.A.**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

June 7, 2003 - 6 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Location: Orangeburg Lions Club /  
Fire Station

Tickets are \$3.00

We would love to have you join us for a great meal and great fellowship. Needed driving directions can be received by emailing gmcara@yahoo.com or contact us on the radio on the 145.470+ repeater the day of the event.

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Greater Mason County  
Amateur Radio Association

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**THURSDAY NIGHT**

**NET CONTROL OPERATORS**

9:00 PM - 147.00 MHz

June - Kyle KC8OLS

July - George KK8J

August - Ed KE8FK

September - Kim N8YWX

October - Richard KA8EKC

November - Patricia KC8LVE

December - Barbara N8HIA

Thanks to these volunteers

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**ARRL RELEASES UPDATED  
"LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD"  
BETA SOFTWARE**

"Logbook of the World" (LoTW) beta testers for the most part have reacted positively to the latest version of ARRL's secure electronic contact-confirmation system, but some users have run into difficulties. Responding to problems encountered by some early beta testers, the League has released an updated beta version of LoTW that should resolve these issues. Beta testers are encouraged to download the new version of the software, 1.02beta, from the LoTW page <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>.

"While most installations and subsequent e-mailing and uploading of log data have gone flawlessly, as expected there have been problems," said ARRL's Dave Patton, NT1N, who's been a part of the LoTW project from the start. He says the LoTW server software failed to recognize many of the new digital mode designations, such as MFSK-16 and JT6M. This caused fatal errors while digitally signing logs.

Patton says the beta update allows users to "map" any mode designation to one of the four main Amateur Data Interchange Format (ADIF) mode categories--CW, phone, image, and digital--without changing the actual log data. He said the beta upgrade also will correct other log data problems that caused fatal errors in signing a log, including allowing the signing process to complete the "good" parts of a log without crashing.

Beta testing got under way May 15. So far, the 1300 or so beta testers have uploaded upward of five million contacts to the LoTW database. Once it's ready later this year, LoTW will provide a way for amateurs worldwide to qualify for awards such as DXCC or WAS without having to first collect and submit hard-copy QSL cards.

One beta tester from Brazil lavished praise on the LoTW project. "I applaud the creators of LoTW," he wrote. "This will be, for sure, the

salvation of DXing and award collecting. Please keep up this essential work!" For now, log data are limited to contacts made no more than five years ago (on or after January 1, 1998) to get a representative sampling, Patton explained.

Patton promised "many more bells and whistles" over the weeks ahead. One of those will meld LoTW with DXCC. He noted that a major DXCC software revision, now under way, will need to be completed first.

Logging software developers now can get documentation and a Windows DLL library--as well as complete source code for the TQSL software--at the SourceForge Web site <<http://sourceforge.net/projects/trusteqsl/>>.

To join the beta testing program, visit the Logbook of the World--Getting Started site <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/getstart.html>>. The beta testing period wraps up in mid-July.

All QSO data submitted to LoTW will be deleted when the beta test period ends, and users will have to obtain new digital certificates to submit log data to LoTW once it 'goes live.' As part of the security process for the live system, passwords will be mailed to US licensees at the address that appears in the FCC database. Users should make sure the FCC has their current mailing address.

Amateurs can modify their address online or via US mail by using instructions available on the FCC Web site <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/licensing/changingaddress.html>>. ARRL members may submit license modifications or renewals through the ARRL VEC <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/forms.html>>.

**Thanks to the ARRL Letter for the above article. Why not consider an ARRL Membership in 2003?**

## Section Manager's Column

Joe Phillips, K8QOE,  
Ohio Section Manager

Section News (Ohio Section) for  
June, 2003 edition for Ohio Section  
Web Sites

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield,  
(to contact me, see QST page 16);  
ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU,  
Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin,  
N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill  
Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville;  
ASM-SW: John Haungs, W8STX,  
Cincinnati; ASM-SE: Connie  
Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC:  
Larry Rain, WD8IHP, Mansfield;  
STM: Jack Wagoner, WB8FSV,  
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KB8IUP, Toledo; TC: Tom Holmes,  
N8ZM, Tipp City ; PIC: Scott  
Yonally, N8SY, Lexington ; OOC:  
Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark ; SGL:  
Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

**JUNE SECTION NEWS:** Before we  
begin, all this month the World Radio  
Conference is meeting in Geneva  
(June 9-July 4). Yes, redesigning 40  
meters is very much on the table.  
Check for news daily at the ARRL  
Web Page <[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)>.

... **Field Day month (28-29)** and the  
2003 theme is **"When All Else  
Fails."** Yes, have fun, get caught up  
in a high score, eat well and get new  
hams excited with the GOTA station,  
But the theme should remind us the  
first objective is to practice our  
message handling skills and put these  
skills on public display.

... **The 8th Call QSL Bureau**, for  
years headquartered in Columbus ,  
had an address change last month.  
Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE,  
has appointed Jay Slough, K4ZLE, of  
West Chester , as the 8th District QSL  
Bureau chief succeeding Ed Gassman,  
N8HTT, of Baltimore (near  
Columbus ) who retired after many  
years of service. Jay has moved the  
bulk sorter equipment to the  
Cincinnati area. The new address of  
the bureau is Post Office 307, West  
Chester , Ohio , 45071-0307 .

... Many of you have seen other states  
pass their version of **PRB-1** with its  
antenna protections. I was aware of  
many opponents in the Ohio General  
Assembly and had been explaining  
that when I was speaking to clubs and  
ARES groups. But most of you have  
said "forget the opponents; get busy  
on an Ohio PRB-1 version. So  
Assistant Section Manager, Bob  
Winston, W2THU, Cleveland, who is  
an attorney specializing in antenna  
problems, will serve as the point  
person. Ideas? Contact Bob at  
<[w2thu@arrl.net](mailto:w2thu@arrl.net)>.

... To avoid any confusion, our friends  
at the Mad River ARC remind me that  
the exact date of the Ohio QSO party  
this year is August 23. (There are five  
Saturdays in August this year).

**OHIO CLUB NEWS:** If any clubs  
have information about any activities  
your clubs are doing for the 2003  
Ohio Bicentennial contact Bob  
Winston, W2THU at 300 Standard  
Bldg., 1370 Ontario St., Cleveland,  
OH 44113 or <[w2thu@arrl.net](mailto:w2thu@arrl.net)>.

...**Remember** that your annual report  
for ARRL needs to be done each year  
and if you are a Special Service Club  
check your date of when you received  
your status. This needs to be renewed  
every two years. You can do both of  
these on the ARRL web site.

**OHIO SECT CONGRATS:** (A) To  
Ohio 's ARES program for at least six  
HAZMAT drills reported by various  
counties across Ohio . Good to see  
this aspect of emergency planning is  
not forgotten; (B) To Jesse Wall,  
KA8YYZ, editor of Pioneer Radiator  
newsletter of Pioneer ARF, for  
including the crossword puzzle in the  
April edition and not giving the  
answers until the next issue; (C) To  
Ken Massie, WN8F, editor of Hello  
Radio newsletter of Lawrence County  
ARC for printing complete bios of the  
club's seven new members (with  
pictures); not just name and call. Idea  
other clubs should copy; (D) To new  
officers of Huber Heights ARC: Gary  
Walker N8OI, President: Cindy Ebner  
K8CJE, Vice-President: Rusty  
Baldwin, KC8LNO Secretary and Al  
Nellis, KA8IPO Treasurer.

## OHIO SECTION JUNE

### HAMFESTS:

(8) Goodyear ARC at Suffield (near  
Akron ). For more info: contact  
[richjkuster@aol.com](mailto:richjkuster@aol.com); (8) Fulton  
County ARC at Wauseon (west of  
Toledo ). More info;  
<[www.fcarc.8m.com](http://www.fcarc.8m.com)>; (21) Milford  
ARC at Milford (near Cincinnati ).  
For more info, contact  
<[kb8snh@cs.com](mailto:kb8snh@cs.com)>.

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Now for the APRIL Traffic Reports.  
N8IO-529, KD8HB-317, WD8KFN-  
235, N8IXF -226, N8OD-198,  
N8BV-181, N8IBR-128, W8QIW-  
128, KE8B-116, W8PBX-101,  
N8TNV-88, WA8SSI-79, KA8FCC-  
74, WB8SIQ-77, WB8HHZ-73,  
KA8CXG-62, N8GOB-59, N8DD-  
58, NS8C-52, W8RG-50, KC4IYD-  
42, KD9K-40, KB8SBK-37,  
KC8TKB-37, KC8HTP- 34, N8CW-  
29, NY8V-29, KI8IM-27, N8WLE-  
18, W8RPS-15, KC8KYP-9,  
N8RAT-5, K8QIP-3, K8WC-1

### Thanks Ohio Section Journal

DeForest Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Formed in 1974 to serve the counties  
surrounding Adams and Brown  
Counties. First named Adams &  
Brown Counties AREC. The name  
changed in 1982 to DeForest ARC.

The club was incorporated in 1993,  
in the State of Ohio, for scientific and  
educational purposes.

#### Mailing address:

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#### Web site:

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#### 2003 officers:

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VicePres.: Jerry Paquette WB8IOW  
Secretary: Kim Paquette N8YWYX  
Treasurer: Patricia Ellis KC8LVE

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