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**APRIL 2, 6:30 PM
GEORGETOWN**

KNOW CODE!

(N8AGB) The March 1997 issue of the Mike and Key reports that the GCARA on-the-air code teaching and practice Monday evening sessions will begin on April 7 or 14. The date was not set as of TM&K deadline.

The time will be from 8-9 PM on 147.150+. Further information may be heard on the 147.150+ repeater during the River City Net.

NEW ARRL PHONE NUMBERS

(ARRL) The old ARRL numbers--including the main switchboard number, 666-1541--will stop working as of April 30. The new numbers include the main switchboard (860-594-0200), the fax machine in the Executive Vice President's office (860-594-0259), the fax machine in the comptroller's office (860-594-7109) and the fax machine in publication sales (860-594-0303).

HAMS RISE TO PUBLIC SERVICE CHALLENGE

(Webline) Hams pitched in to volunteer as storms and floods hit several states in recent days. As severe storms were spotted across parts of the southern US, hams activated Skywarn nets to aid the National Weather Service in tracking the systems.

In Ohio, where floods struck last weekend, SEC Larry Solak, WD8MPV, reports 14 counties have been declared disaster areas. Shelters were opened in at least three counties. Solak reports that approximately 200 Ohio hams turned out to help Red Cross personnel and the National Guard with emer-

gency operations and damage assessment. Other hams in central Ohio were reported to be standing by to help, if needed. Because many of the flooded areas were isolated and not heavily populated, details are sketchy. Hams also were reported working at the state Emergency Operations Center as well as at county EOCs. And ham radio has filled the communication gap in those areas of Ohio where phone service was out.

Locally, many hams were involved in communications work relating to the recent flooding in our area. Hats off to all involved!

US AGREES TO CONFORM TO IARU MORSE CODE STANDARDS, HAMS ANGRY

(EDITOR) Hams across America were outraged learning that starting 1-April-97 the U.S will require re-testing of all hams in accord with the IARU international metric Morse Code standard.

A spokesman for the A.R.R.L. explained the new code standard as follows; All dashes contained in a Morse code element will now be sent as dots and the corresponding dots in a Morse code element will be sent as dashes. The IARU further stipulated that due to the shortness of the E and T characters (too short and confusing for many computer activated programs) have been lengthened to their phonetic equivalents. E becomes dah-dah-di-dah-dah-dah-dah and T becomes di-dah-dah-di-dah-dah-dah-dah.



With hams this happy can Dayton be far away?

While confusing at first, says ARRL spokesmen, the mirrored code and lengthened T and E should, after a while, be as comfortable to use as learning to send with your big toe.

While they wouldn't comment publicly, insiders at the F.C.C did acknowledge that the ruling would result in slower code speeds, more confusion throughout the cw frequencies, and generally longer ID times for repeaters. Happy April 1st.

THE SECRETARY MEETING MINUTES 3/13/97 -JERRY

(KB8PVY)The meeting was called to order by John K8RJ club president at 6:30 PM. the members stood and recited the pledge allegiance to our flag. John K8RJ read the minutes of the Feb. meeting. A motion by Roy KE4MZN and seconded by Gordy WB8YGW, to accept the minutes. Motion approved by membership. Treasurers report by Dot KB8TQU. \$3218.49 in the treasury at this meeting date. A motion by Doug K8CMM and seconded by Mike KC8DPI, to accept the treasurers report. Motion approved by membership.

Presentations by Roy NL7FK :

Data base for the hams attending the 1996 hamfest.

Lisa KF4JNX said she would prepare the data base.

Color contest. March 22 & 23,1997 will be the final rush to complete the contest (93 colors in all).

Net control discussion.

Field day discussion.(June 28 & 29 1997) need workers,sites,antennas,food,equipment.

Sites = John P. - Joe - Gordy

Antennas = Kieth - Mike

Food = Dot - Polly - Marty.

Equipment = Jeff - John P. - Gordy - Jerry.

Locations : East Fork Lake - Old Machinery Grounds - Gordies - Air Port.

Hamfest flyers will be decided at next meeting.

Raffle:A motion was made by Lisa KF4JNX, and seconded by Jeff N1DJS, to set aside \$300.00 to purchase the prize for the raffle. Motion approved by the membership.It was decided that the prize will be a Yaesu FT50R 5 watt handheld.

John the club president back at the podium to continue with the business at hand.

Discussion by Lisa KF4JNX and Ed KB8VKZ, on CPR. The

importance of training. More at the next meeting.

Dot KB8TQU was selected as the 1997 Hamfest Chairperson.Discussion about other clubs being involved with our next Hamfest. More at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Lisa KF4JNX and seconded by John KC8CYV to form a committee to make some rules for the involvement of our club and other clubs if other clubs are involved in our Hamfest. Motion approved by members.

John K8RJ presented some activities that the secretary receives from time to time in the mail. These activities include Hamfests from other areas etc.

It was decided by the membership to purchase a power supply for Erin KC8CYZ, which went bad during the flood emergency exercise.

Discussion on the use of the phone patch on the G.Town repeater.Phone patch procedure will be given to members at future meetings.

Gordy WB8YGW, talked briefly about the radiogram forms to be used in emergency radio communications.

Jeff N1DJS, suggested that emergency radio training would be in order.

A motion was made by Marty KC8CZD, and seconded by Lisa KF4JNX to see if Gordy WB8YGW, would select a time and location for emergency radio training. Motion approved by member ship.

A short discussion on weather watch classes by Marie KE4MZP.

Roy NL7FK suggested the purchase of a camper to haul and store Field Day equipment.

Member ship did not agree,suggestion dropped.

It was decided that Jeff N1DJS and Gordy WB8YGW, will compile a list of the clubs equipment

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Fox hunt demonstration after the meeting by Jeff N1DJS.

AEA INKS DEALS TO SELL PRODUCT LINES

(Webline) Advanced Electronic Applications (AEA) has closed deals to sell its product lines to two other companies, but the AEA name will live on. Former AEA Chairman Mike Lamb, N7ML, says AEA's line of antennas, antenna analyzers and cable-testing equipment was sold, effective March 7, to Tempo Research of Vista, California. Tempo will handle all technical support, warranty and after-warranty service and plans to produce the products in the antenna, antenna analyzer and cable-testing line that AEA had been producing before it ceased operation late last year. Tempo will continue the AEA name under a separate division.

Timewave Technology of St Paul, Minnesota--already a major name in ham radio gear--is buying the rights to all other AEA products, including its digital line. But Timewave president Randy Gawtry, K0CBH, asked the amateur community to give the company a few weeks to set up the new product line before calling. "Watch our Web page," he said (it's at <http://www.timewave.com>). Gawtry says a purchase agreement is in place, and Timewave is in the process of making the product line transition from AEA to Timewave and hopes to be manufacturing products soon. Timewave will have the right to use the AEA name for one year (AEA model numbers will be continued, however). Gawtry said Timewave also will handle technical support and warranty and after-warranty service for the new product line, which will include AEA's DSP-232 multimode TNC, introduced last year.

Callers to the former AEA number are now being directed to either Tempo or Timewave, as appropriate. Tempo Research is at 619-598-9677. Timewave's number is 612-452-5939.



CLUB EVENTS

May 1st

Club Raffle

June 28th

Field Day

CONTESTS

March 1-2

April 14 (Mon)

March 22 (Tues)

March 30 (Wed)

[ARRL International DX Contest](#),

144-MHz Spring Sprint

222-MHz Spring Sprint

432-MHz Spring Sprint

HAM RADIO IN WB MOVIE

(Weblines) Some ham radio paraphernalia supplied by the ARRL will appear in the upcoming Warner Brothers' film, *Contact*.

Mike Gastaldo of WB's props department said the radio shack scenes "happen in the first 15 minutes of the film. You can tell people to go for the ham radio scenes and stay for the astrophysics."

The movie is scheduled to open July 11.

BIRTHDAYS

Roy Foster, Jr. KF4ACO	March 8
Roy Machen II KC4PWY	March 11
Lucius Merrill KF8RC	March 21
Michael DeVanney KB8VLE	March 26
Garry Howard II KB8VXB	March 28
Donald Gephardt KC8BHB	March 30
Raegean Scott KB8VKX	April 4
Brian Gibson KB8JUL	April 6
Douglas Keiffer K8CMM	April 7
Marty Hatfield KC8CZD	April 9
Brad Cross KB8SDK	April 14
John Cushing KC8 CYV	April 16
Garnal Jones KA8 VEB	April 23
Richard Schulz III KB8YLO	April 25
Garry Howard N8SVW	April 28

Happy Birthday to all of you! If we've missed you, inform the birthday computer via the editor.

AMATEUR CALLBOOK CD-ROM ONLY

(Weblines) It's the end of an era for The Radio Amateur Callbook. Publisher Bob Hughes announced March 17 in a letter to Callbook distributors that the company is phasing out its telephone-book-size paper North American and international editions in favor of its CD-ROM product.

The 1997 Callbook--the 75th edition--will be the last hard-copy version available. The letter cited "rising costs and increasing demand for electronic publishing" as the reasons for the company's decision to concentrate on the CD-ROM version, which includes worldwide listings.

North American and international editions of the paper Callbook, a staple for years in many active ham shacks, sell for around \$40, while the CD-ROM sells for around \$50. The Callbook began publishing in 1920. Radio Amateur Callbook is produced by Watson-Guption Publications. The spring CD-ROM edition of the Callbook will be available at the Dayton Hamfest, Hughes' told distributors.

According to Hughes' letter, the company has "a limited supply of the printed edition" and anticipates that demand will be great once the word gets out. The last printed version will carry a label indicating "Last Edition of the Callbook." (For orders, call 800-278-8477; e-mail 103424.2142@compuserve.com.)

HAM RADIO CYBERLINKS

ARRL: www.arrl.org

Part 97: www.mv.com/ipusers/simons/al/radio/part97

Callsign lookup: www.ualr.edu/~hamradio/callsign

Open repeater page: www.artscipub.com/repmain

Information on Becoming a Ham: newham@arrl.org

FCC Form 610 Requests: form610@arrl.org

HAMFEST CALENDAR

March 22

Lincoln Trail ARC,
Elizabethtown, KY

March 23

Lake County ARA,
Madison, OH

March 23

Two Rivers ARC,
Monroeville, PA

March 29

Michigan City ARC,
Michigan City, IN

April 5

Columbus ARC,
Columbus, IN

April 12

Kentucky Colonels ARC,
Bowling Green, KY

April 12

Appalachian AR Group,
Fredericksburg, PA

April 13

Teays ARC,
Circleville, OH

April 13

Columbia-Montour ARC,
Bloomsburg, PA

April 20

Twenty Over Nine RC,
Canfield, OH

April 27

Athens County ARA,
Athens, OH

April 27

Buckeye Belles
Ohio Women's ARL,
Lancaster, OH

BUY / SELL / TRADE

Kenwood TS-700 2 Meter All Mode Transceiver \$300

1 pair of Procom VHF single channel Transceivers
(154.Mhz) \$100

2 Realistic CB Transceivers \$75 each

Heath Kit Capacitor Checker \$10

Video Descrambler, Cipher Model II \$25

Other electronic items are available, Call Bob Spradlin (W8SK) at (513) 378-3110. Stop in and make an offer at 775 South Main Street, Georgetown Ohio.



ARE YOU PREPARED?

(Editor) We've all heard it before, April showers bring May flowers, but April can also bring a wealth of crazy weather. Spectacular lightning, high winds, power outages and of course plenty of water.

If any of it started now would you be ready? Portable ant handy? Handheld batteries charged? Why not take some time to prepare now? You'll thank yourself later!