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Thursday,
April 2nd
7:00pm



AN ANGEL CALLING

Yesterday's air waves alive in my mind,
a grizzled voice comes through,
And says to us, don't make a fuss,
I'll always be with you.

He says he's fine now, not to fear,
and making it on his own.
The sun on his face, a real nice place,
and he doesn't feel alone.

He's faced the toughest times and more,
he's handled his fair share.
He's left this earth, for what it's worth,
and all its hard times there.

Dealt a hand that most of us,
would never want to hold.
No ace up his sleeve, it's hard to believe,
the times he refused to fold.

So it comes as no surprise to me,
to see him plain as day.
Standing tall, amongst them all,
and then I hear him say....

You'll hear me now, just listen close,
to a different frequency.
I'll meet you there, my friend, I swear,
though I'm a silent key.

Weep not for the days gone by,
nor what will never be.
In the heart of a friend, love never ends,
I live in memory.

So take to the air waves one more time,
a net to end them all.
I've rigged a tower, with the Almighty's
power,
and found me a heavenly call.

Flower
KB8YKO



KB8VBK, HENRY GONE FROM OUR RANKS.

I first met Henry in person at the infamous
campaouts. He left us much too soon.

Before meeting Henry face to face, he was a
voice behind a speaker, that told some pretty
good jokes, and enjoyed jokes as good as he
gave.

If I listen hard, I can still hear him laughing
to the point of tears about some funny story
that someone told, or telling a joke that was
closer to the edge than any one else on the re-
peater could get away with.

I'll miss that very bad kid, Amateur radio
just won't ever be quite as enjoyable. Know-
ing Henry, he wouldn't approve of that way
of thinking, but knowing Henry, is some-
thing Amateur radio can treasure forever.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Name	Date	Call
Scott	4/4/69	KB8VKX
Brian	4/6/61	KB8JUL
Douglas	4/7/41	K8CMM
Marty	4/9/44	KC8CZD
Robert	4/14/41	N4VGI
Brad	4/14/62	KB8SDK
Garnal	4/23/62	KA8VEB

CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD IN

1998 GARC CLUB OFFICERS

President - Jeff N1DJS
Vice President - Lisa KF4JNX
Secretary - Jerry KB8PVY
Treasurer - Dot KB8TQU

APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Bob Armstrong from the Red Cross will be
at our next meeting, KB8PVY has more
info on the adopt a highway program, and
N1DJS will be packed behind the podium
fresh from ten days of vacation.

APRIL COOKIES

April sweets brought to you this month courtesy of WD8CTX

APRIL NET CONTROL

Sunday nights at 9:00pm, has WB8YGW at the reins of net control.

HAZ-MAT TRAINING SESSION PLANNED

On April 21st and 23rd, there will be a Haz-Mat training session held at the West Union Fire Department meeting room upstairs. The instructor will be Fred Starcher, Haz-Mat Coordinator for Adams County and Training Officer for the Fire Chiefs Association. Fred is also Fire Chief at GE in Peebles and a member of the DeForest Club. Many of you probably know him by his call sign of KB8VBI.

The training sessions will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and continue till 10:00 pm. Training is open to all Ham operators, Fire department personnel, police and EMS personnel. Contact a DeForest ARC member to let the know how many will be attending. Please contact Fred Starcher 587-4345 if you plan to attend.

VP VIEW

It seems that for the pasted month I've been doing a lot of listening. I've heard you can learn more that way. (Stop laughing Russ...and Harold...and Jerry...and Roy...and John...and Jeff and....any way you get the point)

Well, it sure feels like Spring and I'm not sure if it's the sun shine or the sea son, but there seems to be a lot of radioing going on. If you want to get excited about radio, just tune in to 146.730. You will be sure to hear NL7FK, KB8PVY, K8IN and WB8YGW talking about having fun on the low bands. The conversation consists of number of contacts, locations, conditions, "did you get that call," and various multitudes of other comments. We seem to be in the midst of contest central.

I'm sure if you have any questions, or if you would like to get involved, give one of the above mentioned a yell. So, if you have an interest in learning more, each of these guys have offered their stations and their assistance to new comers.

HERZLICHE GLÜCKWÜNSCHE!

No it's not the newest plague to strike the United States. It the german way to say heart felt good wishes to fellow amateurs in Germany.

The Deutscher Amateur Radio Club magazine *CQ DL* this month celebrates 50 years of publication. The magazine was begun in 1948 in the wake of World War II—a time when ham radio operation had not yet been reauthorized for hams in Germany (although illegal transmitting was rather widespread). *CQ DL* boasts 60,000 readers. The current issue of *CQ DL* includes a reprint of the March 1948 issue.



HAM LICENSE EXAMS

The GCARA VE Team will offer amateur radio license exams on Saturday April 25 and June 27. Pre-registrations are preferred to ensure scheduling enough VEs to ensure each session runs smoothly; however, walk-ins are accepted. The sessions will begin at 1 PM at Maple Knoll Village, 11100 Springfield Pike in Springdale. This is 1 mile south of the I-275/Ohio S.R. 4 (Springfield Pike) interchange. For information and registration contact [Scott Heminger, W8GS](#), telephone 683-7373. The usual FCC examination fee, current license (if currently licensed), IDs and any CSEs are required. If there are any questions concerning these documents, discuss them with Scott.

EMERGENCY REVIEW

(N1DJS) March 21st the Queen City Emergency Net and Red Cross in Blue Ash sponsored a meeting to look at ways to improve response to area disasters. The meeting was informative and eye opening, and it was great to put a face on a voice that one knew from the flood work of '97. The meeting notes arrived today in my email, and though they are too long for the newsletter, they are available to anyone on request, or by asking N1DJS at the April meeting.

GREAT LAKES DIRECTOR RESIGNS

ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Joe Falcone, N8TI, has resigned, effective March 23. He offered no reason for his decision to step down.

An attorney from Livonia, Michigan, Falcone became a director January 1 1998, after defeating incumbent Director George Race, WB8BGY, in balloting last November.

Falcone was a member of the ARRL's Enforcement Task Force. Great Lakes Vice Director Dave Coons, WT8W automatically succeeded to the office.

HAM GETS CARNEGIE MEDAL

(WK8X) Elton Twork, KC8BZD, of Wyoming, Michigan, has been honored by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. Nearly 18 months ago, Twork pulled two men from a car just moments before it was demolished by an oncoming train. Twork, 24 and a security guard, was one of 17 people across the country similarly honored. He was on duty when he witnessed the car—piloted by an intoxicated driver—as it crashed a barrier and landed on the tracks with a train bearing down on it. John Wittman, WK8X, of Grand Rapids, says the local sheriff hauled what was left of the smashed car to Twork's award ceremony. Twork received a medal and a \$3000 check, which he plans to put toward his pursuit of an MA in public administration.

FORGET NOT, DAYTON '98, MAY 15, 16, AND

MAJOR FIELD DAY CHANGES

Some new rules go into effect this year for Field Day. The popular summer time operating event takes place each year on the fourth full week end in June. This year, it will be June 27-28.

A major change this year is the elimination of bonus-point credit for packet and VHF/UHF contacts. Field Day stations no longer will be allowed to count contacts via repeaters, packet nodes, or similar arrangements. Class 2A and higher Field Day stations still may operate a "free" transmitter exclusively for VHF or UHF operation (ie, above 50 MHz) without changing their basic entry classification, but not for bonus points. "It's better than bonus points, and groups are likely to spend more time on VHF and UHF because of that," predicted ARRL Membership Services Manager Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH. As in the past, cross band and repeater contacts other than via satellite do not count for Field Day credit.

Field Day stations now can earn point credit for digital (ie, non-CW) contacts on each band. The phone, CW, and non-CW digital segments are considered separate "bands" in the Field Day rules. This means, for example, that you now may work the same station for point credit on 40 meters three times: once on SSB, once on CW, and once on RTTY, packet, or one of the TOR modes. SSB contacts count one point, and CW and non-CW digital contacts count 2 points apiece, so adding non-CW digital capability presents a real opportunity to rack up substantial additional points! "We're expecting an interesting year because of the digital modes," Hutchinson said.

The complete, official Field Day rules will appear in the May edition of *QST*. Basic Field Day rules have remained unchanged for several years now. The new rules undoubtedly will generate a flurry of computerized contest logging program revisions as developers scramble to incorporate the changes into their software.

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Lisa KF4JNX, at 7:05 PM. All persons announced their name and call sign for the benefit of all present.

Inquiry by the V. President if we were still going to have Bob Armstrong from the red cross to give a demonstration on damage assessment. Jerry, KB8PVY will continue to follow up on this.

Jane Cahall from the commissioners office reported to our club President N1DJS, that the EMA training will be at a later date, and we will be notified. There will be a weather spotter class at the Maysville club location on April 6th, 1998 at 7 pm. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

A short discussion on the radio class which was held on Feb, 28, 1998. Roy, NL7FK, reported that the class was successful and we now have 4 new hams. Adopt a highway discussion. There were 9 members interested in getting involved with this program, also some members that were not present at the meeting are interested. Jerry KB8PVY, will follow up on this and present the results at the next meeting.

There will be no activity for Grants Birthday by the club except contacting the local news paper and submitting an article in behalf of the club for the occasion. A motion by Roy NL7FK, and 2nd by Jerry K8IN, to have an activity for next years Grants birthday. Motion carried by the membership. Hal KB8SUM, Al WB8UJM, and Roy NL7FK, will follow up on this project.

Discussion on picnics. Our club is still planning to have picnics with other clubs and to have some by ourselves. Field day discussion. Talked about some locations and more participation by club members. More discussion on this at later meetings. Field day committee is: Jeff N1DJS, Roy NL7FK, Lisa KF4JNX, John K8RJ. Hamfest discussion. Chair person Lisa KF4JNX. Committee members. Dot KB8TQU, Doris KE4MZJ, Polly KC8CZB, Kay KC8CZC, Betty AA8IQ, Marie KE4MZP, Richard KC8EZH, Gordy WB8YGW, Dennis KC8GAC, Jerry KB8PVY. The Hamfest is scheduled for November 21, 1998. Lisa KF4JNX will make up the flyers for the Hamfest. Motion by Gordy WB8YGW, and 2nd by Richard KC8EZH, to have one grand prize and have a second and third prize. Motion carried by the membership.

Break at 8:35 pm. Meeting Back to order at 8:45 pm.

There will be wallet sized cards made for members wishing to have them, with emergency phone numbers and other data that would be handy when needed. These cards should be ready by the next meeting.

Finance committee. Club donation for the purchase of tables has been completed. A short discussion by Al WB8UJM, on other things that we can do as a club with our funds. More on this at future meetings. Roy NL7FK, mentioned the need for the upgrading of our members and anyone else that would like to do so. Motion by Lucius KF8RC and 2nd by Gordy WB8YGW, to purchase the necessary material that is not available from other clubs, for the training classes, Motion carried by the membership. More on this at future meetings. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.