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## COMMUNICATE

Just what are Hams supposed to do? Communicate!!! I guess most of us do just that. It is a neat thing to listen to how well we do it. But, when it comes to giving directions, sometimes I wonder how the person asking for the directions ever gets to where they're going. I have listened to someone try to explain something to someone else, that has no idea what they're talking about. I think a lot of the time, it is our

choice of words that seem to be lacking.

Now you give a Ham a full coffee pot and a box of donuts, they will talk to anyone 'till the coffee and donuts are gone. Getting one to talk on the radio is not a really BIG problem. The problem is understanding what they say sometimes. When it comes to things of a really technical nature, most fall down real fast. I have heard Hams try to explain things like; after you take the cover off it is on the right-hand side, near the round thing that looks like a can. It is most likely black in color, but it don't have to be, it coulda kinda may be another color. Just about that time, its a good time for another box of donuts and a fresh pot of coffee.

I am not real good at technical things since I am not a technical person. I am not sure how to take the cover off to even start. After I do get it off, I know that the thingamajig is next to the whatchamacallit. It is most likely round, but it could be flat with two wires on it. Now I know what to do, and that is send for another pot of coffee and another box of donuts, as it will be a long night.

After I do find the thing that may be the problem, I need to get that some kind of meter, or some thing like that, to check to see if that haint the problem. Well wouldn't one know they forgot to tell me that I have to disconnect it from the surkit board. Well, so far we have gone through three pots of coffee and three boxes of donuts.

The donut shop has taken a strange liking to me, and they hope I keep on trying to fix the problem myself. They are giving me all kinds of words of encouragement about now, telling me that they know that, I know, how I can do it. Oh, by the way, we just made a fresh batch of donuts just for you. Not only that, but if you buy coffee by the gallon we will give you a BIG special discount on it. Now that's sounding good about this time, as I feel I still have a ways to go to fix the problem.

By now, the guy on the other end has also gone for more coffee and donuts. The donut shop is telling him that he will be able to explain it me, and to keep up the good work. The donut shop is also offering him a deal on coffee by the gallon, and they also just made a fresh batch of donuts just for him.

Well it is now time to get back to the project at hand. Now that I've figured out that I have to disconnect the thingy from the surkit board somehow by using a soldering gun. Now the only guns that I ever used had caps or bullets in them. I didn't know that they made ones that shot solder. I am sure glad that I ordered the gallon jug of coffee. The donuts were very tasty too. Another gallon of coffee later, I knew I understood what a soldering gun is. After two more boxes of donuts I got it that one doesn't load solder into the gun through the handle.

Well, to make a long story short, we had a fun time finding out about leads on a meter thingy. I now know that leads are wire of some kind. They are for the most part red and black, but they don't have to be. They can be any color or the same color. Boy, did we have a fun time with those there res-is-ter thingys. By the [Continued page 5](#)

## FROM THE PREZ

As I sit typing this column, it hardly seems like we have had Thanksgiving, and we are now getting ready for Christmas. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and has a great Christmas.

Don't forget to put the date of December 31, 2007 on your calendar, as SAARA will be having their Kielbasa & Kraut Sub Sale at St. Paul's (Scullion Hall) Cafeteria starting at 4:00 P.M. We will be serving from 4:30 P.M. till approximately 10:00 P.M. Subs will sell for \$4.00. Come out and volunteer to help.

There will be entertainment thru the evening from several different groups (bands etc.). Your help would be appreciated. Frank Zamerelli will be assisting us again. We would like to thank him for what he has done for the Club. There will be other events going on at different locations but a \$10 badge will be needed from the First Night Salem group to go to them.

Don't forget the elections are coming up at the SAARA Club meeting on January 3, 2008 at the Salvation Army.

We would like to thank the Club for the flowers sent to my step dads funeral services. He passed away after the last meeting.

We also have a silent key from Salem, Fred Krause W8SPR. He passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2007. Our condolences go out to the Krause Family.

And, don't forget to mark your calendar for March 15, for the yearly Club dinner which will be held on the second floor of the Memorial bldg. It is next to the Salem Public Library. The dinner starts at 6:00 P.M. Our guest speaker will be Craig Brown, the Columbiana County Recorder. He will be speaking about the updates in the recorders office, and will answer any questions you might have for him about his office.

Tentatively the Club is scheduled to have their annual Superbowl Sunday Meatball Sub Sale on February 3, 2008 from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. also at St Paul's School cafeteria.

Don't forget the Club net every Tuesday evening at 9:00 P.M. on the 147.255 repeater. And, don't forget the Homeland Security Net, also on Tuesday, on 147.510 simplex at 7:30 P.M.. Everyone is welcome to check in from Police Departments, Fire Departments, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Emergency Management Offices along with hospitals, including anyone who is interested in emergency communications.

Amateur Radio classes will start on January 9 at 7:00 P.M. at the Salvation Army. If things change, they will be metioned on future nets which are held every Tuesday evening, or on 28.310 at 9:30 P.M. after the SAARA weekly net.

Anyone having ideas for guest speakers, you might mention them to us at the meetings.

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming meetings and activities

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**SAARA MEETS THE  
FIRST THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
AT THE  
SALVATION ARMY  
1249 N. ELLSWORTH  
AVE., SALEM, OH  
7:00P.M.**



**ANNUAL SAARA DINNER**  
Saturday, March 15, 2008  
6:00 P.M.  
Memorial Building

The cost of the dinner is \$12.00  
Anyone wanting to attend can contact Lela, KB8YPD.  
Money must be in by the March 6 meeting.

## NEOHAM - NORTHEAST OHIO HAMS

We all seem concerned that club membership and participation in amateur radio is declining. Now a group of our colleagues have decided to **band** together (no pun intended) to do something about it. I think we should join them.

NEOHAM is a local promotion and recruitment campaign to increase new licensees. It offers coordinated publicity on ham radio's appeal and its value as an important emergency radio resource. These efforts complement ARRL's HELLO campaign to position Amateur Radio for the 21st century, focusing on its universal appeal even in today's technology-rich society. We need to let people know how amateur radio incorporates computers, the internet, and digital techniques.

The NEOHAM program involves four-steps. First - promote and raise public awareness of ham radio. Second - prospect for people interested in our hobby. Third - have radio clubs and volunteer Elmers work with individuals who are interested in becoming licensed. Fourth - help candidates prepare for the licensing exam through individual study and radio club classes.

"Publicity is important, but it's not enough," comments Devere "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, a member of the steering committee and winner of the ARRL's 2006 McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award. "Our challenge is finding ways to welcome interested persons and communicate the fun and excitement of our hobby in ways that will lead to more licensed hams. Radio clubs and volunteer Elmers are critical to the process." Logan notes that amateur radio is the ideal choice for a wholesome family hobby. He recommends enlisting teachers as recruiters, too. Students can learn electronics and radio by doing them. Ham radio offers a way to practice a foreign language chatting with other countries, develop mechanical skills by building projects, and become familiar with geography and other cultures.

NEOHAM member organizations pay a one-time \$50 fee. In return, they receive "Amateur Radio: Wireless Window to the World."\*\*\* This 21-minute video is designed to introduce the public to ham radio. It shows area operators conducting emergency drills and using radios in cars, boats, planes and a hot air balloon. Scenes include Amateurs in foreign countries including the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan and England. People from all walks of life, ages, and nationalities appear supporting the broad appeal of our hobby.

Members also receive a 50-page manual explaining how to conduct a variety of promotional activities. The toolkit describes the four-step process of recruiting new Amateurs and publicity basics including use of the video, displays, fliers, and news releases. Contents are based upon professional practices of journalists, marketing and public relations specialists plus years of radio club experience. The manual is designed for average radio Amateurs to use. There is also a project website, [www.neoham.org](http://www.neoham.org), where member clubs are listed and information can be posted. As the ham radio promotion project moves ahead, members are sharing their experiences to develop a best practices database. Banners, displays, feature articles and broadcast announcements are available.

The project was initiated by the Indian Hills Radio Club (Wickliffe, OH) and Cleveland Chapter One of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (Cleveland, OH) with support from area radio clubs, individual contributors, and matching funds from the Hamfest Association of Cleveland.

Other members of the Ham Radio Promotion Project include: The Benzie Amateur Radio Friends (Beulah, MI); Blossomland Amateur Radio Association (St. Joseph, MI); Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club (Fond du Lac, WI); Gilmour Academy Amateur Radio Club (Novelty, OH); Gratiot County Amateur Radio Association (Alma, MI); Highlands County Amateur Radio Club (Avon Park, FL); Huntsville Amateur Radio Club (Huntsville, AL); Lake County Amateur Radio Association (Painesville, OH); Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association (Cleveland, OH); North Coast Amateur Radio Club (Cleveland, OH); Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (Elyria, OH); Northwest Amateur Radio Society (Houston, TX); The Sandusky Radio Experimental League (Sandusky, OH); Warren Amateur Radio Association (Warren, OH); Western Reserve Emergency Communications Society (Chagrin Falls, OH).

This is one **bandwagon** (you knew I had a sense of humor after all) we can't afford to miss. So get out of your shack and send a message. Are you on board?

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## CANCER VICTIM INVENTS POSSIBLE CHEMO ALTERNATIVE

*Suffering Under Chemotherapy, Retired Man Develops Radio-Wave Treatment Nov. 2, 2007 —*

This is the story of a man whose reaction to a cancer diagnosis was to go to his garage and invent something -- a machine that serious scientists are now taking seriously.

John Kanzius, K3TU, made his fortune owning radio stations in Pennsylvania, then retired with his wife to Florida. Five years ago, he was diagnosed with leukemia.

While he was undergoing chemotherapy he decided there has to be a better way to fight this illness. And even though he wasn't a doctor, he figured he could figure it out himself.

Kanzius said he was inspired to invent his cancer-fighting machine after seeing the children who were getting chemotherapy at the same time he was.

"I noticed young kids losing their smiles, losing their hair. And I said to myself, 'Today's chemotherapy is cruel. There's gotta be a better way to cure cancer,'" Kanzius told ABC News.

So he set out to invent his own chemotherapy alternative, and his wife, Marianne, had a front row seat.

"He woke me up in the middle of the night making all this clamor in the kitchen," she said.

Using pie pans, spare parts from ham radios and know-how from his days as a radio engineer, he invented the first generation of what would become a machine that uses radio waves -- not radioactivity -- to fight cancer.

Now could a garage invention turn into a breakthrough cancer treatment?

Some medical professionals think maybe.

"It's beyond remarkable," said Dr. Steven Curley of the MD Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas. "He was just a private citizen who just came up with an idea and had the wherewithal and the tinkering ability to do it."

Curley and his colleagues at the center took Kanzius' made-in-the-garage invention very seriously.

They began testing the radio-wave technology on animals, and say they completely destroyed liver cancer tumors in rabbits. The findings will be part of a study to be published in the journal *Cancer*.

Kanzius got tearful when talking about the study. "Not until the manuscripts were available online for me to read did the gravity of what we developed hit me," he said.

But cancer experts are quick to point out this research is very preliminary.

"I would guess, based on what we know now that we are probably five years from the first clinical trials in humans. Hopefully it will be faster," said Dr. Robert C. Young of the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Kanzius' cancer is now in remission. And he is careful when asked whether he thinks his invention can ever be used on him.

"My only wish is that I could be around long enough to see the first human trials."

Experts stress that it's important to emphasize that this research is still in the very early stages. Just because it appears to have worked in animals does not mean it will work in humans. It is nonetheless a remarkable story. One scientist told ABC News that in 20 years of cancer research he has never encountered anything like this.

*2007 ABC News Internet Ventures*



**Kielbasa, Kraut, and Sloppy Joe  
Sale December 31, 2007  
St Pauls School Cafeteria  
4:30 'til 10:00 PM  
Sandwiches are \$4 EA.**

**Superbowl Sunday  
Meatball Sub Sale, February 3, 2008  
St Pauls School Cafeteria  
11:00 AM 'til 4:00 PM  
Subs are \$4 EA.**



## ANNOUNCING THE 2008 ARRL STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT

Every interest or hobby has a history behind it. It's a reminder of the origins of that hobby and helps show how much evolution has taken place. Engaging a hobby's history may not be the most efficient way to participate in that hobby, but they still offer an allure that many enjoy. For example, a Model T may not be as efficient or as sleek as a new hybrid, but many enjoy the nostalgia of the older cars.

I was unpacking boxes in my new apartment, after just moving to the area to begin working at ARRL HQ. Among the many possessions I found was my first straight key from my Novice days back in Illinois in 1982. It wasn't anything fancy, just a simple key that Radio Shack sold back then. I had mounted it on an old piece of wood plank I'd stained and made hundreds of QSOs with it in my early years as a ham. Holding it in my hand after unpacking it, the memories were, to paraphrase James Earl Jones in Field Of Dreams, "so thick I could brush them away with my hand".

I remember my first CW QSO: May 22, 1982. My fist was shaking from nerves as I worked a fellow Novice in Arizona on 15 meters. Several months later, I worked my first DX, a station in Brazil, and recall the feeling of how big my world had suddenly become; I had communicated with another human being several thousand miles away, using essentially the same tool that had been used since the earliest days of our hobby. These are the memories that many a ham revisits every time they use a straight key.

The 2008 running of Straight Key Night begins at 7:00 p.m. EST December 31, 2007 and runs for 24 hours through 7:00 p.m. EST January 1, 2008 (0000 – 2400 UTC January 1, 2008). SKN is more of an operating event than a contest. To participate, simply send "CQ SKN" or listen for CQs that have SKN in them. The object of this friendly event is to enjoy some good old-fashioned QSO fun, using straight keys. The emphasis is on rag-chewing rather than fast contest-style exchanges. Take pleasure in sending and receiving CW sent without a computer or keyer, listen for the best fist you encounter, and be sure to tell us all about your activities. Even better, connect that straight key to some vintage gear you haven't used in a while. Many interesting QSOs take place during SKN, so be sure to let us know about a memorable QSO you have.

Don't forget to post your comments and interesting photographs from your SKN adventure to the ARRL Contest Online Soapbox at [www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox](http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox). Entries should be emails to the Contest Branch at [StraightKey@arrl.org](mailto:StraightKey@arrl.org) or may be sent via regular mail to: SKN, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. The Soapbox becomes an on-line album of stories and photographs to share with others.

Entries for SKN must be received no later than January 31, 2008. Votes for "Best Fist" and "Most Interesting QSO" will be tabulated and included in the April 2008 issue of QST. If you have questions about SKN, please visit the Contest Branch Web Page at [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests) or send email to [contests@arrl.org](mailto:contests@arrl.org). For more information on this event go to [www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/skn.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/skn.html).

## GETTING CREDIT FOR DOING NOTHING

The latest news about BPL is the ARRL has finally sued the FCC – asking it finally to treat BPL like any other form of interference or spectrum pollution as we like to refer to it.

The final chapter of the BPL saga is at hand, presumably. It has been a long struggle for the ARRL – a struggle for which I got a free pass.

Three years ago, BPL was dominating my work as an elected officer for the ARRL. Every day I was answering email and the phone while writing BPS information columns two or three hours a day. Because of a Wall Street Journal article, the nation had a mistaken belief that Cincinnati was the center of the ARRL's struggle against Broadband Over Power Lines. It wasn't.

At the time I wrote these words which are still accurate: "We owe BPL suppliers a dept of gratitude – it is their excessive claims and overblown rhetoric about this technology which will hopefully soon make BPL the 8-track tape of internet services."

And it did. In Cincinnati, Duke Energy (formerly Cynergy Corporation) has largely abandoned its internet service expansion by BPL.

Know why utilities, like Duke Energy, at the time got excited about the BPL business? Because they saw a huge cash cow with little extra investment since the infrastructure was already in place. It didn't happen.

Know why politicians like former FCC Commission Chairman Michael Powell were praising BPL then? Because they had been promised this technology would easily bring low cost broadband to rural America (voters.) Didn't happen either.

I sometimes get credit as Ohio Section Manager for eliminating the BPL problem in my city. I did nothing of the kind. The BPL publicity machine did the work for me.

## NEW ERA FOR OHIO

Last month Ohio changed PIC's. Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield, who for eight years created our web site and brought our acclaimed Newsletter Contest into the Electronic age, has decided to concentrate his future talents toward his local city government and church.

His great hand will be missed.

New Ohio PIC, Emily Wells, KC8RAL, of Warren, has taken charge of the Newsletter Contest and all the other PIC duties. We wish her the best.

*Joe Phillips, K8QOE, from the winter 2007 issue of the Ohio Section Journal.*

**Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.**

## DEVELOPER OF HURRICANE INTENSITY SCALE DIES AT 90

(Nov 27, 2007) -- Herbert Saffir, who created the five-category system used to describe hurricane strength and warn millions of an approaching storm's danger, died Wednesday, November 21. He was 90. A structural engineer, Saffir created his scale in 1969 -- laying out for the first time what kind of damage could be expected from an approaching hurricane. It has since become the definitive way to describe intensity for storms that form in the Atlantic and parts of the Pacific. Before the scale, hurricanes were simply described as major or minor. Saffir's innovation was ranking storm destruction by type, from Category 1 -- where trees and unanchored mobile homes receive the primary damage, to Category 5 -- the complete failure of roofs and some structures. The five descriptions of destruction were then matched with the sustained wind speeds producing the corresponding damage. Saffir's scale was expanded by former National Hurricane Center Director Robert H. Simpson and became known as the Saffir-Simpson scale in the 1970s. Simpson added possible storm surge heights for each category, and the hurricane center staff made a small adjustment to the scale's wind speeds.

*-- Information from the Associated Press*

## TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

The next six-week class will start

Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

at the Salvation Army

Any questions or to register, call Al Avnet AB8AA  
at 330-549-3051 or email him at [ab8aa@arrl.net](mailto:ab8aa@arrl.net)

*Gracie Allen's Classic Recipe for Roast Beef*

1 large Roast of beef  
1 small Roast of beef

Take the two roasts and put them in the oven.

When the little one burns, the big one is done.





## NEW IRS EMAIL PHISHING SCAM OFFERS REFUND

Updated Nov. 2007 - In a variation, an e-mail scam claims to come from the IRS and the Taxpayer Advocate Service (a genuine and independent organization within the IRS whose employees assist taxpayers with unresolved tax problems). The e-mail says that the recipient is eligible for a tax refund and directs the recipient to click on a link that leads to a fake IRS Web site. The IRS recommends that recipients do not click on links in, or open any attachments to, e-mails they receive that are unsolicited or that come from unknown sources.

Phishing (as in "fishing for information" and "hooking" victims) is a scam where Internet fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity.

Current scams include phony e-mails which claim to come from the IRS and which lure the victims into the scam by telling them that they are due a tax refund.

### You Can Help Shut Down Phishing Schemes

The good news is that you can help shut down these schemes and prevent others from being victimized. If you receive a suspicious e-mail that claims to come from the IRS, you can relay that e-mail to a new IRS mailbox, [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

The IRS can use the information, URLs and links in the suspicious e-mails you send to trace the hosting Web site and alert authorities to help shut down the fraudulent sites. Unfortunately, due to the expected volume, the IRS will not be able to acknowledge receipt or respond to you.

### THE EMERGENCY EMAIL & WIRELESS NETWORK

#### NEOHAM - FROM PAGE 2

*\*\* The video features dozens of Cleveland-area radio hams. The history of radio and wireless technology, definition of Amateur Radio and the licensing process, role of hams in emergency communications, use of computers in ham radio, and various modes (voice, digital, telegraphy) are included. The video was produced by veteran hams, Devere "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, and Frank Benesh, K8IFH. Logan served as writer and Benesh, a former television news director, produced many of the video segments and did the editing.*

*Local hams appearing include Gilmour Academy physics instructor Ken Kane, KG8DN, describing how students contacted the International Space Station; David Dennis, W8DDD, of Wickliffe, shown operating during an emergency Field Day drill; Bruce Thorne, KE8TI, of South Euclid describing a typical ham radio station; Dan Greathouse, N8NBC, of Eastlake using ham radio while floating in a hot air balloon at 3,000 feet; Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ, of Willoughby operating amateur TV and showing ham radio in a car; Dave Ulrich, WA8BOM, of Willoughby who uses Amateur Radio in his boat; Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, of Cleveland, on women in ham radio; and Dee Logan, W1HEO, of Mentor, summarizing how to prepare for the licensing examination. Other radio Amateurs appearing include Dave Lake, G3ZCA, of Norfolk, England, noting the international fellowship benefits of ham radio; Sara Saeger, K3000, discussing her youthful entry into the hobby; Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Glenn Johnson, WØGJ, shown in Bhutan with the A52A DXpedition; Steve Marquie, W8TOW, discussing the development of radio technology; Ron Knapp, W9EF, on emergency preparedness; and Nancy Kott, WZ8C, on using Morse code and building simple transmitter projects.*

*Project members can reserve and pick up the display in Cleveland. The 4 x 6 feet banner has the words "Amateur Radio:*

*Wireless Window to the World, fun hobby, public service" and can be mailed. NEOHAM maintains a list of "Elmers" by city called the Ham Radio Help Directory. It can be given to prospective hams to answer their questions or get help.*

*If we decide not to join the project, we can still purchase the video for \$20.*

*Ginger, KC8ZFK*

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, DC, plans to administer fifty-five (55) scholarships for the academic year 2008 - 2009 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds three of these scholarships. Eleven are funded with the income from grants. The remaining forty-one (41) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school, and are enrolled in, or have been accepted for enrollment, at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$3000 with certain study programs. Non-USA residents are eligible to apply for some of the scholarships. Clubs, especially those in California, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin (areas of preferred residence for some of the scholarships), are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, in their club newsletters, during training classes, on their nets, and on their world wide web home pages.

Additional information and an application form may be requested by setter or QSL card, postmarked prior to March 30, 2008 from:

FAR Scholarships, POB 831, Riverdale, MD 20738

Applications are also available for download from the foundation's web site <http://www.amateurradio-far.org/>

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

## HAMS TO THE RESCUE IN NORTHWEST FLOODING

The glue that held rescue and recovery together...  
10:31AM Thursday Dec 06 2007 by Karl

The flooding in the Pacific Northwest has impacted T-Mobile customer support, severed communications lines, closed highways and overloaded area wireless networks. In the midst of communications chaos, ham radio operators are being praised as the heroes of the day by the Associated Press and area emergency officials:

A network of at least 60 volunteer amateur radio operators working along the coast and inland helped to keep crucial systems such as 911 calls, American Red Cross and hospital services connected. They relayed information about patient care and relayed lists of supplies needed in areas cut off by water.

"One of the problems in this is always communication," says Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski after visiting impacted areas. "I'm going to tell you who the heroes were from the very beginning of this...the ham radio operators. These people just came in and actually provided a tremendous communication link to us."

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## COMMUNICATE - FROM PAGE 1

time we got the cap-pass-it-tors adjusted, the coffee shop ran out of donuts. Now you'd think that they would have made more, knowing it was a big job we were doing.

Anyway, it is very important what we say, and how we say it. One never knows where our signal is going, and who may be listening on a scanner somewhere. Since none of the above happened, I hope you enjoyed my attempt at humor.

I am going to list a series of actual quotes from insurance or accident forms. These are the actual words that people used who tried to summarize their encounters with trouble.

"Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have."

"I thought my window was down, but I found it was up when I put my hand through it."

"I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way."

"A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face."

"A pedestrian hit me and went under my car."

"The guy was all over the road; I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him."

"In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole."

"I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached the intersection, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision. I did not see the other car."

"I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident"

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle, and vanished"

"I told the police that I was not injured, but removing my hat, I found a skull fracture"

"The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him"

"The indirect cause of this accident was a little man in a small car with a big mouth"

"The telephone pole was approaching fast. I attempted to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end"

We can see from these examples that it is important to watch what we say, or how we say it. Most of us will say one thing but mean another thing. Please be careful how you communicate.

Well, It's about time for some more coffee and donuts. So I'll say 73, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Wild Bill, KB8MNE, Your VP*

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**THE EDITOR'S MUSINGS**

At the October meeting we discussed a Money Market fund to possibly invest some of the Club's money. Jim and Wanda Sekinger, were the invited guests representing Primemercia, who brought us some information on investing in money market accounts. Wanda presented the Club a nice plan on how we could get a better return for our savings. The Officers took her suggestion under advisement, but subsequently purchased a short term and a long term CD. John Tipka W8UL, our new section Traffic Manager from Renoldsburg, OH was our guest speaker. He spoke on the National Traffic System.

November's speaker was Wes Boyd, W8IZC. He was very interesting. He talked about the early history of radios and repeaters, and what made them work. He explained DB gains in antennas, about S-meters, and power loads. If you missed Wes's talk, you missed an excellent presentation.

December was our nomination meeting. The following were nominated for office: **Ginger Grilli, KC8ZFK, President; Ernie Greeisen, KC8QPH, Vice President; Roger Thawley, KC8CTV, Secretary; Lela McClaren, KB8YPD, Treasurer; Dave Sprouse, N8GOB, and "Wild" Bill McClaren, KB8MNE, are running for the two open Trustee positions.**

January 3 is our election meeting. You must have your dues paid to vote. Dues will be accepted, at the January Meeting up until the time we vote. If you'd be interested in running for an office, it is not too late to be nominated. Nomination of officers will be reopened at the January meeting and closed just before the elections take place. Consider running for an office, if not, be sure to come out and vote!

Dues are Due for those of you who haven't paid for 2008. Please use the enclosed membership application to renew your membership and update your information.

**FYI** - There will be a letter writing campaign sometime early next year on Ohio's version of PRB-1. PRB-1 is the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Protection Bill. "The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Protection Bill requires local land-use regulators to afford amateur radio operators the protection required by federal law, and places the burden of proving the necessity for and reasonableness of any such limitation on the entity seeking to impose the regulation. - *Terri Iden, N8TLK*" In other words no local or state government can limit the use of antennas. So far, because it is a proposed bill, there is no number associated with it. But be advised, your help will be needed to write to your State Senator and your local Representative to ask them to support this bill.

**The final question remains:  
How do you regain freedoms once they are  
lost? ~ Uncle Ben Hestley**


**TALKING DOG W/HAM TICKET**

During a recent trip my wife and I were on we drove around the back roads of East Texas. On one back road, I saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty style house: "Talking Dog for Sale."

Well I needed a break so I stopped to see what the deal was. I went into the backyard and I saw a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" I asked.

"Yep," the Lab replied.

Well after I got over the shock of hearing a dog talk, I asked "So, what's your story?"

"Ah shucks there ain't much to tell. Is that a High Sierra screw-driver antenna on your truck out there?"

"How did you know that," I asked?

The Lab looked up and said, "Well, I'm a ham radio operator. I got my Ticket when I was a young pup and in no time at all I had my 5-band DXCC in Phone and CW."

"The CIA heard about me and asked me to do some spy work for them. I would hang around the communications centers and with my keen hearing I could copy the transmissions. Because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping, I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years. Copying a high speed CW all day really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down."

"I retired from the CIA (eight CIA years are 56 dog years) and joined a ham radio club. In fact I won first place in the Oklahoma QSO Party two years in a row. Then I had a mess of puppies and got away from Ham Radio for a while. I sure miss my radio."

"Why don't you buy me and I'll be your CW operator in the Texas QSO Party."

I said "let me see what I can do."

I went in the house and asked the owner what he wanted for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff. He's just a No Code Tech."

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*Silent key*


**Frederick John Krauss, W8SPR**

Thursday, November 29, 2007

SALEM — Frederick John Krauss, 82, of Salem, Ohio died at 4:00 A.M.. Wednesday at the Salem Community Hospital. Born July 3, 1925 in Salem, Ohio, he was the son of the late Paul John and Rosina (Weiss) Krauss.

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	(Includes immediate family members)
Full Retired	\$12.00/Year
Associate Member	\$10.00/Year
Non-Member Newsletter	\$ 3.00/Year

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**Columbiana County NETS**

Sunday	9:00 P.M. East Liverpool	146.700	Triangle ARC NET
Monday	8:00 P.M. Columbiana County	146.700	Columbiana County Emergency Training NET(ARES)
This NET alternates (lowest to highest) between 146.700, 146.775, 146.805, 147.255 and 147.285 repeaters in Columbiana County.			
	8:30 P.M. Bible Study on the Air	147.285	KB8MNE
Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Salem	147.510 Simplex	Homeland Security Net (last Tuesday of every month)
	9:00 P.M. Salem	K8BTP 147.255	Northern Columbiana County SAARA NET
	9:30 P.M. Salem	KB8MNE 28.310 SSB	SAARA Rag Chew Net
Thursday	8:30 P.M. Alliance	28.400 SSB	Alliance ARC NET
	9:00 P.M. Alliance	145.370	Alliance ARC NET
Saturday	8:00 P.M.	146.805- PL162.2	Skywarn net