

2008 SAARA HAM OF THE YEAR



Dave, N8GOB

The annual Club Dinner was held at the Salem Memorial Building again this year. The food was excellent, as always. Becky Hostetter, the preferred Caterer for SAARA's Social events, always does a great job.

Ginger served as Mistress of Ceremonies, and also did the beautiful decorations in a St Patrick's day theme.

Roger, last year's recipient of the Ham of the Year award, presented our past president, Dave Sprouse, the Ham of the Year award for 2008. David has worked hard for the club over the years, and did an excellent job as our President! Dave thanked everyone who helped him make his terms in office successful.

The New Columbiana County Recorder, Craig Brown, was our speaker. His topic was, Protecting Your Identity. He said, identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and money. It can destroy your credit and ruin your good name.

Deter identity thieves by safeguarding in information:

You should shred all financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you throw them away.

Protect your Social Security number. Don't carry your SS card in your wallet, or write it on a check. Give it out only if absolutely necessary, or ask to use another form of ID.

Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the internet unless you know who you are dealing with.

Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails; instead, type in web addresses you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware, and anti-virus soft ware to protect your home computer; keep them up-to-date. Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for more information.

Don't use an obvious passwords.

Keep your personal information in a secure place at home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help, or are having work done in your home.

Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements. Be alert to signs that require immediate attention:

- * Bills that do not arrive as expected
- * unexpected credit cards or account statements
- * Denials of credit for no apparent reason
- * Calls or letters about purchases you did not make

Inspect your credit report and your financial statements.

Credit reports contain information about you, including what accounts you have and your bill paying history.

The law requires the major nationwide consumer reporting companies - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion - to give you a *free* copy of your credit report each year if you ask for it.

Visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228, a service created by these three companies, to order your free credit reports each year. You also can write: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

Your Financial Statements. Review financial accounts and billing statements regularly, looking for charges you did not make.

Information gleaned from Crag's remarks and the Federal Trade Commission flier, AVOID Theft. The FTC can be reached at:

FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington DC 20580.

Phone, 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338), or online: ftc.gov/idtheft.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with some trepidation that I write my first column for the newsletter. In many ways, our small service organization mimics the macrocosm of America. Our country is in the midst of a highly contested Presidential campaign which brings out diverse and often heated debate about what is the best course of action for America. Meanwhile SAARA members question the best course of action for our Club.

When a person agrees to serve as an elected official, it is with high hopes and expectations for what they will be able to accomplish during their term. That certainly was the case when I was elected SAARA President in January. But I didn't anticipate how personality conflicts and strongly-held personal beliefs would derail our work.

The desire to serve our community is what brings and binds us together. Receiving and transmitting emergency or special event communication is what we do. We need to work cooperatively to recruit others to our hobby, to educate new HAMS, to improve our own skills, and to involve the public in preparedness.

We cannot allow personal issues to distract from our purpose. Debate on the role of prayer in our lives is a question for a higher authority and a different venue. Based on recent motions put forth, we disagree on how, or even if, prayer should be part of our agenda. While I know that the majority's choice does not always meet everyone's need, we vote and move on. That being said, we can reconsider decisions if new information becomes available, or if the opinion of members changes.

The way we have done things in the past is worth considering as a frame of reference but not necessarily as a course of action for the future. Just like our equipment -- if something isn't working, we need to fix it. At our next meeting, the Executive Committee will make several recommendations for change. If we focus our energies and attention on SAARA's core mission of service, I know we will be successful.

The Club dinner gave us a chance to share food, fellowship, and ideas. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I want to offer my personal thanks to Dave Sprouse – N8GOB, 2007 HAM of the Year and immediate Past President. He did a great job and continues to help us make a smooth transition.

Congratulations to Don Kemp – NN8B who was recently appointed EC for ARES. He's already set up a Yahoo! newsgroup for emergency communication in Columbiana County. If you haven't signed up yet, it's Col_Co_ECOM The upcoming LEPC full-scale exercise will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability to work across counties with many governmental, nonprofit, and radio organizations. Save the date, March 29, and be monitoring that morning. Details of this mock disaster will not be given until the drill day to ensure a more realistic response.

I am pleased to report that we have four charter members who are still on our roster! Please join me in recognizing them for 21 years in SAARA: Mel Lippiatt – KA8OEB, Tom Miller - KB8DUX, Dave Sprouse – N8GOB, and Bob Tullis – W8HZ. With recent dues received, we have 22 members (21 HAMS and one honorary). We need everyone's help to make SAARA grow. Some great presenters are scheduled to follow our monthly meetings and we are already looking for ideas for the second half of the year. So bring a HAM, friend, or family member to an event.

William Ellery Channing (1780-1842) wrote that, "Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict." One person said their objective was to kill the Club. I believe that what doesn't kill us, makes us stronger. I hope you do, too.



73, Ginger KC8ZFK

10 TIPS FOR GETTING ALONG WITH PEOPLE

1. *Keep a tight rein on your tongue*

How you say something counts for far more than what you say. How many times have you been chastised on the job by your supervisor, and you walked away angry because of the tone of voice used? When confronted with a difficult situation, always say less than you think. Curbing your tongue in a stressful situation will be more likely to create fewer stressful situations because how you handle yourself in a crisis will give others confidence in you and in their ability to bring problems and issues to your attention.

2. *Be careful what you promise to others*

If you intend to make promises, you had better be prepared to keep them, no matter what the cost. The easiest way to lose the respect of others is by guaranteeing things that you are either unable or unwilling to deliver. When you tell someone that you intend to do something, it is your responsibility to see to it that you follow through. Others will note an irresponsible attitude and be wary of approaching you on any level in the future if you continually break your promises.

3. *Be kind and encouraging to others*

Never let an opportunity to show kindness or encouragement to others to pass you by. Praise good work, regardless of who did it. Sometimes you can turn even the most hardened of your fellow workers into real softies once they realize that you are not afraid to compliment them or give encouraging words, despite how they may perceive you ordinarily. At the same time, when giving criticism, do it helpfully and gently, never spitefully. Show concern for another's feelings and well being. You will benefit greatly from even the smallest kindness shown.

4. *Take an interest in other people*

Learn about others' interests, their homes and families, and even their problems. Gaining the confidence of fellow workers is made much easier when you demonstrate that you have a caring attitude. When others are joyful, rejoice with them; when troubled or in mourning, be sympathetic. Let everyone with whom you have contact, no matter how humble, realize that you regard them as people of importance.

5. *Be cheerful*

We all carry a load of some sort, and although the old saying "misery loves company" is still widely held up as truth, keep in mind that making others miserable is truly a disservice. Don't dwell on your minor aches and pains and small disappointments. Maintaining a cheerful attitude at all times will not only make others more comfortable in your presence, but you will feel better as well.

6. *Keep an open mind*

Don't let yourself get into arguments. Discuss things with people rather than argue. Being disagreeable is likely to put others off; they will much prefer to deal with those who have a calm and reasoned approach. When confronted with a situation that you either disapprove of, or dislike, keep this in mind: it is the mark of a superior mind that can disagree without being disagreeable.

7. *Be mindful of only your own vices and virtues*

Refuse to discuss others' vices or problems. Don't allow gossip to rule your life. Tearing down another to prop yourself up is an extraordinary waste of time; furthermore, it can be very destructive. Especially in the workplace, morale is vitally important. When we lift our voices against others, we open ourselves to the thought, "I wonder what they say about me behind my back!"

8. *Be careful of others' feelings*

Humor at another's expense is rarely worth the trouble. Not only that, the hurt and pain felt by that person will often come when least expected. Take into account another person's feelings before you poke fun. Things said in jest are often the sharpest barbs to be felt.

9. *Pay no attention to what others say about you*

Remember, the person making snide or rude comments about you may not be well informed. Live in such a way that what is said about you cannot be taken to heart. Let your own actions determine how others see you, and that they will not believe the negative things said.

10. *Don't worry about credit which is due you*

Do your best. It's the best you can do. Concerning yourself about how much credit you receive will only burden you with more stress. Let others see your work ethic, and you will be able to take pride and pleasure in a job well done.

by George M. Akerley
a freelance writer in Hartford, Connecticut
He may be contacted by email
at breathethatair@aol.com

STRATEGIES FOR THE ART OF GETTING ALONG

1. Understand the needs of people and work to meet the needs of being included, receiving some form of affection, and having some control.

2. Surround yourself with positive thoughts and ideas. Learn to take the high road of positive thinking and become a positive magnet for others.

3. Learn what makes you happy in life and begin to build on these strong foundations of happiness. Remember that happiness starts from within. It grows as a powerful, positive force that enables us to get along with ourselves and others.

4. Learn to smile and look others in the eye. Your face is your window to the world. It is your billboard to everyone who sees you. It advertises you without you ever opening your mouth.

5. Learn to treat all people equally. Always remember to care for the person. You may not agree with the behavior, but be kind to the person. Give him or her the benefit of the doubt when behavior is not up to your expectations.

6. Find something positive in everyone and build on that something. Learn to be a positive "magnet" with your attitude toward yourself and others. Develop your attitude, which clearly says I care about you and want to get along.

Guidelines for Getting Along

1. Confirm for yourself that you want to get along with others.

2. Be honest with yourself and others.

3. Keep promises and be loyal.

4. Be accountable for your behavior.

5. Be fair and care about yourself and others

6. Be appreciative of others and let them know.

7. Remember the good in people and forget the bad.

8. Remember that you can't change people. You can only live a good example that they will see and perhaps want to follow in their life.

***Remember...Blessed are the flexible,
for they shall not be bent out of shape!***

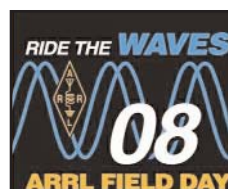
Excerpted from: The Art of Getting Along by Doug Hovatter, Extension Agent, Berkeley County, West Virginia University Extension Service, Publication WL205. To read the full article, go to: www.wvu.edu/~exten/infores/pubs/fypubs/wl205.pdf

***Be kinder than necessary,
for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.***

***Live simply,
Love generously,
Care deeply,
Speak kindly . . .***

Leave the rest to God.

***Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.
It's about learning to dance in the rain.***



**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK
ABOUT FIELD DAY
JOIN US, JUNE 28 & 29
WATERWORTH PARK #8, SALEM**

FROM YOUR PAST PREZ

Hi All,

Just want to thank everyone that helped with all the projects we had during my three years as President. Thanks to everyone for electing me as your two-year Trustee. I'll do my best to help better the club on my part.

I would also like to congratulate Ginger on her winning as President of the Salem Area Amateur Radio Association. I hope that everyone will support Ginger, our new president, and back her during her tenure at the helm. I believe that in the coming year, with everyone's assistance with projects like the food stand at First Night, and at the Library's Book Sale, will better the club.

Hope to see everyone at our Club dinner, Skywarn training, and any drills we might get involved in thru out the year.

Don't forget our nets on 28.310 at 9:30 P.M. and on 2-meters at 9:00 P.M. every Tuesday evening.

We are working to get a radio and antenna setup at the new location of the Red Cross in Salem and would like to thank the Tri-Angle Amateur Radio Club from East Liverpool, for lending us a 2-meter/440 crossband repeat radio on a permanent bases for the setup.

We are waiting to see if we get the grant money for the Antenna, feedline and 2/440 from a Homeland Security Grant which we put in for recently. We should know on or about March 21. We will need help to set up the antenna and feedline when the weather gets better. I hope we get several members to assist us, that would make the project go easier.

*Thanks again and 73,
Dave N8GOB*

SAARA'S CALENDAR

Saturday, March 29 - 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - LEC Full Scale Exercise, locations in Lisbon, Salem, and Beloit to be assigned

Meeting, April 3 - Nuclear Disasters: The Big Picture, Rudy Sacchet Ohio EMA and Tim Long CC EMA

April 18 World Amateur Radio Day

April 26 ARRL VEC Amateur Exam Day

May watch for Hurricane Awareness Week

Meeting, May 1 - Antennas, Tom Bert KB8MFV

May 16 Dayton Hamvention® days

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Parade Salem, breakfast at 8am, line up at 9:30 A.M., parade at 10:00 A.M.

T/W/Th, June 2/3/4 - Beaver Valley Power Plant Dry Run, various locations and times

Meeting, June 5 - Digital Modes including Echolink, PSK31, MT63 & packet, Gary Amato KB8HTU

T/W/Th, June 23/24/25 - Beaver Valley Power Plant Full Scale Exercise, various locations and times

Sat/Sun, June 28/29 - Field Day set up 10am, transmission 2:00 P.M to ?, covered dish 6:00 P.M., Waterworth Park #8, Salem

Meeting, July 3 - Troubleshooting Radios including oscilloscopes, Al Avnet AB8AA

Saturday, July 19 - Lions 5K Race at 10am, Salem Community Day Parade, line up at 4:00 P.M., parade at 6:00 P.M.

We'll also be working: March of Dimes Walk, Halloween Parade, Salem Christmas Parade, and Kielbasa Sub/Sandwich Sale at First Night Salem.

We offer classes to obtain Technician & General Ham Radio Licenses.

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

EMERGENCY?

It's the time that spring is about to spring on us, or is it? It is time that Hams think about emergency communications. As I was thinking about that, I just had to ask myself what is an emergency? The best place to find out is good old Webster. Here is what he had to say "An unforeseen combination of circumstances which calls for immediate action." Oh my, that is about all my poor tired brain can take.

Anything that I have to take immediate action on, is just too much. The only way I can handle that, is for immediate to mean a week or so. This poor old bod of mine just can't handle anything that fast. Let's take a look at what it will take to get this poor old worn out Ham to move in an emergency.

Let's see what happens if I were to get a call at 2:00 AM some morning to help with emergency communications somewhere. Well first of all, I could not believe that anyone would call me at that time of day. What is wrong with them anyway? No one does anything that time of day. They have to be sick or something. It may take 10 to 15 minutes to wake up to the fact that there must be something that calls for my immediate action.

Well, I guess the first thing one has to do is to get dressed. That sounds easy enough. But now we have our first problem. What do I need to wear? Is it cold outside? I have to check the temperature. Having done that, I'll have to decide if it will get warmer or colder as the day goes on. I better get a hold of the weatherman and see what he has to say. Another 20 -30 minutes have gone by, and I just now remembered that I did not ask if I would be inside or outside. I have to find that out before I can get dressed. Well, there goes another 20 minutes or so.

Having the dressing problem solved I briskly head to the shack to gather up some equipment to take with me. Having thought all this out way in advance, I have a list made out on what to take in case I get called out on such a time as this. Oh ,Oh! I can't remember where I put the list. Well another 30 minutes have gone by and I still have not found the list. Well!!! being the expert that I am, I don't need that blasted list anyway.

Now, do I need to take my HT, mobile or both? I just can't seem to make up my mind, so I'll take both. That issue is solved OK. Oh, Oh! Here comes another problem. What in the name of good judgment will I use for an antenna? I guess the duck on the HT will be OK, but what about the mobile? Now I know that somewhere here I have an emergency antenna for just such a time as this. Where did I put it? I know it is here somewhere. Well, I just found it and it only took me an hour. That's not bad, I tell myself, seeing it is only 4:30 in the morning.

Now what do I have to do? Oh yes, now I remember, I'll most likely need some type of power to run the radios. Oh my, what should I take? There's no need to panic. I have that all on the list that I can't find. Well, I better take both a battery and a power supply. Good thinking, I tell myself. By now I am going at a full head of steam, and I am getting the idea that this is an emergency. I have to get a move on here.

I better review what I have done so far so that I don't forget anything. I got dressed, checked about the weather, looked for my list, got radios and antennas, have power supply and battery. Have I forgotten anything? Oh my, silly me, I forgot the coax. I know that I have some here somewhere as I got it special for such a time as this. I know that I put it so I could get it in a rush. Well guess what, another hour and I have it packed and ready to go!!!! Oh, oh! I just remembered that the battery needs to be charged. That will take 8-10 hours.

While waiting for the battery to charge I figured it would be a good time to look up the word immediate. Since I was to take immediate action, I just had to know what that meant. I found out that it has a whole lot of meanings, but most do not refer to what I am doing. I will just tell of the one that applies here. "Acting without the intervention of another object, cause, or agency." It is easy to see that I am well with-in what is called an emergency. I have taken immediate action.

I hope that I have given you some insight on how NOT to respond to any emergency that we may be called upon to help.

*73 for now
Bill KB8MNE*

NEW OPS: A CURSE OR AN OPPORTUNITY?

The answer to the above question depends on each one of us. New ops are curses for people who prefer to "curse the darkness," but they are opportunities for people who would much rather "light one single candle" to clear the darkness. The darkness in these instances being the darkness of inexperience and ignorance. Note that I said ignorance; not stupidity. I am referring to a case of not having had the opportunity to learn rather than of being unable to learn.

I believe that all amateurs are inherently intelligent. Education to become knowledgeable is what we all need in one or more respects.

I fairly frequently receive e-mail complaining about how some new hams continue to operate using non-ham practices. This is particularly true when a group of several friends come into Amateur Radio from Citizens' Band at the same time. This is natural. They know each other well and may have operated on CB together using CB procedures for a long time. Long-established practices are often difficult to change.

Long-standing practices are particularly difficult to change when no one has shown that alternate practices are more appropriate. But, who is it that should introduce aspiring and new licensees to the ways of Amateur Radio?

The most logical people to show or teach newbies the "way of light and wisdom" are local hams. These are the hams who meet new licensees in person at license classes, club meetings and events, or at breakfast or lunch.

How do neophytes learn proper procedure? They could read on their own or could listen to established hams operate. The latter is a good way to learn, provided the hams they listen to use good procedure.

Another excellent way to help newbies learn and to get them involved in a local club at the same time, is to present a short-course on proper operating. This course could be targeted strictly to new folks by adding it on as a single discussion or in few-minute bites during a license course. It could also be given at club meetings.

The training might include the proper use of pro-words and pro-signs, how to begin and end a QSO. It could stress courteous operating and prepare new hams to deal with the truly few LIDs who are discourteous and piggish, as well as other commonly-encountered features of day-to-day operation.

You might choose to open the training up to old timers. If you do, prepare to be surprised at the number of old timers who learn that practices they thought were correct, aren't. This is sort of like the King of Siam in "The King and I." Remember, he was the supreme honcho who suddenly realized that what he had thought was true for decades actually isn't.

As just one example of a highly common error, consider the all-familiar ending for Amateur Radio QSOs. Which is proper . . . 73s or 73?

Regardless of the fact that nearly many new and old ops alike say 73s, this is incorrect. The correct term is 73. Don't misunderstand, saying 73s won't result in FCC enforcement action. It won't even result in a friendly reminder from an OO. Even so, if one really wishes to operate correctly, it is 73, not 73s.

The code term, 73, is already plural. It was initially set up by telegraphers to say "best wishes," "good luck" or similar thoughts to fellow telegraphers. Adding an "s" to 73 to turn it into 73s turns it into "best wisheses" or "bestes wisheses" or some other distortion of the language. At best it becomes a plural plurality, whatever this may be.

Not too long ago, I listened to a QSO on a local repeater in which two newcomers were debating the meaning of a few Q signals. Among other things, they were trying to figure out whether QRA means "I am at" or "there is a lot of interference," and whether QTH means "my call is ___," or "your signal is very weak."

New ops need help -- need an Elmer. It is best if the help comes from people who choose to take the effort to teach correct information.

*WEAVER'S WORDS -- 'tis the Irish rising.
Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2008*

*Within the heart of every stray
Lies the singular desire to be loved.*

NOTES FROM THE ARRL

* **"Spirit of Knoxville" Sees Successful Launch:** The trans-Atlantic balloon flight of the "Spirit of Knoxville IV" <<http://www.spiritofknoxville.com/>> launched into orbit on March 11 at 0200 UTC (10 PM EDT March 10). The balloon, designed to stay aloft for more than 24 hours, was successfully inserted into the current jet stream at normal flight altitudes of 30,000-40,000 feet. On Wednesday, March 12, it had made two-thirds of its journey and crossed the tectonic plate to Europe. Organizers hoped the balloon would make to Europe, but after 40 hours and 3300 miles, the balloon lost altitude late Wednesday and went into the ocean as it neared Ireland. Using radio frequencies, the balloon transmitted data detailing its current location, distance traveled, speed, height and health of the balloon. The balloon's payload consisted of hand-made computers and radios, along with a GPS and self-authored software. The onboard computer gathered such information from the GPS as altitude, speed and temperature; the computer then determined whether the balloon needed to drop weight to maintain its altitude and sent this information, via Amateur Radio frequencies, to volunteers around the globe.

* **Exhibit Kits Now Available for Field Day:** Please visit our Field Day information page <<http://www.arrl.org/fieldday>> for all the details on Field Day rules, frequencies, forms, pins, logos and T shirts. The complete Field Day packet can be downloaded from the site as well. If you have unanswered questions about Field Day, contact ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, via e-mail <fcinfo@arrl.org> or by phone at 860-594-0236. If you want to order exhibit kits containing printed flyers about Amateur Radio, you may order these materials <<http://www.arrl.org/brochures/>> on the ARRL Web site. The cost of the exhibit kits ranges from \$8-\$12 depending on shipping. To make sure you'll have the display material in time for Field Day, your order must be received before June 13.

* **Amateur Radio Exempt from California's New "Hands Free" Law:** On July 1, the State of California will have new laws on the books to deal with the use of wireless telephones while driving. There has been some confusion as to whether California amateurs who operate in their car will be affected by the new law. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicle's Web site <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws/dl208_03cell_phone.pdf>, "the use of dedicated two-way radios such as walkie-talkies or Citizen Band (CB) radios is not affected by the new law" for drivers 18 or older.

*The ARRL Letter
Vol. 27, No. 10
March 14, 2008*

*The wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more
than the fool when he speaks.*

MARCH MEETING TOUR

At the March SAARA meeting Columbiana County Sheriff Alan Young spoke on the Communications Command Vehicle which will be deployed for the March 29 drill.

Following the meeting, those present toured the vehicle which proved to be very interesting. Dispatcher Crystal Sicklesmith explaining the workings on the inside. There are radios for fire, police and Marcs, along with several hand-held radios. It has a telephone with 911 capabilities, a telescoping mast, going up 25 feet, and has a camera which displays the pictures on a monitor inside. In order to use the telescoping mast, the vehicle has to be level. Two dry-erase boards were mounted on the wall. At one end has a conference room with built in seating and a TV. There are a coffee pot and a microwave for use during extended periods of time. It has an entrance/exit, one on the side, and the other on the end. Every time it is deployed it is necessary to have two people aboard, a deputy who drives, and a dispatcher. It takes approximately one hour to set up at a site. The Sheriff mentioned the price of the vehicle as \$450,000.00.

Lela KBSYPD

The Editor's Musings

Frank (no call yet), Dave N8GOB, Ginger KC8ZFK, the McClarens, KB8MNE/KB8YPD, Al AB8AA, and I all worked both the Kielbasa & Kraut and the Superbowl Sunday Sub sales. The Kielbasa sale went very well. It was held during the First Night Salem festivities instead of our usual time. The Superbowl Sunday sale didn't fare as well. We will probably hold it in conjunction with the Salem Library Book sale later this year, or early next year.

We need to thank Frank again for being such an important part of our fund raisers. I don't think we would do as well without him.

These fund raisers are very important to SAARA. It helps us purchase the radios and other associated items we need to be ready for emergencies. If you are unable to come out to help, please support the Club by purchasing a sandwich or two at one of these sales. The Subs are really very tasty.

At our January meeting we elected Ginger Grilli KC8ZFK, President; Ernie Greenisen KB8DUX, Vice President; Roger Thawley KC8CTV, was unopposed for Secretary; Lela McClaren, KB8YPD, remains as Treasurer. The one-year Trustees are Bob Tullis, W8HZ and "Wild" Bill McClaren, KB8MNE. Dave Sprouse N8GOB, is the new two-year Trustee. There was a tie between Bill and Dave for the two-year spot. Dave won the two-year position by a toss of a coin. Congratulations to all who won. I know they'll do an excellent job. Everyone come out to the meetings, and support your new Officers. Ginger has some wonderful programs scheduled for the coming year. See page 3 for the calendar.

The February meeting featured our own Wild Bill. He spoke about how to function while on different types of nets, and the importance of keeping logs, being polite, professional, and brief during drills or an emergency. He stressed the importance of speaking slow and distinctly so others on the net can understand you, and using the approved phonetics, not ones you or someone else dreams up. They are too difficult to understand.

The March meeting gave us the opportunity to tour the Communications Command Vehicle, given by the Columbiana County Sheriff's Department Dispatch. It was very informative! See Lela's article on page 4.

March 10, Dave, Al and I went down to Lisbon to help with a test session. It was for a Boy Scout troop and their two leaders/fathers? A sister of one of the boys also took and passed her Tech test. There were nine others who took their Technician test, most passed. Four were in the same family. It was difficult keeping them all separate because there was a Sr. a Jr. and a III, all with the same name. A few of the people, who passed the Tech test, tried for their General license. I don't think anyone made it. It is SO exciting to see young people interested enough in Amateur Radio to work for, and earn their Ham licenses.

While I'm on the subject - It would be wonderful if one, or all of you would write a short article on what you're doing with Amateur Radio. What radios do you have? What is your favorite mode of operating? Tell us a little about yourself. It will be fun to get to know all of you.

I like Public Service and most of the Hams I meet. Al has his WAS, and likes to get as many special event stations as he can. We both like to be involved as VEs, and Al enjoys teaching the Amateur Radio classes.

Another few words from K8JE about renewing your membership in the ARRL. **Senior dues discount -**

A point I neglected to make regarding the future of the ARRL Senior Citizen dues discount is that Seniors may renew their memberships using the discount for as many as five years if this is done by the end of 2008. If the details of this multi-year extension have not been

announced by the time your renewal comes due, feel free to call toll free at 1-888-277-5289.

WEAVER'S WORDS -- Tue, 5 Feb 2008

Something from the internet that is worth repeating:

A lesson that should be taught in all schools!

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social study's school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten.

On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room, they discovered that there were no desks.

Looking around, confused, they asked, "Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?"

She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me what you have done to earn the right to sit at a desk."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades."

"No," she said.

"Maybe it's our behavior."

She told them, "No, it's not even your behavior."

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still, no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom.

Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) US. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall.

By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how their right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."

By the way, this is a true story . . . I checked it out at <http://www.snopes.com/glurge/nodesks.asp>.

If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you read it in English, thank a soldier.

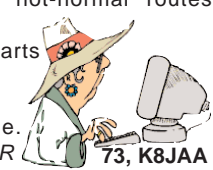
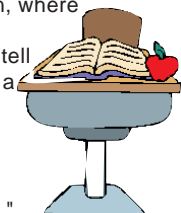
A last minute note from a Ham Friend about Dayton Hamvention -

Just a heads-up. I am involved with the Dayton Hamvention. At our last meeting, there was a comment that the roads to Dayton for the Hamvention, May 16, 17 and 18 will be messed up big-time. Don't assume you can get there like you did last year. Tell your readers to check with Talk-in at 146.34/94 for "not-normal" routes to HARA.

Needmore will be down to one lane, and parts of I-75 N bound also.

More information will be available at <http://www.hamvention.org/> as soon as possible.

Mel, W8GTR 73, K8JAA



2008 SAARA MEMBERS

AB8AA
K8JAA
KD8FTM
KB8WWQ
KC8QPH
KC8ZFK
K8STH

Allan
Jane
Linda
Mike
Ernest
Ginger
Sue

AB8YE
NN8B
KC8OCG
KA8OEB
KB8SXQ
KB8DUX
KB8MNE
KB8YPD

Barry
Don
Dale
Mel
Linda
Tom
Bill
Lela

A8RTI
N8GOB
KC8CTV
W8HZ
KB8NYS
W8GUO
Ray
Dave
Roger
Bob
Dave
Jack
Frank Zamarelli - Honorary Member

2008 OFFICERS

President	Ginger Grilli	KC8ZFK
Vice President	Ernie Greenisen	KB8DUX
Secretary	Roger Thawley	KC8CTV
Treasurer	Lela McClaren	KB8YPD

Trustee's

1 Yr.	Bob Tullis	W8HZ
1 Yr.	Bill McClaren	KB8MNE
2 Yr.	Dave Sprouse	N8GOB

Club Dues Structure

Full Membership	\$15.00/Year
	(Includes immediate family members)
Full Retired	\$12.00/Year
Associate Member	\$10.00/Year
Non-Member Newsletter	\$ 3.00/Year

Join the ARRL through your local ARRL affiliate club. When you do, the club gets \$15.00 for new members. A great way to support our club and have privileges that come with ARRL membership.

OFFICIAL CLUB ADDRESSES

Web Page	www.qsl.net/saara
E-mail	GingerGrilli@aol.com
U.S. Mail	S.A.A.R.A., P.O. Box 696, Salem, OH 44460-0696
Editor:	k8jaa@arrl.net

NEWSLETTER Articles and Submittals

SAARA claims no liability for articles published in this newsletter. The viewpoints in the articles are not considered the viewpoints of **SAARA** membership.

All submittals for **SAARA** Speaks must be received by the Editor (k8jaa@arrl.net) or hand delivered no later than December 10, March 10, June 10 or September 10 enabling the newsletters to be mailed and received prior to the months covered by them.

Advertisements for equipment for sale must also adhere to the same schedule. Newsletters are emailed to current members who have email addresses, and mailed to other subscribers, clubs that send newsletters to **SAARA**, and to selected officials.



SAARA
P.O. Box 696
Salem, OH 44460-0696
Address Service Requested

www.qsl.net/saara



One Nation Under God

Columbiana County NETS

Sunday	9:00 P.M. East Liverpool	146.700	Triangle ARC NET
Monday	8:00 P.M. Columbiana County		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