



HOW I STARTED IN RADIO



I became a Ham radio operator about 2000. However, I have been interested in radio, in general, most of my life. I started listening to broadcast band AM (540 - 1600 kHz) radio, trying to listen to distant stations at night. Then I moved up to shortwave radio. Its foreign stations and scattered here and there across the bands was a strange sound which sounded like Donald Duck! Along with this were a lot of other sounds, a series of beeps and pukka-pukka sounds. I'm sure you have guessed it by now, this was my introduction to Ham Radio. As for the sounds - "Donald Duck" that was the Hams talking to each other, and the beeps - Morse code, pukka-pukka - teletype. By listening to the Hams talking and learning the use of my radio, I was able to understand what the operators were saying. I was hooked! I wanted to do this myself someday. After much study, I got my license and went on the air. It's been fun ever since. I also enjoy the many people I have met on the way, and giving something back to the community.

73, this is Ernie KC8QP

HI ALL

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over with Labor Day upon us. Thanks to those that have helped out with the different activities this summer such as the Memorial Day Parade, the Grand Parade, and yes don't forget the Super Nats.

We might be asked to help with the Super Nat again next year so keep this in mind as we will need more help to carry this and other events out. Hope you will participate.

I plan on being at the Canfield Fair on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of September and the Street Fair in Columbiana the week after. They will be past when the newsletter comes out. Hope you have had fun this summer with all the activities.

Don't forget the upcoming meetings which fall on the first Thursday of the month at the Salvation Army 1249 N. Ellsworth in Salem. The meetings start at 7:00 P.M..

There will be testing in Lisbon on Saturday, September 12 with registration, I believe, at 1:00 P.M. with testing starting at 2:00 P.M.. For further information, call James at 330 692 7280.

Activity wise, don't forget the Christmas Parade in Salem, which further info will be forth coming, just check into the weekly SAARA net on Tuesdays at 9:00 P.M. on 146.805 with a PL of 162.2. You need to put this PL in to bring up the machine. Hope to hear you check in. This repeater is a wide area setup and is one of the better repeaters in the area to get into.

Also, check into the homeland Security Net on the last Tuesday evening of the month on 147.510 simplex. Don K8OMO, from Alliance, is normally the net control. This net is at 8:00 P.M. If you would like to see the setup at Salem Community Hospital, we would be glad to have you come to the hospital on net night. Just let us know. You will be able to see how the net operates and get acquainted to the equipment.



Dave N8GOB

OCTOBER MEETING

Speaker - Bob Zehentbauer

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator,

Columbiana County Health Dept.

Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

H1N1 (Flu) Preparedness & Response

K8BTP

THIS AND THAT

I have no idea what to write about. I guess I'll just ramble on about this and that. When we take the time to look back at all that has happened in our lives we can see a lot of changes have taken place. Some of the changes were good and some not so good. Being a child in the 1930's, we were in the great depression. We were just getting by, as dad was able to get work in the WPA. Since today happens to be the seventh, it

brings back memories of what happened on December 7, 1941.

While I most likely will never forget that day, it changed our life forever. Dad had taken us to get a dog. As we got out of the car, the people that owned the kennel came running out of the house all excited, telling us about a bombing in a place of which I never heard. When I think about it, I did not even know what a bomb was, so why were they all excited? One thing was for sure they were not excited about us buying a dog.

There were not any television sets in those days, so any news we received was via the radio, and there were several around us that did not have a radio. We received our news either by the radio or the newspaper. We were blessed to be able to go to the movies once a month, and were able to see the news of what was happening in the world around us at that time. I remember well seeing the fire and smoke from houses and buildings, and people crying, hurt and dying from what everyone was calling war. Bombing and war took on a whole new look in my life.

Things started to look better for us as dad was working real well and we had money for a few extra things. We were able to get a coaster wagon. My brother and I loved that old wagon. It had wooden sides on it that could be made into a seat also. Oh, the fun we had with it. It was not long after that when everything came to a stop. My dad was drafted into the Navy. It was a sad day the day that he left home to go and fight in a war that was so bad that I did not want to even think about it. In my mind I could see dad in those pictures, with the burning houses and buildings with fire and smoke that looked like it would never stop, being hurt and no one to help him. I cried off and on for several days after he left. Things got bad after he left for the Navy.



Dad told me as he left home that day that I would have to take his place 'til he got back home again. TAKE MY DAD'S PLACE! How those words shook me from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. How could I ever take my dad's place? There was so much to do around home that I knew I would not be able to do it. To make a long story short, I did kind of take my dad's place. Somehow I was able to fix some of the stuff that needed fixed. Again, money was in short supply, and we just got by somehow.

We were able to join Dad as he was transferred a few times in different parts of the country. We ended up in San Francisco, California. What do you know? We went from a country pumpkin to a city slicker. We had to live in the slum section of the city. It was a really bad area. Things were bad back home, but this was a lot worse. I am not going into any details here, but it was a while after the war ended that we were able to come back to Ohio and start life all over again.

Change is not something new in my life at all. Having lived long enough to hear the speeches of Hitler, Castro and a few others like them, we had better listen really close to what we are being told today. What I have heard them say sounds a great deal like what I am hearing today. I read an article a couple of days ago that stated that it takes about fifty years to make a change in ones culture.

We would do well to look back and see what is happening right now in CHANGE. There are groups that are trying to remove GOD out of our lives. We keep hearing the words like national, universal and togetherness. One would do well to look at who is saying them, and the motive behind them. There are groups that are trying to affect the way we worship GOD.

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There are groups that are inventing ways to create things to bring countries together. If they are able to bring countries together then there has to be a one-world government, and that, in my way of thinking, is a bad thing. I feel that our present economy is being invented to bring countries together so that a one-world government can be put into place. There are other ways that it is being done also to help form a one-world government, and I am not going into them at this time. I know this is not an article on amateur radio, but it is an article nevertheless.

73 Bill KB8MNE

*May you always have love to share,
Health to spare,
And friends that care!*

COLUMBIANA STREET FAIR



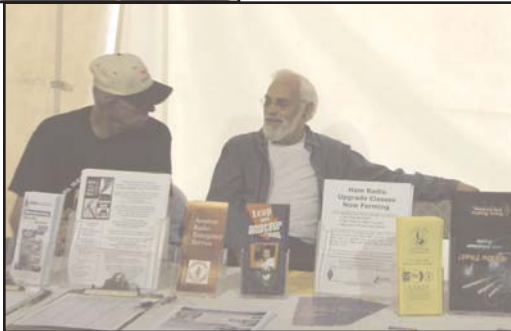
SAARA was well represented at the street fair in Columbiana September 10 thru 12. Bill KB8MNE, Dave N8GOB, Steve KC8SOY, Sue KD8CGW, Al AB8AA and Jane K8JAA all helped work the event.

20/9 members who took a turn at the table were Rich KB8YHC, Jan

KC8PUO, John
KC8SPF, Roy
KD8IJF and his wife Donna, not a Ham.

We talked to a number of other Hams who are members of 20/9, MVARA, PCARS, and a few who are unaffiliated, who stopped by just to say HI and spend a minute or two lending moral support before moving on. All in all, it was fun.

We got some names of folks who might be joining one of the upcoming license classes. Hopefully we'll get a member or two as a result. It's amazing how many people think Amateur Radio is ancient history - some relic from the past. It's good to get out and talk to folks and let them know it's still necessary, alive and well.



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

**SAARA's 2010
TECHNICIAN LICENCE CLASS
JANUARY 4, 18, 25
FEBRUARY 1 & 15**

**TESTING ALL LICENSE CLASSES
FEBRUARY 22**



WHAT IS AN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB?

I am very fortunate to be in a position at ARRL which allows me significant interaction with our members. It is very fulfilling to be able to put a smile on someone's face by helping them find a solution to their problem, regardless of the complexity. Sometimes it is not possible to be as helpful over the telephone or with e-mail, so I will try to direct the individual to a local club where they may be able to get some side-by-side coaching.

The local radio club is without a doubt the place where most of us received our ham radio education. The club is where we learned the jargon and techno-speak used on the air and where we met folks to emulate and folks whom we swore we would never be like. Everything that we know about ham radio that didn't come from a book was probably learned at club meetings or late night Field Day chats over burnt coffee. Personally, I have made many longtime friendships from my involvement in local radio clubs and I am sure many others can say this as well.

Clubs, by definition, are groups of like-minded people who share a common interest. In reality a club is an eclectic assembly of individuals, each with a unique perspective of their activity. The dynamic of a club is no different than that of a large family. Think of your last family get-together and then take a look at your radio club. If everybody was the same, life would be very boring. In every club, there is the usual cast of characters who add their distinctive flavors to the stew and make things interesting. It is diversity that makes a club work well. I have seen that no matter how varied the personalities are in a club, most of these personalities are also eager to help. Helping each other is characteristic of radio amateurs.

How often have you experienced something like this? Two hams will be in QSO -- perhaps discussing an antenna installation or radio repair -- when another radio operator will break in with a helpful suggestion. This situation may have happened to you, or you may have even been the breaking station. The same thing happens (or should happen) at club meetings. If you need help with something, the closest resource is your local club. On the surface, the club may appear to be dysfunctional, but once you are involved, you will find that it is actually very productive. The Pareto principle, commonly known as the 80-20 rule is a simple expression that 80 percent of the effects come from 20 percent of the causes. As applied in the business world, this would be 80 percent of the sales are driven by 20 percent of the customers. In a club, the percentages may be slightly different, but the fact remains that a small percentage of the membership is responsible for making things happen.

This is not to suggest that 80 percent of the members do not participate, but without a "sparkplug," some things would never get started. These people are the doers. The doers don't take no for an answer and are always willing to take on more responsibility. But where is the fun in jump-starting a project without someone telling you it would never work? Of course, it would be much more fun without the negative comments, but that goes against human nature. Ever since man tried to open a coconut with a rock, someone was right beside him offering a thousand excuses why it won't work: "You'll smash your thumb." "The rock will break." "You should invent a wheel and roll it over the coconut." "Let's just eat the bananas." The cynics of the world are an essential part of society -- and of our clubs. They challenge us and make us work harder to prove them wrong. Learn to accept these people but never let them distract you from moving forward.

You only get as much from a club as you put into it. A majority of the club bashers tend to be long time hams with a "been here, done that" attitude, asking what a club has to offer them for them. To borrow from President John F. Kennedy, "ask what you can do for your club." Of course, we took more than we had to offer when we were younger and inexperienced. But over the years, we have gathered knowledge that we can share with the newcomers. Based upon my countless interactions with hams of all levels of experience, the novice has much to offer the old-timer, even if it is just reliving the joy of discovery. The local radio club has something for everybody who is willing to get involved.

This is an editorial from the ARRL Letter. Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, shares his views on how clubs play an important role in Amateur Radio. Fusaro is Assistant Manager of the ARRL's Membership and Volunteer Programs Department. He is also the ARRL Affiliated Club/Mentor Program supervisor.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Once again this year, ARRL is a coalition member of the National Preparedness Month. This event is an annual nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools.

National Preparedness Month 2009 is sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. The goal is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action. Throughout September and the months surrounding it, Homeland Security will work together with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family and business emergency preparedness, as well as to promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation.

THE EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Gosh, this is the fourth quarter newsletter - this year is flying by. I remember wondering how we were going to reference the years 2000 thru 2009. It was perplexing at first, now I'm used to saying O-7, O-8, O-9 etc. Next year will we say ten? Any way, I'm sure I'll get used to saying what ever *they* decide to say. Next year is the start of another decade. Let's see, how many decades have I celebrated? Humm . . . on second thought, let's not go there.

SAARA has been busy this year, and the year isn't over. We still have the Halloween parade in October, the Christmas Parade the first week of December and First Night the end of December. We will need volunteers to help with all of these events. Listen to the Net for more details. SAARA's annual dinner is scheduled for March 20, 2010. It will probably be held at the same location as last year. And, oh yes, the pavilion is reserved for Field Day 2010.

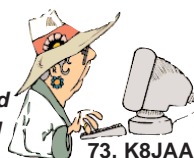
Ernie, Dave and Mel worked the Grand Parade last month. They said it went well, although there were some large gaps between units. There were plenty of bands and some military vehicles this year which made the parade much more interesting. At the August meeting, Mel said his repeater would soon be back on line. Hopefully it is by now. The Columbiana street fair went well. There was some interest by visitors in becoming Hams or upgrading.

Speaking of upgrading, if anyone is interested, there will be two Amateur Radio upgrade Classes coming up. There will be a six-week General class where you will learn everything you need to upgrade your current Tech. License, then an eight-week Extra Class to be held in February 2010. The General Class begins on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. It will be held 7:00 P.M. at the EMA office, 700 Industrial Road, Youngstown, OH. Registration and the text book are required. For more information, and/or to purchase the required text book, please contact Allan Avnet, AB8AA, 330-549-3051, ab8aa@arrl.net. There is no cost for the classes, just the cost of the text book and the FCC test that follows the classes.

The October meeting sounds very interesting. We'd like as many members to attend as are able. It will be an interesting, informative talk on H1N1 (Swine Flu.) It will effect many people this fall and winter. Please come and bring a friend. This meeting will be of interest to everyone.

Which human hair grows fastest?

Beards are the fastest growing hairs on the human body. If the average man never trimmed his beard, it would grow to nearly 30 feet long in his lifetime.



WEAVER'S WORDS -- SCHOOL IS OUT EDITION

BPL -- GOOD NEWS CONTINUES -



Jim Weaver K8JE

I continue to be optimistic about the future of BPL. As you may recall, we have been successful at getting a favorable amendment inserted into HB 5252, the US House of Representatives version of the Communications Act rewrite. This amendment would require the FCC to ensure any BPL system they allow to operate will not interfere with the operation of any licensed telecommunications service. This means the FCC must ensure BPL does not interfere with safety services communications systems . . . and Amateur Radio. There is nothing for us to do at this time on this bill, but you will be asked at the proper time to write your Congressman to support the bill.

We also have received word that a high-ranking US Senator has come out in support of including similar wording in the US Senate version of the Communications Act rewrite. Again, you will be requested to write in support of Senate action when the proper time comes.

In each case, our success came largely as the result of letters written by our members in key Congressional Districts regarding HB 5252 and in a key state regarding the Senate rewrite wrote to their Congressman and their Senator, respectfully.

Grassroots action works! Grassroots action is legal! Grassroots action is honorable! Grassroots action is smart! Grassroots action is the only way you, the member, can help ensure your Amateur Radio survives and remains healthy.

If you'd like to learn what you can do to become more involved in our grassroots Legislative Action Program, send me an E-mail request. I'll be happy to be certain you receive information.

Final thought: The news about BPL may be pretty good on several fronts these days, but there is still a lot of work to be done. We need your help to ensure victory. Please help when the time comes.

ARLB030 FCC CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES ENFORCEMENT BUREAU CHIEF

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced on September 9 that he has appointed P. Michele Ellison as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau. Ellison will take the helm of the Enforcement Bureau starting on September 28, 2009. "Protecting and empowering consumers through effective and timely enforcement of the Commission's rules and policies is a top priority for the FCC," said Chairman Genachowski. "Michele is a talented leader with vast communications experience and sound legal judgment, and I look forward to working with her in her new capacity."

Worth Repeating

- * You cannot help the poor, by destroying the rich.
- * You cannot strengthen the weak, by weakening the strong.
- * You cannot bring about prosperity, by discouraging thrift.
- * You cannot lift the wage earner up, by pulling the wage payer down.
- * You cannot further the brotherhood of man, by inciting class hatred.
- * You cannot build character and courage, by taking away man's initiative and independence.
- * You cannot help men permanently, by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

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Club Dues Structure

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| 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.

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One Nation Under God

Columbiana County NETS

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| 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 |