

PRESIDENTS DEC. QST

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. It sure is easy to eat too much. I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember there is no meeting in January, so everyone should try to come to the holiday party in January.

January starts our third year. What do you want to get out of the Club for 2012? Are you planning to come to Field Day, work events and/or build something? The big question is what do you want from the club? What do you want to see happen at the meetings? Are you willing to present something? What happens depends on what the membership wants. The board will not run everything without some input from the membership.

Anyone wanting to upgrade to General the class starts on January 4, 2012. Testing will be third Wednesday in February.

Remember that dues are due by the end of January. There is an important vote on the By-Law changes at this meeting, make sure you show up.

Happy Holidays! 73, AB8AA

Amateur Radio is a Hobby, Emergency Communications is a Commitment!

Officer's Meeting: Dec. 18, 7:00P.M.
At the Avnet's, 2050 E. South Range Rd. New
Springfield (330-549-3051)

Regular Meeting: Dec. 20 7:00 P.M. Davidson's, in Cornersburgh

Program: Two DVD's - one on K3LR's antenna array and, if there's time, one on the '85 Tornado that went through the valley

2011 Officers

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Proposed Constitution change

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Western Reserve Amateur radio Club (WRARC) and enact this constitution as our governing law.

Remove:

It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Insert:

The purpose of the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club Inc. is to promote the exchange of information & cooperation between amateur "HAM" radio operators. In addition, to promote amateur radio knowledge & to conduct programs & activities so as to advance the general interest & welfare of amateur radio in the Mahoning County, Ohio community & any other lawful activity that non-profit entities maybe formed under the Ohio Revised Code.

In addition, the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In having an attorney look over our paperwork to obtain our 501(c) (3) designation, he has suggested the above change to the Preamble of our Constitution. We will be voting on this change at the December meeting. The following is the article in the constitution concerning Amendments.

Amendments: Article VII

This constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting where a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of three *Continued page 2*

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elected officers and 20% of the regular members. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting for review and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting, provided all members have been noticed by e-mail, or regular mail of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

What this all means is, we must have at least three (3) Board members and eight (8) regular members at the December meeting to vote on this change. Please plan to attend.

2012 Dues are Due!

QST! QST! Our fiscal year is coming to an end, and it is the time of year to think about renewing your membership for 2012. Our yearly dues (January thru December) are: One time Initiation Fee of \$5; \$20.00 for an individual; \$5.00 for additional family members; \$16.00 for Senior memberships (65+). Please use the enclosed membership app. to update your current info.

Dues must be paid on or before January 31, 2012 to maintain your membership. They can be paid at a meeting or by mail -

WRARC 2050 E. South Range Rd. New Springfield,OH 44443

HOLIDAY PARTY REMINDER

The end of the year is approaching very quickly. This is just a reminder that our next meeting (Tues., Dec. 20) will be our last one before the post Holiday Party on **January 14**. The sign up sheet will be there for anyone who would still like to sign up, or you can call me at 330-757-4963 to sign up if you wish to do it that way. Please give me your name, your call sign, number in your party, and your phone number, if you reserve by phone. Also, the money for the party (\$16.67 per person) needs to be in to the Treasurer by **January 7**, the day I need to give A La Cart the final count.

73 Maureen, KD8NXS

Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control When you know the batteries are dead?

NEW http://www.wrarc.net/ NEW

BENEFIT SAVINGS FUND ESTABLISHED

In the spirit of the season, a
Benefit Savings Fund has been established at Farmer's Bank to purchase a
HF radio (ICOM 7200) and antenna for
Mike Austin KC8WUX, who lives in
Warren, and has been visually
impaired since birth. Mike regularly participates in

impaired since birth. Mike regularly participates in our two-meter net, and sometimes acts as the net control station.

The cost for the equipment as suggested by Handihams will be approximately \$3,000.00. Roy Dyckman, KD8JMO, and Dave Beaty, KC8WY, have already volunteered to be his Elmers. Ted Filmer, KD8IJE, made the first donation, on behalf of Lions Club International, to get the fund started.

To donate to this fund, simply go to any Farmer's Bank and mention Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club (New Springfield), or Mike Austin KC8WUX. Your donation will be gladly accepted. Please make sure our Treasurer gets a copy of your receipt, so our books stay in sync.

More from our new Treasurer

Our fund for Michael Austin is up and running. Donations can be made at any Farmer's National Bank branch or given to me at the meetings and I will deposit it. If going to a branch location, it is important to inform the teller at the window that it is for the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club Michael Austin fund and state that it is for this particular savings account. We want to be sure that all donations get to the right place. It was recently discovered that there is another organization with a name nearly identical to ours and that they have a checking account with the same bank. We want to be sure that donations to Mike's fund don't end up in this account by mistake.

We will be getting monthly statements from Farmer's as long as the account remains active. It will change to quarterly statements when donations cease to come in and it is no longer considered to be active. I would like to cross compare donations with the items listed on the statements sent to us to keep on top of it. Therefore, it would be helpful if anyone making a deposit could forward a copy of his or her receipt to me so that I know what deposits have been made to the account. This can be done by giving them to me at meetings or by mailing it to my address, 3088 Southwind Tr., Poland, Ohio, 44514. You might want to keep your original for your own records. If I find any discrepancies on the bank statement, I can go in (in person) to rectify the problem. Of course, to accomplish this, I need to have an accurate record of deposits made to the fund. Thanks in advance!

73 Maureen, KD8NXS

ASK THE ELMERS

"Elmer" is a nickname or term used to describe someone that can answer lots of your Ham Radio related questions.

Hey you out there! whether you're a 'newby' or an old hand at this Ham 'stuff.' The WRARC

Elmers are ready and waiting for your questions. Don't be shy, just ask! And remember "there are no dumb questions - the only dumb questions are the ones that you don't ask.." The questioner will be anonymous, but you'll know who answers. Send your 'smart' questions to questions@wrarc.net and wait for your well thoughtout answer in the next Wave Bender.

Q.How do I program my hand held radio?

A. Bring the radio and the manual to a meeting and one of us will help you - 73, Al AB8AA.

Q - I purchased a 2-meter hand held after I received my Technician license. I can make great contact through the local repeaters with my "rubber ducky" antenna. I'm wondering if there is something I can do to with my 5-watt handheld to contact repeaters farther away with some different type of antenna? Any ideas?

A - There are a couple of options available, that I know of, to increase the "reach" of your five-watt twometer hand held. It wasn't that long ago when I tried these options with some good success.

The first option, construct a two-meter copper J-Pole antenna. This antenna is made from copper tubing available at stores like The Home Depot, Lowe's, or any plumbing supply store. There are a number of plans on the Internet for this type of antenna including on the ARRL website http://www.arrl.net. This antenna, some coax (I used RG-8X), and PL-259 connectors will give you a good starting point. This antenna can be mounted on the side or rooftop of a building. When you graduate to a two-meter base or "inside the house mobile" rig, you can use this same antenna with good results.

The second option, buy a two-meter mobile antenna with a mag-mount. The mag-mount generally contains about 10 -15 feet of coax with it. The mobile antenna option gives you a degree of "take along" flexibility that the J-pole does not. You can mount it to the side of a building or a roof using a bracket and metal plate. You can also turn your handheld into a mini-mobile by locating the mag-mount antenna on the roof or trunk of your vehicle. When I placed the mag-mount antenna on top of the car, the distance I "got" from that five-watt handheld was quite amazing.

For either of these options you will need an SO-239 to SMA adapter to connect your antenna feed-line to the handheld, regardless of which antenna type you use. These are generally available from any outlet that sells Ham Radio equipment.

Good luck and enjoy.

Join us for the WRARC Friday night Net 9:00 P.M. on 145.270, PL -110.9 This is a directed net, with all interested members taking a turn at Net Control Contact Steve, KC8SOY to take your turn 330-774-6346

Dec. 2 Kevin, KD8NXR Dec. 9 Robert, KD8OXJ Dec. 16 Dave. KC8WY Dec. 23 Darrin, N8DMC Dec. 30 Ted, KD8IJE

"NEW" Ask The Elmer Net Right after the Friday Night Net **KC8SOY Moderator**

"NEW" WRARC 10-mtr Rag-Chew Net The net before the net Friday Nites 8:30P.M. 28.415+/-

COLUMBIANA COUNTY DIGITAL NET 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm 145.510 MHZ SIMPLEX Wednesdays

First Wednesday of the Month **Mahoning County** ARES/RACES/Skywarn Training Net is held on the W8QLYrepeater 146.745 (-) at 8:30P.M.

CONTACT WRARC ELMERS WITH YOUR QUESTIONS AT QUESTIONS@WRARC.NET ab8aa@arrl.net

Avnet, Allan, AB8AA

Haren, Roy, KD8IJF

Beatty, Dave, KC8WY

Fabry, Steve, KC8SOY

Antennas, radio setup, mobile, grounding, classes, anything

Yaesu FT8900, FT8800, Mobile

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Webster, Robert, KD8OXJ erecting antennas

Williams, Russ, KD8LDY

Electrician, tele-data, Amateur Extra

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A GOOD CLUB

Our Club is like making Bread the old fashioned way. All the parts are needed and if one is left out-No bread! A lot of us are quiet--like flour or milk. it takes lot of the quiet ones to make a good club or a loaf of bread, but that's not all. Some of us are saltier than others. A little salt is required. A lot of salt can ruin the whole thing. Then there are those of us who are really sweet - our YLs?? This too is an essential ingredient. You mix them together what happens? Nothing! You have a lump that just sits there. What is missing?? The yeast, when you mix the yeast into the lump, the lump wants to sit there lumpishly but the yeast has that enthusiasm. "Rise, Get up, get up!" the yeast cries out kicking and hollering. Very reluctantly, the lump starts to rise. Then it gets punched down, but the yeast won't quit. Spurred on by the sugar, the yeast multiplies, and soon the loaf rises. Into the oven it goes and shortly thereafter and the people are fed. It doesn't mattter which part you play as long as you play a part. Just lookout, the yeast will get you! Come on up, UP!!!!! Let's all pitch in 2012 and we will make the best bread/club in the county.

> 73, Cam KI6WK Stolen from So Cal.WCARC 10/10 Intermod



2012 OFFICERS

The following 2012 officers were elected by acclamation at the November 15 meeting-

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Our thanks to Russ KD8LDY, John KC8SPF, and Roy KD8IJF for the wonderful job they did in the jobs they held in 2010 & 2011!

NEW http://www.wrarc.net/ NEW

THE ARRL 10 METER CONTEST: GET ON WHILE THE BANDS ARE HOT!

11/30/2011 Ten meters -- in case you haven't heard, it's alive in a big way! That means that the ARRL 10 Meter Contest -- coming up the weekend of December 10-11 -- is going to be the one of the best we've seen in years! During this event, many propagation modes will be available: Sporadic-E will help you work stateside stations, a touch of meteor scatter in the morning will give you split-second chances to work stations -- you'd better be quick, though! -- and DX stations will be plentiful, thanks to the return of F2 propagation.

Yes, 10 meters is back. During the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest this past Thanksgiving weekend, many stations worked more than 100 DXCC entities on 10 meters. ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, said that he keeps hearing from numerous hams who have been licensed only three or four years, telling him that they've never experienced a 10 meter opening before because they weren't licensed during the last solar cycle peak: "A common phrase I'm hearing is, 'Now I understand what all the Old-Timers in my club were talking about -- 10 meters is great!' With a concentration of activity for the contest, there will be an opportunity for the first time in several years to experience the beauty of a wide-open 10 meter band. With so much excitement worldwide over the great conditions, the 2011 ARRL 10 Meter Contest could see the highest level of participation in a very long time!"

Single Operator entrants can use CW only, SSB only -- or a mixture of both. They can choose between High Power, Low Power (150 W or less) or QRP (5 W or less). Want to share the fun with your friends? Invite them over and enter in the Multioperator category. US Novice and Technician class operators can get in on the fun, too. Both classes are permitted SSB operation between 28.3-28.5 MHz with 150 W. You don't have an antenna for 10 meters? Why not build one yourself! A dipole for 28.4 MHz is about 16.5 feet long -- build it and get it up in the air as high as you possibly can. According to Kutzko, it's an easy construction project and you will work stations, especially with band conditions like this! Quite simply, this is a weekend not to miss!

In 2010, the ARRL added the 32 Mexican states as multipliers to the 10 Meter Contest. "Activity from our friends in XE spiked in 2010 as a result of the inclusion of Mexican states, and there's every indication there will be even more activity from the XE's in 2011, providing even more stations to work and increase your score," Kutzko said. For a list of the Mexican states, download a free map, provided by Grupo DXXE.

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runs from 0000 UTC Saturday, December 10 through 2359 UTC Sunday, December 11. Logs must be emailed or postmarked no later than 0000 UTC Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Paper logs should be sent to ARRL 10 Meter Contest, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

WE GET EMAILS

If you have an interest in using the 60 meter band this November 18th decision by the FCC will be of interest to you:

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1118/FCC-11-171A1.pdf

It adds a channel, increases power to 100 watts effective radiated power, and adds CW, PSK-31 and Pactor III modes to the band. I believe that it takes effect in thirty days after publication.

73, Jim, KC8PD (President of PCARS)

YOU MIGHT BE A HAM IF:

If your wife puts something on and asks "Does this make me look too fat?" and you reply with: "Honey you have an excellent front to back ratio with appreciable forward gain on the front lobes."

Your wife has called you three times for dinner - then she calls you on the repeater.

When someone asks for directions, you pause, wondering if long or short path would be best.

Your family doesn't have a clue what to get you for Christmas, even after you tell them.

You have never seen a Meteor Shower because you are inside on 6 meters when they occur.

Your XYL says communication is important in a marriage...so you buy another radio for the shack.

Your family has a special annual garage sale just to get rid of the boxes of wire, coax, and power adapters-but you pay your friends to "buy" the stuff and get them to quietly return it to you the following weekend.

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

NEW http://www.wrarc.net/ NEW

FCC News: FCC Grants Secondary Service ALLOCATION TO WIRELESS BROADBAND MEDICAL MICROPOWER NETWORKS

In their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 30, the four FCC Commissioners unanimously agreed to allocate spectrum and adopt service and technical rules for the utilization of new

implanted medical devices that operate on 413-457 MHz (70 cm). These devices will be used on a secondary basis as part of the Medical Data Radiocommunication Service in Part 95 of the FCC rules. The Amateur Radio Service also has a secondary allocation on the 70 cm band. These new



An implantable microstimulator of the kind that would be used with a wireless medical micropower network.

rules are the result of a Notice of Proposed Rule Making that the FCC released in March 2009. A Report & Order that will define these new rules is expected soon.

According to the FCC, these devices would greatly expand the use of functional electric stimulation to restore sensation, mobility and function to those persons with paralyzed limbs and organs; they would be implanted in a patient and function as wireless broadband medical micropower networks (MMNs).

A implantable microstimulator of the kind that would be used with a wireless medical micropower network. [Photo courtesy of the Alfred Mann Foundation]

Calling the new rules an "advance[ment of] its mobile broadband agenda," the FCC said this will create "a new generation of wireless medical devices that could be used to restore functions to paralyzed limbs. Medical Micropower Networks (MMNs) are ultra-low power wideband networks consisting of multiple transmitters implanted in the body that use electric currents to activate and monitor nerves and muscles." The Commission also noted that its National Broadband Plan -- released in 2010 -observed "that the use of spectrum-agile radios and other techniques can significantly increase the efficient use of radio spectrum to meet growing demand for this valuable resource. MMNs illustrate how advanced technology can enable the more efficient use of spectrum to deliver innovative new services." Read more here.http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-grantssecondary-service-allocation-to-wireless-broadbandmedical-micropower-networks







1 GW Instek Function Generator, Model GFG-8219A \$75 2 BK precision Digital Multimeter, Model 2831A \$20 ea

1 GW Instek Laboratory DC Power Supply Model GPC-3020 Dual 0-30 Volt @ 2 Amps \$75

1 BK Oscilloscope, Model 2120 20 Mhz \$75 1 Micronta Power Supply 13.8 volt – 2.5 A \$10

All of these have power cords, but no probes. Accepting reasonable offers.

Keith Shaner KC8KAY SK - Equipment for sale Everything is about 4-5 years old

1 YAESU FT950	\$900.00
1 YAESU VX-6	\$100.00
2 YAESU FT 8900R	\$250.00
1 ICOM IC7000	\$850.00
1 Astron SS-30M	\$100.00
1 Astron RS-50M	\$170.00
1 MFJ 989C	\$200.00
1 MFJ 269 W/ Case	\$225.00
1 RigRunner 4005/C	\$45.00
1 RS PRO 76	\$25.00

To Purchase Contact Al 330-549-3051

RECORD NUMBERS AT CAL POLY ARC LICENSING SESSION

SAN LUIS OBISPO – On Friday, November 4, 2011 a record 150 electrical engineering freshman students from Cal Poly will take their FCC amateur radio technician-class license exam in the largest amateur radio licensing event ever in San Luis Obispo County. Hosted by the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club (CPARC), this event will break its previous record of 62 new licensees, set earlier this year on Oct 1, 2011. This session is likely the largest Amateur Radio License Testing Session ever held at the collegiate level. Special testing arrangements were made with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to accommodate this large group.

Allen Pitts, W1AGP Media & PR Manager

AN INVINTATION . . .

Just a little note to let you all know of the upcoming Phantoms Figure Skating Club's Christmas show. There are two show dates - Saturday, December 10, 7:00 P.M. and Sunday December18 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and teens, \$6.00 for seniors and children under 12. Both shows are at the Ice Zone on McClurg Rd. in Boardman, between South Ave. and Southern Blvd. We would love to have you join us in the audience.

The shows actually have a Ham Radio connection! My younger son, Mark, is one of the skaters, and Brandon Benson KD8NXP, is as well. The kids have all been working hard on their solo and group numbers, with lots of individual practice and rehearsals. It will be a nice show and a chance to see the skills of some of our local ice skaters. (Future Olympians?)

Brandon is not yet a member of our Club, but he and his family were in the first, and only, "Kitchen Class" with Kevin and me. We got our Technician

Class Licenses the same test night. I know both boys would be happy to see some familiar Hams in the crowd beside just Kevin KD8NXR and me. Please keep it in mind when you are looking for holiday things to do.



Thanks, 73 Maureen KD8NXS

... or Two

If you didn't know you were standing only a few feet away, the scene which will spread in front of you easily could be a mountaintop view of trains running around and through a long valley. It's big, but not quite life-size.

Friends of WRARC, Joan (KB8VRF) and Jack (KB8VRF) Twaddle, who is in our Extra class, have invited our members to the Riverside Railroad Club's event. It's the G-scale (for garden-scale) layout of the Riverside Railroad Club which will be located at the S.C.O.P.E Center at 220 W. Market St., Warren. The club will be running a weekend open house that will be held Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. December 17 and 18. Should be fun!

EXTRA CLASS WINDING DOWN

Testing for All Licences
December 21, 7:00 P.M.
Mahoning County EMA
700 Industrial Rd., Youngstown

UPCOMING GENERAL CLASS

STARTING JANUARY 4
FOR INFO CALL AL
330-549-3051



WESTERN RESERVE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2050 E. SOUTH RANGE RD. NEW SPRINGFIELD, OH 44443 PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

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December 2011



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I've Learned That money doesn't buy class.			6 5 RENEW	KD8NXR	National SEVYVA DV	
				YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW	Happy Birthday KC8PD	SKYWARN Recognition Day
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11	12	Ham Community Breakfast Eat'n Park Boardman 8:30 A.M.	Extra class	15	16 WRARC 10-Mtr Net 8:30 P.M. 28.415 MHz 2-Mtr Net 9:00 PM 145.270 Rptr KC8WY	17
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