



The
Wave Bender



October 2016



WRARC PREZ SEZ

As I Write this there is only a few more days and it will be October, it seems like only yesterday it was cold, we had some snow, and we were welcoming in 2016. I don't know where this year has gone, but it sure has flown by in a hurry.

In the past month, we have had our club picnic, started the Class schedule for the fall, and did our fall road cleanup on Rt. 446, a Community Service Event that we do twice a year. This is in addition to the Board and regular meetings, as well as our Friday night nets, and this was a "slow" month for WRARC.

This month is going to push us hard, and we need every able bodied member to help 'man the trenches' so to speak, The Alzheimer's walk at YSU is coming up on the 8th, The Hayrides at Boardman Park will start on the 14th and 15th, the Tech class finishes up the 19th. From there we will be doing a testing session on the 26th, and then the Hayrides again the 21st and 22nd.



The big event of the month will be the Youngstown Peace Race on the 23rd, we really need the participation of all available members for this event. Please call Bob, N8RCM, Al, AB8AA, or Joe, W0JO, to volunteer to help our club make a good showing at this event.

We will then finish up the month on the 28th, and the 29th with the final two Hayrides at Boardman Park. Our club has gotten a reputation for stepping up at these events and helping to assure the runners and walkers safety through observation and communication of them on the routes and our ability to communicate clearly and succinctly between our members and our net control if an issue occurs.

While we always do an adequate job, there is always room for improvement and just like the old saying goes, practice makes perfect. These events are the perfect place to learn to use those radios that you spent your hard earned money for, and to put them to use serving your community and honing your skills in case the day ever comes that we have to use those skills in the event of a real emergency whether natural or manmade.

As always, comments and questions are welcome and will be answered to the best of my ability.

Have a great Month Bob, N8RCM



We will be electing one Trustee at our elections next month. The October meeting may be your last chance to 'throw your hat in the ring.' Just fooling, elections are open right up to the election itself in November. Contact Al if you'd like to run for this office. At our September meeting Harry Harker, KD8PQK, and Stan Adamski, KB3WPD were nominated and both agreed to run for this office. Get involved these jobs are easy, sure the salary isn't spectacular, \$0, but look at the fun members of the Board you'll get to work with.

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Officer's Meeting:

October 12, 2016, 7:00 P.M. At Eat 'n Park,
 Austintown, Eat 'n Park,
 5451 Mahoning Ave
 All members welcome

Members Meeting:

October 21, Davidsons
 3636 Canfield Rd., Cornersburgh

Speaker Bob Naumann, W5OV
 Sales Manager at DX Engineering.

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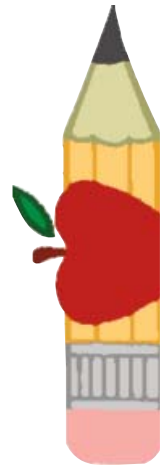


<http://www.wrarc.net/>

Class starting in November: General

November 9
Testing - December 21.

7:00 P.M. @
Contact Al, AB8AA



Upcoming Speakers:

October -

Bob Naumann, W5OV
Sales Manager at DX Engineering.

November-

Someone from DX Engineering

December - Open -

Suggestions please!

OTHER IMPORTANT WEB SITES

For the ARRL searchable Hamfest calendar,
 <<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>>

The ARRL exam search page
 <<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>>

Ohio Single Sideband Net
 <<http://www.ossbn.org/index.html>>

FROM OUR VP

I hope everyone had a great summer and, as I get older, it seems like they fly by faster and faster . . . and so do the years. As I write this article for this month's Wave Bender, it is already the first day of fall.

We have two community events scheduled for October. The first will be the 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's which will be held on Saturday, October 8 on the campus of Youngstown State University. We will be meeting at the WATTS Center, 651 Elm Street, Youngstown, OH 44555 at 9:00 a.m. EDT. The walk is scheduled to start at 9:45am EDT and is generally completed in less than two hours. If you can spare a few hours that day, your Officers and Board will greatly appreciate your help.



Our second scheduled event is the Youngstown Peace Race, formerly known as the International Peace Race, which will be held on Sunday, October 23. While this will be the first time we've participated in the race, this will actually be their 42nd anniversary. There will be several different walks/runs going on at the same time including a 10K/2K run, a 10K walk and a Kids' 400m run. Again, these will take about three hours and, as we get closer to the date, we'll let our members know what time and where we will meet. We will need as many members as possible to help with this as the course is much larger than the annual Panerathon. If you can help us, please call me at (330) 544-5865, or email me at W0JO@arri.net. Both of these events benefit local charitable causes.

Finally, our October monthly club meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at Davidson's Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Road, Canfield, OH. We have dinner starting at 6:00 P.M. EDT and start our meeting at 7:00 P.M. EDT. Our scheduled guest speaker will be Bob Naumann, W5OV, who is the Sales Manager for DX Engineering. We encourage all of our members to attend as well as any other licensed Amateur Radio Operators or those interested in learning more about our hobby/service.

73, Joe, W0JO, VP/WRARC

SWAP 'N SHOP



Cushcraft Model 520 20 Meter 5 El Beam	\$100
Kachina 505DSP In great shape, original DSP radio, Great for digital work	\$400
Kenwood SP430 Spkr,	\$ 40
Albia Power Supply Dual Variable +15 &-15,	\$ 25
EZ Oscilloscope 60MhZ Dual Channel,	\$ 25
Nye Viking, MBI-001 Tuner,	\$100
Sencore TF151, Transistor tester	\$ 25
Shure model PE515, Microphone	\$ 25
Shure model 444D, Microphone	\$ 25
HEIL HTH, Handie talkie headset for Kenwood HT's	\$ 25
AEA model QT-1, Antenna tuner	\$ 25

Misc tower parts and antenna parts, contact me if interested. Will accept reasonable offers.

If interested make offer. Contact me for information
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Voice 330-549-3051 Call or text 330-207-3296

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Oct. 01 YL Breakfast, 9:00 A.M. Place TBD
- Oct. 08 The Walk to End Alzheimers
- Oct. 11 Eat'n Park Boardman 8:30 A.M.
Ham CommunityBreakfast
- Oct. 11 Board meeting - 7:00P.M., Eat'n PARK, Austintown
- Oct. 18 Members Meeting at Davidsons
- Oct. 23 Youngstown Peace Race
- Oct. 25 Eat'n Park Boardman 8:30 A.M.
Ham CommunityBreakfast
- Oct. 26 Testing at Congregation Ohev Tzedek,Boardman
- Nov. 05 YL Breakfast 9:00 A.M. Place TBD
- Nov. 08 Eat'n Park Boardman 8:30 A.M.
Ham CommunityBreakfast
- Nov. 08 Board meeting - 7:00P.M., Eat'n PARK, Austintown
- Nov. 15 Members Meeting at Davidsons
- Nov. 22 Eat'n Park Boardman 8:30 A.M.
Ham CommunityBreakfast



Amateur Radio Operator "Amateur means we're simply professional volunteers" ARRL reflector

YL & FRIENDS BREAKFAST



This is to all the feminine members of WRARC. I have talked to three restaurant managers, Eat 'n Park, Boardman; Bob Evans, Boardman; and Perkins Pancake House, Boardman in regards to our proposed Saturday morning breakfast get-together which will be held the first Saturday of each month starting Oct. 1 at 9:00 A.M. If this sounds interesting to you, or, If you have any other suggestions as to where you would like to go, please let me or Terri Mitzel know. My email address is kd8tii@zoominternet.net. Terri's email address is n1tam@wrrc.net.

73, Rose, KD8TII

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He who is afraid of asking, is afraid of learning

Articles from members for the Wave Bender are encouraged. They must be received by the editor on the 20th each month. Please send your articles to: k8jaa@arrl.net, and put WRARC on the subject line of your email. You may also send your articles to the editor: Jane Avnet, 2050 E. South Range Rd., New Springfield, OH 44443

Join us for the WRARC Friday night Net 9:00 P.M.
 KD8DWV - 145.270, PL -110.9
 Upcoming Net Control Operators

Oct. 07 Frank, KD8YZC
 Oct 14 Rose, KD8TII
 Oct. 21 Jane, K8JAA
 Oct. 28 Al, AB8AA

Contact Steve, KC8SOY to take a turn at Net Control
 330-774-6346



WRARC Simplex Frequency 146.565

Mahoning County ARES® Nets

1st Monday 8.30 PM ET W8QLY Repeater - 146.745 (PL 110.9)

&

3rd Monday 8.30 PM ET W8QLY Repeater - 146.745 (PL 110.9)
 ARES thanks MVARA for the use of their repeater

W8SGT is facilitating The Ohio HF net every Tuesday - 7:00 PM

The net is run from the State of Ohio EOC on the
 Ohio ARES Admin frequency 3875 kHz LSB
 moves to 7240 Khz after 20-min.

All are welcome to check in.



The Ohio ARES/OES Digital Emergency Net held every Tuesday at 8:00PM.
 held on 3585 kHz USB.

Please note all digital communications are Upper Side Band.

<http://www.http://ohden.org/> for net details. Net Manager Gary NJ8BB

COLUMBIANA COUNTY DIGITAL NET

Wednesdays 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

145.510 MHZ SIMPLEX

First Wednesday of the Month Mahoning County Skywarn Net
 is held on the W8QLY repeater 146.745 (-) at 8:30P.M.

Thanks & 73

All of our members (and others) look forward (hopefully) to getting this newsletter every month, so keep sending those articles, jokes, and suggestions!

Thanks goes out to this month's contributors; KD8NXS, K8WY, KD8DWV, KC8SOY, N8DMC, N8SY, W5YI, the ARRL and the World-Wide Web.

BOARDMAN PARK FAMILY FUN DAY EVENT

The weather on Sat., Sept. 17, was bad enough to cancel our road cleanup for that morning, but improved greatly in enough time for the 11:00 A.M. start of the Family Fun Day at Boardman Park. It turned out to be mostly sunny and gave us a nice event and a good opportunity to promote WRARC and Amateur Radio. Participating club members were Mark, KD8YMK (for part of the event), Donna Haren, Roy, KD8IJF, Steve, KC8SOY, Darrin, N8DMC, Bob, N8RCM, and Maureen, KD8NXS.

WRARC was set up in two separate areas. A static display in the Lariccia Family Center and a working, hands-on, radio transmitting area in the Hofmaster Pavilion. It was an interesting and pleasant day with a good turnout of people for the park event. Donna and I manned the table at the static display in the Lariccia Center, while Steve, Darrin, and Bob manned the pavilion, and Mark and Roy went between the two areas as needed. We had a guest/visitor sign-up sheet at our table with 11 folks signing in and a few more who browsed the table without signing in. As people stopped at our table, we passed out literature, explained Amateur Radio in laymen's terms, and tried to channel them to the outdoor, try-it-out area at the pavilion. There were an estimated 10-15 kids who tried out being on the air (briefly) with the guys' help. Hopefully, some future Hams were among them. No adults tried it out.



We had a couple of interesting things come up at the indoor set up. We had one man who barely spoke any English stop by and conversing with him was challenging at best. He didn't quite get the idea of what Amateur Radio is and at first thought we were there as part of some set up for WHOT-FM 101. We tried to explain the difference between broadcast radio and 2-way Amateur Radio. I'm not sure we got through the language barrier at all. He then asked us about our handhelds which were on the table and seemed to think, then, that we were there as sales reps for the company that makes the radios. We had 2 Yaesu FT60R's and a Baofeng in sight. He asked us how much we charged for the radios. I'm not sure just what he hoped to do with one anyway. It was interesting to say the least and I've never had that experience before at one of these events.

Another visitor was a little familiar with Amateur Radio and asked us about any possible way of locating someone from this area with whom he'd had a ship to shore communication some time ago. We weren't sure how to advise him and we asked if he knew a name, a callsign, or even the frequency it had taken place on. He wasn't sure of any of this info, but thought it might have been on a repeater or station somewhere in southeast Mahoning County. An hour or so later he came back to us with a copy of his ship to shore communication and it looked to have been on HF 20-meters. He apparently went home, found his paper, and brought it back to us. It was like a radiogram and I'd never seen a paper like that before. We sent him down to the guys too as they may have been more able to help him than we could. Interesting again. It is fun to interface with the public like that and those of you who have never been out to one of these events should do so.

Another surprising thing was how few kids who were in the intermediate grade ages (grades 4-6or7) had ever even heard of Morse Code. You used to learn about that in social studies when you covered the expansion of the west and the telegraph as well as the development of wireless radio a little later on. It's a sign of the times. Historical back ground like that is just not taught anymore. It shows us how much we need to do in the way of informing the public on these things.

Lastly, there were lots of other good displays that we could enjoy too—a beekeepers exhibit, many wildlife exhibits, and a Blue Grass band to entertain us. There were even two live dogs who were on leashes that were people friendly, as opposed to all the taxidermy animals that were displayed there. They were beautiful animals and my guess is they could have been malamute/wolf hybrids by their larger than normal size and the character of the fur in their coats. So, it turned out to be a good day/event after all. If we are asked back next year, we need more of our members to come out to help. As you can see, it was not a boring day at all.



73, Maureen KD8NXS

BOARDMAN PARK FAMILY FUN DAY EVENT



THANK YOU



Dear Joe,

Thank you for your donation and all of your support of the 2016 Panerathon! We are so grateful for our partnership and look forward to working with you next year!

Regards,
Ashlee

Note sent to Joe thanking all the members who volunteered and helped with the event: AB8AA, KC3GFU, N8RCM, AB8OP, WF8U, N8DMC, KD8SDV, KE8ALR, KD8SNV, KD8YZE, Gabbi, K8JAA, W0JO, KD8YMK, KD8NXS, KE8ENM, KD8TII, KD8IJF, NR8W, KB3WPD, KC8SOY, N1TAM, and KC8WY - and for the money we donated to The Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

42ND ANNUAL YOUNGSTOWN PEACE RACE



The 42nd running of the Youngstown Peace Race is not to be missed! Join with runners from across our state, nation and globe as we celebrate competition, friendship and understanding.

The 2016 Peace Race 10K, 2-Mile Walk/Run and 400 Meter Kids Run will be on Sunday, October 23, 2016. Start times: Kids Fun Run – 9:00 AM; 2-Mile Walk/Run – 9:30 AM; 10K Race – 11:00 AM. For the latest details, visit the Youngstown Peace Race website: <<http://youngstownlive.com/events/41st-annual-youngstown-peace-race/>>

We will need more volunteers than usually come out for this event. Contact Joe, W0JO, if you'd like to be a part of this event.



HAUNTED HAYRIDE



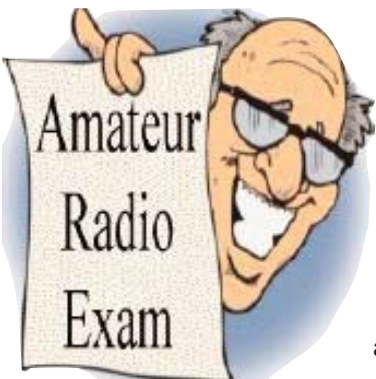
OK it is now time to put on the long-johns, get the HTs out of their boxes, check and charge the batteries, and get out into the woods. No, we are not going hunting for deer or rabbit, We are going out after bad people that like to scare little kids. Now these bad people may be hiding in Boardman Park. Yes, in Boardman Park! They are there after the little kids that go out on these October weekends to have fun in the woods by scaring people while on the Haunted Hay Ride.

The Haunted Hay Ride is a fund raiser for the 4H kids in Mahoning County. It runs for three week ends in October. We meet at the log cabin at 6:00 p.m. - at that time we see were everyone will find out were in the woods they will be. Now if we have a lot of volunteers, then you can be with someone if you'd like - and if you want - YOU can scare the riders with the kids. But, you have to let me know.

The Haunted Hay Ride will take place on the weekends of October 14-15 , 21-22, & 28 - 29. We meet at the log cabin, we come back in around 10:30 P.M. On some nights, it can go to 11:00. I hope that more people will volunteer and join the fun. Yes, we do have fun even if it's cold.

73 to all,
Bill Egan KD8HCQ
330 565-4342

CLASSES & TESTING



We have two Hams taking our Technician License Class. They seem to be catching on quickly, and should not have a problem passing the Tech. test on October 19. The testing for this Class is being held at Ohev Tzedik, 5245 Glenwood Ave, Boardman.

November 9 starts WRARC's General Class, with testing December 21. The class and testing will be held at 5234 Southern Blvd, Boardman.

We finally found the two call signs for the two Hams who passed their Tech. test in August. Debbie Breen, KE8EYE and Ronald Benson, KE8EYD, congratulations again to both of them

If you'd like to take the General class offered in November, or would like to take a test at either of the Test Sessions, let AI, AB8AA, know. With ITT closing their doors nation wide we have to find a new place to hold classes and testing. We are hoping the Southern Blvd facility will be a new home for all our classes and testing.



2016 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S - MAHONING VALLEY, OH

Date: October 8, 2016

Location: WATT Center at Youngstown State University

651 Elm Street

Youngstown , OH

Schedule: Registration at 8:30A.M. | Opening Ceremony at 9:30A.M.

Walk at 9:45A.M.

Route Length: 2 miles

Contact Joe, WOJO to volunteer



ABOUT WALK

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions. Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease, the nation's sixth-leading cause of death.

Walk to End Alzheimer's unites the entire community — more than 450,000 participants that include family, friends, co-workers, social and religious groups and more --- in a display of combined strength and dedication in the fight against this devastating disease. While there is no fee to register, each participant is expected to fundraise in order to contribute to the cause and raise awareness. The Alzheimer's Association provides free, easy-to-use tools and staff support to help each participant reach their fundraising goal.

When you participate in Walk, your fundraising dollars fuel our mission-related initiatives of care, support and research. In addition, your actions, both through fundraising and participating in the event, help to change the level of Alzheimer's awareness in your community. Take the first step to a world without Alzheimer's by finding a Walk near you. Once you register, you will have access to a wide range of tools and support through your Participant Center, ensuring a successful and fulfilling experience.

Our mission

To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.



FALL ROAD CLEAN UP

September 24, 446 WRARC semi annual Community Service Event - This was held on the rain date set because it rained on the original date. This time the day was beautiful. Ten WRARC members and three friends of WRARC came out to help with the 446 Clean UP. Thanks to those who gave up football and other exciting Saturday activities to pitch in. Bowen & Keeley Maples, Bob & Terri's Grand Kids; Joe Agati, representing YESS, Youngstown Environmental Sustainability Society at YSU; N8RCM; N1TAM; KD8IJF, who brought the vests and bags; K8JAA, AB8AA, KB8WPD, all the way from New Castle; KC8SOY; N8DMC; KD8YMK, also representing YESS, and KD8NXS.



We all met at Perkins in Canfield for breakfast. Arriving anywhere from 7:00 A.M. until about nine. You know how important food is when Hams get together for any reason. As soon as most of us were done with our breakfasts, we headed out for the Mill Creek MetroParks - Experimental and Educational Farm's parking lot where we left our cars.



Jane and Maureen were the designated drivers shuttled our volunteers out to where they were going to start, and back in when they were done. There wasn't a lot of trash to pickup, so we were done by 10:30. When I got home I saw that someone left a pickup stick in my car. Thanks again to all who came out.



JUST ANOTHER DAY AT WORK

It Seems to Me. 06/30/15 - It seems to me that one of the most common gripes folks have about their employment is that every day is just another day of that "same-old, same-old" routine. Sure, there are some jobs where such a boring, humdrum day is just fine - being a lifeguard or a bank guard come to mind. But there are lots of other occupations where standard practices and procedures pretty well define and govern a person's work day - all that is required is to know and follow "the routine." OK, so why bring this up? Well, I recently came across a number of news reports which when put together reveal what I think is an interesting account of a one person's work day - an individual with a job strictly defined by prescribed rules and formal, approved policies. I'll refer to this person as "Leo" - which is kinda shorthand for Law Enforcement Officer.



Leo's work day started with a call to the site of a suicide. Upon arriving at the scene Leo and his colleagues likely followed standard procedures such as isolating the area - that is, getting bystanders and curious onlookers away from the locale. Then there were the logical processes of identifying and interviewing witnesses, making a tentative assessment of the cause of death, determining the identity of the deceased, and notifying the next of kin. In this case these processes were relatively simple. The deceased had committed suicide by shooting himself in the head in front of his wife and children. This was not only a traumatic scene with emotions running high but likely a gruesome one with blood, brain tissue, and bone fragments from the skull littered about - which, along with the body, Leo helped to photograph as part of the standard routine.

Leo's personal sense of duty, if not his official responsibility, also required his doing what he could to console, calm, and comfort the shocked and grieving widow and family - a difficult if not impossible task. And that was how Leo started this particular day - the first of a series of "routine" events. All in a day's work. A bit later in the day Leo was dispatched to where a teenage girl was threatening to commit suicide by jumping off the roof of her parents home. The "routine" in such cases was undoubtedly to attempt to calm her down and convince her that suicide was not the way to resolve her problems. A challenging and emotionally charged task with a human life at stake? Sure, but just part of a day's work - and in this case the efforts were successful. Yep, the girl was talked out of her threatened suicide and Leo went on about his duties.

When a report of a disturbance at a swimming pool first came over the radio, Leo was reportedly "reluctant to respond to a simple trespassing call given what he had just been through" but duty is duty, right? And so Leo responded to a report of a fight and disturbance. A number of juveniles had reportedly crashed an invitation-only pool party, refused to leave, and begun fighting. By the time Leo arrived the unruly crowd had grown to an estimated 150 people.

Leo's efforts to gather information were hampered by some teenagers who were instructing others to defy the police while he detained a white female. A video taken by a bystander showed Leo chasing some teenagers and shouting at them to go home. At one point, Leo approached a bikini-clad black girl and a group of other teenagers and told them to leave. When she hesitated he threw her face down on the ground and when several young men approached him Leo drew his sidearm and told them to back off. Officers chased one man who was arrested on charges of interfering with the duties of a police officer and evading arrest. The girl was detained and later released to her parents. All in a day's work?

Well, that episode put an end to Leo's day - and his job. According to his lawyer, "He never intended to mistreat anyone, but was only reacting to a situation and the challenges that it presented, and he apologizes to all who were offended." Regardless, facing investigation into possible criminal and civil rights charges, Leo, a 10-year veteran of the police department who was once named Officer of the Year, felt forced to resign. At last report he and his family were in hiding fearful of death threats which depict him as yet another brutal, racist, incompetent, white cop.

Well, there you have it - a brief summary of one day in the life of a law enforcement officer. Sound farfetched, implausible - a fanciful tale? Not really. To the contrary stories like Leo's are becoming common. If you don't believe it, just check the news media and Internet - you'll see for yourself. At least that's how it seems to me.

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HISTORY OF THE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance

Astronaut David R. Scott gives a military salute to the U.S. flag during a 1971 Apollo 15 moonwalk.



Thirty-one words which affirm the values and freedom that the American flag represents are recited while facing the flag as a pledge of Americans' loyalty to their country. The Pledge of Allegiance was written for the 400th anniversary, in 1892, of the discovery of America. A national committee of educators and civic leaders planned a public-school celebration of Columbus Day to center around the flag. Included with the script for ceremonies that would culminate in raising of the flag was the pledge. So it was in October 1892 Columbus Day programs that school children across the country first recited the Pledge of Allegiance this way:

I pledge allegiance to my Flag and
to the Republic for which it stands:
one Nation indivisible, with Liberty
and Justice for all.

Controversy continues over whether the author was the chairman of the committee, Francis Bellamy — who worked on a magazine for young people that published the pledge — or James Upham, who worked for the publishing firm that produced the magazine. The pledge was published anonymously in the magazine and was not copyrighted.

According to some accounts of Bellamy as author, he decided to write a pledge of allegiance, rather than a salute, because it was a stronger expression of loyalty — something particularly significant even 27 years after the Civil War ended. “One Nation indivisible” referred to the outcome of the Civil War, and “Liberty and Justice for all” expressed the ideals of the Declaration of Independence.

The words “my flag” were replaced by “the flag of the United States” in 1923, because some foreign-born people might have in mind the flag of the country of their birth, instead of the U.S. flag. A year later, “of America” was added after “United States.” No form of the pledge received official recognition by Congress until June 22, 1942, when it was formally included in the U.S. Flag Code. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945. The last change in language came on Flag Day 1954, when Congress passed a law which added the words “under God” after “one nation.”

Originally, the pledge was said with the hand in the so-called “Bellamy Salute,” with the hand resting first outward from the chest, then the arm extending out from the body. Once Hitler came to power in Europe, some Americans were concerned that this position of the arm and hand resembled the salute rendered by the Nazi military. In 1942, Congress established the current practice of rendering the pledge with the right hand placed flat over the heart.

Section 7 of the Federal Flag Code states that when not in military uniform, men should remove any headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, thereby resting the hand over the heart. People in military uniform should remain silent, face the flag and render the military salute.

The Flag Code specifies that any future changes to the pledge would have to be with the consent of the president. The Pledge of Allegiance now reads:

**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation
under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**



ARBITRAITOR - A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



With thunder storms threatened for early in the day, thirty-four brave members and their families came out at 3:00 P.M., to enjoy what turned out to be a beautiful, but windy, day. KD8IJE; KD8DWV & KC8WY; N8RCM & N1TAM; KD8SNV, KD8SNW & Sophia (Jo's granddaughter); KD8IJF & Donna; NR8W & Nancy; KD8YZE & Gabbi; KC8SOY; N8DMC; KD8HCQ, Janet, and Shaun & Riley (their two Grand kids); KD8TII; KC8UNR; KD8PQK; KD8JMO; KD8NXS, KD8YML, KD8NXR & KD8YMK; KB3WPD; W0JO; WF8U & KC3GFU, and

K8JAA & AB8AA.

Before we ate Darrin read something on the history of the Pledge of Allegence to us all. (See Page 12.) He suggested we fly our flags at half staff, the followinging day, to remember lives lost and the bravery of so many on 9/11/01.

Steve, Darrin, and Al grilled the hamburgers hot dogs, and corn that the club provided. At least that's what it ,looked like to me. There was so much good food, if you left hungry it was your own fault. Liz and Gabbi both brought home made cupcakes that were out of this world, and so yummmmy! I don't know who brought what else, but, it was all sooo good. I think we have some of the best cooks in Ohio as members of WRARC.

Some of us played RADIO a form of BINGO. The game was fun, even if I didn't play. Chris called out radio terms that were on the cards instead of numbers. I just wanted to chat with good friends, the reason I enjoyed being there. Congratulations to Amanda for being in charge of this wonderful fun event. Thanks to Ted, KD8IJE, for securing the beautiful picnic area at the Western Reserve United Methodist Church.

73,  K8JAA

DO YOU NEED HELP?

WRARC has a core of hams called Elmer's that will help you with almost any problem.

Contact one of the club's Elmers if you need antenna, tower, or grounding help. Are you trying to set up a station, but don't know where to start? Contact one of the club's Elmers. Do you want to upgrade your license contact one of the club's Elmers?

The Elmers are here to assist any member with a problem. We are here to help.

73, AB8AA



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- K8JAA Jane Avnet
- WF8U Chris Monske
- KD8HCQ Bill Egan
- KD8SSB Shirley Boles
- KD8NXS Maureen Stein
- KW8GEB George Burin
- KB8TPG Doug Sage
- KD8WOF Joe McElroy



FCC PROPOSES SUBSTANTIAL FINE FOR UNLICENSED AMATEUR OPERATION, FALSE POLICE CALL

08/31/2016 - [UPDATED 2016-09-01 @ 1652 UTC] A New York City man faces a fine of \$23,000 for operating on Amateur Radio frequencies without a license and for transmitting a false officer-in-distress call on a New York City Police Department (NYPD) radio channel. The FCC issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL) on August 31 to Daniel Delise of Astoria. It details a history of complaints and alleged illegal radio operation on Delise's part that dates back to 2012.

"The Commission previously warned Mr Delise that unlicensed operation of this station was illegal and that continued operation could result in further enforcement action," the FCC said in the NAL. "Mr Delise's deliberate disregard of the [Communications] Act and the Commission's warning warrants a significant penalty."



ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, credited the intervention earlier this year of New York Rep Peter King with getting the case "off the back burner and up to the front of the line." Lisenco and ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, met with the Republican congressman in January to discuss ongoing interference issues in the Greater New York City/Long Island area. King subsequently wrote FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to urge "timely and visible enforcement."

Lisenco also praised the direct involvement of FCC Enforcement Bureau Region 1 Director David C. Dombrowski "and his willingness to work with us and to use information we provided as potential leads," as well as "a system of grass-roots reporting that depicted the current pattern of intentional interference with legitimate amateur communications on local repeaters," coordinated by Richie Cetron, K2KNB, an Official Observer and Assistant Hudson Division Director. Lisenco said FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith "has been a great help in keeping us informed and in the loop."

The FCC reported receiving "numerous complaints" that Delise was transmitting on different frequencies, issuing two official warnings in 2012. The Commission said complaints about Delise continued through 2013 and 2014, but, the FCC said, an investigating agent "was not able to confirm a rule violation." Still more complaints alleged that Delise was transmitting without authority on 461.225 MHz, a frequency licensed to NYC City Wide Disaster Services, the FCC recounted. In 2014, the FCC received 10 more complaints identifying Delise by name, plus another nine in 2015 and one more in 2016.

Last April, field agents monitoring in Delise's Astoria neighborhood detected a strong voice transmission on 147.96 MHz. They were able to track the signal to the building where Delise resided, and, ultimately, went to his apartment and confronted him.

The FCC said Delise admitted making the transmissions on 147.96 MHz and acknowledged that he did not have an Amateur Radio license. As a result, the FCC's New York Field office issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation.

A couple of weeks later, the NYPD informed an FCC field agent that it had taken Delise into custody for "sending out false radio transmissions" over the NYPD radio system and for possessing radios capable of operating on NYPD frequencies, in violation of state law. According to the NYPD, a call had gone out reporting an officer in need, and the responding officer spotted Delise speaking into a radio. The police report said Delise admitted to making the transmission and that he told officers that he had more radios and would continue to transmit on police frequencies. Obtaining a warrant, the NYPD confiscated all radio transmitting equipment from Delise's apartment, including 14 radios capable of operating on NYPD frequencies.

The FCC concluded that Delise apparently transmitted without a license on Amateur Radio frequencies, even after being warned not to do so, and that he apparently transmitted false or fraudulent distress signals on NYPD frequencies. Both violations were "willful," the FCC said.

Delise could have faced a penalty of more than \$140,000, under the provisions of the Communications Act. The NAL gave Delise 30 days to pay the fine or to file a written statement seeking a reduction *Continued page 14*

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or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture. The FCC fine may not be at the top of Delise's list of worries, however. According to Lisenco, Delise now is serving prison time resulting from the false police call and his guilty pleas to other charges.



AMATEUR RADIO HELPS A STORM CHASER

JOPLIN, Mo. - Jordan Hamilton has been chasing storms for 17 years and always tries to be on top of his game. "I am always reading new articles about severe weather formation and the new science related to that and I always make a point and get my CPR, AED, and first aid," he says.

Having the latest computer gadgets and a reliable weather radio also gives him an edge in storm tracking.

"on the amateur radio side of things you've got these new digital radios that are coming out that allow you to transmit pictures, videos if you really want to. You can also do GPS locations now," Hamilton says.

The May 2011 Joplin Tornado highlighted a need for better radios and about a year-and-a-half ago, a new digital radio system was rolled out improving storm tracking communication.

"A DR1X digital repeater so we went from an analog system here in Joplin after the tornado to a newer digital system that allows you to do other things such as high quality voice, digital image transmission, and digital text messaging," YAESU Sales Manager Chris Wilson.

The digital system's GPS helps people better keep track of Hamilton's location as he chases the storms. And it helps that the National Weather Service gets more accurate reports of what's happening on the ground.

"Then they rely on the amateur storm spotters, amateur radio and systems like we've put together for the National Weather Service to give ground truth information so what they see on radar," says Michael Blake, President of the 49 Repeater Group.

Hamilton says if the towers fall, he can now rely on his updated radio to still get the communication through.

<http://www.fourstateshomepage.com/news/technology-change-helps-storm-chasers#.V8ZLzirFg-o.email>



FRED

An old man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theater.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The old man didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old disheveled man, but with no success.

Finally they summoned the police.

The officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?"

"Fred," the old man moaned.

"Where you from, Fred?" asked the police officer.

With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied;

"The balcony".....

Take time to laugh for it's the music of the soul Author: --From an old English prayer



**"Let's plant some catnip," she said. "It'll be fun," she said.
And then the addicts moved in and the neighborhood's never been the same.**

NO SPEAKA DE ENGLISH

A bus stops, and two Italian men get on. They sit down and engage in an animated conversation. The lady sitting next to them ignores them at first, but her attention is galvanized when she hears one of them say the following: 'Emma come first. Den I come. Den two asses come together. I come once-a-more! Two asses, they come together again. I come again and pee twice. Then I come one lasta time.'

The lady can't take this any more, 'You foul-mouthed sex obsessed pig!' she retorted indignantly. 'In this country, we don't speak aloud in public places about our sex lives!'

'Hey, coola down lady,' said the man. 'Who talkin' bouta sex? I'm a justa tellin' my frienda how to spell 'Mississippi.'

\$ 1.00 says you're gonna read this again.

**"Socialism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't ..need it
and hell where they already have it." - Ronald Reagan**




SEPTEMBER MEETING



October 2016

PREPAREDNESS LEADS TO READINESS - MATT W8DEC



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16	17	18 WRARC Meeting 7:00 P.M	19	20  WaveBender Articles Due	21 WRARC Net 9:00PM 145.270 Swap n' Shop Ask the Elmers	22  Haunted Hayride
23  Peace Race	24 ARES Net 8:30 PM	25 Eat'n Park Boardman 8:30 A.M. Ham Community Breakfast	26 Testing @ Congregation Ohev Tzedek	27	28 WRARC Net 9:00PM 145.270 Swap n' Shop Ask the Elmers	29  Haunted Hayride
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