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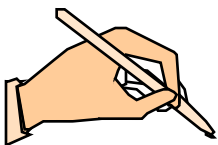
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A Note from the Editor

The one sure sign that summer is over is the Findlay hamfest. As ever, it will be held on the weekend after Labor Day, on September 10th. It's also a sign that the severe weather season is tapering off for another year. This summer has thankfully been uneventful on the severe weather radar screen, with only a few strong storms and no damaging tornadoes. The County Fair had fairly good weather (compared to some other years), and there were no weather events to contend with.



Just because we had a relatively easy time of it this summer does not mean that we shouldn't continue refining our emergency preparedness skills. One excellent opportunity for doing so was the GOBA bicycle tour in late June. Good practice of handling both routine logistical traffic as well as emergency traffic was gained by all the ham participants.

Another chance to test these skills will occur soon -- with the annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). This year, the SET will be held on the weekend of October 7-8th. This event works roughly as follows: an emergency "scenario" is played out by the local EC, usually at an unannounced time. The main object of the exercise is to see how many hams respond to the call and how rapidly they can do so. We will have one more newsletter before the SET takes place and more details will be contained there. Nevertheless, it is a good idea for everyone to pencil in the dates and to be prepared to monitor the repeater during the designated weekend.

A second opportunity for Club members to spread goodwill and perhaps entice some new hams into the hobby is the JOTA (see related articles on this page and page two). This will be a chance to demonstrate how ham radio works in every facet of the hobby to scouts who may be marginally interested, but not yet converted. Let's convert them! 73 de Bob ■

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Club Meeting:
Monday, September 11th
Location: Fairgrounds
Time: 7:30 pm
Social Hour: 7:00 pm**

What is JOTA anyway?

The third weekend in October is the time reserved for the Scout Jamboree On The Air. The JOTA is not a contest - rather it is an opportunity for Scouts to communicate with each other using ham radio. JOTA is for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The activity is not restricted to scouts either, and all Club members are encouraged to participate with our local Girl Scout Group, Troop 818, at the Fairgrounds Administration Building.

The Scouting program provides several applications for ham radio. The radio merit badge is just one of them. We have all bemoaned the fact that very few youngsters are becoming interested in the hobby. The merit badge incentive along with a simple display of what ham radio can do during JOTA is a good way to interest these young folks in the hobby. Lend a hand and participate in JOTA this year!

For Sale
Yaesu FT-100 (HF/VHF/UHF) -
Hamvention door prize-
factory fresh!
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Darrell Gebers (419) 278-1258

September Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of September includes the following:

Sep 2-3	0000 to 2359 Z	160 to 10 m
All Asia 'test		SSB
Sep 2-3	1200 to 1200 Z	80 to 10 m
LZ (Bulgaria) DX 'test		CW
Sep 9-11	1800 to 0300 Z	6 m on up
ARRL VHF QSO Party		all modes
Sep 9-11	2000 to 2359 Z	20 m
PSK-31 Sprint		PSK-31
Sep 10	0000 to 0400 Z	80, 40, 20 m
North American Sprint		CW
Sep 17	0000 to 0400 Z	80, 40, 20 m
North American Sprint		SSB
Sep 16-17	0001 to 2359 Z	80 to 10 m
Air Force Anniversary QSO Party		all modes
Sep 17-18	1800 to 0100 Z	80 to 10 m
Tennessee QSO Party		all modes
Sep 24-25	1800 to 0100 Z	80 to 10 m
Alabama QSO Party		all modes
Sep 30	0000 to 2400 Z	80 to 2 m
Louisiana QSO Party		all modes

Operators Wanted

The local Scout Jamboree on the Air will be held on October 20th through the 22nd (Fri. - Sun.). Volunteer amateur operators are needed to operate the home station in the clubhouse, to demonstrate how amateur radio works to the Scouts, and to possibly help handle traffic for them. Prime operating hours will most likely be in the late afternoons through fairly late at night. If you can volunteer in these time slots on any of the days indicated above, please contact Ruth, KC8EKT at 352-7678, or via e-mail: howies_mommy@yahoo.com. Ruth will be happy to fill you in on what times/dates are open. Let's try to make the effort of Troop 818 to get a local entry in JOTA a success!

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Aug 29	WD8JWJ
Sept 5	WD8ICP
Sept 12	N1RB
Sept 19	N8QMV
Sept 26	AA8XS
Oct 3	KG8FH
Oct 10	WD8JWJ

September Hamfests

The hamfest line up for the month of September is listed below:

Aug 27 Lapeer County (MI) ARA 8am-4pm
Lapeer County Center Bldg. 425 County Center St., Lapeer, MI. Contact Charles, N8RVG, (810) 245-0347.

Sep 10 Findlay Radio Club 8am-3pm
Hancock County Fairgrounds, Findlay, OH.
Contact Bill, N8ET, (419) 423-4604.

Sep 17 Greater Cincinnati ARA 8am-4pm
Kolping Center, Springdale and Mill Rds, Cincinnati, OH. Contact Jim, K8JE, (513) 459-0142.

Sep 24 Hamfest Assn. of Cleveland ?
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Contact Ron, N8LZA, (800) CLE-FEST.

Oct 8 Medina 2m Group 8am-2pm
Ohio National Guard Armory, 920 Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH. Contact Michael, N8TZY, (330) 273-1519.

Have you upgraded yet??

Scenes from around the ol' radio shack

photos courtesy of WD8ICP

the operating position



silent key plaque



the skyhooks



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