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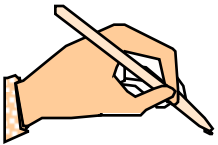
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A Note from the Editor

At the end of another year for the Wood County Amateur Radio Club, it's a good time to review the main events of 2000. A main public service event took place in late June with the GOBA cyclists passing through Wood County. The participants got a good opportunity to use their communications skills to handle both routine and emergency traffic.

The Slippery Elm trail proved to be a hazardous stretch for several cyclists on the tour. The emergencies were handled expeditiously and in a professional manner. Extra duty was drawn on the second day when the tour passed back into Sandusky County. Again, my thanks to all who participated and helped to demonstrate our Club's capabilities.



Hamarama this year was somewhat disappointing on the revenue side. The weather was fine and the turnout looked good. In any event, it looks like we got a wake-up call to try to improve the showing next year. This will take the participation of every member who can contribute to the effort.

Fortunately, there were no severe weather emergencies during the tornado season. A few strong thunderstorms passed through the area, but nothing out of the ordinary happened.

After several months of dead time, the repeater is back on the air thanks to the efforts of the Technical Committee. All members thank them for their good work. Let's all wish for a successful 2001 both for the Club and its members!

73 de Bob ■

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

**Club Banquet Meeting:
Monday, January 8th
Location: Doc's
Time: 6:30 pm
Social Hour: 6:00 pm**

Banquet Meeting Planned

The January meeting of the WCARC will be held on Monday, January 8th, at Doc's Then-n-Now Restaurant in Tontogany (18625 Main).

The annual Club banquet will be followed by a short business meeting where the election of new officers will be the main item of business. The meal will be a la carte, with an average cost of around \$8.00 (for ribs, e.g.).

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Pagers Available

The emergency pagers that the Club purchased some time ago are ready to go. These units can be obtained for a \$35.00 deposit that is refundable on return.

Thanks to the efforts of KB8QEW, they can be activated through the 440 MHz machine whenever an emergency occurs. If you want to be alerted whenever ARES/RACES requires your services, you need a pager. To obtain one, contact Bob, N1RB, at 354-1811 or at:

boughton@bgsnet.bgsu.edu ■

January Contests

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

Dec 30	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 2 m
RAC Canada Winter 'Test		all modes
Dec 31-Jan 1	<i>2400 to 2400 Z</i>	all bands
ARRL Straight Key Night		CW
Jan 12-14	<i>2200 to 2200 Z</i>	160 to 40 m
Japan Int'l DX CW 'Test		CW
Jan 13-14	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
North American QSO Party		CW
Jan 21	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Hungarian DX 'Test		CW
Jan 20-21	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
North American QSO Party		SB
Jan 20-22	<i>1900 to 0400 Z</i>	6 m on up
ARRL VHF Sweepstakes		all modes
Jan 28	<i>1100 to 2200 Z</i>	80 m
Maritimes CW 'Test (1500-1800 off)		CW
Jan 26-28	<i>200 to 1600</i>	160 m
CQ 160 m CW 'Test		CW
Jan 27-28	<i>0600 to 1800 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
REF (France) CW 'Test		CW
Jan 27-28	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
UBA (Belgium) SSB 'Test		SB
Feb 3-4	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Vermont QSO Party		all modes
Feb 3-4	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 2 m
New Hampshire QSO Party		all modes
Feb 3-4	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 70cm
Maine QSO Party		all modes
Feb 3-4	<i>1700 to 0100 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Delaware QSO Party (0500-1300 off)		all modes
Feb 4	<i>1100 to 2200 Z</i>	80 m
Maritimes SSB 'Test (1500-1800 off)		SB

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Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

Dec 26	KG8FH
Jan 2	WD8JWJ
Jan 9	WD8ICP
Jan 16	N1RB
Jan 23	N8QMV
Jan 30	AA8XS
Feb 6	KG8FH
Feb 13	WD8JWJ

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The event will begin with a social hour to begin at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and the meeting will begin after dinner. Please make reservations in advance with Bob Boughton, N1RB, by Friday, January 5th. You can call at 354-1811 or e-mail at boughton@bgnet.bgsu.edu. ■

Scholarships Available

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D. C., plans to administer 67 scholarships for the academic year 2001-2002 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over 75 local area amateur radio clubs, fully funds 10 of these scholarships with income from grants and its annual hamfest. The remaining 57 are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2,500

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with preference given in some cases to residents of the states of Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin or the pursuit of certain study programs.

Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to April 30, 2001 from:

FAR Scholarships
P. O. Box 831
Riverdale, MD 20738

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under section 501C of the Internal Revenue code. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service. ■

Amateur Spectrum Bill Stalls

The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act appears to have stalled out at the committee level in Congress again this year. The bill would have required the FCC to provide equivalent replacement spectrum to any frequencies removed from the Amateur Radio Service.

The pace of legislation at the end of this year's session was so slow that Congress even missed many of its own budget deadlines. From the beginning, it was clear that both Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Acts would be afloat in heavy seas, with more than 180 bills in the House and Senate dealing with some aspect of telecommunications, including broadcasting, wireless, common carrier services, and broadband and Internet issues. These all offered competition with the spectrum legislation for congressional attention. Better luck next year! ■

It's Time to Renew!!!

The first of the year brings with it a reminder to all members to renew your membership. At the December meeting, the dues were raised to the following levels:

Senior/Student	\$10.00
Regular	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00

When you renew, please take time out to fill out the renewal application form. I know that for many the information is the same, but many times things like phone numbers and e-mail addresses change. The comments on what you would like to see the Club do in the upcoming year are also very important -- the Executive Committee takes this information very seriously and tries to have a Club that fits your needs. A copy of the application form is included in this newsletter. Please send completed forms and your dues for 2001 to P.O. Box 534, Bowling Green, OH 43402. ■

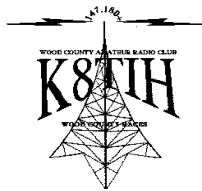
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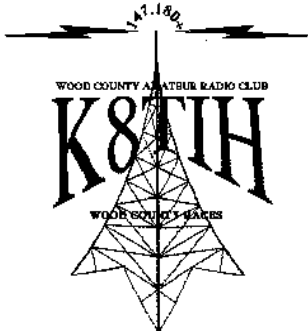
If you surf the web and have the capability to read files with the ".pdf" extension, you should consider receiving the CQ Chatter electronically. As you know, in this era of reduced income and tight budgets, every paper newsletter that must be mailed out costs the Club for copying and postage. If you have Adobe Acrobat, you can get CQ Chatter "hot off the presses" and much sooner than by snail-mail.

If you are currently a recipient of the paper edition of CQ Chatter, and want to switch to the electronic form, please send your editor an e-mail to that effect. My e-mail address is:

boughton@bgnet.bgsu.edu
Save the Club some money! ■

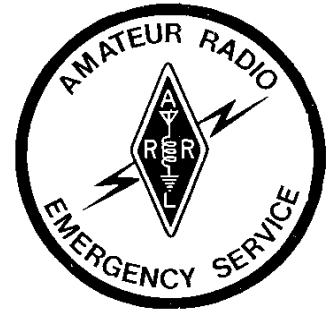
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2001 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular-\$15===Family-\$20===Senior/Student-\$10

DATE _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y _____ N _____ DATE OF EXP. _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CALL _____ CLASS _____ E-MAIL: _____

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY? _____

Please Circle All That Apply:

Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW SSB PACKET RTTY FM DX MOBILE QRP AMTOR PSK31 SSTV

ATV EME SAT APRS RC

Interests: Traffic DX Contests Foxhunts Satellites Nets Antennas

Computers Emergency ARES/RACES Skywarn Classic Radios

Do You Own a Computer? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what operating system _____

Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what class? _____

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see? _____

What type of equipment would you like to see the Club purchase? _____

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer _____

General Comments _____

SIGNATURE _____