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John Pastor K8RZP Silent Key

John Pastor, K8RZP, of Luckey, OH, passed away on July 13th.

John was an active member of W C A R C until illness set in over a year and a half ago. A frequent attendant at Club meetings and a participant in Club activities, he held the Amateur Extra Class License.

John was a U.S. Navy Veteran in Vietnam. He retired from General Electric after a 30 year career. Besides his love of amateur radio, John was an avid fisherman and loved drag racing. ■



**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130 EDST
(0130 Z Wed year-round)
147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL**

Next Meeting

Business

MONDAY, AUGUST 10th

TIME: 7:30 pm/EYEBALL: 7:00 pm

**PLACE: Sheriff's Training Room,
Dunbridge and Gypsy Lane, BG**

Ohio QSO Party

The Ohio QSO Party is a popular state QSO party, where Ohio hams become the hunted stations. The event is casual and fun, yet you can really rack up the QSOs with modest stations. It's fun trying to work all 88 Ohio counties as well as all the states and Canadian provinces.

Load up anything you have on 10-80 m and you will make lots of QSOs! In fact, the best antennas for 40 & 80 m are low dipoles. At this time of the solar cycle, most of the QSOs are on 20, 40 & 80 m, though keep an eye out

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Net Check Ins

Jun 30

K8OVO (NC)
W8PSK
N1RB
WD8JWJ
WB8NQW
AA8MI
N8YAC
K8BBK
K8NEA (9)

Jul 7

WB8NQW (NC)
K8NEA
N8QMV
K8BBK
WD8JWJ
AC8EA
K8OVO
WB8VUL (8)

Jul 14

N8QMV (NC)
WD8JWJ
N8YAE
K8BBK/2 via skype
N1RB
N8VD -Monty (6)

Jul 21

WB8NQW (NC)
WD8JWJ
KG8FH
N8AYE
K8OVO
N8QMV
K8BBK/2 via skype
(7)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130 EDST

Jul 28	N1RB
Aug 4	K8OVO
Aug 11	WD8ICP
Aug 18	N8QMV
Aug 25	WB8NQW
Sep 1	N1RB
Sep 8	K8OVO

Brain Teasers

1. When are codes or ciphers permitted in two-way domestic amateur communications?
 - a.) never, if intended to obscure meaning
 - b.) during contests
 - c.) during nationally declared emergencies
 - d.) on frequencies above 2.3 GHz
2. Which sideband is commonly used for 15-meter phone operation?
 - a.) upper
 - b.) lower
 - c.) amplitude compandored
 - d.) double
3. What devices would you install in home entertainment systems to reduce audio frequency interference?
 - a.) bypass inductors
 - b.) bypass capacitors
 - c.) metal oxide varistors
 - d.) bypass resistors

August Contests

The contest lineup for the month of August is given below. Please note that the WARC bands (60, 30, 17 and 12 m) are never open to contesting.

Aug 1-2	<i>0001 to 2359 Z</i>	10 m
10-10 Phone QSO Party		SSB
Aug 1-2	<i>1800 to 1800 Z</i>	220 MHz on up
ARRL UHF 'test		all modes
Aug 1-2	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
North American QSO Party		CW
Aug 2-3	<i>1300 to 1630 Z</i>	80 m to 20 m
South Africa DX 'test		SSB
Aug 8-9	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
Worked All Europe 'test		CW
Aug 8-9	<i>1600 to 2359 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Maryland-DC QSO Party		all modes
Aug 15-16	<i>1800 to 0600 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
North American QSO Party		SSB
Aug 15-17	<i>2000 to 0200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
New Jersey QSO Party		all modes
Aug 22-23	<i>0700 to 2200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
Hawaii QSO Party		all modes
Aug 22-23	<i>1600 to 0400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
Ohio QSO Party		all modes
Aug 29-30	<i>1400 to 1600 Z</i>	80 m to 20 m
South Africa DX 'test		CW

WALTER CRONKITE KB2GSD (SK)

Legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncular Cronkite anchored the CBS Evening News for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo XI lunar landing, Vietnam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords.

Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video "Amateur Radio Today" (<http://www.arrl.org/ARToday/>). Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications. "Dozens of radio amateurs helped the police and fire departments and other emergency services maintain communications in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC," narrator Cronkite intoned in reference to ham radio's response on September 11, 2001. "Their country asked, and they responded without reservation."

One of Cronkite's enthusiasms was the space race. In 1969, when America sent a man to the moon, he couldn't contain himself. "Go baby, go." he said as Apollo XI took off. He ended up performing what critics described as "Walter to Walter" coverage of the mission -- staying on the air for 27 of the 30
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on 10 & 15 m too. Skip on 10-40 m is often "long", so if you are looking for other Ohio-ans, the best place to look is on 80 m, even at the start of the contest in broad daylight.

Each year all 88 Ohio counties see some activity, though many of the lesser populated counties are activated by mobile stations which only make 10-30 QSOs per county. CQ stations in rare counties! Were especially trying to get hams in lesser populated counties to get on the air and make some contacts this year. A few hours on the air will make a big difference in generating activity in all 88 counties.

There are numerous awards (certificates and plaques) available -- including a club competition. These are the plaques, available to the top scorers in each category.

- ◆ Ohio Single Operator High Power - sponsored by Findlay Radio Club
- ◆ Ohio Single Operator Low Power - sponsored by Cincinnati Buckeye Netters
- ◆ Ohio Single Operator QRP - sponsored by Kanga US
- ◆ Out of State Single Operator - sponsored by Muskingum Ham Radio Club
- ◆ Out of State Single Operator, Mountain/Pacific Time Zone -sponsored by Canton Amateur Radio Club
- ◆ Out of State Single Operator QRP - sponsored by Ohio Independent Contesters
- ◆ Single Operator DX - sponsored by Northern Ohio DX Association
- ◆ Ohio Multi Operator - sponsored by Wayne Amateur Radio Club
- ◆ Ohio Mobile - sponsored by Lake County Amateur R. A.
- ◆ Ohio Rover - sponsored by Joe Matt, W3AG

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- ◆ Ohio Club - sponsored by Mad River Radio Club
- ◆ Ohio YL - sponsored by Buckeye Belles
- ◆ Ohio SSB - sponsored by Muskingum Ham Radio Club
- ◆ Ohio CW - sponsored by Forty Over Club (K8FOC) of Cincinnati-***New for 2009***

With 100 W and low wires or verticals, it's pretty easy to rack up many of the states for your WAS award including Alaska and Hawaii. Operate the full 12 hours, and you might find 300-500 QSOs in your log and might complete your WAS. One of the best ways to rack up the QSOs is to balance CQing with S&P. Since everyone is looking for Ohio stations, they will be tuning the bands for Ohio stations who are CQing. For working your fellow Ohioans, a combination of S&P and CQing is effective. An example CQ would be: "CQ CQ this is KB8ABC KB8ABC Ohio QSO Party". You will be surprised that modest stations can work 40-100 QSOs per hour by calling CQ - and you might have a few pileups on you too.

Please join us for the Ohio QSO Party on Saturday August 22, 2009. The OQP starts at noon local time and goes to midnight local. Ohio stations work anyone, and the exchange is a sequential serial number plus your county. Work SSB and CW only on 10-80 m. For full rules and official county abbreviations visit www.ohqp.org <<http://www.ohqp.org/>>. Submit logs to: logs@ohqp.org

We apologize for some confusing emails regarding the rules of the OQP. The rules have not been changed as one individual has suggested. The Ohio QSO Party is sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club and not by any individuals. The official OQP website has been moved to www.ohqp.org.

For up-to-date OQP news, there is a new OQP email reflector which may be subscribed to from the web site, or by sending an email to: ohqp-mail-request@ohqp.org with "subscribe" in both the subject line and body of the message.

73 & CU on the Air! Jim, K8MR. President, Mad River Radio Club ■

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hours that astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were on the moon. In 2006, NASA honored Cronkite by giving him their Ambassador of Exploration Award. "His marathon, live coverage of the first moon landing brought the excitement and impact of the historic event into the homes of millions of Americans and observers around the world," NASA said in a news release announcing the award. Cronkite was the first non-astronaut and only NASA outsider to receive the award.

Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, was Cronkite's radio engineer at CBS for many years. "I had many chances to discuss my favorite hobby, ham radio, with 'the world's most trusted anchor man,'" he told the ARRL. "Gradually, his interest increased, but on finding that he had to pass a Morse code test, he balked, saying it was too hard for him; however, he told me he had purchased a receiver and listened to the Novice bands every night for a few minutes. At the CBS Radio Network, Walter would arrive 10 minutes before we went on the air to read his script aloud, make corrections for his style of grammar and just 'get in the mood' to do the show. In those days Rich Moseson, W2VU, was the producer of a show called "In the News," a 3 minute television show for children voiced by CBS Correspondent Christopher Glenn. On this day, Rich was at the Broadcast Center to record

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Chris' voice for his show and had dropped by my control room to discuss some upcoming ARRL issues." At the time, Mendelsohn was the ARRL Hudson Division Director.

"When Walter walked into the studio, I started to set the show up at the behest of our director, Dick Muller, WA2DOS," Mendelsohn recalled. "In setting up the tape recorders, I had to send tone to them and make sure they were all at proper level. Having some time, I grabbed "The New York Times" and started sending code with the tone key on the audio console. For 10 minutes I sent code and noticed Walter had turned his script over and was copying it. We went to air, as we did every day, at 4:50 PM and after we were off, Walter brought his script into the control room. Neatly printed on the back was the text I had sent with the tone key. Rich and I looked at the copy, he nodded, and I told Walter that he had just passed the code test. He laughed and asked when the formal test was, but I reminded him that it took two general class licenses to validate the test and he had just passed the code. Several weeks later he passed the written test and the FCC issued him KB2GSD."

Mendelsohn helped Cronkite make his first Amateur Radio contact: "Having passed the licensing test, Walter was now ready to get on the air. His first QSO was on 10 meters about 28.390 MHz. He was nervous and I called him on the phone to talk him through his first experience. As we talked on the air, a ham from the Midwest come on and called me. Acknowledging him, I asked the usual questions about where he was from, wanting to give Walter a bit of flavor of what the hobby was about. I turned it over to Walter, and following his introduction, the gentleman in the Midwest said, 'That's the worst Walter Cronkite imitation I've ever heard.' I suggested that maybe it was Walter and the man

replied, 'Walter Cronkite is not even a ham, and if he was, he certainly wouldn't be here on 10 meters.' Walter and I laughed for weeks at that one."

In 2007, ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, presented Cronkite with the ARRL President's Award. This award, created in 2003 by the ARRL Board of Directors, recognizes an ARRL member or members who "have shown long-term dedication to the goals and objectives of ARRL and Amateur Radio" and who have gone the extra mile to support individual League programs and goals. Cronkite was selected to receive the award in April 2005 in recognition of his outstanding support of the ARRL and Amateur Radio by narrating the videos "Amateur Radio Today" and "The ARRL Goes to Washington"

(<http://www.arrl.org/pio/VTS-video.wmv>.) "It was quite a thrill to make this presentation to Cronkite," Fallon said. "He has long been recognized as the 'most trusted man in America,' so lining our causes to his face, name and voice has been a great help."

As Cronkite said on March 6, 1981, concluding his final broadcast as anchorman: "Old anchormen, you see, don't fade away, they just keep coming back for more. And that's the way it is." ■

DON'T FORGET!
10 meter informal net
meets each Sunday
at 2030 EDST
on 28.335 MHz

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