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Letter from the President

April 2011

It looks like spring may not be too far away. The sunspot activity and HF propagation appear to be on the increase. Skywarn training and the TMRA hamfest are over and Dayton Hamvention is next month. Life is good. It is time to start Field Day planning. I will be asking for volunteers at the April meeting to head up our Field Day activities. As in past years food will be a major element in this plan.

We should have a report from the new membership committee on ways to improve our membership numbers. I believe that we need to recruit new and younger members to insure the long term survival of WCARC.

See you at the Sheriff's office April 11. The next breakfast is May 07 at Edgewood.

73, Bob, WB8NQW ■

**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130 EDST
(0130 Z year-round)**

147.18 MHz 67 Hz PL

Business Meeting

Monday, April 11

TIME: 7:30 pm/7:00 eyeball

**PLACE: Sheriff's Training Room
Dunbridge and E. Gypsy Lane
Bowling Green**

Amateurs Assist with Ocean Rescue

from ARRL Letter

At 10:04 AM PDT (1704 UTC) on Monday, March 21, Rex Weinheimer, KC5AGO, of Stonewall, Texas -- a member of Maritime Mobile Service Net (MMSN) -- heard and responded to a weak and broken MAYDAY call. The call was from the sailing vessel *Gloria Jean*, a 30 foot sailboat that was in the Pacific Ocean about 120 miles west of Ensenada, Mexico. Weinheimer heard the dis-

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Net Check Ins

March 15

N8QMV (NC)
WB8NQW
K8BBK
N1RB
N1LB (5)

March 22

WB8NQW (NC)
K8BBK
WD8LEI
WB8VUL
N8VNT
WD8PIC
N8YAE
K8OVO
WD8JWJ (9)

March 29

N1RB (NC)
WB8NQW
N8YAE
K8BBK
WD8JWJ
K8OVO (6)

WCARC

2 m Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at
2130 EDST/0130 Z

Apr 5	KD8NJZ
Apr 12	K8OVO
Apr 19	N8QMV
Apr 26	WB8NQW
May 3	N1RB
May 10	KD8NJZ

Brain Teasers

1. How does current flowing through the body cause a health hazard?
 - a.) by heating tissue
 - b.) disrupts electrical functions of cells
 - c.) causes involuntary muscle contractions
 - d.) all of the above
2. Which of the following is accurately represented in electrical circuit schematics?
 - a.) wire lengths
 - b.) physical appearance of components
 - c.) the way components are interconnected
 - d.) all of the above
3. How much voltage does a mobile transceiver require?
 - a.) about 12 V
 - b.) about 30 V
 - c.) about 120 V
 - d.) about 240 V

April Contests

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

Apr 2-3	<i>1500 to 1500 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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SP (Poland) DX 'test		all modes
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Apr 2-3	<i>1600 to 1600 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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EA RTTY 'test		RTTY
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Apr 2-3	<i>1800 to 2359* Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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Missouri QSO Party		all modes
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Apr 9-10	<i>0000 to 0000 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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Montana QSO Party		all modes
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Apr 9-10	<i>0700 to 1300 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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Japan Int'l DX 'test		CW
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Apr 9-10	<i>1400 to 0200 Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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New Mexico QSO Party		all modes
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Apr 9-10	<i>1800 to 2359* Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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Georgia QSO Party		all modes
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Apr 16-17	<i>1600 to 0400 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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Michigan QSO Party		all modes
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Apr 16-17	<i>1800 to 1800* Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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Ontario QSO Party		all modes
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Apr 16-17	<i>2100 to 2100*Z</i>	160 m to 10 m
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YU (Serbia) DX 'test		CW
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Apr 23-24	<i>1200 to 1200 Z</i>	80 m to 10 m
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SP (Poland) DX RTTY 'test		RTTY
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April Hamfests

Apr 9 Cuyahoga Falls ARC. Annual Hamfest. Emidion & Sons Party Center, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Contact Ted, W8TTS, (330) 688-2013.

web: <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest2011.html>

Apr 16 Milford ARC. Annual Hamfest. Milford H.S., Milford, MI. Contact Rose, KC8NQJ, (810) 632-5175.

e-mail: kc8ide@comcast.net

web: <http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk>

April Contests---continued

Apr 23-24 1300 to 1259 Z 160 m to 10 m

Helvetia 'test all modes

Apr 30-May 1 1100 to 1700 Z 160 m to 10 m

Nebraska QSO Party all modes

Apr 30-May 1 1600 to 0159* Z 40 m to 10 m

Florida QSO Party all modes

It's Time to Renew!

Club Dues for 2011---Payable to WCARC

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DON'T FORGET!

**10 meter informal SSB net
meets**

Sunday at 2030 EST

Brain Teaser answers: 1-d, 2-c, 3-a

on 28.335 MHz

Brass Pounders at 1930 EST

rescue---continued from p. 5

tress call on 14.300 MHz, a frequency monitored by the MMSN.

MMSN Net Controller Lee Langford, KG4DZN, told the ARRL that through the combined efforts of several net stations, the net was able to ascertain the situation and the position of the stricken vessel. MMSN operators contacted both the US and Mexican Coast Guards and both services deployed assets to the scene. The US Coast Guard (USCG) dispatched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from San Diego and a C-130 Hercules plane from Sacramento. According to the USCG, the *Gloria Jean* had no propulsion, food, water or safety equipment.

"The sailing vessel *Estarma* -- an MMSN net participant -- changed course to assist the crippled *Gloria Jean* and provided information on scene," Langford told the ARRL. A USCG rescue swimmer was lowered from the helicopter as it hovered near the disabled sailboat. The 77 year old sailor and his dog were hoisted aboard the helicopter at 2:50 (PDT) that afternoon. "It was about 15- to 18-foot seas, with the boat dead in the water," Coast Guard Aviation Survival Technician Mike Linehan told San Diego television station KGTV. "The waves were pushing it away from me as I was trying to get to it. It was challenging swimming to the boat. It was really hard to talk to him at first. We found out later that he didn't have his hearing aids in." The sailor told USCG personnel that he had been stranded for

days and that he was on his way to Tahiti. He was running low on food, water and safety supplies. "The boat was unable to sail," said USCG Lieutenant Commander Chip Lewin. "The sails were ripped and the master and his dog were sitting inside."

Langford offered his thanks to all the Amateur Radio operators "who assisted with relays and patiently provided a clear frequency. Without them, this rescue would not have been possible."

"It's truly is a wonderful thing to be able to help anyone in need. Amateur Radio is based on service," Weinheimer said.

The Maritime Mobile Service Net mission is handling traffic from maritime mobiles and deployed service personnel overseas. MMSN operates on 14.300 MHz USB. ■

Special Thanks

The following members have made additional cash donations to help the Club carry out its operations:

Jeff Kopcak	K8JTK
Rex Klopfenstein	KC8PFP
Paul Perry	W8QZK
Hoot Gibson	WB8VUL
Esther & Cap Creps	N8QMV

Many thanks for your help in keeping the Wood County Amateur Radio Club functioning. As our Treasurer can tell you, it does take some cash to keep the repeaters, telephone service, the web site and our other activities going. A big thank you to all! ■

Pictures from the Toledo Hamfest



**main room
at Owens CC**

another view



second room

another view



**Bob-WB8NQW
Craig-KD8NJZ**

**Chuck-WD8ICP
Bob-N1RB**



**lively discussion wid
WD8ICP, N1RB, N1LB,
WB8NQQ and KD8NJZ**



**the other side with
K8OVO**

**Mr. President,
we have a quorum-
the extra guy is the
photographer in the
previous shots---
Jeff-K8JTK**



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