

the Salami Merchant

The Official
 Newsletter of the
 Silvercreek
 Amateur Radio
 Association

April 1st - More Than Just Fool's Day!

April 1st is the day that the new slate of SARA officers officially take their new posts. These officers will be elected at the March SARA meeting on March 19th at 7:30PM. This meeting is also our annual Junque Auction (details on page 5). April 1st is also the official due date of the SARA membership dues. You can find a membership application/renewal form on page 5 of this issue. Please complete & return your membership form along with a check to the club Treasurer (listed on the back of this newsletter). To insure that your membership is properly recorder, PLEASE include the membership form with your payment.

For Sale

AEA Isopole 2 Meter Vertical Base Antenna New in the box. This antenna has never been assembled. \$50.00

Portable Packet Station

NEC PC8201C Portable Computer
 Kantronics KPC-3 TNC
 All cables, and power supplies.
 Also have books for the computer.
 \$150.00 (Will only sell as a set)
 For more information on the above items,
 contact Del (N8OFP)
 E-Mail amateurradio@sssnet.com

Condolences

Our condolences go to Clem, K8TNU, whose wife Mabel died on February 4.

Also keep in your prayers Pat Erb, wife of Mike, KA8DWX. Pat passed away suddenly in February.

Christmas Donations

Just a few lines to let you wonderful people know that your generosity at Christmas time was greatly appreciated. We got a letter from the chairperson of the Foodbasket & Toy Committee and they were overwhelmed by your gifts.

There were 115 baskets delivered this year and in every family that had children, those children each received a gift. Seeing the look on those little faces was worth all the effort.

We started at about 8:30AM, we being Jan, KB8YSB, Carol, N8SIN, Gary, N8OGK, and myself, KC8DER. We helped put food in the bags, helped sort out the different staples. After they were all assembled, we got the toys for the proper baskets, then took off in our sleigh. What a joy to see the families reactions when they saw all that food coming into their homes that they would not have otherwise had.

YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE! There were 47 toys and \$61 in cash that you donated.

Thank you so much!

KC8DER & N8OGK

Thanks to the Editor

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to John, N8CD for the great job he has done with our newsletter and web page. We will miss you a lot. John, your years of dedication to our club has been the reason it is still together. I know there are other things you would like to do, so the best of luck in all that you do. May God bless you and your family richly and abundantly.

Tony, KC8DER

Congratulations!

Congratulations Grandpa & Grandma (Del, N8OFP & Julie), on the birth of Elisabeth Julie Rose Aloisi! Check out the pictures at <http://www.qsl.net/n8ofp>, in the Photo Album section

Goodyear/SARA/Pioneer Hamfest 1998

The following was received by e-mail from Ken Phillips, Chairman of the 1998 Goodyear Hamfest.

This event is a being shared by Goodyear, Pioneer and SARA. We are to provide workers for the Hamfest and share equally in the profits.

Each worker will receive additional tickets for the drawing for the grand prize at the Hamfest. No shift requires more than two hours work. We will need all the help we can get from our membership because this could mean a big boost for our treasury.

Joe Bartzi, KC8DKF

How many Hams does it take to screw up a Hamfest?
The above would make a good story but let us look at the real problem of how many does it take to make a Hamfest operate like the average Hamfest attendee would like it to operate.

The Hamfest must open on time, tickets sold efficiently, cars parked, flea market set up, and finally the cleanup.

First, at the entrance gate, which opens at 8:00 AM, we need at least 6 people selling tickets. Basically most of the people will enter during the first 2 hours. Then we must continue to man the gate for another 2 hours until 12:00 Noon.

The coordinator of this group will dispense tickets to the sellers, collect money as it accumulates, and dispense smaller bills as needed.

The second largest job is the Flea market. Here again the greatest activity here will be in the first 2 hours as the 'vendors' get setup. We need 10 people here for 2 hours.

Parking non-vendors will continue until approximately noon. Again the largest influx will be from 8 to 10 PM. 6 people from 8 to 10 and three from 10 to 12.

People will be required to maintain a 'headquarters' but this will be the easiest to get.

GOODYEAR & Ken Phillips, K8CHE

Did You Know?

- In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not re-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.
- The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.
- Hang On Sloopy is the official rock song of Ohio.
- Did you know that there are coffee flavored PEZ?
- The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

Time Requirements for Hamfest Shifts

Time (A.M.)		Doing what?	# of people	Total for event	
Begin	End				
8	10	Sell Tickets	6	9	
10	12	Sell Tickets	3		
8	10	Flea market	10	10	
8	10	Parking	6	9	
10	12		3		
				Total	28

Leaders for all events will be required.

SARA VE Test Session

SARA will have their VE session March 28. To register for the test please call Mary, KA8MPH, at 330-882-6387

Mary, KA8MPH

ARRL OHIO SECTION
1998 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

SPONSOR	LOCATION	DATE	ARRL Appv'd
Cuyahoga Falls ARC	Cuyahoga Falls	February 22	Yes
Great Lakes Div Convention	Cincinnati	February 21-22	Yes
Conneaut ARC	Conneaut	March 8	Yes
Toledo Mobile Radio Assn	Maumee	March 15	Yes
Jackson County ARC	Jackson	March 21	ToBe
Lake County ARC	Madison	March 22	Yes
TEAYS ARC	Circleville	March 29	Yes
Athens Co. ARA	Athens	April 26	Yes
Twenty Over Nine ARC	Youngstown	April 26	Yes
Dayton ARA (Hamvention)	Dayton	May 15-17	Yes
Medina 2 Meter Group	Medina	June 7	Yes
Milford ARC	Milford	June 20	ToBe
Cuyahoga ARC	Macedonia	June 21	Yes
Van Wert ARC	Van Wert	July 19	Yes
OH-KY-IN ARS	Cincinnati	July 25	Yes
Voice of Aladdin ARC	Columbus	August 1	Yes
Portage ARC	Randolph	August 2	Yes
OHIO SECTION CONF	Columbus	August 22,23	
Findlay ARC	Findlay	September	ToBe
Triple States RAC	Wheeling, WVa	September 12	Yes
Greater Cincinnati ARA	Cincinnati	September 20	Yes
Hamfest Assn of Cleveland	Berea	September 27	Yes
Ashland Area ARC	Ashland	October 18	ToBe
Marion ARC	Marion	October 25	Yes
Cuyahoga Falls ARC	Cuyahoga Falls	October 31	ToBe
Massillon ARC	Massillon	November 1	ToBe
Cuyahoga ARC	Macedonia	June 20, 1999	Yes
Voice of Aladdin ARC	Columbus	August 7, 1999	Yes
Triple States RAC	Wheeling, WVa	Sept 11, 1999	Yes
Greater Cincinnati ARA	Cincinnati	Sept 19, 1999	Yes
Massillon ARC	Massillon	November 7, 1999	ToBe

These are the hamfests that are known to be planned for the Ohio Section. Those indicating ARRL Approval are correct per paperwork. Others are felt to be correct based on advertisements or other information, however, accuracy is not guaranteed.

Updated: February 8, 1998 (N8AUH @ W8IZ)

Courtesy of Del, N8OFP

The Tower

The scene opens upon an amateur radio operator sitting at his desk contemplating how he should answer a letter from his insurance company. Eventually, this is his reply...

I am writing in response to your request for additional information in block number (3) of the Accident Report Form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following details will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator. On the day of the accident I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had brought, over the course of several trips up the tower, about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware to the top. Rather than carry the now unneeded tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the materials down in a small barrel by using a pulley which fortunately was fastened to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and materials into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground level and untied the rope, holding tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will note that in block (11) of the Accident Report Form that I only weigh 150 pounds. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collar bone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel.

Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 30 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block number (11). As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two broken ankles and lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools and, fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the pile of tools in pain and unable to stand, watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind... and let go of the rope.

*contributed by (but not performed by)
Rick, KC8DMN*

More...Did You Know

- The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
- If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
- Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them use to burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.
- "I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- The term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

"Did You Know" contributed by N8ZCC

1998 / 1999 SARA Membership Application / Renewal Form

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Please do not publish my phone number in the roster

E-Mail Address: _____

This application is a Renewal New Application

For a Retiree \$15/Year Standard \$25 / Year Family \$26 / Year

I would like to receive the newsletter via the Internet
(check either or both) on paper via the mail

I am an ARRL Member Yes
(for SARA Club ARRL Affiliation) No

Additional Family Members to List on Roster (Name & Callsign: _____)

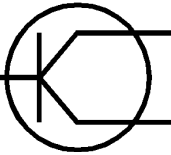
April 1st is the official due date for SARA yearly dues. Please complete the above form and return it to the club treasurer ASAP, along with your dues payment.

March Meeting Agenda

The March SARA meeting will include:
- Elections for 1998/1999 officers
- The Annual Junque Auction

The Junque Auction is an opportunity for you to clear out your basements and make some money for the club at the same time. Bring radio, computer, or food related items to be auctioned off to the group. All proceeds will go to SARA.

SILVERCREEK



AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
DOYLESTOWN / RITTMAN, OHIO

c/o John Wagner, N8CD
376 Cardinal Dr.
Rittman OH 44270-1074

**March's
S.A.R.A. Meet-
ing will be held
on March 19th
in the basement
of the
Doylestown Vil-
lage Hall at
7:30PM. Call on
147.39 MHz
+600, PL 110.9
for directions**

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S.A.R.A. Repeaters

Doylestown:

147.390 MHz + CTCSS 110.9 Hz

Packet:

145.070 MHz Node: SARA

S.A.R.A. Officers

President:

Joe, KC8DKF 335-8861

Vice President:

Tom, KB8MUK 334-7111

Secretary:

Bob, KB8UHU 336-8940

Treasurer:

Margaret, KC8DES 334-7111

Activities:

Gary, N8OGK 927-1838

Operations:

Steve, KC8DJV 825-6093

Send Membership Renewals to:

**Margaret Bowling, KC8DES
9940 Mennonite Road
Rittman OH 44270**

Committee Chairs

Newsletter Editor:

John, N8CD 927-6319

Disaster Operations:

Bob, KB8UHU 336-8940

Adjourning:

Garlock, K8BYR

Club Trustees

Mary, KA8MPH

Larry, WD8ITF

Chuck, KB8DMT

Control Operators (COPs)

KA8MPH, Mary 882-6387

KB8UHU, Bob 336-8940

KI8BS, Barry 925-1706

N8OFF, Del 925-8277

N8ZCC, Bob 658-3608

KC8DJV, Steve 825-6093

KC8DER, Tony 769-3688

N8OGK, Gary 927-1838

S.A.R.A. Nets

Barometer Net - Monday through Sat-
urday at 7:30 AM

Weekly SARA Net - Each Wednes-
day evening at 8:00 PM.

Skywarn - When Required

S.A.R.A. on the Internet

WWW Site:

<http://www.qsl.net/w8wky>

E-Mail: W8WKY@amsat.org

S.A.R.A. Meetings

SARA members meet on the third
Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM.
in the lower level of the Doylestown
Village Hall. SARA meetings are
open to the general public.