



DELARA



Delaware Amateur Radio Association Newsletter

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DELARA Meetings

- 3rd Wednesday of every month
- Tri-Twp. Fire Dept.
- 7:30 PM

DELARA On the Air

- Monday evening net
- 145.17 repeater
- 8 PM Call K8ES
- Volunteer for Net Control!

DELARA Officers

- President:
Tim Trombley K8TAT
- Vice President:
Joe Papworth K8MP
- Sec/Treas:
Ken Bird W8SMK

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The Calendar

- Sept 10-12 K8H
- Sept 11 State Parks
- Sept 12 Horse Parade
- Sept 15 DELARA

This Month's Meeting:

W8ERD, Bob, becomes a movie mogul! See his QST presentation on erecting portable antenna masts. Come early for a tour of **Canned Ham** and **Camo Ham**! Both will be in the lot for your inspection!



The Prez Sez:

Tim K8TAT



Good evening to all. It is hard to believe that September is already here and upon us, but it's time to start thinking about those last minute projects that you would like to take care of. The cold weather is just right around the corner for us here in the Buckeye state.

And since it's September already, it is now that time of year to be thinking about who you would like to nominate for club officers for the New Year. That's right you all, we only have 2 more meetings after this month's meeting for the rest of the year. One that is the great "Boat Anchor Swap" in October and then officer elections and business stuff in November unless Joe has other plans hint, hint.

Now for those of you who haven't been around long, the "Boat Anchor Swap" is always a fun event and gives us all a chance to clean up those lost or forgot treasures that we longer need or want. Because someone else might need them, bring them in to share and in return get something that you need from someone else's treasure trove.

Just remember that if someone else doesn't take that treasure you brought home, you **MUST** take it back with you. We cannot leave items at the fire station.

That's it for now; see you all at the meeting this month.

73,

Tim - K8TAT

Lots of operating for you this weekend! See page 2 & page 4!



Howdy, from Joe's Place...

Where has the summer gone? I suppose we ask ourselves that every September but Summer 2010 sure seemed to fly by.

It was a fun one though and I have some fond memories to hang on to.

For example:

Field Day 2010 seemed more relaxing and enjoyable for me. (Maybe because I actually slept and even took time to sit down and eat a real meal.) *Thanks Food Folks !!!* And thank you Stan for a cool operating shelter and for carting half of your shack to the FD site.

We also had our second annual (well, maybe annual) family reunion at Joe's Place. I got to see some relatives I hadn't seen in many, many years. We ate, swam, ate, played games, ate, had a big backyard fireworks show, and ate. Did I mention we ate?

Linda and I also spent a week in Arizona visiting my sister, along with her sons and their families. I hadn't seen my Arizona nephews in decades. While we were out there, we drove up to the Grand Canyon and spent a few days at the lodge.

Another neat event was a surprise Father's Day gift from Linda. On occasion, she had heard me mention that "Just once in my life, I'd like to go to an Indians game and sit right behind home plate." Well, somehow she procured those tickets and let me tell you, it was well worth whatever she paid for them. (Well, I think it was. I told her I didn't want to know how she got them or what she paid for them)

We had some fun day-trips too. One was to Cedar Point, which is always a blast if you like BIG roller coasters.

Not to worry though, Ol' Man Summer isn't quite over and we still have some fun things ahead. One is The Ohio State Parks On The Air

contest which occurs on September 11th, from noon to 8 PM local time. If you happen to read this before the event, please look for Stan, Larry, and I on the HF bands plus 2 meters and 440. We'll be operating as K8ES from Delaware State Park, using CW and SSB on HF and probably FM simplex on the VHF and UHF bands. (Repeater contacts are not allowed in the contest)

Well, I guess that's about it for this month.

I hope to see you in October, at Joe's Place.

K8H...that's us!

CQ Special Event DE K8H....Special Event Station celebrating 25th Delaware All-Horse Parade

We will have a Special Event station to help celebrate the 25th year of the Delaware All-Horse parade. The Special Event will start next Friday, September 10th at 8pm (local) and run through Sunday, September 12th at 8pm (local). We will use the callsign of K8H - Kilo-8-Horse for the Special Event. The Special Event website is online now and can be viewed by clicking on the K8H link on our club website K8ES.ORG, or looking up K8H on QRZ.

We need stations and operators. On the ARRL Special Event we're listed to be operating on or about 21.340, 21.040, 14.340, 14.040, 7.240, 7.040, 3.840, 3.540 +/- QRM. The only requirement our Special Event has is that we can only have one station per band per mode on the air at a time. So if you would like to have some fun and help spread the word about the 25th Delaware All-Horse Parade please sign-up now by sending me an e-mail to k8ehb@arrl.net. In the e-mail tell me the band, mode, and time you want to operate. I will keep track of everyone's operating time in a spreadsheet and let you know of any overlaps.

73,

...Gary, K8EHB

...and yes the Newsletter's a bit early this month to give you time to plan for K8H and operating the horse parade, also in the parks this coming weekend. - N8BHL ed

Operating events

- **OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR**

1600z 9/11 – 2400z 9/11
(Noon – 8PM local)

- **Delaware Horse Parade**

Sept 12

- ARRL 10 gig & up
0600 Local 9/18 – 2400 9/19

- S.C. QSO party
1300z 9/18 – 2100z 9/19

- CQWW DX RTTY
0000z 9/25 – 2400z 9/26



ARES Happenings

Don KB8SIA

From the **ARRL** newsletter comes this bit of news:

The **ARES®** community will be celebrating its 75th anniversary from September through December 2010. The first mention of an organized Amateur Radio emergency response organization appears in the September 1935 issue of *QST* Magazine. The goal is to increase awareness of radio amateurs' spirit of volunteerism. While there will be acknowledgment of past events, the focus will be on the present and future. The PRC noted that "despite all of the investment made by government agencies, the volunteer assets of ARES® are still called on for communications and other support, especially during the first 48 hours of a crisis. Operators provide communications, information and technical skills when other systems are down or overloaded."

More news from Ohio Section:

Frank Piper, **K18GW**, of Pickerington, was re-elected to a new full two-year term of office with 978 votes. His opponent, Thomas Sly, **WB8LCD**, of Kent, garnered 887 votes. Piper was appointed by ARRL in July 2009, to fulfill the term of office left vacant after Joe Phillips, **K8QOE**, became a Silent Key.

A reminder of our ARES meeting...**October 14, 2010** at the American Red Cross facility located at 380 Hills Miller Rd. Delaware. The meeting will start at 7:30PM. As of now the location is confirmed. When you come to the meeting next month bring along some thoughts on ways to set up the handling of event schedules, publications of material to the members....do you want photos of our involvement and etc. How about local organizations presenting themselves to you on their responsibilities in Delaware County? And Oh Yes, bring along a friend or maybe another ham interested in ARES operations. You know our meetings are open to the public. We haven't seen any of those members in attendance yet.

A repeat invitation to attend the below:

The ARES / OHIO SECTION conference will be held on **October 16, 2010** at the Educational Service Center in Columbus, Ohio from 8:45 AM to 4:15 PM. It is a conference that I will be attending and if any DELARA or ARES member wishes to ride along give me a call or email me. I'll be able to accommodate 3 - 4 persons.

Well, That is all from this keyboard this month. Talk at you next month. 09.



Contribute!

We need your articles, comments and ads!

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20 / 10 Years Ago in DELARA

September, 1990: [File unreadable] so in September of 1989: Meeting topic- Microwaves- by John Carlisle (Cellular One.) Staff NJ8F portrayed packet radio and Paul K8ES talked about the joy of QSL cards.

September, 2000: Jim, W8CQT, presented on the "soft" digital modes. Conversation centered around the "wet" horse parade that year.



Don't forget the Third Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest to be held on **Saturday, September 11, 2010**, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. EDT (1600Z to 2400Z).

The 2010 Ohio QSO Party: **W e h a v e t h e s c o r e**

It was a warm, sunny day in August- but a large number of DELARA members were inside their radio rooms, executing a major offensive: the slaying of a contest record! The final scoring has not come out from the sponsoring club, but our own "exit poll" shows a huge effort on the part of DELARA operators!

At least 13 operators turned in scores associated with DELARA.

Call	Name	Bands / Modes	Points	QSO's	
N8BHL	Stan	80/40 CW/SSB	39375	242	
K8BSW	Bob	80/40/20 SSB	58195	515	Wow! Over 200 on 20 meters! Thought it was dead.
K8EHB	Gary	80/40 SSB	11627	152	Of course with an SDR these are "virtual" points :-)
W8ERD	Bob	80/40/20	52440	285	
K8ES	N9AUG	CW/SSB	132,496	431	SSB!! Larry!! On SSB!! He found his microphone!
W8KTQ	Dale	80/40 SSB	28428	311	
K8MP	Joe	80/40 CW/SSB	200,064	1042	
N8OB	Bob	80 CW/SSB	1680	43	
N2OPW	Paul	80/40/ 1 on 20	8883	128	No, I'm not a dupe, I'm a ROVER!!
KV8Q	Tom	80/40/20 CW	108,796	461	
K8ROX	Mike	CW / SSB	34586	116	
KQ8RP	Scott	80/40	46920	408	
W8SJV	John	80/40/20 SSB	8208	114	
	CLAIMED	TOTAL:	731698	4248	

According to our astute researchers, the current club record is 474,274 set by the North Coast Contesters in 2005. Last year, DELARA was only 17K points below that record. It certainly looks like this year we got it right! No matter how it turns out it was a lot of fun! Well done to all!!



Bob's Traveling Treasure Trove ...and Tourist Memoirs

Bob WBERD

Flashlights! This month I will give away 25 flashlights of all shapes and sizes. Big and little. Hand held, head held and leg held. Waterproof. Lanterns. Circuit inspector. Magnifiers. Magnetic.

Batteries are not included. But if your bulb does not work, just tell me and I probably have spares to give you later. I have a big supply of bulbs.



My wife and I spent 2 weeks recently in the northern rocky mountains of Canada and the USA, primarily in the national parks (Jasper, Banff, Waterton Lakes, Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Teton).

By the 1920s and 30s, the Great Northern railroad had laid track thru all of these, and sought to increase their tourist revenue by building magnificent Grand Lodges for people to stay in.



"Many Glacier Lodge"



"Prince of Whales Lodge"



The US - Canada Border



They also commissioned the White Motor Company to build a special fleet of touring buses. These buses operate now primarily in Glacier Park. The owner of Great Northern chose to make them the red color of Mountain Ash berries, and he sent a package of berries to the paint company and told them to match the color. The top folds down, so you can view all the mountain scenery as you ride along. The mechanical parts of the buses have been modernized by Ford (for free), but the visible parts are still the same, making them wonderful antiques to ride in. They run on propane to minimize pollution.

Here are some of our best pictures, as requested by editor Stan.

