

# The Wobbly Oscillator

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## Summer Picnic a Roaring Success

From The Prez

### Picnics

Andy, KD8SCV, will be doing a review of this year's Summer Picnic down the page. Of course, all that attended had high praise indeed. We will strive to follow the committee's lead and continue to improve the summer event. Any suggestions or comments will certainly be welcomed and appreciated by the committee.

Staying with the context of picnics, here's a heads up about a discussion we will have at the September meeting. One proposal is that we increase the number of summer picnic meetings to four, to include the September meeting. Another is that we reduce the picnic meetings to two. Of course, we can remain status quo and have three picnic meetings. There is also the option of doing away with our summer picnic meetings altogether. We mention these options to give members the opportunity to muddle the subject over so we can decide at the next meeting what our future plans will be.

### Need New Picnic-Christmas Party Committee Member {A repeated appeal from last month}

We still need someone to become a part of the Christmas Party and Summer Picnic Committee. That person does not necessarily need to take over as chairman, just fill the vacancy on the committee. Andy has shown his professionalism by staying on for the rest of the year to do the Christmas Party. But we need someone to step up now. By doing so, that person could get involved slowly and not have major responsibilities or task requirements. It would be so nice to see someone volunteer for this opportunity soon, so we don't have to ask over and over and over. Anyone who is interested in helping out the club, please contact me or offer to at least discuss it at a club activity. Please help.

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Scott, AC8NW, displayed on the big screen the workings of FT8 in his meeting presentation.

## October Dinner Meeting



*The group at the August meeting was quite interested in the FT8 demonstration.*

We will have one of our popular dinner meetings in October. We can decide where we want to go at the September meeting. The last few dinner meetings have been at Simon's in Brecksville. Everyone seems to be happy with Simon's, so it has evolved into our default dinner meeting venue. If there are other suggestions, we can entertain them at the next meeting and make a decision as to where to go. Any suggestions should be scrutinized with our requirements and preferences. We need a private room with no extra charge, prefer to be able to order off the menu, and dislike compulsory gratuities. If anyone is considering a new venue, please check out our requirements in advance of the meeting.

73, Toby, WT8O

## **Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society August 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 Business Meeting Minutes**

The CARS membership was called to order by Vice President Mark Moro, WJ8WM, at 7:30 PM on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month in the Brecksville Reservation, Harriet Keeler Pavilion. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and introductions were made by the members and guests. The July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, Business meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the August 2019 *Wobbly Oscillator*.

Bob Robbins, K8RGI, gave the report on the treasury balance in Bob, W8GC's, absence. Bob also distributed Field Day participation certificates to members that were present on Toby, WT8O's, behalf.

The presentation this evening was by Scott, AC8NW, on "FT8".

Mark, WJ8WM, thanked all for the continued contributions to the W.O. Mark also reminded the group that when you pay your ARRL dues through CARS, the club gets a small portion returned.

The following individuals were voted into the club by the membership this evening:

John Brunn, KE8MQM  
James Chaffin, KE8MQL  
Joseph Egert, KE8MQK  
Joseph Erickson, KE8MQJ  
Brian Gerhard, KE8MQI  
Alex Howe, KE8MQH



*Joyce Panzer, XYL of Alexander Panzer, W8ZEP, SK, who was a CARS member, at Field Day.*

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Larry, N8OWS, had nothing to report.

Eddie, KD8FTS, gave a short summary on his participation in "The Pan Ohio Hope Ride" and his hope that more CARS members would volunteer for the event.

Arp, K8ARP, mentioned a few of the following upcoming Public Service events.

The Rock & Roll Half Marathon on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Geauga County Fair from August 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Convoy of Hope on September 7<sup>th</sup>, in Maple Heights Stafford Park.

If you are interested in participating in these events then contact Arp or Eddie. Public Service information can also be found on the CARS Facebook page.

Metro, W8MET, stated that the last VE session on July 14<sup>th</sup> produced six NEW Technicians and one General Class upgrade. The next session is September 8<sup>th</sup>. The location is Elmwood Park in the old recreation building next to the pond. The session begins at 9:00 AM.

The Technical Committee reported that Internet work continues at the repeater site.

Mark thanked Rich, Ron and Gordon for all their work handling the meeting refreshments.

Bill, KD8QBB, reported that Bill, WA8GEO will do a presentation in September on "RFI" with a presentation in October on "Sunspots" by Nancy Hall, KC4IYD, from NASA.

The Cleveland Hamfest is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A motion was made by Mark, WJ8WM, with a second from Bob, K8RGI, to purchase 2 tables at the Cleveland Hamfest. Each table is \$20 dollars. The motion carried. Volunteers are needed to work at the tables. See Gary, NI8Z, if you are interested in working a table.

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*Jim, N8FND; Scott, AC8NW, and Kim XYL of Scott enjoying the CARS summer picnic with the rest of the guests.*



*The burgers sizzled on the grill at the CARS summer picnic.*

Bob, K8MD, will also have a table with a system analyzer for testing radio equipment for whoever is so inclined to have their gear tested. It is also noted that Bob won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the DX Engineering Hamfest on August 10<sup>th</sup> for his "Go Box".

A volunteer is needed for the summer picnic and Christmas party committee. Andy will retire from this post at the end of the year. Contact Toby if you are interested.

There were 33 members and guests in attendance this evening.

Bob, K8RGI, won the 50/50 raffle this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Larry Shimerka, N8OWS.

## September Birthdays

**Bob Robbins, KSRGI 9/4/45**

**Dennis Rabbits, KDSAPY 9/11/49**

**James Chaffin, KESMQL 9/17**

**Jeff Bolek, KD8GIR 9/21/50**

### Minutes of the CUYAHOGA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Board Meeting August 29, 2019

**CALLED TO ORDER---**The meeting was called to order by Board President Andy, KD8SCV, at 7:00 P.M.

**ATTENDEES---**The following members were in attendance:

Andy (KD8SCV)	Bob Check (W8GC)
Toby Kolman (WT8O)	Ed Stevens (WB8ROK)
Mark Moro (WJ8WM)	Mike Kemmett (KD8OUE)

**COST OF CLASSES---**The cost of our Amateur Radio Classes will remain unchanged.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY---**Our Christmas party this year will be at Stancato's restaurant. Guests will order their meal from the menu.

**INTERNET FOR ECHO-LINK---**The Tech committee will be asked to meet and determine the cost of the internet from various providers.

**ADJOURNMENT---**The board meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Ed Stevens, WB8ROK, Acting Secretary

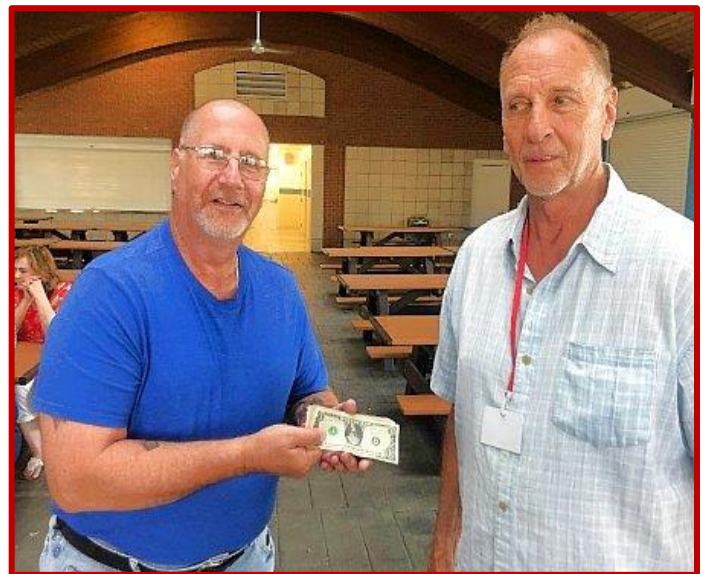


## POW / MIA EVENT K4MIA

On September 13th through the 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2019, we will honor and support our Veterans with a Special Event on the air as K4MIA/8. Linda, N8LRS, and Metro, W8MET, will be the sister station from Ohio for our 4<sup>th</sup> year. This event originated from Mike, K4MIA, in Florida with other sister stations involved. Details can be found on the ARRL website under "ON-THE-AIR" under SPECIAL EVENT under the call-letters of K4MIA. Also, this Special Event will be in the September QST. Please take part in this Special Event for our Veterans. QSL is available with SASE. We will be operating on 40 meter's SSB. GOD BLESS AMERICA



*Carl Beduhn, K8AV, accepts the \$750 scholarship award for this year's winner Andrew Kwansy, Carl's grandson, at the picnic.*



*Gordon, AI8Y, collected mucho cash winning the 50/50 drawing. A bewildered WT8O can't believe his Elmer's luck.*

## September VE Session

The next VE session will be held September 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Recreation Center, 6200 Pete Wisnieski Pkwy. in Independence. A map of the location is available on the CARS website home page at [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org). For information or reservations contact Metro, W8MET at 216-520-1320. As always, walk-ins are welcome

**Club Dues Notice**  
**Bob, W8GC**

Hi all, please note I will begin collecting the CARS 2020 dues On September 1, 2019.

Dues can be paid in 3 ways, online by sending the funds via PayPal to [w8gc@2cars.org](mailto:w8gc@2cars.org) PLEASE USE PERSONAL OPTION, you can also mail a check to:

CARS,  
7395 Brecksville Rd.  
Independence, OH 44131

or pay in person at any CARS meeting. Dues are \$26.00 per year for regular membership. Each additional family member is \$16.00.

**If you are 60 yrs or older your dues are only \$18.00 per year. CARS will offer assistance to anyone having a hardship. Please let me know if you have a hardship or know a member who needs help.**

73, Bob, W8GC  
216-524-1750



*Andy, KD8SCV, and Bob, K8RGI, operating digital at Field Day.*

**Next CARS Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 10**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Busch Community Room**  
**7501 Ridge Rd.**  
**Parma, OH 44129**  
**Program:**  
**“RFI” - WA8GEO**



*A happy recipient of a gift card at the summer picnic, Ron, K8RJH, presented by picnic committee chairman Andy, KD8SCV,*



## Cleveland Hamfest

CARS will have two tables at the 45th Annual Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show. Club members are encouraged to help represent CARS by staffing the tables. Items for sale can be brought in and displayed on the tables. (Please have prices clearly marked on all sale items.)

The show will be held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, September 22nd, 2019, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Admission is \$ 6.00 per person.

These forums will be presented:

9:00 AM – Radio Nostalgia with W8IXY

10:00 AM – DMR Forum with KD8TWG

11:00 AM – Digital Trunked Monitoring Forum with N8YNR

There will be DXCC / VUCC Card Checking by the ARRL.

## September Net Shed

SEP	4	WT8O
SEP	11	N8OWS
SEP	18	KD8OUE
SEP	25	AC8NW

Nets are run every Wednesday at  
9:00 PM on 146.820 (PI 110.9)



## Honorary Members

Any person who by nature of outstanding or meritorious contribution to the furtherance of amateur radio and the ideals of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society

Robert Check, W8GC

Elected 2/10/15

Thomas Wayne, WB8N

Elected 1/10/17

Dwaine Modock, K8ME, SK

Elected 5/9/17

Toby Kolman, WT8O

Elected 10/10/17

Jerry Smith, NW9H

Elected 5/8/18

Ron Borkey, K8VJG

Elected 5/14/19



Above: VP Mark's friend Melissa is all smiles as she accepts a gift card from Andy, KD8SCV.

Left: Ed, WB8ROK, brought his sister Sally who enjoyed the picnic and met new friends.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual CARS Summer Picnic Enjoyed by All Andy, KD8SCV

A sunny, mild evening with gentle breezes inspired great food, prizes, camaraderie, and games, *plus* action on amateur radio, (after all, we *are* an amateur radio club!) at the CARS summer picnic.

The Kiwanis shelter in Independence served beautifully as the venue. (Thanks to Bob, W8GC; Gary, NI8Z; and Metro, W8MET for reserving the shelter.) Lucky prize winners took home gift cards from Home Depot, Harbor Freight, and popular local restaurants. Jenga, Cornhole, and other games provided additional participation and amusement for attendees. (Thanks to fellow picnic committeeman Mark, WJ8WM, and Joel, K8SHB for bringing them!)

Besides the two-meter check-in station, Toby brought his ICOM HF transceiver, and set it up for anyone interested in making calls on the HF bands.

A highlight of the evening was CARS president Toby's presentation of a CARS Scholarship Award in the amount of \$750 to Andrew Kwasny, grandson of CARS club member Carl Beduhn, K8AV.

A 2019 graduate of Indian Land High School, Indian Land, South Carolina, Andrew will apply his award to his college studies. Our congratulations to you, Andrew!

My thanks also to fellow picnic committeeman Arp, K8ARP, Toby, WT8O, for serving as master of ceremonies and for bringing his HF rig, Ron, K8RJH, for handling the beverages, and Bruno, W8BJS, for bringing pizza for all.



*Part of the group of members, friends, and relatives that had a great time at the picnic*



*Arp's, K8ARP, good luck continued as he won a gift certificate*



## CARS Repeaters

146.820 PL Tone 110.9

Main Site – Brecksville

Receive Only Site – Brunswick

Receive Only Site – Shaker Hts.

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443.825 PL Tone 131.8

Digital Yaesu Fusion

Linked to 146.82 Repeater

Brecksville

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444.75 Receive PL Tone 131.8

449.75 Transmit

Stand-alone Not Linked

Shaker Hts.



*Kim Smith, XYL of Scott, AC8NW, won a gift certificate, maybe her reward for bringing her famous "Cheesy Potatoes."*



*Above: Eddie, KD8FTS, had a blast working the mike at Field Day.*



*Left: Bruno's, W8BJS, XYL happily received a gift certificate at the picnic.*

# RadioSport

## Contests

Sept. 7 1400 – Sept. 7 2200 **Ohio State Parks on the Air** 3.5-2800 Ph [ospota.org](http://ospota.org)  
Exchange: OH Park abbreviation or “OH” or SPC

Sept. 14 1800–Sept. 6 0259 **ARRL September VHF Contest** 50&up CW Ph Dig [www.arrl.org/septembervhf](http://www.arrl.org/septembervhf)  
Exchange: 4-char grid square

## Special Events Stations

Sept. 2 – Sept 9 0400-0400 **W9IMS** Indianapolis, IN **The Brickyard 400** 18.140 14.245 7.245 3.840  
Certificate [www.w9ims.org](http://www.w9ims.org)

Sept. 21 – 1300-1900 **W1M** Russell, MA **Scout Camps on the Air** 14.290 14.060 7.030 7.190

## State QSO Parties

Sept. 1 1800 – Sept. 2 0300 **Tennessee QSO Party** 1.8-UHF CW Ph Dig [tnqp.org/rules](http://tnqp.org/rules)  
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC (State or Province)

Sept. 7 1300–Sept. 8 0100 **Nebraska QSO Party** 1.8-UHF CW Ph [qcwa.org/2019-ne-qso-party-rules.pdf](http://qcwa.org/2019-ne-qso-party-rules.pdf)  
Exchange: County or SPC (FT8; grid square)

Sept. 14 1400 – Sept. 15 2000 **Texas QSO Party** All Bands CW Ph Dig [www.txqp.net](http://www.txqp.net)  
Exchange: RS(T), County or SPC

Sept. 14 1500 – Sept. 15 0300 **Alabama QSO Party** 3.5-28 CW Ph [www.alabamagsoparty.org](http://www.alabamagsoparty.org)  
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC

Sept. 21 1400 – Sept. 22 0200 **Iowa QSO Party** All Bands CW Ph Dig [www.w0yl.com/AQP](http://www.w0yl.com/AQP)  
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC

Sept. 21 1600 – Sept. 22 0359 **New Jersey QSO Party** 3.5-28 CW Ph Dig [www.k2td-bcrc.org/njqp](http://www.k2td-bcrc.org/njqp)  
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC

Sept. 21 1600–Sept. 22 2200 **New Hampshire QSO Party** All Bands CW Ph Dig [www.w1wqm.org/nhqso](http://www.w1wqm.org/nhqso)  
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC.

Sept. 28 1200 – Sept. 29 1200 **Maine QSO Party** 1.8-28 CW Ph [ws1sm.com/MEQP.html](http://ws1sm.com/MEQP.html)  
Exchange: RS(T), county or SPC

Sampling from *QST* September 2019 Pg. 80, 91, and 92, see *QST* for many more events.  
All times in GMT ZULU time

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## CARS 2019 Officers & Committees

### Audit

WJ8WM \*\* WT8O, KD8OUE

### Audio/Video

AC8NW \*\*

### ARRL Liaison

WJ8WM \*\*

### Awards

W8GC \*\* WT8O

### Christmas party & Summer Picnic

KD8SCV \*\*, WJ8WM, K8ARP

### Club Photographer

N8OWS \*\*

### Field Day

WT8O \*\*, WJ8WM, K8RGI, K8ARP, KD8SCV, AC8NW, AC8TN, K8RJH, N8BBB food

### 50/50

WT8O

### License classes

KD8ACO \*\*, WT8O, K8SHB

### Media Representative

KD8SCV

### Membership

WT8O \*\* KE8IHP

### NET

WT8O \*\*

### Newsletter

WT8O \*\* 440-525-6109  
wt8o@att.net

### Programs at Meetings

KD8QBB \*\* KD8BAL

### Property Custodian's

KB8DTC records, W8GC equipment

### Public Services

K8ARP \*\* KD8FTS

### QSL Manager - W8HBI, W8BM

WB8N \*\*

### Refreshments at Meetings & Picnic

KD8SCV \*\* pop, AI8Y \*\* coffee,  
NW8X \*\* Donuts

### Scholarship

W8GC \*\* WJ8WM, KD8SCV, N8OWS, WB8N

### Sunshine (welfare)

Andy, KD8SCV \*\* 440-886-0723

### Technical

AC8NW \*\* N8OVW, WJ8WM, KD8ACO, KD8RKF, K8MD, KB8DTC

### VE Exams

Metro, W8MET \*\* 216-520-1320

### Web Master/e-mail

W8GC \*\*

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## 2019 Officers

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### even year executive board 2 year term

K8SHB, KB8DTC, KD8OUE

### odd year executive board 2 year term

KD8SCV, K8ARP, WB8ROK

### License trustee K8ZFR

WT8O

### License trustee

W8HBI, W8BM,  
W8GC



June 10, 2019