

Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Bulletin



EC NOTES
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Winter is coming to an end and we are starting to see our schedule for the year fill up with events. While as of now we have no planned events this month, March is another story. We start the month with the "Columbus Winter Run" on the 1st. Next we have the "Arnold Sports Festival" on March 6, 7, and 8, and the "Pump and Run" on Sunday the 8th. We finish out the month with the Aladdin Shrine Circus on the 19th to 22nd. Please check the schedule of events elsewhere in the bulletin for more information and if you are able to help with any of these events contact the coordinator.

The switch to "Digital TV" has been delayed from February to June. There are still many people out there who don't really understand what the change is all about. The OSU Radio Club (W8LT) has been approached by WOSU TV Station to help man a call-in panel. They have asked if we might be able to provide some additional help. As of this time it is unknown when this will take place. As soon as I have more information, I will let everyone know.

Last week I attended the quarterly "Columbus & Metropolitan Medical Response System" (CMMRS) meeting. This next week I will be at a meeting for "Northwest Area Strike Team" (NAS-T) which is the Haz-Mat group for the Fire Departments in the North and West parts of Franklin County. My other meeting will be "Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council of Fr. Co." (CEPAC). I mention this as it is always encouraging to me to see the

reception that I receive at these meetings and how much these groups and others that we support appreciate our help.

Our next in-person meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month, February 18th at 7:30 pm. The location is the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security office at 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

73, Kal, KA8RLC

2008 Awards and Recognition from our Annual Awards Meeting

Our January in-person meeting, which was devoted to the annual Awards and Recognition presentations, was well attended. Many award certificates were presented by our EC, Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC, our Net Manager, Jeff Gould, N8HFP, and our Membership Manager, Hugh Czerwonky, K8UB. Kal also presented certificates for Hospital Antenna Checks. Jeff presented awards for OSU Football participation and for Wednesday night net control operators.

The list of all the award recipients continues on pages 4 through 7, along with pictures of all the proceedings. Special thanks to Edward Raybould, N8OIF, for the many fine pictures he provided for the bulletin.

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Calling Tree Leaders January - June

Group 1	Bruce Goll, KB8TRI	793-0164
Group 2	Larry Learn, AA8JY	791-0606
Group 3	Jim Clark, KC8TJX	595-3636
Group 4	Andy Elliott, K8LE	864-2922

Calling Tree Leaders July - December

Group 1	Wayne Walls, KA8CEJ	431-9352
Group 2	Jim Sage, WB8TWM	864-5011
Group 3	Skip Howell, KC8HIN	471-2684
Group 4	Jerry Finnegan, KC5WLA	507-2788

Alternates

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Josh Gould, KC8EQA	326-9839
Chris Stevens, KC8PFD	327-6514
Doug Bell, N8HSU	937-323-2192

ARRL Membership

If you aren't an ARRL member or haven't been a member during the past two years, join the ARRL and a portion of your membership will benefit COARES. To join, send your \$39 (check payable to Central Ohio ARES) and forms to K8QX. Our club will get \$15 if we recruit a new ARRL member or bring back one who has let his/her membership lapse more than two years. Your membership includes a subscription to QST Magazine.

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Ohio Section Update

Joe Phillips, K8QOE
Ohio Section Manager



**OHIO SECTION
NEWS Feb. '09**
by Ohio Affiliated Clubs
Coordinator Joanne
Solak, KJ3O

Here we are the second month of the New Year 2009! Are your calendars getting filled up with scheduled activities as mine is? Many Club meetings and a few activities have been canceled because of the sub-zero temperatures and the snow and ice. I know of several Club Members of various Clubs who have been contacted to provide emergency communications for various Towns/Cities. Planned events are one thing, but when it comes to emergency communications being needed, Amateur Radio Operators are right there and ready. Many Counties are making sure "hams" are included in their emergency plans. This is a good thing!

Always remember to check into your local nets. Also make a "good effort" to attend as many of your local Club meetings as you can. These nets and club meetings are the best way to stay informed about your local planned events and any ARES practice sessions coming up. Have you volunteered your services to your local Radio Club?

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organization.**

There is always room for volunteers in any Club. Net Control operators are needed for the local nets, if the Club sponsors a Hamfest, there are many positions available for you. Plus perhaps you have a Contest Calendar, volunteer yourself as contest manager. Field Day is June 27th and 28th this year, volunteer, you will be glad you did. There are many ways to support your club. If you attend the meetings you will become aware of the club events planned and can certainly volunteer for something. Your talents are always needed in some way. Do you like to write? Perhaps the club needs a newsletter editor? Seek and you shall find a place to volunteer in any club.

Have your club members discussed hosting a DTV awareness event? The Alliance ARC will host a DTV awareness night February 2nd at the local library in their town.

Have you scheduled your VE Exam sessions for this year? If not, contact Bob Johnson, K3RC, who compiles and edits the Amateur Radio Exams here in the Ohio Section. You can get his contact information in the latest Ohio Section Journal.

Some good news to share.....Nick Pittner, K8NAP, and Steve Katz, N8WL, are moving forward on the Ohio PRB-1 bill in the new Ohio General Assembly. We will keep you informed as to how it is going as things progress.

Just for your information, the VEC Exam fee has increased this year to \$15.00. I am told this increase was necessary to offset the increasing costs of maintaining the ARRL VEC Service to us.

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Repeaters

Primary: K8DDG/R
147.060 +.600
444.800 +5.00
94.8 Hz CTCSS

Secondary: AA8EY/R
147.090 +.600
94.8 Hz CTCSS

UHF: WB8INY/R
444.275 +5.00
94.8 Hz CTCSS

Nets & Meetings

The COARES net meets Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm local time on the 147.06+ repeater, except for the third Wednesday of each month which is reserved for our General Meeting, held at the office of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Heard of the new ARRL Award? As of January 1, 2009, the ARRL offers another award: The Triple Play Worked All States Award. This new exciting award is available to all amateurs who confirm contacts with each of the 50 states using three modes for each state: CW, Phone and RTTY/digital. All 150 contacts must be made on or after the starting date and must be confirmed by logbook of the World (LoTW). You can find all the details by going online at: "<http://www.arrl.org/awards/#tripleplay>" Have fun! (The ARRL letter supplied this information).

Have you marked your event calendar for May 15, 16, & 17, 2009. Do you know what these dates are? Of course they are the dates for the Dayton Hamvention.

I extend a "thank-you" to the many clubs who keep me on the mailing/e-mail list and keep those newsletters coming. Please continue to do so as I read them all. It keeps me up-to-date on all the club activities in the Ohio Section. Don't forget, the Spotlight Club of the Month is still alive and well. If you would like your club to be spotlighted in the Ohio Section Monthly, send me the information no later than the 12th of the month.

Well, that's it for this time around. I hope you are enjoying the New Year 2009, I hope the New Year treats you well! And Remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

Until then,
VERY BEST 73
Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC Ohio Section

Our Mission: To provide emergency communications to central Ohio public safety, emergency, health, government and relief agencies in times of disaster. To keep our skills sharp, we provide communication support for many public service events.

Next Meeting

**7:30 pm, Wednesday,
February 18, 2008**

Franklin County Emergency
Management and Homeland
Security

5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd
Columbus, OH 43230

WOSU Public Media is seeking groups and individuals to volunteer at their DTV Call Center that is being run under contract from the FCC. In light of the delay of the DTV Transition deadline to June 12, they are adding days to the dates previously planned. Please contact Carl Higginbotham at higginbotham@wosu.org if you want further details or if you and/or your group are able to assist.

REMINDER!

The Net Control and Event Coordination class will be conducted at the following date and time:

Saturday, March 21st, 2009, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Franklin County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Contest Calendar

Feb 13: Valentine's Day Sprint, YL-OM Contest, **CQ WW RTTY WPX**, Northern NY QSO Party, EU EME Contest, New Hampshire QSO Party, Asia-Pacific Sprint, Dutch PACC Contest, Louisiana QSO Party, OMISS QSO Party, FISTS CW Winter Sprint, RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest

Feb 15: North American Sprint, Classic Exchange

Feb 21: **ARRL DX Contest CW**, AM QSO Party, REF Contest

Feb 27: Russian WW PSK Contest

Feb 28: UBA Contest, Mississippi QSO Party, **North American QSO Party**, CQ WW 160 Meter SSB, CQC Winter QSO Party

Mar 1: High Speed CW Contest

See WA7BWM website for complete list: www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html

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Net	Day	Time (local)	Frequency
Amateur Radio Club at Ohio State University	Sunday	8:00 pm	442.6(+) (114.8PL)
Central Ohio ARES	Wednesday	8:00 pm	147.060 (+) (94.8 PL)
Central Ohio Traffic Net	Daily	7:15 pm	147.240 (+)
Central Ohio Severe Weather Net	Tuesday (Mar ~ Oct)	7:30 pm	146.760 (-) (123.0 PL)
Delaware County Net	Monday	8:00 pm	145.170 (-)
Hocking Valley ARC Net	Wednesday	9:00 pm	147.345 (+)
Lancaster / Fairfield County ARC Net	Monday	9:00 pm	147.030 (+)
Madison County "Get Together" Net	Tuesday	8:00 pm	147.285 (+)
Newark ARA Net	Tuesday	9:00 pm	146.880 (-)
Southwest Columbus Ham Radio Club Net (Echolink connected)	Friday	8:00 pm	145.23 (-)

Awards Night

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Exec Committee

Hugh Czerwonky, K8UB
Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
Kim Day, KC8RXL
Andy Elliott, K8LE
Brent Sheffer, KC8UMV

Mike Day, K8QX
Duane Hall, AB8QU
Shawn Roberts, KB8DYR
Jeff Gould, N8HFP

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Chris Stevens, KC8PFD

Hospital Antenna Checks and number of checks performed

Hugh Czerwonky, K8UB 22
Adam Westlund, W8AJW 21
Paul Flautt, KB8CMW 19
Marty Litzinger, N8PAI 19
Bob Rector, W8RWR 18
Wayne Walls, KA8CEJ 11
Bruce Lerner, KC8VEB 10
Jim Clark, KC8TJX 4
Mark Griggs, KB8YMN 4
Brent Sheffer, KC8UMV 3

Gretchen Herr, KD8GUL 3
Jeff Gould, N8HFP 3
Ken Coleman, KC0L 2
Jerry Finnegan, KC5WLA 2
Robert Wilkey, W8VMS 2
Larry Learn, AA8JY 2
Mike Fidler, KD8DYK 1
Andy Elliott, K8LE 1

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Area Hamfests

Mansfield Mid-Winter Ham-fest & Computer Show

sponsored by the InterCity Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.w8we.org>

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009

Doors open at 7:00 am

Talk-In: 146.940 (PL 71.9)

Mansfield, OH

Richland County Fairgrounds

750 North Home Road

Contact: Dean Wrasse, KB8MG
1094 Beal Road
Mansfield, OH 44905
Phone: 419-589-2415
Email: metal07man@yahoo.com

Ham Radio License Exams

14-Feb-2009

Sponsor: LANCASTER & FAIR-FIELD CTY ARC

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ALLEN P SELLERS

(740)654-8167

Email: ASELLERS1081@ATT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: CLUBHOUSE-

GRANVILLE ROAD

1611 ROUTE 37 NORTH

NEXT TO BEAVERS' FIELD

ACROSS FROM OH UNIV

@LANCASTER

LANCASTER, OH 43130

Awards Night

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2008 OSU Football Season

(Certificates for working 5 or more games)

COARES Volunteers working all 7 home games:

Larry Learn, AA8JY
Bob Rector, W8RWR
Hugh Czerwonky, K8UB
Pam Tracey, KC8VZI

Dan Banks, KC8KHS
Jim Clark, KC8TJX
Ed Weist, N8UTI

COARES Volunteers working 6 home games:

Bob Baker, N8ADO
Kevin O'Harra, KD8IIB

Wayne Walls, KA8CEJ
Bruce Goll, KB8TRI

COARES Volunteers working 5 home games:

Paul Linkous, III, N8PHL
Ken Tilford, KC8ZKS

Gary Ballou, N8QKX

2008 Wednesday Night Nets

(Certificates for running 3 or more nets)

Special outstanding service award for the most nets—6

Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

COARES Volunteers with 4 Wednesday night nets

Bruce Lerner, KC8VEB
Mark Griggs, KB8YMN
Bill Welch, K3ZAA

COARES Volunteers with 3 Wednesday night nets

Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC
Brent Sheffer, KC8UMV
Kenny Robinson, KC8VWP



ARRL Continuing Education Course Registration: Registration remains open through Sunday, February 22, 2009 for this online course session beginning on Friday, March 6, 2009: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1; as well as several others.

To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cep/student> or contact the Continuing Education Program Coordinator cep@arrl.org.

From the ARRL Letter, American Radio Relay League

Awards Night



Awards Night



"Mr. Lucky"
Doug, N8HSU
& Friends



Thanks to Edward
Raybould, N8OIF for all
the Awards Night
pictures!

A Reminder
Always check the COARES primary repeater (147.060 MHz) whenever a situation arises that might result in an emergency activation of COARES. This includes, but is not limited to, tornado, flood, blizzard, hazardous materials spill, terrorist attack, fires, search and rescue (missing person), aircraft/mass casualty, setting up emergency shelters, or declared state of emergency,

Our Served Agencies: The Central Ohio Trauma System

Editors note: This is part of a series which is intended to better acquaint our members with our served agencies. Our service to COTS is at the core of our emergency communications mission. To support this mission we perform weekly tests of the hospital antennas of all Franklin County participating hospitals. The following information is from the COTS website www.cmaf-ohio/cots/aboutUS_Sheet.html

History

The Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) is an affiliate organization of the Columbus Medical Association. Formed in March of 1998, COTS is the only regionalized trauma system in central Ohio.

Trauma includes injuries and deaths caused by motor vehicles, guns, falls, drowning, fire, burns, suffocation and others. Because trauma has recognized causes and results in alterations in physical functioning, it meets the medical definition of a disease. Trauma may be intentional, as from assaults, homicide and suicide, or unintentional, as from motor vehicle crashes and falls. The vast majority of trauma-related fatalities are preventable. Some other facts about trauma include: Trauma is the leading cause of death and disability among people ages 1-44, claiming more young lives than cancer, stroke and heart disease combined. Trauma in the U.S. claims the life of one person every six minutes and causes disabling injuries at the rate of one every two seconds.

In 2000, central Ohio had more than 6,000 known cases of life-threatening injuries treated at local hospitals. Of these, 215 people had fatal outcomes. This number does not include victims who died at the scene and never made it to a hospital

Trauma is expensive. The cost of trauma medical care in central Ohio in 1999 exceeded \$44 million. But the true financial cost to the community is far greater in that lost wages, property damage, long-term disability and trauma-induced family instability are not currently measurable.

Mission

The Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) mission is to save and improve lives through the coordination of trauma and emergency healthcare resources. COTS supports prevention, education, data collection and research initiatives. COTS' purpose is to serve as the forum for addressing issues affecting the delivery of trauma/emergency healthcare services and injury prevention in central Ohio.

COTS' goals are to:

- 1 Improve patient outcomes
- 2 Advance practice efficiency
- 3 Enhance the preparedness and response of the Central Ohio healthcare community in emergencies and disasters
- 4 Save costs to patients, caregivers, institutions and the community overall from healthcare associated with medical emergencies and trauma
- 5 Serve as a community resource/expert on trauma and emergency service issues

COTS' objectives include:

- 1 The establishment of an inclusive system where community partners work together to resolve issues associated with trauma services, emergency care, and healthcare-related

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disaster preparedness

- 2 Reliable data analysis on the region's trauma patients to improve patient care; to provide a basis for focusing initiatives on areas of highest need; and to provide benchmarks for measuring progress
- 3 Stakeholder participation in a trusted COTS -facilitated process that accomplishes:
 - Central Ohio resources working together for a reduction in deaths and permanent disabilities from trauma and emergency health issues
 - Enhanced emergency care
 - Improved collaboration among healthcare and community services
 - Expanded public education with regards to injury prevention
 - Comprehensive preparedness and response by local healthcare partnersdisasters
- 4 To be the recognized leader addressing issues related to trauma, emergency services, and healthcare disaster preparedness in Central Ohio

COTS' core values are service-oriented and include:

- 1 Inclusiveness
- 2 Collaboration
- 3 Integrity
- 4 Transparency
- 5 Evidence-based work
- 6 Excellence

COTS is a voluntary, cooperative, self-regulatory organization and maintains a 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue status for charitable, educational and scientific intent. COTS is also an affiliate organization of the Columbus Medical Association.

COTS Fact Sheet

Across the nation trauma care is a growing concern.

The Central Ohio Trauma System (COTS) is a network of hospitals, city and county officials and health care professionals whose focus is to promote trauma education and prevention, collect trauma data, coordinate trauma services and ensure that victims of serious injury receive appropriate care.

Established in 1998, the Central Ohio Trauma System operates as an inclusive system where community partners:

- * Work together to resolve issues associated with trauma and emergency care
- * Offer expanded trauma education and training opportunities
- * Coordinate preparedness for large-scale disasters
- * Enhance collaboration and avoid duplication of effort

Programs and initiatives of the Central Ohio Trauma System include:

- * Develop and maintain a Trauma Registry to collect and maintain demographic and clinical data on trauma victims to guide community-wide decision making
- * Coordinate trauma education programs to promote trauma health care in central Ohio
- * Coordinate regional health care disaster planning
- * Establish uniform family violence screening protocols
- * Establish a regional plan to address hospital diversion of EMS patients

Across the nation trauma care is a growing concern. In central Ohio the Central Ohio Trauma System, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the established group and forum focused exclusively on this concern. As a tax-exempt entity, contributions in support of its mission and program of activities are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. An operating fund for the Central Ohio Trauma System is maintained by the Columbus Medical Association Foundation.

COARES ACTIVITIES

February				
02-04-09	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Adam Westlund, W8AJW
02-11-09	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Mike Day, K8QX
02-18-09	In-person COARES meeting	7:30 pm	Franklin Co. EM & Homeland Security	Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC
02-25-09	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Brent Sheffer, KC8UMV
March				
03-01-09	Columbus Winter Run	1:00 pm	Pickerington Central High School	Paul Flautt, KB8CMW
03-04-09	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Kevin O'Harra, KD8IIB
03-06-09	Arnold Sports Festival	8:00am til 10:00 pm	Columbus Convention Center	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
03-07-09	Arnold Sports Festival	8:00am til 10:00 pm	Columbus Convention Center	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
03-08-09	Arnold Sports Festival	8:00am til 6:00 pm	Columbus Convention Center	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
03-08-09	Arnold 5k, 5k Pump and Run	9:30 am	Columbus Convention Center	Jeff Gould, N8HFP
03-11-09	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Andy Elliott, K8LE
03-18-09	In-person COARES meeting	7:30 pm	Franklin Co. EM & Homeland Security	Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC
03-19 to 03-22	Aladdin Shrine Circus	Various times	Ohio State Fairgrounds, Celeste Center	Jim Leonard, WD8MRT
03-25-09	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Bruce Lerner, KC8VEB

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