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Seasons Greetings from,
The Central Ohio Radio Club, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Jim Gifreda, W8MAP,
Membership Chairman/Treasurer

There hasn't been much activity in the membership department. However, CORC now has a total of 196 full pay members and 6 Associate members. Also, there are 45 family members and 9 life members. The full pay members includes two members whose membership expired in October and have not yet been removed from the roster.

Since the last newsletter was printed, the following persons have joined CORC:

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| W8GLN | Glenna Finney |
| KA8FLI | Mark Cottrill |
| KC8GMD | Jeffrey Thomas |

Please welcome them when you hear them on the air!

CORC members and other individuals continue to donate time, talent and extra money to assist the club with its operating expenses. The following individuals have donated since the last newsletter was printed.

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| KA8FLI | Mark Cottrill | W8RRJ | John Hull |
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Presidential Message

By Laura Perone, KA8IWB

It was good to see all who made it to the last pot luck. At first we thought there would be only desserts, however shortly thereafter a nice selection appeared. Our speaker, Jack Reall, from the Columbus Fire Department, showed extremely interesting pictures taken at Ground Zero in the days immediately following 9-11 while he was there for search and rescue. To cap off the evening, all families in attendance received their choice of a new 2 meter beam, scanner, 2 meter or

6 meter omni antenna courtesy of Nil-Jon antennas. You never know what you will miss if you don't attend. Plan now to attend the Ground Hog event on Sunday, February 2, 2003. Only the day of week has changed, the time of 6 PM and location of Genoa Township Hall remains the same. Dig out your Ground Hog attire, as this is the actual day.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Newsletter To Be Mailed First Class

From the Editor,
Joe Hahn - W8NBA

Starting with the next issue, the CORC newsletter will be mailed with First Class Postage. A couple of things helped determine this change. First, the cost of the bulk-mailing permit went up again this year, and second, the amount of newsletters we mail is dropping below the minimum needed to send it bulk mail.

First the good news, this will make mailing it a lot easier, as we no longer have to have it pre-sorted and bundled. It can be mailed at a local post office and doesn't require being taken to a business mail drop-off point. Also, the length of time between mailing and receiving it will be greatly reduced. This also allows us some leeway in labeling and zip coding.

Now the bad news, it will cost more per newsletter and the content of the newsletter will be determined by weight. The newsletter cannot weigh more than an ounce. Anything over an ounce almost doubles the cost of postage. This means that we might not always be able to have the fridge flyer for the potlucks or a current ham-fest listing. We will be allowed five pages printed on both sides to make the weight limit.

The first page is always the mailing page with either the Universal advertisement or a copy of the application on the back. This leaves four pages that I can work with. Usually a page is made up of the Fridge Flyer for the upcoming social event. The rest is either club or amateur related news. I will try to do the best that I can to make sure

that you will receive the most up-to-date material in those four pages.

Something new we would like to try is having you receive the newsletter electronically. This would save the club money and help save a tree or two. I would either e-mail the newsletter directly to you or leave it at the web site for you to download. You would get the same content as those that receive it in the mail.

We have really never mentioned this option before, as we had to keep mailing at least 200 copies of the newsletter each time to meet postage requirements. Now anyone who receives their newsletter this way will be saving the club in two different ways, both printing and postage cost will be reduced.

Please think this over and if you can receive the newsletter this way, e-mail me at newsletter@corc.us and I will put you on a separate mailing list to either be notified that the newsletter is ready at the web site, or send you the newsletter in .pdf form right to your e-mail address. The newsletter will be sent in Acrobat, and a free reader can be found at <http://www.adobe.com/main.html>.

All the newsletters for the last few years are stored at the web site at <http://www.corc.us>. Just follow the link that says newsletters. You can try the electronic version now by just downloading it there. From this date on, the complete newsletter, from mailing page to fridge flyer will be included in the downloadable version. Please try it.

Carrot Cake Recipe

ED Note: *Every once and a while we come across a desert or entrée at the Pot Lucks that just makes us want more. For those dishes we always ask for the recipe so that the rest of you can recreate the enjoyment of that fine eatery.*

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| 2 cups flour | 3 cups finely chopped carrots (by hand) |
| 2 cups white sugar | 1 1/2 cups Wesson Vegetable Oil |
| 2 tsp baking soda | 4 eggs |
| 3 tsp cinnamon | 1 tsp salt |

Sift dry ingredients 3 times. In separate bowl mix together carrots and oil. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well.

Gradually stir in sifted dry ingredients, mixing well. Pour into two lightly greased cake pans and bake at 350 degrees 25 - 35 minutes, testing with tooth pick.

Icing: 8 oz. Philadelphia cheese 1 lb. confectioner's sugar
1 stick butter 2 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans

Allow butter and cream cheese to soften, add vanilla. Mix well and stir in confectioners sugar until right consistency. Add pecans. (I use hand mixer on icing, but not on cake) Store in refrigerator. Best made couple of days ahead.

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2003 Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest & Computer Show

February 09, 2003

6:30am to 3pm

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door.

Tables: \$12.00 advance only. Table deadline February 1, 2003

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Happy Holidays to you and yours! I hope this short article finds you in good health and happy. As Director and Vice President of CORC, it is my job to assist the other Directors in finding ways of keeping CORC in good health and "happy".

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find that we are moving from bulk mail to First Class mail for distributing the newsletter. This will actually reduce CORC's costs over the long run as more people request the newsletter be sent to them electronically instead of in print. We've always considered the newsletter "first class", now it gets the recognition it truly deserves!

Next year we will once again review our books for financial stability. The membership of the club has very slowly fallen over the past couple years so we must

be aware of where every penny goes. While we may decide to change things on how the club operates (such as the newsletter mailing), we will make sure we do not sacrifice the level of service to the members of the club and the amateur radio community in general.

It is also inevitable that we will need to bring new blood into the club. We have heard many calls by our national and local leaders to encourage everyone to volunteer in our community. You can answer this call by volunteering for one of the many positions CORC has in its organization. It's easy, fun, and you don't have to sacrifice much time, either! Please consider helping the club to keep it in good health and "happy" for years to come.

Have a safe and happy 2003!

