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The Central Ohio Radio Club, Inc. (CORC)

CORC operates repeaters on 52.70 out 52.94 in, 146.76, 146.97, 147.33 and 444.200
In addition, CORC affiliates with repeaters on 145.49 and 442.800

Some of the features include:

- Autopatch access to Columbus, Delaware and West Licking County and Newark area.
- Rapid access dialing to public service or member telephone numbers.
- Repeaters used by the Weather Net in Central Ohio in support of The National Weather Service.
- PL used on all repeater outputs. Multiple receiver sites on in Franklin, Licking, Delaware and Logan Counties to ensure excellent coverage throughout Central Ohio

General Membership allows you and all amateurs in your family at the same address full use of the CORC facilities, an OPERATING MANUAL, and subscription to the CORC Newsletter, and a vote at the annual meeting of the corporation.

Associate memberships are available to non-amateurs and to amateurs who are occasional users of the CORC facilities AND live outside the general coverage area of the repeaters.

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Call Sign _____ Name _____ E-mail _____

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Call Sign _____ Name _____ E-mail _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

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How many listed above are ARRL Members _____ Check to request Autodial for Home Phone _____

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John Perone, W8RXX, Membership Chairman, 3477 Africa Rd., Galena, Ohio 43021

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Thank You for your Membership and Support

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W8NBA

444.200
449.200
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Associated
Repeater

145.49 / 4.89
442.8/447.8
W8CMH



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From
The Central Ohio Radio Club, Inc.

14th Annual Ground Hog Day Bash Announced

The Central Ohio Radio Club is proud to announce it is holding its 14th Annual Ground Hog Day Bash on Sunday February 8th, 2009. CORC will supply most everything, including drinks and plastic ware, but please bring a covered dish or dessert to share and serving utensils. I am sure John and Laura will have plenty of surprises as we always have plenty to eat and a whole lot of fun. And if that not enough, we will hold a mini swap meets prior to the meeting. We will be opening the doors at 4PM for those that wish to bring equipment to sell, swap, trade, etc. Tables will be provided to set up with. The potluck portion will start at its usual time of 6PM. CORC is hopeful participation will improve at the next couple events. This is a chance for all (members or not) to clean out old unused or unwanted equipment for FREE. Please pass the word and help this to become successful. Look for the fridge flyer and a map towards the back of this newsletter.

Membership Update

By John Perone, W8RXX
Membership Chairman

CORC now has a total of 150 fully paid members. In addition, there are 31 family members and 9 lifetime members. The following persons has joined CORC since the last newsletter was printed in October. Thank each and every one of you!

WI4NDS	Mac McCarty	KC8NMG	Royce Chesser
WB8TWM	Jim Sage	W8PRR	Richard Nelson
KD8BZF	Gary Harmon		

Please welcome them when you hear them on the air.

Many thanks to CORC members who have donated time, talent, extra money or equipment to the club in addition to their dues. The following members have donated something extra to CORC since the last newsletter was printed:

AA8EY	Bill Carpender	W8PRR	Richard Nelson
N8OAM	Mary Carpender	W8RRJ	John Hull
W8OLO	Bob Zimmerman	WI4NDS	Mac McCarty
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W8RXX	John Perone		

A Letter From The President

During 2008 CORC sponsored 3 potluck dinners. Those were very enjoyable evenings. The 76 West receiver was moved from W8MAP's home to Bellefontaine, the highest point in the state. Receivers for 76 and 97 were installed on K8VKA's tower in Canal Winchester.

Unfortunately club membership is down as with many organizations. Now it is more important than ever for members to bring in new members, and encourage users to support the system. This helps keep your dues at their current level. CORC has had no increase in dues for over 30 years.

When I meet prospective members, they frequently ask, "When are your club meetings?" We have three a year. They are held at Genoa Township Hall. The hall is located off Route 3, at Big Walnut and Old 3C Highway, just North of Westerville. The first will be the Ground Hog Pot Luck on February 8th, 2009 at 6 PM. I hope to see your shadow, as it will be a fun evening.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2009.

73,

Laura, KA8IWB

CORC President

THE RADIO AMATEUR CODE

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE....never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL.... offers loyalty, encouragement, and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE... with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY... slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interest of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur service.

BALANCED... radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC... station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928

Travelin' Tony's Timetables

By: Tony Fabro N8RRB

First of all, I want to wish everyone a good holiday season and a prosperous 2009. Even in these hard times, we still have much to be thankful for.

In years past, the article I write at this time of year is either a list of things I wish to accomplish in the upcoming year, or a list of things I would like to have for Christmas. However this year I'd like to turn this around a little. Instead of stating what I want to accomplish or get next year, I'd like to know what you would like to accomplish or get in 2009.

Our wonderful hobby could be on the verge of reaching a crossroads of sorts. Digital voice technology in the form of digital radios and repeaters is now filtering into the hobby. Will this be the new standard for the future? Does the CORC membership have an interest in having the club invest in this technology?

At club meetings I often talk to people who have suggestions about the CORC system. Some say we need better coverage, others say we should add another repeater, or specifically a repeater on 220 MHz. Others say they just want things to work properly and sound good. What it is you would like to see?

What ham radio items do you personally wish to accomplish in 2009? Do you want to become more involved in ham radio? Do you want to become more involved in service groups such as COSWN, COARES, or COTN? Do you want to upgrade your license in 2009, or upgrade your station?

I've asked the questions, what are your answers?

If you have answers to my questions about CORC, write to me or one of the directors (the e-mail addresses can be found at www.corc.us) with your input. What do you want our goals as a club to be in 2009?

If you have answers to the questions about your personal accomplishments, I challenge you to write them down and post them in a location where you will see them often. Then make it a goal to accomplish what you wrote down, no matter how big or small that goal is. Even if it is something as simple as volunteering for an event, make sure you write it down and follow through with it. You will come away feeling better about yourself, and ham radio as a whole will benefit.

Have a safe day.

The Central Ohio Severe Weather Net

By John Montgomery – N8PVC

Operators from the Central Ohio Severe Weather Network participated in the National Weather Service Skywarn Recognition Day (SRD) on December 6, 2008. SRD is a annual event hosted by the NWS that recognizes the contributions of ham radio operators during severe weather to NWS offices across the country.

In a very relaxed atmosphere operators in each office work together to contact other NWS offices, weather spotters and practically anyone who can report their location and current weather conditions. Most modes and bands are in play.

The conference room of the Wilmington NWS office was commandeered to host HF phone and PSK operating positions. Cots were brought in and the coffee pot ran all night. Temporary antennas were erected and connected to the new temporary operating positions. EchoLink operation fired up in the official Skywarn operating area.

Approximately 10 folks took part in or visited during the 24 hour event. In spite of the less than ideal sunspot cycle the WX8WIL operation managed to contact 74% of NWS offices, 37 states and 3 foreign countries.

Looking ahead to the spring brings news of a special advanced spotter training session to be held in central Ohio. The date for the session is Saturday April 18, 2009. The search for a suitable venue is underway. The NWS is planning on conducting simulations of actual weather events that have impacted our area. There will be a strong emphasis on RADAR. Stay tuned for more details.

Winter weather has arrived in places not accustomed to cold and snow this season. Lowlands in California, cities such as Las Vegas, Nevada and Houston, Texas have seen record low temperatures and snowfalls this year. I hope you find central Ohio weather to your liking.

This n' That

Congratulations to the following winners at the November 2008 CORC pot luck.

KD8DSJ, Kassie - 50/50 Drawing

N8DRZ, Joe – Use of the “famous” CORC Rock bound rig

Technical FYI: The North receive site at the WOSU-TV tower has been updated. Both the 146.97 & 146.76 repeaters were affected.

You might have noticed the use of more common fonts in this newsletter. We are now transmitting it to the printer in pdf form. The online version is now exactly like the printed one.

14th Annual Groundhog Day Bash



February 8th 2009 (Sunday)

6 PM EGT (Eastern Groundhog Time)

Genoa Township Hall (See Map)

Bring a Covered Dish (with Spoon)

Mini Swap Meet at 4PM

CORC will Provide:

Soft Drinks

Coffee/Tea

High Quality Plastic Ware

Cups and Plates

\$\$ 50/50 Drawing \$\$

Games and other Surprises

**Put this notice on your
refrigerator as a reminder!**

Now that you know about it . . . Here's how you get there!

