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October 2006

CORC Hibernation Bash Planned

The *Central Ohio Radio Club* will hold its 12th annual Groundhog Hibernation Bash on Sunday November 5th at the Genoa Township Hall. It will start at 6PM. Please bring a covered dish to share with a serving utensil. CORC will provide the drinks, plastic ware, cups, plates and many other surprises. A 50/50 drawing will be held with many door prizes awarded. Don't miss this opportunity to meet many of the operators you have spoken with over the years. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Help Wanted!!!

We need you!!! CORC is looking for members to fill positions that could possibly be vacated in May. This includes committee members, directors and appointed positions. We are always looking for technical types to help with repeater repair and even graphic types to help with the newsletter preparation. If you are at all interested in helping the club, even in the slightest, let President Laura Perone know by e-mailing her at president@corc.us. She is also available on the 16/76 repeater or by mail at: CORC Volunteers, PO Box 398, Pataskala, OH 43062-0398. You'll be glad you did.

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Recently the FCC has suspended Amateur Radio licenses because the holders had failed to maintain a correct mailing address in the Commissions license database. Here are three ways to update your address. If you are a ARRL member, you can update it for free by filling out a NCVEC form at an ARRL exam session. If not a ARRL member, you can update your address at: <http://www.qrz.com> (there is a fee) or go to <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm> and click on "amateur radio services" (this one is free). Update today, don't take a chance losing your license.

Central Ohio Severe Weather Network

The Year In Review

By John Montgomery
N8PVC

This has been an interesting year for COSWN. As you may know we organized a Severe Weather Spotter Conference in April in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the OSU Meteorology Club. We were fortunate to have several of the top severe weather experts in the country on hand to address the assembly.

Dr. Charles Doswell, a leading pioneer in severe weather research and the father of NWS spotter training, provided a very candid perspective on spotter safety. Roger Edwards, an atmospheric scientist at the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma challenged the audience with concerns regarding open air entertainment venues that have no provision to shelter patrons in the face of approaching severe weather.

Rick Shanklin, NWS Paducah, Ky, provided a review of the November 6th, 2005 2 AM tornado and the challenges it presented. Greg Tipton, NWS Wilmington, provided a behind the scenes look at NWS Doppler RADAR, its weaknesses, strengths and RADAR 101 training. Mike Ryan, NWS Wilmington provided a survey of severe weather climatology and tornado outbreaks in Ohio as well as a talk on the role of a spotter during a warned weather event.

Your club, CORC, was the first organization to step up and support the conference. It was a financial challenge for COSWN right up to the end but we only had to absorb about \$50 to cover printing costs. Locally we received financial support from Universal Radio, Mainline Information Systems and Radio Shack. We are grateful that these entities became partners with us for the conference.

This year's weather brought a variety of weather to central Ohio. The spring started out very active and quickly slowed down to a crawl for most of the summer. As the following paragraph illustrates, it's important for spotters to be ready to respond on a moment's notice.

Ohio experienced a miniature tornado outbreak on August 28th during the early evening hours with six or so tornado warnings issued. Four of those warnings issued in a 51-minute period, affected Franklin, Pickaway and Fairfield counties. It is rare not to receive hail reports in the area of a tornado and none were received or reported. Just as rare is to have tornado warnings with no severe thunderstorm warnings in the area.

According to sources at the NWS, severe weather was not expected and the SPC had not put our area at risk for any severe weather. After our 4 tornado warnings the Storm Prediction Center issued a tornado watch for the area from approximately 8 PM until 1 AM the following morning. We dodged a bullet with no serious injuries reported.

Storm spotters have been up to the task during each and every severe weather event this year. The National Weather Service, state and county Emergency Management organizations and other public safety officials extend their thanks to amateur radio storm spotters for their assistance this season. They also appreciate CORC for the fine repeater systems made available for severe weather events.

Membership Update

By Joe Hahn, W8NBA
Membership Chairman/ Newsletter Editor

CORC now has a total of 186 full pay members and 3 associate members. In addition, there are 31 family members and 10 life members. Since the last newsletter was printed, the following persons have joined CORC.

Tom Terry	waiting on call	David Schwertfager	N8EFB
Barrie Schwartz	W3ENL	Mike Day	K8QX
Steve Copeland	KC8TKB	Jerad Shepard	KC8WHX
Kimberly Zimmer	N3LJJ	Brian Wolf	N8XRV
Michael Ringer	N8YKW	Jon Nasby	W8JNY

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 in January.

Kempton Hewitt	N8MFE	Oscar Thomas	KB8FXG
Jim Morton	KB8KPJ	Mike Cotts	KB8SSH
Tony Pallone	KC8ASF	Charles Bushnell	KC8VWM
Jerad Shepard	KC8WHX	William Jenkins	KC8YYP
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Tom Taft	KA8ZNY		

As usual, if I forgot anyone I am truly sorry. Please let me know so I make sure you get the recognition you deserve.

e TRAVELIN' TONY'S TI METABLESS

By: Tony Fabro, N8RRB
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Greetings fellow members of CORC and anyone else who may run across this article. Instead of focusing on one topic, I will briefly touch on a few this time around.

Hopefully you were one of the many who attended the Voice of Aladdin Columbus Hamfest this year. The event was much better than last year, and had more people attending as well. The loss of the Franklin County Hamfest may actually have helped the VOA Hamfest do better. Our President Laura Perone KA8IWB, her husband and Director John W8RXX, and myself represented CORC. We signed up a number of new members, obtained a few renewals, and answered questions about the club and the system. Thanks to everyone who stopped by and said hello as well. For those of you who have skipped this hamfest in the past, I would suggest that you make it a point to attend next year and support the local event.

QST magazine had an interesting article in a recent issue regarding VHF communications and that what we think of as being “line of sight” truly is not unless you are above all obstructions. The article discussed how your signal is actually being bounced around by several objects before being heard by a repeater or other ham. We sometimes get frustrated when we cannot get a good signal into the repeater. “That receive antenna is 400’ in the air it should hear me just fine”, you say in disgust when you are told you have a noisy signal. Read the article and you will understand why it does not always hear you when you think it should.

October offers two big events for hams locally. First is the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test on October 7 and 8. Most notably you’ll hear the Central Ohio Traffic Net pass test

emergency, priority, and health and welfare traffic during the weekend. Many people feel that traffic handling is an archaic form of communication. However it is still very actively used during real emergencies and by all means every ham should know how to create a formal radiogram, properly send, and properly receive and deliver a radiogram as well. The net resides on the 147.240 repeater at 1915, and uses our 146.970 repeater as a backup machine.

The second large event is the Columbus Marathon on October 15. Our local ARES group needs as many volunteers as it can get to staff the dozens of assignments along the course and with race monitors and medical people. If you have never helped, consider doing so but be prepared! The group normally has an in person meeting before the event to go over everything. It is a lot of fun and you meet a lot of interesting people by helping. I get so interested in the race that I lose calories by simply *watching* the runners go by!

Finally, in my next article I will have my own personal review of the Yaesu FT-1802 mobile radio. QST recently had its own review, which was very technical so I will give an "appliance operator's" review of the radio. If you purchase a new piece of equipment feel free to write your own review and submit to the newsletter editor. I find that reviews by the average ham are often more useful than the highly technical ones in QST.

Have a safe day.

Did You Know?

Attention YL's

Have you heard of the Buckeye Belles? This is a amateur club just for the ladies. (your OM can be a Beau if desired) Join us on 80 Meters at 3.946 Mhz Monday mornings at 9AM local. Information is also available by contacting Jean Ruth, KB8YHN at 440-775-7909 or send e-mail to jruth@oberlin.net Be sure to tell her you heard of the Belles from the CORC Newsletter.

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At the annual meeting in May 2006 Control Op Coordinator and Director Tony, N8RRB was the lucky winner of the Yeasu 2 meter radio CORC gave away. Congratulations Tony! More of you should have been there to give Tony some additional competition.... Well, maybe 2007?

The past Treasurer and Vice President Phil, WD8QWR, won the 50-50 drawing.

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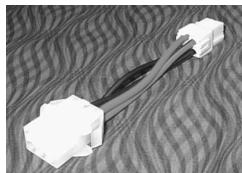
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