

# The Central Ohio Radio Club Newsletter

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W8NBA

444.200

449.200

W8RXX

Associate

145.49 / 4.89

442.8/447.8

W8CMH

## CORC Hibernation Bash Planned

The *Central Ohio Radio Club* will hold its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Groundhog Hibernation Bash on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Genoa Township Hall. It will start at 6 PM. 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. Look for the fridge flyer later in this newsletter. John, W8RXX will offer a quick PowerPoint presentation showing photos of the sites the club has equipment located. This is an interesting show for those who have not seen it.

NEW ... A prize for the "MOST Recognizable HAM" at the meeting. By popular vote by those in attendance, the person that is most easily identifiable as a ham radio operator will be selected. Start thinking now, let's see... Largest handheld, most handhelds on a belt, strangest looking antenna hat, and largest call sign badge, the list goes on & on... And as always, please no wagering on the winner...

## Membership Chairman Retires

After many years Joe, W8NBA has chosen to step down as Membership Chairman. Be sure to thank Joe when you hear him on the air for all his work. Joe will continue to do the club newsletter and take care of the website.

The new chairman is: Bob Zimmerman, W8OLO, Box 362 Marengo, OH 43334 His e-mail is: [Hw8olo@copper.net](mailto:Hw8olo@copper.net) and phone: 419-971-6069

Bob has agreed (with much arm twisting from madam president) to fill this important position. Please make Bob feel welcome and cut him a little slack during the transition for this sometimes thankless job. The officers all THANK Bob for taking this position that really keeps the club going.

Remember without "YOU, THE MEMBERS" there could be no club!

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*By Joe Hahn, W8NBA  
Outgoing Membership Chairman/ Newsletter Editor*

First let me say what an honor it was to be your Membership Chairman for the last five or so years. It's time for someone else to take over and bring some new ideas to the committee. I hope that Bob will enjoy doing the job as much as I did and I know he will work hard for you.

CORC now has a total of 176 full pay members and 1 associate member. In addition, there are 33 family members and 10 life members. Since the last newsletter was printed in April, the following persons have joined CORC.

Will Smith	KD8FMM	Chris Shirk	KD8EFU
Paul Ford	W8PCF	Joyce Ford	N8PHG
Tom Weaver	K8TW	Michael Schramm	KD8GIJ
Ed Raybould	N8OIF	Chris Vojsak	WG8I
Keith Foor	KB8VUL	Eric Curtis	KC8RJB
Bob Knight	W8CUQ		

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 April.

John Hull	W8RRJ	Trigg Tabor	K8NIO
Laura Perone	KA8IWB	Phil Carter	WD8QWR
Martha Gifreda	KN8ITR	Ed Schleppe	K8VKA
Steve Robeano	WD8JKX	Joe Hahn	W8NBA
Tony Fabro	N8RRB	John Perone	W8RXX
Will Smith	KD8FMM	Jim Clark	KC8TJX
Steve Taylor	WB8A	Michael Schramm	KD8GIJ
Stan Broadway	N8BHL	John Gallucci	W8JG
John Montgomery	N8PVC	Chris Vojsak	WG8I
Keith Foor	KB8VUL		

## Reminder of 146.76 User codes.....

80 Time of Day

41 Repeaterisms (available 7AM-10PM)

\*725 Echo Test - This allows users to hear how well they are getting into the repeater, To use this feature key up & ID saying you are going to use echo test, press \*725 then unkey, the repeater will say "start test now" At this point you have about 5 seconds to say something like your call testing radio. Unkey you will hear how well the receivers heard you.

Auto Patch on 146.76 has a 740 area code and is located in Southern Delaware County. To call 614 (Columbus numbers) \* 614 nnn-nnnn, unkey (do not use "1" before 614 - it will NOT work) To call Southern Delaware County including City of Delaware \* nnn-nnnn, unkey. (some exchanges include 548,549,363,369)

## Central Ohio Severe Weather Network

By John Montgomery, N8PVC

I just returned from the annual fall wrap up meeting with the National Weather Service. Here's a brief summary of the meeting.

Clearly this was a slow season as far as severe weather is concerned mostly a result of dry conditions. That bodes good and bad for central Ohio. The good is less potential for damage and loss of life. The bad comes from lack of moisture causing plants, trees and other living things suffer.

Southwestern and southern Ohio have drought areas ranging from abnormally dry to extreme drought. Check this link for current information. [http://drought.unl.edu/dm/DM\\_midwest.htm](http://drought.unl.edu/dm/DM_midwest.htm)

The winter outlook calls for temperatures and precipitation to be above normal.

Did you noticed that storm based warnings were issued this season? A storm based warning is one where only the area affected by the storm will be included in the warning. In the past if a storm moved along county borders, say Franklin and Delaware, warnings would be issued for each county in their entirety. Now, storm based warnings or warning by polygon, targets the path and area of the storm. New weather radios will be capable of responding to the new type of warning.

December 1, 2007 marks the annual Severe Weather Spotter Appreciation Day where the NWS opens its doors to amateur radio operators in a contest to contact as many other NWS offices and spotters throughout the country. It's usually a great time.

Also on the agenda was a discussion of the special net that was held to discuss the rapid fire tornado warnings in late August that moved through our area. For those that missed the net, the discussion panel consisted of Mike Ryan and Andy Hatzos from NWS- Wilmington, Ben Gelber – WCMH, Jim Leonard- Franklin County EM&HSO and John Bergman – Columbus Fire. This discussion was unique in that 3 of the panel participants were non-hams and were located at least 65 miles apart. Special repeater magic was performed by John Perone- W8RXX that allowed the repeater to cooperate fully with all participants. Special thanks go out to Paul Gehringer – WD8ZZR, who manned the NWS station as the control operator.

Thanks to area spotters on behalf of the National Weather Service and public safety agencies in central Ohio for your service this past season. Stay alert as severe weather can and does strike most anytime in our area.

# e TRAVELIN' TONY'S TIMETABLES

by: Tony Fabro N8RRB  
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Three to four times a year I receive a friendly e-mail from our illustrious newsletter editor asking for article submissions. Most of the time I have something on my mind to write about. Unfortunately this is not one of them. So I flipped through the pages of my mind to think of something to write about. To twist a popular saying, a blank page is a terrible thing to waste.

The club potlucks, held three times a year, are a great way to meet other hams, eat great food, have fun, and maybe learn something new about ham radio. For many, the idea of a potluck turns them off because they have to make something. Nonsense! While good homemade dinner or dessert is good eats, people (myself included) often will bring food from various establishments. The most popular seems to be from Colonel Sanders, but a foot long submarine sandwich cut up into small pieces makes for good finger food.

The potlucks also offer an excellent opportunity to discuss with the Directors (of whom almost all are in attendance) any questions or requests of the club. Got a question about the system? Come to a potluck and ask the panel of experts! Can't figure out why your radio isn't working? Come to a potluck and I'm sure one of the techies can help diagnose the problem.

In addition, the club often invites guest speakers to speak at the potlucks. Invitees include representatives from the National Weather Service and other local ham groups. The talks are very informative, detailed, and in some way pertinent to our hobby.

Finally, the potlucks are always a lot of fun. From the interesting games that the Social Committee comes up with (where else can you play Ham Radio Bingo), to the motley crew of personalities (are we that weird?), it's bound to be a hoot of an evening.

Have a safe day.

## 25 years ago in the CORC Newsletter...

August 1982  
Excerpts from "Hilltop Windmill"

Ike Abernathy KB8OH was featured in an article in the Akron Beacon Journal regarding his new 10 kilowatt wind generator. It sits on top of a 48' pole with two propellers of 12 blades each. In his basement is a bank of submarine batteries to store the electricity, as well as a solid state inverter to change DC to AC. Stop by and see the energy source of the future and learn all about it from Ike.

October 1982

Advertisement for the Massillon Amateur Radio Club Auctionfest '82

Prizes: 1. Ten Tec Argosy; 2. Kenwood TR-7730 2M mobile; 3. Icom IC 2AT HT

CORC Operating Manual published. Included are instructions for activating and operating RTTY on the 147.330 repeater.

## “Important things you missed if you were not in attendance at the June 10th annual meeting.”

By your CORC correspondent, John Perone W8RXX

Trig, K8NIO, won the Yeasu FT-1802 radio CORC gave away..... (lucky guy)

Larry, KA8HEO won the 50-50 drawing..... (different tax bracket for him this year)

Barrie, W3ENL, won use of the "Famous" CORC rock bound rig for 1 year..... (don't drop it, it may break your toe)

The 3 Midland WR-100 Weather Radios were won by: Tony, N8RRB / Laura, KA8IWB / Larry, KA8HEO..... (they will be safe)

The best part of the meeting was an extremely informative presentation by Mary Jo Parker of the Wilmington, OH National Weather Service. I think we have a better understanding of the capabilities of the NWS when it comes to severe weather. Seeing photos of the amateur station in arms reach of the weather specialist brought the message home just how important our spotting reports are to the NWS. Mary Jo thanked all the amateurs for "YOUR" participation in the weather nets.



# 13th Annual Groundhog Hibernation Bash

November 4th 2007 ( Sunday )

6 PM EGT ( Eastern Groundhog Time)

Genoa Township Hall ( See Map)

Bring a Covered Dish ( with Spoon )

CORC will Provide:

Soft Drinks

Coffee/Tea

High Quality Plastic Ware

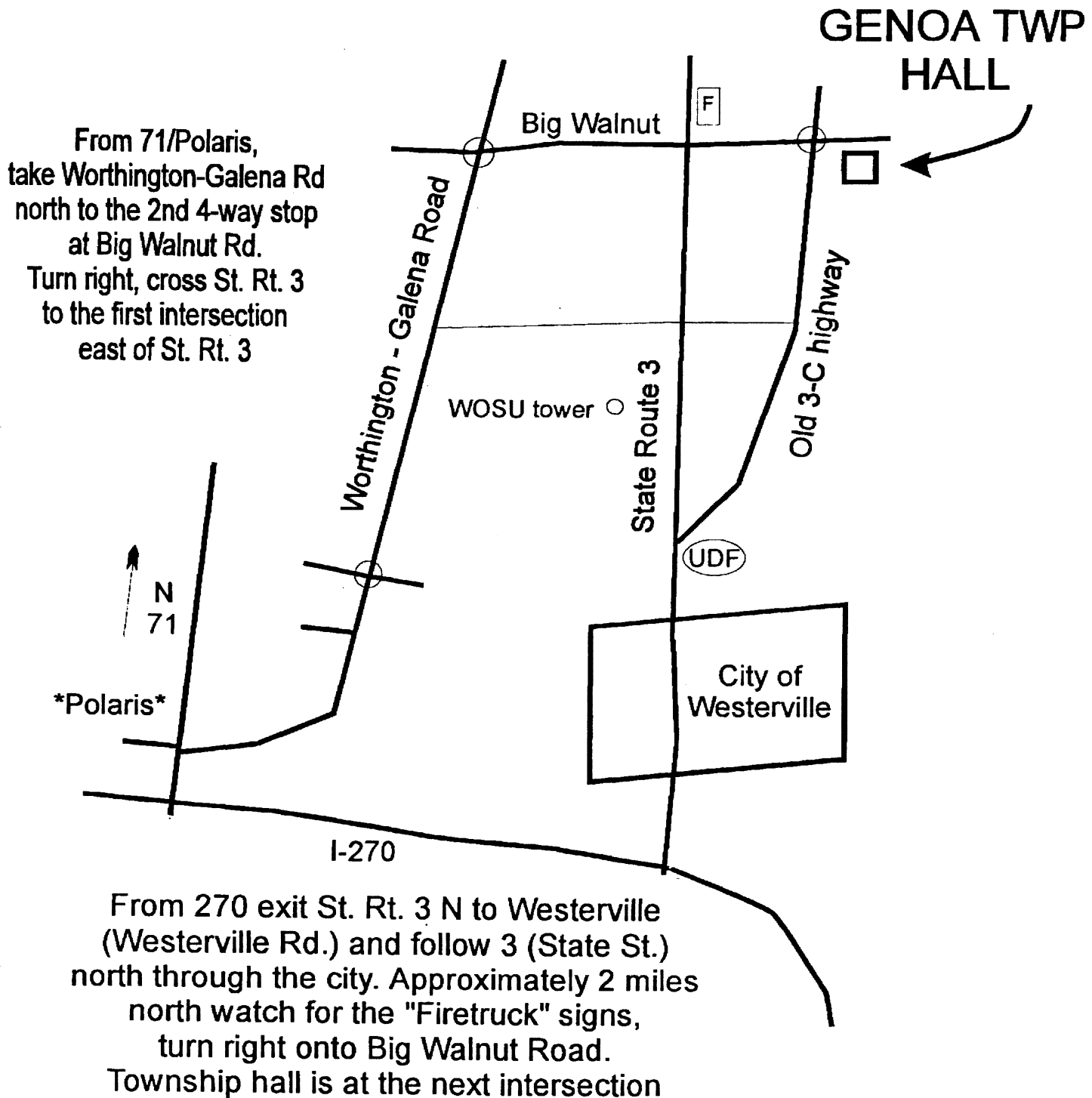
Cups and Plates

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

Covered Dishes and other Supplies

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

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



# The Central Ohio Radio Club, Inc. ( CORC )

CORC operates repeaters on 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.

1 Year Member Dues	\$18 per year	\$ _____
2 Year Member Dues	\$32 for 2 years ( save \$4)	\$ _____
3 Year Member Dues	\$45 for 3 years (save \$9)	\$ _____
Associate Member	\$9 per year per member	\$ _____
Optional Repeater Maintenance Contribution		\$ _____

## PLEASE PRINT

**MARK ONE:** *New Application* \_\_\_\_\_ *Renewal Application* \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check to Request Newsletter to be E-Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to CORC. Please place call sign on check. Mail check and application to:**

**Bob Zimmerman, W8OLO, Membership Chairman, PO BOX 362, Maringo, Ohio 43334**

For More Information either visit the website at <http://www.corc.us>  
or call Bob, W8OLO at 419-971-6090

**Thank You for your Membership and Support**