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Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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How many of above are ARRL Members _____ (CORC is an ARRL affiliated club)

Check to Request Newsletter by e-mail (this saves the club mailing cost) _____

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Thank You for your Membership and Support!

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146.37 / 146.97
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147.93 / 147.33

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449.20 / 444.20
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447.80 / 442.80
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G3 Gateways

144.89 / 145.49
449.00 / 444.00
W8CMH

February 2026

CORC President's Message

By: Anthony "Tony" Fabro N8RRB

The year 2026 is shaping up to be another busy year for CORC! Not only are we continuing to make changes and improvements to the system, but we are also increasing our outreach to you, the membership, who support the system.

The Jersey site equipment move was our big project last year. The project is over 75% done with the balance to be completed in the Spring. Many of you have made extra financial donations to support this effort. This has helped keep our treasury in good shape to address other maintenance issues.

In January we conducted our first ever in-person Tech Net discussion at the Westerville Public Library. A total of 19 people braved the frigid temperatures to attend Chuck WA8KKN's presentation about power supplies. The event was so well-received that we have scheduled another in-person Tech Net for Tuesday March 31, 2026, at the Columbus Public Library Whetstone Branch. Listen on the CORC repeaters or check the CORC webpage for additional information

I want to personally invite everyone to the CORC Annual Meeting and Potluck on Sunday March 1, 2026. Please note our start time will be 5 p.m. In addition to the usual scrumptious foods brought by those in attendance, we will be conducting our business meeting which includes the nomination and election of directors to fill the expiring terms. We will also be giving a "State of the Club" presentation for you to see where we are as a club and provide your input on where we should focus resources in the future.

If you would like to help with club activities or have questions, feel free to reach out to me at president@corc.us. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting and Potluck on March 1st at 5 p.m.!

73,
Tony N8RRB

CORC opens Board Nominations

The following director terms are up for a renewal for 3-year terms. Voting will be held at the annual meeting, March 1, 2026. Others may be nominated if it is submitted in writing 10 days prior to the meeting.

1. Steve Robeano, WD8JKX
2. Chuck Wood, WA8KKN
3. Mike Wagner, AD8MW

A Member may nominate themselves, or a fellow CORC member for the position. The director's term is 3 years. Requirements for the position are that:

- 1) the individual must be a current CORC member in good standing
- 2) the individual must hold an amateur General Class license or higher
- 3) the individual must be over 21 years of age

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the nominating committee chair,

Rick Tressler
95 Ceramic Drive,
Columbus, OH 43214.
Or by email at WA3UOO@GMAIL.COM

For your information and in accordance with our by-laws an excerpt from the current CORC Constitution appears below:

Section 3.10 – Election of the Board

The election of Directors to replace those whose term has expired shall take place at the annual meeting of the members, or at a special meeting called and held for that purpose. At least twenty (20) days prior to the date of which such election is held, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) persons who may but need not be Directors. Such committee shall prepare a list of candidates to fill the Board of Directors and nominate such candidates at the meeting. Other nominations may be made from the general membership; however, any candidate's name so placed in nomination must be submitted in writing and accompanied by written consent of the nominee to the Nominating Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting.

Interested in helping the club? We are looking for a new membership chairman

Duties include...

Print and update membership applications, email reminders to expiring members, email a thank you to both new and renewing members, mail applications and invitations to join, go to the PO Box and pickup applications and renewals, enter updates into our database program, deposit checks at the bank, send treasurer a report with deposits, send newsletter editor information for the newsletter. It not as busy as it sounds...

If interested contact John, W8RXX to discuss!
john.w8rxx@gmail.com

From your CORC Membership chairman...

John / W8RXX

Thank you to everyone that has either joined or renewed their membership since our last newsletter. Here are **New** members since the last newsletter. Thank them for joining when you hear them on the air.

N8WSU – Stephanie
KB9RPR – Charles
K8CWS – Corbin
KC8MAX - Scott

KF8ERM – Luke
KE8WBD – Brian
AA8DN – Rich

K9CWW – Bill
AB8KN – Scott
KC8VWS – Jack

KA9WLU – Christopher
AE8Z – Andreas
KF8FJJ -Robert

The following have contributed extra to the club either in labor, time and or financially. We appreciate each and every one that contributes to the club to keep it financially healthy.

KC8VWS N8WSU KF8ERM KD8IDJ WA8RR WA8FKC K8CWW AB8KN AC8VM K8SAR
KN8ITR KF8BSS KB6VN KM6KOT KB8UVF AC8TZ K8VSY K8BRJ W8RXX WA8KKN
WA3UOO WD8JKX W8WJH W8REH N8RRB W8NBA AE8FP KD8IDJ KF8FJJ

What do you want from your radio club?

Mike Wagner AD8MW

I am relatively new to CORC (and ham radio) and while I enjoy using its repeaters and the occasional potluck gatherings, I wonder what more there might be to club membership.

There was a time when a good repeater was enough to anchor a radio club. Instant communications when in the car or out for a walk was almost magical, and that big HT on your hip was a symbol of supreme coolness. Then came the cell phone and the spell was broken. 2M and 70CM repeaters are still useful but there is way more than coolness to Ham Radio.

Getting a license is a major accomplishment but we all know it is just the beginning. It's a license to learn and most people agree that a ham radio club is a great way to learn and grow in the hobby.

As the newest member of the CORC board, I want to know what we can do for you? What do you want from Ham radio and what do you want from your radio club?

A FB post asked, "What was best ham radio experience you have ever had?" My answer was at my fingertips. That very morning, I helped replace an aging repeater antenna on the roof of an office building. This might not be everybody's cup of tea, but our club helped me have that experience.

Some clubs have standing breakfast gatherings open to anyone interested in attending. Does that appeal to you? Some conduct license training classes; some host demonstrations at schools. Are you interested in participating in these kinds of activities? Are you willing to host shack visits to help others get over the hump in powering up one of their own?

How about hands-on help for other hams who are struggling to get up and running? How about radio meetups or zoom discussions? There is a tremendous wealth of knowledge among our membership, and you can get help or give it.

I can't promise anything but let's begin by finding out what you want. Every idea is welcome and suggesting isn't volunteering so tell us your wildest dream and/or silliest fun activity.

Tell us what you want and what we can do for you. You can contact us at: board@corc.us

Let us know what you think.

Technical Committee Report February 2026

By: Chuck Wood, WA8KKN

As I write this Technical Committee Report, the Columbus Metro Area survived a 7" to 16" snow storm. The CORC repeaters worked flawlessly during the Cold, Wind, and Snow for the Weather Net and the Central Ohio Traffic Net (COTN)

We have been busy inventorying our equipment at additional radio sites. The inventory is almost completed. The maintenance equipment that been replaced has to be documented at a few sites.

Information for our newer members, the 146.760 MHz repeater has eight remote receive sites. The 146.970 MHz repeater has four receive sites. There are more sites for the other repeaters. A map of the CORC repeater systems is on the <https://CORC.US> web site.

146.97 repeater

The 146.97 MHz repeater had issues previously with multiple failures of Switch Mode Power Supplies. The vendor replaced the power supplies. The second round also failed.

The switched mode power supplies were replaced with a Linear Aston RS-70A supply In July 2025. We have had no failures with the Astron power supply.

We had one failure dealing with a Cinch Jones Power connector that plugs into the RF power amplifier. This connector carries 40 AMPS at 12 Volts. How it lasted 18 months is a mystery.

Over the years, Cinch Jones has replaced metal parts with plastic. The connector heated up over time and the plastic melted. Rick, WA3UOO and I replaced the connector and changed how the 8 Gage wires were soldered to the connector without melting the plastic. So far, no issues after a month of service.

Jersey Site (147.33 MHz)

The 147.33 transmitter will be placed back in service after we place additional cavity filters in line. The cavities are required to keep us from interfering with ourselves.

The tech committee has not made a Jersey site visit since the last snow. The next visit may be after the winter thaw. The landlord is looking for some snow removal equipment to clear the long driveway.

Tech Net Updates

We are in the middle of Season 15 of the Tech Net! Thanks to everyone who has checked into the on-air nets, and to those who were at our first ever in-person session on January 6, 2026. Chuck WA8KKN provided a detailed presentation about linear and switching power supplies. It was a great event!

Our next **in-person** Tech Net will be on **Tuesday March 31, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Columbus Metropolitan Library Whetstone Branch main meeting room. The topic will be **“I got my license. Now what?”** If you are a new ham, soon-to-be-new ham, or a seasoned ham getting back into the hobby, this presentation is for you. We will discuss on-air etiquette, getting to know your radio, ham radio activities, and much more.

In addition to the in-person net, here are the remaining on-air net dates and topics for the 2025-2026 season: February 1 – DMR Q&A, February 15 – Roundtable Discussion, March 15 – Topic TBA, April 12 – Roundtable Discussion, April 26 – Hamfests and the Hamvention in Xenia. All on-air nets will take place on the 146.760 repeater at 1930. Questions can be sent anytime to technet@corc.us and someone on the Tech Net crew will respond.



CORC DUES 2026 SCHEDULE

THIS TABLE SHOWS DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP BASED ON MONTH YOU JOIN

Month you Join	Selecting \$18 One Year Plan		Selecting \$32 Two Year Plan		Selecting \$45 Three Year Plan	
	Pay	Expires on Dec 31	Pay	Expires on Dec 31	Pay	Expires on Dec 31
JAN						
FEB	\$18.00		\$32.00		\$45.00	
MAR						
APR						
MAY	\$13.50	2026	\$28.00	2027	\$41.00	2028
JUN						
JUL						
AUG	\$9.00		\$24.00		\$37.00	
SEP						
OCT						
NOV	\$18.00	2027	\$32.00	2028	\$45.00	2029
DEC						

Since 1970 CORC Membership still is only \$18.00 for 1 yr - \$32.00 for 2 years - \$45.00 for 3 years

THANKS for becoming a member!

AA8DN	RICH	KC8MQO	DAN
AB8KN	SCOTT	KC8TE	RON
AC8TZ	GREGORY	KC8ULK	DAVID
AC8VM	RANDY	KC8VWS	JACK
AC8YE	LARRY	KC8ZYB	JEFF
AD8CM	MARCEL	KD8BGR	CHARLOTTE
AD8HR	DOUG	KD8IDJ	JOHN
AD8JW	JOHN	KD8ISB	TAMMY
AD8MW	MICHAEL	KD8LFX	KIRK
AD8OF	DAVID	KD8LLL	MARTIN
AE8FP	FRANK	KD8OQA	MARTIN
AE8Z	ANDREAS	KD8OZF	MICHAEL
AF8WX	BRIAN	KD8PHG	RICHARD
CATHY	CATHY	KD8QFO	GENE
K3NND	RICHARD	KD8RTP	JOHN
K8BRJ	AL	KD8SSD	LEW
K8CWS	CORBIN	KD8SYP	BOB
K8CWW	BILL	KD8TQE	RICK
K8DCZ	DANIEL	KD8VRN	WILLIAM
K8KDR	MATT	KD8YYK	LYNNE
K8KXK	JASON	KD8YYR	LEON
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K8YMG	MARK	KE8HWY	MOTT
K9BE	DAVID	KE8HXE	BRAD
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KA8LGO	LYNN	KE8JRT	JEFFREY
KA8RLC	KALMAN Y.	KE8KBU	ADAM
KA9WLU	CHRISTOPHER	KE8KJX	DAN
KB2RRQ	JASON	KE8LZB	WILLIAM
KB6VN	MICHAEL	KE8MXD	RANDY
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KB8CIQ	SANDY	KE8OBA	PETER
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KB8WO	PAUL	KE8RYF	JEFF
KB8YPW	JANE	KE8SGA	WILLIAM
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KF8BVO	MOLLY	W8CFP	KURT
KF8CAK	MICHAEL	W8CRT	MARK
KF8CLD	WILLIAM	W8FEH	ROY
KF8ERM	LUKE	W8III	GARY
KF8FJJ	ROBERT	W8JJB	JORDAN
KG8IJ	GREG	W8JNE	CHARLES
KI8HN	ROB	W8JTH	TED
KI8SS	RONALD	W8KWA	CHARLES
KM6KOT	ROBERTA	W8KWG	GAYLE
KN8ITR	MARTHA	W8LV	WILLIAM
KV8Z	CHRIS	W8NBA	JOE
LORN	LORN	W8NRH	DAVID
N0OGS	TOM	W8PRR	RICK
N3GDM	WAYNE	W8REH	ROY E
N3STG	PETER	W8RRJ	JON
N8ABE	MICHAEL L	W8RXX	JOHN
N8ART	ART	W8SGM	MICHAEL
N8BHL	STANLEY	W8SJQ	ROCCO A.
N8DRZ	JOSEPH R.	W8WJH	WARREN
N8ESP	JOHN	W8WTB	FRED
N8FES	LINDA	W8ZCG	AARON
N8FXU	TODD	WA3EZN	DAVID
N8HDR	AL	WA3UOO	RICK
N8KHO	MONTE	WA8CLT	JOHN
N8MFE	KEMPTON	WA8FKC	ANDREW E
N8NES	GREGORY	WA8KKN	CHARLES
N8OIT	FAWN	WA8MNC	ALAN
N8PCJ	JIM	WA8OMQ	DEAN
		WA8RMC	ART
		WA8RR	RICHARD
		WB1ARO	BRUCE
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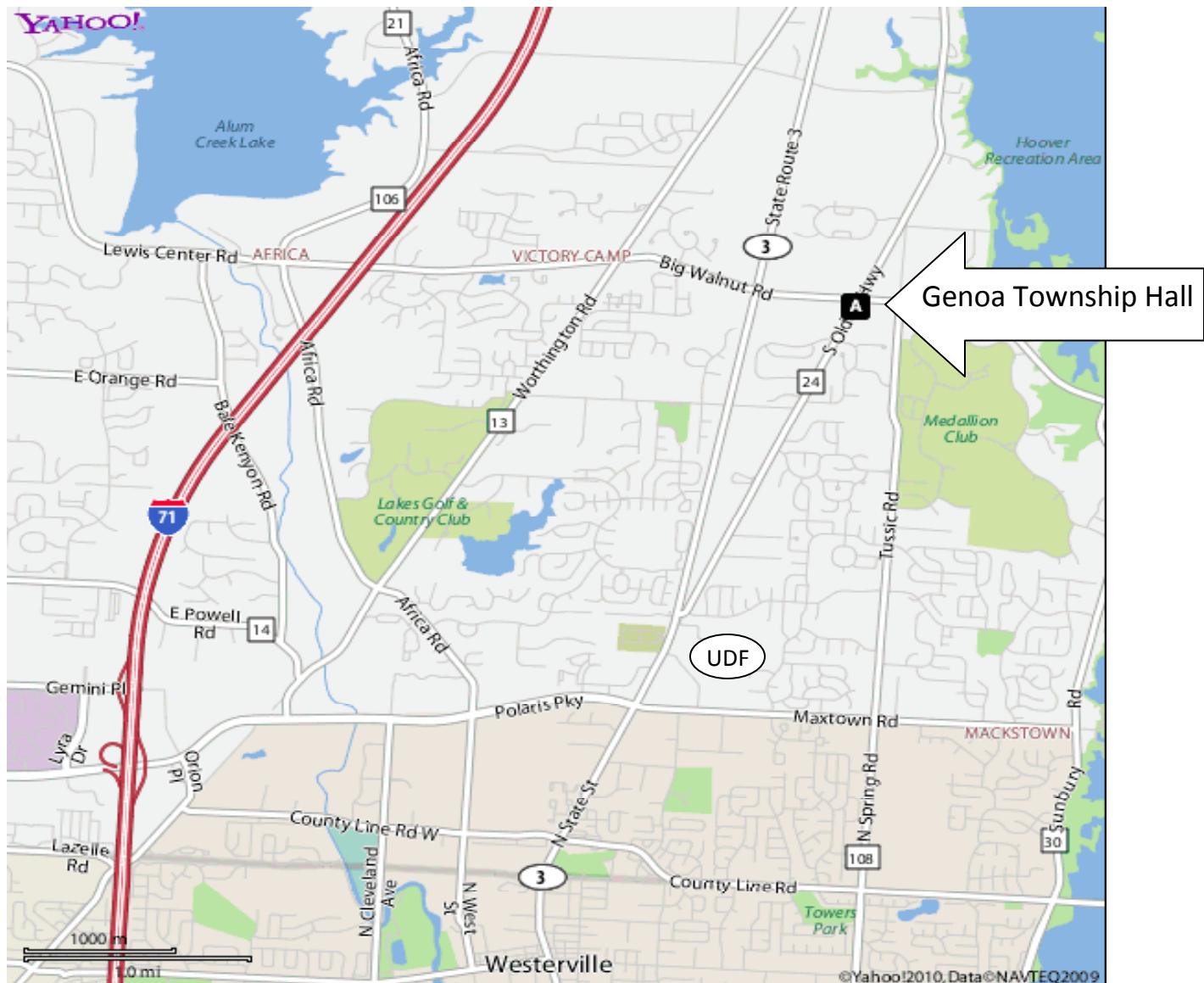
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From 270 exit on State Route 3/ Westerville Road and go north to Old 3C Highway.

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