October 1998

149th Edition

T.A.R.A. Tattler

Program Meeting Wednesday, October 28th

at the

Imagination Station

7:30PM

^^^^^^ Location is on North 4th, south of Union Street, on the west side of the street, the old gas company, or electric company office building, memory does not recall which.

2-----Drawing for \$??.?? November 10th-----0

| TTTTT | AAA | | RRRR | | AAA | | President WB9SWD Curtis Sherwin |
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COMING EVENTS

250CT98 SUN Ø8ØØ Boone & Clinton County Radio Clubs Hamfest,
Boone County Fair Grounds, VE Tests Ø9ØØ w/walk-ins,
Talk-in 147.105 and 443.150, \$3.00 A/N9SBZ

280CT98 WED 1930 TARA Program Meeting — at the IMAGINATION STATION,
W9REG has been asked to set up and man a working Amateur
Radio Station at this location. Rather than man the
station at all times, several suggestions have been made.
This meeting is to expose the club to what is and what can
be. Suggestions include setting up a receiver that visitors
can operate without us, with the club operating for Special
Events. Possibly buying some kits to be assembled while the
students watch. Packet should interest the computer orientated
younger generation. Anybody have an old receiver they would
loan that is capable of CW & SSB? Maybe enough interest for an
ARC, after all there used to be one at Jeff, and at least talk of
one at McCutcheon.

10NOV98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting

14NOV98 SAT Ø9ØØ-16ØØ 26th Fort Wayne Hamfest, Allen County War Memorial 15NOV98 SUN Ø9ØØ-15ØØ Coliseum Exposition Center, over 11ØØ tables, Special Guest Speaker: Gordon West!, ladies activities, forums & meetings, parking \$2.ØØ, Talk-in 146.22/82, \$5.ØØ

8DEC98 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting

9JAN99 SAT Ø8ØØ-14ØØ 27th Midwinter WARAC Swapfest, Waukesha County Fairgrounds, Waukesha, WI, \$5.ØØ A/N9SBZ

10JAN99 SUN 0800-1500 22nd South Bend Hamfest, sponsored by Michichiana Valley Hamfest Association, Downtown South Bend at the Century Center, Talk-in 145.290-, A/N9SBZ

12JAN99 TUE 1930 TARA Business Meeting (ELECTION NIGHT)

97 JAN99 WED 1930 TARA Program Meeting (BANQUET) COULD BE MAGICAL

21MAR99 SUN Ø8ØØ-14ØØ 44th Toledo (OR) Mobile Radio Association Hamfest Computer Fair, Lucas County Recreation Center, 29Ø1 Key Street, Maumee, Ohio, free parking, Talk-in 147.27t or 442.85t, \$6.00

14MAY99 }
15MAY99 }-- Dayton Hamvention (The Ham Event)
16MAY99 }

6JUN99 SUN Ø6ØØ 31st Wabash County ARC Hamfest, Wabash County 4-H Fair-

our 26th BIG YEAR



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Sunday 9 - 3 EST

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Admission: \$5.00 at the door only

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Coliseum parking: \$2.00 per vehicle

Talk-in: 146.88 (-)

Tables: \$20 for Flea Market (8 ft)

\$40 for Premium (8 ft)

\$27.50 for Electricity (110V 20A)

For info or table orders, send a S.A.S.E. to:

ACARTS / Fort Wayne Hamfest

PO Box 10342

Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For recorded info or to leave us a message, call:

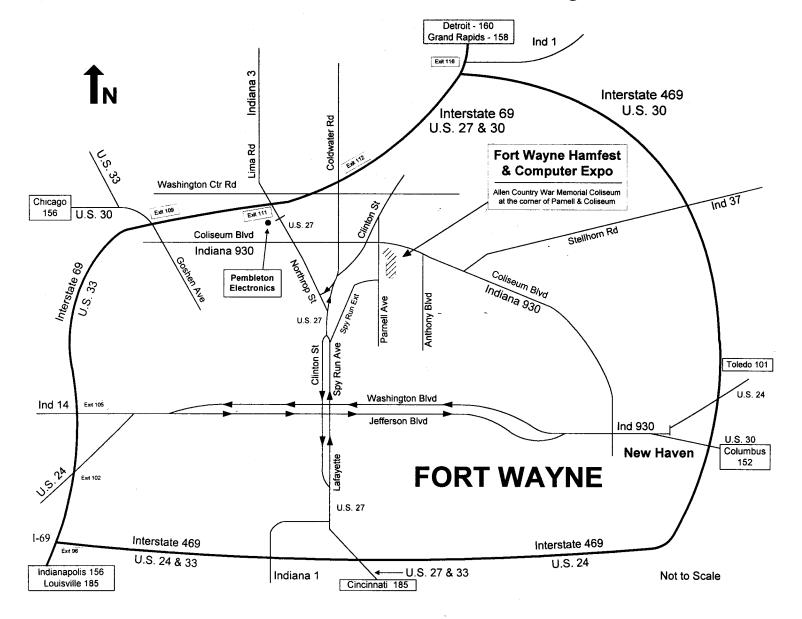
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We received in a round-a-bout way thru several relays, the text of an WlAW bulletin on changes in the Amateur license structure.

By the time we received them, and definitely as of this date, the FCC has 'refined', redefined, and otherwise tried to correct some errors is their original release.

They are leaning toward eliminating Novice & Technician Plus licenses, have feelers out on what the CW speed should be, tightening up possibly of fraud on 'handicapped' licenses, and several others things.

Those of you interested need to get ahold of about the last three QST-s, other source materials, and try to fathom it all.

Last date I heard for comments was December 1, 1998, but if the FCC keeps issuing 'errata', possibly the deadline will be moved back.

FCC re Require License Examination for Cellular Phone Users

The Federal communications Commission will soon begin to enforce some of the secret provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, accoring to Mr. Marvin Larpsnogg, an FCC official who asked to remain anonymous. One of the provisions mandates the licensing of all cellular telephone users by the end of 1999. All present and future users of cell phones will be required to take and pass a 200-question technical exam before the user license will be issued. According to the anonymous Mr. Larpsnogg cellular phones "have become way to popular in the United States." He

From their October Newsletter, we note they currently have 18 members. Ten years ago they had 23 members, but only one of those 23 is on the current roster. Of current members, it appears there are three husband/wife combinations, and it should be noted the females are active members.

With only 20% of the members that we have, they are very active. On a recent Fox Hunt (they have several) there were eleven participants.

Sometimes it appears that when you get a lot of people, they attitude becomes that there are enough people, that someone else can do 'it', and I'll set back and enjoy.

A scientifically-minded young man sat up all night trying to figure out where the sun went when it went down.

Finally it dawned on him.

said that "We have to find ways to restrict and identify cell-phone users so that federeal agencies can more easily monitor private conversaions." When reporters reminded him thatd it is ellegal for citizens to monitor cellular telephone conversations, and that even the government cannot do so without a court order, Mr. Larpsnogg replied, "Oh come now! I used to believe in the Easter Bunny, too." He explained that the license examination will cost applicants \$100, and if the applicant passes, issuance of the license will cost another \$200. The license will be valid for one year and can be renewed annually for ten years without reexamination, for a fee of \$300/year.

--N8JR

Help Wanted!

Are you looking for a plush position with a large organization'? Are you interested in one of the following positions. President. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Junior Director? Are you satisfied with the present administration, do you agree with the way this organization is being Do you have some good ideas run? that you think would benefit this group? Now is your chance to be Very soon the annual club heard. election will be upon us and as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee I will be more than happy to submit your name for whatever position you might be interested in running for. Don't just sit back and let someone else take these positions. Be a part of a great club, show us what you can do. It's true that the jobs pay nothing other than the satisfaction of a job well done. all seriousness, we need members who want to be involved in the operation of the Dayton Amateur Radio Assn. Every year we seem to have a problem finding members who are willing to serve. Once you try the positions listed above you will find them habit forming. you wanted to see how a certain facet of the club operated, maybe you always wanted to be more involved in the finances of the club, just possibly you may want to be the chief honcho, maybe you would like to be more involved in the allocation of funds for the day to day operation of the club. I'm sure everyone has had an idea for a great meeting night program. All these possibilities exist, all you have to do is submit your name and choice of position you are interested in and I will do the rest. Dave WT8W

 Our President will most likely be looking for candidates the nomination committee for next January's election.

That means it is time to prepare to be asked to run for office. It seems like we are lucky to get one candidate per office, it would be nice to have an honest to goodness competition (or choice) so the he different interest groups would be heard.

As these two Wednesday normally fall on, at, or near popular holidays, and the Constitution dictates that we do meet, do not be surprised if you are the only one to show up for the meeting.

The November issue should arrive circa December 5-7 The January issue should arrive circa January 9-11 The Secretary had automobile problems and by the time they could be resolved, the meeting was He finally was able to locate the Secretary-pro tem, but was informed that by the time they could be forwarded to him, it would be to late to be included in this mailing. We presume the Treasurer's Report is following the same route, it usually does. So they will (hopefully) be in the next issue printed.

STILL LOOKING FOR REPORT ON FIELD DAY, FEAST OF THE HUNTERS MOON, & ANY OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES.