

The Central Ohio Radio Club Newsletter

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146.16 / .76
W8RXX

146.37 / .97
W8RRJ

147.93 / .33
W8NBA

442.200

449.200

W8RXX

Associate

145.49 / 4.89
442.8/447.8
W8CMH

Same Event – New Location

The Central Ohio Radio club is again holding its annual Groundhog Hibernation Bash. Everything is the same except the location. We are now holding the event at the Harlem Township Firehouse located at 3883 South State Route 605 in Galena on Sunday November 7th at 6 PM. A fridge flyer is enclosed with a detailed map to help you find your way there. There will also be a station available on the 146.76 repeater to talk you in. As usual any amateur, or interested individual, is invited. The infamous W8RRJ grab bags will available and plenty of fun is in store. Please bring a covered dish or desert with a serving utensil to share and the club will provide the drinks and dining ware. A 50/50 drawing will be held. Be sure not to miss this fun event.

146.76 Receives “NEW” Transmitter

On Sunday June 6th the 146.76 transmitter died. WD8QWR and W8RXX were in attendance when the transmitter gasp its last RF breath. A few kind words were said and then it was finally time to remove it from life support. (AC Power) It was pronounced dead at 1:37 PM.

We were about ready to install a “NEW” transmitter on 146.97 since Tony, KC8ASF had finished converting the commercial Motorola Micor exciter for use in the Amateur band. We had to regroup and quickly order a channel element for 146.76 and connect the UHF link receiver that was transplanted from the donor. (Old 146.76 cabinet)

On Saturday June 19th K8NIO (Trigg aka Bill, aka William), KC8CTB (Charles), KA8IWB (Laura), & W8RXX (John) Placed the “New” 146.76 Transmitter on the air.

CORC apologizes for the transmitter being off the air for that time but we now have plenty of spares for the current units. We will be replacing 146.97 & 147.33 later this fall with the same “NEW” Units.

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Here is some trivia for those who did not know.... The 146.76 Columbus repeater first went on the air on Fathers Day in 1970. The input frequency was 146.34. That was before the ARRL band plan of today. It was only right we were able to get it back on the day before Fathers Day this year!

The “NEW” Micor’s were donated by WD8QWR. I should explain “NEW”... They are “NEW” to CORC and years newer than the old transmitters they are replacing. The “NEW” ones were designed in 1973. They should provide years of Amateur service. Hams must recycle you know!

In other technical news, the 147.33 repeater has been off the air for the last few months. Somehow the antenna or feedline was damaged causing high VSWR and blowing power supply fuses. That antenna is on the very top of the tower and is almost impossible to get to due to the fact that WCVO is on the air 24/7 and we would either have to work near a broadcast antenna radiating over 5000 watts, or take WCVO off the air while the antenna and feedline was being repaired. Neither is a good option. It has been in the plans for sometime to move the 146.97 repeater transmitter, so it was decided to replace and move that transmitter and then let the 147.33 use the remaining good antenna and feedline at WCVO. Unfortunately, .76 then went down and delayed all our plans. Hopefully, this fall, all this work can be done and 7.33 be restored.

Keep checking your CORC Repeater news as a lot of new “bells and whistles” are about to start appearing on all of the different repeaters. I really shouldn’t mention what they are, but Voice over IP phone lines, IRLP and APRS are just a few of the things that are coming our way.

Membership Update

By Joe Hahn, W8NBA
Membership Chairman/ Newsletter Editor

CORC now has a total of 206 full pay members and 6 associate members. In addition, there are 46 family members and 10 life members. Since the last newsletter was printed, the following persons have joined CORC.

Jerrold Emmons	KC8WIA	Patrick Coffey	AB8OO
Larry Smallwood	KC8RXF	Chip Thomas	KB8FXG
Steve Trent	KC8WHY	Greg Schultz	N8KRS
Charles Bushell	KC8VWM	Jeff Yates	KC8ZYB
Thom Baxter	KC8UAS	Robert Sparrow	W8AEY
Jim Clark	KC8VKQ		

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.

Jeffery Gergal	WX8U	Art Grandle	KD8ZG
Clay Jenkins	W8HUE	Matt Gilbert	K8KDR
Walter Madej	KB8EUX	Ron France	N8LPX
Michael Strautz	KA8RTI	Dan Clay	KC8MQO
Lester Boadie	KC8EVR	John Hull	W8RRJ
Richard Redman	W8AVM	Trigg Tabor	K8NIO
Terry Cooper	KC8LUV	Laura Perone	KA8IWB
Pete Shapter	KB8YBW	Phil Carter	WD8QWR
Bob Lewis	N8GU	Jim Gifreda	W8MAP
Frank Piper	KI8GW	Ed Schleppi	K8VKA
Thom Baxter	KC8UAS	Steve Robeano	WD8JKX
Charles Bushell	KC8VWM	Joe Hahn	W8NBA
Steve Malott	N8JYV	Tony Fabro	N8RRB
Chip Thomas	KB8FXG	John Perone	W8RXX
Fred Hull	W8WTB		
Tom Pallone	KC8ASF		

e TRAVELIN' TONY'S TIMETABLES

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Autumn greetings to you from your club secretary. I have been pretty much absent from the airwaves thanks to my customer at work. However I did manage to escape the jaws of work for a day and represented CORC at the Voice of Aladdin Columbus Hamfest. I want to thank those of you who stopped by the table and introduced yourselves to me. Hopefully we'll meet again at one of the club's potlucks!

The club has had a number of things occur in the past several months. Our flagship repeater had to have the transmitter replaced, a task that was going to occur eventually anyway. However mechanical failure necessitated this change sooner than planned. This was on the heels of the controller replacement a few months earlier. Other projects being planned are the movement of the .97 repeater transmitter, the implementation of IRLP on the .97 repeater, and putting the .33 repeater back on the air.

As you can see, we have a lot on our grid plates! All of this takes a lot of time and money, both very precious commodities. Fortunately most of these projects have already been funded or allocated funds so the money part has been taken care of. The down side is that your hard-working club directors are all workaholics therefore have limited time to complete these projects.

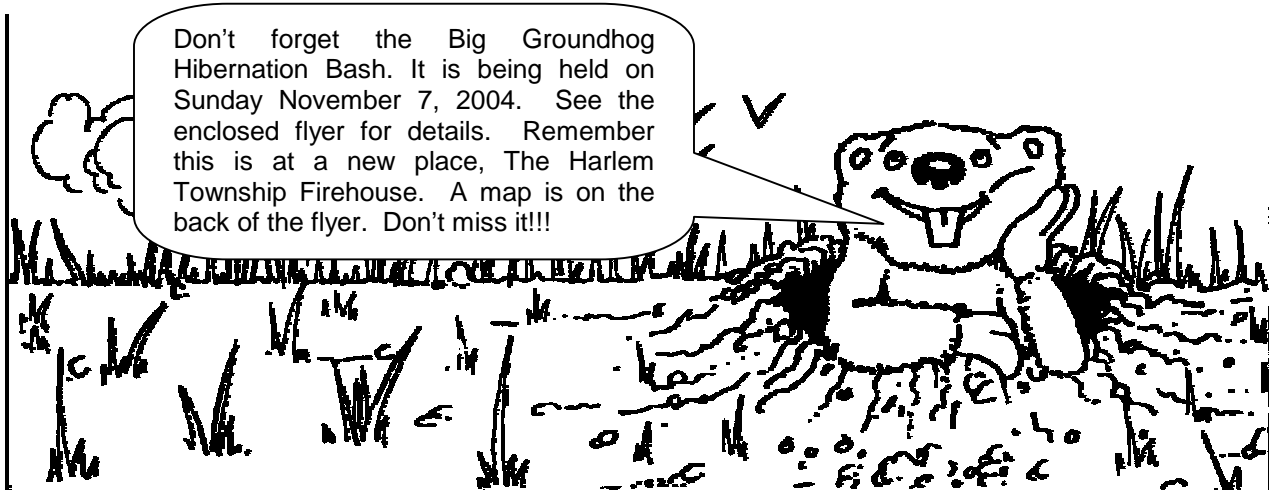
If you have a technical savvy, or are big, burly, and can lug 500 lb. transmitters with one arm, please let us know as we can use your assistance. As always, if you have any suggestions for the club directors, by all means let us know. The club directors are always looking for membership feedback.

Have a safe day.

CORC Board Names Two New Life Members

At the August 22nd Board of Directors meeting, two new Life Members were named. John Perone, W8RXX and Phil Carter, WD8QWR were both granted Life Membership. Both have been club members for many years, both have served as officers and committee chairmen and both have worked very hard for years in service to the club. It has been over a decade since the last Life Membership was granted and this is not an honor that is freely distributed. We congratulate both John and Phil and thank them for their time and devotion to the club.

These are the other surviving Life Members: Ed Schleppi, K8VKA; Lew Ramey; Stew Banks, W8FEH; Dee Wheeler, W8GKN; Bob Wasylic, W8GYS; Jim Gifreda, W8MAP; John Hull, W8RRJ; and Jim Azbell, WB8SYK.



The background of the entire page is decorated with various types of leaves, including maple and oak, some of which are falling from the top. The title is written in a large, bold, black font with a white outline, slanted upwards from left to right.

10th Annual Groundhog Hibernation Bash

November 7, 2004 (Sunday)

6 PM EGT (Eastern Groundhog Time)

NEW LOCATION - NEW LOCATION

Harlem TWP Firehouse (See Map)

Bring Covered Dish (With Spoon)

CORC WILL PROVIDE

Soft Drinks

Coffee/Tea

Plastic Ware

Cups, Plates

\$\$\$50-50 Drawing \$\$

Grabbags and Other Surprises

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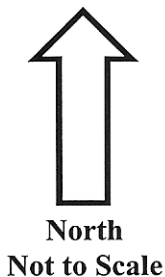
Put this notice on your
refrigerator as a reminder!

From I-270 on the Eastside, Go East on SR-161. It becomes the NEW ALBANY EXPRESSWAY. Continue east four exits to NEW ALBANY ROAD.

Exit to NEW ALBANY ROAD. At the light at the top of ramp, turn LEFT (North) onto NEW ALBANY ROAD. It crosses the bridge and then bears sharp right and then left through a new office park. It crosses Central College Road (traffic light) and later curves to the right again. New Albany Road ends at SR-605 (stop sign).

Turn LEFT (North) on SR-605. Go about 4.0 miles North on SR-605 to Center Village and CENTER VILLAGE ROAD (*No* light or stop sign). You cross into Delaware County half way up. Watch for the county line sign! The firehouse is 2.1 miles North of the county line. Watch for the township's park on the left and the Firehouse on the right.

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Galena, OH 43021
(740) 965-2661
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Use Public Entrance in Rear!



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("East" under the bridge.)

I-270

SR 161 New Albany Expressway

If you are coming from the south
on 270: Keep bearing right and
follow signs to 161 and New
Albany

Dublin Granville Rd
Old 161

Center
Village
Road

Delaware
County
Line

SR 605

Central College Rd

New Albany Rd

No exit at 161
& SR 605

US 62

NEW
ALBANY

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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. Alternate PL tone used during announcements by Weather Net.

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.

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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:

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