

The Central Ohio Radio Club Newsletter

October 2016

From CORC President

Laura Perone KA8IWB

Jim Gifreda, W8MAP/SK



Former CORC Director and Life Member Jim Gifreda W8MAP passed away in May. He had been active as a director, treasurer, membership chair and newsletter editor. Jim adored public service. He was involved with ARES and the Weather Net. To increase weather net spotter coverage from the west, Jim arranged for CORC to get a 76 receiver site at High Point in Bellefontaine.

Jim developed and maintained a map of Ohio 2 meter repeaters long before this information was readily available. Because of this, he changed his call from WB8YUS to W8MAP.

One of Jim's final wishes was that donations be made to CORC in lieu of flowers. We thank Jim and Martha KN8ITR for this generous gesture.

Fall Potluck & Meeting Announcement

The next potluck/meeting will be **6pm Sunday, October 16 at the Genoa Township Hall**. There will also be an optional 5pm Foxhunt before dinner. See Foxhunt details below. CORC provides dinnerware, utensils, cups, napkins, ice, soft drinks, and coffee. Bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share. You can expect the traditional 50-50 drawing and several door prizes.

Guest speaker Jason Landry N9DWP is an AEP engineer who will be speaking about Radio Interference and AC line noise. If it's available, Jason will be bringing an AEP infrared camera used in the field to help locate noise. This should be a very interesting presentation.

Fox Hunt is a search for a hidden transmitter. Bring a VHF or dual band handheld with charged batteries. Don't forget your loop antenna if you built one, a paper clip and maybe a calculator. You'll know what those are for if you attended the last meeting. Good luck finding the "Fox."

73, Laura Perone KA8IWB President

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FM Repeaters

52.94/51.70
/53.70 – 52.70
W8RRJ

146.16 / .76
W8AIC

146.37 / .97
W8RRJ

147.93 / .33
W8NBA
IRLP Node 8094

444.200/449.200
W8AIC

442.800/447.800
K8NIO

D-Star Repeaters

145.49 / 4.89
444.000/449.000
W8CMH

In case you missed the May Potluck

Before the actual potluck, we constructed loop direction finding antennas. These were then used for a fox hunt in the parking lot. The antennas worked well but the batteries on some handies were not charged. That's what these tests are for, to find out what is needed in an actual hunt. Roy W8REH found the hidden transmitter.

John W8RXX and John W8RRJ spoke about the art of fox hunting during the meeting. It was very informative.

CORC gave out several door prizes. The winners were:

W8REH and KD8OQA	Weather Radios
KD8OD	Olive Garden Gift Card
W8EDT	Red Lobster Gift Card
N8RRB	50/50 Drawing

Scott N8SY, Ohio ARRL Section Manager gave away an ARRL Handbook. Patrick KD8ION was the winner. Thank you Scott!

CORC Field Day 2016 or "Field Day 101"

Many groups set up for Field Day to see how many contacts they can make in 2 days. CORC wanted to get people on the air. Several had never been on low bands before and for some it had been a long time. Our location was Genoa Township Hall. Both 20 and 40 meter antennas were put up as well as two HF stations. We operated from 2 until 9 pm Saturday in air conditioned comfort.

Several hams who had never been on low bands came away now wanting to get on the air at home. Those who had been off the air a long time, stations are getting dusted off and antennas are being put back up in the air and used.

We plan to expand next year so hopefully more hams can join in on the fun. Field Day is a learning experience for all. One thing we learned was to be sure to bring multiple headsets next year...

2016 Columbus Hamfest Review

The Columbus Hamfest was held August 6th at the Shriner's new location in Grove City. Change is good. It brought new visitors and the preliminary results indicated attendance was about the same as last year. The forum room was lovely, and the VE testing area was away from the action. The indoor sales area was very nice and most of the tables were in use. The flea market had many trunk sales going on. Being their first year at this location, they learned that the PA system in the indoor sales area was missing. They also realized they didn't have their white board from past years. But most importantly the bathroom reports were excellent.

We are certain the Columbus Hamfest will continue its growth in its new location. We hope to see you there next year!

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Membership Update By John Perone, W8RXX Membership Chair

Many thanks to the following who have donated their time, talent, money, printing, etc. since the last newsletter was printed. This all helps keep CORC financially sound.

W8RRJ	W8NBA	WD8QWR	N8RRB	KC8ASF	W8VET
KB8CIQ	WD8JKX	W8RXX	WA8KKN	KA8IWB	W8EDT
KD8YEK	KC8MQO	KA8CYA			

Welcome to the following hams who have joined CORC since the last newsletter was printed. Be sure to thank them for joining when you hear them on the air.

KE8CYY – Ed	WA8EZN – David	W8EDT – Niklas	KE8BKV – Markus
N8TDB – Al	KD8YEK – Jeffrey	W8ATS – Joseph	KE8EVC – Andrew
KC8MQO – Dan	KD8TTE – Matthew	KB8UVN – Matt	K8MJ – Michael
KA8CYA – Ross	KD8GRN – Geoff		

Tech Net Slated To Start October 9th By Tony Fabro, N8RRB Tech Net Co-Chair

The CORC Tech Net will begin its new season on October 9th at 19:30. Announcements will be placed on the repeaters and the CORC Yahoo group listing the topic. The rest of the dates are tentatively as follows:

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
23	6	4	8	12	12	9
	20	18	22	26	26	23

All nets meet on Sundays at 19:30 on the W8NBA/R 147.330+ (PL 123.0 Hz) unless otherwise announced.

Five years ago, the net was revived with the goal of educating ham operators on topics related to amateur radio. The net is a hybrid of the original CORC Tech Net and the Central Ohio Ham Radio and Computer Net. The original CORC Tech Net, which ran during the 1970s and 1980s, helped hams troubleshoot their equipment, much of which was homebrew or modified commercial gear. The Ham Radio and Computer Net, which was in its prime in the late 1980s and 1990s, was a highly technical net with discussions about radios, antennas, computers and computer software.

Today, the goal of the Tech Net is to take a topic related to amateur radio and present it in depth, allowing for questions and discussion. Past topics included repeater operation, antennas and feedline, battery safety and digital HF operations. Topics about computers, computer security and operating systems have also been discussed.

The Tech Net is always looking for ideas for future nets, as well as operators who have an expertise in an amateur radio related topic. Send an e-mail to technet@corc.us if you have an idea or are interested in being the subject matter expert (SME) for a future net.

CORC's 22nd Annual Fall Festival Potluck & Meeting

October 16th, 2016 (Sunday)

6 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

Genoa Township Hall (See Map)

Bring a Covered Dish to Share (with a Spoon)

CORC will Provide

Soft Drinks / Water

Coffee / Tea

High Quality Plastic Ware

Cups / Plates

Napkins

Door Prizes

50/50 Drawing

Speaker: AEP Engineer

Jason Landry N8DWP

Radio Interference

AC Line Noise

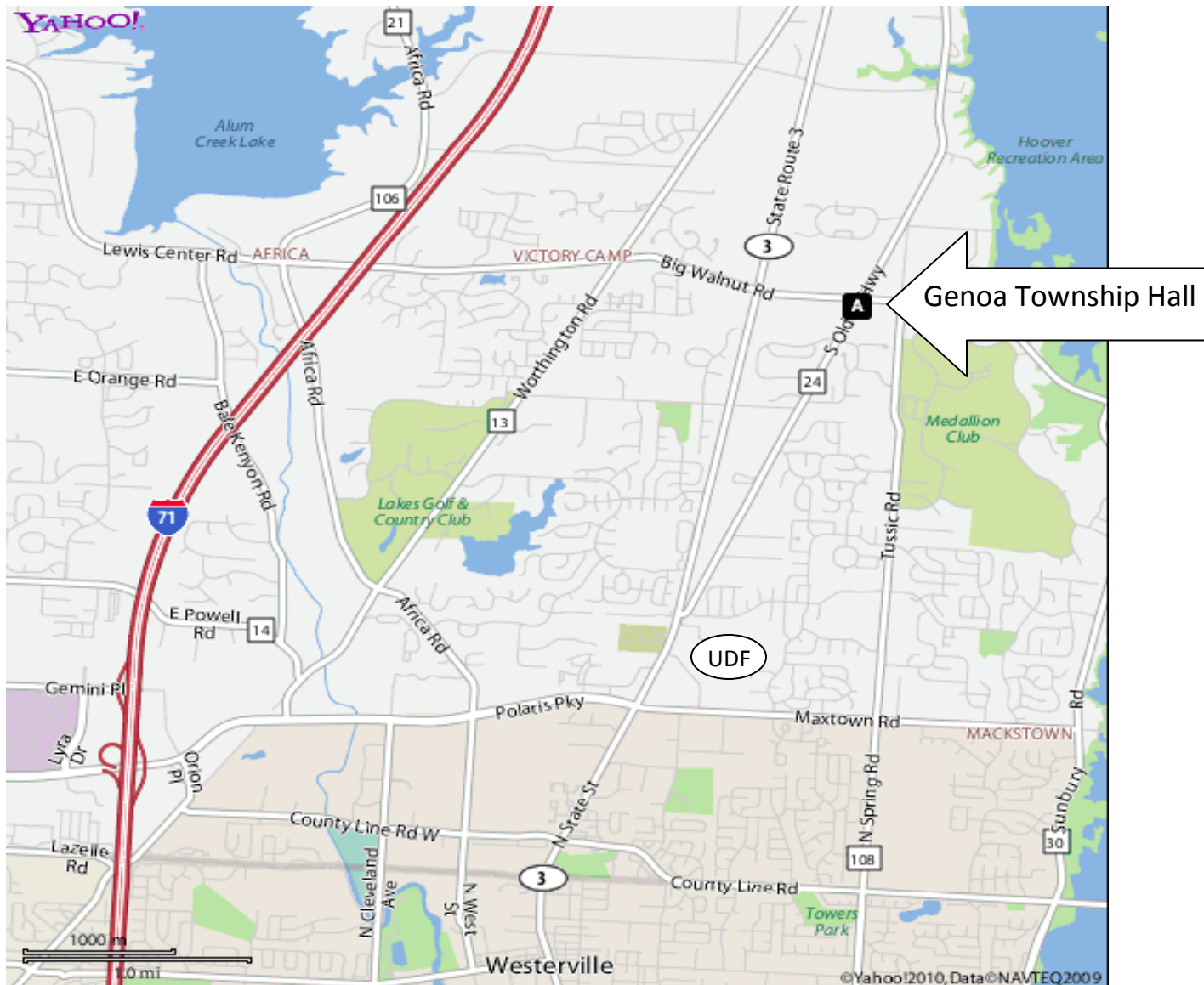
Optional: Fox Hunt at 5 PM

Come early and bring your
2M or Dual Band HT with
charged batteries, paper clip
and your loop antenna if you
have one

Put this notice on your refrigerator as a reminder

And now that you know about it...

Here is how you get there!



From 71 take Polaris Pkwy to State Route 3 and turn on Old 3C Highway and go North to The Genoa Township Hall.

From 270 exit on State Route 3/ Westerville Road and go north to Old 3C Highway.

Genoa Township Hall is on the corner of Big Walnut and Old 3C Highway.

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