



## Wayne Amateur Radio Club - W8WOO

*Serving Wayne County Ohio since 1972 • We'll be listening on 147.21 (PL 88.5) & 443.175 (No PL)*

*The Club meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Wayne County Communications Center on the corner of Burbank and Oldman Roads in Wooster. Meetings start at 7:30pm.*



**DECEMBER GIFT EXCHANGE** • Give your shack a good cleaning and come up with a “White Elephant” gift that you can exchange with another club member. Be sure that you wrap it up pretty. All of the gifts will be piled together and a drawing order determined. After you open your gift, you may make ONE exchange with anyone else who has already opened their gift. After all gifts are opened, the first person who opened a gift gets the final exchange. This should be a lot of laughs. Make your gifts as silly as you can and make it HAM related.



**CODE CLASS** • Well, it finally happened ..... I knew if we waited long enough, we wouldn't have to complete these classes. The FCC has removed as Morse code requirements from all classes of amateur licenses. Based on this “End Of An Era” happening, I intend to discontinue the CW classes unless there is an overwhelming interest shown. Let me know your desires and wishes and we will move accordingly.

In light of this change in requirements, I would urge all amateurs to do whatever they can to not let us head down the pathway of CB'ers. Please help, in whatever way you can, to preserve the dignity and self-policing attributes of this hobby. I personally have found it to be more fun operating in the CW mode (even though I am still struggling with my speed and accuracy) and CW contesting is a great sport. All in all, let's maintain those things that have made amateur radio what it is. (Ed.)



**NOVEMBER 16, 2006 MEETING** • David Shaeffer (K8DMS) from Lakeville, OH. regaled us with the details of his PVC Portable Tower Construction Project. David had an article appear in the February 2005 issue of QST starting on page 87. (A copy of the article can be found on the web at this URL - [arri.org/news/features/2005/01/06/1/](http://arri.org/news/features/2005/01/06/1/) ) As an added bonus, he talked about his vocation in fibre optics. The progress that has been made in this area of communication is truly amazing. Thanks Davie for an interesting and informative presentation.



**DECEMBER 21, 2006 MEETING** • We are pleased to have John Gareis talk to us about the amateur's role in support of the Red Cross. John is the director of the Wooster chapter of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross and many other relief agencies rely on amateur radio “when all else fails”. We play an important part in their planning and here is a first-hand chance to hear just how.

**DX CLUB** • The DX Club will meet on December 26th at Russ McQuate's shack (K8RMC). We realize that this is the day after Christmas, but we need the night out. The group holds a DX net that convenes every Thursday at 8:00pm. All Hams interested in discussing DX are invited to check in. The group is using 147.345 with a PL of 110.9. Check the WARC web site for details.

**HAM EVENTS & CONTESTS** • For details and information on hamfests or contests, please use the following links: [ARRL Hamfest Calendar](#) AND [8 Day Contest Calendar](#)

**ANYTHING TO ADD?** • If you have any announcements that you want to put in a newsletter or you feel inclined to write an article, let me know. You can email me at [K8RMC@arri.net](mailto:K8RMC@arri.net) and I'll do my best to get it in writing.