

PCARS 20th Anniversary Special Event Station

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PCARS held a Special Event Station on-the-air August 9th at the club site. Along with the special event, there was a cook-out and open house. Attendance was good an estimated 60 people showed up. It was a bit warm outside, but no rain to dampen anything.



The bands were not really cooperative, but we managed to make 113 contacts. Members were invited to get on the air to make contacts and the radio room was busy all day. We were on the air from 10 am until 6 pm.

The 'Grill Masters' Bob, N8QE and Mike KB8TUY cooked up burger, hot dogs and brats. Members brought side dishes and there was plenty of great food to go around. If you left there hungry, it was your own fault.

The operators that made contacts were:

AD8FQ - 28, AD8IR - 24, N8OQQ - 16, NR8W - 15, KB8TUY - 11, N8QE - 5, KB8UUZ - 3, N8WCP - 3, KA8TOA - 2, KD8WCK - 2, AC8QG - 1, K8CAV/BEN - 1, WB9LBI - 1, and WP4PLR - 1.



The most fun contact I saw is when Rick, K8CAV was helping his grandson Ben Casto make a contact. Ben and his sister were there with Rick and Rick figured they would just want to get a hot dog and then leave. But Ben said to his grandfather - 'no, let's not go yet, I want to make a contact on the radio'. Rick was surprised and they sat down at the radio. Rick's smile and Ben's attention was just great to watch. Ben could not reach the PTT Pedal, so Rick had to use the PTT button on the radio while listening to the QSO. He was prompting Ben on what to say. It took a bit and I must say the station that they worked (KE8TQR in Uniontown, OH) on 15 meters was really being patient during the exchanges. Ben made it finally and his smile said it all - **Lots of Fun!**

Everyone that sat and made, or tried to make, contacts during this special event were awarded a really nice certificate at the PCARS meeting the following Monday. The members that qualified for the certificate were:

AC8QG, AD8FQ, AD8IR, K8CAV, K8HGK, KA8TOA, KB8TUY, KB8UUZ, KD8WCK, KE8LWO, KP4VZ, N8OQQ, N8WCP, NR8W, W8KNO, W8NET, W8PT, WA8LRW, WA8UWV, WB8LCD, WB9LBI, WD8DAU, WP4PLR and BEN CASTO. A copy of the certificate will be

hung up on the club wall for all to see.



This was a great day full of fun for all that attended. A lot of planning went into this and there were a number of members that were behind the scenes to make this a great club activity. I want to thank each and every member that helped make this a successful and fun day for PCARS members. After all, we are known as "Kilo Eight Big Fun" and that was true during this PCARS event.

20 years where does the time go. Seems like just last week PCARS was started.

