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Regular Meetings: 2nd Tue. Lunch at 11:30 AM, MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. Kettering

SK: Bob Green, K8JXE (89) 2 Nov. 2011

Apr 10 A New Way in Medical Imaging by Robert Crane, W8SX
May 8 Hamvention Preview/Discussion

Happy Birthday to the following

4/24/37	W8ILC	5/31/47	N8KPJ	6/10/33	WB8KMX
5/7/29	KA8GYV	6/4/21	W8RVH	6/14/38	W8CRK
5/12/19	W8WTL	6/6/20	WR8A	6/14/51	KB1SF
5/14/38	KA8RIO	6/7/21	W8MK	6/20/22	W8LIL

President's Comments

Gerd, WB8IFM.

By the time I got serious about finding the offensive noise source (mentioned in the last bulletin) it miraculously disappeared and I was happy. But after a silence of several weeks, it reappeared last Sunday and has continued since. So, back to the drawing board.

I hope you enjoyed my photos last month as well as the commentary on our 10-day trip to Costa Rica. We almost didn't get the show on the road until Ted, NC8V, pushed a few buttons in the right sequence and voila, the pictures appeared on the screen.

It is said that visiting another country is like reading an entire book compared to just one page of a book when learning about it in school. Certainly, with a lifetime of experience and traveling around the US and on occasion a foreign country, you develop a measuring stick for comparing cultures and you will be utterly amazed by what you see, what you learn and often think about the benefits.

Our son, who has been living in Costa Rica for a few years now, still does not have a car. The way I figure, there are two reasons for this: First, the roads are

poorly marked and there are no house numbers. Moreover, everyone imagines that the roads are in bad shape (not entirely true), and the drivers appear to be a little crazy (only sometimes seems that way), which are additional factors that might discourage driving. The second reason, however, is that the public transportation system is very good and like with everything else, once you get the hang of it, it is easy to use. The cost is very affordable, probably subsidized by the government, and once you travel to another town, at the bus stop there are dozens of taxis lined up ready to ferry you to your ultimate destination, like somewhere at the edge of town. The taxi fares are also very affordable especially when you ride with a group. As I recall it was about \$1.50 for the first mile and 90 cents for each additional mile.

What about gasoline prices? There are not many gas stations so you really have to look out for these. For a few days our son got a rental car and we stopped twice for gas. The prices were higher than in the US: I estimate around \$5 per gallon. Of course, they go by the liter and it takes 3.8L to make a gallon. The Costa Rican government controls the price and it is the same anywhere in the entire country. No driving around for "cheap gas!" Another interesting thing: in stores the prices are usually marked in full

numbers, nothing like this nonsense of 0.99, like in the US. Also there is no extra sales tax, but I am sure that the merchants pay something of that sort to the government. These are just a few observations from the "side of the road."

Hope to see you at our next meeting where Bob, W8SX, will tell us about a new way of obtaining images of our body's innards. He will also give us a live demonstration of the process!

Cu at the meetings, Vy73, Gerd.

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Hamvention 2012

QCWA Banquet
Fri 18 May 7:30 PM

Holiday Inn, Dayton Airport ...
NW corner of N. Main St. and I-70.
(Engelwood)

Presentation:

John Lemker, SM : "Wonder Full"
(Nature Photography)

\$25 per person.

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