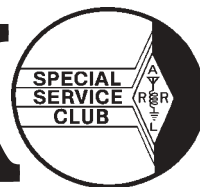




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APRIL MEETING

The meeting for the month of April will be held at the Massillon Senior Center on April 2nd, 2004 at 8:00 PM

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!! As I sit here writing this I'm looking out the window at 3 inches of snow on the ground. Maybe Mother Nature has played a cruel joke on us! According to the calendar March 20 (just 3 days from now) is supposed to be the first day of spring? Oh well maybe it will warm up next month. Anyway did all of you attend the Skywarn meeting at the Stark State College Campus on March 24th? I did and I was glad I did. With the coming of spring, many changes in the weather are expected and we as amateurs must be prepared in case of extremely inclement weather. We now have a new Director at the helm of the Stark County EOC. He is Rick Alatorre and the training session was a really good way to meet him. We look forward to working with him both professionally and socially.

RESTRUCTURING PETITION

At last month's meeting we proposed sending a letter to the ARRL concerning our displeasure with the proposed new License Restructuring. Well I'm afraid that is no longer possible. The proposal has gone to the FCC and they have issued a number to the issue. It's RM-10867. Actually there have been 4 proposals sent to the FCC and all four are up for comment. To learn more about each proposal go to :

http://gulfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6516083735

To comment on the ARRL Proposal you can go to the FCC web site at http://savartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi and insert the required information and then enter your comment. Be sure to include the RM-10870 in the upper left hand corner. If you wish to comment on the other proposals they are RM-10868 through RM-10870. You will have to comment on each proposal separately if you wish. You will have 30 days to make comments. I urge each member to read and comment on this very important issue. This will severely affect Amateur Radio for years to come! Please read the Editorial on page 4.

- SHORT SKIP -

"April showers brings May's flowers," and also deadly lightning ! Play it safe, disconnect your antenna and local power from the rig. A great article on this subject is on page 70 of this month's QST. I encourage you to read and heed !

73 DE WB80WM

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PROGRAM FOR APRIL

Our VP Joe WD8BGW informs us the program for the month of April will be a video of The Ham Radio Olympics produced by the Yasme Foundation and the Northern California DX Foundation. The exciting video recounts the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) 2000, held in Bled, Slovenia. This 24 hour Olympic-style competition is a celebration of contesting and ham radio. Teams, made up of the world's very best operators, faced off in simulated pile-ups and collected contacts in the IARU HF World Championship contest.

MARC MINUTES

March 5,2004

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 41 members and guests present.

MARC President Jim WA8GXM opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made.

Jim WA8GXM then made a correction on the February minutes, about the correct starting time. A motion was then made by Don W8DEF and second by Byron KF8UN to accept the rest of the minutes as stated in the *FEEDBACK*.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF gave the January and February financial reports. A motion was made for an approval by Sandra N8TZB and second by Rich KA8ZQH

MARC Vice President Joe WD8BGW gave the correspondence report. MARC received a thank you letter from the Massillon Baptist Temple for the donation made in remembering Bruce Cummons W8ZNV.

Joe also had newsletters from other Amateur Radio Clubs and a list of upcoming Hamfests. He talked about Florida having hams involved with the Amber alert. He also gave warning about E-Bay scams with amateur equipment. Ask the seller if they are licensed. You can check this out further on the ARRL web site.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary WC8W discussed broad band over power lines. He then asked if MARC would take a stand on the proposed licensing changes. A vote was taken and the majority approved sending a letter objecting to this move to the ARRL. Gary WC8W will write the letter, anyone wanting to sign it can do so at the April meeting.

Jack N8LCS needs helpers for the MS Walk on April 18, 2004 for the Towpath in Canal Fulton. Jason KC8LIN has a sign up sheet for Quail Hollow.

Terry N8ATZ said the MARC web site has been paid. He also announced Sky Warn training will be March 24th. at Stark State College, everyone is encouraged to attend. He said an Akron business has approached him wanting MARC Hamfest table and chair rental business. A vote was taken to stay with Schrader at this time.

Jim WA8GXM asked for help at the hospitals during tornado warnings. Sam WA8YGR and Larry KC8RKU will be at Massillon Community and Ed WA8DRT at Doctors. More help is needed to cover these, if you can help contact Jim.

Joe WD8BGW passed around a survey. What kind of programs would you like to have on meeting nights?

We welcomed 4 newly licensed members Scott McGill KC8ZCT, Sarah McGill KC8ZCS, George (Mike) Garaux KC8QOC, and Thomas StGeorge KC8ZEH.

Don W8DEF gave a report on the program given by the Perry Police Dept. and the FBI held at Perry high School. Comments were heard from Rich KA8ZQH and Tim WB8HHP.

There was no other business so the meeting ended at 8:40 P.M. with motion made by Sandra N8TZB and second by many others.

After refreshments, Perry W8AU gave a very good program the USS LST 325.

Congratulations goes to Thomas KC8ZEH for winning the 50-50 for \$22.50.

**Minutes by Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC**

**MARC Safety Break date came in after the meeting.
It will be Mothers Day weekend, May 7,8,&9 Contact Joe WD8BGW to get on
the schedule.**

... Recent Website Updates ...

During last months meeting it was brought to my attention that the club's website while chock full of useful information doesn't give any specific directions to get to our monthly meetings at the Senior Citizens Center. I guess I'm so used to our regular club members attending that I never thought about it. Over the last couple of meetings we have had a few new members come by for a visit and some of them don't really know the city very well. The address of the Center is posted on the meetings page but this isn't enough if you don't know your way around. Sorry for the omission, it has been corrected along with a handful of errors that had been hanging around including one of which was the meeting start time. We have provided a link from the home page that directs you to a new section on the meetings page. Here you will find specific directions from Route 21 along with a map showing the meeting location. We hope this will make it a bit easier for guests to find us on meeting night !

.... More Website Updates ...

Speaking of the website your webmasters have been hard at work correcting some errors and adding some additional material. As we enter the public service season watch for announcements of upcoming events that the club helps with. We can always use new volunteers to help with these events. Our next event is the Annual MS Walk which is on Sunday, April 18th. This is a nice low stress event and a great way to gain some public service experience while helping out a great organization. The bad part this year is that the walk is the same day as the Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest which many of our members attend. We need enough volunteers to cover both Canal Fulton Community Park and Quail Hollow State Park, about 12 – 14 volunteers in all. This spring event is usually a bit muddy at both events so wear your old walking boots. If you are not going to the hamfest this year consider helping out with this public service event. We can really use your help !

.... Maxim Memorial Station – W1AW ...

Have any of you ever worked the Maxim Memorial Station – W1AW ? Recently the ARRL ran a story that covered some new equipment that was being installed that operates on some of the newest digital modes being used today. They also included a link that details the history of the station and includes some great pictures from W1AW. I had the opportunity to visit ARRL Headquarters back in 1985 in my famous Gold Cougar. Check out the website story that includes some pictures

from my trip and the full story on this most famous of ham stations.

.... Direction Finder Update

The Direction Finding Kit is almost finished. A few wiring errors were discovered and thanks to some help from Ramsey Electronics, I think we're close to a finished DF unit. I'll soon post the final installment of my experiences building and debugging this kit including setup and road tests. Look for it in a week or two.

.... 2004 Club Roster

The 2004 Club Roster should be finished by the time you read this and I hope to have it posted on the website by then. The membership grace period expires at the end of March so if you haven't renewed your membership by then you will see your name dropped from the list. I'm sure you didn't mean for this to happen, take a few minutes and send in your dues to help support our great organization. If you did renew and don't see your name on the web roster make sure you let us know about it !

**That's it for this month, see you at the April
Club Meeting !
Terry – N8ATZ**

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2004

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Proposed RM-10867 an Editorial

The FCC has issued a Rule Making number to the ARRL Proposed Licencing Restructuring and has opened it to comments. The comment period is for 30 days (beginning 03/24/2004).

The ARRL proposal in my opinion, has some merits. The idea of making just 3 Amateur Radio License Classes a sound idea (with clarity and distinction for each class). However they are going about it all wrong. First they want to make an entry level Class license (for now called "Novice") with a mer 25 question exam and of course no code requirement. This is fine except leave the exam at it's current 35 questions all from the current Tech Class Question pool and of course no code requirement. Then they want to give the new class CW/ Phone and Data/image privileges on the 80, 40, 15, and 10 meter bands Plus certain VHF and UHF privileges. This is totally UNACCEPTABLE! In today's Hi-Tech world, it is a good idea to create an entry level class with some phone, etc, privileges. I do not object to this idea, however, the idea of opening up the 40 and 80 meter bands, which are already extremely crowded a very bad idea and it's an open invitation to disaster! If they wish to have phone privileges how about giving them the 10 and 15 meter formerly Novice CW band for phone ? This will include the 28.3 MHz through 28.5 MHz band. A HUGE band on 10 meters (28.100 MHz through 28.500 MHz). It will include the prestigious DX window on 28.400 - 28.500 MHz ! On 15 meters they will have 100 MHz from 21.100 MHz through 21.200 MHz., a very nice entry band. Since there is no longer a code requirement, then why not get some use out of these portions of the bands? The current General and Extra CW bands will be UNAFFECTED!

Next they want to "consolidate" the Technician, Tech Plus and General Class licensees into a new General Class license that would require NO MORSE CODE! Also they want to "grandfather" current Advanced Classes into Amateur Extra class, with NO additional testing---- just Give it to them! This is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!!! Currently there is too much confusion on the distinction of Tech and Tech Plus class. I totally understand the theory behind this proposal.

Remember when you were young and someone "gave" you say a new bike? You didn't take very good care of it because you didn't "earn" it! It's just human nature to do that. Same thing with just "giving" licenses away---- you don't RESPECT the new license. If you had to earn the new license you'd respect it! Yes it's a great idea to have just three distinct license classes. But consider this. All of the current Tech and Tech Plus licensees must take a "special" 25 question exam from the current General Class license pool to obtain their new General Class License (No Code Tech Class will still have to pass the 5 WPM Morse Code requirement). The same with Advanced Class Licensees. A "special" 25 question exam taken from the current Extra Class License question pool to EARN their new license. This way they will RESPECT their new license. This must be done within say a 3 year period or their license will revert back to either Novice or General respectively. This way within a 3 year period there would be

a three class system, "Novice", General and Extra. A simple but effective system ! What do you think?

While we're at it let's go for the "whole enchilada" Let's propose a NEW BAND PLAN ! For years, decades actually, the General Class has had to put up with Extreme crowding on the 40 and 80 meter bands. Since the elimination of the Novice CW requirement, the 40 & 80 meter Novice CW bands have almost gone unnoticed, not too much activity on them. How about this, move the General Class phone band down to 7.150 MHZ with an upper end at 7.300 MHZ. Use the 7.100 - 7.150 MHZ for and exclusive Amateur EXTRA Class phone band . Do the same for the 80 meter band, move the General Class phone down to 3.750 MHZ with an upper band limit at 4000 MHZ Use the former Novice band for Extra Class phone starting at 3.675 to 3750 MHz as an Exclusive Extra Class! Wow ! This would help alleviate the crowding on those bands and give AN INCENTIVE to upgrade!!! This idea would give the General Class (the most popular license class) an extra 75 MHz on 40 meters and 100 MHz on 80 ! Of course Amateur Extra Class can operate within established limits on ALL bands. Best part about this the present CW BANDS WILL BE UNAFFECTED !!! Don't forget the CW boys have an exclusive, DX infested, rag - chewing band all to themselves -- -- 30 meters ! This idea gives "something for everyone" it does not give the new "entry" level class everything and nothing to General or Extra. I don't know why the 14 Directors at the League did not think of this. Yes something must be done to help our fellow Amateurs to grow. With the advent of computers and "chat" rooms, amateur radio doesn't hold much appeal for the younger generation. Will this help? Only time will tell.

So please, go to the web sites (listed on page 1) and read the entire proposals, all 4 of them, and then form your **OWN** opinion and let the FCC know your ideas. Each of the 4 proposals have merit. Maybe some good will come out of the distinct proposals. I can only hope the FCC has the insight to look at all of them along with your comments and then decide which one or a combination of all 4 is best .

73's de WC8W, Editor FEEDBACK



web site for comments at: www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html

When entering the RM number in the ECFS"proceeding" field, RM must be in capital letters and the hyphen must be included.

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3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. The Mega DXpedition, **3B9C**, is now active **until April 13th**. Direct QSLs go via: FSDXA, P.O. Box 73, Church Stretton, SY6 6WF, UK. Bureau cards go via RSGB Bureau. Remember, Bureau QSLs can be requested via their Web page. For updates and more details, visit their Web page at: <http://fsdxa.com/3b9c/>

3D2, FIJI. Brian, N6IZ, will be active again as **3D2IZ** from **Namotu Island (IOTA OC-121)** in Fiji from **March 28th until April 3rd**. In between surfing and taking in the sun, look for him on 80/40/30/20/15/10 meters SSB or CW. Details from his last visit (in 2003) are available via the following Web page (soon to be updated) at: <http://www.brianboschma.com/3d2iz.html>

9A50, CROATIA (Attention Prefix Hunters!). Look for special event station **9A50EZA** to be active until the end of year in honor of **50th anniversary of the Radio Club "Ludbreg"**. Activity during the past week was on 14187 kHz after 2000z. QSL via 9A1EZA: Radio Club "Ludbreg", P.O. Box 9, HR-42230 Ludbreg, CROATIA.

CU, AZORES. Arlindo, CT1EGW, will be active as **CT1EGW/CU2** from **April 7-11th**, from **Sao Miguel (EU-003)**. During his free time he plans to operate on RTTY. QSL via direct or via the bureau.

D2, ANGOLA (6 meters). Ed, **D2PFN**, travelled to Johannesburg over the past weekend to pick-up a 6 meter 4 element beam. He will install it on his tower, and it will be operational in 7-10 days.

DA0, GERMANY. Look for the following operators to be active using the special callsign, **DA0WPX**, in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** this weekend. Operators are Klaus, DB9JP; Marion, DF4UM; Luer, DF5TP; Peter, DH4JQ; Gerhard/DH4JU, Harald/DH9KR, Diethelm/DJ2YE, Guenter/DK1RI, Alexander/DK5VZ, Karlfried/ DL1EK, Marion/DL1SDJ, Stefan/DL7AOS, Lars/DL9LR and possibly some others. They will set up a special station for this contest. They will use 4 running and one multiplier station during the contest. All radios are YAESU FT-1000 Mark V. They have monobander beams for 10, 15 and 20m, a 4-square for 40 and 80, verticals for 80 and 160m, two dipoles each for 40, 80 and 160, and beverages and a multiband-beam for the multiplier station. QSLs are "preferred" by the DARC bureau or by DL1EK. No e-QSLs!

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, announced that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

- **Uganda - 5X1X** (November 11, 2003 to December 17, 2003)
- **Iraq -**
- **YI/NG5L** (From April 10, 2003 to June 9, 2003)
- **YI9L** (formerly YI/NG5L) (From June 10, 2003 to February 27, 2004)
- **YI9LEK** (Current operation beginning January 25, 2004)
- **YI/PA5M** (Current operation beginning August 14, 2003)
- **Togo - Pascal, F5JSD**, has communicated with Bill, NC1L, and he reports that the **5V7C** operation (March 5-13th) is good for DXCC.

ADDED REMINDER: Do you have questions regarding DXCC program issues? Visit the DXCC Web site. Here you will find the program rules, the current and deleted DXCC lists and all of the forms needed to participate. If, after reading the information

here, you still have questions regarding the DXCC Program, contact the DXCC Desk. The DXCC Web page is at: <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/> FM, MARTINIQUE (Also V2). Koh/JA1ADT, Taka/JA7AGO and Aki/JA7ZP are going to attend the Caribbean Hamboree (TO7HAM - <http://www.caribbeanhamboree.org>) that will be held starting April 9th to 14th. Look for them to operate as **FM/homecall** before the meeting on 80-10 meters on all modes. QSL via their home callsign. Also, the trio will visit **Antigua (V2)** and expect to be active starting **April 15th to the 20th**. Activity will be all band modes. Callsigns will not be known until they get there. QSL via their home callsigns.

FO, CLIPPERTON ISLAND. It looks like the April DXpedition to Clipperton Island has once again been **postponed** until 2005. Reports indicate that weather may have played a factor in the decision, but the delay will give the organizers time to gather more operators for the trip. If you are interested in joining the team going to Clipperton in 2005, please contact Dave, K4SV, via E-mail at: K4SV2@Charter.net

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HR5, HONDURAS. Gerard, F2JD, will again be active as **HR5/F2JD** from **March 18th to May 14th**. He will be active on all bands on SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via F6AJA and the logs will be online on the Web site at: <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr>

IOTA NEWS.....

- NEW TOOL! Tim, EI8IC, has provided DXers with a new tool on his Web for IOTA chasers. Enter your 6-digit Grid Locator code, and the Web page will generate a short path, long path and distance list from your QTH to each of the current IOTA reference numbers. Visit his Web pages at the following URLs:

- <http://www.qsl.net/ei8ic/iota/iota.php> Mirror Site:
- <http://www.mapability.com/ei8ic/iota/iota.php>

- AF-NEW. Possible new IOTA to be activated. See TJ3 below.

- AF-NEW. Sebastien, F8DQZ, will be in **Guinea** from **April 18th to May 2nd**. One of his main goals is to activate **Tristao Islands** located in the Guinee-Maritime Province North Group. What is interesting is the callsign he will use to operate, **3XDQZ** (Three X-Ray Delta Quebec Zulu). QSL via F8DQZ. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. Visit his Web page at: • <http://f8dqz.chez.tiscali.fr>

- EU-123. Three operators Jurij/MMODFV, John/GMOWRR and Mike/GM-SWL, were expected to activate four islands of the **North Berwick Harbour**:

- **Fidra Island** - Reference numbers are: IOSA FF04, SCOTIA CS04, WAB NT58, ARLHS SCO-080 and WLH LH-0313. Co-ordinates are: 56.07N and 02.78W.

- **Lamb Island** - Reference numbers are: IOSA FF08 and WAB NT58. Co-ordinates are: 56.07N and 02.75W.

- **Craigleith Island** - Reference numbers are: IOSA FF03, SCOTIA CS03 and WAB NT58. Co-ordinates are: 56.07N and 02.71W)

JW, SVALBARD. Francois, F8DVD, will once again be active from here between **April 4-10th**. He will operate from the town of **Longyearbyen** located on the 78 Deg Lat North (IOTA EU-026, WAZ 40, Grid Loc JQ78TF). For this second expedition, Francois will use the callsign **JW/F8DVD**. Activity will be on all bands between 80-10 meters. Francois will be especially active for Asia and all Pacific area. He will often operate number by number to give a chance to all stations, especially the QRP ones. QSL via the French Bureau or Direct to: Francois Bergez, 6, Rue de la Liberte, F- 71000 MACON, France (SAE + IRC or USD - 1 USD for EU, 2 USD for others). QSL via WD9EWK, either direct or through the QSL bureaus. He will design the card after the trip using photos he takes while he is down there. Patrick has started a Web page with information about the trip and will update it as needed before and during the trip at: <http://lu.wd9ewk.net/>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **5V7C LOGS**. The logs have been uploaded to the following Web site at: • <http://5v7c.free.fr/searchlog.php>

- **QSL 9M2/GM4YXI via N3SL**. Steve, N3SL, states, "Logs will be E-mailed and cards are on hand, so QSLs should be immediate (if direct) to Kim Larson, daughter of N3SL (use N3SL QRZ/callbook address)."

- Randy, W5UE, now acting QSL Manager for **HC8L** for all past and future activity, reports that new cards are being ordered, so expect a slight delay in

processing your requests. As with other stations he manages, direct requests with SASE or SAE with 1 USD or IRC will be answered directly; others will be answered via the bureau system. QSL status for HC8L and other stations Randy manages can be found on his Web page at: •<http://www.datasync.com/~w5ue/qs1-w5ue.html>

TJ3, CAMEROON (Possible New IOTA). Jack, F6BUM, announced he is going to Cameroon **April 2nd**. His length of stay was not mentioned. Also, he is thinking of activating **Mondoleh Island** while there from **April 10-11th** between 0700-1600z. However, night operations from the island are not possible because he can not stay on the island at night! Activity on CW will take place on April 10th and SSB operations will be on the 11th. Look for him to use the callsign **TJ3MC**. QSL via the address on QRZ.com.

YA8, AFGHANISTAN. Johnny, **YA8G** (LA5IIA), informed OPDX that he is now active on all nine HF bands at the momen, and has put some effort in working NA on 80m CW and 20m RTTY, both SP as well as LP. Johnny states, "My noise level is still tremendously high, but sometimes I can copy signals from EU, AS, NA and SA at the same time. I beg each and every DX'er to respect when I'm calling certain areas." QSL cards are being handled as soon as they are received by his manager, LA4YW. You will be able to watch the QSL layout on Johnny's Web site, as well. Johnny also mentions that the logs for YA8G are now updated 2-3 times a week at the following Web site: <http://www.ql.net/la8g/YA8G.htm>

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. Ian, G8WVW, and his family are now new residents of Ascension Island and will be there **until the end of March 2006**. He has been allocated the callsign **ZD8I** and will be active using SSB on the bands from 80-6 meters (except 30m). An Icom IC-2KL will be arriving on the island in May together with an Optibeam OB9-5E for HF and a 6 element Tonna for 6 meters. His suggested frequencies are: 3737, 7077, 14237, 18137, 21337, 24937 and 28537 kHz. Operating times are when work and family commitments permits. The QSL Manager is G4LTI. Further information can be found on the Web page at: <http://www.zd8i.net> ADDED NOTE: Ian is expected to visit the Falkland Islands occasionally (first trip - last two weeks in May), and do not be surprised if you hear him as a VP8 (callsign not known yet). He will be active as QRP using a FT-817 into a

dipole.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Victor, ZK1CG (ZK1USA), from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) in the South Cook Islands, will be active in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** as a All-Bands entry as **ZK1CG**. He informs OPDX that there are only 2 active operators on ZK1 at the moment. Jim, ZK1JD, is the other operator. Victor will see if he can get Jim, ZK1JD, to get on during the contest to help out. Remember, Victor's shack is in his workshop, so he may get called away at times for work during the contest.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS. Chris, ZL1CT (GM3WOJ), is planning to be active as **ZL7V**, **July 5-15th** (Callsign and dates to be confirmed). Activity will be on 80/40/30/20 meters CW/SSB. QSL via N3SL. ADDED NOTE: There "may" be some activity from Chatham Island during the Easter vacation/holidays by another operator (announcement will not come until his arrangements are all in place).

ZS8, MARION ISLAND. A reort from the "425 DX News" states Ludwig/ZS6WLC and Pieter/ZR6PSR, two staff members of the Hartebeesthoek Radio Astronomy Observatory Space Geodesy Programme, will conduct a scientific expedition from **Marion Island (AF-021)** in **April**. The two operators are to depart on April 1st from Cape Town, and depending on off loading of equipment and other work load, amateur radio operations as **ZS8MI** will commence on **April 7th until around the 30th**. Plans are to operate CW/SSB.

For complete DX information and other news please visit OPDX web sites

<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>



PROFILE BOB KIPLINGER K8KIP



Bob Kiplinger, K8KIP, was born on March 24, 1939 in Put-IN-Bay on South Bass Island. He has lived in the Massillon area since he was about 3 years old. He has lived in his present location, picturesque Wayne County in the heart of Amish Country since 1997. He is a retired postal employee, working in the maintenance department at the main post office in Akron, Oh. Bob has been married to Gladys, N8ZQF, for the past 44 years.

Bob has been a ham since 1964 with a Novice call WN8MMI which at the time was only good for 1 year. He let the Novice call lasp but took the General Class license about a year later. He was a General Class for about 2 years, with the call sign of N8LFN then moved up to Advanced class and then in 1997 he became an Extra Class Ham. He applied for and got the Vanity call sign K8KIP soon after.

Bob first joined the Massillon Amateur Radio Club in 1962, but let his membership lasp for a while but rejoined and has been a loyal member ever since. He has held the office of Club Secretary and Trustee.

His equipment consists of a Yaesu FT 1000 MP, a Kenwood TS 130, a Yaesu FT 100D. 2 meter & etc. equipment is a Kenwood TM 742 tri-band (2,440 & 6 meters), various power supplies & antenna tuners. The antennas are a very impressive array of a Tennadyne T12 log periodic a dipole for 160- 10 meters, a vertical (on a side arm) for 10 meters AM, and a vertical for 2 & 440 on top of a 75 foot free standing tower. He also has a 6 meter antenna above a TV antenna next to the house on a small tower.

Bob's main interest is in rag-chewing. Although he has worked some DX, he is not actively pursuing it. You can hear him on 2 meters and 6 meters quit often, usually talking to Gladys, or one of many local hams.



At left is a picture of Bob's Tennadyne T12 against a grey sky. Not a very good picture for this time of year.



A visitor to Bob's house often wonder's what the post is for he says it's an Amish antenna, but we know it's a hitchen post for his Amish friends horses!

(Below) Across the street is a picturesque photo of an Amish one room school-house still in use. Ask Bob what the name is and he'll tell you" Yoder Dame" !!



LOOK FOR SALE

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144 Tecraft Criterion Series NU-Verter VHF Freq Converter. Copper box 2 meter to 10 meter.
RDF Ray Jefferson Direction Finder 535-1605, 88-108, 26.8-27.8, 150-400, and 108-174 MHz
AT - 250 Kenwood automatic antenna tuner, Operators manual and service manual.
MR8100 Uniden scanning mobile reciever 12 bands

CONTACT: Rick WA8TSU @ 330/494-2589 or 145.715 MHz
WILL TALK PRICES!!!

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