



FEEDBACK



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AUGUST MEETING

The meeting for the month of August will be held at the Massillon Senior Center in downtown Massillon at **8:00 PM on Friday August 5th 2005.**

Summer is quickly comming to a close. Fall officially begins on September 22. This is August, meaning it is the last month before the scheduled Safety Break on Labor Day weekend. There are plenty of open spaces on the schedule so be sure to sign up a the meeting and help your Club meet it's obligations financially. Remember, we can no longer rely on the Hamfest to raise funds. This remains the **ONLY** means to raise funds. So please make a commitment to help out!

FIELD DAY RESULTS

As promised the Field Day Results are as follows.

	CW	DIGITAL	PHONE
80M	292		0
40M	131	3	167
20M	152		87
15M	43		11
10M	1		0
6M	0		36
2M	0		11
SATALITE		1	

TOTAL QSO'S			
CW	619	PHONE	351
	X2		X1
	<u>1238</u>		<u>351</u>

X2 MULTIPLIER= 3,190 CLAIMED POINTS

ADD 1,100 BONUS POINTS (estimated, final points to be determined by the ARRL)

GRAND TOTAL = 4,290 POINTS (estimated)

-- SHORT SKIP --

Ah, the "dog days of summer." Good time to take inventory of our excess radio parts and etc. Box'em up for our MARC Hamfest. So that way it'll ensure that all our "stuff" that we've been stor'n up for years and never had a use for can become a critically needed part about a week or two after departure. (HI) So start making plans now for our MARC Hamfest. Ya! Ya gotta remember Bunkey, it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark!

73 de WB80WM

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MARC MINUTES

July 1,2005

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior with 22 members present..

MARC President Joe WD8BGW opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made. He then asked for any additions or corrections to be made to the June minutes. They were accepted as stated in the FEEDBACK by Don W8DEF and second by Scott N3JJT.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF gave the financial report.

MARC Vice President Igor K8INN gave the correspondence report. He had newsletters from other amateur radio clubs. He also talked about power lines and radiation.

Joe WD8BGW received notice from ARRL the MARC Special Service Club Certificate has been renewed for 2 more years.

OLD BUSINESS

MARC Safety Break will be Labor Day weekend. There are a few openings left, please sign up if you can help. **Don't leave MARC only money maker of the YEAR up to a few to do all the work. You have a vote on how to spend it , please help earn it.**

Dan N8DZM gave the fox hunt report.

NEW BUSINESS

Petros Park has been reserved for 2006 Field Day site. Everyone agrees the park is an ideal site for Field day activities!

MARC Hamfest ads have been sent out to QST and other magazines.

Hamfest prizes were discussed. Gene W8KXR and Gary WC8W made motion to have a Yeasu 8900 plus antenna as first prize. There will also be a MFJ analyzer, HT's, and ARRL memberships per Dan N8DZM motion. A vote was taken and passed.

The Boys and Girls Club was discussed, the layout and contacting Vince about purchasing the correct tables.

Joe WD8BGW also reminded everyone if joining or renewing your ARRL membership, please do so through MARC so we get a refund.

Past MARC President Jim WA8GXM had a tower accident and is in Aultman Hospital with several injuries. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

Joe needs contributions to "Get out of jail" for Muscular Dystrophy.

Congratulations goes to Gary WC8W for winning the 50-50 for \$12.50. Thank you for donating it to Muscular Dystrophy .

Minutes by Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC

... ARRL 2004 SET Results ...

The July issue of QST Magazine has posted the results of the 2004 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) and once again the Ohio Section has made the top ten list placing 5th overall with 2,157 points and 4th in Section/Local Nets with 907 points.

The SET is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications. Both the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the National Traffic System (NTS) are involved. SET gives amateur radio operators the chance to focus on their emergency communications capability and it's interaction with served agencies while testing operator skills and emergency equipment.

October 1 and 2, 2005 is the main weekend for this years SET exercise and your local coordinators are reviewing ideas for this years participation.

.. Another Great MARC Field Day ..

Another great Field Day has come and gone but not without lots of great times and a few tall tales. From setup to tear down, we had another great weekend except for a short temper tantrum by Mother Nature who tried her best to wash out this year's event. Good attendance, good fellowship, good food, most of all good times describes this years Field Day exercise. My annual Field Day wrap up is currently posted on the club's website including my usual "rants" as well as some great pictures taken again this year. I was pretty busy this year during Field Day and didn't get a chance to take very many pictures but thanks to some other club members, we have a nice collection of "Kodak" moments to remember by. My thanks to those who shared your pictures with me and I have just about finished posting all of them to the club website.

Another first for the MARC this year. The ARRL each year has a special section of their website set aside for clubs and groups to post their own stories and pictures from different operating events. The most popular of the events posted is always Field Day and after a little time and effort I am happy to report that they accepted my story covering our own Field Day at W8NP. It is complete with a short accounting of our own Field Day follies along with a few pictures that I could post. I highly recommend that you have a look at it. The web address is a bit lengthy but I have provided an easy clickable link from our Home Page. You will find it at the bottom of the Field Day introduction.

.. Winlink Demo at CARC Meeting ..

Ralph Bugg – K8HSQ and I gave a Winlink presentation at the July meeting of the Canton Amateur Radio Club. This marked the third Winlink Demo that Ralph and I have given so far this year. Also present at this program was our new Director of the Stark County Emergency Management Agency, Tim Warstler and the agency's newest addition, Brian Carbenia – Deputy Director. Also present was Dave Beltz –

WD8AYE our ARES Emergency Coordinator.

Our program consisted of a brief overview of what Winlink is and how it would be utilized here in Stark County. Ralph also showed a slide presentation followed by an actual demonstration of a Winlink message that was generated and sent via amateur radio to the County EOC office. It was received by Tim Warstler who then sent us a reply over the same system. Both Tim and Brian were very impressed by the capabilities of this new emergency messaging system and they have both pledged their support to install a Winlink station at the EOC for future use.

I would also like to thank CARC President Scott Duncan, KK8D and the members of the CARC for giving us the opportunity to demonstrate the Winlink System and they have also pledged their support for our Winlink Initiative.

73's for this month, catch you at the meeting!

Terry – N8ATZ

CHARACTERISTICS OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

I found a web site "Characteristics of Rechargeable Batteries" from National Semiconductor that may be of interest to the amateur radio community. Batteries covered are: Nickel-Cadmium, Nickel Metal-Hydride, and Lithium-Ion batteries

Appears to be an excellent article to get up to speed on the 3 technologies and may help to save money by the proper care of these batteries used in radio, consumer, and computer equipment. URL: <http://www.national.com/appinfo/power/files/f19.pdf>

Mike WA8MKH

FOX REPORT

The last Fox Hunt was not very well attended. That may be due in part by me not getting the Fox Report in the newsletter in time. The next hunt will be at 1:00 Saturday August 13th. I will be out of town that weekend, so we need a volunteer the hide the transmitter. The Fox will be at the club meeting to pass on to someone else.

Dan N8DZM

POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE

The information available at this time is that there are scheduled Polar Express Train Rides at the Dennison, Ohio Depot on the following dates: December 1,2,3 and December 8,9,10, and December 15,16,17. There is 1 ride on Thursday and Friday and 2 Rides on Saturdays.

There is an opportunity to volunteer help with the train rides. Positions open are Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Car Host, Story Reader, Assistant, Elves, and help parking automobiles. There are 10 train cars with approximately 6 volunteers per car. The train ride lasts for approximately 1 1/2 hours. It is required that a volunteer attends a training session during a scheduled weekday evening. The training sessions are in the planning stages and generally occur in September, October, and maybe early November.

The train ride leaves Dennison, Ohio to the North Pole and the Polar Express Book is read by the storyteller. A cup of hot chocolate and a cookie is given to each passenger (and volunteer). At the North Pole are elves, Santa, etc. On the return trip, Christmas carols are sung and Santa visits each child and gives a bell as a gift.

NOTE: Quite often there is no seating for the volunteers since many of the rides are sold out. Some seats rarely become available due to cancellations.

Volunteers are scheduled and ride free during that time. All others must purchase a ticket. For more information concerning volunteering and the ages permitted for elves, or to ride the train please email Wendy Zucal at the address of: depot@tusco.net

(submitted by Mike, WA8MKH)



ARRL NEWS

ZCZC AG18
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 18 ARLB018
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT July 21, 2005
To all radio amateurs

ARLB018 FCC proposes dropping Morse code requirement entirely

The FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission included the recommendation in a July 19 Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 05-235, but it declined to go along with any other proposed changes to Amateur Service licensing rules or operating privileges. Changes to Part 97 that the FCC proposed in the NPRM would not become final until the Commission gathers additional public comments, formally adopts any new rules and concludes the proceeding with a Report and Order specifying the changes and an effective date. That's not likely to happen for several months.

"Based upon the petitions and comments, we propose to amend our amateur service rules to eliminate the requirement that individuals pass a telegraphy examination in order to qualify for any amateur radio operator license," the FCC said. The NPRM consolidated 18 petitions for rule making from the amateur community—including one from the ARRL—that had proposed a wide range of additional changes to the amateur rules. The FCC said the various petitions had attracted 6200 comments from the amateur community, which soon will have the opportunity to comment again—this time on the FCC's NPRM.

The Commission said it believes dropping the 5 WPM Morse examination would encourage more people to become Amateur Radio operators and would eliminate a requirement that's "now unnecessary" and may discourage current licensees from advancing their skills. It also said the change would "promote more efficient use" of amateur spectrum.

To support dropping the code requirement, the FCC cited changes in Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations adopted at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003. WRC-03 deleted the Morse testing requirement for amateur applicants seeking HF privileges and left it up to individual countries to determine whether or not they want to mandate Morse testing. Several countries already have dropped their Morse requirements for HF access.

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was not surprised to see the FCC propose scrapping the Morse requirement altogether, although the League had called for retaining the 5 WPM requirement only for

Amateur Extra class applicants. Sumner expressed dismay, however, that the FCC turned away proposals from the League and other petitioners to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license class.

"We're disappointed that the Commission prefers to deny an opportunity to give Amateur Radio the restructuring it needs for the 21st century," he said. "It appears that the Commission is taking the easy road, but the easy road is seldom the right road."

Sumner said ARRL officials and the Board of Directors will closely study the 30-page NPRM and comment further once they've had an opportunity to consider the Commission's stated rationales for its proposals.

In 2004, the League called on the FCC to create a new entry-level license, reduce the number of actual license classes to three and drop the Morse code testing requirement for all classes except for Amateur Extra. Among other recommendations, the League asked the FCC to automatically upgrade Technician licensees to General and Advanced licensees to Amateur Extra. In this week's NPRM, the FCC said it was not persuaded such automatic upgrades were in the public interest.

The FCC said it did not believe a new entry-level license class was warranted because current Novice and Tech Plus licensees will easily be able upgrade to General once the code requirement goes away. The Commission also said its "Phone Band Expansion" (or "Omnibus") NPRM in WT Docket 04-140 already addresses some of the other issues petitioners raised.

A 60-day period for the public to comment on the NPRM in WT 05-235 will begin once the notice appears in the Federal Register. Reply comments will be due within 75 days.

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WEAVER'S WORDS — JULY 4TH EDITION, Section 2

Date: Tuesday, July 05, 2005 7:12 AM

(Ed note: This column comes to us after the last newsletter is published, but this contains some very usefull information that we will publish it in full)

I had not planned to send an additional newsletter so soon; however, "breaking news" (I'm preparing for a TV news job) and several requests to re-send the information on writing about BPL and US House Resolution related to it suggest this is the thing to do. If you've already written about H.R. 230, please read down to the information on it.

BAIZE APPOINTED STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION COORDINATOR

Just as soon as I booted up my computer today I received a note from Dick Mondro, Vice Director and Division Legislative Action Chairman, that Gregory Baize, KG4VJC has accepted appointment as the State Legislative Action Coordinator, Kentucky. Greg is highly qualified for this post. He will report to Division LAC Mondro.

With the Great Lakes Division leadership positions in the critically-important ARRL Grassroots Lobbying project filled, Dick, Gregory (Kentucky SLAC), Jim (Ohio SLAC), Val (Michigan SLAC) and I will hold a telephone conference Saturday, July 2 to begin the major effort of developing the program structure in each of the three states in our Division.

HQ E-MAIL SERVER WILL BE DOWN FOR UPDATING

The E-mail server at ARRL Headquarters will be off line from July 6 to 7. Anew software will be installed. This is an additional move directed by the Board to improve incrementally the HQ IT system.

AMATEUR RADIO RESTRUCTURING

In answer to requests for the status of the pending action on this by the FCC: It is my understanding that the Commissions once again is dragging its feet and that we probably have a 50:50 chance of seeing meaningful action on this proposal until near the end of this year or even into next year.

LETTER AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROMOTING US H.R. 230

I received a "bunch" (technical term) of requests to resend the information and letter concerning H.R. 230. This US House of Representatives resolution would "request" the FCC to perform a thorough review of its approval of BPL. Why is it important to help pass this resolution? This is quite simple. The house originates the Federal budget. Having he House asks he FCC to do a critical review is much like having parents (who control their kids' allowances) ask the kids to help with something around the home). The request is rather like a grossly understated command!

Here is the information I sent in May 30:

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SENT A MESSAGE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN VIA OUR LOBBYIST AND COPIED ME, PLEASE DO THIS RIGHT AWAY.

Many of you may have sent these messages from the Grassroots Lobbying Booth in the ARRL EXPO area at the Hamvention(c). If you did this and have received a copy of the message by E-mail, you will not need to send another message. However, if you did not provide your name, address, call sign, etc. to the workers at this Grassroots Booth, please do it now. Congressman Michael Ross, WD5DVR

(Ark.) has gone out on a limb in large part for ARRL. Please do not let him down by failing to support Resolution 230.

WRITE YOUR US REPRESENTATIVE TO CO-SPONSOR HOUSE RESOLUTION 230

Your urgent help is requested on this one.

From the ARRL web site: US "Representative Rep Michael Ross, WD5DVR, of Arkansas, has introduced a resolution in the US House of Representatives calling on the FCC to "conduct a full and complete analysis" of radio interference from broadband over power line (BPL). The resolution, House of Representatives Resolution 230, says the Commission should comprehensively evaluate BPL's interference potential incorporating "extensive public review and comment," and—in light of that analysis—to "reconsider and review" it's new BPL rules. If approved by the full House, the non-binding resolution, introduced April 21, would express the requests as "the sense of the House of Representatives." The FCC adopted rules to govern so-called Access BPL last October 14 in ET Docket 04-37."

OK, so what does this do to my ham friend down the street and to me? It means that we all — and many more as well — should send an E-mail to our own US House member (this is, to the House member who currently represents the House District in which each of us live). In this letter, we should ask these House members to co-sponsor House Resolution 230. This Resolution, if passed, would "ask" the FCC to review and reconsider the regulations it approved for BPL, last year.

SPECIAL NOTE: Do NOT send the letter directly to your congressman. Instead, please send it to Zach DeWaters at. Zach is an executive for the ARRL account with Chwatco, our retained lobbying firm in Washington, DC. Mr. DeWaters will put your letter into a packet of the other letters they receive for your congressman/woman and will hand-deliver the letters to the respective congressmen/women.

Because of this, address the following letter to your congressman/woman, insert the entire letter (with address, etc.) into the body of an E-mail and send the E-mail to: zach.dewaters@chwatco.com. Please copy your E-mail to me also at k8je@arrl.org. Incidentally, be certain you place an "s" in Zach's last name in his E-mail address.

To find the name and House District of your US Representative, go to: <http://www.house.gov/>. It will expedite your search if you have your ZIP+4 codes.

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. _____

As a federally licensed Amateur Radio operator in your district and also a member of ARRL — the national association for Amateur Radio, I ask you to support House Resolution 230. This resolution urges the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential of "broadband over power line;" (BPL) systems to interfere with public safety and other licensed radio services.

BPL utilizes electric power lines to serve as the conductors of the broadband signals. Unfortunately, because the power lines are not shielded, they also act as antennas and radiate the signals +into the air. These radiated signals will interfere with radio receivers tuned to the same frequency range. BPL has only been deployed to a very limited extent, but Amateur Radio already is experiencing severe BPL interference that the FCC has been unable or unwilling to correct. Unlike BPL, other methods of providing broadband Internet services to consumers, such as cable, DSL, wireless and Fiber to the Home, do not pollute the radio spectrum.

Last October 14, the FCC ignored the evidence that BPL systems will cause widespread interference and adopted rules for BPL deployment that provide inadequate protection to radio communication by First Responders and others who need reliable radio communication to ensure our security. The FCC needs to do what it should have done in the first place: fairly and carefully review this evidence and adopt rules that will keep interference from BPL within reasonable bounds.

Because we need no infrastructure in order to communicate, the Amateur Radio Service is the only 100-percent fail-safe emergency communication capability in the world. Interference from BPL emissions will significantly disrupt this capability. Please cosponsor H. Res. 230 as soon as possible to express your concern over the interference potential of BPL to Amateur Radio operators and to public safety licensees.

Sincerely,

Name
Address
(Email and telephone optional)

I

IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PULLING THE LETTER OUT OF THE ABOVE TEXT AND WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE, LET ME KNOW. I'LL EVEN BE HAPPY TO SEND THE LETTER FOR YOU (BY E-MAIL AS REQUESTED) IF YOU WISH — SEND ME YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, E-MAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER (AND THAT OF ANYONE ELSE WHO IS WILLING TO SEND LETTER), AND YOUR/THEIR ZIP + 4 CODE TO ME.

How about adopting this as a club project? Please let me know if you need any additional information. Also, please spread this request throughout your clubs and other amateur groups.

I appreciate your help.

Have a good fourth. Tnx agn, vy 73,

Jim,, K8JE

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M0ZAK, OE3EPW, OH9MM, PA7FM, SP5XSD, UA2FM, UA4WHX and VA3RJ & ICPO for the following DX information.

70, YEMEN. Early last week, Vladimir, UA4WHX, informed OPDX that he is currently in Sana'a, Yemen. He stated that he has "met a number of people responsible for issuing licenses and the Spectrum Management of the Yemen Telecom, as well as two deputy ministers of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology. Vladimir also states the following:

1. Not a single amateur radio license has ever been issued in Yemen in the past 20 years. He mentions, "For those interested in the authenticity of the fact I can probably provide a written statement of the ministry confirming the fact."
2. Amateur radio has never been legalized in Yemen. "PERIOD" No legal base, no exceptions so far, but the ministry is sincerely interested in promoting the hobby. They know about it and do plan to pass laws for it as soon as possible.
3. When King Hussein of Jordan was in Yemen, he requested a license which he did not get....
4. The ministry has tried to authorize amateur radio activity in Yemen a few times, but the attempts have always got stuck at the Ministry of Interior offices being higher or lower.

C6, BAHAMAS. Pete/W2GJ and Steve/AA4V are planning two trips to **Crooked Island (IOTA NA-113)**. Look for them this weekend in the **IOTA Contest** and in the **CQ WW SSB Contest** in late **October**. Their callsigns will be **C6ARV (AA4V)** and **C6APR (W2GJ)**. The operations in the contests will be Multi/ Single effort. Look for each operator before and after the contests on the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsigns (QRZ.com).

CO8, CUBA. Juan, **CO8TW**, will be in the next **IOTA Contest** on CW or mixed mode. QSL via IZ8CCW. The log will be on the following Web site after the contest at : <http://www.qsl.net/co8tw/>.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND. Remember to look for operators Joe/W8GEX, Wayne/K8LEE and Phil/W9IXX to be active as **CY0AA** from Sable Island (IOTA NA-063, CISA NS-004) between **July 27th and August 6th**. They are expected to be in the **IOTA Contest (July 30-31st)**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via K8LEE. The team is still looking for donations to help offset the cost.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON (Update). Paul, **FP/K9OT**, and Peg, **FP/KB9LIE (YL)**, should be on the

propagation and conditions, 100 watts to single-band wire verticals on the Atlantic Ocean. They plan to be active in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** as Single-Ops, and Paul will be in the **North American CW QSO Party**. Visit their Web site at: <http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/>. QSL via their home callsigns (same address), direct or by the bureau. Cards received with insufficient return postage will be answered via the bureau. No eQSLs.

. **JW, SVALBARD**. Operators Tony/EI2GX, Anthony/EI3HA, Dermot/EI5IQ, Declan/EI6FR, Emmet/EI7HF and Liam/EI7DSB will be active from here **July 27th through August 3rd**. QSL to the home callsigns of the station worked. The callsign **JW/EI7HF** will also be used in the **IOTA contest**.

MD4, ISLE OF MAN. Operators David/G3NKC, Martin/G4XUM, Roger/G4BVY, Royce/M0RHI and Tim/M0BEW (aka "The Manx Kippers") will be active as **MD4K** during the **IOTA Contest** as a Multi-Op entry. There may be limited operations before the contest. The team states, "We welcome any requests for band QSYs (SSB or CW) during the contest; from IOTA mults; and will try to arrange skeds if requested by non-mults." QSL as usual via G3NKC, direct, bureau or via the Web page at: <http://www.md4k.com>.

MW0, WALES. Jim, M0ZAK, will be heading off into the depths of Wales, Lleyn Peninsula to be exact, from **August 2-5th** for a midweek break prior to a weekend's vintage motorcycle race on the Island of Anglesey. Modes will be digital, mainly PSK31 with some RTTY, on 40-10 meters as band conditions allow. He will be signing **MW0ZAK/p** from a caravan site in Grid Square IO72pt. QSL via M0ZAK.

R1MV, MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ISLAND. Victor Loginov, UA2FM, informs OPDX that a Russian-Finnish team will sign **R1MVC** and **R1MVW** from Malyj Vysotskij Island (**EU-117**) from **July 28th to August 1st**. Activity will be on all bands including the WARC bands. The group will participate in the **IOTA Contest**. Operators mentioned are: OH5NE, OH5WR, OH5WS, OH0RJ, RV1AC, RU1AS, RA2FW, RN2FA, RV2FW and UA2FM. Send direct QSLs to DK4VW, and the bureau QSLs to: UA2 QSL Bureau, ROSTO Technical School, ul.Ozernaya 31, Kaliningrad, 236029 Russia. Please note, DK4VW is a maildrop only. All cards are forwarded to Russia and will be answered from Russia.

WAP MEETING. Gianni, I1HYW, announced that the WAP (Worldwide Antarctic Program) will hold its **2nd annual meeting** along with the 4th DCI Meeting (Italian Castle Award) in the City of Mondovi' (CN), North Italy, next September 17-18th. Forum activities will include QSL Managers, WAP Special Editions, WAP Awards and more... More info about the program, as well as articles

and information about Antarctica, are available at: <http://www.dcia.it/> and <http://www.ddxc.net/wap/>.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Gordon, ZL2ARN, will be active as **ZK1ARN** from Aitutaki (**OC-083**), South Cook Islands, between **July 27th and August 3rd**. Activity will be on all bands and modes, but casual style. QSL via his home callsign.

air from **Miquelon (NA-032)** shortly after 0000Z on **July 30th**. This is their fifth annual trip to Miquelon and Peg's 10th a **Subscribe: <mailto:opdx-request@nshore.org?subject=subscribe>**

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Yes ! There will be a program for the month of August ! Vice President Igor, K8INN assures me that we will have as a guest speaker Mr. Larry Gowin from the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be giving a presentation on the Coast Guard's role in Homeland security. Following the presentation, we will have an after-meeting gathering at a local pizza / pasta restaurant.



August 2005

W8NP Monthly Planner

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	1	2 VE Test Session, Pioneer AR Fellowship, 1900, Ctc: Ronald Lieving, 330-724-5981, Akron American Red Cross	3	4	5 Massillon ARC Meeting, Massillon Senior Center, 8:00pm	6 Ham "OH" Rama Hamfest, Voice of Aladdin ARC, Ctc: James Morton, 614-846-7790, Columbus, OH																																																																																																														
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