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--SHORT SKIP --

Color TV , flat screen TV, High Definition TV. What's next? 3-D TV. Remember 3-D movies and the glasses we had to wear? (telling our age) Yes, 3DTV is on its way and already in production in Japan (Hyundai) and Europe (Phillips). Gee Bunkey, wonder if we'll see the return of Captain Video and his Video Rangers ?

73 de WB80WM

AUGUST MEETING

The meeting for the month of August will be held on August 1st 2008 at 8:00 PM at the Massillon Senior Center.

This month will be a very busy month for MARC members. First is the monthly meeting on the 1st at 8:00 PM, and on the 2nd is the Annual Hall of Fame Grand Parade, (be sure to check your schedule for reporting on station times) next we have the Special Event at the MAPS Air Museum on August 15th & 16th, and finally rounding out the month is the August VE Exam on the 30th at the Senior Center. The doors will open at 8:00 AM and the exam will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Looks like a very busy month indeed !

As promised, this edition of Feedback contains the 2008 Field Day Results. The complete report is on page 8, along with a few "parting" pictures of this year's Field Day. I'm certain that those who attended this year's Field Day had a very good time in spite of the inclement weather. We have endured worst weather for the event but not much; at least it didn't snow!

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST MEETING

Mr. Jim Weaver - K8JE - American Radio Relay League's, (ARRL), Great Lakes Regional Director, will be the featured speaker.

I do not know the topic of his speech, but it should be very interesting.

It is not too many times that we get a speaker of his "Rank" to visit our club. I really hope the meeting is well attended.

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MARC MINUTES

July 11th, 2008

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 26 members and guests present. Roger KA8FTS was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made.

Jim KC8PD gave a presentation of his work he did for Katrina communications.

Byron KF8UN made the motion to suspend reading the minutes and accept them as printed in the Feedback and seconded by Mike KD8ENV. Motion Passed.

Ann gave the treasures report.

Committees

Fox – With interest in the Fox Hunts declining, they will be temporarily suspended.

Net – The Thursday night Net needs control operators.

Old Business

Maps Special Event – See Gary WC8W if you want to operate the special event in August. Due to airport regulations only two people will be allowed in the trailer to operate. No free admission to the event.

New Business

Mike WA8MKH gave a post Filed Day safety debriefing and reminded everyone of common safety mistakes that were made. Perhaps we should have a safety briefing before Field Day?

The program next month will be Jim Weaver, ARRL Great Lakes Regional Director.

It was mentioned that VistaPrint.com can make Amateur Radio communication magnetic signs for around \$8.

The club will attempt a fund raiser with CCs Pizza on August 14th. 10% of the receipts placed in a jar will go to the club. Remember to visit CCs and put your receipts in the jar. Thank You Juanita for setting this up.

Gene W8KXR announced that every night at 7:00 there is a six meter net using AM on 50.4 mhz.

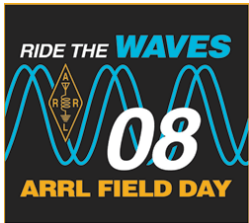
Carol KB8IMH won the 50/50 for \$11.00 and donated it back. She also won the bonus drawing for some wire wrap.

Minutes by your Secretary Dan N8DZM

... Field Day Report ...

Thanks to lots of hard work by many club members Field Day 2008 was another big success with everyone enjoying good company, decent weather (after the rain of course!), lots of contacts, some especially great food and loads of FUN!

From setup Saturday morning to teardown Sunday afternoon, we enjoyed yet another great week-end communications exercise.



As always lots of great memories are generated with each Field Day and many of which are captured in "Kodiak Moments". I have already posted a complete recap of the week-end event on the club's website with the exception of posting pictures. I hope to have them processed and

posted in a week or so. I also plan on submitting the complete recap to the ARRL along with some pictures. Maybe we will end up in their Field Day issue this fall.

A special thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event. If you didn't make it out this year you missed a lot of fun and a great club event!

.. FAR Scholarships ..

I always make it a point to review the ARRL website this time of year to have a look at the winners of the annual Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) Scholarship winners in hopes of spotting a local callsign. I am very happy to report one callsign from our own club as the recipient of several scholarships this year.

Stephen M. Sciarini – KC8IDJ, son of Mike (WA8MKH) and Carol (KB8IMH) Sciarini was recognized with a Scholarship sponsored by The QCWA Silent Key Memorial Scholarship as well as the Robert E. True Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Mrs Shirley True Banning.

These scholarships will certainly help defray the tremendous cost of a College education. Congratulations to Stephen on this fine achievement!



.. Great Lakes Director Visits MARC ..

Make sure you mark your calendar and join us for our August club meeting as we welcome Jim Weaver – K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director to our club.

It has been many years since Jim's last visit and we look forward to seeing him again to update us on

current ARRL happenings, a recap of the recent ARRL Board of Directors meeting and Jim's view of the state of Amateur Radio in general.

As a reminder, the meeting will be on Friday, August 1st. As a courtesy to Jim, our program will begin at 8:00 PM so he can get back home at a decent hour !. All amateur radio operators are invited to join us for what will be a very interesting meeting. Refreshments will be served and a shortened business meeting will follow the ARRL presentation.

**73's for now, Catch you later..
De Terry – N8ATZ**

THE PREZ SEZ

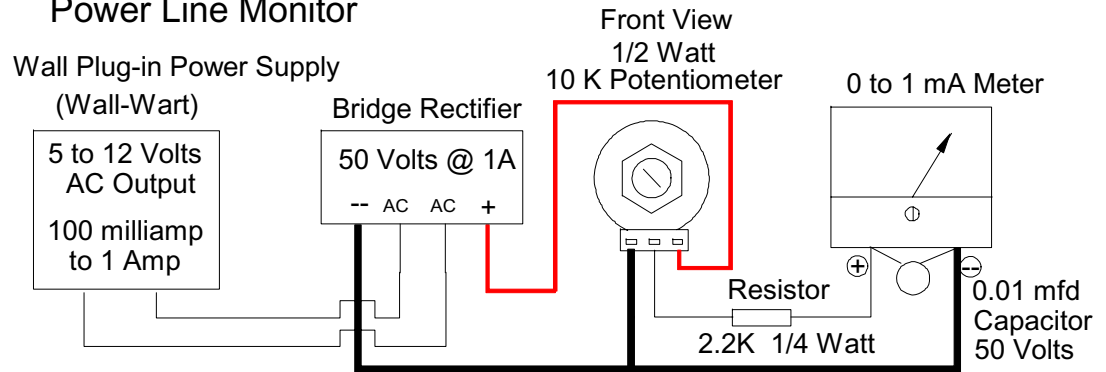
Hello to All: Well, not alot to report from this ole desk of mine. As I am preparing for vacation....putting together a few radio things, going to try a portable hamstick vertical on the porch of the condo, or down by the pool. Not sure what will work out. As you all read this, I will be laying on the beach with my Cabana Girl at my side, sipping on Mai Tais, and listening to the soft roll of the tide coming in and out. And yes, I will be filling myself with delectable seafoods, enjoying some hops and barley, soaking in the sun, and RELAXING! Hope everyone is doing well! Be safe, and most of all have fun! I will talk to you when I return....

73s for now...de N3JJT....de Prez!

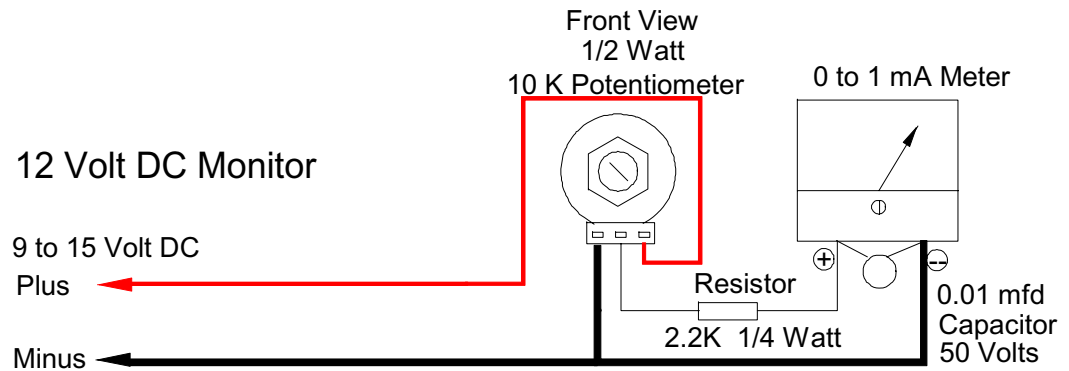


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Power Line Monitor



12 Volt DC Monitor



STEP 1. Adjust the Potentiometer full Counter-Clockwise.

STEP 2. Monitor the measured voltage with another accurate meter.

STEP 3. Connect this circuit to the same source as the accurate meter.

STEP 4. Adjust the Potentiometer for 1/2 or 3/4 scale reading.

Example: If using 120 Volts AC at 1/2 scale then full scale will be 240 Volts AC.

Example: If using 120 Volts AC at 3/4 scale then full scale will be 160 Volts AC.

Example: If using 12 Volts DC at 1/2 scale then full scale will be 24 Volts DC.

Example: If using 12 Volts DC at 3/4 scale then full scale will be 16 Volts DC.

NOTE: If using a 500 uA Meter, change the resistor to 4.7K

If using a 100 uA Meter, change the resistor to 22K

Adjust the value of the resistor to match the meter since meters have different internal resistances.

For Amateur Radio Experimental Use Only.

73, de Mike WA8MKH

POWER LINE MONITOR



The **Power Line Monitor** circuit is a

low cost and safer way of monitoring line voltage by using an isolated wall transformer with lower output voltages.



The 12 volt DC version is easier on

portable batteries if a 100 μ A meter is used in place of a 1 mA meter.



The meters are readily available from hamfest flea markets or electronics surplus vendors.

See Page 4 for diagram.

73, de Mike W8MKH

52nd Annual Shelby Hamfest

LOCATION: Shelby Hamfest is moving to a new (and improved) location this year. Gaston county (North Carolina) and park officials have been very cooperative and are diligently working to help make the 2008 Hamfest one of our best ever. Due to the confusion caused by the publicity that the Hamfest would be cancelled, we have had several handicaps to overcome in getting plans finalized. To help dispel some of these “rumors”, we are sending our brochures EARLIER this year so that our friends can begin to make plans to attend. We are still negotiating and finalizing plans as this brochure goes to press. We ask that you “KEEP CHECKING” our website (shelbyhamfest.org) for updates. As details become available, we will update our website.

(Thanks to Gene W8KXR for this report)

ARRL NEWS



(Jul 3, 2008) — On Thursday, July 3, Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH — the man who has come to embody

Amateur Radio Enforcement - will say goodbye to the FCC as he retires and begins his life as a private citizen. In May, Hollingsworth announced he would definitely retire; he had contemplated retiring in January 2008, but cited “several issues on the table that I want[ed] to continue to work through with the amateur community.” While his successor has not yet been named, he was quick to point out that the FCC’s Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

RADIO SHACK POWER SUPPLY RECALL

(Jul 3, 2008) — On July 2, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](http://www.cpsc.gov)), in cooperation with [RadioShack](http://www.radioshack.com), announced a [voluntary recall](#) of 13.8 V dc power supplies. The CPSC said that consumers should stop using these power supplies immediately, as the “power supplies are wired incorrectly, posing electrocution and fire hazards.” No injuries have been reported in conjunction with the power supplies that were sold in RadioShack stores nationwide from October 2004-January 2008 for between \$50 and \$85. Manufactured in China, the CPSC said that the recall involves RadioShack 13.8 V DC Power Supplies, catalog numbers 22-507 and 22-508 with date codes from 08A04 through 01A08. Date code format is MMYY where MM is the month and YY is the year. The catalog number and date code are located on the back of the power supply. Power supplies with a green dot on the product and the product’s packaging have already been repaired and are not included in the recall. The CPSC recommends for consumers to unplug the recalled power supply immediately and take it to any RadioShack store for a free repair. Registered owners of the recalled power supplies will be mailed a notice. For additional information, contact RadioShack at 800-843-7422 anytime, or visit their [Web site](#).

(“Stolen” from MARC website www.marcradio.com)

Using a Mac in the Shack

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

A couple of years ago, I decided to switch to the Mac for business use. (I am a freelance website developer.) I haven't regretted it for a second. The thing just seems to work better.

Last October, I decided to switch to a Mac in the shack and purchased a used, iBook G4 Mac laptop. Unfortunately, I can't say that I've never regretted this move. The reason I sometimes regret this choice is that there just aren't as many ham radio programs available for the Mac as there are for the PC, and those that are available are either more expensive than their PC counterparts or don't work as well.

For example, let's take a look at logging programs. When I first started looking, I found one that was kind of expensive (MacLoggerDX www.dogparksoftware.com/MacLoggerDX.html); one that was free, but didn't want to work so well (RUMLog - <http://www.dl2rum.de/rumsoft/RUMLog.html>); and one that worked OK and cost somewhere in between the first two (Aether- www.aetherlog.com/). Considering that there are at least a dozen logging programs that run on a PC, this was slim pickings.

I ended up purchasing Aether, but was never very happy with it. For one thing, it took forever to do any kind of sort or look up previous QSOs. Another pain was that it carried over none of the information from the previous contact, so you had to enter all of the information from scratch, even if you didn't change frequencies or bands. It also had an odd way of doing notes about a contact, and I was disappointed to find out that it didn't import the notes from the ADIF file I created from the N3FJP logging program I used previously.

For PSK, It's CocoaModem I had much the same experience when looking for a PSK31 program. Instead of a wide variety of PC PSK programs, I only found a couple of Mac programs that decode PSK. Fortunately, I am much happier with my choice here (cocoaModem - homepage.mac.com/chen/index.html). It's a great program, with a polished user interface, and it's free, to boot.

The only problem with cocoaModem is that it doesn't support the wide range of digital modes that some of the PC programs do. One I'm interested in is SSTV. Unfortunately, cocoaModem doesn't do SSTV.

A Happy Ending Well, a couple of weeks ago, I'd had enough of Aether and decided to start searching for logging software again. Since RUMLog was still free, I decided to give the new version (v 3.0, March 15, 2008) a go. I'm happy to report that this version likes my computer a lot better, and I like using it a lot!

One of the coolest things is that it did import the notes from my N3FJP ADIF file properly. So, now, when I type in a callsign, the program searches the database, finds all the previous contacts I've had with that station, and then displays them in spreadsheet style WITH the notes. I've taken notes about a previous conversation, I can pick up right where I left off. Very cool.

It also has a very nice way of showing you what countries you've worked, on what bands you've worked them, and whether or not you've QSLed that country or not. Not only that, it shows what type of QSL you have, either a paper QSL or a Logbook of the World (LOTW) QSL. And, after you supply your user ID and password, it will download your LOTW QSLs and update the appropriate QSO records. Very cool!

Still unresolved is what to use for contesting. None of the programs I've seen so far are useful for contesting, and I think that what I will end up doing is using my old PC laptop running N3FJP or N1MM software. I'm not a big contesteer, so I think I can live with that.

One thing is for sure—I'm not going back to the PC aside from some niche applications like contesting. The Mac's ease of use and ease of setup has won me over. For information on even more ham radio software for the Mac, go to www.machamradio.com.

When not trying to convince his friends and family to convert to the Mac, Dan works a lot of CW and PSK, and even a little SSB, on 20, 30, and 40m. You can read more about his adventures in amateur radio by pointing your Web browser to www.kb6nu.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Ronald G. Russ

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of two club members immediate family members. First Mr. Ronald G. Russ , brother of club member Terry Russ, N8ATZ, who at age 68 passed away on Tuesday morning, July 1, 2008 following an extended illness. He was born in Canton Ohio on February 24, 1940 to parents George and Mary (Brown) Russ. Ron was a mechanic all his life and worked for Benningtons Auto Service for many years. He was a U. S. Army Veteran and served in Germany during the Vietnam Era. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Gardner, a brother Tad Gardner Sr. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marjory Russ, of the home, a daughter Kwyn (Jason) Bontrager of Massillon, Brothers Tim (Letha) Russ and Terry (Lynette) Russ, a sister Sharon (Sam) Mize, all of Massillon, Oh. Funeral Services were held on July 5th, 2008 at the Reed Funeral Home. To send a condolence please sign the on-line guestbook at www.reedfuneralhome.com.

We extend our condolences to Terry and his family.



LYDIA NIKISHIN

Lydia Nikishin, mother of MARC club member Igor Nikishin, K8INN passed away on July 11, 2008 at the age of 85 years. She was born on March 1, 1923 in Uzhgorod, Czechoslovakia to the late Julian and Stephania Telech. She came to the United State in 1949 and lived in Canton for many years. She was employed as a histology technician for (Timken) Mercy Medical Center for a period of 18 years. She was a member of St. George Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church and the American Society for Clinical Pathology. She is survived by a daughter, Nina (David) Zscunke of Brookfield, Conn. Sons Michael Nikishin of Pittsburgh, PA, and Igor (Stephanie) of Canton; five grand children and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Alexander Nikishin in 1995. Funeral services were conducted in the St. George Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church on Tuesday July, 15, 2008. Internment was in Forest Hills Cemetery. The family would appreciate donations in Lydia's memory to the Diabetes Institute Foundation, 200 S. Park Rd. , Suite 100; Hollywood, Fla. 33021. Those wishing to share a memory please sign the on-line guestbook www.reedfuneralhome.com.

We extend our condolences to Igor and his family.



MARC 2008 FIELD DAY RESULTS

Field Day this year was to say the least was “trying” to say the least. In spite of the weather and other “problems” we didn’t do all that bad point wise ! The breakdown is as follows:

QSO'S

	CW	DIG	PHONE
80 Meter	261		75
40	117		109
20	153	5	144
15	27		19
10			16
6	8		51
2			2
SAT			2
GOTA			115
	<u>CW</u>	<u>DIG</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
TOTAL	566	5	533
TOTAL CW QSO POINTS (x 2)			1132
TOTAL DIGITAL POINTS (x 2)			10
TOTAL PHONE POINTS			533
TOTAL QSO POINTS			1675
(power multiplier)			2
CLAIMED QSO SCORE			3,350
TOTAL BONUS POINTS CLAIMED			1160
ESTIMATED GRAND SCORE			4,510

(Grand Score to be determined by ARRL)



WELL; SEE YA NEXT YEAR !!!!



(Above) Set up is always a “fun time” on Field Day. Here members assist in erecting the HF tower on the e-comm trailer. (Photo KC8QOD)



Welcome Back ! In the photo above Byron KF8UN operates the CW station while visiting Joe Ebner EX NU8O now W4TSI logs. Joe is visiting the area this summer form Hampstead North Carolina. Some of you will remember Joe from years past.



Just about every member knows what this job is; here Mike KD8ENV cranks up the tower for the HF station at the CW tent . After cranking up 8 or 10 tubes, well that’s a real cardio workout !

(Photo N3JJT)

August 2008

W8NP Monthly Planner

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