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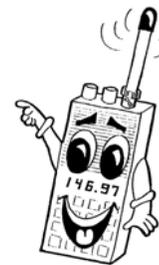
**CLUB REPEATERS
147.180 & 442.850 MHz**

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--- SHORT SKIP ---

Ya know look'n at the new crop of 2 meter hand holds you can't help but notice how they keep shrinking in size with each new gee-whiz model. Can Dick Tracy's wrist radio be far off? And who will be first with it, Icom, Kenwood, or Yaesu, or perhaps Motorola?



One wonders ...

73 de WB80WM

AUGUST MEETING

The meeting for the month of August will be held at the Massillon Senior Center on August 6, 2010 at 8:00 PM.

As promised here is the Field Day

Scores : CONTACTS

	CW	DIG	PH
80M	190		29
40M	285		13
20M	58	14	359
15M	34	1	23
10M	4		16
6 M	4		72
SAT			9
GOTA			60
	TOTAL		
	577	15	591

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AUGUST PROGRAM OHIO QSO PARTY

Well, the presentation covers the what, who, where, when and how of the Ohio QSO Party. It's a very comprehensive look at the event including a brief overview of the rules, operator categories, which bands will be useful and when, how to score, certificates and awards, even a recommendation for an antenna. There are quite a few pictures of various stations who have been active over the past few years (including me). And a little on the competition among Ohio clubs.

As to myself, I was first licensed as KN8HVT in 1957 when I was 14 years old. I lived in Akron then. I was very active in traffic handling when I was in high school and used to be a net control station of the Ohio Buckeye Net. I got interested in DX and contesting after I had been licensed about 6 months and have remained interested. I spend about 40% of my time in Japan and I hold the callsign 7J1AAI. (continued on page 2)

MARC MINUTES

July 2nd, 2010

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center Friday July 2nd, 2010 with 25 members and guests in attendance.

Byron KF8UN made the motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Feedback. Tom WD8MBE seconded it. Motion passed

Gary WC8W gave the treasurer's report.

Wade WD8MIU gave the V.P. report on various newsletters, and upcoming hamfests.

Committees:

Old Business

Discussion about Field Day and how we did, what we could have should have done.

New Business:

There will be a display by the club at the McKinley museum on July 9th.

The Yahoo email reflector is being resurrected. Sign up at Yahoo for W8NP to keep up on all the current events.

August 13th noon – 5 Byron will be on the air in Peru.

Jim WA8GXM made a motion with a second from Byron KF8UN to keep the same prizes for the Hamfest that was used last year.

There was a program demonstration using a spark gap generator and receiver.

50/50 was won by Jim WA8GXM for \$14.50. His winnings were donated to the club.

Minutes by Dan N8DZM

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I lived on the east coast for 20 years and got this W1 callsign in 1995. 9 years laater I moved back to Ohio and settled in Medina in 2006.

The most fun I have had as a ham has been operating from overseas: I have operated from the US Virgin Islands, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, India, Hawaii, New Zealand, Germany and Jersey in the Channel Islands. But I have never had a big station of my own and today I have a modest 100 watt station with only wire antennas.

I'm sure that will give you more than enough material for your newsletter.

73, Hal W1NN

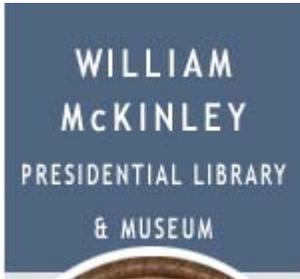
(Field Day Scores continued from page 1)

total CW Points= 1154 (x2) ; total digital points= 30 (x2):
total phone points= 591 (x1); TOTAL QSO pts= 1775: Power
multiplier x2= Claimed score: 3550

BONUS POINTS= 940;

TOTAL score (estimated) = **4490 POINTS** !!! Final total score is to be determined by the ARRL. Results to be published in the December QST magazine.

... SUMMER SPLASH ...



The Massillon Amateur Radio Club was again part of this year's Summer Science Splash at the William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum in Canton on Friday, July 9th from 5:00 - 10:00 PM.

This event showcased local science exhibits and will include special science shows, a forensics presentation, reptile and animal shows, science crafts and other programs.

The club participated in last year's event and for our exhibit this year, the club displayed our Emergency Communications Trailer in addition our display included some radio equipment displays, an informative video and handout literature used at Field Day. The booth was staffed by Terry Russ, N8ATZ, Gary Kline, WC8W, Jim Farriss, WA8GXM and Don Finley, W8DEF. Club President Carl Cunnert, AB8CC and Skip Westrich, WB8OWM also attended and operated the HF Station during the event. Numerous visitors stopped by to gaze at our display and ask questions about our hobby and our activities. Science Director Lynette Reiner appreciated our participation at the event again this year and is already looking forward to another great Summer Splash event in 2011 and you can bet we will also be there !

... RIG PROGRAMMING – Part 1 ...

As of last year I became the proud owner of two new fine amateur radio products, the Yaesu VX-7R Handheld and the FT-8900 Quad Band Mobile radio. I had owned the VX7R for a little while and find it a great little radio. Just last fall I finally upgraded to a newer work car and of course decided to treat myself to a new mobile radio as well. I had been running an Icom IC-3200 Dual Band in the old red sled and used a GE Delta Commercial radio for my six meter work. I realized that the new car wasn't going to work well with the big control head of the Delta radio so I used that as an excuse to upgrade mobile radios. While I do miss the 125 watt output of the GE Delta, I find that I do almost as well using the 50 watt Yaesu. I have always been a fan of Yaesu products, in fact my HF radio is the now obsolete Yaesu FT-840, a modest but very nice 100 watt HF radio.

One of the items on my Dayton Hamvention list this year was the programming software for both radios. The best source of cloning software is from RT Software. Most of the major dealers and distributors carry it and I was hoping for a "deal" at Dayton. I needed both the software and I also wanted a USB style clone cable for my not so new Dell laptop. Up until recently all you could buy was serial style cables and you

needed to use a USB/Serial adapter cable to fit modern laptop and desktops.

After some price shopping I ended up getting everything I needed from Ham Radio Outlet. Programming kits for both radios cost me about \$70.00, a slight discount from normal pricing. I went home a happy camper until I found out that the VX7R kit contained a serial cable not USB as was marked on the box. Lesson #1, always open and inspect the contents of every Dayton purchase before driving all the way home ! As it turned out, this was only a minor inconvenience as my well stocked radio / computer junk box had the adapter I needed. I found out later from my buddy Don, W8DEF that another good outlet for Yaesu programming software is from Bob Freeth, G4HFQ. His website is www.g4hfq.co.uk. Bob's prices are very reasonable if you only need software, about \$15.00 US dollars for either radio.

After a few weekends to catch up on other projects I finally had time to try out my new programming kit. First up was the VX-7R handheld mostly because it was easy to setup on my workbench. I have posted a few pictures of the cable setup on the club's website but it was only slightly harder because of the adapter from USB to Serial cable added into the mix. Once you see the picture you will see why a simple USB cable is easier to use.

As seen in the picture, you will need to install the programming software first into your computer. I run all Windows XP Operating software but other versions of Windows will work all the way back to Windows 98. Version 4 of the software now works with Windows Vista and Windows 7 Operating Systems.

Once you have the program installed the next step is to connect up all the cables to the radio. Keep in mind you will need the Yaesu Microphone adapter cable thanks to the special screw-in connector used with the VX7R. You will also need a mini to sub mini stereo adapter plug to make the final connection. These are still available from Radio Shack if you don't have one.

Somewhere along here you will discover that no user instructions are provided with the programming kit probably because it isn't really necessary. The software help files explain everything in pretty good detail and the software prompts you along the way.

As my VX-7R was mostly programmed anyway I decided to download the current programming to the laptop. A quick click of the Transfer button and the download was complete in about ten seconds. The results are displayed in sort of a spreadsheet format although the file saves the download in a special extension. I have about forty frequencies in mine that includes both ham and public service agencies.

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YOU TUBE VIDEOS

Charlie KB8STV has sent me a couple of old WW II Army videos that were put on You Tube that I think you may enjoy. The first one is about how to "master" Morse Code, using methods they taught in WW II and by using association. It's quite good and I'm sure you will enjoy it. It is : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpetiNdCIY> .

The other video I'm sure you will simply get a kick out of and it will as it did me, simply amaze ! Do you think that the E Comm trailer is a new concept born out of a design of the 21 century? Well nothing can be further from the truth. The video shows that very idea in WW II and what it took to make it work. The number of people involved in the manufacture and implementation of their product - is mind boggling ! They are doing things that we do each and every Field Day(only we do it in a whole lot smaller version than they did in WWII), but that they did it for keeps and not for "fun" as we do today. At the near end of the video, be sure to check out what it took to power their E Comm vehicle and compare it to what we power our E Com vehicle today (picture below) !! My has technology come a long way in just 60 years ! Please go to : http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jps0_2adUvo&feature=related

HERE'S A GOOD TIP: WHEN ADJUSTING YOU'RE GENERATOR, LIKE YOU'RE AMPLIFIER, ADJUST FOR "MAXIMUM SMOKE" !



now, where the heck did that fan blade go?



WHAT WE USE NOW



A 3500 SX Honda Generator circa 2010. About 1/3 size of the WWII trailer mounted generator and probably just about (1/3) as much power, but still gets the job done !

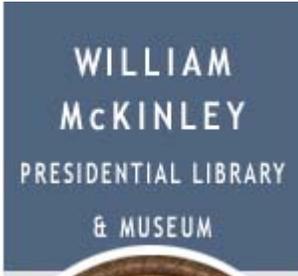


Ohhhh Myyyy !!!

Thanks to Charlie, KB8STV for these pictures !

MARC ACTIVITIES

DISCOVER WORLD AT MCKINLEY MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM



On July the 9th members of the Massillon Amateur Radio Club were invited again this year to participate in the McKinley Monument and McKinley Presidential Museum, now to become an annual event entitled "Summer Science Splash". This marks our second year in participation. This year we added the club E Comm trailer to be the highlight of the Amateur Radio Demonstration to the public. As in last year Terry N8ATZ and myself Gary WC8W along with Don W8DEF and (believe it or not!) "Short Skip", WB8OWM and Jim WA8GXM, plus "Prez" Carl AB8CC, volunteered their time and spent an enjoyable evening talking to people and actually giving visible demonstrations on the club's equipment and a viewing of the club's E

Comm trailer as seen in the pictures below. Science Director Ms. Lynette Reiner, praised our display and is looking forward to next year's MARC Demonstration!

At the right in the photo is Skip WB8OWM making "live" contacts in the club's E Comm trailer for the demonstration. Our display proved to be a popular stop for people to enjoy, especially for the young people. Perhaps we encouraged some to eventually join our ranks!



In the photo at right is Terry N8ATZ standing in front of the display which is in front of the club's E Comm trailer. The computer in front of Terry carries a film clip narrated by the legendary Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD (SK) who passed away in July of 2009. Walt narrates "The World of Amateur Radio". Also included was a few handouts and brochures with pictures about Club activities.



The weather although threatening at first, turned out quite nice as the temperature and humidity lowered making it just right for the outdoor display. What is in store for next year? Perhaps we will set up a display inside the museum where we will be next to the other displays (hopefully they won't set us up next to the bee or snake displays)!!

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN T. EDEL K8LBZ



It is with great sadness I notify you for the passing of one of MARC'S elder Life members, Mr. John Edel, K8LBZ. John passed away on July 21st , 2010 at the Laurels of Canton. He was 81 years of age. John was born Feb 19, 1929 in New Castle PA. to the late John and Virginia (Bender) Edel. He graduated from Wheeling High School, served in the U.S. Navy, received an Honorable discharge. He received a B.S. Degree from West Virginia University, and a M. S. Degree from Tuskegee Institute. For a number of years he taught chemistry and mathematics at Perry High School, Tuslaw High School and finished with 22 years teaching at Plain Local Schools at Glen Oak High School. John's interests, besides Amateur Radio were: Jackson Lions Club (past president), and he volunteered with income tax preparation for ARRP (at the Massillon Senior Center). John likewise served on the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) board of directors for 10 years. John was a past MARC Trustee, and a past Vice President (before the days of automatic succession) and a Life Member , joining the club around 1958 (record keeping was not very good back in those days !) .

John is survived by his wife of 58 years , Janet Elaine (Snider) Edel. They have four children: John "Jay (Debbie) Edel of Findlay Oh; Charla Edel Chrisman of Clearwater Fla; Frank S (Sheri) Edel of Palm Harbor Fla; and Christa (Brad) Wolansky of Wichita, Kan. John has six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services were held on Monday July 26 at the Paquelet Funeral home. Cremation has taken place. Our most sincer condolences to Janet and her Family.

DAVID SELBY SR.

Mr. David Selby Senior, Father of MARC member David Selby (JR), KC8WVH, passed away on July 17, 2010 at the age of 59 years. David was a retiree of the Hoover Co after 37 years of service He enjoyed motorcycles , model train building, reading, crossword puzzles, history and music.

Services were held at the North Canton Reed Funeral Home on July 21, 2010. Cremation has taken place. Our most sincer condolences to David and his Family.

(N8ATZ column continued from page 3)

The really nice part of having them in the laptop is that now I can customize them individually including power settings, PL tone frequencies, etc and send it back to the radio in a jiffy. This is much easier than trying to perform it all from the radio keypad.

I'm still learning the software but it makes a great way to keep track of all the settings in your radio. Let me know if you would like to see the programmer work, maybe at a club meeting sometime. Next month I'll let you know the details of the programming kit for the Yaesu FT-8900.

That's it for now. See you at the meeting !

73's
Terry – N8ATZ

AND SO IT BEGINS

A week of HOF activities beginning with the Balloon Classic and ending with the Grand Parade & Hall of Fame Game. A real busy time for MARC and the Canton ARC clubs Public Service !



North Bass Island Expedition 2010



Qualified July 23rd, 2010 OH006L

First, I would like to thank everyone who donated towards the expedition. Your support made it possible for us to qualify this island for the US Islands Award Program

Second, thank you to all team members. Our meetings and watching every detail kept this expedition on track. Teamwork made this expedition possible from start to finish. Great Job, NBI Team!

North Bass Island is most northern island of the Bass Island Chain. The only transportation modes to North Bass are either private boat or plane. Ferries no longer travel there as the population has dropped from approximately 300 residents to 14 full time residents. Luckily we came across Bud Stonebrook, who helped with our transportation and became our liaison for North Bass.

Friday, July 23rd, 2010 the team departed the Stark County area and headed north for which would turn into a very interesting trip. The further north we traveled, the wind seem to increase. After unloading the vehicles and loading everything onto the ferry, we realized that we were in-store for a roller coaster ride. The lake had become very choppy. The trip from Catawba Island to Middle Bass Island lasted about 45 minutes and several of the passengers, including part of our team, received a wet welcome from Lake Erie as the waves splashed onto the deck. It was refreshing as the temperatures were on their way to the 90's.

Upon arriving at Middle Bass, we were advised by Bud that his brother, Dale, had also traveled from North Bass with his boat to help with transportation. This saved the team about a ½ hour in travel time. Arriving at North Bass, there was a van waiting to take us to our temporary home, the old school house.

Friday was miserably hot and humid and made erecting the antennas a laborious job. We had to take several breaks and drink plenty of fluids as the temperature and humidity was in the high 90's. Antenna teams were assigned and the vertical went up in a couple of hours. The dipoles were more difficult to install as we needed on the roof and the black shingles just made the heat worst.

All equipment was up and operation around 5PM and we were just suppose to do radio checks and some QSO's. However, once we got on the air, many stations started to contact us and we had our required 25 QSO's before the day was over. This turned out to be in our favor as storms rolled in Friday

evening and we had to shut the equipment down. We called it an early night and tried to sleep in what turned out to be a classroom sauna. Byron, K8FUN, needed to check into net at 3AM Saturday morning and woke all of us. We were not a happy bunch. Saturday was a little cooler than Friday, but the heat and humidity were still high. Saturday also brought a change to our operating procedures. IOTA, Island On The Air (Salt Water), was having a contest that day. All bands and our published frequencies were jammed up with contesters. All we could do was try and operate around them or use some of them for contacts. Needless to say, we ended up with a total of 168 QSO's.

Our team was; AB8CC, Carl; KD8JNX, Brooker(part-timer);KF8UN, Byron; N3JJT, Scott; WC8W, Gary; WD8MBE, Tom; WD8MIU, Wade; W8AU, Perry and W8PNT, Peggy. Oh, I can't forget Toby, the RF Yorky. He kept the water snakes away and we kept the coyotes away from Toby.

A more detailed story we soon be posted on the website; www.north-bass-island.com .

73s de Tom, WD8MBE



Commander and Chief, too much heat and humidity!

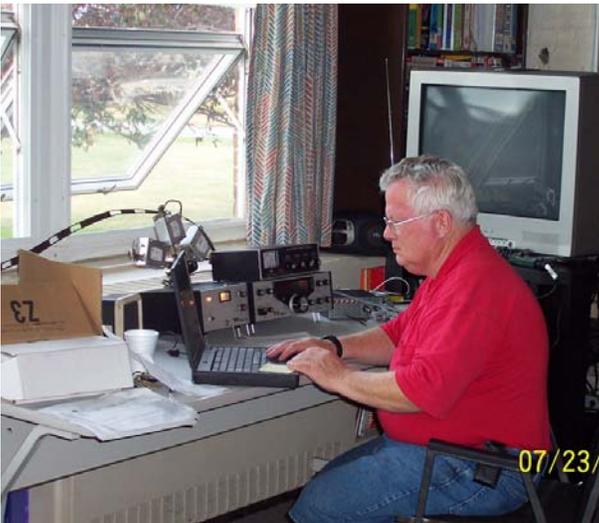
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NORTH BASS ISLAND PICTURE PAGE

Congratulations to the North Bass Island Team pictured right (back row L R) Tom WD8MBE, Byron KF8UN, Wade WD8MIU, Perry W8AU (front row) Peggy W8PNT, Carl AB8CC, Scott N3JJT, Gary WC8W



MORE PHOTOS !!



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