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--- SHORT SKIP ---

August ! So where did the time go? Why before ya know it Bunkey fall will be here. And how'scome so many top CW operators are named Mike as in microphone ? (HI)
Have a safe August (whew)



73 de WB80WM

AUGUST MEETING AND PROGRAM NOTICE

The meeting for the month of August will be held at the Massillon Senior Center on August 5th 2011 at 8:00 PM . This meeting will be a very special meeting and we have a very special program for you.

Invited for this months meeting will be none other than Mr. Jim Weaver, K8JE, the ARRL Great Lakes Division Director. Mr. Weaver always has a variety of interesting subjects to talk about. Both present happenings in the ARRL and future events happening in the ARRL. One item that I am sure everyone is wanting to know is current legislation concerning antenna restrictions that is currently before Ohio Legislature. This could ultimately effect all of us. I hate to admit it but I really don't know that much about this issue so I for one will be very interested in hearing what Mr. Weaver has to say about this subject !



Since Mr. Weaver is an out of town guest, he will undoubtedly be given the opportunity to speak first before the business meeting at 8:00 PM. And because of many MARC Club members are Hall Of Fame Festivities volunteers, we will probably have a brief business meeting. This is so the members involved can get home and get some sleep before having to get up at a very early hour and be on station for the Hall Of Fame Parade.

So everyone, let's show Mr. Weaver our support by attending this meeting and have a great August turnout ! . See you at the meeting !

MARC MINUTES

July 1, 2011

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center on Friday, July 1, 2011 with 23 members and guests in attendance.

After a round of introductions, Andrew WB8WFO, with a second by Don W8DEA, made the motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Feedback. Motion passed.

Gary WC8W gave the treasurer's report.

Wade WD8MIU passed around newsletters received by the club in the past month.

Byron KF8UN spoke about upcoming Hamfests in the area.

Committees: none

Old Business:

Field Day - Thanks was given to all for helping. It was too early for a report on the overall efforts but it was noted that the cooks did a great job again this year.

Club Station – Jim WA8GXM has a piece of mast pipe for the beam antenna and will donate it to the club. A work date will be scheduled in the near future.

Hamfest – The door prizes for this year were discussed. Prize selection was tabled for the next meeting. A budget of \$1100 was set to purchase the prizes.

Hall Of Fame Grand Parade – Parade date is August 6. It was noted that it is not too late to volunteer for the event. Contact Wade WD8MIU for more information.

New Business:

Sam Swisher N2TJX joined the club. He recently moved to the area from New York.

Gary WC8W is planning to start a new ham license training class in September. Information will be distributed to the local schools and the Massillon Senior Center seeking possible students.

The club has been officially invited back to the Ohio Safety Fest at Clay's Park in 2012. The event will be the first Saturday in June. It was noted that the club gave out close to 100 Junior Radio Operator Badges this year to children who spelled their names using Morse Code.

Byron KF8UN announced his plans to operate /OA from Peru. He will be there from July 22 to August 16. He will operate as he has time on most days, but will be on the air August 8 from the local club station on 20m near 14.332Mhz +/- QRM. He will also try to be active mobile while time permits.

Don W8DEA was welcomed back from his recent FEMA deployment. He reported that FEMA is utilizing ham radio more during major disasters as communications backup. FEMA has learned that cell phones do not work well when the cell phone network has been damaged in a disaster.

Andrew WB8WFO, with a second by Don W8DEA, made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed.

Presentation after the meeting by Gene W8XKR covering the tools and techniques used when working on "Heavy Metal" equipment.

50/50 was won by Byron KF8UN for \$13.

Respectfully submitted by Robert AC8GE

... WINLINK RADIO REQUEST ...

As most of you probably know, we have had two Winlink data relay stations in operation twenty-four hours a day for the greater part of the past five years. One is located at Mercy Medical Center with the other hosted by my buddy Jim, WA8GXM. They both operate fully automatically about five hours each day testing the system and passing routine traffic. They have been used for several drills and some MARS traffic when needed.

As you might guess since that time the two meter mobile radio's are in near constant use with hundreds of hours on the transmitter. About two months ago the ADI radio used at Mercy Medical Center finally died of transmitter failure. A backup Alinco was installed to get the system back up and operational. Unfortunately it lasted about a month and it too developed receiver problems.

With no more backup radio's available we are looking for someone to donate a used 2 meter radio to repair the system. The interface cable is compatible with an ADI or Icom 8 pin round mic cable although we could easily build or purchase a new interface cable if needed.

If you have a radio that is no longer in use and you would like to consider donating it to us, please contact me. We would certainly appreciate it !

... TWIT TV ...

As I was reading the recent issue of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club monthly newsletter I came upon an interesting item about something called TWIT TV. While it sounds a bit weird, it's actually a very interesting website that contains some great video's covering a lot of amateur radio topics and others. One new section is called HAM NATION and is a weekly Ham TV show hosted by Bob Heil, K9EID and it covers some great ham radio topics. Currently there have been six episodes and all are available for viewing right from your computer or downloading to play on your portable media player.

I have already watched several of them and have enjoyed them all. I encourage you to have a look. Go to <http://www.twit.tv> and follow the links to the various programs available for viewing.

... SAFETY FEST ...

On Saturday, June 4th, the Massillon Amateur Radio Club participated in the Annual Ohio Safety Fest held at Clay's Park Resort.

Ohio Safety Fest is an outdoor festival highlighting safety, crime prevention, police, fire, and other safety related department partnerships with the community via informational

booths, displays, interactive activities and educational seminars.

The MARC has provided support communications for many public safety departments during our eighty year history and have been an active part of our community that entire time and we were pleased to have been invited to take part in this annual safety fest by event organizer Chuck Maier.

Our display was centered around our Emergency Communications Trailer (EComm 1) along with several informational displays depicting the many facets of our great hobby. Along with a working HF and VHF station, we also demonstrated Winlink Digital Communications, ATV and had a working CW practice station that was popular with the many children that stopped by our table. Literature on Ham Radio, the MARC and our Skywarn Spotter program was also available to the public.

The day was a busy one for the club volunteers who staffed our display. Thanks to club member Ralph Bugg, K8HSQ, we have lots of pictures covering our participation in Safety Fest. [Click Here](#) to check them all out.

A special thanks to all the members who helped make this event a big success !

... FIELD DAY ...

Again this year the MARC participated in the ARRL's annual Field Day communications exercise the weekend of June 25-26th.

Held again at Petros Park in Perry Township, we enjoyed great weather (we didn't get wet!), decent band conditions, a great Field Day dinner and great company. Although member participation was a little down from previous years, we had a fun time over the weekend. Both the Phone and CW stations stayed busy most of the time with very little down time. Nearly all club members were given the chance to operate over the weekend with some guest operators having a turn at the GOTA station for a taste of contest operating.

A special thanks to Stephanie, XYL of Igor, K8INN who again took on the daunting task of preparing our annual Field Day Feast. The menu included burgers and dogs, along with barbeque chicken marinated in a special secret recipe that had us all lined up waiting for the dinner bell. The result was another great dinner for the Field Day crew.

Ralph Bugg, K8HSQ was also busy with his new digital camera capturing some great photo memories for us. [Click Here](#) to visit his photo page website.

Look for the results to be ready for the August meeting. We don't worry too much about scores anymore, our main goal was to have an enjoyable weekend with our fellow club members family and friends. Judging by the comments overheard during the weekend, I'd say we scored another perfect TEN again this year !

That's it for this month.

73's Terry – N8ATZ

FIELD DAY RESULTS

One thing that could possibly be said is: REPEAT !Yes we nearly copied last years score! We missed it by a near 140 points! It all breaks down like this.

CW

BAND	QSO's
80M	107
40M	238
20M	109
15M	57
10M	10
6M	5
GOTA	0
TOTAL	526

PHONE

BAND	QSO's
80M	84
40M	5
20M	318
15M	111
10M	0
6M	84
GOTA	51
TOTAL	653

TOTAL CW QSO's POINTS ----- 1,052
 TOTAL PHONE QSO's POINTS -----653
 TOTAL QSO POINTS -----1,705
 PWR MULTIPLIER -----X 2
 CLAIMED SCORE -----3,410
 BONUS POINTS -----940
 TOTAL ESTIMATED SCORE -----**4,350 POINTS**

Total score is an estimated score. Claimed Bonus points will be added to the final score after claimed points are checked. The final score is determined by the ARRL.

The total score last year was 4490 points! So we came real close to last year's score. The major difference was in total points scored. For example we had a total of 577 CW QSO's and we had a total of 591 Phone QSO's

Plus last year we had 15 digital points where we had none this year. Total QSO points was 1,775, with a Claimed score of 3550 a difference of 110 points ! Last year we had a bonus points of ---- 940 points ! Same as this year !! Final score last year was 4490 and this year is 4,350 a difference of 140 total points !

We could have scored more points this year if 'ole Murphy hadn't showed his ugly head! Problems on Sunday at the CW station slowed things down dramatically. The CW electronic memory keyer broke down and everything had to be put in "by hand" --- NO memory keyer! Yes that does make a BIG difference in the QSO's / hour! We will have to determine what we are going to do for next year. Either a new memory keyer will have to be purchased or see if the old one can be repaired. Either way we cannot do without it!

WHAT'S THIS???

Why it's none other than our own Al Kalbfel KD8IOG leading a parade of vintage & restored tractors in Garrettsville, Ohio (Portage County) Al is driving a mighty fine looking 1951 Allis Chalmers tractor. The event took place on June 25th this year. Look'n mighty good Al !



(story & photo submitted by son Tim KD8IOH; (GOT'CH DAD !)

IN MEMORIAM

The Phelps Family announces the passing of their mother Nellie B. (Bond) Phelps on Monday July 11, 2011 at age 79 years. She was born in the year 1932 in the town of Caldwell, Ohio and graduated from Belle Valley High School in 1950. She worked for the Perry Local Schools in the Food Service department for a total of 32 years, retiring in 2000.

In the year 2001 she was awarded the Worker of the Year from Trinity United Methodist Church and in 2004 she was awarded the Outstanding Senior Citizen's Award from the Perry Township Rotary Club and the Perry Local Schools. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, the Trinity United Methodist Women and Jewel Circle.

She was preceded in death by husband James Phelps in 1980, parents Lewis and Edna Bond and a brother Fred Bond.

She is survived by sons James (Sandi) Thomas (Peggy) and Randall (Janet) Phelps. Grandchildren Cindy Phelps, Jennifer (Bob) Bauer, Tommy (Monica) Phelps, Nicole Phelps, Julie and James Phelps, two brothers, Robert (Jo-Anne) , L Jr. (Barbra) Bond and four sisters Mona Chadwell, Betty Crock, Linda (Raymond) McMannis and Mary Anne (William) Clark; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral Services were conducted at the Reed Funeral Home, Canton Chapel on July 14th. Interment was held at the Sunset Hills Burial Park. Memorials may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church or to any charity of your choice.

Members of the Massillon Amateur Radio Club extend their most sincere condolences to Tom (WD8MBE), Peggy (W8PNT), Randy (KD8JN), Janet (N8GXO), James (KD8OYM) and Julie (KC8UDY) Phelps and the entire Phelps Family.

ARRL NEWS

SB DX ARL ARLD028 ARLD028 The Republic of South Sudan Is Now a DXCC Entity

At 10:18 AM (EDT) on Thursday, July 14, the UN General Assembly met to vote on whether or not to admit the Republic of South Sudan as its 193rd member state. The Republic of South Sudan was unanimously admitted and is now a member of the United Nations; a two-thirds majority is needed to become a member of the UN.

Immediately following the General Assembly meeting, the flag of the Republic of South Sudan flew for the first time in front of the UN, ceremoniously marking its membership in the UN.

Now that the Republic of South Sudan is a member of the United Nations, the new country is now a DXCC entity by way of Section II, 1(a) of the DXCC rules. The DXCC Desk will begin immediately accepting QSOs for this new entity, with a start date of July 14, 2011.

According to DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, the Honor Roll numbers move from 340 to 341 for the Top of the Honor Roll, and for Honor Roll it becomes 332. "The deadline for the Honor Roll and annual listings is December 31, so you must submit the new entity to DXCC

by then in order to retain your Honor Roll status," Moore explained.

"For Logbook of The World (LoTW), you may submit all your QSOs with the Republic of South Sudan stations anytime. There is no need to hold them out of your log or do anything differently from what you already have been doing. You do not need to assign country names or identifiers. After we issue certificates to the Republic of South Sudan license holders, LoTW will make matches and assign the correct entities automatically."

As of July 14, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has not announced a prefix block for the Republic of South Sudan.

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ON PAGE 7, THIS ISSUE

On page 7 of this issue is a "cover" page for an Multi Band Vertical antenna that Mike Sciarini WA8MKH engineered and has put a lot of time & effort into this project. He is to be commended as this is one of his finest projects. Because of it's size, the instructions, tuning, parts lists are included in a separate PDF file e mailing to all MARC members. For questions about the antenna and accolades to Mike please e mail him at: wa8mk8@gmail.com.

73's de WC8W MARC Editor

OHIO QSO PARTY

The Ohio QSO Party (OhQP) is a 6 weeks away - we hope you will join the fun on August 27, 2011.

We had a record turnout in 2010 and we hope you and your friends will make 2011 be even better.

CQ Ohio Hams! Stations from across Ohio are making plans to be on the air for one of the premier state QSO parties: the Ohio QSO Party (OhQP). We hope you will join the fun on Saturday, August 27.

People from around the world are seeking out Ohio stations in this event and it's a fun time for Ohio stations to be on the air and be the hunted station, or "DX". The OhQP occurs on Saturday August 27, 2010 from local noon to local midnight (12 short hours).

In the basic QSO exchange, Ohio stations send a consecutive serial number + county, and non-Ohio stations (who can only work Ohio) send a consecutive serial number and their state, VE province, or "DX". Suggested frequencies are:

SSB 3825, 7200, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz
CW: 3545, 7045, 14,045,21,045, 28,045 kHz

When you get on the air, try calling CQ in addition to searching and pouncing. Remember, everyone is tuning the bands looking for Ohio stations - your CQ's will be answered! Full details and an OhQP operating guide can be found on the official website at: www.ohqp.org

This is a great event for a club activity or a training ground for new(er) hams. QSO rates are as high or higher than Field Day, and there's virtually no QRM in this event. Round up the club and have some fun. If you are in the mood to enjoy the great Ohio countryside, try operating portable or mobile from a rare county. Remember, the ultimate goal is to just get on the air and have some fun!

**73 and we hope to hear you on the air,
Kenny K2KW
Ohio QSO Party PR Coordinator
kenny.k2kw@gmail.com**

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Multi-Band Inverted-V Antenna

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This article is presented as a construction and learning guide with information that can be applied to dipoles, V, and Inverted-V antennas. Included are: diagrams, pictures, specifications, and parts list for a 4 band PVC supported Inverted-V antenna. Many specifications are repeated in different formats to help with learning and construction.



Shown are the PVC Pipe and all components: Hardware, Wire, Documentation, and storage of Items.



In 2008, this project started as an idea for amateur radio club members to work with antenna hardware, antenna theory, setup, tuning using SWR meters or antenna analyzers, and operation using a 4-band-single-feed-line antenna system that did not require a tuner. This design uses available hardware from local hardware, electrical, and or electronic supply stores. Several revisions have been made to improve the original design. This system was part of the Tuscarawas County Amateur Radio Club (TUSCO) meeting presentation. The revised antenna system was assembled and tuned at the local (TUSCO) club meeting July 21, 2011 at Gnadenuhthen, Ohio.

The antenna covers 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. The SWR is less than 2 to 1 with no tuner. Extra multiple SWR dips occurred in the initial tuning because of the extra length of wire but stabilized after the antenna was close to the correct operating frequencies. An example: if the 10 meter antenna is too long, after tuning the 15 meter section, the 10 meter wire length can be too close to 15 meters. Also be sure that the extra wire wrap at the end insulator is always close to the same length, about 8 inches. Too much wire wrapped around at the end and sticking out can act as end loading that varies with frequency.

A complete index and instructions is included along with this cover page in a separate PDF format.

73 de Mike WA8MKH

MARC 2011 FIELD DAY REVISITED !



Hams do not live by CW contacts alone !!!



Now that's class ! How many other FD Groups have a CW operator (Perry W8AU) dressed in a shirt & tie operating Field Day !



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What is Field Day without a shot of Igor, K8INN, at the keyboard making gazoodles of contacts !!!



GOOD BYE TILL NEXT YEAR !!!

August 2011

W8NP Monthly Planner

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