



# FEEDBACK

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**MRN NET Tue,Thur,& Sun  
2030 ET 3.600 MHz**

**WEST STARK INFO NET  
Fridays 8:00 PM 147.18 MHz  
(except 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month)**

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## AUGUST MEETING

The meeting for the month of August will be held on **Friday, August 2, 2013 at 8:00 PM** at the Massillon Senior Center. Doors open at 7:00 PM.

The August meeting will be another social event with Coffee, Soft Drinks, and Pastries. Questions can be answered by our club members about events, club operation, new ideas, and tour of the station and upgrades during the past several months. The club station is in full operation and all repairs have been completed.

The July 5, 2013 meeting had a record attendance of 47 enjoying the **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**. It was suggested during the evening to have this event next year.....an obvious approval for the event. The TOP of the event was numerous Ice Cream TOPPING choices that spanned the length of 2 tables, compliments of all our members and guests.

MARC members participated at the Canton McKinley Museum Summer Science Splash July 19, 2013. The event was staffed by 9 MARC Members: Terry N8ATZ, Gary WC8W, Jim WA8GXM, Tony KD8UXK, Mike WA8MKH, Ralph K8HSQ, Ann N8GAF, Perry W8AU, and Wade WD8MIU. Jim WA8GXM transported Ecomm to this event.

MARC fundraiser, sponsored by Buehlers Grocery Store in Jackson Township, was attended by 21 MARC Members: Wade WD8MIU, Steve KD8ACF, Terry N8ATZ, Jim WA8GXM, Mike WA8MKH, Carol KB8IMH, Stephen KC8IDJ, Perry W8AU, Ralph K8HSQ, Don W8DEF, Gary WC8W, Tony KD8UXK, Don W8DEA, Igor K8INN, Stephanie KD8RDN, Charlie KB8STV, Bill KD8TKX, Shirley Treacle, Alexandra Bonillas, Barry WA8WBL, and Kathy KC8IXE. The club staffed an outdoor grill selling hot dogs and drinks from 10AM to 4PM. Club Ecomm Radio Equipped trailer was on display.

I Want to Thank Everyone who Volunteered to work the Buehler's Fund Raiser and Also to all the Club Members who came to Support us this past Saturday. God Bless. Wade WD8MIU

Kelley's Island Expedition is September 7, 2013. Please notify Wade WD8MIU [wd8miu@gmail.com](mailto:wd8miu@gmail.com) by August 15, 2013 if you are planning to attend this expedition. Note Wade's article and Map later in this newsletter.

# MARC MINUTES

## July 5, 2013

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center on Friday, July 5, 2013 with 47 members and guests in attendance.

Mike WA8MKH called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of introductions.

Jerry KF8EB, with a second by Gene W8KXR, made the motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as published in the Feedback newsletter.

Gary WC8W gave the Treasurer's Report. Gary noted that Field Day activities came in under budget for this year. Lee KD8UEA, with a second by Don W8DEA, made a motion to accept the report as presented. Motion Passed.

### VP's Report:

Terry N8ATZ reported the following

- Hall Of Fame Month – upcoming training classes are scheduled. The appreciation dinner tickets will be dispersed at the training, unless other arrangements are made.
- McKinley Museum Summer Science Splash is July 19, 2013 from 5pm to 9pm. W8NP will have the Communications Trailer there along with a display.

### Committee Reports:

Kelly's Island – Brooker KD8JNX reports the lot has been reserved for two nights to allow entry the morning of the special event. Operation will be from noon to 8pm

Fund Raising – Buehler's is July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hamfest Prizes – New committee of Gary WC8W, Dan N8DZM and Perry W8AU was formed to decide which prizes to award at the 2013 hamfest.

**Old Business:** *none*

### New Business:

2m Repeater – Mike WA8MKH reports that the 2m repeater controller is obsolete and some parts are hard to get or unavailable. The club does not own a backup unit. Motion was made to allow purchase of one up to \$1200. Jim WA8GXM reports he has a lead on one that may be available.

Hamfest – Gary WC8W requested a committee be formed to select Hamfest prizes this year.

Field Day Keyer – Gary WC8W reported the Keyer is still not working correctly. Perry W8AU will repair.

Donations – Kirk N8KN donated a 52ft tower with rotor and antenna to the club and Steve WA8GLE donated a Bencher Paddle.

### Motions:

Jerry KF8EB, with a second by Lee KD8UEA, made a motion to purchase a CAT 1000 repeater controller. After a brief discussion Lee KD8UEA, with a second by Gene W8KXR, made a motion to amend to include setting a limit to the purchase price, not to exceed \$1200. Motion passed as amended.

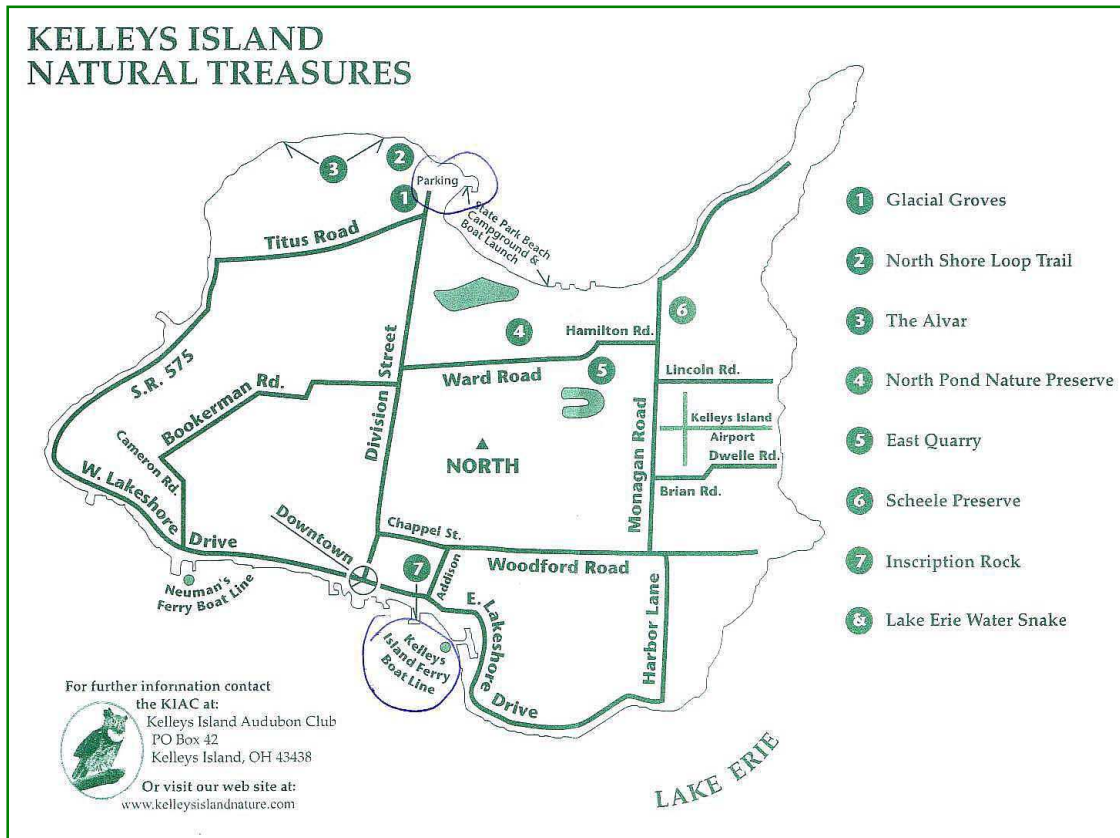
**Presentation:** Ice Cream Social

**50/50:** *none*

Lee KD8UEA, with a second by Jerry KF8EB, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert AC8GE.

## MASSILLON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EVENT



### Kelley's Island, OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR CONTEST, September 7, 2013

- Ferry Rates and Details for the EVENT:  
\$19.00 per person Round Trip  
\$16.00 per person Round Trip, Senior Rate  
\$30.00 per car Round Trip
- Last Ferry leaves Island at 11:30 PM
- Ferry Leaves Mainland at 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM Hourly, 9:30AM every ½ Hour
- Lot 98 on North Side of Kelley's Island facing Canada
- The International Border to Canada is about 5 miles north
- No Golf Course in State Park
- Verizon and AT&T cell phones showed ROAMING at State Park
- Rest Rooms 75 feet from Trailer on Lot 98
- No charge to visit State Park

WADE, WD8MIU

**Time for a few Thank You's  
from your  
Vice-President and Activities Director**

First up Field Day. Thanks to solid planning by many people, this years Field Day exercise was a tremendous success ! Yes, we had a few problems during the weekend but no event goes exactly as planned. But I want to express my thanks to everyone who participated this year. From setup to operating and everything in between, a great time was had by all. Some of the best attendance we have ever had at Field Day.

And lest we not forget the great Field Day Feist we enjoyed this year. **Our head chef Stephanie turned out the best burgers and chicken ever.** Plus we had lots of great side dishes and desserts thanks to the YL's and XYL's. Give yourself a round of applause, you did a great job !



Then in July we enjoyed a great Family Night at the club with our first annual Ice Cream Social. Another record attendance for a meeting and again thanks to the many club members who brought out more toppings for Ice Cream than I have ever seen in one place. What is usually a stuffy business meeting turned out to be the social event of the summer !

Again my sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with this fun event. I say we do it again next year ! All in favor say aye !

**....OHIO QSO PARTY ....**



If you're in the mood for a little late summer contesting why not consider operating the annual Ohio QSO Party? This year's Ohio QSO Party (OhQP) is on Saturday August 24th. Mark your calendars and join the fun!

The 2013 OhQP will start on August 24th at 1600z and runs 12 hours until August 25th at 0400z - **for Ohioans, that's local noon to local midnight August 24, EDT.** In the basic QSO exchange, Ohio stations send a consecutive serial number + county, and non-Ohioans (who can only work Ohio) send a consecutive serial number plus their state, VE province, or "DX". Suggested frequencies are: CW: 3545, 7045, 14,045, 21,045, 28,045 kHz; SSB 3825, 7200, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz.

Full details and an OhQP Operating Guide can be found on the OhQP website at: [www.ohqp.org/](http://www.ohqp.org/) Check the rules for some minor changes, and the addition of 2 new multipliers.

If there is enough interest, we will even consider opening up the club shack and operating part of the QSO Party from there. Let us know if you would like to operate from the shack !

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

**Terry, N8ATZ**

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## MARC President's Report August 2013



### JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND MEETING



There were **47** club members and family in attendance at our July 5 meeting. Our program was **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**. Thank You to all who provided the fantastic selection of refreshments, cookies, and the colorful selection of ice cream toppings and fruit. **A Special Thank You to all the servers.** Could this be an annual event ???

### WE APPRECIATE AND WELCOME OUR 3 NEW MEMBERS

N8KN, Kirk Nussbaum, Dalton, Ohio  
KC8PX, Bob Fain, Massillon, Ohio  
KF9WB, Ken Barnes, Massillon, Ohio

### DONATIONS TO OUR CLUB



Club member Kirk N8KN donated to our club a year 1988 Hy-Gain 52 Ft. crank-up tower, Hy-Gain Ham IV Rotator/Control, and a Hy-Gain TH7DX Antenna. Thank You Kirk.



Club member Steve WA8GLE donated to our club a Bencher BY-2 CW Keyer Paddles. Thank You Steve.

### KELLEYS ISLAND UPDATE, "State Parks on the Air," September 7, 2013



A Lot Rental on the island has been confirmed. If you are attending this event please let Wade WD8MIU know by email, [wd8miu@gmail.com](mailto:wd8miu@gmail.com) or at the August club meeting.

### HAMFEST NOVEMBER 3, 2013

Hamfest Prize committee is Perry W8AU, Dan N8DZM, and Gary WC8W. If you would like to provide input to the committee please contact one of the members. The hamfest is only 12 weeks away so items will be ordered soon. Planning for the Hamfest starts early in the year with flyers and then various planning stages throughout the summer.

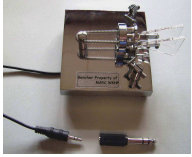
### Volunteers Appreciated

Thank You to all who worked at the Canton McKinley Science Summer Splash and the Buehlers Fundraiser. We had an excellent turnout.

Wish you well and God Bless  
**73 DE, MIKE WA8MKH**

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## CHROME PLATED CW KEY ADDED TO MARC STATION



Steve, WA8GLE, purchased this estimated 20 to 25 year old BENCHER Model BY-2 CW paddles at a hamfest and donated this fine instrument to the MARC club station. Restoration and latest upgrades was done by Mike, WA8MKH.

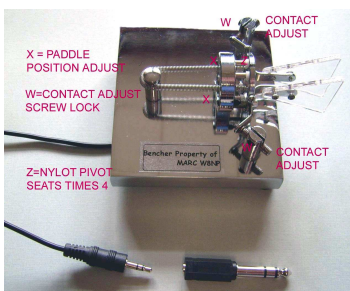
The following parts were ordered from Bencher (847-838-3195, [bencher@bencher.com](mailto:bencher@bencher.com)) and listed for anyone needing to upgrade their existing key: NOTE: Determine if the bottom of the key has the ¼ inch slide connectors otherwise they also need to be ordered (quantity of 3).

- 3 of 01842 Foot Paddle (rubber feet)
- 3 of 02937 Screws for the rubber feet
- 2 of 02628 Finger Pads (older pads generally will yellow or crack)
- 6 of 01620 Pivot Socket (2 extra since they are easily damaged)
- 1 of EZ-1 Universal Hook Up Kit and adapters
- 3 of ¼ inch slide to ring terminal connectors for the EZ-1 Kit, see Note above.

Recommend disassembling the main parts of the key and cleaning the base and parts. WD-40 is a good solvent, followed by isopropyl alcohol (sold as rubbing alcohol) to remove all oil. The 2 Pivot setscrews do not need to be removed.

When replacing Finger Pads, do not overtighten screws as this can cause cracking of the acrylic pads.

When replacing the Nylon Pivot Sockets, they should be pressed in lightly with moderate finger pressure. As with age and use, the nylon pivots can become brittle and crack and must be replaced or the keying action will be sluggish and will cause keying errors. Ordering the 2 extra pivots is necessary since they are used to test the seating and may have to be removed several times while trying to seat the nylon pivots.



A 3/32 and a 5/64 Allen Wrench is needed. The adjustment locations are shown in the left picture. Loosen W and back out Contact Adjust slightly. Make sure the Finger Pads are parallel or adjust X as necessary. NOTE: There are 2 retaining screws below the finger pads that must be adjusted loosely so the finger pads can move unrestricted about ¼ inch. Move the Contact Adjust in and operate the same Finger Pad for slight movement (about the width of 2 pieces of paper), then lightly tighten W. Do the same for the other side. Plug into a radio or keyer and test. The thumb side is the dots. If the keying is reversed, then unplug and exchange the 2 wires underneath the key. Adjustment of this instrument may require further practice in the art of "Fine Tuning".

73 DE, MIKE WA8MKH

# August 2013

## W8NP Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																		
<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p>Sep. 7 - Austintown Tailgate/Hamfest            Sep. 8 - Findlay Hamfest            Sep. 8 - Butler SwapFest            Sep. 15 - Adrian Hamfest, MI            Sep. 22 - Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show            Sept 28 - Akron Marathon</p>			<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">Sep 2013</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Sep 2013							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						<p style="color: #800080; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>1</b></p> <p>Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930</p>	<p style="color: #800080; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>2</b></p> <p>Massillon Amateur Radio Club Meeting, Senior Center, Massillon, 2000</p>	<p style="color: #800080; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>3</b></p> <p>Columbus Hamfest, Ohio State Convention, Aladdin Shrine Center, 0800, Ctc.: Barry 614-876-3099</p> <p><b>Pro Football Hall of Fame Grand Parade - 0800</b></p> <p>VE Test Sessions, Portage County ARS, 1000, Ctc.: Robert 330-607-3833, PCARS, Ravenna</p>
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