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DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of December will be held on December 6th, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Massillon Senior Center, 39 Lincoln Way West. Doors will open at 7:00 PM .

Main discussion items for this meeting will be planning for our annual Awards Banquet in January and end of year elections.

PROGRAM

As usual our December meeting will be a busy one as it will include our annual officer elections. We hope our current officers will remain with us for another year after the great job they did this year but we will also accept nominations from the floor.

We also need to schedule time for our annual meeting to discuss awards and other club business. Finally the "fun" business for the meeting will be to decide where we would like to hold our awards banquet in January.

Start thinking where you would like to hold the banquet in January. Last year we held it at the Massillon K of C Hall in Massillon. Shall we stay there or pick another place ? Help us decide !

HAMFEST REPORT

Our annual hamfest is over for another year and I'm happy to report that we had another successful club event. Table rentals were decent, attendance was slightly down from last year and everyone I talked to noted the decent crowd we had again this year. Table vendors reported decent sales which was good to hear. Perry reported the auction did pretty well with some nice equipment going out the door. Early reports show our attendance was about 150 this year. Ohio Section Manager Scott Yonally, N8SY was pleased with our event and he looks forward to attending next year.

Thanks to all the club volunteers, YL's and XYL's who also helped to make this year's event another success !!



Broadcastify: [W8NP 147.1800 MHz Massillon ARC and WA8GXM 53.0500 MHz Repeaters](#)

Perry W8AU called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Perry W8AU opened the meeting with a request for any corrections to the printed October meeting minutes, hearing none the report as accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Dan N8DZM provided account balances for all. A motion was made to accept the report by Jim WA8GXM & Fred KD8SMO
MIU seconded. The motion passed.

Perry W8AU identified multiple expeditions and DX contests.

To boost membership a suggestion was made that the first year be paid for ARRL membership for passing the technicians exam. This is to be discussed more in the next meeting.

Cleveland NWS office is relocating from the airport to downtown Cleveland in the Spring 2020.

This past month MC CONNAUGHY, HAROLD I, W8RRG became a silent key, our sympathy goes out to his relatives.

Old Business:

Our W8NP Hamfest is Sunday November 3rd at the Massillon Boys & Girls Club. Setup is Saturday November 2nd morning. Door prizes were discussed as being:

1st Yaesu Ft-8900R Quad Band Hi Power FM Amateur Ham Radio Transceiver 2M / 6M/ 10M / 70cm,

2nd MFJ - 259C SWR Antenna Analyzer,

3rd prize MFJ Vera Tuner II Antenna Tuner 941E,

Other door prizes on the hour.

There will not be the mailing of postcards this year.

Information of our November 3rd Hamfest is in QST.

Perry is checking that the field gate is open for parking if weather permits.

It is planned to have donuts and coffee.

Perry W8AU is doing the auction (with a signed waiver).

No arm bands are to be used this year for ticket identification.

Rex NX8G is leading the VE testing at 9 am.

Terry N8ATZ is to check the emails that bounce when sending out the Newsletter, the emails are corrected by members in Ham Club Online.

New Business:

Perry W8AU, sent around the signup sheet for helping with the Christmas Parade. It is in the evening of Saturday Nov 23. Assembly of the Units is 3:30 pm with the parade starting at 5 pm. About 22 people are needed to assist as either assembly staging crew or parade marshals. From the staging areas 2 people per section, one of those is to become a parade marshal as it is time to start parade. This marshal should go down town and become a marshal. Those that can assist please contact Perry W8AU.

Frequency to be used 442.825. Yellow vests are to be used for the marshals. WadeW8MIU is to check availability of Vests to be loaned for the parade.

Jim WA8GXM is bring the communications trailer for the parade.

The parade is to turn at Erie and Federal.

This year fireworks have been added to be set off at the end of the parade.

For the repeater at the Affinity Hospital, the newspaper identified the VA is still considering usage of the Affinity Hospital. It would be good to have a VA office in Massillon due to Canton office being so full. A decision is to be made close to the first of the year.

Perry W8AU is to check for price and timing for January Awards Banquet location is to be check if it can be held at Otterbein Methodist Church 6025 Shepler Church Ave SW, Navarre, OH 44662. Current Officer nominees for 2020 election at this time are:

Perry W8AU for President, Don N8IVJ for Vice President, Vern KE8VS for Secretary, Dan N8DZM for Treasurer, and Fred KD8SMO for Trustee. Any other nominations for these offices can be made at the December meeting.

Wade WD8MIU identified is thinking about retiring and there will be a need for a coordinator of Hall of Fame Parade radio communications.

Wade WD8MIU is getting a copy of Russ W8PII's memorial service to be shown at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded with the motion by Jim WA8GXM and seconded by Bret, N8BAG. The motion passed.

Thanks to those who help in providing the refreshments and items for Show & Tell. Submitted by Vern KE8VS The Friday December 6th meeting will be at the Massillon Senior Center, 39 Lincoln Way West, Massillon, Ohio 44647

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The Prez Sez

In lieu of Perry's normal column, here is a history biography of our club founder, William J. North, W8NP, reprinted from the April 1975 edition of Feed-back.

Mr William J. North, W8NP, 1896-1960. Bill was born Dec 7, 1896 on Bucher St. (15th St SW). He had two older sisters and one younger brother. Bill was in the 8th grade at St Joseph's when his father died. At that time he quit school to work and support his mother and family. He worked at the Moore Shirt Factory at the corner of Erie/Walnut and served as a maintenance man, fixing the sewing machines, etc.

Bills radio interest began in 1913, when he built a "spark" station. He used a 2" gap, and the hearing aid was a crystal set. There were three "hams" in town then, none with a ham license. "Sines" or initials were used. They could talk to each other, but could not be heard out of town, nor could they hear amateurs in other cities. Bills "shack" was located in the back shed. In 1915, the family moved to Edwin Ave, off of South Erie St., where an upstairs bedroom became his "shack".

In 1919, at age 23, he married Mabel. At this time he was working for Griscom-Russell Company. 1920 saw Bill laid off and moving to Greenwood, WI. To work at a lumber saw-mill. Bill returned in 1922 to take care of a sick mother. He finally resumed his radio hobby in 1928, when he finally took an exam and earned his call sign of W8NP. Bill was a great golfer, and also became a great DX'er. His gear was all home-brew until after WW2. He died in 1960 of cancer.

This story is very short , but much more could be said about him. Bill's technical contributions were minor. He wasn't even continuously active. What stands out was his overt friend-lines and encouragement to young and old alike.

He spawned a radio club in town that still stands today, nearly 97 years later. Sounds like we are in good company.

Patrick R. Quinlan, KA8DAL



Silent Key

Age 64, died Thursday, November 14th following a brief illness.

A life resident of Canton he was the son of the late Charles and Marie (Cholley) Quinlan. He was a graduate of Glenwood High School class of 1973 and was a member of the Massillon Amateur Radio Club for many years.

He was an active member of the club, participating in many club events as well as public service activities. He will be missed by the club and all of our members.

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More than 1 million contacts logged during this years Field Day exercise



ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, reports that nearly 1.1 million contacts were made during the 2019 ARRL Field Day — the most popular operating event in North America. Bourque

reported the **2019 ARRL Field Day results**, which are available starting on page 64 of the **digital edition** of the December 2019 issue of *QST*. Bourque says in his article that more than 36,000 radio amateurs took part in ARRL Field Day 2019 across all 83 ARRL/Radio Amateurs of Canada sections, up slightly from the 35,250 reported last year. The total number of contacts was down by about 7% from 2018's 1.18 million contacts.

"This year, 3,113 entries were received from local clubs and emergency operations centers (EOCs), as well as individual portable, mobile, and home stations," Bourque wrote in *QST*. Most entries were in Class A — club or non-club groups of three or more. Of the nearly 1.1 million contacts, approximately 46% were made on phone, and 456,000 (42%) of contacts were made on CW. The remaining 138,000+ (12%) of the contacts were made on digital modes, such as FT8 and RTTY.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Field Day Results

The ARRL has officially released the scores from this year's Field Day exercise and as submitted the club's final score was 3,806 points on 788 QSO's placing us in the top third in Class 2A. This was 600 points over last year. A hearty congratulations to everyone involved in helping us achieve another great operating event !

Website Current Stats

Again this year the club's website was a popular place with over 5,000 visits during the year, an increase of over 14 percent. The counter now stands at nearly 52,387 "hits". This equals about 25 visits a day to the site which tells us that it continues to be a good source of information to the club and beyond. Maintaining the site continues to be an ongoing challenge with several hours devoted each week adding new material, removing old and archiving material and general maintenance. Our hosting service has continued to perform well with no site downtime reported this year as well as providing us with nearly unlimited storage space and bandwidth. Currently the site is about 1.5 GB in size including the many graphics, pictures and archive of newsletters that stretch back to 2000. This is the largest our site has ever been since it went on-line back in 2002.

Don't forget the club's Facebook page is always available where everyone, member or not can post items if interest or comment on club activities. Let us know how well you liked a recent program or event. We continue to see some activity on the club's Twitter feed as well. Social media continues to be a positive impact on the club's popularity.

As I put the finishing touches on my last column for 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Holiday season. Also a thank you to the club officers for their solid leadership this year and to the membership for their continued support of our great organization. We enjoyed fun meetings and many great programs again this year and I look forward to 2020 !

Very soon I will once again activate the Holiday Page on the club website. Again this year I found some fun new items to post including more holiday music, video's, gift ideas, great holiday food recipes and some neat Christmas gifts that any ham would like to see under the tree.

The Holiday Page is our gift to you, the members of the club and the many friends and visitors who regularly visit each holiday season.

Merry Christmas to you and yours and I hope to see many of you at our January banquet !

December Contests

Several operating contests are on tap for December that will give you a reason to fire up your HF Rigs for a little late night operating.

Starting Dec 6-8 will be the 160 meter CW contest from 2200z, Dec 6 to Dec 8.

Then on Dec 14-15 will be the 10 meter contest from 0000z, Dec 14 to 2359z Dec 15. While 10 M is not currently very open right now, this is usually a fun contest to participate in !

Lastly is the CW Rookie Roundup contest from 1800z—2359z; Dec 22 designed to encourage newly licensed operators to operate on the HF Bands and experience competitive Amateur Radio operating.

How to get “plugged in” to the amateur radio community by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

This morning, I found this email in my inbox:

Thank you for your website and great content. I passed the Tech and General tests on Saturday, and I will be taking the Extra exam in November. Your “No Nonsense” guides were very helpful.

I do have a question, though. How do I stay current on what’s happening in the ham world? For example the CQ WW SSB contest was this weekend. How do newbies know this kind of thing? How do we find local or regional hamfests and other events?

This is a great question. Like any special interest, it can seem daunting to get plugged in (pun intended) to the community. Here are a few of my suggestions:

Join the ARRL (<http://arrl.org/>). The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is really the place to start for information related to amateur radio. *QST*, the ARRL’s monthly magazine, includes news about upcoming contests and ARRL-sanctioned hamfests. It also reviews new amateur radio products and provides a wealth of technical information.

In addition to *QST*, the ARRL publishes many email newsletters that members can subscribe to. For example, *Contest Update* is a biweekly newsletter that not only lists upcoming contests, but also includes tips on operating contests. The *ARES E-Letter* is a monthly public service and emergency communications newsletters. There are also email newsletters for ham radio instructors, those interested in DX, legislative matters, and satellite operation.

Join your local club. While the ARRL will help you keep abreast of amateur radio news and events nationally and internationally, if you want to know what going on in amateur radio in your area, you should join your local club. To find clubs near you, go to <http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club>.

Visit the WA7BNM Contest Calendar (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>). This contest calendar has become my go-to resource for any and all contest information. This site provides detailed information about amateur radio contests throughout the world, including their scheduled dates/times, rules summaries, log submission information and links to the official rules as published by the contest sponsors. Its features include an 8-Day calendar, a 12-Month calendar, and separate calendars for state QSO parties, CW contests, and QRP contests. You can also get a weekly e-mail of contests taking place in an 8-day period (Monday through Monday), as well as a list of contests scheduled for the next week and a list of log submission information for recent contests.

Ham radio blogs. Blogs are also a good way to keep up with what’s going on in amateur radio. I like to think that I do a good job of covering what’s going on in amateur radio, but, of course, I can’t do it all. That being the case, you might also want read other blogs. Other amateur radio blogs that you might want to check out include:

- The KONR Radio Site (<http://www.k0nr.com/wordpress/>)
- QRP—When you care to send the very least (<https://w2lj.blogspot.com/>)

Everything Ham Radio (<https://www.everythinghamradio.com/>)

There are a bunch of other good ones out there. Find the ones you like and subscribe to them, so that you get a notification when new items are posted.

Mailing lists. Mailing lists are kind of old school, but if you have a special interest, chances are that there is a mailing list for it. For example, I own an Elecraft KX-3, so I subscribe to the Elecraft KX User Group mailing list (<https://groups.io/g/Elecraft-KX/>). Many amateur radio mailing lists are migrating to the Groups.io. To find a list, just click on the “Find or Create a Group” link at the top of the page. I just did a search for “amateur radio” and found 910 different amateur radio mailing lists.

Podcasts and videocasts. Podcasts are also another great way to stay up with amateur radio. I’m partial to the ICQPodcast (<http://icqpodcast.com/>) because I am on the panel once a month. The podcast not only includes a discussion of what’s new in amateur radio, but also a feature, which digs a little deeper into a particular topic. Other great podcasts are Ham Radio Workbench (<https://www.hamradioworkbench.com/>), and Linux in the Ham Shack (<https://lhspodcast.info/>). Internet video shows that are worth checking out are Ham Radio 2.0 (<https://www.livefromthehamshack.tv/>), Ham Radio Now (<https://www.hamradionow.tv/home>), and Ham Nation (<https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation>).

This is by no means an exhaustive list. If you have an amateur radio information resource that you find particular helpful, please let me know.

Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, is the author of the KB6NU amateur radio blog (KB6NU.Com), the “No Nonsense” amateur radio license study guides (KB6NU.Com/study-guides/), and often appears on the ICQPodcast (icqpodcast.com). When he’s not trying to keep up with ham radio, he likes to build stuff and operate CW on the HF bands.

Pictures From This Years Massillon Hamfest courtesy of Rick, K8RIC.



December 2019

W8NP Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 L'Anse-Croix Amateur Radio Club Swap / Hamfest, Madison Height, MI Missillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000	2	3 Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM	4 BD ED6BCA	5	6 Missillon Amateur Radio Club Meeting Missillon Senior Center, 1930 Doors open at 1900	7 Fulton County ARC Winterize, Tulsa, OK VI Test Station, Putnam County ARES, 800, C. C. = Tom 300-380-2024 Ravenna VI Test Station, Silverbrook ARA, 0945, Berry 330-025-1706, Kittman Public Library
8 Missillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000	9 BD KB8FFC	10 Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM	11 BD W8KXR	12 BD EC8ZEF	13 West Stark Info Net - 147.180 at 2000	14
15 Missillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000	16	17 BD K8HSQ Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM	18	19 BD W8SEC	20 West Stark Info Net - 147.180 at 2000	21
22 Missillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000	23	24 BD N8DVS Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM	25 Christmas	26	27 BD K8NN West Stark Info Net - 147.180 at 2000	28
29 Missillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000	30	31 New Year's Eve Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM	Upcoming Events: MARC ANNUAL BANQUET! 1/19 - Sunday Creek Annual Hamfest 1/25 - Lockport ARA Hamfest, Lockport, NY 1/25 - Tusco Hamfest			

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