

# FEEDBACK

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## DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of December will be held on December 1, 2017 at 8:00 PM at the Affinity Hospital Conference room # 1

This month is our annual election night. We will chose our officers and Trustees for next year. It really should be a “shoo-in” as we accepted nominations last month and most of our incumbents have elected to stay on — unless someone challenges them and then “the fun begins” with real election ballots and etc. We still must nominate and elect a new trustee for next year. That usually doesn’t take too much time or effort .

So if you are interested in becoming an officer in the club, there is still plenty of time to do so. It has been a while since we had a real “challenging” election ! So come on out to the meeting and be sure to vote for your favorite candidate !



## DECEMBER PROGRAM

We will not have a regular scheduled program for the month of December as this is election night. We will devote the extra time to the election—if needed.

## JANUARY AWARDS BANQUET DINNER MEEETING

The meeting for the month of January will be our annual MARC Awards Dinner Meeting, this year it will be held at the Pike Grange on Saturday January 6, 2018. Dinner will be served at 6 :00 PM so plan on getting there a little early to do paper work ! The cost will be \$ 13.00 per person.

**DIRECTIONS:** The easiest directions to get there from Massillon would be to take Faircrest ST SE over to Canton South/ RT 800 Cleveland AVE. Turn right, ( south ). Go about 1.5 miles to Ridge RD, turn right. Stay on Ridge RD for about 2 miles to Battlesburg RD. Turn left. Pike grange will be on the left. Big White building that kind of looks like an old church. Use the side entrance to enter the building. If you need a handicap entrance, use the side rear entrance close to the garage door. The dining hall is in the lower level. (continued on page 3)

## MARC Minutes Nov. 3, 2017

### **REMINDER: DECEMBER MEETING STARTS AT 8:00 PM**

Tony KD8UXK called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a roll call with 34 people present. We had 4 visitors, Will and Paul Shaffer (KG7IRG) Mel Vye W8MV (Program presenter for the evening) and Tom Price KP2E. Welcome!

#### **Secretary's report for August:**

Tony asked for a motion to accept last month's Secretary's minutes as published in the newsletter. First Jim WA8GXM, second Don W8DEA. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mike KB8OTK then gave a detailed report of club finances. There were a lot of details to explain about the Hamfest, Swiss Festival parking, hamfest prizes, the donation from Walnut Creek Foods that our president Tony arranged, and several other items. Mike gave a good detailed report of all items. A motion to accept was made by Gary WC8W, and seconded by Ken K8WAY. Motion passed.

#### **Vice Present's Report:**

Perry mentioned that there were bulletins from Lake Erie ARC and Dayton ARC at the table for people to read. Hamfests this month are Georgetown, OH by the Grant ARC (near Cincinnati, OH) on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Washington Amateur Comm. (WACOM) on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, and Fort Wayne on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the first day of the Fort Wayne Hamfest coincides with our annual Christmas Parade date. Perry also mentioned that our club will again marshal the Massillon Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday Nov. 18th. A sign-up sheet was passed out. So far, we do not have nearly enough volunteers for this event. Perry mentioned that we need 24 volunteers to effectively handle the parade. In regard to upcoming mentoring classes, Perry has received several ideas back from members, but would like everyone to continue to think of "What do I want to know more about?" ideas for classes. Last year, these classes were a good way for members to learn more about the hobby, and to spend some informal time with other members, so put on your thinking hats and come up with some good ideas!

#### **Committee Reports:**

There were no committee reports presented this month. Jim WA8GXM reported that the repeater has been working perfectly all month.

#### **Old Business:**

Rex NX8G reported on the VE sessions at the hamfest. Four people passed their Tech test, and one person passed their Extra Class. Perry mentioned that the Special Event for our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00AM until supper time. We plan on having two stations running at the Senior Center shack, and possibly some remote stations at member's shacks. We need to work out the details of QSL cards, how to distribute them. Depending on how much the cards cost, perhaps \$1 or \$2 and a SASE KB8OTK brought up the subject of the Annual Awards Dinner. Mike suggested that the Pike Twp. Grange could cater a good meal for \$13/each. Many of the members are familiar with the great food and service that the Grange can provide. After some discussion, Tony asked for a show of hands vote to have the banquet at the Grange. The vote passed. The banquet will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (first Saturday in January).

#### **New Business:**

Tony mentioned that we need to set the time and place for the annual Executive Board meeting. Also, we need to decide what, if any changes need to be made to the bylaws, which would have to be voted at the January banquet meeting.

### Nominations:

Tony then opened the floor to nominations for officers in 2018. President Tony, Vice-President Perry and Treasurer Mike will be running for office. Vern Sproat KD8VS will be running for Secretary. We also have one vacancy for Trustee to fill for 2018. More nominations can be made prior to voting at the December meeting.

With all business concluded, Tony asked for a motion to adjourn. First Jim WA8GXM, second Ken K8WAY. Motion passed.

The 50:50 raffle was won by Russ N8PII. Congratulations Russ!

After the meeting, there was a short break for coffee, soda and donuts for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to all who helped provide the treats. Then, we were presented a truly great program by Mel Vye W8MV regarding his DXpedition to Pitcairn Island. Mel spent some time explaining the fascinating history of Pitcairn Island. Many of us had only heard of Pitcairn in relation to the movie and book, and Mel did a fine job of explaining the history behind Pitcairn Island. Mel had many pictures he had taken on his voyage, which were shown on the room's projectors. The story of his journey to and from Pitcairn would easily have been a separate story in itself. All in all, it was one of the best programs the club has seen for quite a while. Thank you Mel for the enjoyable (and educational) evening!

**Submitted by Fred KD8SMO**

(MARC Banquet continued )

If you are unfamiliar with the area I suggest a "dry run" sometime you are in the area. It's not that hard to find but don't forget it will be a little harder to find in the dark The address is: 1421 Battlesburg RD SE, East Sparta, Ohio 44626 Phone 330/484-3870.

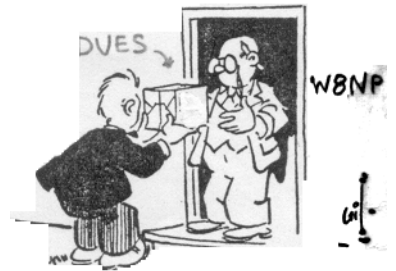
**MEAL:** The meal for the evening will consist of 2 meat dinners; Swiss steak and Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, green beans, apple-sauce, rhubarb sauce, bread & butter, dessert and drinks.

**PAYMENT :** You can pay for the meal either at the December meeting ( less congested ) or at the banquet. You can pay for the next year's dues also . Checks must be made out to MARC. Thanks!



### DUES ARE DUE

With the coming of the December Meeting that means we will begin to collect dues for the next year. But don't worry, if you cannot pay them this month we give you plenty of time to pay them, until the club meeting in March. So you see that's plenty of time with which to pay.



Cost for the one year membership is still just \$ 15.00 XYL and kids, \$ 7.50. You can pay at any meeting up till the March meeting or send a check to;

MARC  
PO Box 73  
Massillon, Ohio 44648

To Avoid confusion, our Treasurer Mike McNamara, KB8OTK requests that you send your dues to the address above and not to his personal PO Box.

### ... FIELD DAY RESULTS ...

The ARRL has officially released the scores from this years Field Day exercise and as submitted the clubs final score was 2,984 points on 707 QSO's placing us in the top third in Class 2A. A hearty congratulations to everyone involved in helping us achieve another great operating event.

Class 2A is a tough category to compete in. It always has the most entries with 389 this year. The Ohio Section also has the most participation with 142 scores submitted this year. We are in good company and we placed pretty good considering we are in the toughest category in the US !. It won't be long before we will begin planning for next years event, lets work together to make it another great club event !.

### ... 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 up slightly from last year and everyone I talked to said what a nice hamfest we continue to sponsor each year. Table vendors reported decent sales which was good to hear. We even had some new parts vendors attend this year and they reported decent sales. I hope to invite them back next year.

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

### ... WEBSITE STATS ...

Again this year the club's website was a popular place with over 4,000 visits during the year, an increase of over 13 percent. The counter now stands at 46,700 "hits". This equals about 20 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 1.1 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 clubs 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 club popularity.

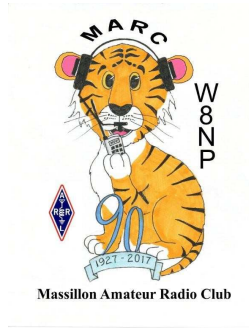
As I put the finishing touches on my last column for 2017, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Holiday season. Also a thank you to the club officers for their solid leadership this year and to the membership for their continued support of our great organization. We enjoyed fun meetings and many great programs again this year and I look forward to 2018 !

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.

Happy Holiday's to you and yours and I hope to see many of you at our January banquet !

73's  
Terry - N8ATZ



Hello everyone,

### **The December meeting will begin at 8:00pm.**

The trail start time for the October and November meetings of 7:30pm has ended, the December meeting will start at 8:00 pm. You're input for a new start time for the monthly meeting will be just one of the topics that will be discussed at the December meeting.

### **Election of Officers**

The December meeting will be the election of Officers and 1 Trustee for 2018. Nominations are still open, make your nomination for the upcoming year.

### **Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet**

It's time to make your reservations the MARC Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet. The dinner and banquet will be held on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Pike Township Grange, on Battlesburg Rd SE, in East Sparta, Ohio. More details at the December meeting.

### **Revising the Code of Regulations**

Our Code of Regulations was last revised in 2012. Since those changes were made, the club has changed the location of the club meeting and have been talking about possible changes to the club's meeting time, changes to include the Club Trustees along with the Club Officers to form an Executive Board, and other suggestions that effect the club. As stated the Code of Regulations, such changes need to be voted on in the Annual Meeting (Article II , Meeting of Members). The Annual Meeting coming up is a very important meeting, I'm encouraging members of MARC to attend this upcoming meeting if you can.

### **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event**

Our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event will be coming up on December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am until around supertime. The Club Station will be open and some remote stations at member's shack. Further details at the December Meeting

### **Massillon Christmas Parade**

The Massillon Christmas Parade has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Perry needs volunteers, if you are able to help with this, please get in contact with Perry W8AU. This is our last big event of the year.

### **Happy Thanksgiving**

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and be safe if you plan on traveling.

73 for now,

Tony Casebolt , President of MARC

## VEEPS VOICE

Tis the season for lower HF band noise, low QRN and better conditions on 160 and 80M. (And 630M for those ready to jump on the new band). Also some of the DX contests always show up during Fall and Winter - AND yes, the premier event – Christmas! (what radio item will Santa leave under the tree this year?) ;-)



Part of our preparation was the annual Christmas Parade, scheduled for the week before Thanksgiving, but rained out (first time in nearly 50 years!) and rescheduled for the early evening of November 30. Not all our regular Parade Crew could make it due to work, but enough were available to provide our normal professional ser-

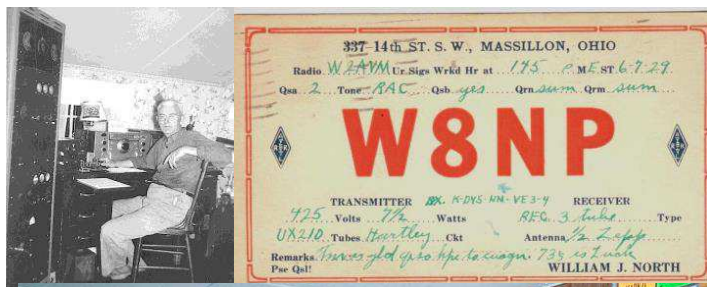


vice.

This Friday, December 1st will see the final club meeting for the year take place. It will be a busy one with elections, but we will have a short interesting program if time allows.

Last month's program by W8MV concerning his Pitcairn Island visit was doubly interesting due to the combination of the VP6EU DXpedition and a brief "correct" history of Pitcairn and it's troubled existence up to the present – something the Movies never accurately portrayed.

This month will also provide us an opportunity to tell the Ham world of our MARC 90th Anniversary, in the form of a Special Event operation at the W8NP club station. It will run all day Saturday, December 9th, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and feature two stations – one on 40M and the other on 20M. (unless "old Sol" decides to open 15 or 10).



A sign-up sheet for shift scheduling will be available at the meeting, and those present over the noon hour will have lunch provided—either Pizza or sandwich lunches. Those not able to get to the club station may be able to participate from their own stations if we can coordinate frequencies.

Picture QSL certificates will be offered to stations sending an SASE to Box 73 / Massillon, 44648.

**73, W8AU**

## ARRL NEWS

### AO-91 Commissioned, Declared Open for Amateur Use!

11/23/2017

AMSAT-NA's latest Amateur Radio CubeSat, RadFxSat (Fox-1B), now known as AO-91, has been opened for general use. AMSAT Engineering officially announced that AO-91 was ready for use at 0650 UTC on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. AMSAT VP of Engineering, Jerry Buxton, NOJY, turned over operation to Mark Hammond, N8MH, and AMSAT Operations during a contact on the AO-91 repeater during the pass over the Eastern US, AMSAT said in a bulletin.



The latest CubeSat in the Fox series was launched on November 18 from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. Telemetry is downlinked via the DUV sub-audible telemetry stream, which can be decoded using [FoxTelem](#) software. A 1U CubeSat, RadFxSat (Fox-1B) is a joint mission of AMSAT and the Institute for Space and Defense Electronics ([ISDE](#)) at Vanderbilt University. AMSAT constructed the rest of the satellite, including the spaceframe, on-board computer, and power system.

The Amateur Radio package is similar to that on AO-85, with an uplink on 435.250 MHz (67.0 Hz CTCSS) and a downlink on 145.960 MHz. — *Thanks to AMSAT News Service*

### SKYWARN Recognition Day Webinar Set for November 27

11/22/2017

A free webinar, "What is [SKYWARN](#)™ Recognition Day and how can you participate?" will take place on November 27 at 8 PM EST (0100 UTC on November 28). [Register](#) online. After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar



SRD this year takes place on Saturday, December 2 from 0000 until 2400 UTC (starts on the evening of Friday, December 1, in US time zones). During SRD, ham radio operators will set up stations at National Weather Service (NWS) offices and contact other radio amateurs around the world.

Participating Amateur Radio stations will exchange a brief description of their current weather with as many NWS-based stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meters plus 70 centimeters. Contacts via repeaters are permitted.

SRD was developed jointly in 1999 by the NWS and ARRL to celebrate the contributions SKYWARN volunteers make to the NWS mission — the protection of life and property. Amateur Radio operators, which comprise a large percentage of SKYWARN volunteers, also provide vital communication between the NWS and emergency managers, if normal communications become inoperative

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## HAM RADIO HUMOR

### THE OLD DXER

The sunspots were roaring and the Old Dixer was working DX night and day.

The faithful XYL had had it with his QRZing and blew her stack.

"DX DX DX - that's all you ever think about!" she groaned

"Why I'll bet you don't even remember our wedding date!!

"I mostly certainly do" was the immediate reply.

"It was June 14th, 1958 - That's the night I worked the XT1, the RØ, and the AC6!! -- By AC6V

### TRUE DUCIE ISLAND STORY

The scenario -- VP6DI has been on the air for a few days and being a new DXCC entity, the whole world (plus a coupla of other worlds) is trying for a contact. Its early morning (1630Z) and Ducie has not made an appearance, the frequency at 21.295 MHz is dead quiet.

▶ Hello CQ CQ CQ here is W4OLDTIMER, calling CQ and tuning

▶ W4OLDTIMER Here is VP6DI

▶ VP6 didn't get the rest of the call -- guess you are in Bermuda, I'll turn the beam -- Handle here is Frank

▶ Well Frank good to contact you - very good morning -- we are not on Bermuda, we are a DXpedition on Ducie Island

▶ HMM Where is Ducie Island

▶ BABBLE GROUSE WHAT'S HE DOING ETC -- From The Anxious Mob Wanting Ducie

▶ Ducie is in The Pitcarin Group we are on a DXpedition

▶ Oh You are on Pitcarin -- let me turn the beam

▶ MORE GENTLE ROUTINE QSO FOLLOWS -- GROUSE SCREAMS THE WAITING MOB.

▶ Well Frank, I need to get on with today's DXpedition, with your kind permission, -- can I use the frequency?

▶ OH Sure Thing Jim, I used to DX a bit

▶ SIGNOFF VP6DI sez QRZ 300 to 310! The band explodes!

WELL DONE DUCIE -- A heart warming story as W4OLDTIMER is 96 Years old and after all it was his frequency

### HAMS THAT NEVER WERE - By AC6V

Yagi Berra

Dennis Quad "Here We Go Loop De Loop"

Chubbie Chebyshev -- "Do The Twist and Filter It On Down Now"

Crystal Hudson "Like A Rock"

Crystal Gail

Richard Rotor Gere

Biley Crystal - Billy you work the P5? Billy -- Day Ain't Over Yet (From City Slickers)

Fade Dunaway

Anthony Double Hopkins

### FAMOUS DX QUOTES - By AC6V



Do ya feel lucky QRPer -- Well do ya -- Eastwood

All the shacks in all the towns in all the world, and the FCC walks into mine. -- Bogie  
Here's QSLing you kid -- Bogie

All ya gotta do is - whistle -- To key or to key not -- A mike test by Bacall

Adios QRPer - Stallone or Willis??

Had to work em OM -- he'd be out that door and gone -- E.G. Robinson -- Key Largo

Round up the usual jammers -- Claude Rains -  
- Casablanker

You came back - to a pileup like this -- Magnificent Seven

I cudda been on the honor roll Charlie -- Brando

We're on a DXpedition from GØD --The Blues Brothers

I love the smell of ozone in the morning -- Apocalypse Now

Louie, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful pileup -- Bogie

ELWOOD: It's 6,000 miles to Heard Isle, we've got a full gallon, half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses.

JAKE: Key it!

(Thanks to AC6V Humor for this page "fill in" )



# December 2017

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