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DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of December will be held on December 7th, 2018 at the Grace Fellowship Church , 6282 Nave Street South West, Canton, Ohio 44706. Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Doors will open at 7:00 PM.

If you had ever planned on attending a meeting please make it this month. This month is an all important meeting as we will nominate and VOTE on candidates for office for the year 2019.

Anyone who has ever served as an officer has said what a privilege the experience of holding an office has been for them.

It is easy to be nominated for office. You can nominate yourself or have a friend do it. Qualifications are be a member in good standing for at least 2 years , be over 21 years of age and hold at least a Technician Class license and that's it; easy! Previous office holders have said that holding an office doesn't require that much time in preparing for each months report Just a couple hours each month.

So if nominated please consider holding an office in one of the best Amateur Radio clubs in the state of Ohio!

DECEMBER PROGRAM

The program for the month of December is scheduled to be devoted to our Annual Elections. This is the month we take time to recognize our outgoing Officers and to elect new people to Office. This is an all important meeting So please attend this meeting and let your vote be counted !



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



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MARC W8NP Minutes November 2, 2018 Meeting at Grace Fellowship Church

Tony KD8UXK called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a roll call with 21 people present.

Secretary's report:

A motion to accept October Secretary's minutes as published in the newsletter was made by Terry N8ATZ & seconded by Jim WA8GXM. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Vern KE8VS reported expenditure and provided a report from a bank printout of club finances, the earnings from the Swiss Festival have been deposited & preliminary hamfest results & comments were given by Terry N8ATZ.

A motion to accept was made by Jim WA8GXM & seconded by Fred KD8SMO. Motion passed.

90th Anniversary patches are available for 2 for \$5.00, see Vern KE8VS.

Vice President's Report: Perry, W8AU.

Volunteers are needed for the Massillon Christmas Parade 3 pm Saturday Nov 17, 2018. It usually take 22 people for all of the positions needed. **Please sign up with Perry, W8AU to assist.**

The need for bright safety vests was made known by several members. (Green rather than the orange appeared to be preferred by some of the members.)

Testing sites and area hamfests for November were identified.

Old Business:

Wade WD8MIU & Tony KD8UXK, thanked everyone who participated with the Sugarcreek Swiss Festival Parking.

New Business:

Net Controllers are needed for the West Stark County Net on Friday nights 8 pm. Tony KD8UXK is willing to train.

Tony also requests for a Net Manager to replace him and Wade WD8MIU volunteered.

Nomination for Officer is now open & to be completed at the December meeting. Tony identified he not running for president in this current election & thank everyone for their assistance during his term of office.

There are other officers' positions available also.

There is to be a budget meeting Friday November 16, 7pm at the Church's Library.

The Annual Banquet meeting was discussed with a consensus that the banquet will be held at the Church with the food being catered in (No caterer was set at this time.)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim WA8GXM & seconded by Fred KD8SMO. Motion passed.

After the business meeting recordings of previous Field Days was shown and there were donuts for refreshment.

Thanks to all who helped provide the donuts.

Submitted by Vern KE8VS

The December meeting will be at **Grace Fellowship Church, 6282 Nave St. S.W., Canton, OH 44706** just east of RG Drage Career Education Center. Entry for the meeting is to be the big double doors in the front.

Doors to open at **7 pm with the start of the meeting 7:30 pm**

... FIELD DAY RESULTS ...

The ARRL has officially released the scores from this years Field Day exercise and as submitted the clubs final score was 3,212 points on 775 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 282 this year. The Ohio Section also has the most participation with 138 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 5,000 visits during the year, an increase of over 14 percent. The counter now stands at nearly 50,000 "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 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 2018, 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 2019 !

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 !

73's
Terry - N8ATZ



Hello everyone,

December Meeting

The December meeting of MARC will be on the 7th at 7:30pm and is the club's Annual Meeting.

This will be one of our busiest and important meetings as we elect our officers and a trustee. Also on the agenda will be our monthly meetings, our budget for the upcoming year, and plans for our banquet in January. I encourage all our members, who can, to attend this very important meeting.

End of my Term

As stated in our November meeting, I will not be running for President next year. I have considered it an honor and a privilege to be President of MARC. The club has several new members, is in good financial shape, we have a good place for our monthly meetings, and the decisions that I have made as President of MARC, in my opinion, was the best for the club. The next President of MARC will hopefully do what is best for the club and our members for the continued success of MARC.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Hope to see you at the December meeting...73

Tony Casebolt KD8UXK

President of MARC

New book of short stories highlights 'Magic of Ham Radio' From Southgate Amateur Radio News

A new book by writer Don Keith N4KC employs short fictional stories to demonstrate what the author calls the 'magic' still inherent in the century-old hobby of Amateur (or 'Ham') Radio

"Some claim that our hobby is old-fashioned when compared to cell phones and social media," Keith says. "That is not true. Amateur Radio is in the midst of a resurgence and offers more excitement than ever to anyone interested in technology, communications, competition, public service, experimentation or just plain having fun."

Keith says he has written these stories to more powerfully demonstrate various aspects of the hobby, any of which might attract attention from newcomers if they were aware of how dynamic and diverse Ham Radio is today. He even went to great lengths in the book's title to emphasize the fun aspects. The book is officially titled "DIAL DANCING: Tales of the fascinating, fabulous, frequency-hopping, wavelength-walking, power punching, ionosphere-scorching, ditting and dashing, digital dancing and glorious globe-spanning wide and wonderful world of amateur radio." Among the stories are a tale of a new licensee making a first contact with a rather interesting operator on a distant island, learning he is a part of a historical event. Another story is about a relatively new female Ham operator who takes on a bold challenge from a crotchety old-timer. Yet another tells the story of an

African-American Amateur who has concerns when he learns about discrimination experienced on the airwaves by early black Ham operators.

"Many prospective Hams still don't know about how well our hobby ties in with their other interests," Keith notes. "Or how diversified our membership is nowadays. It can be as technical as someone wants, or can require very little technical knowledge or interest. That is what I hope to show in these stories. Some are funny. Some are heart-tugging. I hope all are entertaining."

Further information at

<http://www.donkeith.com/hamradio/amateur-radio>

Mobile HAM Radio Operators Help Florida With Communications After Hurricane Michael

From: MyNBC15.com

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Thanks to Lori, KE8EHF for these fine articles on pages 5 & 6

The need for assistance with antennas and frequency echoed loud and clear to our local operators. Several club members are gearing up to head to Panama City Beach first thing Friday morning. "If you need an ambulance, if you need a firetruck, if you need anything there communication is pretty much nil, so we can provide this," Hartman said. Deep South Amateur Radio Club has about 250 members on their email list. Members meet weekly to practice the calls and codes so they are ready for disasters like Michael.

Jean Shepherd on Getting His Class A Amateur Radio License

From www.rfcafe.com

(Note: One of Jean Shepherd's short stories was made into the film "A Christmas Story." He is the narrator of the film. You'll recognize his voice in the YouTube videos cited below).

Not very long ago I mentioned [Jean Shepherd](#) (original assignee of [W9QWN](#) and later [K2ORS](#) call signs) as being one of my favorite old-time radio broadcasters (1960s-1970s). Jean was famous for recounting stories of his own life and for reporting news of the time in a way that could hold you in rapt attention from beginning to end. His humor, wit, and command of the English language was acknowledged by his contemporaries. If you listen to enough of his broadcasts you will notice the frequent mention of electronics and his experiences as a licensed amateur radio operator beginning at a tender young age. Just recently I listened to him recount his first day in high school when a SNAFU in the computer-generated (must have been a UNIVAC) class schedule mistakenly had him reporting to the girls' swimming pool for gym class, and, to make a long story short, he spent nearly two weeks sitting outside the boys' pool room while awaiting an official class change, whereupon he would read his copy of [QST](#) magazine to pass the time.

While looking through a list of archived broadcasts during his time at radio station WOR in New York City, I discovered an episode where Jean described the time he, as a teenager, took and passed the Class A amateur radio test and got his ticket, thereby earning him the highest levels of privilege as a transmitter of signals (anyone, even the unwashed license-less layman, can listen on any frequency). In typical Jean Shepherd fashion, he provides a surprise and very amusing turn of events in the story which you will be wise to remember when/if you ever find yourself overly pleased with your own accomplishments and thinking very highly of yourself. You could listen to it as a simple MP3 audio file, but if by instead watching the two-part YouTube videos below you'll be treated to a host of cool vintage radio gear at the same time. The video's editor clipped the story out of a full broadcast to omit irrelevant content.

To listen to eleven amusing videos, go to www.youtube.com and search "Solder Smoke' Jean Shepherd Ham Radio Tales.

Big changes ahead for ARRL board

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

The results are finally in. No, I'm not talking about the national mid-term election results. As I'm writing this, some of those votes are still being counted. I'm talking about this year's ARRL board elections. ARRL members have spoken, and they have elected four new faces to the board in what was the most hotly-contested election in a long time.

Three of the five incumbents, plus an incumbent vice director running for the Northwest Division director position, were defeated by candidates calling for more transparency and for changes in the way that the ARRL operates.

Here are the results:

Central Division Director

Kermit Carlson, W9XA 1,898
Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L 1,755

Hudson Division Director

Ria Jairam, N2RJ 1,292
Mike Lisenco, N2YBB 1,239

New England Division Director

Fred Hopengarten, K1VR 1,432
Tom Frenaye, K1KI 1,383

Northwestern Division Director

Mike Ritz, W7VO 1,589
Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ 1,308
Horace Hamby, N7DRW 495

Roanoke Division Director

George Hippisley, W2RU 1,891
Dr. James Boehner, N2ZZ 1,365

In the only two contested vice director elections, Mark Tharp, KB7HDX defeated Daniel Stevens, KL7WM and Delvin Bunton, NS7U in the Northwest Division and in the Roanoke Division, William Morine, N2COP defeated John Humphry, W4IM. All newly elected officials will take office at noon on January 1, 2019.

I was kind of surprised here that Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, failed to win in the Central Division. She has certainly made many contributions to amateur radio, both in the DX/contest community and on *Ham Nation*. Apparently, though, she made some statements that she was forced to retract, and that probably hurt her campaign, and as some pointed out to me, Kermit Carlson, W9XA, was well thought of in the Central Division and in the VHF/UHF community.

Overall, though, I'm very pleased with the results. Although some of the margins of victory were small—K1VR won by only 49 votes and N2RJ won by 53 votes—I think it's pretty clear that the members want change. Now, it's up to the board, including its newest members to effect that change. As always, I'm ready to help in any way that I can.

When he's not keeping up with ARRL politics, Dan blogs about amateur radio, writes exam study guides (www.kb6nu.com/study-guides), and operates CW on the HF bands, and lately some digital modes as well. Look for him on 30m, 40m, and 80m. Please email him your thoughts about the ARRL at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

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ARRL NEWS

Santa's Radio Club Special Event Set for December 1 – 8

11/28/2018

The annual [Santa's Radio Club Special Event](#) from 200 kilometers above the Arctic Circle will be on the air December 1 – 8 as OH9S — OH9Santa. Activity will be mainly on 160 – 6 meters using all modes, including FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred) or LoTW. Contacts will be automatically confirmed via the bureau. Operating from Finnish Lapland, OH9S will not employ any remote stations and will let propagation decide when and where contacts are possible.

“Yes, we know it is not easy to contact us while we are mostly operating from above the Arctic Circle, but that's part of the game!” the [announcement](#) said. “This is the most northernmost Santa station in Finland.” Multiple stations will be on the air.

Due to anticipated poor radio conditions, OH9S will focus activity on FT8.



Extreme High-Altitude Winds Postpone Fox-1Cliff Launch

11/27/2018

SpaceX has announced that the SSO-A SmallSat Express mission, previously scheduled to launch on Wednesday, November 28, has been postponed due to extreme high-altitude winds at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

A new launch date will be announced once it's been coordinated with the range.

The SSO-A mission will carry several Amateur Radio satellites in addition to AMSAT's Fox-1Cliff. The others include FUNcube on ESEO, JY1-SAT, K2SAT, and ExseedSat. The launch window each day opens at 1832 UTC and extends for approximately 30 minutes. — *Thanks to AMSAT News Service*



Thanks to QST 11/30/2018 for these articles

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W8NP Monthly Planner

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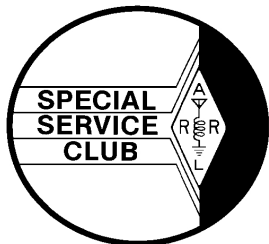
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