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February Meeting

The meeting for the month of February will be held at the Massillon Senior Center in downtown Massillon on February 4th 2005 at 8:00 PM.

At last month's Awards Banquet/ dinner meeting we installed the news Officer's for 2005. They are (L -R): (see Picture below; note: all pictures in this issue of Feedback are taken with permission from the MARC web site www.marcradio.org . Thanks to webmaster Terry Russ, N8ATZ for taking the pictures & his story in the website.)

Linda K8MOO	MARC Secretary
Anne N8GAF	MARC Treasurer
Igor K8INN	MARC Vice President
Joe WD8BGW	MARC President
Dan N8DZM	MARC Trustee
Don W8DEA	MARC Trustee (hidden behind Jim)
Don W8DEF	MARC Trustee



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW OFFICER'S FOR 2005!

- SHORT SKIP -

Ah, the refreshing warm breezes of February (HI). Good thing rotors and lead - in doesn't freeze up this time of year - we'd havta climb our towers ta fix'em. So should Murphy cause any havoc with your antenna system remember; **NEVER** climb your tower without your safety belt. **NEVER** ! As always, SAFETY FIRST.

73 de WB80WM

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MARC MINUTES January 8, 2005

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club Annual Awards dinner banquet and instillation of officers was held at the Perry Grange with 74 members and guests present.

Chaplain Les Peine K8CP gave the blessing, then a family style meal was served by the ladies of the Perry Grange.

MARC President Jim WA8GXM then asked for a round of introductions. He then gave the serious awards, the officers thought was most deserving in 2004. Receiving the Awards were:

Hamfest Exceptional Service Award: Steven Hall KD8ACF
Bob Rodgers W8NWR Field Day Award: Sarah McGill KC8ZCS and Scott McGill KC8ZCT
Technical Merit Award: Ralph Bugg H8HSQ
Public Service Award; Don Wade W8DEA
George Turkal W8YHU A-1 Operator: (absent)
William J North W8NP Ham of the Year Award; Jason Stroll KC8LIN

Terry N8ATZ then presented a Special Award for Emergency Service Leadership to Dave Beltz WD8AYE

Honorary Life Memberships: Jack Cale N8FEB and Ed Zupan W8PUC

Gary WC8W and Igor K8INN gave a presentation honoring Perry Ballinger for 50 years for being an Amateur Radio Operator and 50 years being a Massillon Amateur Radio Club member. It was like "This Is Your Life" They covered everything from his "baby picture", to growing up and getting interested in the hobby at the age of 14. His family and his many voluntary achievements in "ham" radios for the past 50 years.

Don Wade W8DEA presented Perry with a picture of an Aircraft Carrier which has the dubious honor of becoming the world's largest artificial reef after it's sunk near the Florida coast.

Perry W8AU then presented the not so serious awards to:

Dan N8DZM "Oops Award"
Scott McGill KC8ZCT and Gary Kline WC8W "The Hazard Duty Award"
Ralph Bugg K8HQS and Terry Russ N8ATZ "Ba Hum Bugg Award"
Joe Herrick WD8BGW "New Ham Shack Award"
Jason Stroll KC8LIN "Dayton Duffis Award"
Sarah McGill KC8ZCS and Scott McGill KC8ZCT "Phytes Field Day Award"

The installations of the new 2005 officers were given the MARC oath.

MARC President Joe Herrick WD8BGW
MARC Vice President Igor Nikishin K8INN
MARC Secretary Linda Finley K8MOO
MARC Treasurer Anne Ballinger N8GAF
MARC Trustee Don Wade W8DEA
MARC Trustee Dan Anastis Jr. N8DZM
MARC Trustee Don Finley W8DEF

MARC had a new member join. Welcome Wally KC8GAM. Congratulations goes to all the award winners. Congratulations goes to those who won door prizes, also to Dan N8DZM for winning the 50-50 for \$43.00.

DON'T FORGET ! Dues are Due!

Only one month remains to renew your membership in MARC! Please call Anne, N8GAF at 330-832-8612 to renew or pay at the meeting ! Remember, WE DON'T WANT TO LOOSE A SINGLE MEMBER!

**Minutes by Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC**

SKYWARN TRAINING ANNOUNCED

NWS, & ARES announced Skywarn Training on Thursday evening, March 24 at Stark State College beginning at 6:30 PM

... The 2004 Public Service Report ...

Each year the coordinators of the Stark County Emergency Service provide a report of our public service activities to ARRL Section Officials, Community Public Safety Agencies, other interested parties and members of the Stark Co ARES.

Our report for 2004 has been prepared and sent to League officials and is posted on the Stark County ARES website. It was another active year that included both scheduled public service community events and several unscheduled ARES activations including severe flooding last June that kept area amateurs busy for three days.

Emergency Coordinator David Beltz, WD8AYE and I wish to thank all the many members of the ARES who continue to volunteer their time and skills in service to our community in time of need. Local public safety officials continue to appreciate the valuable service we provide and also express their thanks.

I would encourage you to read last years report to fully appreciate the numerous public service activities we continue to provide each year. It is located at <http://www.wd8aye.org>. Scroll down the home page to the link for the report.

.... Time to consider some New Years Resolutions ...

Have you broken any of your New Years Resolutions yet ? Did you even make any ? As we begin this new year why not consider making a few radio related goals/resolutions and let's all try to stick with them throughout the year. Need a few ideas ? Here are my Top Ten Goals for 2005.

- 1.) Take at least the ARRL Emergency Communications Level 1 Class.
- 2.) FEMA and the Red Cross also offer training, most of it free. Pick one that sounds interesting and see it through.
- 3.) Attend the Skywarn Spotter Training Seminar this year and commit to helping during 2005's severe weather season.
- 4.) Have you kept your ARES Registration information current ? Have you ever filled one out to register yourself with us ? If not a form is available on our ARES website for download.
- 5.) Do you have a shirt or jacket that can identify you as an ARES Volunteer ? How about a magnetic sign for your car ? Do you have an authorized Stark Co ARES namebadge ?
- 6.) Is your Go Kit packed and ready ? Do you know what a Go Kit is ?
- 7.) Do you know how to operate your hand held ? Could you change frequencies or add a different PL tone while assisting with a public service event ?
- 8.) Make this the year you become familiar with digital communications. This will be used more and more this year during ARES operations.
- 9.) Do you regularly check in to our Tuesday night ARES Net ? I don't mean just listening each week, let us know you are there by checking in with net control. Perhaps even consider volunteering as a net control operator for our net, it's a great way to build your skill.

10.) Volunteer ! Help us make the Stark County ARES stronger by volunteering your time for public service events. These provide valuable training that help prepare you for emergency situations.

Throughout this year I'll discuss these 10 Resolutions in depth and how you can complete these goals to become a better ARES volunteer and I hope have some fun in the process !

.. Annual MARC Awards Dinner Report ..

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club's Annual Awards dinner was held on Saturday, January 8th at the Perry Grange with 74 members and guests in attendance.

This year's dinner was another great success with good food and great times had by all. If you missed our dinner this year you missed another terrific club event. A full recap of this year's dinner complete with pictures is posted on our special banquet page. We have provided a link for you. I will also bring along some pictures taken during the dinner.

.. The Winlink 2000 Communications Initiative

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At the end of December Ohio's Section Emergency Coordinator John Chapman, WB8INY named Nelson Livingston, AE5NL of Cincinnati as Ohio's Winlink 2000 Emergency Communications State Coordinator.

The primarily purpose of the Winlink 2000 network system is to assist the mobile or remotely located user, and to provide emergency email capabilities to community agencies. Because of this, Winlink supports a clean simple interface to the Internet e-mail system.

Here in Stark County we are in the beginning phase of that project. Ralph Bugg, K8HSQ has agreed to be my technical advisor thanks to his solid back round in computer technology and digital communications. I hope to be able to give the club a demonstration of the Winlink 2000 communications system in the near future and our ultimate goal is to have a fully functional system established in Stark County by years end.

If you would like to learn more about Winlink go to www.winlink.org

**73's for this month
Terry – N8ATZ**

50 YEARS? WHO ME? NO WAY!

I want to send a note along to everyone about the shocking surprise foisted on me during the Awards Dinner a few weeks back.

The secrecy surrounding this presentation was very good. Even the tell-tale signs that something was a little different at this year's dinner were not evident to me. I would have to say that since the club's bylaws have nothing about a 50 year recognition, I was innocently led into this like the proverbial "lamb to the slaughter!" :-) Plus the fact that it had not even come to mind that this much time had elapsed. "Time flies when you are having fun."

In retrospect, I must say that it has been a fun adventure, beginning as a 12 year old constructing crystal radios, although this was not a new thing since old timers had done this since the teen years. But this was still a popular thing for youngsters to do and the galena rocks in lead holders could be purchased from the old M.H.Martin company on Lincoln Way East. (M.H.Martin was a radio-tv supply house selling tubes, etc., to TV and Radio service shops) Using a bent safety pin as the "tickler" on the galena crystal to find a good detection point (acting like a good semi-conductor diode, so to speak) enabled one to hear the local broadcast stations in a set of earphones...no batteries, no amplification... WOW! One of the AM signals I used to pick up was the State Highway Patrol Radio broadcasts on the old police band of 1700 kHz, between the high end of the Broadcast band and 160 meters. What was this? and where was it coming from? Later on our 8th grade class from Lorin Andrews school took a field trip to the Highway Patrol barracks on west Lincoln Way, and there it was in all it's glory... an impressive horse-shoe shaped operators console where the radio operator did his duty...and that BIG radio tower behind their building.... Wow! I was hooked!

The mother of one friend that also built crystal radios suggested we visit her friend's husband who was a Ham Radio operator, (also a Nickel Plate RR telegrapher). We rode our bikes to his house on Massillon's west side after a spring rain in 1953, and he turned on his National NC-240D receiver and let us hear those mysterious "beeps" coming thru the spring static crashes... again, WOW... really mysterious stuff!!

Ken Smith, W8DZB, (a one time club member from pre-WW2 times) then became our mentor. My friend did not stay the course, but I did, riding my bike to his house many times a week, and learning to copy code from him and also listening intently to those signals coming through the airwaves.

To become a ham, Ken said that I HAD to build my own receiver and transmitter...simple one tube regenerative receiver, and then a two tube push-pull oscillator transmitter. (I did not know this was NOT a requirement!) He supplied most of the parts in addition to what I could buy at Martin's...the regen receiver never did work right, but the two tube

transmitter did. It was my first Novice rig, built on an upside down bread pan and painted black!

Later I was able to make a mail order purchase of a used Hallicrafters S-19R receiver, vintage 1940, from World Radio Labs in Council Bluffs, IA. It had no selectivity to speak of, had "image" interference from signals outside the ham band, would shift frequency if I bumped the table....but it was new to me and I didn't know anything better, AND it only cost me \$22.95 of my paper route money. It came to Massillon by railroad, and was picked up at the REA (Railway Express) building at the old Massillon Pennsylvania RR depot at the South Erie street underpass. In retrospect, this cheap receiver made for excellent training in "mental" selectivity... hearing a lot of signals, but only concentrating on the pitch of the one I was interested in! :-)

Ken gave me my Novice test in mid January of 1955 and after impatiently waiting, the "ticket" arrived March 14! To no one's surprise, I stayed home from school the next day, supposedly sick, but really taking those first intrepid steps on the 40 meter Novice band as WN8VYU, three months later to become W8VYU after taking the bus to Cleveland and passing the General test. (The W8AU call was acquired in 1976)

It was not until later in 1955 that I found out a Massillon Radio club existed, and I have been privileged to be a part of it ever since.

Well, much progress and excitement followed, and I am indebted to ham radio for leading me into a career in Telecommunications, which was just a way to get paid for what I enjoyed doing anyway! Going from electron tube technology up through transistors, and solid state, with ventures into Naval Radio, Broadcast engineering, Utility Carrier Current, VHF and UHF radio, Microwave radio, and Fiberoptics, with their various modulation modes and uses, plus ham radio usage of CW, AM, FM, SSB, RTTY, Ham TV, Packet, newer digital modes, on LF, MF, HF, VHF and UHF, has been and still is an adventure that captivates the imagination and whets the appetite for even more... So much to do, and so little time!

I must add that I am not the only club member with 50 years experience, and many of you are getting to the 40 - 50 year category now, so you all have had your own unique experiences which are just as interesting as mine. The only difference is that I have been very fortunate to have been with and seen the Massillon Amateur Radio Club grow over this half century. I have had the privilege of knowing some of the old timers who started the club in 1927, and hearing their stories. I have also observed the entry of new members over the years and have seen them become the pillars of this strong organization. A lot of the faces are new...but the ham spirit is still the same...the wonder of "discovery" that we see expressed by new members, and old ones, too! May it never end!

I thank you all for your indulgence, and patience, (whichever applies at any given time!) :-) ... and I will always treasure your friendship.

**With highest regard,
Perry W8AU**

Orion Reception Record

Bill Tippett, W4ZV, of New London, NC correctly copied code word OMAHA from the N2XE beacon transmitting with a peak carrier power of .0000406 watts at 3.5455 MHz on the 80 meter Amateur Radio band. Bill confirmed reception of the beacon at 2328Z, January 2, 2005. The precise distance between the two stations is 546.8 miles, establishing Bill's record reception distance at 13,467,980 miles per watt. Tippett used a Ten Tec Orion Transceiver with a 1000 foot Beverage antenna (named after Dr. Harold Beverage who invented it in the 1920s).

The N2XE beacon transmits from an Elecraft K1 (heavily attenuated) using an 80 meter off-center fed dipole, 45 feet above ground level. The beacon peak carrier output was measured using an Agilent 8563EC Spectrum Analyzer at 40.6 uW (40 millionths of a watt). The beacon transmits a unique code word each evening. Receiving stations are required to correctly copy the code word in their report. The word is published the following morning.

The N2XE Beacon Project was started in December, 2004 by Paul Stroud, AA4XX, Raleigh, NC and John Ceccherelli, N2XE, Wappingers Falls, NY with the goal of having a little fun and to go where no diminutive signal has gone before. Beacon times and frequencies are posted daily on the QRP-L reflector www.kkn.net/archives/html/QRP-L. Tests will continue on 160, 80 and 40 meters through the end of February 2005.

Commenting on his remarkable success, Bill said "I've spent 25 years on 80 & 160 listening to below noise level signals. There are at least three factors to this stuff: Antennas with good signal to noise like Beverages, a good receiver and the knowledge to use it and an operator with good ears and knowledge of propagation—not to mention patience and persistence."

Beacon station operator John Ceccherelli, N2XE, seemed more excited than Tippett about the achievement, adding "I'm thrilled the record was set by an all-American team using all-American equipment." The Ten Tec transceiver is manufactured in Seville, TN.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF BEFORE BPL COMES

Ohio ham radio operators are asking "What can I do about Broadband Over Powerlines (BPL)?" Well, here is a quick suggestion - conduct your own baseline measurements.

Kirk Swallow, W8QID, team leader of the Cincinnati BPL/LIC committee, suggests every Ohio ham facing a BPL installation in their area, first get baseline measurements of the local spectrum noise floor. Get these measurements recorded and documented so you will have an accurate comparison to the day you may suspect BPL interference.

Here is a quick, "cookbook" approach to making such measurements now before BPL arrives:

Use any good radio receiver having 4-20 Mhz HF receiving capabilities (your transceiver will do just fine but any good short-wave radio will do). Follow these instructions:

(1) Set up your receiver for AM reception, with the AGC set for 'Fast' and Noise Blanking turned off:

(2) Several times a day or as often as you can, record your s-meter noise readings. Take tape recordings of these readings as well.

(3) Take readings both outside and inside the amateur band limits (your favorite freqs). Outside the ham radio bands, Kirk suggests known frequencies like near WWV and/or near well known foreign broadcasts.

(4) For each reading, write down carefully the date, time of day, the frequency, and the s-meter reading. Be sure there are no signals present, only noise.

Of course, said Kirk, the purpose of this exercise is to establish and document a baseline for noise at your particular location. In the event BPL does come to your area and introduces additional noise/interference in a measurable amount, you will be able to provide a before and after comparison. Such comparisons can be the basis of complaints to the power company or to the FCC, if necessary.

The Cincinnati BPL/LIC committee is a special Local Interference Committee that was formed by Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE. It was formed shortly after Cinergy Corporation, the local power utility, announced plans to make Cincinnati the biggest buildout of BPL in the United States. At the present time, the team monitors the Cinergy progress. The amount of buildout in Cincinnati has been too small to

make any conclusions, it has been regularly reported.

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3D2/R, ROTUMA ISLAND (Also Fiji). By the time you read this, Eli/HA9RE and Charlie/HA8IB have left Budapest, and they are expected to be active as **3D2RE/R** from **Rotuma Island (OC-060)**, **January 26th through February 22nd**. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters on CW/SSB/RTTY. They plan to have two stations on the air. They also plan to participate in the **CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest** and **ARRL DX CW Contest**. On their return trip, look for them to be active from **Fiji (OC-016)** for a few days as **3D2RE**, starting on **February 23rd**. QSL direct only via HA8IB. No Bureau QSLs.

3Y0X PETER I ISLAND DXPEDITION UPDATE (New Dates). On January 21st, the following was a press release sent out by Team Co-leaders Ralph Fedor, K0IR, and Bob Allphin, K4UEE: "Our last press release announced a delay in the 3Y0X Dxpedition to Peter I. We can now give you more specific information.

The vessel we have chartered could not meet the original sailing date. The renovations and modifications taking place on the ship were not completed on schedule. K4UEE and LA6VM just returned from a visit to Chile that included an inspection of the team's chartered vessel, a meeting with the CEO of the charter company and the shipyard project supervisor, and an inspection of the team's equipment/supplies in our sea container stored in Punta Arenas.

We were disappointed to see that the ship is still not ready. Work is progressing, however, and the charter company tells us they expect to be ready to sail for Peter I on **February 10**. We are not entirely confident the work can be completed on time, but the team is prepared to assemble in Punta Arenas, Chile on February 8.

If all things go well, we will arrive at the island about **6-7 days after departure**, depending on the route, weather, and ice conditions. Our landing operations will commence immediately once the weather allows for safe helicopter operation.

We will first establish a safe, secure, and self-sufficient camp. Once this is complete we will begin setting up stations and antennas. We will be on the air as soon as possible, but this too is dependent on the conditions on the island. Blizzards, high winds, and low visibility are very real potential problems. We still plan to bring up 9 stations with amplifiers and a large array of antennas. Despite the schedule change, the team still hopes to spend **2 full weeks on the island**. And, very importantly, our entire team remains intact.

The state of preparation of the ship, the location, complex logistics, weather, and sea ice are all challenges and largely out of our control. We will do all that is within our power to complete this DXpedition safely and within this new time frame. If all goes well and we sail as planned on February 10, we will return to Punta Arenas on March 10th. Check our web site, www.peterone.com, regularly for updates."

4L, GEORGIA. Mamuka, **4L2M**, has announced that he will be active in both the **CQ WW 160 CW** and **CQ WW 160 SSB Contest**. QSL via the information on QRZ.com.

600, SOMALIA (Update). Silvano, I2YSB, updates OPDX and its readers on the upcoming **February 3-17th** DXpedition to **Somalia**. The tentative transmitting frequencies for **600CW** (CW and RTTY) and **600G** (SSB) are as follows:

- **CW** - 1820, 3505, 7005, 10115, 14055, 18095, 21055, 24910, 28055, 50100
- **SSB** - 1840, 3790, 7050, 14210, 18140, 21270, 24960, 28450, 50110
- **RTTY** - 3560, 7035, 10130, 14079, 18120, 21080, 24935, 28080 kHz

Silvano states, "We understand that proposed frequencies may sound 'unusual', however we made this proposal due to the recent delays announced by the 3Y0X major expedition to Peter One Island, originally scheduled for late January-early February but now probably overlaying our 60 schedule. Our aim is to minimize QRM, avoid confusion and give everybody a better opportunity to work us. Comments and suggestions are welcome, and please note that new frequencies might be selected based on actual local conditions. We expect to start operations on February 3 evening (UTC)." Comments and questions can be sent via E-mail to: i2ysb@i2ysb.com For more information and updates, please visit the following Web page at: <http://www.i2ysb.com/60/>

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will be active as **8P5A** in the

ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via NN1N.

9H, MALTA. Several sources report that Chris, G0WKJ, is expected to now be active as **9H3CT** until **February 25th**. No QSNs have been reported as of yet. QSL via his home callsign.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Rich, PA0RRS, will be active as **9M6/PA0RRS** from **Sabah, Borneo Island (IOTA OC-088), February 3-13th**. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct to: Richard Smeets, Schoorveken 100, 5121NM Rijen, The Netherlands.

PJ7, ST.MAARTEN. While on vacation, Ron/ND5S and Sue/KF5LG will once again operate from Dutch St. Maarten (IOTA NA-105) as **PJ7/ND5S** and **PJ7/KF5LG**, respectively, from **February 6-26th**. Ron will be active as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry in both the **CQ/RJ RTTY WPX Contest (February 12-13th)** and the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th)**. Pre-contest activity will be on CW/RTTY/SSB and on 160-10 meters. Ron states some 20,000 contacts have been made from here in his past operations. For more details, please visit the Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/nd5/>

- **TOP 5 QSL MANAGERS FOR 2004 SURVEY UPDATE.** John, K1XM, reports that the final days for the TOP 5 QSL MANAGER nominations for 2004 are coming to an end on January 31st. He states, "As the end date is approaching to send in your 5 nominees for the TOP 5 QSL MANAGERS for 2004, my mailbox has been flooded by European DXers. It seems that these folks have more interest in the QSL Manager system than USA folks. Well, at least they are responding at a margin of 7 to 1 now. Just over 2000 DXers have made nominations for this year's survey, so I don't think we will surpass last years mark, but many more NON USA DXers responded this year. When the final tally is made, it will be interesting to compare the 2003 winners with the new 2004 winners. I know how it is looking, but I am NOT telling. There will be 5 pleasantly surprised QSL Managers this year when a package arrives at their door. Thanks to the very generous GOLISTER who donated all 5 plaques this year and to those that have sent donations towards the shipping expenses. All is very much appreciated. All for now, have a great DXing week." Send your 5 or less nominations to: golist@golist.net Please, put in the "SUBJECT:" line TOP 5 NOMINATIONS.

- **QSLs FOR DL7FT (Silent Key).** Ric, DL2VFR, reports that Frank, DL7FT, became a silent key some months ago - he used to QSL only direct. His old postal box in Berlin remained active for a while but is now closed. If there are still QSL requests, - they need to be sent to: Frau Sigrid HANDKE, DL7CN, Quakerstrasse 21, 13403 BERLIN, GERMANY.

- **QSL TO7DSR and TO7ACR** via the Bureau (RADIO CLUB ACRA): Radio Club A.C.R.A Guadeloupe, BP 126, Messagerie, Pointe-A-Pitre, CEDEX 97110, GUADELOUPE. Club's Web site: • <http://site.voila.fr/acra-radioclub/> For help, contact FG1JD.

- **VP5/N0VD QSL STATUS.** Kelly, N0VD, informs OPDX that he has answered all direct requests for his VP5 trip in October/November 2004. The last batch of DX bound cards went out on Saturday. Bureau cards are just starting to trickle in,

and those will be returned via the bureau as time permits.

TO0, MARTINIQUE. Just a reminder that Thomas, KC0W, will be active as **TO00** from **January 27th through February 13th**. His activity will include an entry in the **CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest** (next weekend) as Single-Op/ High-Power entry. QSL direct to KC0W.

TO5, MARTINIQUE. Al, F5VHJ, will once again be active as **TO5A** for the **ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via F5VHJ.

V3, BELIZE. Members of the NEWDXA will be operating from V31MD's shack from **March 2-9th**. The operators George/W9MDP, John/NZ9Z and Tom/W8JWN will also be in the **ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th)** as a Multi-2 entry. The contest callsign and QSL info will be announced later. Look for activity on all bands and modes, 80-6 meters, before and after the contest.

V4, NEVIS. Mark, K0EJ, will be active as **V44/K0EJ** (possibly a special contest callsign) during the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th)** as as Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low-Power entry.

VK0M, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Dave, **VK0MT** (VK3KR), was heard this past week mainly on 20 meters SSB. Watch 14205 and 14245 kHz between 0630-1330z. Also, watch 40 meters (7085 kHz) between 1100-1130z. QSL via JE1LET.

XV3, VIETNAM (Also Taiwan). Operators JA9BV and JA3DYU will be vacationing in Vietnam and Taiwan during middle **March**. Look for them to be active as **XV3BV** and **XV3DYU** from the ancient town of **Hoi An, March 14-17th**. The two operators will leave from Saigon to **Taipei, Taiwan**, on **March 18th**, and will operate as **BW2/JA9BV** and **BX2/JA3DYU** until the **23rd**. Activity will be on mostly SSB and CW. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 3515, 7014, 14040, 21040 kHz
- **SSB** - 3540, 7040, 14160, 21160 KHz

QSL via the bureau or direct to their home callsigns.

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MARC Picture Page 2005 Awards Banquet



MARC Ham of the Year: Jason Stroll (R), KC8LIN receives his Ham of the Year plaque from President Joe Herrick WD8BGW. Congratulations Jason!



Scott, KC8ZCT and Sarah, KC8ZCS (center) receive the Bob Rodgers, W8NWR Field Day Award for their excellence in helping with Field Day.



Perry (L) W8AU, receives a very special 50 year Award for being licensed and a MARC member for the past 50 years. Quite a feat! Congratulations Perry!



Performing one of his last "duties" as MARC President, Jim, WA8GXM presides at the podium at the Awards Banquet to present the winners with their plaques. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Jim for his excellence in leading us for the year of 2004. THANKS JIM !!! To see all the Banquet winners and the description of each, please go to our Web Site www.marcradio.org. Webmaster, Terry N8ATZ, has done a great job in presenting pictures all the winners and a description of each.

February 2005

W8NP Monthly Planner

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		<i>1</i> VE Test Session, Pioneer AR Fellowship, 7:00 PM, Ctc: Ronald D. Lieving, (330)724-5981, Akron	<i>2</i> Groundhog Day	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Massillon ARC Meeting, Massillon Senior Center, 8:00pm	<i>5</i>																																																																																											
<i>6</i> BD KC8ZCT NOARS Winterfest, Ctc: Tom Porter, W8KYZ (440)930-9115, Lorain	<i>7</i> BD KA8MMN	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">West Stark Info Net - 147.180 at 8:00 PM</div>	<i>12</i> Lincoln's Birthday																																																																																											
<i>13</i> Mid*Winter Hamfest and Computer Show InterCity ARC, Mansfield Ctc: Deane Wrasse, 419-522-9893	<i>14</i> Valentine's Day	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">West Stark Info Net - 147.180 at 8:00 PM</div>	<i>19</i> BD K8LBZ																																																																																											
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