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SHORT SKIP

Looking deep into my Knight - Kit crystal calibrator I see for 2006.....

1. Accelerated B P L wars.
2. More digital voice operating.
3. Lowered standards for an amateur radio license. (yuk)
4. ARRL dues increase. (ugh)
5. Price increases fer new ham rigs.

All the best to you and yours in 2006 !

73 de WB8OWM

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

The meeting for the month of January will be held on January 14th at 6:00 PM at the Otterbeine Methodist Church on Shepler Church Road (please see map and details on page 2). This is of course our annual dinner meeting. There will *not* be a regular meeting Please call Anne at 330-832-8612 for Reservations.

NEW LOOK

I hope you noticed the redesigned front page of Feedback. This is an attempt to get a more appealing look to our newsletter. If you like the new look, please let me know. If not, let me know also. We will still have Short Skip column on the front page & from time to time others as well. In the

coming months, I will "tweak" the front page as I get used to the new type myself !

NEW OFFICER'S

At last month's meeting we elected the new officer's for 2006. The lineup is:

President : Igor Nikishin K8INN
Vice President: Ralph Bugg K8HSQ
Secretary : Linda Finley K8MOO
Treasurer Anne Ballinger N8GAF
Trustee's: Dan Anastis N8DZM
Don Finley W8DEF
Jim Farriss WA8GXM

Congratulations to all !

DUES ARE DUE

Just a reminder that the dues for 2006 are now due. Please see Anne at the dinner meeting to renew!

MARC MINUTES December 2,2005

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 36 members and guests present.

MARC President Joe KD8BGW opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made. A motion was made to accept the November minutes as stated in the FEEDBACK by Scott N3JJT and second by Byron KF8UN.

MARC Vice President Igor K8INN gave the correspondence report. He had the usual newsletters from other Amateur Radio Clubs. He also received a report from the Ohio section. Congratulations goes to Gary WC8W for doing such a good job publishing the FEEDBACK. Out of a possible 84 points MARC newsletter the FEEDBACK got 78 points.

Joe WD8BGW read an article to the members about a letter of thanks in the Independent newspaper . Thanked MARC for their help in lining up the Christmas Parade.

OLD BUSINESS

A reminder to those wanting to attend MARC Banquet on January 14,2006 at the Otterbein Methodist Church 6025 Shepler Ave. S.W. Contact Anne N8GAF at 330-832-8612 or Linda K8MOO at 330-832-9757 to make your reservation. It will be a family style dinner for \$9.00 each.

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis K8AGB from the Canton Amateur Radio Club was present to return the Field Day Trophy to be lettered. It will be presented back to CARC at their annual banquet as they got more field day points than MARC.

MARC Trustees Don W8DEF and Dan N8DZM took nominations for the 2006 MARC Vice President and Trustee positions. A vote was taken by the members. Congratulations goes to the 2006 Vice President Ralph K8HSQ and Trustee Jim WA8GXM. Igor K8INN will step up to MARC President, Anne N8GAF MARC Treasurer and Linda K8MOO MARC Secretary will remain the same.

Michele KC8ZEJ needs Friday night information net operators. If you can help ,even once a month, please contact her.

Welcome MARC newest members Carl Cunert AB8CC, Denzil KD8CIN, Daniel Parr WV8W, Neil Brown WD8LLA and Bob Savage K8MGC.

Congratulations goes to MARC guest Dennis K8AGB for winning the 50-50 for &18.00.

Minutes by Linda K8MOO Secretary MARC

Directions to Otterbein Methodist Church
From I 77: South to Fohl Road. West on Fohl to
Sherman Ave Left on Sherman Ave to the Church.

Fron US # 21

US # 21 South to Navarre Go to the first light at
Wooster Street. LEFT on Wooster Street (which will turn
into Fohl Street once out of the city) Follow Fohl Street to
Sherman Street. Right turn on Sherman and follow to the
Church (about 1/4 mile). Note: Once you are at the
intersection of Fohl & Sherman , you can see the Church
about 1/4 mile down the street on the right!



... Happy New Year MARC ...

Here's hoping the new year will bring great thinks to all of you as well as to the MARC. January will be a busy month if you like to attend club banquets starting with our own on January 14th. It's covered in detail below. I also received an invitation to attend the Canton ARC annual banquet on Wednesday, January 18th held in lieu of their monthly meeting. It will be held at the La Pizzeria Restaurant on Dressler Road and is a very nice place albeit a bit expensive. They normally use one of the back rooms which they have to themselves. I attended last year to official help re-present the Field Day Trophy to the CARC and I expect to attend this year as well.

Their special guest will be well known DX-Peditioner Mel Vye, W8MV. Mel will show a short slide program on his trip to Midway Island in 2000 where he operated as W8MV/KH4. Mel will be leaving on January 26th for Antarctica, to join the 3Y0X team as they attempt to activate Peter The First Island. Mel's programs are always very interesting, many of you will remember his visit to the MARC club in January 2001. So what else is happening, lets see.

... Massillon ARC Annual Banquet ...

The annual club banquet will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at the Otterbein United Methodist Church located at 6025 Shepler Church Avenue SW. Plan to arrive about 6:00 PM. Dinner is traditional family style and is \$ 9.00 per person. Shepler Church Ave SW is located off of Faircrest St SW or Richville Drive SW. A Map is located on the club website but I'm sure several club members will be on the air that evening to help in case anyone can't find the Church.

Reservations are required, contact either club treasurer Anne Ballinger, N8GAF at 330-832-8612 or Secretary Linda Finley, K8MOO at 330-832-9757 to make your reservations or with any questions.

The annual club banquet is the club social event of the year. Lots of socializing and fellowship followed by a great dinner. The main event of the evening is the presentation of club awards recognizing the accomplishments of our members followed by our "fun" awards. The evening concludes with the official installation of officers for the coming year and the introduction of the Executive Board.

You won't want to miss this great evening of fun, we're looking forward to seeing everyone.

.. MARC Friday Net Update ..

After a brief hiatus our MARC West Stark Information Net is once again back in weekly operation thanks to newly appointed Net Manager Michelle Gill - KC8ZEJ.

Michelle is a recent addition to the MARC roster along with her husband Bob - N8DVS and is no stranger to net control duties. An avid ARES volunteer, Michelle is currently assistant net manager for the Stark County ARES Tuesday Public Service Net.

The club is lucky to have Michelle as our new net manager and she is always looking for new volunteers to assist with net control duties and will provide you with all the training needed to conduct our net.

The net currently operates each Friday evening at 8:00 PM (except the first Friday which is meeting night) local time on the club's 147.18 Repeater and everyone is welcome to join us. Current club news as well as other news of general interest is always part of our net. We always accept traffic from the amateur community as well.

.. December Election Results ..

In accordance with the By-Laws of the MARC elections were held at the December 2nd club meeting and the following members were elected to office. In a three way runoff Ralph Bugg - K8HSQ was elected as Vice-President for 2006.

The 2005 Technical Merit Award recipient for his work on the Winlink 2000 Digital Communications System, Ralph has a long history with the club that stretches back over 20 years and looks forward to his duties as new Vice-President.

Jim Farriss - WA8GXM was elected Trustee replacing Don Wade - W8DEA who completed his 3-year term. Jim has held office many times over the years and is well versed in club operations.

Current Vice-President Igor Nikishin - K8INN will move up to President per club By-Laws. Club Secretary Linda Finley - K8MOO and Treasurer Anne Ballinger - N8GAF were re-elected unanimously.

The new officers will formally begin their duties after formal ceremony to be held at the club's January Banquet on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at the Otterbein United Methodist Church.

.. The Great K8KIP Tower Project ..

A nearly year long project to replace a tower is finally nearing completion for club member Bob Kiplinger, K8KIP despite several setbacks, one being the terrible fall of Kip's old tower with our resident tower climber Jim Farriss, WA8GXM handing on for dear life.

Jim was severely injured when Kip's old tower gave way crashing to the ground with Jim was near the 40 foot mark. Jim had to be extracted by emergency service personnel and was hospitalized for over a week following the accident. It took several months but Jim is nearly back to his old self.

With the old tower fully removed and Jim back in shape the installation of the new tower began several months ago with Jim leading the project. Despite some chilly fall weather and with winter snows pending Jim was able to nearly complete the job thanks to the assistance from Kip, Scott - N3JJT and Don - W8DEF. Kip was also able to arrange for a bucket lift truck on several occasions thanks to his brother-in-law that really made a big difference. Aside from some finish work the job was completed just after the Thanksgiving holiday.

We have several pictures courtesy of Don - W8DEF and Terry - N8ATZ that help to tell the story but they don't do justice to this huge tower. They are currently posted on the club's website, a link is provided on the home page. Now we won't say this tower is tall but it's only thanks to Kip's rural location

near Dalton that meant tower lights weren't necessary !

Catch You At The Dinner
De Terry – N8ATZ



The "Great K8KIP Tower Project" . The bucket truck can be seen in the background helping with the installation. Jim WA8GXM is on top of the tower finishing up the antenna installation.

Tectopics 21

Miscellaneous Stuff, Invitation to Six And A Beam and Mast for Two

Ok, I know, this is two in a row, with Tectopics #20 appearing very recently, but there is sooo much to write about, this will take care of some of the stuff that wouldn't fit in the last installment. Missy Marilyn has just brought in a large Sticky Bun and.... a cup of hot chocolate.... and I'm poised at the keys...right here in front of the rigs...how good can it get gents?

Last time the Geeks in the antenna lab were putting final touches on the switching system for the new dipole...that project is finished, but I'll wait for some real operating experience with the antenna before conclusions are offered.

But, it is worth a word or two about the support for one end of that antenna...one end is up 30 feet on the tower. The other end is up about 22 feet on a single section of 'chain-link fence top rail. This stuff is a well kept secret, or at least mostly unknown to the new-bee interested in how to support an antenna when there are no trees and such.

The stuff is good quality steel galvanized thin wall pipe, similar but not the same as conduit. It comes in approximately 22 ft lengths, and is easily telescoped to 30 ft with ample over lap for strength. I used just one section with proper back and side guys, allowing the antenna to slope. The 22 ft height is, by intent, to avoid putting undue side force on the tower...but...in a stand-alone configuration two thirty foot masts would easily support a standard conventional dipole and feed system. The cost is very reasonable, with the material available at a local fence emporium over on South Way in Massillon.

By the way, in assembling this mast, I used all stainless hardware. Yes, a bit pricey when compared to iron, but remember, you do not want to rebuild an effective antenna installation due to hardware failure from corrosion.

Next, an engineering planning meeting was recently called to discuss improved 2-meter antenna availability at the Big KXR. Genial Gene (CEO) met with the Chief Engineer (yep, u guessed it, Genial Gene), to review options. The manager of the Antenna Farm advised it 'might' be possible to squeeze in a mast with a 2-meter beam with QRO capability, and even move the 6- meter vertical to the top of a 30-foot 'top rail' mast. That manager, (guess who...) was eager to sketch up a design and present it to the CEO and Chief Engineer.... good grief....

Bottom line.... The Mast and Guy Line Fabrication Dept Manager (don't ask...) has sketched up a support concept based on two telescoped pieces of 'top rail.' The mast will rotate, and will require a 'slip ring' to allow guys at forty-five degrees, and still let the mast-beam rotate. This guy line ring will take the form of a large industrial grade hot rolled steel washer with holes drilled for cable thimbles. Such heavy-duty hardware is available locally and is minimal in cost.

Guy line material is planned to be rugged, and readily available at local farm type supply stores. Use it; it is inexpensive, very rugged and weather resistant. Note, in any such tinkering, be sure to use cable 'thimbles' to avoid chafing guy lines at their tie points. These are also available at ur favorite hardware in various sizes and are cheap.

I'll put a memo on the CEO's colander, so a full report on this work in progress project can be issued, probably sometime in the early spring. Some construction is already completed.

Next, last spring a Tentec Orion was added to the Big KXR's Area 52 operating position. (Area 51 is said to be spoken for). The Orion has been in regular service, with the tri-bander, mostly on 20 and 15 meters. Some comments are now in order. Most apparent are the consistently superb audio reports.

I've been asked about the rig on the air. I seldom if ever advise what rig I'm using, unless asked. This technique makes for a very neat unsolicited evaluation of your signal. Again, reports are outstanding...the rig runs barefoot at about 90 watts and receives consistent reports from a spectrum of stations scattered around the Caribbean and Central America. Eventually, pending rebuilding and testing, a full legal gallon linear will be added to

this system (a classic Heath Chippewa...pair of 4-400s) but, until it is ready, the Orion is pure joy to operate.

With regard to Tentec gear, one other observation, based on a year's accumulated experience on 40 meters with a Triton IV. It is running into a vintage Hallicrafters Linear...but the point is the same as the Orion.... unsolicited questions and comments on outstanding audio, with comments like, 'don't touch it whatever you are doing,' are typical.

And one more time...As you know, I am a regular on 160 meters, and run a serious flame thrower on 1895, a nightly SSB gathering. Comments are the same with a dedicated Omni VI Plus and Commander HF 2500 at the legal limit. Although the Tentec rigs are legendary on CW, they are out standing with regard to audio too...with a rig bought new in 1977, through the Orion, new out of the box less than a year ago.

Finally, You may recall, a year ago, there was an active local gathering on 10 meters, guys operating vintage and modern rigs in AM mode. It was a nightly event, with conversations covering the range of local events, and other radio stuff. Activity there has all but disappeared; probably due in part to band conditions and busy scheds.

But, in its place, a vigorous group has appeared on 6 meters, with stations in Massillon, N. Canton, Canal Fulton, Rogues Hollow, and occasional Akron stations joining in the rag chews... Subjects include restoration and operation of older rigs, recent movies, the latest in the best ice cream stands, slot cars, railroad modeling, and anything else that seems to interest anyone at the time.

The frequency is 50.4 MHz...starting nightly at 0700 pm local time – AM mode, horizontal polarization most of the time...except when E openings are about, or when someone wants to experiment...Rigs vary, with Gonset G-50s, Knightkit TR 106s, Heath Shawnees, Clegg, Ameco, and Drakes alive and cranking out the watts. More modern 'sand state' rigs show up too...for practice in the AM mode.

This activity is Ham Radio at its classic best...a good bunch of courteous operators, rag chewing on into the evening hours. Come and join us...all are welcome...

Finally, in the tradition of true Ham-festing, I did the Findley Fest this year, with WBOIQK, K8MGC, KC8RPF. It was a good time, with enthusiastic Hams on the prowl for stuff.... I found a Knightkit TR 106 with original mic and cosmetically 9 on a scale of 10. The price was about the price for two at Mickey Ds. The six-meter bunch has plenty of info on rescuing such rigs, and this little beauty cleaned up nicely. It has an outstanding receiver and good audio, much to my surprise, being a kit and built by an unknown pair of hands...a few parts cut out and up graded and the rig is alive and well.

Such a project find is an excellent way to learn a lot of radio, and even though it is a tube rig, the skills are easily practiced in the process of bringing a little beast rig back to life...and when you

bring it up and someone gives you some advice on tweaking it just a bit more, or says your audio is great, don't fix it any more...u know you are one of us...

Don't be shy... find a rig to work on...can be an HF job too...come to six meters and get started on a winter project bringing some needy and abandoned piece of gear back to life. We welcome any one who wants to try their hand. Oh, and several of us also monitor 29.0, very exciting when the E openings are on...

So, there you have it Ham Boys and Girls too. The CEO has graciously permitted the Copy Dept Manager to spend a few precious minutes at the keys for this edition of Tectopics. He's sure an all-right guy!

Now, put the coffee on, put the dog to bed, or the cats, and head for the shack, either to the bench, or for some serious operating. Gotta run... Missy Marilyn has just brought in a plate of warm Sticky Buns and another cup of her tasty Hot Chocolate! Gosh, what a Girl!

**From the CEOs office,
DE W8KXR**

NREN Training Topic 22 November 2005

Some thoughts on digital communications

As stated in a previous "training topic," a good maxim for emergency communications preparedness should be:

Never seek a technological solution to a problem when a management solution will suffice.

In our era of mass media and pervasive advertising culture, it's easy to assume that "new is always better." It is also tempting to fit the new "round peg" into the same old square hole with little improvement in results.

. "I'm not waving but drowning....."

With all due apologies to the English poet Stevie Smith for stealing her line, the fact is one can drown under the results of too much circuit capacity ("bandwidth")! Let's imagine for the moment that John Q. Amateur has deployed a fantastic new digital protocol, which permits him to send the equivalent of an encyclopedia full of information every second from the Incident Management Post to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). What happens when the data arrives? Consider this:

- Someone may have to route this traffic to the addressee within the EOC. How long does this take?
- Someone may need to pick up a phone or another

communications device to deliver the traffic to an off-premises party.

- Someone has to read this traffic, act on it, and, in many cases, draft a reply. How long does this take.
- If an inquiry or request for a directive requires some research (talking to Chemtrech, a railroad dispatcher, or a meteorologist), how long does this take?

While the time-consuming human process of decision making is occurring at the receive end of the circuit, our “encyclopedia size” traffic files are backing up at a phenomenal rate at the EOC!

Walk into many EOCs, and one will find a message router, whose job is to receive incoming traffic from numerous telecommunications resources, and then route it to the functional representative best suited to deal with the subject matter (i.e. law enforcement, fire service, public health, mass care, etc.). This may be done with paper forms in smaller communities, or with electronic methods in a large computerized EOC. This process also takes time, which limits traffic originations and slows deliveries within an EOC.

The reality is, one may have the circuit capacity (bandwidth) to send volumes of information between key facilities or served agencies, but the human factor “brain rate,” which involves receiving, interpreting, and acting on data can lag far behind the “baud rate.”

“Why didn’t I take typing in High School?”

Imagine now that you are sitting in front of our imaginary, super-duper digital system ready to send your first message. How fast can you type? How fast can the average person type? How much time is spent obtaining information from a disaster official, condensing it, and then entering it into a suitable message?

Now, let’s imagine our super-duper digital system automatically routes messages for delivery via the Internet. How do we know the message has been read? What if it is short-stopped by a spam filter or junk-mail filter? What if the addressee is out of town for a week of well-earned vacation?

The fact is, for most operational message traffic, digital systems do not offer significant speed advantages

because the human interface lags far behind the computer. However, such technologies do offer significant advantages if one must send a binary file, a digital photograph, or similar product. In other words, if one must send a series of damage assessment photos to an EOC, digital methods may offer significant advantages. However, if one is simply conveying basic text information, the data circuit may offer little advantage over a key and sounder used by a competent railroad telegrapher.

“I’m melting”

Unlike the fictitious witch in the “Wizard of Oz,” computer equipment won’t melt if exposed to the elements. However, it is vulnerable to rain, snow, mud, shock and vibration, and so on. Likewise, when one adds a lap-top and peripherals to his telecommunications arsenal, he is confronted with additional weight, additional (and sometimes significant) power consumption, and a greater potential for failure in associated interconnect cables and similar items.

There are many places where a complex system is simply not desirable. This includes many disaster areas, which may lack shelter, electricity, light, and similar features we take for granted in our day-to-day lives. In such areas, one may be better off with a hand-held transceiver and a small HF man-pack unit.

“Garbage in.....Garbage out!”

This is a true statement, which applies to computer programming, the human experience, popular culture, and, of course, disaster communications. Some radio amateurs will suggest that a standard message format is not needed for communications conveyed digitally due to the error checking systems contained in most protocols. This is BUNK!

The disaster official receiving the message still needs the service data. He/she will want to know when the message was drafted; who drafted the message; at what time it was drafted; and from where it originated. The operator receiving the message will want to know how to route a reply back to the point of origination (place of origin and station of origin).

If a transmitting operator types in “bubonic plague” when he meant “pneumonic plague,” the computer network will not know it’s an error. However, the public health response will be inappropriate with disastrous consequences. The same is true for the wrong chemical name or the wrong name of a deceased party!

If the Amateur Radio Service had 10 dollars per member to spend on any one emergency communications program, it is my opinion it should be spent on message handling training, for the final product (an accurate, properly serviced message) is far more important than the medium.

“The Clansman”

Thirty years ago, most hams used one of two modes, SSB or CW. All learned CW, even if they didn’t use it. This shared experience engendered a sense of community and fraternity. Unfortunately, today every mode seems to generate a “clan” mentality. One operator swears by one digital mode while a dozen others swear by different modes. Walk into 100 different digital stations, and one is confronted with different terminal software, different operating systems, and so forth. In other words, there is no common denominator to provide efficient interoperability and the critical mass of individuals needed to conduct an efficient net.

The military and maritime services solve this problem by enforcing standardization. One Signal Battalion uses methods and equipment that are identical and interchangeable with the next. Not so in ham radio. With the loss of CW, our only common denominator for HF communications is SSB, which may not always be the best choice for poor propagation conditions, confidentiality, or a host of other requirements.

ARES groups and similar organizations need to place an emphasis on *standardization* and avoid the clan mentality. Remember! “Done is better than perfect.” Ham Radio operators also need to accept the fact that CW is nearly universally available on any HF transceiver, making it an ideal alternate common denominator for HF communications.

Some final thoughts

Digital communications hold great promise for ham radio. The “TOR” modes allow one to transmit data files and automate the delivery process, which can prove advantageous. Programs such as WINLINK promote standardization. Do such programs have some disadvantages? Absolutely! However, they are the first reasonable step anyone has taken toward *standardizing* a digital platform.

Simple AX.25 packet networks, while slow compared to an Internet connection allow basic text messaging at a reasonable speed. In addition, equipment is plentiful and inexpensive and old, nearly disposable lap-top computers are more than adequate for this platform

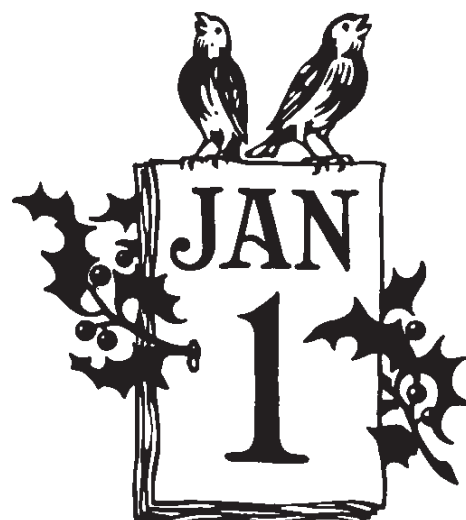
Ultimately, all modes have advantages and disadvantages. Radio Amateurs are encouraged to look at the big picture, as well as the *entire* communications process from “human” to “human” before deciding how best to apply a mode to a particular emergency communications requirement.

Finally, while further development of digital methods is encouraged, we shouldn’t make the mistake of assuming “new” is always “better.” Let’s put training and sound management practices first, and then worry about technology.

73,

Jim WB8SIW

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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DX information.

3B9 & FR, RODRIGUES AND REUNION ISLANDS

Look for Jean-Marie, F8CHN, to be active as FR5EZ
from on Reunion Island this week. His operations will
take place between December 30th and January 3rd. He
will then leave and go to Rodrigues Island and operate
as 3B9/FR5EZ between January 3-11th, before
returning to Reunion Island and staying until January
17th. Most of his activity will be on 30 and 17 meters.
QSL both operations via F8CHN.

ANTARCTICA NEWS

Horacio, LU4DXU, will operate as **LU4ZS** from
Marambio Base (IOTA **AN-013**, Antarctica Award
LU-03) on Seymour Island from January 3-8th, if
everything works out with "logistics are forthcoming.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI

The Finnish operators who were going to return to the
Pacific and operate from Tarawa (**OC-017**), West
Kiribati, January 5-22nd (see **OPDX.738**), seem to
have put their trip on hold. The only plane that services
the island has been seized by Export-Import Bank of
America in a court ruling and all flights have been
cancelled. Reports are that more details will be
forthcoming on December 29th. For more details and
updates, please visit the Web site at:

<http://www.ohpacificdx.com>

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Steve, G4OHX, will be active from Antigua between
December 31st and January 13th. He has not been
issued a callsign yet but has requested V25OHX. His
activity will be limited because he is on holiday but
hopes to be on 30/20/17 meters.

V6, MICRONESIA

Nao, JK1FNL, is expected to be active this week as
V63O from Pohnpei (**OC-010**), December 28-31st.
Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and
RTTY. QSL via JK1FNL, direct or by the bureau.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS

Kaoru, JA3MCA, a member of Yamato ARC, will be
active from Majuro, Marshall Islands, from December
29th to January 2nd. Callsign will be V73Z and
operations will be on 80-10 meters SSB and CW. QSL
via JA3MCA.

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Information can now be faxed to the following "NEW"
phone line at:
1-419-828-7791 (FAX only!)

NEW WEB SITE

To encourage radio enthusiasts in this area, a new
web site has been added to the web at:
<http://www.starkohpics.com> the web site is run by MARC Club
member Matt Kraner, K8MAT. The web site has a lot of infor-
mation for this area and all are encouraged to add their input
to it as well. All areas are open to public for comments and
suggestions but it would be more usefull to individuals if they
became members of this site. There are many functions that
are provided for free to anyone to join.



January 2006

W8NP Monthly Planner

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