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JANUARY MEETING

The meeting for the month of January will be held on January 12th 2013. **THIS IS OUR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MEETING!!** We will meet on the 2nd floor of the Massillon Senior Center at (doors open) 5:00 PM for a early “eyeball” QSO. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Followed by our awards presentation and of course the swearing in ceremony of the new officer’s for 2013. By now all of you should have received an E Mail from me concerning the banquet. We need an accurate count of how many will be attending the banquet so the caterer will know how much food to prepare. I hope to have that figure at least a week in advance!

To recap the menu we will have a two meat Buffet. Baked chicken, and Baked Ham with mashed potatoes, green beans with bacon, and sea shells with meat sauce. This will come with a toss salad, rolls and coffee. The total cost to members is \$ 12.50 per meal which includes dessert (pie).



Reservations are required . Please respond As Soon AS Possible to the E-Mail that I will send out. Like I said we will need an accurate count of members and guests. We are trying to make this as easy as possible. Please return E-Mail to wc8w@sssnet.com Thank You !

Great fun is in store for all be sure not to miss this great event! See you at the Banquet !!!

OUTGOING PRESIDENT BYRON BERGER, KF8UN

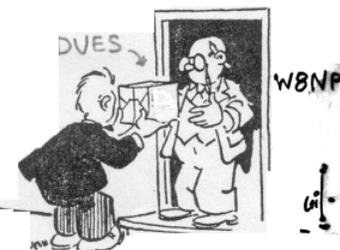
We would like to take this opportunity to Thank our Outgoing President Byron Berger, KF8UN for his leadership in 2012. This was a very trying year as Byron had to lead the membership without the help from a Vice President.

The past year will go down in our history as one of the busiest years on record. It seemed like we had a project or an event going on every month, to multiple events during the year. Byron did a great job and we Thank him for his effort. From events like the 85th Anniversary ,fund raiser at Buehler’s and to the Tappan Lake expedition, all proceeded very well, thanks to his leadership. THANKS BYRON !!!

DUES ARE NOW DUE!

With the coming of the new year, this means that the dues for the Massillon Amateur Radio Club are now due. Full membership for the year is just \$15.00. For the XYL and children living at home, who wish to become members is just \$ 7.50/ each per year.

One of the easiest ways to pay is to attend the Banquet in January, write just one check and pay it all at once ! It gives you and the XYL a night out with a great meal!



MARC MINUTES

December 7, 2012

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center on Friday, December 7, 2012 with 24 members and guests in attendance.

Byron KF8UN called the meeting to order at 8 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of introductions.

Matt KD8JTS, with a second by Ralph K8HQS, made the motion to accept minutes from the November meeting as printed in the Feedback newsletter. Motion Passed.

Treasures Report: Gary WC8W reported on the Hamfest. He noted that payment was being made to the Massillon Boys and Girls for hall rental.

VP Report: none

Committees: Officer Election Committee – The club trustees reported that no candidates were found since the November meeting out of the eligible members.

Old Business: none

New Business: Election of Officers results:

- President (1 year term): Mike S. WA8MKH
- Vice-President (1 year term): Terry R. N8ATZ
- Trustee (3 year term expiring 2016): Wade H. WD8MIU
- Secretary (1 year term): Robert K. AC8GE
- Treasurer (1 year term): Gary K. WC8W

Motions: none

Presentation: none

50/50: \$14, won by Ted K8TWA. Winnings donated back to club shack fund.

Ralph K8HQS, with a second by Bud WA8KWD, made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Robert AC8GE (meeting notes provided by Mike KD8ENV)

... THE NEW YEAR BEGINS ...

As we begin a new year I have been wondering what we can do to increase interest at our monthly club meetings. Last year we were fortunate enough to have several very interesting club programs and I'm hoping for the same again this year. Guest speakers are always welcome and I hope we can line up some new one's this year. The ARRL Ohio Section Cabinet is always willing to attend club meetings and I will be contacting them soon to see what we can schedule.

Technical programs are a great way to introduce club members with new facets of our hobby and I hope we can have a few of those as well. Club Secretary Robert, AC8GE asked me a few months ago about doing a program on APRS and if I can sweet talk my buddy Ralph, K8HSQ to help me, plan on a program covering this in a few months.

What other types of programs would we like to have? Perry, W8AU and I were talking at the last club meeting about Heathkit equipment and we wondered how many members own any Heathkit stuff. I still have a few working pieces and I bet others do too. What about this type of program? Would you be willing to bring some to a meeting and spend a few minutes showing us how it works and your experience building it.

We don't always have to have a club program either. I enjoy some meetings just visiting with members and find out what everyone has been up to. Just an evening of fellowship among members.

These are just a few ideas I have. I'd like to hear from you on what you would like to have as a club program. I'll try to schedule it. Maybe it will make meetings a little more interesting and increase attendance as well.

... LOOKING INTO OUR TIME MACHINE ...

While looking for some parts for yet another one of my winter projects, I came upon an old ring binder that contained some old club newsletters from the 1970's and before. Many clubs reprint excerpts from old newsletters as a way of reminding members both old and new of the history of their club. The MARC also has had a great history and I think it would be nice to read a bit about it from time to time.

As a way to begin, I plan on devoting a few paragraphs of my monthly column to looking back into the past of the MARC. I plan to include a little bit of everything we have been up to over the years, including some names and call signs many of you may remember. I'm going to try it for a few months and see how it goes. I would like some feedback (HiHi) from you on how you like it. I'm currently looking through them and will begin with next months newsletter. Stay tuned !

... SCANNER STUFF ...

Since I spend a lot of time on the road, my dualband rig is on scan a lot of the time. I have both amateur and commercial public service frequencies programmed into the memories. Over the holiday season I decided to update a few removing some that never seem to have any activity anymore. During my search for a current list of active frequencies, I came upon a few websites that had just what I was looking for.

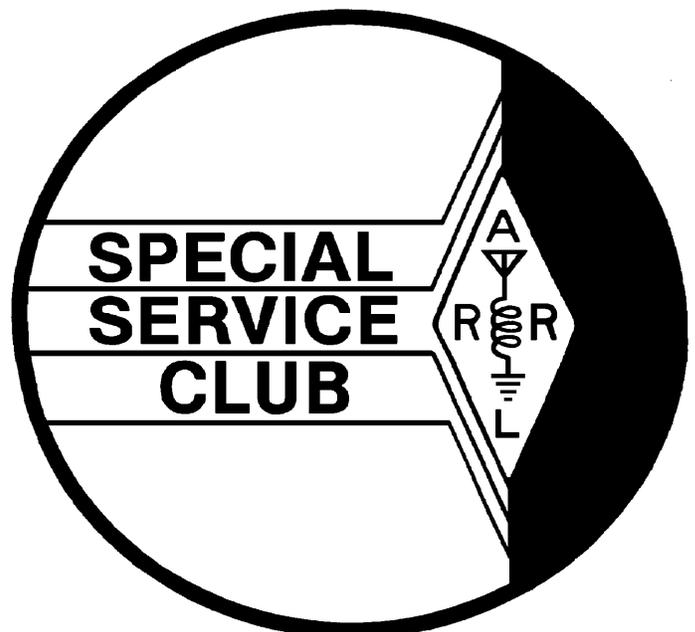
The first was www.scanohio.com. This has a good listing by county for nearly all public safety forces in any county listed in alphabetical order. Each listing includes the frequency, agency name and it's main use. Lot's of good information.

The other was www.radioreference.com. This very professional looking website claims to be the worlds largest radio communications data provider, featuring a complete frequency database, trunked radio system information, and FCC license data. Another nice part of this site is a dedicated Amateur Radio database.

I'm sure there are many others but either of these should help you decide what active agency stuff you would like to program into your rig or home scanner.

See you at the next club meeting

73's
Terry – N8ATZ



Battery Cell Replacement for YAESU FT-530 HT (BRICK)

Well one of my Batteries on my original 2 meter HT decided to totally discharge. DANG, and it was only 14 years old.... Rats.



A little effort with a large bladed screwdriver enabled me to break open the case. Remember, Engineering rule No 17 states you have to **BREAK THINGS OPEN** to find out how they are made before you can fix them. I found 6 AA Ni Cad batteries with welded solder tabs, soldered up in series making the 7.2 volt battery pack.

The Batteries were very corroded as you can see.



TAA DAAH I can FIX this.

A quick check on the internet yielded a "Special Deal" of 12 Ni CAD batteries at \$1.69 each plus \$4 Shipping and Handling. It was twice the number of batteries that I needed but the price was right.

Three days later, the package of batteries arrived and after little more than an hour I had the replacement batteries soldered and sitting in the case.



NOTE:

Use caution while soldering / handling these cells and do not let the Tabs short out. The Tabs get quite hot as does the battery. (*Mark this down as Lesson Learned*)

I charged up the battery pack and tested it. A Dab of Super Glue Gel and liberal use of black electrical tape along side the batteries will make sure the battery remains solid inside the case. Clamps and a bit more Super Glue on the case it's back together.

The old Yaesu FT- 530 (BRICK) is back on the air as good as new.



It was a Fun Project, with a cost about \$14 and less than 2 hours labor. (And I have still have 6 batteries on hand for another battery pack. project)

Charlie Scherger
KB8STV

ARRL NEWS

"Elmer" nickname being retired for Mentor. (teacher)

From the ARRL Web Site:

"Hams Helping Hams - ARRL Mentor Program"

"Welcome to the ARRL Mentor page. This page is going to be the central hub for all things that deal with mentoring or Elmers and clubs. We have already posted an initial set of resources to make navigating the site easier for everyone and especially the new ham."

"There has been a bit of question as to why we are using the term mentor as opposed to the traditional term Elmer. Ham radio does have its share of tradition and lore, and to a lot of folks it seems that we are breaking from tradition and discarding the affectionate term Elmer. Not so. Most folks outside of Amateur Radio do not recognize what an Elmer is, but they do know what a mentor is. And because this program is geared toward the new ham we don't want to confuse anyone."

What some other hams think of the term "elmer" today: I just wish that dumb-sounding term "elmer" would go away for good.

Don k4kyv

I hate that name, I always get a vision of Elmer Fudd or some unwashed mountain hillbilly. Whoever thought it up should be strung up by the heels and beat with the Wouff Hong.

Carl
KM1H

I think that the time has come to retire "elmer" for good.
Bruce WA8TNC

STATEHOUSE HAPPININGS

Okay, so H.B. 158 wasn't exactly delivered on Dec. 25, but it does represent a large benefit for Ohio amateurs and marks the culmination of nearly five years of legislative effort. H.B. 158 is Ohio's antenna bill, giving radio amateur antenna requests a strong preference in local zoning decisions. While it doesn't solve all of our problems, such as deed restrictions or neighborhood and condo

agreements, it goes a long way toward helping those who would otherwise be limited by city, county or township zoning ordinances.

The Bill became law in Ohio on August 15 and with it Ohio joins 26 other states that have passed state laws similar to the FCC regulations designated as PRB-1, regulations which prohibit state and local governments from imposing unreasonable limitations on amateur antennas.

Of course our legislative Santa had some help in this effort and now is a good time to once again thank the elves who helped make Ohio's antenna law a reality. First on the list, of course is the chief elf, our Section Manager Frank Piper, KI8GW. Frank was there whenever needed and he was needed a lot, both as a legislative witness and an advisor. Right behind Frank was Terri Kovalchik, N8TLK whose research and organizational skills made the effort possible. In addition to attending hearings and keeping us organized, Terri did a review and summary of existing legislation in every state that had passed PRB-1 like legislation that provided impressive background information for our legislative sponsors.

In addition to Frank and Terri, our effort was supported with an impressive array of amateur radio background and experience as evidenced by our legislative witnesses who gave their personal time and effort to help often-confused legislative committee members understand why radio transmissions require antennas. That group of dedicated elves included Rick Swain, KK80 (also, often called upon for help), Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Steve Katz, N8WL, Don Kovalchik, W8DPK, Dr. Bob Lewis, N8GU, and John Tipka, W8UL. A special thanks also goes to Capital University law professor Jeff Ferriell, K8ZDA, for his help in addressing the Home Rule issues that seemed to trouble some of the legislators. Numerous others, too many in numbers to list here, also helped with guidance, suggestions, calls and emails. Thanks to all of you. Your efforts have made Ohio a better place to be a radio amateur and a safer place for all Ohioans in times of emergency.

As we would with any new piece of radio gear, it's time to take our legislative present out of the box (read the instructions later, if ever) and give it a try. Some Ohio hams have already seen the benefits of the new legisla-

tion as their antenna applications received swift approval. Others may still be pending. So, how can we best use our new-found antenna authority? Obviously, putting up antennas is a good place to begin. But, what about helping our local radio clubs become true resource centers for new hams? Getting new hams on the air is essential to the continued life of our hobby, and antennas are an essential part of that equation. Or, should we use our success to try to spring-board other ham-friendly legislation in Ohio, or perhaps try to help other states with their own antenna bills? The possibilities are endless and as the New Year approaches it is certainly time to consider some of those options and plan for our efforts next year. Your thoughts are most welcome, so please feel free to share.

Happy New Year and 73.

Nick Pittner, K8NAP
Ohio State Government Liaison
K8nap@arrl.net

3Y0IOF Dxpediton Press Release!

After a lot of negotiation we are pleased to announce a multinational team of twelve is to undertake a Dxpediton to Bouvet Island from 25 March 2013 to 5 April 2013 using the callsign 3Y0IOF.

We will be operating 24/7 with five stations covering all bands 160m-10m. We understand that Dxpeditons are all about you the DX operator therefore we are pleased to announce some exciting new innovations. We appreciate many of you feel you should not have to make any effort to work us. Accordingly we are offering you the chance to call us on the telephone when you are ready for a QSO. That's right we will give you a phone number and when you are ready you can ring us and we will immediately cease to work the pile up and call you on a frequency of your choice. Not only that we will also ensure an email is sent to you directly after the QSO to confirm you are in the log. Furthermore we are organising a team of experts who, if you wish, will fly in and set up your rig on the required frequency, connect the antenna for you and make sure the heating or ventilation is on so it is nice and warm or cool in your

shack as the case requires. Don't worry about propagation. We will make sure there is some between us as we understand that is our responsibility and it's our fault if there isn't.

If that is not for you then don't worry we are just as happy to work you in a pile up. We realise that we will need to operate in accordance with your operating habits so therefore we will understand if you call over the top of another station we are trying to work, or when we are specifically calling a part of the world you do not reside in, or if you are simply calling aimlessly or while we are transmitting, or even if you call when you cannot hear us. We will do our best to work you despite all this and yes we know it's our fault if you do not make it into the log.

We also don't want the "tuner uppers" to feel left out and like them we feel dummy loads are completely overrated. So when we are ready to transmit on a band we will give them the opportunity to tune up on our frequency before we start working the pile up. Each period will start with us sending our call-sign and "QDL" ("Quick Dummy Loaders") so they will know when to commence tuning up on us. We will allow for at least five minutes for this as we know how important it is for the tuner uppers to make sure their finals are good and ready. We acknowledge if they go bang it's our fault. Depending on demand we will every now and then send "QDL" while working a pile up so any tuner uppers late to the party can tune up on us as well.

Unfortunately we will not have cluster access while we are on Bouvet but we know this will not stop you posting announcements and comments on the cluster about our Dxpediton. Some suggestions for you to try include saying what band you want us to QSY to or mode to operate on, the quality of our ops and the usual "loud", "can't hear them here", "thanks for 7th band" or "yee hah" comments. Likewise as we noted above we understand it's our fault if you cannot work us and therefore we accept in that case you will post on the cluster calling us the worst Dxpediton ever.

We can't wait to be of service to you.

The 3Y0IOF Team
(Ed Note: A little sarcasm don't you think?
Thanks to Byron KF8UN for submitting this)

FOR SALE

For Sale:

Telex-Hy-Gain Omni DX-88 8-band vertical antenna for sale.

Covers: Transmit: 80,40,30,20,17,15,12 and 10 meter bands. Receive: 3-30 Mhz.

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\$195

Gary Marks , WD8ICX, 330-863-2247

IN SYMPATHY

Betty Treacle age 81 years of Gnadenuhthen, Ohio, mother of one of our newest members, Bill Treacle, KD8TKX passed away on December 12, 2012. Please pass along your sympathies to Bill at:

williamtreacle@yahoo.com.

MARC TECH CLASSES TO START

It was announced at last month's meeting a new Technician Class will start this coming March 11th. Orientation meeting will be on March 4th, 2013 AT 7:00 PM at the Senior Center . This meeting will determine how many students we will have and will determine how many study books to order.

The classes will last for 6 weeks and will finish up the week of the VE Exams at the Sherriff's Office on May 11th, 2013. The only cost to students is the cost of the study material the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, which costs about \$ 25.00 retail. We do get a discount on the book by just being a Special Service Club and of course buying multiple books.

Instructors for this session will be Gary WC8W, Terry N8ATZ and help from Tom KI4QQQ. For more information please contact : wc8w@sssnet.com

Thanks de Gary
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