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MHZ
(except 1st Fri of month)**

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SPECIAL NOTICE ! JANUARY MEETING

The meeting for the month of January will be held on the 2nd floor of the Senior Center. This is our ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MEETING. This year it will be held on January 11th at (doors open) 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM, at the Senior Center on the second floor (take elevator at rear of building) followed by the presentation of all awards and of course the “funny awards”. The meeting will climax with the swearing in of new, and returning Officers for the year 2014.

Reservations are required and by the time you receive this newsletter there will not be too many days left to make reservations. We of course do not want to turn anyone away so make your reservations as soon as possible. If of course you have not already done so! Cost for the Banquet is just \$ 10.00 for the entire meal of Swiss Steak, Ham, BBQ meat balls, Salad with Italian dressing, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green beans, corn, cranberry salad, rolls, punch and coffee. You cannot go to a restaurant anywhere and get this kind of a meal for that price!

You can of course renew your membership at the Banquet if you wish. The dues is payable up to the first meeting in March. Cost is \$ 15.00 for full membership. Cost for the XYL is just \$ 7.50 and children is also just \$ 7.50. Remember “We do not want to lose a single member “!

OUTGOING PRESIDENT MIKE SCIARINI WA8MKH

The entire membership wishes to thank Mike, WA8MKH for an outstanding year as President of MARC. Never in the history of the club have we experienced such growth in just one year! All this and we nearly had a balanced budget for this year. Mike had single handed “rebuilt” the club shack upstairs at the Senior Center. Everything is now in a useable or new like condition. Especially with the Grateful donation we received this past year of nearly new radio equipment.



QLF = Now send with your Left foot.

Want to try something new? We will be convening our annual code class Friday, February 14, 2014.

No, we won't begin with the above technique, but you're welcome to try this on your own after learning Morse and bringing your speed up to 5 wpm (or greater) for actual on-the-air contacts.

Class will run each Friday evening (cont page 7)

MARC MINUTES

December 6, 2013

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center on Friday, December 6, 2013 with 20 members and guests in attendance.

Mike WA8MKH called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of introductions.

Gene W8KXR, with a second by Byron KF8UN, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the December Feedback. Motion Passed.

Gary WC8W gave the Treasurer's Report. Gene W8KXR, with a second by Jerry KC8BR, made a motion to accept the report as presented. Motion Passed.

Vice Presidents Report:

Terry N8ATZ reported the following:

- Club Correspondence - Newsletters received from neighboring clubs.
- Membership December Birthdays

News from the ARES meeting in Columbus that occurred on November 9, 2013.

Old Business:

Repeater – Jim WA8GXM reported that a new tone board was purchased and that the club also bought two new CAT-1000 repeater controllers for less money than what was previously approved for the purchase of a single unit.

New Business:

Budget – The 2014 budget was reviewed. After some discussion, Gene W8KXR, with a second by Bud WA8KWD, made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion passed.

Annual Awards Banquet – plans were discussed about the upcoming awards banquet being held on January 11, 2014 at the Massillon Senior Center.

Morse Code Training Class – Perry W8AU will start the 2014 Training Class during the last week of January.

Election of officers – the election was held for the 2014 year. The newly elected officers are as follows.

Trustee: Don Wade W8DEA (3 year term)

President: Ralph Bugg K8HSQ (1 year term)

Vice President: Terry Russ N8ATZ (1 year term)

Secretary: Robert Keller AC8GE (1 year term)

Treasurer: Gary Kline WC8W (1 year term)

Motions:

November Meeting Minutes, Treasurers Report, 2014 Budget (all reported above)

50/50: \$12.50 won by Chris KD8TNF. Chris donated the winnings back to the club treasury.

Program: None, due to election of officers.

Respectfully submitted by Robert AC8GE utilizing notes provided by Dan N8DZM

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014



... HAPPY NEW YEAR ! ...

As we begin this new year I took a minute to look back at how far the club progressed during 2013. The club prospered last year thanks to retiring President Mike, WA8MKH and the many club members who supported our many activities last year.

We also had a nice variety of club programs last year and I hope you enjoyed them. I tried for a variety of topics from fun to technical and everything in between. I'm already hard at work looking for ideas for next year. I think guest speakers are always a nice change and I'm hoping to have a few that couldn't make it last year. The ARRL Ohio Section Cabinet is always willing to attend club meetings and I will look to tap that resource as well.

Our "Show & Tell" program generated some interest, perhaps we will have another one this year. These are just a few ideas I have. Our new President Ralph, K8HSQ also had a few ideas for me that sound like a great time.

We would like to hear from you as well. What type of program would like to see ? It doesn't have to be completely radio related either. Maybe something under the heading of General Interest would be nice. Let me know and I'll try to put it together.

Club attendance was up last year as well and I hope it was due to some of the great programs we had. We will try hard to keep this year just as fun !

... WEBSITE UPDATE ...

Thanks to a break from work I was able to spend some time fixing a few problems that have affected our website performance for quite some time. General website operation is working a little better now and a few "bugs" were fixed that caused some issues when using web browsers other than Internet Explorer which is what the site was designed for early on.

I am happy to have been able to restore the ability to run YouTube video's directly from within a webpage after a long absence. This required some updating of HTML coding within the site. I hope to get back to posting new video's every month or so and I'm looking for interesting new video's for your enjoyment.

... OTHER STUFF ...

Did you enjoy looking at reprints of old newsletters that I included last year ? I heard back from a few of you who found them interesting. Look for them to be included again this year every so often beginning this month.

...JANUARY 1976 FEEDBACK ...

Every so often we hear the cry (most often from the xyl) that radio occupies too much of our life. Of course, this can't be true if you read section five of the "Amateurs Code", which states, "The Amateur is Balanced...., Radio is our hobby. He never allows it to interfere with any of the duties he owes to his home, his job, his school, or his community.

Where the critics come in is on the next one... Section Six: The Amateur is Patriotic... His knowledge and his station are always ready for the service of his country and his community.

getting down to basics, lets look at some of those involved in helping their fellow citizens. Police, Fireman, Doctors, Nurses Red Cross, etc. Most of these are "paid" for their help, but some volunteer their spare time, Others donate their spare time and voluntarily train themselves to handle first aid situations, or serve as auxiliaries to assist organizations.

If, while aiding the public in this manner, we carry a radio or use one in other ways, we are criticized as being too heavily involved with "radio". We think not. We studied hard and passed our amateur radio license exams to enjoy many facets of our hobby but most of all, it's public service role. It's how we continue to earn our radio privileges every day. So that we can all enjoy our hobby now and in the future.

See you at the next club meeting

73's
Terry - N8ATZ

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MARC President's Report January 2014



DECEMBER MEETING

There were 27 club members and family in attendance at our meeting. Snow and Ice conditions were a factor in the lower attendance. Thank You to all who braved the weather and to all who brought in items for Coffee Break.



Installation officers at the January 11, 2014 Awards Banquet



MARC Officers for 2014:

President: Ralph Bugg, K8HSQ
Vice-President: Terry Russ, N8ATZ
Treasurer: Gary Kline, WC8W
Secretary: Robert Keller, AC8GE
Trustee 1: Jim Farriss, WA8GXM
Trustee 2: Wade Huthmacher, WD8MIU
Trustee 3: Don Wade, W8DEA
Trustee, License: Perry Ballinger, W8AU

THE ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS BANQUET

Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet January 11, 2014 is only a few days away. Menu is Swiss Steak, Ham, BBQ meat balls, Salad w/Italian dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Green beans, Corn, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Punch, and Coffee. Cost is \$10.00 per person, Children under 12, \$5.00. Members are requested to bring a covered dish dessert.

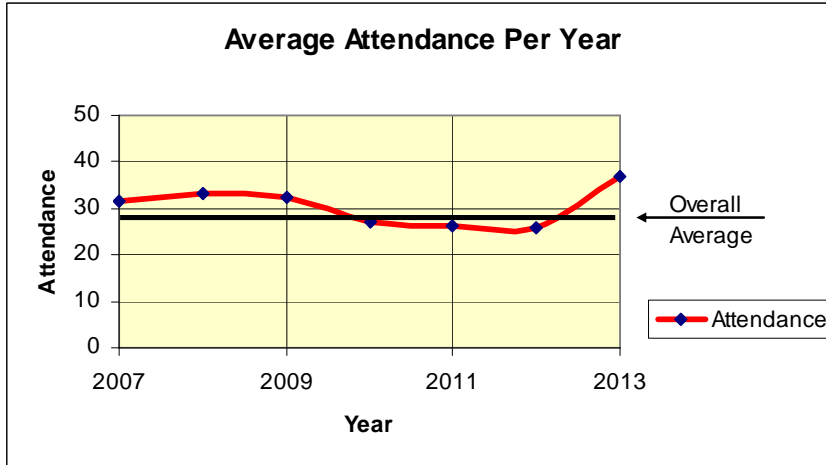
Please bring your spouse or guest and enjoy a great meal and support those who will be receiving awards for their efforts helping MARC during the year. RSVP is necessary on the total attending.

2014 Membership

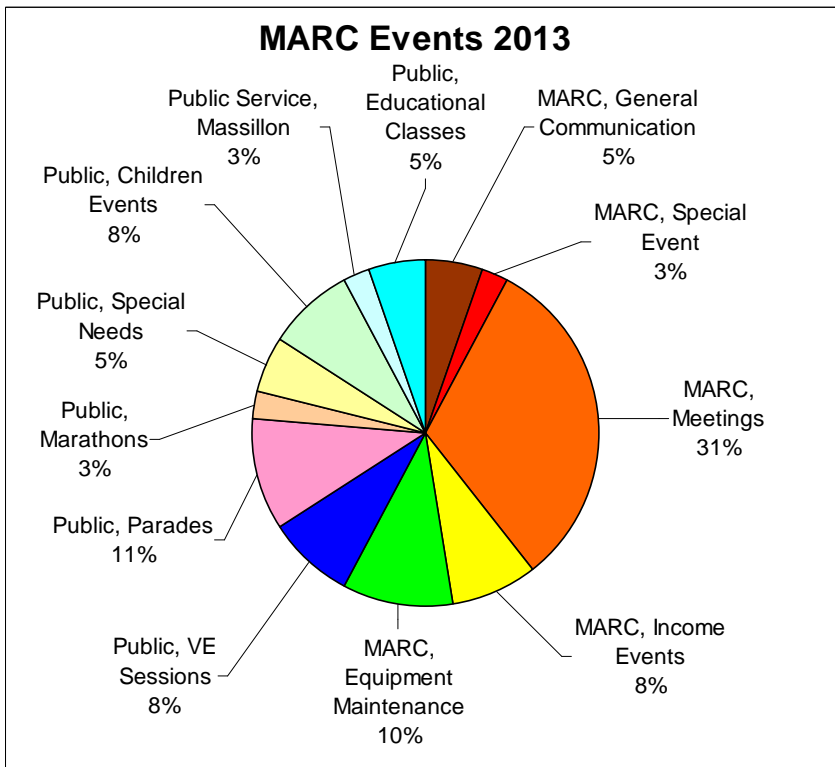
Please renew your membership. Every Member is important to the future of our club. In 2013 our club has grown from from 77 to 110 members and is continuing to grow. Our meeting attendance has increased 28 percent. The cooperation is excellent and there is a high level of participation at our events. We wish to keep all our members and welcome new members.

Dues for year 2014 are due Jan 1, 2014 and are \$15 for the first family member and \$7.50 for each additional family member or students through college years. Dues can be paid at the January 11th Annual Banquet OR mailed to Gary WC8W, 6500 Highton SW, Navarre, Ohio 44662

THE MASSILLON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB YEAR 2013 SUMMARY



Attendance Chart for the years 2007 to 2013
There is a 28 percent increase in attendance for 2013
Our membership increased from 77 to 110 members in 2013



The Pie Chart shows the many types of activity in which MARC participated

Listing of events shown in the Pie Chart as follows:

VE Session, Feb 23, EOC
Alliance VHF QSO Party, W8NP Shack April 6
Technician Class, March thru May
Morse Code Class, Feb thru April
MS Walk April 27
VE Session, May 11, EOC
Hamshack upgrade, maintenance, 2 days, April, May 2013
Memorial Day Parade, May 27, 2013
Antenna, R5, repair, maintenance May 2013
Massillon "Cool Day" communications for projects, June 1, 2013
Field Day June 22,23
Tour De Cure Summit County June 29
Repeater 147.18 site maintenance day
Canton McKinley Museum Summer Science Splash, July 19
Buehlers Event, July 20
Canton Hall of Fame Community Parade, July 28
Timken Hall of Fame Grand Parade, August 3
Downtown Massillon Fun Fest, August 10, 10AM to 2PM
Kelley's Island Expedition Sept 7
Swiss Festival Parking Sept 27-28
Akron Roadrunner Marathon, Sept 28
Repeater site cleaning and painting work day
Boy Scouts Radio Merit Badge
Hamfest Nov 3
VE Session, Nov 3 Hamfest Location
Massillon Holiday Parade, Nov 23

MARC is blessed to have a very long list of volunteers that helped with all the events:

- 26 Events
- 9 MARC Authors that submitted many articles to our newsletter
- 1 Editor and publisher that won 2nd place for the Feedback newsletter.
(This was the second time this award was given to our club)
- 1 Webmaster who edits and maintains our web site
- 1 Twitter account manager
- 9 awards given to MARC Members
- 4 Main Photographers record most of the club events with many MARC members supplying additional photographs
- 18 Volunteer Examiners

Included are MARC events in cooperation with Stark and other county Amateur Radio Clubs.
MARC contributions to public service including VE exams are a commendable 43 percent.

Thank You to all the people who helped our club during my term as President. With the positive, respectful, and cooperative help, we had a successful year.

Wish you well and God Bless

73 DE MIKE, W4SMKH

Special event stations educate, entertain

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

I like special event stations. I enjoy operating them and making contact with them. Whenever I operate WA2HOM, our club station at the Ann Arbor (MI) Hands-On Museum, one of the first things I do is to search for special event stations.

One of the reasons I enjoy operating special event stations is that it's educational. For example, on November 17, I worked W4D in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. They were commemorating the 520th anniversary of the discovery by Europeans of the island of Puerto Rico. As a result, I learned that on November 19, 1493 Christopher Columbus landed on the island, naming it San Juan Bautista in honor of Saint John the Baptist, a name that was later changed to Puerto Rico (rich port).

Working special event stations is also entertaining. Most times when you work a special event station, you can tell that they're having a good time. One time, I worked W4B, operating from the Kentucky Bourbon Festival. Now, those guys were really having a great time!

How do you find special event stations? One way to find special event stations is to just tune around. Most special event stations will be operating at least a 20m phone station, so take a look at that band first. Also, consult the special event stations listings in QST or on the ARRL website (<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>). KE2YK also has a special events page (<http://ke2yk.wordpress.com/special-event-station-events/>).

In addition to working special event stations, you should consider organizing and operating one of your own. For the past two years, several members of our Rotary Club who are also amateur radio operators have operated W8P on the third weekend in February, which commemorates the founding of the Rotary Club and helps spread the word about the End Polio Now campaign (<http://www.endpolio.org/>). It was not only fun to do this, but I think that we helped raise awareness about polio around the world.

Whatever your reason for holding a special event, you'll want to be somewhat knowledgeable about your topic. For example, if you decide to set up a special event station at the local Rutabaga Festival, you might want to know how long they've been having the festival, how many pounds of rutabagas are produced by local farms and around the U.S., and maybe even find a couple of rutabaga recipes that you could send out to stations that work you.

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When he's not working special event stations, Dan, KB6NU enjoys building kits and working CW. For more information about his operating activities and his "No-Nonsense" series of amateur radio license study guides, go to KB6NU.Com or e-mail cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

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for up to 10 weeks. After reaching the 5 wpm level you can graduate to the MRN net check-ins on 3599.5 kHz every Sunday evening and also enjoy general operation on any CW band – all guaranteed to increase your speed to a conversational level.

So, to those new no-coders curious about the “original digital mode” and those who have let it lapse and want a refresher course, we offer instruction plus hints on the how, what and where to achieve that relaxed conversational skill that your predecessors have had for many years. (not to mention the fact that getting through DX pile-ups is much easier on CW!)

Each session will be 2 hours with a short break in the middle. Those interested should drop an email to w8au@sssnet.com, or call 330-705- 8449 for a reservation.

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TENTATIVE START FOR TECHNICIAN CLASSES

March 21 is a tentative start for this year's Technician Classes to start on the 3rd floor of the Senior Center. Nothing has been discussed or set up as yet. The class night has been moved to a Friday evening, Monday is just too hard to try to set up the class. We are seeking instructors for the class. To volunteer or any interested please contact WC8W via e mail wc8w@sssnet.com or phone 330/837-2927

FOR SALE

YAESU FT 450 D

I have for sale the Yaesu FT 450D with the extra side carry handle. I am the original owner. I bought it new from HRO about 18 months ago. I has never been opened up nor run mobile. It has been used only on SSB and FM — no Digital or has never been used with an amplifier.



It has been in a smoke free home. I am the only one that has used it. I have had no problems with it.

I have bought other radios and need the room and the \$\$\$!

I have all power cords and the original microphone as well as the manual that came with it ; all in the original box.

The radio has been run for about 50 hours on and off.

HRO and Universal are selling this Radio NOW with all the refunds and rebates , etc for \$ 800.00

I am selling it for \$ 725.00 (Cash/ Bank Check/ or Postal Check)

The radio can be checked out in the Club Radio Room.

Please contact : Gerald Leskovec (Jerry) KC8BR.

Phone : 740/922-8889 in Uhrichsville , Ohio

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Introduction to Emergency Communications Class – 2014

The Communications Unit/RACES of the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (EMA) is sponsoring a local, classroom based version of the ARRL's Introduction to Emergency Communications course. This was previously known as the Level I course and it has traditionally only been available on-line through the ARRL.

This local course will be taught by Jim Aylward, KC8PD, who is a registered Field Instructor and Field Examiner for the ARRL. That means that this class will qualify you to take the written exam at the end of the course in order to obtain your ARRL certificate of completion.

The class will meet on four Saturdays in March and April starting on March 8th. There will be no class on March 15th, both to provide a break for the students and to enable class participants to attend the Ohio Section ARES Leadership meeting. The class will then resume on March 22nd, March 29th, with the last class on April 4th. The class will be held at the Center of Hope, 1034 West Main Street, Ravenna, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. and run to around 3:00 p.m., with a break for lunch, on each day. Attendance at the classes is mandatory. Excuses from a class session will only be granted for extraordinary reasons and anyone who misses more than one class will not be permitted to take the exam.

Anyone wishing to take the class must register prior to the class so that we can ensure that sufficient seating is available. The number of students may be limited. If you wish to attend you must pre-register by sending a note to KC8PD at aylwardjim@aol.com. Contact him if you have any questions about the class.

There is great deal of material to cover for this class and all students should purchase the course manual from the ARRL, <http://www.arrl.org/shop/The-ARRL-Introduction-to-Emergency-Communication-Course/>. The book is item #7303 and costs \$24.95.

There will be no charge for the class and you do not have to be an ARRL or ARES member to participate. There is a \$15.00 fee, payable to the ARRL, to take the final exam.

This is a great opportunity to be able to obtain the certification without the expense of the tuition for the on-line course. However, everyone must be prepared to be involved and to participate in order to obtain the maximum benefit from the material.

January 2014

W8NP Monthly Planner

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