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### -- SHORT SKIP --

Hey, how'scome all the traffic lights are red when you're in a hurry ? ...

And how'scome those CW speed demons tell ya to QRS when you send to them at the same speed they're send'n ?  
How'scome Bunkey ? ....



**73 de WB80WM**

### JULY MEETING

The meeting for the month of July will be held on July 1st 2011 at the Massillon Senior Center in downtown Massillon at 8:00 PM with doors to open at 7:00 PM.

Ahh summer at last ! After a very cool, wet and very turbulent spring, we are now entering into the summer months. Hopefully, weather wise, things will settle down a bit. As you read this Field Day 2011 will be a fond memory. I cannot comment on it as it has not happened as I'm writing this and from this standpoint the forecast looks good for the weekend, highs in the 70's and just a 30% chance of rain. I am saving page 8 of this issue to print some pictures from Field Day so be sure to check them out.

Also it's not too early to open discussions about Hamfest 2011 coming up in late October. We need to think about what major prizes we will give away this year. Perhaps our President will dwell upon this item at our meeting on the 1st. See you at the meeting !

### JULY PROGRAM

#### Subject: Heavy Metal Program - -

I will bring some examples of "HEAVY METAL" that range from smaller to heavier...and that are either partially done...finished, or are in the Q waiting their turn on the bench...

Will chat about parts, tools, how to and bits and pieces of what we've learned about rehab and operating the Big Iron on the air...

I don't plan a highly structured chat, but will use some examples of show and tell and fill in some blanks and answer questions as we go...will plan on about an hour total . . .

A couple of my friends, if their scheds permit, will bring some examples of their focus interests too...but, working out their sched conflicts as we go...will know more by tomorrow am...

**73's de Gene W8KXR**

## MARC MINUTES

### June 3, 2011

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center Friday, June 3rd, 2011 with 19 members and guests in attendance.

After a round of introductions, Mike KD8ENV, with a second by Andrew WB8WFO, made the motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Feedback. Motion passed.

Gary WC8W gave the treasurer's report.

Wade WD8MIU passed around newsletters that the club had received in the past month.

**V.P. Report:** Byron KF8UN presented QSL cards from the bureau. The club now has 300+ DXCC's.

**Committees:** none

#### **Old Business:**

Wade WD8MIU swore in Byron KF8UN as the Vice President for 2011. A round of applause ensued.

Club Station – 200ft of Coax was purchased at Dayton for the HF antenna. Jim WA8GXM will verify availability of correct size mast pipe. Planning for project will be at the July meeting.

Grant application – Word was given that the clubs grant application with the Massillon Rotary was declined.

Field Day – Plans were finalized for Field Day. Robert AC8GE to submit press release to local media about event. Terry N8ATZ to contact local politicians for visit to field day site.

#### **New Business:**

Club trustees announced that they would be getting together about new club station radio. Recommendations for purchase will be presented at a future meeting.

The program for the evening was finalization of Field Day planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm by a motion from Mike KD8ENV, seconded by Andrew WB8WFO.

50/50 was won by Gary WC8W for \$15.50. Gary donated the proceeds to the Radio Fund.

**Respectfully submitted by Robert AC8GE**

## ... ARES MEETING RECAP ...

**S**tark County ARES held their second quarter Summer meeting on Thursday, June 9th at the Stark Co EOC Office.

Several items were covered including a recap of a training meeting held at Kent State Stark Campus covering Media Communications During A Crisis and a meeting on May 12th covering the current state of several Dams here in Stark County. A breach in many of these Dams could cause serious flooding and Stark Co ARES could be activated to assist the EMA office with support communications.

The status of communications planning for the Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival was covered as well as a short report from Mike, KD8ENV on the COOL public service event held on June 5th.

Finally a brief overview from the state ARES meeting held at the Dayton Hamvention was covered.

## ... JUNE PUBLIC SERVICE ...

June was a busy month for public service events with the club participating in the COOL Event in Canton and the Annual Summit County Tour de Cure Ride.

The COOL Event was held on Saturday, June 4th in Canton. In my absence, Mike Palmer, KD8ENV supervised our participation in this event. Amateur Radio operators provided support communications for this event.

The COOL Event was a community cleanup program involving nearly 45 area churches and 2,000 volunteers who spent the day cleaning and repairing homes in Canton's southeast side. For the second year, amateur radio operators took part in this important community event by providing communications & logistical support to event coordinators. Weather is always a concern for outside events and our Skywarn operators also provided updates on any potentially serious weather during the day's activities.

Seven operators participated in the COOL Event. They were, Mike Palmer – KD8ENV, Steve Hall – KD8ACF, Dale Storey – KB8LWP, Bill Maurer – KD8LCS, Tom Steele – KD8JRK, Richard Fligor – KD8NYZ, and Cathy Storey – KC8EUC. The event was organized by Cindy Mandrell who was very appreciative for our assistance and is looking forward to working with us again next year !.

On June 12th amateur operators from Stark County also provided communications support to Summit Co ARES for the annual ADA Tour de Cure Ride. Tour de Cure is a series of fundraising cycling events held all over the United States to benefit the American Diabetes Association. The Summit Co Ride was centered at Blossom Music Center and involved

over 30 radio amateurs who were located at intervals around the three major rides to provide safety and support communications for event coordinators. The ride was very successful with only a few broken bicycles needing brought in at the end of the day.

Providing mutual aid support, Stark Co ARES had seven volunteers assisting with the ride. They were; Carl Cunert – AB8CC; Assistant EC Terry Russ – N8ATZ; Mike Palmer – KD8ENV; Bruce Brown – KC8RKS; Richard Fligor – KD8NYZ; Bill Maurer – KD8LCS and Wade Huthmacher – WD8MIU. Summit Co ARES EC Dennis Conklin – A18P and volunteer coordinator Walt Heeney – N8LJM thanked all the volunteers from Stark Co for assisting with this important community event.

## ... DAYTON HAMVENTION ...

I had an enjoyable few days at the Dayton Hamvention again this year. I even spent a little money and came home with a few goodies. One was a new HT. It's one of the new overseas imports by TYT Electronics and it is a dual band. The best part was the price. For less than \$65.00 it came with a number of accessories one of which was a nice drop in charger and a car charger. Like most of the new multi-functional HT's coming on the market it is a bit hard to program but as soon as the programming cable becomes available, I'll use my laptop to load the memories up. So far I like it a lot, I plan on bringing it to Field Day if you would like to have a look.

I enjoyed the flea market and attended a few of the forums including the State ARES Forum. Thanks to my wife Lynnette who attended with me, I even brought home a door prize ! It was a grab bag full of neat stuff including a nice multi-meter, logging software, books plus a few other items. This marks the second year in a row I have won a door prize on Lynnette's ticket. I wonder what she can win for me next year ?

Congratulations to my buddy Jim Farriss, WA8GXM who I heard won one of the major prizes, a new HF rig. Nice job Jim, I think this marks the first time Jim ever won anything at a hamfest.

The weather was even great for the weekend event making this another fun Dayton Hamvention. Can't wait until next year !.

## ... HALL OF FAME ...

Hall of Fame Festival planning is also in full swing as we prepare for this years community event. I am currently working on my volunteer list for the Community Parade on Sunday, July 31st. I can always use a few more volunteers for this opening parade of the festival. It's an easy parade to do and offers good practice for future public service duty.

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## FEMA Admin Praises Hams By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

At the Earthquake Communications Preparedness Forum, held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Washington, DC, FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, had some kind words to say about ham radio. He noted that ham radio really is valuable "when all else fails.

"The Web page describing the conference <<http://www.fcc.gov/event/earthquake-communications-preparedness-forum>> has a video of all the talks given at the conference. Fugate's remarks begin at the 18:45 mark. His remarks about amateur radio start at about 29:20.

I think it's great that the head of FEMA thinks so highly of hams. Before you get all excited about this, though, listen to all of Fugate's comments. He has some interesting comments about all of the different ways that responders gather information and provide information to the public in an emergency. I think listening to all of the remarks will help give those of you who are involved with emergency communications more of an overall perspective, and may even help you evolve our role into something that's more useful in the future.

At one point, for example, Fugate held up a cell phone and told the audience to think of this device as both a data point and a sensor. Folks with cell phones can help emergency responders by sending video and audio of the situation, preparing the responders for what to expect when they do arrive. I don't know how many ARES/RACES groups have incorporated video into their emcomm plans, but it sounds like it should be.

Also important, says Fugate, is a solid knowledge of communities, local geography, and place names. I'm not sure if that's normally a part of emcomm training, but it sounds like it should be. I'll be the first to admit that I'm not an emergency communications geek, so perhaps I'm talking through my hat. It seems to me, however, that it's important to listen to what guys like Fugate are saying and work with them to make amateur radio even more relevant and useful in emergency situations.

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When he's not pondering the state of ham radio, you'll find KB6NU teaching classes; working on WA2HOM, the ham radio station at Ann Arbor's Hands-On Museum ([www.wa2hom.org](http://www.wa2hom.org)), or operating CW on the HF bands. You'll find his blog at [www.kb6nu.com](http://www.kb6nu.com), or you can e-mail him at [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

## President Letter for July 2011

By the time you read this, June will have past and so has the Tour de Cure, Father's day and Field day. I hope all three of these events have provided good memories. Thanks to all who gave their time for the Tour de Cure and Field day.

Well, we now can sit back and enjoy the balance of July and start thinking about the next big event that we can give our time and talents to and that would be an event early Aug that brings lots of people and money to the county you live in Stark County. If your interested in volunteering contact Terry Russ or myself, we will be glad to plug you into an area that you can help and enjoy your hobby at the same time. That sure sounds like a WIN WIN to me. Also summer is always a good time to do things out doors that you probally won't do in the winter.

Start thinking about putting together a emergency to go kit. You can have fun playing with it in your back yard or @ a park, that way you will be ready when that unplanned Emergency might come. The next club meeting is Friday evening July 1st @ 8:00 PM and after a short business meeting we will have our own club member Gene W8KXR giving us a program on AM Radio and Old Radio Equipment. I know I'm looking forward to Gene's Program.

Don't forget to invite a friend, future ham, or already a ham to the next club meeting. OK, enough from me, have a Great Summer.

**73 de WD8MIU**

**Wade**

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**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4th OF JULY**



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Give me a call or send me an email if you would like to help out.

Wade Huthmacher, WD8MIU is again communications coordinator for the Timken Grand Parade which will be held on the following Saturday, August 6th. Block Communications Coordinators are busy getting their volunteers lined up but we are still short communicators this year and could really use some additional help along the main parade route.

This is the largest single public service communications event handled by radio operators in Stark County and the HOF Festival Coordinators have come to rely on our skill and coordination to help make the parade a complete success. Each year they continue to realize how important our contribution is to the success of the parade both in safety and logistics. We could use your help this year to continue our great record of community service. Contact Wade if you need additional information or want to assist us with this great community event !

**That's it for this month.**

**73's  
Terry – N8ATZ**

## ARRL NEWS

### FROM OHIO SECTION NEWS

#### STATE HOUSE BILL 158 PASSES THE HOUSE, MOVES ONTO THE SENATE

State Government Liaison Nick Pittner, K8NAP advises me that as of Tuesday, June 7, 2011, House Bill 158, which enacts sections 303.214, 519.214, 713.082, and 5502.031 of the Revised Code to codify federal restrictions on local zoning of amateur station antenna structures thereby preserving amateur radio service communications as a Homeland Security resource and to place the burden of proof for compliance on the zoning authority, has passed through the Ohio House of Representatives by a vote of 92 to 3.

The next stop for this Bill is the Ohio Senate, where it will be referred to a Senate Committee (yet to be

determined).

As more information develops, I will keep the Section informed via this e-mail reflector, and the Ohio Section Website ([www.arrlohio.org](http://www.arrlohio.org))

S.B. 93 of the version of the antenna bill pending in the Ohio Senate.

At this point there have been no committee hearings on the Bill and we are awaiting action on that front.

## AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS

Field Day! Last year 136 participants from Ohio filed scores with the ARRL. Following are the top 20 scores. Earlier this year in one of my newsletters I poked some fun at the Delaware group about how much planning they put into their Field Day operations and challenged other clubs to try to catch them or at least be competitive.

Well, in DELARA June newsletter, DELARA Field Day Coordinator Sandy N8YS issued this statement. "So to all the groups out there... who may try to challenge us, we have two words for you... 'BRING IT!'"

So the gauntlet has been officially thrown. Clubs around Ohio, Let's BRING IT!

Challenges aside, let's hope everyone plays it safe during Field Day and that the only downside is eating too much.

I will be working with my home club in Mount Vernon, K8EEN, working as 4A OH, but maybe, just maybe spring myself loose for a couple mid Ohio club visits.

Speaking of Mount Vernon ARC, congratulations on becoming a Special Service Club. They had to move their Field Day Site at the last minute and will be at the Apple Valley's Floral Valley site instead of Bennet Park.

Portage County (PCARS) has a Yahoo Groups site <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PCARS/>. Their theme for field day is Bring a Friend to Field Day" I wish them well and hope they can keep their GOTA station busy with newbie's.

Alliance ARC will be at new site in Sebring this year for Filed Day.

The actual address is 895 McKinley Avenue, Sebring, Ohio, but the driveway into the campgrounds are near the corner of Texas Ave, and Johnson Rd.

LACARA will be operating from the Lake County History Center in Painesville. They plan to be running five stations. The OH-KY-IN group will be operating in Mitchell Memorial Forest near Cleves, They are still looking to fill their hardest operating times from 10 PM Sat to 8 AM on Sunday. See their Q-Fiver for a map. And congratulations to them for their SSC renewal!

Coshocton County ARA wil be holding Field Day at Canal Lewisville United Methodist Church's, Brown Farm, located at 50166 TR 200.

Northern Ohio ARS will have their 2011 NOARSFEST July 16 at the Spritzer Conference Center, 1005 North Abby Road. They are still putting together Field Day plans and ask all members to remember the June 20 meeting so they can make final changes and arrangements.

Massillon ARC will be having their Field Day at Petro's park again this year. Set begins at 9am. They recently participated in Ohio Safety First June 4 at Clays Park. I have accepted an invitation to speak at the Massillon club August 5th. I look forward to meeting them.

Scioto valley ARC will hold Field Day at the SVARC Club House in Scioto Trail State Park, Potluck at 1pm Saturday

The Buckeye Belles are planning a 50th Anniversary Celebration at Mohican State Park August 12-14, Unfortunately this is being touted as their farewell. It is sad to see the end of a great institution like theirs to come to and end.

Salem Area ARA Field Day will be held at Pavilion 8 in Waterworth Memorial Park, Salem, OH, Superior Ave off N Lincoln again this year. 10 am set-up. Potluck Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. I recently visited with SAARA at one of their meeting and found them to be a great group of people. They meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the Salem Library's Quaker Room. Hmmm, I wonder if their president Ginger Grille does the Grillin' for field day and whether she likes

ginger?

Western Reserve ARC Field Day will be held in the same place it was held last year - in Canfield, 8905 Columbiana Canfield Rd. (SR46).I will be visiting the Western Reserve ARC August 16.

Cambridge Amateur Radio Association will hold their Field Day at Salt Fork State Park.

Muskingum County ARES will set up for Field Day as KD8LGV at 2310 Adamsville Rd, Zanesville, OH

I will also be to the Milford Hamfest June 18. I look forward to meeting anyone and everyone I can, so if you catch me somewhere please stop and introduce yourself.

There are many others who have not reported in but to find a Field Day near you go the ARRL Field Day Locator

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

Please send me your email contact. I can be reached at [k5qxj@arrl.net](mailto:k5qxj@arrl.net)"

Enjoy Field Day and keep those newsletters coming.

**E. Mike McCardel, KC8YLD**  
**ARRL Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator**



# MARC SAFETY FEST PICTURES



Picture above shows the set up for the Stark County Safety Fest at Clay's park on June 4th. Wade WD8MIU mans the information table.



Robert, AC8GE mans the CW Morse Code “demonstration” and kid participation at the Safety Fest. This seemed to be a popular spot among the younger generation !

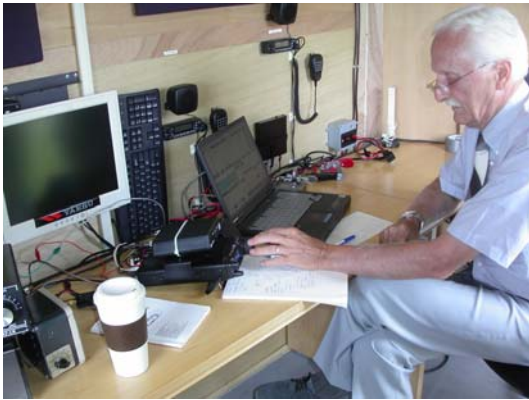


Picture above showing Byron, KF8UN making contacts & doing all the logging for Safety Fest while Carl, AB8CC catches some ZZZs !

Jim, WA8GXM helping out at the front information table. A very busy day and MARC certainly had a good number of visitors. Was it a success? Time will tell and of course if we are asked back again next year!



## MARC 2011 FIELD DAY PICTURES



Perry, W8AU brings some real class to Field Day all dressed up in a shirt, tie & dress slacks !



Field Day CW set up including computer, tunners & electronic keyer



Don & Charlie hard at it on the phone station



Igor "racks" 'em up on the CW station !

**Good By 'til next Year !** Jim finishes loading the E-Comm trailer in front of the pavilion for the ride home. The weather was nearly perfect for this year's Field Day, the bands were literally "hopping", contacts were 'aplenty! If fact we found the bands really crowded! I predict the score will be as good as in past Field Days ! We should have the final score ready for the August meeting !





# July 2011

## W8NP Monthly Planner

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