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JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the MARC will likely be held on Friday, January 8, 2021 due to the first Friday occurring on New Years Day this year. A decision has not yet been made as to weather we will have our annual awards banquet this year.

Until such time as we change our meeting location, we will continue to meet at the R.G. Klein Museum, downtown at the corner of Erie and Federal Avenue. Doors open at 7:00 PM, with meeting starting at 7:30 PM.

“The Gathering” will be the theme for the 2021 [Dayton Hamvention®](#). Hamvention General Chair Rick Allnut, WS8G, said the theme reflects what has been missing from our lives most of this year.

“We have spent the last 6 months being bound to our houses and small groups,” he said. “We are very optimistic that when May arrives, we will be allowed to get together.”

Allnut, a medical doctor with a master’s degree in public health, said Hamvention management is closely following the coronavirus situation and believes it will improve enough by May that government restrictions on travel and large groups will be relaxed. The Hamvention team will continue to follow developments.

ARRL Announces Director, Vice Director Election Results

The ARRL Dakota Division will have a new Director, and the Great Lakes and Midwest Divisions will have new Vice Directors on January 1. The results of four contested elections for Director and Vice Director in three ARRL Divisions were announced on November 20, after ballots were tallied at ARRL Headquarters.

In the Dakota Division, incumbent Matt Holden, K0BBC, lost his re-election bid to challenger Vernon “Bill” Lippert, AC0W. The vote was 982 to 485. Holden had served as Director since 2018.

In the Great Lakes Division, incumbent Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, retained his seat in a challenge from Michael Kalter, W8CI. The vote was 1,840 to 1,398. In a three-way contest for Great Lakes Division Vice Director, Ohio Section Manager Scott Yonally, N8SY, received 1,670 votes to outpoll Jim Hessler, K8JH, with 975 votes, and Frank Piper, KI8GW, who received 611 votes. Incumbent Vice Director Tom Delaney, W8WTD, did not run for another term

MARC W8NP Minutes December 4th, 2020 Meeting held at R.G. Klein Museum & on Zoom

Perry W8AU called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Rodney G. Klein Museum and Library, 22 Federal Ave NE, Massillon, OH 44646, and Zoom via WIFI for those not at the Museum. Social distancing was done due to the Corona virus pandemic.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by the group with Perry W8AU leading.

The minutes from the November meeting were distributed in the newsletter. Perry W8AU asked if there were any corrections and hearing none, the minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Vern KE8VS read the Treasurer's Report for which Dan N8DZM provided account balances. Don W8DEA made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Terry N8ATZ seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Don N8IVJ and Evan KE8IDH identified upcoming QSO parties around the country. Check on ARRL Website for more current information. Winter Field Day is coming up near the end of January.

Evan KE8IDH identified Sky Warn recognition changes for this year. Contacts are made spotter to spotter. NWS gives out special numbers for the exchange. SKYWARN does not have spotter numbers like they did previously.

Don W8DEA, said NWS is moving and the radar is going to be down for a month or so.

Perry W8AU said the Affinity Hospital site, where the 442.85 repeater is in the building, is okay to stay. The new owner is not to take possession of the building for about another 30 days. Perry wants to let the new owners know that most of the time the repeater is idle with the power only being 10 watts and only when it transmits does it takes more power.

Meeting times were discussed. The Kiwanis Park building is available at a reasonable price if on weekdays, except Friday. Wednesday was mentioned as a possibility; the Canton Club has had their meeting on Wednesday for years.

Four of the nineteen present identified that on Wednesday night they would not be able to attend, but John W8TD said Wednesday would be better for him.

Some thought having a larger meeting area, more members would attend physically; but others thought with the Pandemic, the room size does not matter. Attendance will only be online, no matter how large the room is for social distancing.

Don W8DEA identified that having a larger room does not equate to having more members physically at meetings.

Dan N8DZM said according to the Code of Regulation at the December meeting the time for the meetings for the following year are to be set. So he suggested for this coming year the meeting's time to be identified as variable.

Dan N8DZM made a motion for the 2021 Year the monthly meeting time, day, and place be on a variable basis. Jerry KG8RRY second the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Perry W8AU has scheduled with MAPS for our HAMFEST to be on Sunday, October 31, 2021. It is early enough for the HAMFEST to be placed into the ARRL schedule with plans of spreading advertisement information on the internet and to make plans for other media.

For the January Annual Meeting, some places were discussed. Santangelo's on 9th street requires a minimum of 35 people; if fewer than 35 persons attend, we are still required to pay for 35 people. Cosmos upstairs was mentioned, but we have not been able to get a menu from them. Catering at Kiwanis or MAPS is a possibility.

Terry N8ATZ identified having 15 replies from people not wanting to attend Annual Banquet this year. Terry stated he is not in favor of having a banquet this year due to the Pandemic.

Discussion moved on to the Budget for 2021. Dan N8DZM sent copies out to the Board and Trustees. The Budget only has a few minor changes from last year. Vern KE8VS read the changes. Fred KD8SMO made a motion to accept the Budget. Don W8DEA second. The motion passed.

Terry N8ATZ clarified as a comment on the Budget question of what is included in the DMR cost projection. The Alliance Club is assuming responsibility of the DMR repeater in their area with Dave WD8AYE as a Coordinator. There is a separate cost for a Hotspot separate from the DMR repeater; some more information is needed on the associated cost.

The program for this evening is an auction of the left over First prize from the HAMFEST and some equipment from an estate.

The items were auctioned; then Don W8DEA made a motion to adjourn, and Evan KE8IDH seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Vern KE8VS,

Reminder of activities forth coming:

Perry is to inform us about the options the Annual meeting in January. Due to COVID-19 the next meeting in February will be on Zoom and an in-person with masks and social distancing, but the location is uncertain. It maybe the R. G. Klein Stock Market Museum, 22 Federal Ave NE, Massillon 44646 on Friday or Kiwanis Park if other than Friday night.

Please, check for any additional information just ahead of the next meeting date.

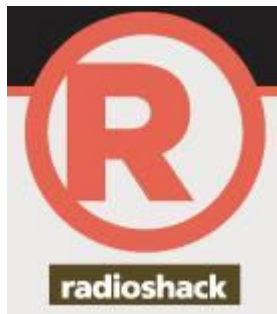
For the Zoom part of the meeting V Sproat KE8VS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Note Also Perry W8AU identified antenna tower work of the W8NP club being done at the Museum for license training classes which are upcoming soon this winter probably starting in February.

If you know of additional tower work or tower removal, please contact any of the following: Evan KE8IDH, Don N8IVJ, or Vern KE8VS. So, if you have some antenna work to be done, any of these can be contacted about your project.

Thank you in advance.

Radio Shack Purchased by Online Retailer



[RadioShack®](#) is back as an online retailer of electronics, offering some parts in its inventory that largely consists of radios, batteries, telephone gear, drones, computer accessories, and even cameras. The iconic company was recently purchased from General Wireless by Retail E-commerce Ventures (REV).

No plans are in place to reopen RadioShack-owned stores, although some 400 brick-and-mortar outlets not affiliated with REV are operated by franchisees. REV, which specializes in online retail, has previously revamped the internet presence of such bankrupt businesses as Pier 1 Imports and Dressbarn, according to a news release.

During its heyday, RadioShack has some 8,000 retail outlets and once offered some amateur radio equipment, including some popular handheld transceivers and a 10-meter transceiver. RadioShack came out of its second bankruptcy in January 2018 with 400 dealers, an online retail presence, and a distribution center.

Universal Radio Announces Closing



(Nov 30, 2020) - - Ham Radio retailer Universal Radio, headquartered in

Worthington, Ohio, is closing its store on November 30, although all existing orders will be filled, and the Universal Radio website will remain open to sell off “remaining stock, publications, and some select products.” Owners Fred Osterman, N8EKU, and Barbara Osterman, KC8VWI, are retiring.

“I am very fortunate to have been in the radio business for over 50 years, 13 at RadioShack and 37 at Universal Radio,” Fred Osterman said in a message of gratitude to its patrons. “We have met many wonderful people along the journey who have supported me personally as well as Universal Radio. It has been a privilege to have a continuous career in the fascinating field of radio since 1969.”

The new mailing address for Universal Radio is 752 N State St. Unit 222, Westerville, OH 43082, telephone (614) 866-4267. (This is not a storefront.)

KB6NU's HAM RADIO BLOG

ARISS: Celebrating 20 years of continuous operations on the International Space Station.

November 13, 2020—Twenty years ago today, the Expedition-1 crew turned on the ARISS Ericsson radio for the first time and completed several contacts with ARISS ground stations around the world to validate the radio communications system. These inaugural contacts launched an incredible two-decade operations journey on ISS, enabling ARISS to inspire, engage and educate our next generation of explorers and provide the ham radio community a platform for lifelong learning and experimentation.

In celebration of the ISS 20th anniversary, ARISS was part of an ISS Research and Development Conference Panel session entitled “20 years of STEM Experiments on the ISS.” The video below, developed for this panel session, describes our program, celebrates our 20th anniversary, conveys some key lessons learned over the past 20 years and describes the ARISS team’s vision for the future. Enjoy watching!

20 years of continuous operations is a phenomenal accomplishment. But what makes it even more extraordinary is that ARISS has achieved this through hundreds of volunteers that are passionate in “paying it forward” to our youth and ham radio community. On behalf of the ARISS International team, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer that has made ARISS such an amazing success over the past 20 years. Your passion, drive, creativity and spirit made it happen!!

Congratulations ARISS team!!!

Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO
ARISS International Chair

FCC Current News



Amateur radio licensees and candidates will have to provide the FCC with an email address on applications, effective sometime in mid-2021. If no email address is included, the FCC may dismiss the application as defective.

The FCC is fully transitioning to electronic correspondence and will no longer print or provide wireless licensees with hard-copy authorizations or registrations by mail.

A *Report and Order* ([R&O](#)) on “Completing the Transition to Electronic Filing, Licenses and Authorizations, and Correspondence in the Wireless Radio Services” in WT Docket 19-212 was adopted on September 16. The new rules will go into effect 6 months after publication in the *Federal Register*, which hasn’t happened yet, but the FCC is already strongly encouraging applicants to provide an email address. When an email address is provided, licensees will receive an official electronic copy of their licenses when the application is granted.

Under Section 97.21 of the new rules, a person holding a valid amateur station license “must apply to the FCC for a modification of the license grant as necessary to show the correct mailing and email address, licensee name, club name, license trustee name, or license custodian name.” For a club or military recreation station license, the application must be presented in document form to a club station call sign administrator who must submit the information to the FCC in an electronic batch file.

Under new Section 97.23, each license will have to show the grantee's correct name, mailing address, and email address. “The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence,” the amended rule will state. “Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address.”

January

W8NP Calendar

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					BD KA8JIM	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Massillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000		BD KD8UXL BD Patty Fisher Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM	BD N8ZQF	VE Test Session, Ashland Area ARC, 1830, CTC Doyle, (419) 281-2757, No walk-ins/register or call ahead, Ashland County Service Bldg, Ashland OH	BD KB8SBZ West Stark In-foNet - 147.180 at 2000	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Massillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000		Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM		BD KB8YKE	West Stark In-foNet - 147.180 at 2000	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Massillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000		Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM			West Stark In-foNet - 147.180 at 2000	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Massillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000	BD KC8ZCS	Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM			West Stark In-foNet - 147.180 at 2000	
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Massillon Radio Net - 3599.5 kHz, 2000						

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