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## MARCH MEETING

The meeting for the month of March will be held on March 1st 2013 at 8:00 PM at the Massillon Senior Center. We will again open the doors at 7 PM for early "eyeball" QSO's. That seemed to work out good at last month's meeting.

President Mike WA8MKH brought forward last month about 30 different ideas for projects the club could participate in during the coming year. Most are do-able and should be acted on quickly and of course some may not be a do-able idea at this time. They are proposals brought forth by the members of the club. We did enact one project last month and that is the fund raiser at Buehler's during the month of July. We will only do one of these as Buehler's would only give us one. It seems that many Boy Scout & other groups are trying to do the fund raiser as well.

Another thing brought up was an "DX'pedition" to one of the islands near Sandusky, Ohio. This will take plenty of planning to do, but it is always a favorite among members. There will be personal expenses to do this and the club can only reimburse so much in finances. This idea will take a real commitment for people to go there and operate for 24 hours ! Access to the island will be vastly different from North Bass Island as you can drive (from the ferry) directly to the location, whereas North Bass was only accessible by boat !

Another project will be the April Alliance VHF QSO Party. Again I am planning to host W8NP in the club shack again this year, but maybe a little different this year as only 4 hours of operation is being tried this year by Alliance members. Be sure to come to the meetings and become a part of the activities being planned for this year ! SEE YOU AT THE MARCH MEETING !!!

## MARCH PROGRAM

The program planned for the month of March will be a presentation by Terry N8ATZ and Ralph K8HSQ on the subject of APRS or Automatic Packet Reporting System. APRS is a [amateur radio](#)-based system for real time tactical digital communications of information of immediate value in the local area. In addition, all such data is ingested into the APRS Internet system (APRS-IS) and distributed globally for ubiquitous and immediate access. Along with messages, alerts, announcements and bulletins, the most visible aspect of APRS is its map display. Anyone may place any object or information on his or her map, and it is distributed to all maps of all users in the local RF network or monitoring the area via the Internet. Any station, radio or object that has an attached [GPS](#) is automatically tracked. Other prominent map features are weather stations, alerts and objects and other map-related amateur radio volunteer activities including [Search and Rescue](#) and signal direction finding.

APRS has been developed since the late 1980s by Bob Bruninga, [callsign](#) WB4APR, currently a senior research engineer at the [United States Naval Academy](#). He still maintains the main APRS website. The acronym "APRS" was derived from his callsign.

(information from Wikipedia )

APRS beacon transmitter with GPS receiver



# MARC MINUTES

## February 1, 2013

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center on Friday, February 1, 2013 with 35 members and guests in attendance.

Mike WA8MKH called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of introductions.

Byron KF8UN, with a second by Ralph K8HSQ, made the motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Feedback newsletter. Motion passed.

Gary WC8W gave the treasurer's report for both December 2012 and January 2013.

### VP's Report:

Terry N8ATZ presented a letter of thank you for a donation to the Christ Presbyterian Church of Canton Ohio in remembrance of Derald Kraft WD8KPO (SK). He also mentioned upcoming hamfests for February.

### Committees:

Recruitment – Sam N2TJK wants to revitalize the clubs membership recruitment committee. He will check with local Boy Scouts of America clubs to generate interest.

Hamfest – Terry N8ATZ reports that the date has been set for November 3, 2013. Fliers are being printed for distribution at upcoming events.

### Old Business:

Awards Banquet – Photos were taken while the awards were presented to Russ N8PII, Don W8DEF and Perry W8AU, who had missed the awards dinner.

QSL Cards – Byron KF8UN asked if there has been any progress on the commemorative 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary QSL cards needed for the Special Event station and the US Islands activation. Robert AC8GE reported that he will have proofs at the next meeting.

### New Business:

Terry N8ATZ reported that club programs for the coming year are filling up quick. Terry is also applying for the clubs ARRL SSC renewal.

Sam N2TJX reported that the Boy Scouts of America is giving a special patch to scouts that are also Hams. The new "Amateur Radio Operator" Strip is in addition to the "Morse Interpreter" Strip announced in 2012. Sam also noted that the Buckeye Councils club call sign is KT8BSA, which is based at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation.

Gary WC8W announced upcoming Technician and CW classes.

The 2013 budget review was tabled until the March meeting.

Mike WA8MKH spoke at length about the clubs upcoming year. Overall message was "Let's be a Positive Club."

### Motions:

Don W8DEF, with a second by Carol KB8IMH, made a motion to participate in a fund raising event at Buehler's of Jackson on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

**Presentation:** John Myers KD8MQ spoke briefly about upcoming local interest activities including the Stark County QSO Party, the Ohio State Parks QSO party and a charter bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention.

**New Members:** Steve Brooks KB8VHI of Canton. He is a former member.

**50/50:** Prize of \$22.50 won by Shirley Treacle (nocall). Winnings donated to club special event and shack fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Robert AC8GE**

## ... SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING ...

In conjunction with the Cleveland National Weather Service, the Stark County Emergency Management Agency and the Stark County ARES, Severe Weather Awareness Training will once again be held at Stark State College of Technology on Wednesday, March 13th beginning at 6:00 PM. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM to issue Skywarn Registration numbers to first time attendees although registration is not necessary to attend the training. The training is being presented as part of Ohio's Severe Weather Awareness Week March 3rd to March 9th.

The training is hosted by Tim Warstler, Director of the Stark County EMA and will be taught by Cleveland Weather Coordinating Meteorologist Gary Garnet of the Cleveland National Weather Service (NWS).

The training will consist of an excellent powerpoint presentation covering the science of severe weather, how to recognize weather pattern and cloud formations and how to report your observations to the Cleveland NWS.

The training is free and open to the public. Area public safety officials, school staff, health & safety forces, hospital staff and amateur radio operators are all encouraged to attend this valuable training as we enter the 2013 severe storm season.

Contact local Skywarn Coordinator Terry Russ, N8ATZ for questions or additional information at (330) 837-3091 or by email to [truss@ssnet.com](mailto:truss@ssnet.com). M & K Engraving will also be on hand, our exclusive supplier of Skywan ID Badges and additional items. The Statewide Tornado Drill will then be held on Wednesday, March 6th at 9:50 AM for the purpose of testing local severe weather notification systems including Television, Radio, Cable and local neighborhood warning sirens. Stark County ARES will activate a severe weather net on the 147.12 Mhz ARES Repeater accepting check-ins for those stations hearing warning sirens.

## ... CLUB HAMFEST UPDATE ...

The club hamfest has again received ARRL Sponsorship thanks to approval by Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE. Sponsorship includes listing of our event in QST Magazine and the League will provide several gift certificates to offer as door prizes.

Hamfest flyers have also been printed and are already being distributed at local hamfests. If you will be attending any upcoming hamfest, we would appreciate it if you would take some flyers to distribute for us. Most all hamfests have a table by the ticket drum where flyers can be placed.

We have already received inquires about our hamfest this year, several table vendors already have reserved their spots from last year which is a good sign.

## ... ARES MEETING...

The next quarterly meeting of the Stark County ARES is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Stark County Emergency Management Agency

on Route 62 in Canton. We normally monitor the Stark County ARES Repeater on 147.12 Mhz for directions and information.

The meeting agenda is currently being assembled but is expected to include a recap of last years public service activity, the agenda for this years Skywarn Spotter Training, current ARES News and a updated hospital report.

Stark County ARES members and those interested in public service are encouraged to attend. The meeting is expected to last approximately 2 hours. Contact Assistant EC Terry Russ, N8ATZ for additional information at [truss@ssnet.com](mailto:truss@ssnet.com).

## ... FACEBOOK ...

Have you dropped us a message lately on the club's Facebook page ? We try to keep it updated with current club information, projects, meeting dates and club program notes. We enjoy seeing some of the posts and comments that people leave for us. Several new pictures have also been added.

We are currently up over 100 friends and we can always use more ! Please drop us a line and let us know what you are doing, what projects are you building or how you did on a recent contest. We would love hearing from you ! You can find us at Massillon Amateur Radio Club on Facebook.

We are also trying to promote the club's Twitter Page. It seems that more people may be using Twitter than Facebook these days. As soon as I can figure out how do post using my Smart phone, I hope to post a few quick news items on the account. Check it out, we are always looking to expand our message using new media. Look for us at W8NP on Twitter.

## That's it for this month.

73's  
Terry – N8ATZ



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## MARC Presidents Report

March 2013



The February meeting had a good turnout even though the weather was very windy and very cold. Inside, the building was nice and warm. Thank You to Shirley Treacle who surprised us with homemade chocolate covered strawberries. Another good reason to attend a meeting.....you don't know what you may miss!

Being the first business meeting of 2013, our officers and members listed a number of items for consideration throughout the year. Normally we try to keep the business part of our meetings within an enjoyable (30 to 45 minute) time frame followed by refreshments, and then a presentation or social time.



We are open to positive suggestions that benefit or improve our club (which is our members), as well as ideas that may be of concern. This can be done by talking with us before or after the club meeting or email to one of the officers depending on the type of question or idea you may have. Some questions can be answered directly (or by email or phone) while some may need to be brought up at a club meeting. We are a very active club, therefore in order to keep the meeting on schedule, sometimes items that require more than about 5 minutes during a meeting may be sent to a committee to work out the details before a club vote.

**The beginning of the year is when members renew their membership. We have a very active club and would appreciate for all to renew. Our membership is the most valued asset of our club.**

**We are pleased to welcome a new member who joined February 2013  
AE5ES, Edward Simon, Linton, Indiana**

**Thank You to our returning members. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Note that we now have members in 4 states and in distant parts of Ohio who can be active in our club by emailing comments, questions, and ideas based on what they read in our excellent newsletter.**

**O**ur club members offer many years of experience and answer many questions in all areas of amateur radio: bands, modes, choice of equipment, types of installations, RF safety, antennas, technical and non-technical, construction techniques (mechanical, electrical, electronic), presentations, club operations, emergency services, amateur radio licensing and classes, public service and more.

Wish you well and God Bless

**73 DE MIKE, WA8MKH**

## ARRL NEWS

### IARU Region 2 Seeks Input on HF Band Plan

ZCZC AX01  
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 Special Bulletin 1 ARLX001  
 From ARRL Headquarters  
 Newington CT February 7, 2013  
 To all radio amateurs

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 conference will be held later this year in Mexico. The Region 2 conference -- held every three years -- is attended by delegations from the national Amateur Radio societies in the western hemisphere that are members of the IARU. The ARRL is the IARU Member Society for the US.

One of the topics on the conference agenda will be the Region 2 HF band plan. This band plan is "harmonized" with -- spectrum management-speak for "very similar to" -- the IARU Region 1 and Region 3 band plans. Many hams in the US may not know there is such a thing as a Region 2 band plan. Other American hams have heard of it but may not know how -- if at all -- this band plan affects them.

Here are important facts for American hams to keep in mind:

IARU band plans are voluntary guidelines. They do not have the force of FCC regulations. For radio amateurs in the US, IARU band plans are informational, not regulations.

It would be inappropriate to incorporate Region 2 band plans into the FCC rules, and the ARRL has no plan to petition the FCC to do so.

Most other countries do not have the detailed sub-band regulations that are in Part 97 of the FCC rules. For radio amateurs in those countries, IARU band plans may offer the only guidance on frequency usage.

The appearance of a calling frequency or band segment for a particular purpose or mode in the IARU band plan does not convey any special rights or exclusivity of use.

The absence of a calling frequency or band segment associated with a particular purpose or mode should not be interpreted as disparaging or discouraging that purpose or activity.

The Secretary of IARU Region 2 has asked Member Societies to offer any suggestions they may have about possible changes to the Region 2 band plan. The ARRL is cooperating with this procedure by inviting your input to be sent to the ARRL Board's HF Band Planning Committee. The committee will review the existing Region 2 band plan, consider input from the amateur community and make recommendations to the ARRL Board of Directors for submission to IARU Region 2.

Radio amateurs in the US who would like to submit input should take the following steps.

1. Study the existing IARU Region 2 band plan posted on the Region 2 website at, <http://www.iaru-r2.org/band-plan/>. The Region 1 and Region 3 band plans are also posted there, so be sure you are looking at the band plan for Region 2.
2. Formulate a clear statement of any change you propose. Include a brief explanation of why you think the change would be beneficial. Please include your name and call sign in your message.
3. Send your input via e-mail no later than March 1, 2013. Messages will be automatically acknowledged.

If you live in another country in Region 2, please contact your national Amateur Radio society for information on how to submit input for the band plan process. The contact information for Region 2 Member Societies can be found on the web at, <http://www.iaru-r2.org/directory/>.

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### INDIANA SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) will operate N9L-

"November-Niner-Legion, " as a special event station to commemorate the 94th Birthday of the nation's largest veterans organization headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In addition to operating on SSB on 14.46 Simplex on Friday, March 15 between 10 am and 4 pm EDT and Saturday, March 16, between 9 am and 4 pm EDT.

For stations outside simplex range, N9L will also be available via IRLP Node 4816 (same hours) .

A full color N9L certificate will be sent upon receipt of a 9x12 inch SASE to TALARC-- The American Legion National HQS, 700 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

## : Crimper for loan to local hams

James, KD8VT has a heavy duty crimper which he will make available for loan to any local ham who needs it.

This crimper is capable of crimping lugs and butt splices on wire from #8 thru #1/0 and will make quick work of any crimping job. This will be especially helpful when grounding your station. There is absolutely no charge for the use of the crimper. However a cash deposit will be required to ensure the tool will find its way back home.

James also has about one-hundred (100) #6 lugs which will be available for purchase at wholesale prices until they are depleted. Contact James @ [330-206-4909](tel:330-206-4909).

73, DE KD8VT SK...

### DUES ARE NOW DUE !!!

Well this is it; the last month of the grace period in which to pay your dues and not loose out on any of MARC's activities being planned for this year. Dues comes due each January and we give members a 3 month grace period. We wish we could give more but you must draw the line somewhere. If you at least inform me of your intentions then we can work something out for the payment.

Dues for the year is just \$ 15.00 for a full membership. It's \$ 7.50 for the XYL and for each child under 18 that wishes membership in the club.

To receive an un-interrupted membership the easiest way to pay is to show up at the March meeting and pay there. If you cannot make the meeting then send a check to your Treasurer:

Gary Kline WC8W  
6500 Highton ST SW  
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## PICTURES FROM JANUARY MARC BANQUET



MARC BANQUET Swearing in ceremony from (L-R) Outgoing Prez Byron KF8UN administrating the oath of Office to: Mike WA8MKH President, Robert AC8GE Secretary, Gary WC8W Treasurer, Terry N8ATZ Vice President, and Wade WD8MIU Trustee

As you can see the Banquet was well attended! We nearly completely filled the 2nd floor Banquet room of the Senior Center! We can boast that we had 46 people in attendance ! Will we have the Banquet there next year? Time will tell !

Thanks to Ralph K8HSQ for these fine pictures !





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**Saturday -- March 9, 2013**

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# March 2013

## W8NP Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>1</b></p> <p>Massillon Amateur Radio Club Meeting. Senior Center, Massillon, 2000</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>2</b></p> <p>VE Test Session, Silvercreek ARA, 9:30 AM, Barry Youmans (330)925-1706, Rittman Public Library</p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>3</b></p> <p>BD KC8RPE Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>4</b></p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>5</b></p> <p>Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930  Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>6</b></p> <p style="color: red;"><b>Statewide Tornado Drill</b></p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>7</b></p> <p>Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>8</b></p> <p>West Stark Info Net - 147.180 at 2000</p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>8</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>9</b></p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>10</b></p> <p>BD N8FEB <span style="color: red;">Daylight Savings Time Begins</span>  Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>11</b></p> <p>BD WB8OWM</p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>12</b></p> <p>Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930  Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>13</b></p> <p style="color: red;"><b>Skywarn Spotter Training, Stark State College of Technology, 1800</b></p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>14</b></p> <p>Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930  VE Test Session, Cuyahoga Falls ARC, 1900, Bruce, 330-929-2766, Stow-Monroe Falls Public Library</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>15</b></p> <p>BD WA8GXM West Stark Info Net - 147.180 at 2000</p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>15</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>16</b></p> <p>Charleston (WV) Area Hamfest &amp; Computer Show <a href="http://www.w8gk.org">www.w8gk.org</a></p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>17</b></p> <p>Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930 <span style="color: red;">St. Patrick's Day</span>  Toledo Mobile Radio Assoc. Hamfest, Ctc: Brian, WD8MXR, 419-385-5624</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>18</b></p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>19</b></p> <p>BD W8DEA Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930  Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>20</b></p>
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					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>22</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>23</b></p> <p>MOVARC Hamfest, Gallopolis, OH, Ctc: Lester, KD8OMT, 304-919-3068</p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>24</b></p> <p>BD K8KIP Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>25</b></p>
					<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>26</b></p> <p>BD KA8KJW Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930  Stark County ARES Net on 147.12 at 7:00 PM</p>	<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>27</b></p> <p>BD KC8ZWG</p>
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<p style="font-size: 24pt; color: #800080;"><b>31</b></p> <p>Massillon Radio Net - 3600 Khz, 1930</p>	<p>Upcoming Events:            4/13 - Saturday - Columbus Hamfest            4/14 - Saturday - Cuyahoga Falls ARC Hamfest            4/20 - Saturday - Jackson County ARC Hamfest, Jackson, OH            4/27 - Saturday - MS Walk - Massillon Rec Center            4/28 - Sunday - Athens Hamfest, Athens, OH            4/28 - Sunday - Two Rivers ARC Hamfest, McKeesport, PA</p>					

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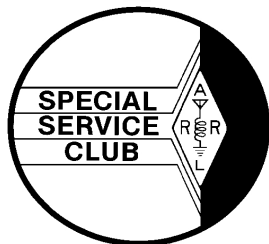
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