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MRN NET Teu Thur & Sun
7:30 PM 3.60 MHz

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Fridays 8:00 PM
147.18 MHz
(except 1st Fri of month)

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PHILOSOPHY 101 ...

So why are NO CODE folks seeking to learn Morse code ? Because there's no FCC gun to their heads to do so. Now it's the " 3 -D Factor " at work. 3-D, Drive, Desire, and Determination. Not to mention F-U-N ! It's attitude, attitude Bunkey. It's 99% of the game!

73 de WB80WM

MARCH MEETING

The meeting for the month of March will be held at the Massillon Senior Center on March 4th 2011 at 8:00 PM Doors open at 7.

I hope every member reads this because this meeting will be one of the most important meetings that you will not want to miss. We have had proposals to change some of our Code of Regulations that will ultimately affect the future of the club ! All changes are intended to move our club forward and by changing some of the confusing language in the Code. The changes proposed are too numerous to be listed here so I am sure that you would not want to miss this most important meeting !

At last month's meeting it was proposed to partner with Bonnie's Engravers Gallery to get members new shirts & jackets complete with name and logo's printed on them. Please see N8ATZ's column on page 3 and the order sheet on page 8. Here is your chance to get a very nice shirt or jacket and proudly display the club's logo's !

DUES ARE DUE !

This will be the *last* notice to members who have not paid their dues as yet. After this meeting, I will have the arduous task of deleting members who have not paid. As you know the dues has raised to \$ 15.00 for full membership, and \$ 7.50 for the XYL and students.

You can pay the dues by simply attending the March meeting or by sending the dues to Treasurer Gary Kline WC8W, 6500 Highton SW, Navarre, Ohio 44662-9786, or to the Club's PO Box 73, Massillon, Ohio 44648.

We know that circumstances prevent some members from attending the meetings so please e mail me or send a check as soon as possible.

Remember; We Do Not Want To Loose A Single Member !!!

MARC MINUTES

February 4, 2011

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center Friday February 4, 2011 with 33 members and guests in attendance.

After a round of introductions, Don W8DEF with a second by Mike KD8ENV 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.

Tom WD8MBE gave the V.P. report on various newsletters, upcoming hamfests, and thank you cards. Awards were awarded to members missing from the banquet.

Committees:

Hamfest – Next MARC Hamfest will be October 30th, 2011.

Scott N3JJT made a motion to raise hamfest ticket prices to \$6.00. Bruce KC8RKS made the second. Motion failed
Mike KD8ENV made a motion to raise the hamfest table rental costs to \$14.00 with a second by Bruce KC8RKS.
Motion Passed

Old Business:

Since nobody was nominated for the Secretary position, Mike KD8ENV volunteered to serve as acting secretary until June 2011 or when someone is elected.

New Business:

Don WD8DEA was elected to Trustee for 2 years.

Don W8DEF presented to the club prices and styles for t-shirts and jackets with the club logo, etc. An order form will be available at the next meeting.

John KD8MQ announced the Stark County VHF QSO Party contest on April 2nd from 12pm to 6pm 2 meters FM.

Mike KD8ENV with a second from Bruce KC8RKS made a motion for the club to pursue a grant from the Massillon Rotary. Joe WD8BGW will submit the application.

Mike KD8ENV submitted some amendments to code of regs.

Tom WD8MBE created a new award called the Hamstick award and gave it to Carl AB8CC for burning up his radio.

50/50 was won by Carol KB8IMH for \$25.50.

Minutes by acting secretary Dan N8DZM

... 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 Thursday, March 17th beginning at 6:30 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 20th to March 27th.

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 2011 severe storm season.

Contact local Skywarn Coordinator Terry Russ, N8ATZ for questions or additional information at (330) 837-3091 or by email to truss@sssnet.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 23rd 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 inquiries about our hamfest this year, several table vendors already have reserved their spots from last year which is a good sign. I also heard from Radio Sales & Service out of Ashland, Ohio. They are now a distributor of the new Wouxun handheld radios. They were on display at the Mansfield Hamfest at a very attractive price and were sold out before the end of the day. We will look forward to having them join us this year.

... ARES MEETING...

The next quarterly meeting of the Stark County ARES is scheduled for Thursday, March 10th 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@sssnet.com.

... CLUB SHIRTS ...

The club has partnered with local business Bonnie's Engravers Gallery & Signs to once again offer club logo shirts for members. It's been over five years since we offered club apparel and after receiving several requests last year, the club officers supported the project.

We have used Bonnie's for several club projects in the past including the lettering for the club EComm Trailer.

If all works out, there should be an order form as part of this newsletter. We will offer either an orange T-Shirt or an Ash Grey Polo Shirt. The Polo will be offered either with or without a chest pocket.

A minimum of 24 garments is needed to complete the order. We hope to have a sample of the Polo's in multiple sizes to try on at the March club meeting. The order process will run over the next two club meetings to make sure everyone has an opportunity to order a shirt of their choice. The order form will also be posted on the club website for download.

Club Jackets will also be available with prices ranging from about \$22.00 for a light windbreaker style to \$55.00 for a

heavy insulated style.

All shirts will contain your name and callsign on the front with the full size state logo on the back. Additional details will be available at the club meeting.

That's it for this month. 73's Terry – N8ATZ

March's Presidents Comments

MARC Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed the warm week we just had, it just gave us a sample of warmer weather coming, so we can get ready for Field Day and everything else we do when the summer comes. We had a really good meeting last month, trying to get everything worked out for Jan and Feb, since we didn't have a business meeting in January. We all have friends who are ham's that either don't belong to a ham club or hasn't been to a MARC Meeting for months or years. Let's take time to Invite them to the March meeting or any other meeting this year. I know our new VP Tom has some really good programs scheduled the balance of this year, so let's support him by attending, We as your officers and trustees we are working hard to make some positive changes to the Club Meetings to help stream line the business meetings and spend more time talking about Ham Radio and Ham related programs. Again we would appreciate your thoughts and comments. My e-mail address wd8miu@gmail.com

By the way we are still looking for net control operators for our Friday night West Stark Information net's. If you want to sit in, while one of the current net control operators run a net to learn how to do it just contact Don Wade or myself and we will set it up. We might not have a net without your help. Well looking forward to seeing you @ the Club Meeting in a couple weeks on Friday March 4th @ 8:00 PM

Thank You & God Bless

de WD8MIU Wade

"SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR JASON"



Our very own President Wade WD8MIU (R) went out of his way to give Jason Stoll KC8LIN his 2010 Public Relations Plaque. Wade delivered it to Jason at WHBC studio's in downtown Canton. Jason works at the station and puts in some odd hours and therefore could not make it to the Banquet to receive it in person. Jason received the plaque for last years promotion of MARC and Field Day activities on the air from WHBC. Jason also has a "tech" program on Sunday mornings and from time to time promotes amateur radio in general. Hence the reason for receiving the Public Relations Plaque. Congratulations Jason !

TIS ST' PATTIES DAY ON THE 17th !



March Madness

No

MARC Madness

I am not sure what this has to do with March Madness, which we all know concerns basketball. But I think our club needs a little bit of Madness of our own. So, why not in March?

As you probably already know, there is no program for this meeting. But that doesn't mean we can't add some spice to our meeting. So this is what is happening for our March meeting.



The first item is cookies. Everyone has their own favorite cookie. The majority of people like chocolate chip. Well there are other flavors of cookies out there so I am putting it to the members to bring some of your favorite cookies to our March meeting. I have 2 favorites and they are potato chip cookies and refrigerator cookies. So what are the different type cookies you like?

This challenge will add a "Little Flavor" to the meeting.



The second item is QSL Cards. Not everyone has QSL cards yet, but if you do, bring in a couple of your favorite or unique QSL Cards. Some cards are considered plain Jane and other cards are very creative and scenic. A friend of ours gave me some QSL Cards from 1927. I also have cards from contacts made during the North Bass Island Expedition and the USS Shenandoah Special Event. You would not believe the variety of cards. So bring in your cards and show them off!

Do you have an idea that might add creativity to our meetings? If so, please contact me at wd8mbe@sbcglobal.net.

May The Airwaves Be Ever Friendly and Good DX!

73s, Tom, WD8MBE. MARC VP

ARRL NEWS

ARRL LETTER FEB 17, 2011

02/17/2011

On February 10, Representative Peter King (R-NY-3), Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, introduced [HR 607, the *Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011*](#). The bill has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which handles telecommunications legislation. HR 607 addresses certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. As part of that network, the bill provides for the allocation of the so-called “D-Block” of spectrum in the 700 MHz range for Public Safety use.

The D-Block consists of two, 5-megahertz-wide segments of spectrum (758-763 and 788-793 MHz) that became available when the FCC ended analog television broadcasts in June 2009 and reallocated the 698-806 MHz band for Public Safety and commercial broadband. It was anticipated that the D-Block would be auctioned for commercial use. There are several bills in Congress providing for the allocation of the D-Block for Public Safety use, and HR 607 is one of those. But HR 607 uniquely provides for the reallocation of other spectrum for auction to commercial users, in order to offset the loss of revenue that would occur as the result of the allocation of the D-Block to Public Safety instead of commercial auction. HR 607 lists the paired bands of 420-440 MHz and 450-470 MHz among the bands to be reallocated for commercial auction within 10 years of its passage.

“Of serious concern to the ARRL is the inclusion of the 420-440 MHz amateur allocation in the list of frequencies to be cleared for auction,” said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. “The ARRL and the Amateur Radio community certainly support the work of public safety agencies and understand their desire for an interoperable network; however, the inclusion of most of the amateur 70 cm spectrum as one of the replacement bands is illogical and unacceptable. The 420-440 MHz band is not Public Safety spectrum and should never have been included in any spectrum swap of Public Safety allocations.”

Saying that the ARRL Washington team has already begun meeting with key Congressional staff on Capitol Hill, Henderson noted that Amateur Radio already shares the 70 cm band on a secondary basis with the governmental radiolocation services, such as the PAVE

PAWS radar systems: “The 70 cm band is a critical and irreplaceable resource for Amateur Radio public service and emergency communications. The specification of the 420-440 MHz band in this legislation is ill-conceived. To be sure, the ARRL will vigorously oppose this legislation in its present form. It is, as evidenced by other legislation, completely unnecessary to the creation of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network or the use by Public Safety of the D-Block for that purpose. The role of the Amateur Service as a partner to Public Safety in the provision of public service and emergency communications necessitates the retention of full access to the entire 420-440 MHz band.”

HR 607 is presently cosponsored by the Homeland Security Committee’s Ranking Member, Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2) as well as Representatives Shelley Berkley (D-NV-1), Yvette Clarke (D-NY-11), Billy Long (R-MO-7), Candice S. Miller (R-MI-10), Laura Richardson (D-CA-37), Mike Rogers (R-AL-3), and Michael Grimm (R-NY-13).

“As we continue to track the progress of HR 607, I urge ARRL members to watch for further information about the bill on the ARRL website,” Henderson said. “When that additional information is released, it will include a request to contact your representative and express opposition to HR 607, as long as it includes a provision to auction off any Amateur Radio spectrum for commercial use. ARRL members may also sign up for the *ARRL Legislative Update Newsletter* and automatically receive information as it becomes available. Sign up by logging onto the ARRL website and select the ‘Edit Your Profile’ link located at the top of each page. Once on that page, select the ‘Edit Email Subscriptions’ tab and click on the box for *ARRL Legislative Update*.” The *ARRL Legislative Update* is prepared on an “as needed” basis to those who have opted-in to receive it. A new edition addressing HR 607 will be forthcoming soon.

ARRL Asks Members to Write in Opposition to HR 607

TAGS: [ARRL Regulatory Information](#), [legislative](#), [spectrum](#)

02/22/2011

ARRL is asking its members to contact their US representatives in opposition to the sections of [HR 607](#) that could affect the Amateur Radio Service allocation at 420-440 MHz. HR 607, the Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011, would address certain spectrum management issues, including the creation and maintenance of a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. It was [introduced](#) into the US House of Representatives February 10.

ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, clarified that the League opposes HR 607 *in its present form*. "We do not oppose the concept of dedicated spectrum for the development of a Public Safety infrastructure and wireless network. We object to the bill because of the inclusion of 420-440 MHz as part of the spectrum to be swapped and auctioned to commercial users."

You can find a sample letter, "how to find your Representative" and the contact information for ARRL's legislative consultant, Chwat & Co, at <http://www.arrl.org/sample-letters>.



WRC 12 ; AMATEUR ALLOCATION MOVES A STEP CLOSER



The world of Amateur Radio has taken a step closer to obtaining a medium frequency (MF) allocation below the AM broadcast band. This all happened during the first week of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC - 12) which was held in Geneva, Switzerland February 14-

25 2011. The delegates completed the drafting of 9 pages of analysis of the technical and regulatory issues related to WRC -12 Agenda Item 1.23: consideration of a possible secondary allocation to the Amateur Service about 15 KHz somewhere between 414 and 526.5 KHz. Then two possible methods of satisfying the agenda item, along with the possibility of there being no change (and therefore no allocation), are set out in the CPM Report, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each.

(Source: ARRL Letter February 24, 2011)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAGE 8, T shirt order form

On page 8 of this issue contains the order form for shirts and jackets. I can tell you that the merchandise is of top quality. The lettering will be of the ironed on type lettering. On the shirts and T shirts lettering will be black. They seem to be more visible than the orange lettering used in the past. The polo shirt (also commonly called a golf shirt) will be an off white color, ash grey to be exact.

Please complete the form on the next page and bring it with you to the March meeting. If you do not know your size, Terry will have some samples and some shirt sizes for you to try on at the meeting. Please be sure to include your name, call and the size and number of items you wish to purchase. Jackets orders will be handled differently and on a separate order. I believe Terry will want you to go to Bonnie's for a separate fitting (at this writing I am not really sure!)

If you have any questions, please contact Terry at truss@sssnet.com (best) or by calling 330/837-3091 (evening only).

**Massillon Amateur Radio Club
Club Shirt Order Form
Deadline to order shirts is April 22, 2011**

T-SHIRT Orange in color with black lettering

Will contain club logo on right and name callsign on left.

Quantity _____

Size: _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ Other

Member Cost is \$15.75

POLO SHIRT Ash Grey Color with black lettering

Front same as T-Shirt. Full size Club State logo on back.

Quantity _____

Size: _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ Other

Member Cost is \$ 26.25

Jackets are also available—Contact Terry Russ, N8ATZ for details and pricing.

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Total Order: _____

Make Check Payable to MARC for order total.

Mail completed order form to Terry Russ, N8ATZ or bring to club meeting.

Upcoming Events:

4/9 - Saturday - Cuyahoga Falls ARC Hamfest

4/30 - Saturday - MS Walk

March 2011

W8NP Monthly Planner

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