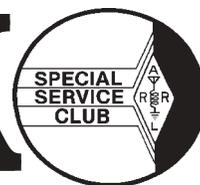




FEEDBACK



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MAY MEETING NOTICE

The meeting for the month of May will be held at the Massillon Senior Center at 8:00 PM on May 2, 2003.

At last month's meeting we had a little problem with the lock on the Senior Center's door and we could not open the door! Therefore, we were not able to hold the meeting at the Senior Center. We were fortunate enough to have Saundie, N8TZB and Ms. Betty Hall of the American Red Cross there who suggested we hold the meeting at the Western Stark County Red Cross Center. We all jumped into cars and held the meeting at the Red Cross Center. Thank you Ms. Hall!! The lock has been repaired and we should not have a further problem with it (we HOPE!!)

April Showers bring May flowers.... and tornado season!. Terry Russ, N8ATZ, Stark County Assistant ECO, and MARC member, reports that the attendance at the SkyWarn meeting on March 26 at Stark State College Campus was well attended. This training is a prerequisite to reporting threatening weather on the air. This is a time when all eyes and ears are sorely needed. Precious minutes are gained by trained spotters, which can mean the difference between all out panic and an orderly report.

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---- SHORT SKIP ----

May's flowers are sprouting and it's antenna inspection time. Gotta check the feed line connection to the mighty signal inhaler and thrower. Be sure to use a proper safety belt and gear when climbing your tower. Remember, Bunkey, "death is permanent ! " - another "safety tip from Skip".

73 de WB80WM



GREAT LAKES DIRECTOR TO VISIT CLUB

Newly elected Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver - K8JE will be the honored guest of the MARC at our May 2nd meeting. Elected last November with 2,295 votes, Jim easily topped the field in the three-way race that included incumbent Gary Johnston, KI4LA and Paul Daley, WT8S. "I will seek opinions and fully represent the division," Weaver said during the Great Lakes campaign. "I will not forget that the ARRL is its members." An ARRL Life Member, Weaver also pledged, among other things, to seek ways to improve recruitment, promote increased awareness of League services and join the fight against restrictive antenna laws, ordinances and deed covenant, conditions and restrictions (CC & Rs).

Weaver, who's been a ham for 40 years, has also served as a Great Lakes Assistant Director under four directors. He's active in Traffic Nets, DXCC and 10-10 International as well as in local clubs and he once wrote a column on ham radio for the Cincinnati Enquirer newspaper.

All area amateurs are cordially invited to join us May 2nd for an evening that's sure to be full of great information as we welcome Jim to the Stark County area. As always, refreshments will be served.

MARC MINUTES

April 4,2003

Due to the broken lock on the Senior Center Door, the Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Western Stark County Chapter of the Red Cross. There was 29 members and guest present.

President Rich KA8ZQH opened the meeting at 8:10 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made.

Rich KA8ZQH then asked to suspend reading the March minutes. They were accepted as stated in the FEEDBACK by Don W8DEF and second by Saundra N8TZB.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF gave the financial report. A motion was made to accept this report by Tim WB8HHP and second by Byron KF8UN.

Vice President Jim WA8GXM was absent so there was no correspondence report. However there were some newsletters from other Amateur Clubs to be looked over after the meeting.

Anne N8GAF has a few Dayton Hamvention tickets left. They are \$17.00 , see her if you need one.

OLD BUSINESS

Jack N8LCS said the MS Walk would be Sunday April 6th. He appreciates all the help he is getting for this public service event.

Gary WC8W said if you didn't receive your FEEDBACK. Could you perhaps have forgotten to pay your dues or did you have computer problems ? Contact him for future mailings.

Dan N8DZM gave the Fox hunt report. Tim WB8HHP said when you hide the fox, be sure to contact the correct police department.

NEW BUSINESS

Byron KF8UN gave the DX report. He is still looking for the QSL cards from Egypt that have been misplaced.

Don W8DEF reported on the trailer update. Rigrunners are here and the paper work has been done to pick up the new battery.

Gene W8KXR inquired about a clean up-repair date for the ECOM trailer. Everyone will be notified when the weather gets warm and dry.

Don W8DEF asked about SKYWARN helpers for the hospitals. Thanks goes to Sam WA8YGR for helping at Massillon Community. Thanks goes to ED WA8DRT for helping at Doctors Hospital. We could use more help with this task.

Saundra N8TZB and Betty Hall gave a Red Cross program after refreshments.

Congratulations goes to Randy KD8JN for winning the 50-50 for \$13.00.

Minutes by Linda K8MOO Secretary
MARC

..... MARC ACTIVE AT MS WALK

Sunday, April 6th marked the opening of the 2003 public service season as the Massillon Amateur Radio Club assisted the Multiple Sclerosis Society with the annual MS Walk.

Again this year the walk was held simultaneously at both Quail Hollow State Park in Hartville and at Canal Fulton's Community Park. Serving in our traditional role, amateurs provided both support and safety communications at both locations. Quail Hollow State Park reported about 300 walkers braved the chilly temperatures as well as the parks often muddy spring trails to complete the 7 mile route through the park trails. In Canal Fulton nearly 500 walkers took part in the 6.4 mile trek along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.

Amateur Radio volunteers staffed both locations at rest stops and bus transportation as well as providing logistical support for event coordinators. The clubs Emergency Communications Trailer was utilized at Canal Fulton serving as Net Control. Several ATV Stations were also in use to monitor shuttle bus movements and trail activity.

MS officials appreciated amateur efforts and all volunteers were presented with very nice MS Walk T-Shirts after the event. Amateur Coordinator Jack Wade - N8LCS also thanks all amateurs for their assistance. Staff at Quail Hollow included Dan Anastis - N8DZM, Jeff McKinney - KC8KIX, Jason Stroll - KC8LIN, Saundra Becker - N8TZB, Rick Garner - KC8LYG and Wes Mast - NV8M. Canal Fulton volunteers included Don & Linda Finley - W8DEF and K8MOO, Charlie Scherger - KB8STV and Terry Russ - N8ATZ.

.... ECOMM 1 GETS SOME UPGRADES

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club's Emergency Communications Trailer "ECOMM 1" recently underwent a few upgrades thanks to Jim Farriss - WA8GXM of the Trailer crew.

The first upgrade was the installation of two "RIGrunner" DC Power Panels, one at the primary operations console and the other at the secondary position. These multiple outlet panels come equipped with the Anderson Power Pole connectors and are a safe, secure, hot connected method for adding twelve volt accessories. The ARES standard connector system, these will easily allow us to add stations at Field Day time or during public service exercises.

The second long overdue upgrade was the replacement of our main 12 volt battery. The existing battery has been in use since about 1995 and for the last two years would hardly hold a charge making portable operation nearly impossible. The new battery is a commercial duty deep cycle type with a 75 amp hour rating.

This will be sufficient to power the lighting, HF and VHF stations for about 5 hours continuously.

At the March meeting the club also approved the purchase of a tool kit for the trailer. A multi-purpose kit with hanging storage box was purchased at Sams Club and has also been installed. The kit provides a good general assortment of wrenches, sockets plus various other hand tools which will be put to good use at Field Day. We also intend to add a selection of smaller electronic type tools and a selection of RF type connectors and adapters that we will purchase at Dayton.

The third upgrade scheduled to be completed before Field Day is the installation of some exterior lighting. Plans call for two 12 volt halogen fixtures installed on both the front and back. This will provide both safety and service lighting during our night time operations.

.... APRIL FOX HUNT NEWS

The April Fox Hunt was a lot more enjoyable than usual. Why ? We weren't freezing our buns off, that's why! Finally Mother Nature blessed us with shirt sleeve weather for our newest club adventure.

Jeff McKinney - KC8KIX was foxmister this month having found the fox in March. Although not completely familiar with Massillon, Jeff did his homework and came up with a great hiding spot in Northwest Massillon's industrial area. Participants this month were Rich - KA8ZQH, Dan - N8DZM, Terry - N8ATZ, Gary - WC8W, Don - W8DEF, xyl Linda - K8MOO and Don - W8DEA.

Jeff had us all going in circles for a while this time, the short antenna on the fox was just barely giving us a signal with only Rich & Dan finally locating the general direction. After nearly an hour of searching, Jeff caved in and switched to the longer antenna giving us a better signal to home in on. Finally we all converged on the Northwest end of town and the local search was on. Rich had initially been in the general area and came back just behind Terry and Dan. With the three of us searching the brush for the elusive fox, Rich finally let the cat out of the bag (or fox that is), when he let out a cheer by finding the fox for the first time. Thanks to the hint, the rest of us found it located in an old wooden box by the railroad tracks.

Gary, Don & Linda and finally Don Wade also homed in and joined us at the hiding spot. Rich was the fastest and traveled the least with Dan close behind. Great job guy's !

The event concluded with the normal post hunt wrap up and discussion. Kudos to Jeff on the great hiding spot. Make sure you join us for the May Fox Hunt !

.... A FEW MORE SHORT TOPICS

The updated 2003 club roster is now posted on the website. Let us know if your email is posted correctly, they can be hard to keep up with as people change & upgrade email providers.

on QRZ.com. Also, a log search will be available on his home page in early May at: <http://www.qsl.net/g4obk/>

J5, GUINEA- BISSAU. Sebastien, F8DQZ, who was active from 3X with the callsign **3XD02** from the mainland and IOTA **AF-051**, will be here for the next two weeks starting **April 19th**.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Jake, N6XIV, will once again operate from Wake Island. His travel plans will have him arriving on or about **April 19th**. At this point he expects to stay for at least 30 days...with the possibility of up to 60 days. Once again operating time(s) will be limited due to his work requirements. However, Jake states he will carry along his AH-4 tuner in order to try and operate on multiple bands if the opportunity affords itself. As before, K2FF - Glenn in Mississippi and W6FRH - Bob in California will help with piloting duties. All QSLs go via K2FF direct or via the bureau.

PIRATE ALERT. Sasi, **9V1SM**, informs OPDX that his QSL Manager W3HNC has been receiving QSLs for 9V1SM on 12 meters CW. This is not Sasi and this operation is a pirate. Sasi states that he only operates on PSK31 and SSB. All QSLs received for this band and mode will be returned to the sender. If you did happen to have a QSO on this band/mode, Sasi would greatly appreciate it if you could drop him a note before sending the card to his manager at: tmssn@nus.edu.sg

RRA/RDA ACTIVITY. Members of the RZ6AZZ team (which include UA6AMB, RU6AX, RX6AH, RW6CT, RA6AX, UA6MF and RA6AU) will be active from the **Caspian Sea Islands** between **April 23-28th**. They plan to activate **Morskoy Ivan Karaul Island** (RRA-new for the Russian Robinson Award and RDA KM-05 for the Russian Districts Award) using the call **UE6IKI**, and **Morskaya Chapura Island** (RRA-new, RDA KM-05) using the call **UE6IAA**. Activity will be on 40-10 meter CW/SSB. It is possible that the team will be active with **personal callsign/p**. QSL UE6IKI and UE6IAA via RA6AU.

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. By the time you read this, the **S05X** DXpedition should be winding down or QRT. Full details on the DXpedition are available at: <http://www.pagus.it/s05x/> Logs will be updated daily and will be available at: <http://www.pagus.it/s05x/> As this bulletin was being prepared, a press release announced last Saturday that the S05X DXpedition has logged about 26,000 QSOs (CW 8135, SSB 14491 and RTTY 1953). QSL via EA4URE either direct or through the bureau. Donations to help offset the trip will be gratefully accepted and can be sent via the QSL Manager, EA4URE (URE - Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Avda. Monte Igueldo 102, Madrid 28053, Spain; E-mail ure@ure.es).

SPECIAL EVENT. A team of SP4KSY club members will be active as **HF6500** to celebrate **650 years of Olsztyn city**. The station will be active from **May 1st to July 31st**, on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via SQ4NR, bureau or direct to: Grzegorz Gawel, ul. Herdera 16/14, 10-691 Olsztyn POLAND.

TM5, FRANCE. Dominique, F5SJB, will once again be active as **TM5CW** from **May 24th to June 7th**. There was NO mention what the special callsign is for.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Bob, N6RFM, will be active as **VP2V/N6RFM** from **April 22-25th**. He will be on vacation, so his activity will be limited as time permits. Activity will be PSK31 QRP on 20 meters only. QSL via his home callsign.

YI, IRAQ (Update). With the mention of portable YI operations in last week's bulletin, many have been wondering whether or not these operations would count for DXCC. Well, this past week ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, provided the answer in/on the ARRL Letter and ARRL Web page. Here is your answer: "ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, says the League will accept for DXCC credit YI/ operations from Iraq by U.S. or British military personnel provided the operator has written permission from his or her commanding officer. 'There is precedent for this,' Mills said, citing an operation during the 1991 Gulf War. 'These operators will need written authorization to operate from their commanding officers until an interim Iraqi civilian government is in place,' Mills said. After that point, operators would need documented permission from Iraqi authorities." YI portable activity heard so far has been from Mark Smith/NG5L, Jim Dunkerton, **KT4CK** and Bob Furzer/9K2ZZ/**K4CY**. ADDED NOTE: There has been some mention of Ed Giorgadze, 4L4FN, who is now in the Middle East after wrapping up his North Korean (P5) operation last fall, may be heading to Iraq because of his involvement in the United Nations World Food Program.

ZA, ALBANIA (Update to OPDX.607). Team ZA3/ has announced that during their **May 29th-June 3rd** operation, they have organized on June 2nd a demonstration called the "Day of the Forces of Peace from the Foreign Countries". They will have two stations (radio/mobile) active from the Port of Durres, Albania, for mutual QSO exchanges by civilians and military personnel from Italy and the bordering nations with Albania (that includes Kosovo - Greece - Macedonia - Yugoslavia). All the radio amateurs of the world, particularly military (and ex-military) operators are invited to be on the radio June 2nd.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Operators Jun/VK4SJ and Doug/VK4BP will be active as **ZK1AYL** and **ZK1SIM** from **April 27th through May 26th**. They plan to visit **Aitutaki (OC-083) April 27th through 14 May**,

and then **Rarotonga (OC-013)** from **May 15-26th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. QSL via VK4SJ either via the bureau or direct to: June Sim, P.O. Box 406, Caloundra 4551, Queensland, Australia. E-QSLs will not be accepted.

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CORES LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION...

(some information supplied by The Toledo Mobile ARA *Amateur Radio Beacon*, January 2003, edited by Brenda, KB8IUP, and Chuck, KB8FXJ)

When your license comes up for renewal (especially if you have one of those ten-year licenses that has been around a

long time) you will find there have been some changes since the old FCC Form 610. Some people have reported that renewing their license is a rather trivial deal since the W5YI VEC sends out a notice on how to renew. But here is the "standard" FCC way to do it, if you can get to a Web page at home or at the library. This is a **two-step process**, CORES registration in advance, and then later the actual license modifications.

First, register **NOW**, and not several months or years down the road when your license really needs renewal. Access <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>, find the CORES/CALLSIGN button click on "Register Now", "Continue", and answer the two questions about registration type, then again click "Continue". Fill in your first and last names, social security number, contact information (your name and address), and a 6-15 digit case sensitive **password**. (**Write this down** for future reference!). Click submit and you are done with step one. In about 1 to 4 weeks the FCC will mail you your **FRN number**. (See, you won't have to use your social security number again for license renewals and address changes.)

Then when it comes time to renew or modify your license (if you move, for example), you already have the CORES registration number. Again log in to the system as listed in the above URL, and click on FCC Universal License System (ULS). At the CORES/CALLSIGN click this time on "Online Filing". Enter the **FRN number** you receive in the mail and carefully saved for the future, and that **password** you wrote down. At the bottom of the page click on "Continue" and on the next page click on "Renew Only" if you are renewing (there is another choice for modifications). Check your expiration date and call sign information. (You can't renew until less than 90 days before your license expires.) Skip the sections on Aeronautical, expiration, and fees and scroll down to "Name". Enter First Name, Middle Initial, and Last Name. The signature line will be automatically filled in. Click "Submit". If you did everything correctly, you will receive a 10-digit file tracking number. **Write down that number!** Your renewed license will arrive in the mail in 1-2 weeks. Happy navigating OM.

IN SYMPATHY

DORIS RUSSEL STOREY

Doris Russel Storey age 71, passed away on Monday April 21, 2003. She is the mother of MARC Members, Dale Storey, KB8LWP, and Cathy Storey KC8EUC. She was born on Oct. 6, 1931 and was a life resident of Canton, Ohio. She retired from the Timken Mercy Medical Center after 23 years service. She is survived by sons and daughters -in-law Dale and Cathy Storey, Duane and Margaret Storey of North Canton, two brothers and sisters - in-law, Robert and Loraine Russell of Massillon, Charles and Dorthy Russell of St. Louis MO., five grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Services were held on April 25, 2003 followed by internment in Forest Hill Cemetery. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Lupus Foundation of America or to the donor's favorite charity.

Our condolences to the Family.



MARC FOX HUNT

Again we had another great turnout for the Fox Hunt and Jeff KC8KIX made this the hardest Hunt yet. He hid the Fox between a couple of railroad tracks in that industrial area between Lake and Cherry. Rich KA8ZQH was the fastest and less miles traveled.

The next Hunt would be on Mother's Day so lets make it the Saturday before on May 10th. We are meeting at the club at 2:00 pm.

Dan N8DZM



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MARC Calendar of Events

2003

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11 Mother's Day Fox Hunt 2:00 PM Senior Center	12	13 SDXA Meet Gulliver's 7:00 PM	14	15	16 West Stark info net	9 West Stark info net	10
18	19 K8CP BD	20	21	22	23 West Stark info net	24	25
25	26	27 N8PII BD	28	29	30 West Stark info net	31 VE Exams EOC call WC8W	