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--- SHORT SKIP ---

As you may recall, a couple of January's back this world class column predicted that Chi-com ham radio gear was in the works. Behold ! We now have the Alinco DX-SR8 all mode HF rig and the Jetstream JT-220 transceiver's on the market - both manufactured in China.

Hey Bunkey, let's get busy and set up a meeting with our editor. I think we deserve a pay raise !

73 de WB8WOM

MAY MEETING

The meeting for the month of May will be held once again back at the 'ole Massillon Senior Center on May 7th 2010 at 8:00 PM .

What a great meeting we had last month. I would like to take this opportunity to **thank** MARC members Jason Stoll KC8LIN and David Selby KC8WVH for being our gracious hosts and tour guides through the Radio Station WHBC studios. If you missed it, you missed a very informative and exciting time (not to mention some delicious pizza) !

This month's meeting will be no less important as we need to discuss issues such as Field Day coming up --- believe it or not Next Month - June 26-27th ! Wow ! Where does the time go? Also up will be the creation of a Special Event opportunity for the club members. We will have a full report on this after the club has had a chance to look at it and discuss it's possibilities. Looks like will have a "full platter" on Friday the 7th of May ! See you at the meeting !

MAY PROGRAM NOTICE

This month for the program we will have a trio of club members talking and demonstrating a about a subject that I must admit I have very little experience in.

Jim, (WA8GXM) Terry, (N8ATZ) and Don, (W8DEF) will enlighten us on the workings of ATV. **Amateur television (ATV)** is the transmission of broadcast-quality video and audio over radio waves allocated for amateur radio using the broadcast standards of NTSC in North America and Japan, and PAL or SECAM elsewhere, using the full refresh rates of those standards. ATV includes the study of building of such transmitters and receivers and the propagation between these two.

ATV is an extension of amateur radio. It is also called HAM TV or Fast Scan TV (FSTV) (as opposed to slow-scan television (SSTV), which can be transmitted on any ham frequency due to its narrow band structure, but is not decodable by a television). Sound interesting? Then be sure to catch the Don, Terry & Jim Show ! (most of second & third paragraph "borrowed" from Wikipedia)

MARC MINUTES

April 2, 2010



The Massillon Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting was held at the WHBC studios Friday April 2nd, 2010 with 24 members and guests in attendance.

Brian KC8EBD made the motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Feedback. Seconded by Terry N8ATZ. Motion passed

Gary WC8W gave the treasurer's report.

Wade WD8MIU gave the V.P. report on various newsletters, Tour de Cure, MS Walk, and Alliance 2m contest.

Committees:

North Bass Island – They will be heading up to North Bass Island May 22nd to check it out. North-Bass-Island.com has been created.

Steering – Discussion about the committee

New Business:

There is a concession opportunity for Akron U on May 22nd.

The program was provided by Jason KC8LIN with a slide show and tour of WHBC studios.

No 50/50

Minutes by Dan N8DZM

... DAYTON HAMVENTION ...

May brings with it the beginning of Spring and most importantly the annual trek to the Mighty Mecca of Ham Radio, Dayton Hamvention. Celebrating it's 59th show this year on May 14, 15 and 16, this is one hamfest everyone should visit at least once. This year's theme is "Amateur Radio Clubs Worldwide: The Lifeline", which will include special forums covering this segment of Amateur Radio.

Additionally 2010 brings back the ARRL National Convention to Dayton with all of the many special programs normally associated with any National Convention. Combine this with the now standard ARRL EXPO which is a showcase of exhibits to enhance your ham radio experience, this is going to be yet another great ham radio event.

So what exactly is Hamvention ? It's a forum where you can meet the authorities on nearly all facets of our great hobby. It's 500 inside exhibit spaces where manufacturers show off their latest equipment that you can see & touch. Some is even operational and you can "fiddle the knobs" on some really expensive radio gear. It's also 2,500 outdoor flea market spaces where everything and anything is available for sale. While general attendance has dropped over the past several years, the ARRL believes a renewed interest will see an increase in Hamvention attendance this year.

Another fun repeat feature this year at Hamvention will be streaming audio and video from the event via Tom, WA5KUB who will provide live video from Hamvention. If you can't make it to this years event check out the next best thing at <http://wa5kub.com>.

If you are looking for alternative transportation to Hamvention, the Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship group is once again sponsoring a charter bus to Dayton on Saturday, May 15th provided they get enough riders. Complete details and costs are on their website at www.qsl.net/w8ctt. The basic Dayton Hamvention website is www.Hamvention.org.

For those of you interested in ARES, their forum is always well attended and is scheduled for Hamvention Room 3 at 2:30 PM Saturday. The topic will be officially called "The Branding of ARES" and Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, SEC for the Ohio Section will be the moderator for this forum.

... CLUB STATUS UPDATE ...

As of April 6th, the MARC has been granted Special Service Club Status (SSC). The club held this unique recognition several years ago but it expired when we did not maintain the basic requirements of the SSC program. We reapplied back in February and we were notified by Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE that we had once again been granted this

special club ranking.

So what exactly is an ARRL Special Service Club ?

SSC's have gone through a review process above and beyond the normal requirements for basic affiliated clubs and have demonstrated proficiency in the following disciplines.

- A) Training and supporting local Amateur Radio efforts in licensing, upgrading, and continuing education.
- B) Public Relations and improving the visibility of Amateur Radio, promoting it as a positive force within their community.
- C) A willingness to become involved in local emergency drills.
- D) Technical Advancement in the hobby.
- E) Promote Operating Activities within the club.
- F) Activity in additional miscellaneous amateur programs.

Thanks to our very active club, we met the six requirements above and were granted Special Service Club status.

One additional note, the club was also granted an ARRL Email. W8NP@ARRL.NET will be used for various club internet activities as needed.

... ARRL WEBSITE ...

Have you tried the newly revised ARRL website lately? They went live with the new site about a week ago and as expected are slowly working out the many glitches that occur when a new site design is created. The new website does have a more professional, more polished look to it and once complete is should be a great improvement over the old design.

A number of items are still under repair including their search engine and other areas. I noted that our club listing is incorrect and needs updating. I have already alerted them to this. I believe this is just the tip of the iceberg and quite some time will be needed to resolve all of the problems with the new site.

One item I have found is that all of the hyperlinks that I have included in our own club website will no longer work in the new ARRL website. This means that I will have to slowly repair all of the broken links once the ARRL site is complete. This will be an on going effort and will probably take several months to repair.

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... TORNADO DRILL RESULTS ...

As part of Ohio's Severe Weather Awareness Week, Stark County Skywarn participated in the Statewide Tornado Test on Wednesday, March 24th. At 9:50 AM local time communities were requested to activate their sirens as part of their early warning system. Also participating were local cable & radio stations.

As part of this test, amateur radio operators also tested their response by participating in a simulated emergency skywarn net conducted on the Stark Co 147.12 Mhz ARES Repeater. Net control Mike Lackney - KB8MIB logged 17 local stations covering central and western Stark County.

Warning sirens were heard in nearly all areas thanks to the numerous additional warning sirens installed during the last year.

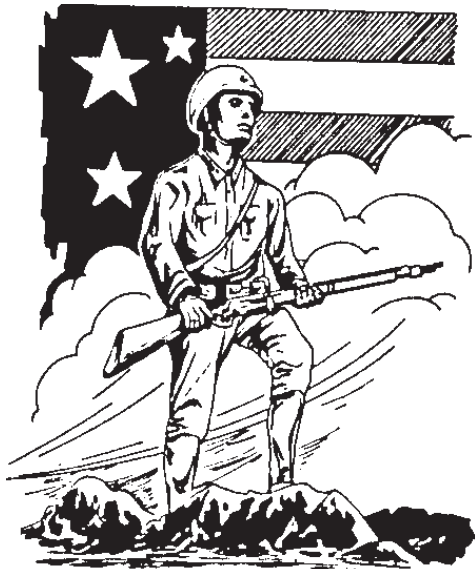
Stark Co ARES thanks all those stations who took time to participate in this drill. Full results will be reported to the Cleveland National Weather Service and to Tim Warstler, Director of the Stark County Emergency Management Agency. Special thanks to Net Manager Mike Lackney, KB8MIB who activated the net during this exercise.

That's it for this month.

**73's
Terry - N8ATZ**

Memorial Day

MAY 31, 2010



ARRL NEWS - DAYTON HAMVENTION

This month hams from all over the world will converge on a part of Dayton Ohio called Trotwood Ohio and will make their way to the Hara Arena to participate in an event that has been held annually since 1952. It is

one of the largest Amateur Radio gatherings in the world. The ARRL will present a number of exciting, interactive forums throughout the Hamvention weekend. The excitement begins on Friday May 14th and continues until Sunday May 16th.

The ARRL will bring back one of their most popular events: the Project Building Workshops. Two affordable projects, a combination keyer/ paddle and a 24 hour clock that hams (and non-hams can also participate) can build under the expertise of ARRL Laboratory Engineer Bob Allison, WB1GCM and his team of instructors. Everyone will get the chance to interact by handling electronic components, circuit boards and even do some soldering! And even better you will be mentored each step along the way !

We want to encourage hams that may not have built anything in a long time if in fact ever. Project building is not only fun but very educational. These projects are a great way to build low cost gear and accessories.

Find out more about these projects at one of the 10 time slots: Friday and Saturday at 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM and 9 and 11 AM on Sunday. Pre-registration is required. You can sign up at the Project Building Booth which is located inside the ARRL Expo area.



NOTICE

The Dayton Hamvention® bus trip sponsored by the Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship has been cancelled for this year. PARF was only able to get about half the minimum number of reservations by the deadline. As a result, all moneys collected have been refunded, and the trip cancelled. They promise to try again in 2011. The Cuyahoga ARS is also running a bus, but that deadline may have already passed. Check their club web site for details

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Enos Wagner

Mr. Enos Wagner, age 84 years, father of Peggy Phelps, W8PNT, father-in-law to Tom Phelps WD8MBE, passed away on April 15, 2010 in Aultman Hospital. He was born on Feb 20, 1926. He retired from Danner Press in 1960 following 30 years of employment. He was an Army Veteran and in his leisure time enjoyed archery and model trains. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty June Wagner, three brothers, and three sisters.

Survivors include his three daughters one brother and two sisters, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were on Monday April 18th 2010 in the Reed Funeral home Canton Chapel. Internment was followed in Sunset Hills Memory Gardens. Those wishing to send condolences or share a fond memory may sign the Reed Online Guestbook at www.reedfuneralhome.com.

Our sincere condolences goes to Peggy, Tom and their entire family.

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**From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT April 26,
2010**

To all radio amateurs

ARLB014 FCC Seeks Comments on Newly Proposed Rules for Amateur Radio Operators and Emergency Drills

In March, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed to amend the Part 97 rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. The new rules would provide that, under certain limited conditions, Amateur Radio operators may transmit messages during emergency and disaster preparedness drills, regardless of whether the operators are employees of entities participating in the drill.

On April 22, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register and the FCC is seeking comments on it. Comments must be filed on or before May 24, 2010 (30 days after publication in the Federal Register); reply comments must be filed on or before June 7, 2010 (45 days after publication in the Federal Register).

Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 5 of the NPRM. The NPRM is available on the web in PDF format at,

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-45A1.pdf. NNNN /EX

NORTH BASS ISLAND OH006



Plans are progressing on the proposed trip to North Bass Island with the US Islands designation of OH006. on July 24 - 25th, 2010. MARC members have two positions open for the trip as of this writing. Interested in going

along? Please contact Wade WD8MIU at wd8miu@gmail.com. This promises to be a trip and an event of a lifetime! We will have two stations running simultaneously, a CW and a Phone station. Just like Field Day! To Qualify the Island we need to make at least 25 contacts, with two being DX. This means we could use contacts with Canada and the US counting as DX, however we are hoping to make many more contacts with both DX and Stateside.

We are now actively seeking donations for this Expedition. Yes it will cost money to do this. Just the boat trip alone is the single most expensive item. The trip will cost about \$ 35.00 each person for the Ferry ride to Middle Bass Island and then by private boat owner to North Bass Island. If you can help, any donation will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Tom WD8MBE for donations. You can reach Tom by e mail to: wd8mbe@sbcglobal.net or phone 330/479-5249.

This will be an entire club member effort. Even if you cannot go on the Expedition you can still help by either donating funds or actually working the Expedition on HF and spreading the word out other clubs and fellow hams. Thank You from the entire Expedition Staff !

FRANK J. PIPER, KI8GW

THE ARRL OHIO SECTION MANAGER WITH EXPERIENCE!



As your ARRL Section Manager for Ohio since July of 2009, I have worked hard to make sure all the Amateur Radio Operators of Ohio, regardless of ARRL membership, are represented to the ARRL, as well as our State legislation. Amateur Radio Operators are a rare type of volunteer, taking their love for the technology of Amateur Radio to the public in times of public service, and emergency need.

I work with a great staff of Assistant Section Managers and ARRL Field Organization leaders in the Ohio Section to make sure all of our programs are running in top order. Every question and concern from Amateur Radio operators is given consideration and attention by me and my staff.

Please allow for me to continue the work I have started for YOU, by electing me for another 2-year term as YOUR ARRL SECTION MANAGER!

About Me..

I was born at the young age of zero in Lancaster, Ohio. I attended school in the Lancaster city school systems, and graduated from Lancaster High in 1981. During my school years, I was active in the Audio-Visual departments of the school libraries (is that surprising to you?), where I could thread a 16mm projector like no ones' business (if you don't know what a 16mm projector is... just nod your head and keep reading...) I majored in Drafting and Design technology at the local vocational school. In 1980, I was introduced to computers by my friend, who was "computer-sitting" a TRS-80. I was hooked, and found my other true love, computer programming.

Moving forward, I work for Diamond Power International, located in Lancaster. I have worked as a Draftsman, Designer (Mechanical and Electrical), Drafting Department Supervisor, and currently the Systems Programmer and CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) System Administrator.

My Amateur Radio career started in 1995 when I finally got the Ham Radio fever after attending Dayton Hamvention for many years' prior (before interested in radios, I was buying computer parts). I earned my Technicians license in May of 1995, and was granted the station call sign of KB8ZUF. In the next 4 years I earned by Tech Plus, General, Advanced (and was granted the upgrade call of KI8GW), and finally earned Amateur Extra Class in June of 1999, after passing my 20-word per minute Morse Code exam in Lancaster, Ohio.

I became interested in Public Service communications when I was invited to help with the Columbus Marathon in late 1995. Since that event I became very active with the Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service, becoming an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Franklin County, and was then appointed Emergency Coordinator in 2002. During those years I was mentored by Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, who taught me leadership and how to motivate volunteers. I held positions of Newsletter Editor, Public Service Events Coordinator (organizing over 80 public service events per year for the group), and Net Manager.

In Winter of 2003, I was appointed District Emergency Coordinator, overseeing Ohio ARES® District 7 (10 counties in Central Ohio), and in 2006, I was appointed Section Emergency Coordinator for the entire state of Ohio. I retired in August of 2008, and called "back into duty" as Section Manager in July of 2009, to fulfill the remainder of term left vacant by the death of then Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE the month prior.

I live in Pickerington, Ohio (Fairfield County) with my Wife of 23 years, Jackie (who is licensed as KC8ESO), and our 10 year-old Daughter, Hanna (who is still not sure about all of this radio stuff).

My other activities are Church (Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Pastoral Council Member for Seton Parish in Pickerington), Knight of Columbus (Past Grand Knight, Council 11187, and Fourth Degree Sir Knight, Assembly 2900), and am also a First Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Shuri-Ryu Karate, having competed for many years from 1982 to 1994. I trained under Roger Monk of Logan, Bill Smith of Newark, and Woodrow Fairbanks of Cincinnati.

The Road Ahead...

The question I have been getting, while making visits to clubs, is “Where do you see taking the Ohio Section in the next two years as Section Manager, if you win the election?”

Talk about one tough question. To help answer this, I ask that you come with me, and take a look back at the last ten years in Amateur Radio (Feel free to imagine one of those “Scooby-Doo” wavy flashback effects here..)

Ten years ago at this time, we began seeing some of the most dramatic changes in Amateur Radio licensing. The FCC reduced the number of Amateur Radio license classes from five (Novice, Technician, General, Advanced, and Amateur Extra) to only three (our current classes of Technician, General and Amateur Extra), and began the elimination of Morse Code proficiency testing. For the first time, we started seeing people joining the ranks of Amateur Radio operators, due to the elimination of licensing “hurdles”. We then found it more important to mentor these new Hams after they received their operating license, then before they took their tests.

Then our country got a 1-2 punch in the gut in a few short years with September 11th, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina. Our entire focus of Amateur Radio operators drastically changed from routine public service to learning about FEMA standards, Incident Command Systems, EMA procedures, etc. We were being involved in state and local government meetings as the communication resource that would be available “when all else fails”. At this time, even more people were obtaining their Amateur Radio licenses, to be prepared in the event of natural and man-made disasters, as well as providing the public with the security of dependable auxiliary communications for their communities.

As these people join our ranks, we MUST be there for them, with open arms, clubs, and Emergency Communication groups, be it ARES, MARS, SATERN, SKYWARN or RACES, to take these people and share our knowledge and experience. Without continuing to build our foundations of people and skills, our beloved hobby will surely suffer, and our effectiveness as being the communications “when all else fails” will be reflected as well.

Clubs are the basic bricks in our foundation, be it either the club with hundreds of members, or the small town group who meets at the public library. I see clubs receiving support from an expanded Ohio Section Cabinet, with people whose leadership and skills will be valuable aid in helping clubs be those mentors for our upcoming Amateur Radio operators, who at this time are not even aware of the adventure they about to begin.

And in accomplishing this, I would call my next two-year term a success.

For more information, please visit my website at www.ki8gw.net

Challenger

In August 2010, the Ohio Section of the ARRL will elect a new Section Manager. I have been nominated for and am actively running to be your next Ohio Section Manager. My name is Tom Sly – WB8LCD.

There are three things you should know before casting your vote for me:

- 1) Who am I?
- 2) What is my vision for the Ohio Section?
- 3) Why am I qualified for the position?



I'm a lifelong resident of Ohio and have been a ham for 43 of my 57 years. I'm married with three adult children, our first grandchild is due right about the time I'll be at the Dayton Hamvention. I graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Finance. Since graduation I've been self-employed as an Independent Insurance Agent.

First licensed in 1967, I've always been an active ham. My current ham radio activities include QRP, contesting and Dxing. I'm active in my local club and have been an instructor in the club's Technician and General upgrade classes as well as a member of the VE team.

As Ohio Section Manager my goal will be to make the Ohio Section the premier section in the ARRL. I believe this can be accomplished by increasing the number of hams in our Section who are members of the ARRL and by making the Ohio Section stand out as the place where the most new hams are being licensed. I will promote ham radio in Ohio to the general public so they

will know that Ham Radio is one of the greatest hobbies in the world! With positive community actions, the public in general will hold us in high regard. In the changing world of Emergency Communications there is much to be done to update and better organize the ham radio emcomm response – incorporating ARES, RACES and MARS into a coordinated effort. I think that the Ohio Section should become a “best practices” leader in demonstrating how this can be accomplished.

I've had a successful business career since I started my insurance agency in 1975. I'm an Eagle Scout and on the board of a regional non-profit organization based in Portage county. I was a founding member and the first president of the Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) - www.portcars.org. In just a few short years PCARS has gone from zero to over 150 active members. PCARS has been recognized for its accomplishments by League headquarters staff and others in the ham radio community. I've had the experience to prove that I can organize and accomplish what I set out to do.

More information is available on my website – www.wb8lcd.org – and I invite you to email me directly at wb8lcd@arrl.net if you have any specific questions or concerns. Please let me know what *you* think are the important issues we'll face in the Ohio Section in the immediate future.

I hope you will agree, and elect me as your section manager this coming August. In the meantime, get on the air and enjoy the greatest hobby in the world!

73, Tom WB8LCD

May 2010

W8NP Monthly Planner

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