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NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of November will be held on November 1st, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Massillon Senior Center, 39 Lincoln Way West. Doors will open at 7:00 PM .

Main discussion items for this meeting will be final details for our Hamfest on Sunday, November 3rd at the Boy's & Girls Club of Massillon.

The Christmas Parade is the evening of Saturday, Nov 23. Assembly of the Units is 3:30 pm with the parade starting at 5 pm. About 22 people are needed to assist in assembly, staging crew, or parade marshals. Those that can assist please contact Perry W8AU.

PROGRAM

The program for the month of November will be planning for the Holiday Parade public service event.

Speaking of programs, we would like to offer more programs during our upcoming meetings now that fall is approaching but we need some ideas from the membership.

Guest speakers, interesting videos, new radio reviews/reports, all would make a great program.

ARRL to Launch New On the Air Magazine in January

ARRL is launching a new magazine, *On the Air*, in January 2020. To be published on a bimonthly basis, *On the Air* will offer new and beginner-to-intermediate-level radio amateurs a fresh approach to exploring radio communication. Each issue will include advice and insights on topics from the variety of Amateur Radio interests and activities: radio technology, operating, equipment, project building, and emergency communication. The goal of this new magazine is to be a vital resource in helping new and newer radio amateurs get active and involved in radio communications.

"*On the Air* responds to the brand new and not-so-brand-new radio amateur seeking ideas and answers," said *QST* Managing Editor Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY. Schoenfeld is part of the ARRL staff team that developed the new magazine. The planning included an extensive national-level study of new Amateur Radio licensees, identifying their motivations for getting licensed and their experiences of getting started. A focus group responded positively to a trial sample edition of the magazine.

MARC W8NP Minutes Oct 4, 2019 Meeting at Massillon Senior Center

Perry W8AU called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.
Eighteen people signed in for the meeting.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of Introductions.
Perry W8AU opened the meeting with a motion from Gary N2VDT and second by Fred KD8SMO to not read the minutes and accept the report as in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dan N8DZM provided account balances for all accounts and that the IRS forms were filed to keep tax exempt status. A motion was made to accept the report by Jim WA8GXM & Wade KD8MIU seconded. The motion passed.

Perry W8AU identified multiple expeditions and DX contests.
Also identified Hamfests in the area, QSO parties, and ARRL online auction starting Oct 14th.
See the Ohio Section Newsletter for other area information at <http://arrl-ohio.org/>
Remember to read information from the section identifying the use of ARES Connect is for all Ham Radio operators and note just for ARES members. <https://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/oh/>

The WCR-19 World meeting of ITU-R is to consider the use of 50 meter band in Europe.
In honor Silent Key Russ W8PII a picture of the USS Vulcan AR-5 U.S. Navy Repair Ship was on display and members shared fond memories of Russ.
The Swiss Festival parking event went well with members assisting with parking on both Friday and Saturday. Suggests for parking next year that the cars on the grass hill be parked parallel to the incline rather than perpendicular so cars will have better traction. All those who help were thank for their service to the club.

Old Business:

Perry W8AU, sent around the signup sheet for helping with the Christmas Parade. It is in the evening of Saturday Nov 23. Assembly of the Units is 3:30 pm with the parade starting at 5 pm. About 22 people are needed to assist as either assembly staging crew or parade marshals. Those that can assist please contact Perry W8AU.

Our W8NP Hamfest is Sunday November 3rd at the Massillon Boys & Girls Club. Setup is Saturday November 2nd morning. Door prizes was discussed as being:

1st Yaesu Ft-8900R Quad Band Hi Power FM Amateur Ham Radio Transceiver 2M / 6M/ 10M / 70cm,
2nd MFJ - 259C SWR Antenna Analyzer,
3rd prize MFJ Vera Tuner II Antenna Tuner 941E,
Other door prizes on the hour.

There will not be the mailing of postcards this year.
Information of our November 3rd Hamfest is in QST.
Perry is to check that the parking is open in the field if weather permits.
It is planned to have donuts and coffee.
Perry W8AU is to do the auction.

New Business:

Jim WA8GXM identified the Go Box is complete and was on display. There are plans to get a 20-amp LIFO battery probably at Hamvention.
Jamboree on the Air is Saturday, Oct 19th, Troop 933 (Lawrence OH, Scout Master Scott King) has been given permission to use our radio Shack. Some assistance of experience operators familiar with our W8NP radio shack equipment are needed to assist the scouts. The time of operation is noon to 4 or 5 pm. The shack equipment. Perry W8AU is planning to be there from ~2pm on. For the early shift Don W8DEF and Fred KD8SMO may be available. Perry W8AU is to make a log for the Jamboree on the air contest. There is to be a training session Perry W8AU will hold sometime the week prior to the Saturday of the event.

Jerry N8SH suggested for the future we look into getting an amplifier for the W8NP radio shack.

Two videos, Something Old and Modern Home Brew are to be presented after the business portion of the meeting.
The meeting concluded with the motion by Jim WA8GXM and seconded by Paul KG7IJR. The motion passed.

Thanks to those who help in providing the refreshments.
Submitted by Vern KE8VS

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The Prez Sez

Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way...



Yes, time for our biggest public service (and fun) event of the year – The annual Massillon Christmas Parade. It's been over 50 years now that we have been involved with this event - first as pure radio operators shadowing the Jaycees that sponsored it, to

about the last 35 years when we inherited the entire operation. It's our biggest civic contribution to the area.

So, fellas and gals, get the sweaters out to wear under your club jackets, charge your Dual Band HT batteries, and get ready for some fun We will expect some nice dry weather with Temps no lower than 40 degrees....OK? J

Our Emergency Comm Trailer will again be laced with green roping and red bows, and be towed by our smiley faced and waving WA8GXM. (yep, check the parade replays on cable channel 11)

Operationally we will need 22 of our dedicated club members to assist in staging and parade marshalling on the route through downtown. Presently we have 10 on the list so far. So look for the signup sheet at the November meeting so we can add to those numbers. The Parade Marshall duty has taken added importance this year since the City has taken over the sponsorship. We also need a liaison operator for the TV booth so the announcers can handle changes or cancellations.

The staging of seven sections will begin 3:30 p.m. on Sixth Street NE from Lincoln Way to Cherry Road. We will monitor 147.18 for volunteer arrivals and use our 442.85 repeater for operations. The parade will start at 5 p.m. and last until 6 p.m.

After the parade the festivities will continue in City Hall Park and include Fireworks! What will Santa have to say about that?

Stark County Sheriff's Office Makes Arrests in Stolen Radio ID's on MARCS Radio System.



Stark County Sheriff George T. Maier announced the arrests after a lengthy investigation into stolen radio IDs on the statewide MARCS radio system. (MARCS) Multi-Agency Radio Communications System, is a statewide emergency public radio system used by numerous public safety agencies throughout Ohio.

Authorities were notified of suspicious activity by officials with Ohio MARCS, which led investigators to execute numerous search warrants in the Canton area on Monday, October 22, 2018, in connection to the stolen radio IDs operating on the MARCS radio system. The stolen IDs were being used to illegally program radios to operate on the system designed for first responders. The suspects were part of an organization who all worked together to facilitate this crime. Public Safety Radio Templates were pirated and illegally sold and distributed to unauthorized individuals for personal use.

Sheriff Maier stated, "It is critical that we do everything to ensure the MARCS radio system, which provides lifesaving communication capabilities to our first responders, is protected. We are committed to holding those accountable who interfere with our emergency communication here in Stark County and across the state of Ohio. The arrests are another example of agencies working together for the safety of our community. We appreciate the cooperation of Ohio MARCS, Motorola, and the Stark County Prosecutor's Office."

Silent Key Announcement

We are say to inform the club that Harold McConnaughy, W8RRG of Chagrin Falls (formally of Massillon) passed away. Harold was 92 years old. He was a club member for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

OTHER NEWS

Richard S. Ross KA8ZQH Silent Key

79, of Massillon, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, October 8, 2019. Born in Massillon, May 30, 1940, a son to the late Kenneth and Ada (Glasgow) Ross, Richard graduated from Washington High School with the Class of 1958. A devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather, he earned his living as a mechanic with several area auto dealerships as well as as a fleet mechanic and driver for Holland Oil Company until his retirement in 2006. While his health allowed, Richard attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon. He had a wide range of interests and hobbies that included amateur radio, piloting radio-controlled aircraft – as a member of RC Eagles and enjoying the open road as a member of the Honda Gold Wing Association.

Predeceased by his parents; an infant sister, Betty Jane Ross and his brother, Robert Ross; Richard is survived by his wife, Martha D. "Marty" Ross, of the home; son, Rodney A. (Jamie) Ross, of Fairlawn; step-daughters, Robin (Rich) Gaeta, of Mentor and Julie (Dan) DiLoreto, of Franklin, Tn. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Ryann and Reagan Ross, Dominic DiLoreto (and Kianna Memaran) and Maria (Alex) Neihoff and step-granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Hannah Shaffer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. Friday even-



ing, October 11, 2019, at Atkinson Feucht Hare Funeral Home in Massillon. Rev. John R. McClung, Jr. will officiate. The family will receive condolences Friday afternoon, from 4-5:30 p.m. in the funeral home. A private burial in Massillon Cemetery will follow at the convenience of the family.



Skywarn Recognition Day will be taking place nationally on Saturday, **December 7th, 2019** for 24 hours starting at 0000Z (Friday, Dec 6th, 7:00 PM Eastern until Saturday, Dec 7th, 7:00 PM Eastern). The NWS Cleveland Office will be participating from 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM on

Saturday, December 7th, 2019. We will be operating under the call sign WX8CLE and will be active on UHF, VHF, and HF (HF bands to be determined later). We will also periodically spin the dial on local repeaters.

Just like last year, we will operate UHF/VHF inside the office and HF outside in the new vehicle. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to sign up here, but since we will be partially operating from outside, last minute walk ins are welcome. Access to the inside of the building will be restricted based on attendance as the operating area can only accommodate a certain number of people at once. Additionally, any sort of severe weather event could potentially result in us cancelling the operation. Those who sign up will be advised of any last-minute changes, or we can be contacted on the Skywarn simplex frequency of 146.475 (we will do our best to keep a radio on this the entire time). When you arrive on site, please check in with the operators in the vehicle. They will then arrange access to the building should you desire to come inside. If no one is present, call us on 146.475 simplex.

As you may know, the Cleveland NWS office will be relocating in spring 2020 so this will be the last time to operate from the office at the airport!

The address for the National Weather Service Cleveland is 5301 W Hangar Rd, Cleveland, OH 44135. This is off of Brookpark Rd, between NASA and Hopkins, behind the UPS hangar.

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The 62nd Annual Jamboree On The Air will be held on the weekend of Oct 18-20th. Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. Many times you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.

From Amateur Radio Social Club to 50 years of Disaster Response

Steve Landers was about 16 years old when he joined a group of amateur radio enthusiasts. He found a unique camaraderie within the group and deep desire to help those in need. Those feelings still run deep, countless disasters and 50 years later.

Of that initial ham radio group, Landers said, “Basically it was a social club of two-way radio enthusiasts, but it didn’t take long to figure out that the main interest was the support of the civil aid unit.”

Landers has volunteered his services as part of the Macon-Bibb, Ga., Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Volunteer Group ever since, starting with dragging the Ocmulgee River for drowning victims to responding to fatal traffic accidents on the motorway, to responding to tornadoes, to participating in the response during the devastating floods of 1994.

The group assists the Macon-Bibb EMA whenever there is a need to activate the EOC, whether is a natural or man-made disaster. “Anytime you hear of a tornado or other storm in the Macon area, you can bet our group is going to be out there,” Landers said.

Landers’ specialty, of course, is radio communications, but Angela Billiot, president of the board of the volunteer group, called Landers a jack-of-all trades.

“I can put him on the radio, and he is comfortable,” Billiot said. “I can put him in our mobile command, listening to the radio or in the office in front of computer or on the street directing traffic. He’s done search and rescue, civic events, tornadoes, hurricanes, fatalities on the interstate, and he was around when the flood of 1994 came through Georgia.”

The group, about 15 now, takes on the overflow 911 calls that dispatch can’t handle. A couple of them operate the mobile command unit. The group does a lot of damage assessment after storms in the county and surrounding counties and has been instrumental in helping other counties get the recovery money they need.

Landers does all of the above and has taken a dozen or more courses, including courses at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Md. The volunteers are very well trained, thanks in large part to the relationship with the Macon-Bibb EMA and its director, Spencer Hawkins.

“We’re lucky to have such a great relationship with the county and a great director,” Billiot said. “We’re allowed to participate in all drills, civic events, conferences — he will sign off on any training they want.”

That opportunity to grow, learn, participate and feel needed is why so many volunteers stick with it so long. Billiot said that along with Landers, there are other members who’ve participated for more than 20 years and up to 40.

Hawkins is grateful for the dedication. “Macon-Bibb County is lucky to have someone like Steve Landers,” he said in an email. “There are untold number of people that Mr. Landers has either inspired to volunteer themselves or were made safer during disaster situations because of his actions.”

Landers considers himself more of a radio guy for which he’s gotten most of his training, dating back to those teen years when his group trained with the American Red Cross. He remembers a turning point when he was sitting in his little office that his Dad built at their home trying to do homework but listening to the radio about the search for a missing person. He knew that’s where he needed to be.

He remembers his first forays into disaster response and the messy job of dragging the river, sometimes several times a year, for bodies. “We had a Macon Motor Boat Club, which contained a specially trained group of guys who knew how to navigate the river and drag at the same time with grapnel hooks. You drag up and down the river until you hook the body,” he said. “It’s not a pleasant sight, to say the least.”

That was when it was called Civil Defense, and during the Cold War when the threat of nuclear war seemed ominous. "We were highly trained at dealing with nuclear fallout," he said. "I've been to radiation school; I've worn the mask. "Now they call it Homeland Security and it means that if there's a storm, a real storm, you can count on us getting called out and the National Guard getting called out," Landers said.

He said he has worked with the National Guard numerous times, helping with two-way radio communication. But he will do anything. He remembers days on end during those July 1994 floods handing out, of all things, water.

It started with Tropical Storm Alberto, which before it was over, had delivered enough rain to have brought the worst flooding in the state's history, until Hurricane Michael in 2018. "Wall-to-wall water," is what Landers remembers. "There was devastation everywhere. Rows of houses that were just wiped out, water up to the ceilings."

But the worst thing he has seen in his 50 years? "I think I can answer that one quickly. The worst I've seen is a deceased victim in a motor vehicle accident laying across a seat. That's not a pretty sight."

So why does he keep on? He explains that his family "had some issues" when he was growing up. "Then I found the radio group and they were like the family I wanted but couldn't have, so I buried myself in that group and in school.

He said there's never been a day when he wondered why he joined. "The maturity that I got, the camaraderie, the training that it offered was better than any medical care or counseling I could have gotten. And it still is."



... FT WAYNE HAMFEST ...

The Ft Wayne hamfest will be on the weekend of November 16 - 17 at the Allen County Coliseum in Ft Wayne, Indiana.

This hamfest comes nearly six months to the day after the mighty Dayton Hamvention and is a great way to end out the 2019 hamfest season. At over 900 tables and over 100,000 square feet of exhibitor space, it is a really nice hamfest. It has continued to downsize but still has lots of great stuff on display. It still will include several forums, exhibits including commercial vendors and dealers offering Alinco, Ameritron, MFJ, Yeasu plus many others.

Hours are 9 AM till 4 PM on Saturday and from 9 AM till 3 PM on Sunday. Admission is \$6.00 per person but is good for both days or just \$4.00 on Sunday. A full 2 page flyer is available on their website at www.acarts.com or use www.fortwaynehamfest.com.

I have been a regular attendee at this hamfest for many years when our local Holiday Parade schedule worked out for us. I hope some of us can attend again this year, it always depends on schedules and of course weather can be a factor as well but I've seen us brave the trip on some pretty nasty days.

If you haven't made a hamfest in a while consider a trip this year to Indiana's largest ham radio, computer & electronics flea market !

... CONTEST TIME ...

Speaking of contesting, November is a big month for some amateur contests. The ARRL will again sponsor November Sweepstakes. This year marks the 86th year this event and will give you the chance to take part in this long running operating event. The CW portion will take place November 2 - 4, the phone portion will be the weekend of the 16 - 18th. Full details are in QST and are posted on the League's website. Sweepstakes is known as the premier contest in the US and Canada. The event draws amateurs from all levels, from hard-core competitors to casual participants.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

... HOLIDAY PARADE ...

Our last scheduled public service event of the year is of course the annual Massillon Holiday Parade. This year's parade is on Saturday, November 23rd and we normally need about 20 volunteers to assist with parade staging, Cable TV, logistical support and general communications for the 80 plus units that generally make up this annual Massillon holiday tradition. The club has been a part of this parade for over 44 years making it one of the longest public service events handled by the club.

As in previous years we expect to have the club's EComm Trailer as one of the parade units to remind area residents of our continued support of our community. Club member Perry Ballinger, W8AU is communications coordinator for the parade again this year and is looking for volunteers to join us on parade day. A sign up sheet will be passed out at the November meeting. Please consider volunteering to help with this event. It's a great way to get in the holiday spirit by welcoming Santa Claus to town.

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If you don't make the club meeting contact Perry directly at (330) 832-8612 or by email to w8au@sssnet.com. We will gather downtown around in the afternoon to decorate the trailer and begin assembling parade units. Communications will take place on 2 meters either simplex or the club's 147.18 or our 442.85 UHF Repeater. Don't forget your handheld set to the proper PL Tone and come on downtown to enjoy a great holiday parade !



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