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NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of November will be held on November 5th at 8:00 PM at the Massillon Senior Center.

This will be an all important meeting as we will review the events of October, mainly the Safety Break, which was held on October 8th through the 11th. Complete financial results will be discussed as well as other information will be presented. Next we will discuss the results of the Hamfest 2004 which was held on the previous weekend of October 31, 2004. We will discuss it's good points as well as it's weakness and we will accept any discussion for improvements for next year. As you all know the Safety Break is the largest source of income for the club. The hamfest is a large source of income also but it takes a lot to put it on so therefore we no longer make a lot of profit on the hamfest. Since the hamfest is the sole surviving hamfest in the immediate area, we try to make improvements each year to continue to uphold the tradition that we created over 40 years ago!

Next on the agenda, the club officer's will begin to open the floor to accept any nominations for officer's for next year. This is done in accordance with our "Code Of Regulations" which states: "Sixty days prior to elections of officer's, a nominating committee shall consist of three trustee's. The Committee shall be responsible for conducting the election. The Committee may be responsible for attempting to find qualified members to run for office although nominations may be also made from the floor by any active Full member". To be qualified for office a member must be "full member, at least 21 years of age, technician plus class and above that have been in good standing for three (3) years are eligible to hold office". Interested in becoming an officer or wish to nominate a friend? Then be sure to attend this month's meeting and let your voice be heard! The actual vote for new officer's will be held in December, and the new officer's take office in January.

-- SHORT SKIP --

OK. We now have something new to worry about. Seems our earth's magnetic field is collapsing. It all started about 150 years ago and so far its been collapsing by 10-15 %. However, the rate of decline is now increasing. This could result in a sudden polar shift, i.e., North becomes South and vice-versa.

For more exciting info check <http://tinyurl.com/5wnco> Perhaps now's the time to invest in all the compass companies Bunkey !

73 de WB80WM

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MARC MINUTES

October 1,2004

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 28 members and guests present.

MARC President Jim WA8GXM opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made. He then asked to suspend reading the September minutes. They were accepted as stated in the September FEEDBACK by Byron KF8UN and second by Ralph K8HSQ.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF gave the financial report.

Vice President Joe WD8BGW gave the correspondence report. He had newsletters from other Amateur Radio Clubs and a list of upcoming Hamfests and VE Sessions.

Perry W8AU gave the highlights of the ARRL newsletter he received just before the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MARC Safety Break still needed volunteers.

Terry N8ATZ said MARC Hamfest table sales are going well. Set up time will be Saturday October 30 at 9:00A.M. Then a dinner get together will be at 6:30 P.M. at The Golden Corral for anyone wanting to attend. He also talked about the Akron Marathon to be held October 2.

Gary WC8W again asked if someone could run the Information Net on Friday nights at 8:00 P.M. Jason KC8LIN is now in college and is not available. Gary also wants to know if there are any birthday corrections , if so please let him know.

Jason KC8LIN asked again about the 440 repeater. However there is no completion date.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry N8ATZ said ARES logo is a registered trademark. We must give them recognition if we use it.

Perry W8AU read a letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation. They would like MARC to adopt a section of a highway to keep it cleaned up, He will have more information on this at the November meeting.

Linda K8MOO made motion,it was second by Terry N8ATZ to send a donation to the Bobby Grizzard benevolent fund. He was MARC guest speaker in May. He will be donating a kidney to his son. The sons medical will be covered by insurance. But his won't be covered because it is considered elective surgery. It was voted on and passed.

Ralph K8HSQ gave a short program on Win Link before the meeting ended.

Congratulations goes to Gary WC8W for winning the 50-50 for \$11.00

Minutes by Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC

... Another Super Safety Break ...

The second MARC Safety Break for this year is finished and the Executive Board would like to thank those club members who volunteered to help staff the Rest Area Safety Break during what was a very long weekend including the Columbus Day Holiday. The usual trials and tribulations kept everyone busy either at the Rest Area or helping run for supplies and providing the great home baked cookies and cup cakes that are always a hit.

Safety Breaks provide a valuable public service as evidenced by the many thank you's we received from weary travelers in need of a break. Thirty club members including several XYL's provided round-the-clock coverage of our fall safety break.

A heartfelt THANK YOU! to the following members: Ed - WA8DRT, Don - W8DEF, Stan - WA8NZE, Jerry - KF8EB, Jim - WA8GXM, Charlie - KB8STV, Scott - N3JJT, Igor - K8INN, Gary - WC8W, Larry - KC8RKU, Terry - N8ATZ and xyl Lynnette, Ralph - K8HSQ, Steve - KD8ACF, Jason - KC8LIN, Gary - KC8IHR, Rich - KA8ZQH and his xyl, Sandra - N8TZB, Diana - AD8Q, Juanita - KC8CQC, Perry - W8AU, Joe - WD8BGW, Gene - W8KXR, Linda - K8MOO and Anne - N8GAF.

A special extra KUDO's to WA8GXM, WC8W and W8AU who put in double shifts to help us fill vacancies on overnight hours. Thanks for this extra effort!

.... Akron Marathon Postscript ...

On Saturday, October 2nd several members of the Stark County ARES assisted with the annual Road Runner Akron Marathon. The Summit County ARES, under the direction of Jim Miller, K8EIO - District Emergency Coordinator handled all primary responsibilities for the event which involved 10,000 marathon runners whose route was modified this year to begin and end in downtown Akron.

In a great outpouring of mutual aid, over 77 amateur radio operators representing 8 Northeastern Ohio radio clubs and ARES Organizations provided both safety and support communications for the marathon. Race logistics covered three major areas, "Shadows" - amateurs stationed with various race officials, keeping them informed of race progress and any problems that arose during the event. "Medical" - amateurs who were positioned with emergency service vehicles, and the American Red Cross. Lastly were "Route" - amateurs who were positioned at one mile intervals of the course who kept a close watch over marathon participants and staffed specified break areas. Three amateur repeaters were utilized plus Commercial radios were used to cover the entire route which provided nearly solid coverage throughout the event. Three Net Control stations were necessary to manage the heavy flow of traffic that was generated over the nearly 6 hour event.

In an event of this magnitude, call signs can bog down critical communications. For that reason "Tactical Call signs" were assigned to all radio operators which reflected either their position and/or responsibility for the event. This method

did prove to be very efficient way to maintain route communications with the many different radio operators brought together for this event. There is nothing wrong with using this method as long as actual FCC authorized call signs are used at regular intervals.

Despite the fact that the weather was a bit cold and rainy this year, and very few medical emergencies which are inevitable in an event of this size, race officials were extremely satisfied with the outcome of the days events especially the very professional way all amateurs conducted their responsibilities. The solid public relations we received from participation in this event has once again helped answer the question "Why is our hobby so important?." No other hobby can provide the type of service that our can, experienced radio operators that can always be counted on to help their communities.

The 3rd Annual Road Runner Akron Marathon is already being organized for 2005 and you can be sure that amateur radio support will be an integral part of the event. If you didn't get the opportunity to assist this year, make sure you consider it next year. It is an excellent way to help prepare yourself for a communication emergency.

District Emergency Coordinator Jim Miller - K8EIO, and Stark County Assistant EC Terry Russ would like to thank all of the many amateurs who volunteered to assist with this event especially those from neighboring ARES groups. Special thanks to the following MARC participants for another outstanding public service event. They were: Terry Russ - N8ATZ, Rick Smith - KC8SUI, Don Finley - W8DEF, Igor Nikishin - WB8KEO, and Jason Stroll - KC8LIN.

.. Some November Activities to Keep In Mind..

Get ready to mark your calendars for some important November activities that takes several forms throughout the month. Whether you are a Public Service type, Amateur Contester or Avid Hamfest Aficionado, November offers something for everyone.

Beginning the weekend of November 6-7 is the annual ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest followed by the SSB Contest on the weekend of November 20 - 21. This could be a great way to practice up for next years Field Day exercise. We're going to need some serious operators if we want to win back the coveted FD Trophy that currently resides with the Canton Radio Club.

If you're in the mood for a great hamfest consider going to the Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo which is the weekend of November 13 - 14 at the Allen County Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This hamfest comes almost six months to the day after the mighty Dayton Hamvention and would be a great way to end out the 2004 hamfest season. At over 1,000 tables and 152,000 square feet of indoor space, this is one great hamfest. Several of us usually get together and make the three and one half hour trek each year weather permitting and we keep going back year after year. Full de-

tails are available at their website which is www.fortwaynehamfest.com.

Lastly don't forget about our own annual Massillon Holiday Parade which should be on Saturday, November 20. This is one of the longest running MARC public service events and as a result the club has in recent years handled nearly every aspect of parade operations from staging up the nearly one-hundred units that make up the parade to providing marshaling support along the parade route to finally Cable TV production support. We will once again proudly display our emergency communications trailer EComm 1 as one of the parade units. We can use many volunteers to assist with this event. This is a great way to spend a Saturday morning and offers great local community exposure for the club. Perry Ballinger – W8AU usually handles the volunteer sign-up for this event so please give him a call and help us out with this great holiday parade.

**73's for now.
Terry – N8ATZ**

FLORIDA HURRICANES FEMA PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN DISASTER

W8DEA HELPS OUT IN DISASTER



Don Wade, W8DEA just returned from the Florida Panhandle last week after spending nearly an entire month, from September 26 until October 16, helping the FEMA agency in the wake of the worst Florida hurricane season in quite a few years. Don joined other fellow FEMA agents in the counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa, two of the hardest hit counties in the Florida panhandle. Don a Field Supervisor for FEMA was assigned the area of Santa Rosa.. Don was in charge of five FEMA teams that consisted of 10 to 12 people each. The State of Florida sent in SERT Teams(State Emergency Response Teams) that was assigned to Don and his Teams

The State of Florida also sent in teams from the Department of Transportation and Department of Human Resources that were assigned to work for Don

There (FEMA) jobs were to assess the damage to property and help the citizens in any way they could. The Teams were made up of people from all over the United States and were of all ages. From Alaska, Idaho, Ohio Michigan but most were from out West, Texas, etc.

A typical day for Don began around 4 30 AM , he would arise and begin to work. He would do all his own planning and operations on a daily basis get up and make changes depending on personnel that was available. Don would like to be on the road by 6:00 AM and call his team leaders and make sure all the personnel were on the road. Travel time was about two to two and a half hours, depending on where they were assigned that day, mainly because there were no roads closer. Their days would usually last from 10 to 12 hours a day. Then they would have to drive back. Most of the work was to assess damage and community relations. Many times they were the first officials the storm victims would see. They would listen to their stories and offer their help such as what Don called Special operations that was to make sure they had Food, Water, and Shelter either from the government or the Red Cross, or other agencies working in the area. Don and his teams would fill out a report on the victims and submit this report to FEMA, this started the process of recovery for the victim. They(victim) could call FEMA 1-800 number and start the report in which Don's teams would receive and follow up to verify its validity.



The picture above is typical of what Don and his teams encountered every day. They would have to assess the damage, verify and contact the owners of the home and then start the process of making reports the homeowner could receive assistance to repair the damage. The homeowner in this type of damage could be facing up to a year to 18 months before his home is completely repaired.

In the meantime he had to either make arrangements for housing or FEMA would help, usually in the form of a mobile home placed on his property and set up with water, electricity and sewer if available. Many of the sewer departments were overloaded from the storm and suffered extensive damage, so many of the "FEMA" homes had to have above ground septic tanks installed which of course had to be emptied regularly

Some of the special problems that they ran into was that a lot of the people they helped could not speak English, so the reports and other paper work was made out in Spanish, Japanese, and Vietnamese. Since each team was given a vehicle to travel to their destinations, they were responsible for their own food, water and gasoline. Travel sometimes was nearly impossible since there was so much debris in the roads, not to mention that half of the roads were covered with sand, that had to be bulldozed away. In the picture below, you can see some of the debris that was "just bulldozed to the edge of the street & left for the clean up crews to remove." In the background is a hotel that was damaged by a wave surge that hit the hotel at the 60 foot mark (that's five stories up!) and did extensive damage to the hotel.



As you can see, much of the roadways are still covered with sand and will be probably up to November 1. Semi truck after semi truck were loaded with debris and hauled away to a landfill that was especially created to handle the storm debris.

Restoring utilities as can be imagined were a monumental task. Power crews from all over the United States were sent to the storm damaged regions to help with the rebuilding. Crews from Ohio Power, Ohio Edison and others from Ohio also helped with the rebuilding. Some areas are still without power, but soon will have them restored. Don personally seen Ohio Edison crews in his area. Although much of the utilities were extensively damaged, most are up and running a month after the storm hit. Gasoline and food supplies have been restored, in fact a lot of the fast food restaurants were the first to reopen, however they were limited because many of their employees had a hard time just getting to work and a lot of them had to leave the area because their homes were destroyed. Total restoration could possible take years to complete, some will never be the same.

After the initial meeting with homeowner the teams handed out a flyer and made sure they registered, the process was mostly up to the homeowner to contact FEMA, give them his name, address (if anything was left or where he could be reached) and his social security number. Once they were in the system a FEMA inspector would come make contact with them and check out their residence to determine the extent of damage and what their long term needs were.

Don was in Florida during Hurricane Ivan and tropical storm Mathew. A lot of his work became frustrating because of the extensive damage and the limited supplies and manpower that was available. A lot of the victims were living in tents, or any other shelter they could find. Some even moved in with complete strangers, just to have a roof over their heads. Those who helped were wonderful people to let them into their homes and tried to help in a time of need. After a period of time they found the system wasn't moving fast enough. People had to qualify before FEMA could bring in trailers for temporary housing. They had to fill out paper work and this took time, which made their work even more frustrating.

Don's future plans with FEMA are right now quite up in the air. He has to go back to Florida for one more month and if the opportunity arises, he might take on a full time job with FEMA. He is currently awaiting the decision of his superior before he can make the "ultimate" decision. He would be permitted to stay in this area and if the need arises, he would travel to the next "hot spot" He says that anyone can work for FEMA, it requires a two week training in the Field (just like Don did) and then a supervisor's job would be offered. If you are interested, log onto FEMA'S web site and follow the selections there for opportunities.



In the picture above, Don's team members threw him a "going away" party during the last few days he spent in Florida. If nothing else he will have some fond memories and a very satisfied feeling of being able to help people in their time of need. Eh!... Hey Don I see there was no shortage of pizza & pop!

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3V8, TUNISIA (IOTA Op). Andy, DJ7IK, will be on holiday on the **Kerkennah Islands (AF-073)**. His activity will take place during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)**. He will sign **3V8SF/p** and be active in the contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via DJ7IK (QRZ.com address).

40 METERS NEWS. Effective at 0100z, **October 31st**, the 40 meter band for UK amateurs in the **British Isles** will effectively double in size when radio amateurs there gain access to 7100 to 7200 kHz.

5U, NIGER. Bull, **5U7JB**, is expected to be active during the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 30-31st)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via ON5NT.

7Q, MALAWI (Update). Allan, G0IAS, provided OPDX with another update on Les, **7Q7LA**. By the time you read this, Les should be in Malawi and is expected to be there for at least **3 months**. His first job when he gets there is to get together with Harry, **7Q7HB**, and load up the Tower at Club Mak. Les says there will be plenty of activity on the low bands. "IF" there is "Propagation"... and that the Seasonal Rains don't make things too noisy. Operating schedule is forthcoming. REMEMBER, QSL DIRECT ONLY to G0IAS.

A5, BHUTAN (Update/QSL Correction). The members of the Clipperton DX Club, composed namely of Gerard/F2VX, Jean-Louis/F9DK, Vincent/G0LMX and Alain/F5LMJ, are now active as **A52CDX**. Look for the team to be active during the **CQWW SSB Contest**. The team will be there **until November 11th**. For more details, please refer to **OPDX.682**. QSL CORRECTION: In last week's bulletin, there was a typo for the QSL Manager. The correct QSL Manager is **F9DK** (not F9DX). QSL via F9DK, either direct or via the French REF Bureau. For more info, visit the Web page at: <http://www.cdxc.org/dxp/2004-Bhoutan/a5-en.htm>

CO8, CUBA. Juan, **CO8TW**, will be in the next **CQWW DX SSB Contest** as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m)/Low-Power entry. QSL is via IZ8CCW and the log will be online after the contest at: <http://www.qsl.net/co8tw/> Also, active in the contest will be Eduardo, CO8LY, as Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low-Power. QSL via EA7ADH.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Tomas, LY1DF, will be active as **EA8/LY1DF** during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** possibly as a Single-Op/All-Band or Single-Band entry. QSL via LY1DF. He will concentrate on the low bands and will also be active on CW a few days before and after the contest.

EY, TAJIKISTAN. By the time you read this, Jacques/F5LYF and Jean Louis/F5NHJ are expected to be active as **EY/F5NHJ** until **March 2005**. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters, mainly CW. QSL via F5NHJ.

HI3, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Mike, GW3UOF, will be active from here as **GW3UOF/HI3** between **November 28th and December 12th**. He states that he has already received his licence. Activity will be mainly CW on all bands 160-10 meters, but some SSB and all digital modes will be used. QSL direct to his home callsign, GW3UOF, or via the RSGB bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

- AS-074. Ian, **9M2/G3TMA**, will be operating from **Pulau Ketam** from **November 13-15th**. QSL via Ian Buffham, Bekay Court, Lorong Enau (off Jalan Ampang), 55000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
 - NA-183. Porfirio, XE1HPT (Leader of the DXpedition) and a group of XE ham operators will be operating from **Ixtapa Island**. They will be on the air with the special callsign **6F1IHF** from **February 6-13th**. Activity is planned for all HF bands CW/SSB. QSL via Porfirio Lomeli, P.O. BOX 7177, Morelia, Mich 58262, Mexico.
 - SA-024. Look for **PY2ZX/PY2** and **PU2OCZ/PY2** to be active from **Comprida Island** (DIB: 021), southern State of Sao Paulo, Brazil (Grid Locator: GG64BX), from **November 13-15th**. Activity will mainly be on 50, 144 and 440 MHz (CW/SSB/FM). For scheds, send E-mail to: • py2zx@terra.com.br QSL PY2ZX via direct. QSL PU2OCZ via bureau or direct.
- J7, DOMINICA (Update to **OPDX.682**). Denis, K7GK, who will be active as **J79A** in the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)**, informs OPDX that he will be in Dominica from **November 25-29th**. He plans to be active on all HF bands (160-10m) with low power concentrating on the CQWW CW Contest with limited time, operating CW and SSB before and after the contest. All antennas are field-day style - 3-bander for 10/15/20 and wires for lower bands. QSL via K7GK.
- JT, MONGOLIA. Khos, JT1CD, reports that the JTDXA team will be active as **JU1DX** during the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest**. Operators are: JT1BV, JT1BJ, JT1BL, JT1BZ, JT1CJ, JT1CZ, JT1DR and Davka. QSL via JT1BV.

JW, SVALBARD. Erik, LA2VOA, will be active as **JW2VOA** now **through November 25th**, from **Bear Island** (IOTA EU-

027). Activity will be on 80-10 meters, including the WARC bands, mainly SSB. QSL via LA2VOA (QRZ.com).

LX, LUXEMBOURG. Les, G3VQO, will be active as **LX/G3VQO** in the next **CQ WW CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Look for him to be active before the contest, **November 26th**, on the WARC bands CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or via the RSGB bureau.

P4, ARUBA. Look for John/W6LD, Rich/N6XI and possibly two other operators to be active as **P40L** during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Multi-Single. QSL via K5WW.

PACIFIC DXPEDITION. Michel/F6COW, Dominique/F6EPY and Radi/F6GNZ will be on a DX vacation from the following locations:

- **Rarotonga, South Cook** (ZK1/S, IOTA OC-013, Zone 32) from **November 24th to December 9th, 2004**, as **ZK1COW, ZK1EPY** and **ZK1GNZ**.
- **Hiva Hoa, Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia** (FO/M, IOTA OC-027, Zone 31) from **December 11th to December 23rd, 2004**, as **FO/F6COW, FO/F6EPY** and **FO/F6GNZ**

Operation will be mostly on CW and SSB with some digital modes (PSK31, RTTY, SSTV) on demand. A priority will be given to the low bands (3.5 Mhz, 7 Mhz, some 1.8 Mhz if conditions are acceptable). Suggested operating frequencies will be:

- **CW** - 3515, 7015, 10118, 14015, 18095, 21015, 24905 and 28015
- **SSB** - 3780, 7075, 14215, 18135, 21215, 24985 and 28465
- **Digital**- 7035, 10145, 14085, 21085 and 28085

Their equipment will be:

- Antennas: Butternut HF9VX with elevated resonant radials + Butternut HF2V with elevated resonant radials
- Station 1: ICOM 756 PRO II (Main) + ICOM 706 Mk IIG (Spare)
- Ampli 1: ACOM 1000
- Station 2: ICOM 706 Mk IIG (Main) + ICOM 706 (Spare)

QSL via their home callsign. For more information, please visit their Web site at: <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/dominique.auprince/>
QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Fred, G4BWP, announced on the "GoList Mailing List" that the following logs are now on the **LoTW: G4BWP, GQ4BWP, G4MBC, GX4MBC, M6Z, M7Z, M8Z, MB2HFC, 9G5FH, 5U7WP** and **XT2WP**. He adds that all the logs were uploaded over the past weekend, except MB2HFC (waiting for files) and his own (G4BWP) log for the past month of October (uploaded at month's end).
- Jorge Riga, **LU3XQO**, from Tierra del Fuego in Argentina, informs OPDX that Patrick, WD9EWK, is now his

QSL Manager. WD9EWK can receive cards directly or through the QSL Bureau and has updated information at: • <http://qsl.wd9ewk.net/>

- Cesar, PY2YP, announced on the "GoList Mailing List" that the following logs are now on the **LoTW: PY9UC, ZZ2Z** and **PY2YP**. Last upload was September 29, 2004.

- **NOT THE MANAGER**. The QSL Manager for the French special event callsign **TM8POR** is F8ADJ (and not F6KWP).

- Mike, KQ0B, states that the **ZY0K** cards for the Fernando de Noronha operation October 12-14th, 2004, will be ready for mailing when he gets back to his home in the USA on November 5th. He says, "I am aware I have cards waiting at home QTH. Please allow for a few days after my return to organize and begin mailing." QSL route for ZY0K via KQ0B is good in QRZ or callbooks: Michael W. Elliott, 6701 Blossom view Drive, Florissant, Missouri 63033 USA. QSL via the Bureau or direct is no problem (If you QSL direct kindly SASE).

SPECIAL EVENT. To celebrate the **150th anniversary of the famous French poet Arthur Rimbaud's birth**, the Charleville-Mezieres area hams will be active as **TM8RIM** until **November 3rd**. Activity will be on CW and SSB. QSL via F0EHB.

SPECIAL EVENT. The Ballarat Amateur Radio Group (BARG) will be operating a special event station **VI3BML** from **November 27th through December 5th**. Activity will be on all bands and modes. Station VI3BML is on the air to celebrate the **150th anniversary of the rebellion at the Eureka Stockade**, famous in Australian history. QSL via the bureau or VK3BML. Further information can be found at: <http://www.barg.org.au>

SZ1, GREECE. Kostas, SV1DPI, reports that the Radio Amateur Association of West Greece (RAAWG) will participate in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** as a Multi-Single/High-Power effort with the club's callsign **SZ1A**. QSL via the bureau is "OK" or via RAAWG, PO Box 84, 30100 Agrinio, Greece. Also, LoTW is "OK" too.

VK3, AUSTRALIA. Tony, **VK3TZ**, will be operating in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** as a Single-Op/Multi-Band/High Power entry. His activity this weekend will be from a scout station with monbanders for 10, 15 and 20 meters at 80 ft. He will have two loop antennas on 40 meters at 80 ft. and an 80m at 80 ft. He will also have some rippletech slopers and sloper arrays on 80m and 160m. He hopes to have a good signal from Zone 30 on all bands for a new "Multi" for most of you. Tony states, "Don't forget the LP from VK on 20m at around 2100z to USA and Caribbean."

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SALE

(This letter recieved Oct 1, 2004)

Dear Radio Club,

First of all, thank you for your invitation to attend your Hamfest. My husband and I are no longer active radio club mmebers. Although we enjoyed it imensely when we were actively involved.

We first became interested in radio activity when we retired to spend our winters in Florida and become members of a club down there. We no longer go to Florida, and would like to sell our equipment. If you know of anyone who is interested in obtaning our equioment it is as follows;

2-Meter VHF-FM Transciever HTX-202
and we have a
Field Strength/SWR Tester

We would appreciate anyone interested in obtaining these two items to call us at (330) 343-3484 and/or it can be seen at 1217 Tremont Streed, Dover, Oh. These items are in exclent condition and were rarely used.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely, Betty and Ken Gibbs

MARC HAMFEST 2004

I have purtposly held off publication of this newsletter so that I could bring you the latest news on the Hamfest 2004.

SETUP - Setup began on Saturday with 15 showing up to help.



Jeff, KC8KIX helping set up tables for the Hamfest.

(photo coruttesy of Rick, WA8TSU)

PRE-HAMFEST BANQUET



(photo courtesy of Ed, WA8DRT)

In the picture above, Terry, N8ATZ shakes hands with ARRL Section Leader, Mr. Joe Phillips, K8QOE at the Pre-Hamfest banquet at the Golden Corral Restaurant. There were (at least) 25 people that showed up to partake in the festivities on Saturday night. It was quite crowded and noisy at the restaurant so Mr. Phillips could only thank the club for providing the opportunity to have the only surviving hamfest banquet in the state of Ohio.

THE HAMFEST



(photo courtesy Ed, WA8DRT)

In then photo above, the crowd files in for a look at all the "goodies" laid out for them on the tables. It was near perfect day, sunny skies with just a hint of coolness in the air, not bad for a late October day! It is unknown at this time how many did make it through the front door, but an estimated guess was near 600 (conservative). We will have all the accurate information (including financial) at the meeting on November 5th.

November 2004

W8NP Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
	1 BD KC8IHR	2 Election Day	3	4	5 Massillon ARC Meeting, Massillon Senior Center, 8:00pm	6 BD N8LCS November Sweepstakes - CW																																																																																											
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