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NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of November Will be held on November 3, 2017, at 7:30 PM .

This meeting marks the last month of the “experimental” meeting time. We will return to regular meeting time with the December meeting. We will discuss the results of the new meeting time and decide the course of action with the December meeting both pro and con .

As I recall, the reason for the 8:00PM meeting time was to give people who worked 9 to 5 some relief time before the meeting and they didn’t have to rush around so much. That is not necessarily true now-days as it seems the majority of members are now retired so meeting time doesn’t matter so much ! What is your opinion?

Our “Hamfest 2017 “ is now history however we will still have plenty to talk about at the meeting. As I write this article , I cannot comment too much about the ‘fest as it has not happened as yet although I am hoping for a successful event. So please show up and make it a successful event !

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Our VP Perry W8AU has a really good program lined up for the month of November and will be a presentation by Mr. Mel Vye W8MV. Please read the article by Perry about Mel on page 6 of this issue.

MARC ELECTION

With the coming of the November meeting that means we will start to take nominations for Office in the coming year. This will (should) be one of the subjects Tony will cover in the meeting. All offices are open for election, even if the incumbent wishes to stay in office. It will be just that much simpler to elect someone! So far I have heard from Tony and Mike that they wish to retain their seats . Fred wishes to be replaced. We must also elect one new Trustee as Jim, WA8GXM’s seat expires. I haven't heard from Perry as to weather he wishes to stay.

All offices are not that hard to hold as they do not require much of the candidate’s time. A couple of hours a month is all that is required to prepare for. So consider a position with the club. It will be a satisfying experience !

MARC Minutes October 6, 2017

REMINDER: NOVEMBER MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM

Tony KD8UXK called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a roll call with 22 people present.

Secretary's report for August:

Tony asked for a motion to accept last month's Secretary's minutes as published in the newsletter. First Jim WA8GXM, second Don W8DEA. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Mike KB8OTK then gave a detailed report of club finances. There were a few extraordinary items this month. First, the club purchased a Yaesu FT-991 transceiver from DX Engineering. Also there were items related to the hamfest: Purchase of tickets, start-up money for the ticket counter and deposit of money received from the sale of 90th anniversary patches. Mike gave a detailed explanation of all the items. There was some discussion regarding the difficulties associated with using our tax free 501(c)3 status at DXE but the problem was finally settled, and the club is now on record at DXE if we make any more purchase there. There was also some discussion about how to invest some of the club's savings to get a better return on our money. Mike is going to explore this further. Mike also announced that the tentative results from parking at the Swiss Festival were very good. We will have a final accounting at the next meeting. Tony then announced that our club is the recipient of a very generous donation from Tony's employer, Mark Coblentz of Walnut Creek Foods. Mr. Coblentz gives some of his long-term employees an annual benefit of funding a generous donation to a charity or 501(c)3 of their choosing. Tony decided to choose our club as this year's recipient to help with the project of updating some of our equipment. Thank you Tony! A motion to accept was made by Dan, N8ATZ and seconded by Jim WA8GXM. Motion passed.

Vice Present's Report:

Licensing exams this month PCARS has one this Saturday Oct. 7th (<http://www.portcars.org>), Akron Pioneers on Wednesday Oct. 18th (<http://www.k0jfn.com/>), Cuyahoga Falls on the 25th (<http://www.2cars.org/>), and of course, our own on the 29th at our hamfest, and Youngstown on Nov. 2nd (<http://www.mvara.org/testing.html>). Hamfests this month are Conneaut Amateur Radio Club (http://www.facebook.com/pg/W8BHZ/events/?ref=page_internal), and the best of all, Massillon Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.w8np.org>). Perry also mentioned that our club will again marshal the Massillon Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday Nov. 18th. A sign-up sheet was passed out. Perry mentioned that we need 24 volunteers to effectively handle the parade. Perry also announced that the annual Boy Scouts Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) will be held on October 21st at either Fisher Park or Jackson North Park. Perry will be helping with that event, which encourages scouts to get on the air, and fosters interest in ham radio. Although not a club event, members are welcome and encouraged to participate. The event officially starts Friday evening and runs through Sunday evening. Perry also passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the hamfest. We need all the volunteers we can get for the hamfest. There is always some place where you can help, and the needs change throughout the day, as people come and go.

Lastly, Perry pointed out an article in QST about people who have passed their exam, but never get on the air. Each year, about 10,000 new licenses are issued, and about half of them never get on the air. Perry pointed out the importance of people attending classes with actual, active hams, who can get new licensees over the hump of making that first QSO, and becoming active. If you know a new ham that hasn't taken that step, it is in the highest tradition of ham radio to get involved with them and be an "Elmer" to them. Many are fearful of pushing that PTT button and making a mistake or embarrassing themselves. Get involved! *(Ed. I know from painful experience how important this is. Help someone out, don't criticize, help, instruct, befriend)*

In regard to mentoring class ideas, Perry passed out some "What do I want to know more about?" labels for people to suggest ideas for future classes. If you have any ideas for mentoring, let Perry know.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports presented this month.

New Business:

There were no new business items presented this month.

Old Business:

Terry N8ATZ gave a detailed report about preparation for the hamfest. At this point, everything seems to be coming together nicely. Terry reminded everyone that setup will start at 9:00AM on Saturday. Come and help if you can. There is a lot of work that needs done, and the more, the better.

With all business concluded, Tony asked for a motion to adjourn. First Jim WA8GXM, second Ralph K8HSQ. Motion passed.

The 50:50 raffle was won by Ralph K8HSQ who generously donated the proceeds back to the club. Thank you Ralph!

After the meeting, there was coffee, cider, soda and donuts for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to all who helped provide the treats.

Submitted by Fred KD8SMO

HAM RADIO HUMOR



The new Mobile Radio Shack ready for next year 's Field Day complete with all extras.
 Take a look at my 2 meter beam I
 shore are proud of it !!!!!



PORCUPINE LOVE!

... 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 18th 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 43 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 joins 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. Don't forget we normally get together after the parade at one of our local restaurant's for a late breakfast or early lunch.

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 8:30 AM 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 t

he proper PL Tone and come on downtown to enjoy a great holiday parade !

... 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 84th 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 4 - 6, the phone portion will be the weekend of the 18 - 20th. 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. If international DX is your desire then the CQ WW CW DX contest is on the weekend of Nov 25 - 26th for CW. Complete details on their contests are available on their website at www.cqww.com.

Fall can be a good time to get back into some operating and contests can be a fun way to brush up on the old operating skills!

.... FT WAYNE HAMFEST ...

The Ft Wayne hamfest will be on the weekend of November 18 - 19 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 2016 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.

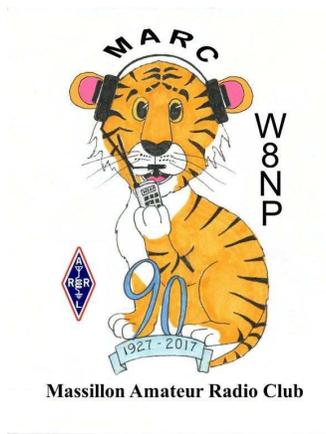
Hours are 9 AM till 4 PM on Saturday and from 9 AM till 3 PM on Sunday. Admission is \$6.00 per person but is good for both days or just \$4.00 on Sunday. A full 2 page flyer is available on their website at www.acarts.com or use www.fortwaynehamfest.com.

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 bravethe 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 !

That's it for this month.
See you at the meeting !

73's
Terry - N8ATZ



Hello everyone,

We helped with parking at the Ohio Swiss Festival. Steve Gerber the President and Milo Miller with the parking committee , were very impressed with the job we did . I was told by them both , that the club will be there again next year . To those who helped with the parking , thank you very much for a job well done .

Mike KB8OTK , my wife Taryn , and myself , were at Frye Family Park on Saturday October 14th . It's a 340+ acre park that the club is looking at for Field Day in 2018. The pavilion is complete . Along with plenty of parking , restrooms, lighting , and plenty of electrical outlets , I'm hoping to have the latest pictures for the club to see at the November meeting .

At our October meeting , Perry W8AU brought to our attention an article in a recent QST magazine , why each year , thousands of hams become licensed but never get on the air . The main reason , they don't know how. For those that doesn't have prior experience , some common mistakes a lot of newer hams makes are not knowing how to program a radio correctly , not listening enough , not being able to use digital programs , and afraid of getting on the air . That's why our club needs to upgrade. Our equipment (like the new radio) and our mentoring programs plays a big part for the new operator .

I'm still hearing and reading about why , in this area , we need to be ready for a disaster. While we are not effected by hurricanes and other natural disasters ,we need to be ready for anything . We need to use the technology of today along with amateur radio together ,so that we can still communicate with others .

I would like for our club members to have more social gatherings . While events like Field Day and other radio events is good experience , it would be nice to get together to operate , socialize , and have fun , like a picnic during the spring and summer months (maybe call it a Spring Fling), and a get together sometime during the winter (maybe call it a Winter Blast) .

Looking forward to our Hamfest coming up . Still needing volunteers to help with set-up on Saturday at 9am and to help on Sunday the day of the Hamfest .

I've had several members ask if I was planning to run for President of MARC the upcoming year . After talking it over with my wife and several members , I will be running for President .

That's all I have for now , hope to see most of you at the Hamfest.

**73 de Tony Casebolt KD8UXK
President of MARC**

VEEPS VOICE



Time for a November Radio club meeting... and we wonder where the Summer went? Well, life goes on and so do Club events and activity.

This Friday, November 3rd will see another Club meeting take place following a good MARC Hamfest this past weekend.. Thanks to all who gave of their time.

Our meeting this month will highlight one of Amateur Radio's longstanding attractions, that being DX - being the DX or chasing it. One of the most exciting aspects is the "DXpedition," and the fervor it generates among those needing the rare country or territory for their log sheet.

While we read about DXpeditions and their operators who we may talk to at a distance, we have in our area a long time DXpeditioner having the callsign W8MV, who resides just north of us at the Portage Lakes.



Mel Vye, a retired Electronics Technology Professor at Akron University, is one that I call "the Frugal DXpeditioner. He has refined

his traveling logistics down to where he can include a complete station setup, including antennas, into one small package!

Mel has been our guest at least twice over the past decades, and has kept us entertained with his travels to various interesting DX locations.



This past year it was an unusual trip arrangement that put him in one of the operator positions on the Pitcairn Island DXpedition, VP6EU. While the descendants of the "Mutiny on the Bounty" historic episode remain on the isolated island, their licensed Amateurs have dwindled in recent years, adding to the rare appearance of this location on the ham bands.

Mel's short presentation will give a look into the operation plus some highlights about the original reason he made the trip on a freighter that periodically delivers supplies to the island. So be with us this Friday evening 7:30 p.m. at our Affinity location for another good session of eyeball QSOs, a great program, and some final notes on our just concluded Massillon Hamfest this past weekend.

73, W8AU

ARRL NEWS

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 To all radio amateurs

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QRZ DX and The DX Magazine Publisher and Editor Carl Smith, N4AA, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on October 20. An ARRL member, he was 77 and had been a radio amateur and DXer for more than 6 decades. Smith and his late wife Miriam, KB4C, bought the two publications' parent DX Publishing in 1997

"Carl was a ham's ham, as he dabbled in many aspects of our great hobby," The Daily DX Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, observed. "He did a lot for Amateur Radio over the years."

Licensed in Kansas City in 1954 as WN0YFT (later W0YFT), Smith served in the US Air Force from 1958 until 1966. He became W4NQA after moving to North Carolina.

From 1968 until 1970, Smith was on the ARRL Headquarters staff and held the call sign W1ETU. When he moved to Virginia in 1970, he regained W4NQA and, after moving back to North Carolina, obtained N4AA in 1976.

An avid DXer and at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll, Smith was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 2012.

Smith was a member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC). He re-established QCWA Chapter 145 for the primary purpose of establishing the Southern Appalachian Radio Museum - now the Asheville Radio Museum - on the campus of Asheville-Buncombe Community College. He also was a long-time Roanoke Division Assistant Director. For many years, he was the owner and manager of Georgetown Communications, an Amateur Radio store in Asheville.

In the 1970s, Smith was instrumental in the formation of the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society and served a few terms as president. Through WCARS, he instituted the annual Asheville Hamfest. WCARS became a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator in the 1980s.

He also established the KB4C Miriam Smith Award, in memory of his late wife. The award, presented annually by the ARRL Roanoke Division, honors an Amateur Radio operator from Western North Carolina who has demonstrated an active commitment to public service and emergency communication through ARES/RACES.

Smith was among the founders of the SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization (SEDCO) W4DXCC Convention, and his wife's call sign is used on the air at the annual convention and for various operating activities.

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Catalogs are about possibilities

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

When I was a kid, I used to regularly get catalogs, such as the Allied Radio and Lafayette Radio catalogs shown below, and pore over them for hours. Even if I couldn't afford to buy the latest Knight-Kit or Lafayette shortwave radio, I could imagine



what it would be like. These catalogs were chock full of possibilities.

CAPTION: I spent many hours poring over the Allied and Lafayette catalogs as a kid. These two are from 1968, when I was 13 years old.

So, you can imagine how I felt when, last Thursday, I found both the Autumn/Winter 2017 DX Engineering catalog and the 2018-2019 Newark Electronics/element14 catalog in my mailbox.

DX Engineering has really taken the amateur radio world by storm over the last ten years or so. I probably don't have to tell you about that. If you're an active amateur radio operator, I'm sure that you have heard about—and probably ordered from—DX Engineering.

I think that DX Engineering did a very smart thing by investing the money in a print catalog. There's something about browsing a print catalog that is just more satisfying than browsing online.

DX Engineering has just about everything you need to have fun with amateur radio. The one glaring omission? They still don't carry my study guides!

The Newark/element14 2018-2019 catalog is a completely different beast. Amateur radio operators are only a small part of Newark/element14's market, but one nonetheless. They have, for example, attended the Dayton Hamvention for many years.

As such, the catalog is not a "ham radio" catalog, but if you build stuff at all you'll find something of interest in its 1,799 pages. It includes nearly any kind of electronic part that you might need.

The section that might you might want to start with is the "makerspace" section. In this section, you'll find Raspberry Pis, BeagleBones, and even micro:bits. They really have everything, though, including passive and active components, connectors, cable, and enclosures.

Like I say, these catalogs are all about possibilities. You can search each company's website and find the parts they carry quickly and easily, but that experience is just not the same as browsing a print catalog and daydreaming about what you might find there.

So, get your own copies—they're free—and page through them. I'd be surprised if you didn't run across something that you didn't know about before, and it gave you some ideas about your next amateur radio project.

Dan, KB6NU, is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com. When he's not browsing through catalogs, he teaches ham radio classes and operates CW on the HF bands. You can email him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

November 2017

W8NP Monthly Planner

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