

FEEDBACK



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OCTOBER SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Special meeting for the month of October will be held at the Massillon Senior Center in downtown Massillon on October 4th, 2002 at 6:00 PM. This is our 75th Anniversary and we are going to celebrate it in a very special way!! First there will be a Pizza party at the club beginning at 6:00 PM followed by a guest appearance by our very distinguished ARRL Section Manager Mr. Joe Phillips, K8QOE. I am not sure at this writing what Mr. Phillips will be discussing but you can be sure it will be about the Club's 75 years in existence!! Mr. Phillips will then present the club with a certificate acknowledging the 75th anniversary. After all the evening's pageantry, we will hold a short business meeting, followed by an eyeball QSO with everyone present. All are invited, including wives, etc. So come-on down and help the Club celebrate its 75th!! . You will have to let our Club Secretary Linda, K8MOO know of your intentions to the pizza party, as she will have to order enough pizza for all. The number is 330-832-9757.

HAMFEST 2002

WOW!! October is going to be a very busy month! Our annual Hamfest will begin on Sunday October 27, 2002 with set-up beginning at 6:00 AM with the doors opening to the public at 8:00AM. Location will be at the Stark County Fairgrounds. All committies will be urged to be there early so we can begin helping vendors set up and establish security and communications with Club personell. Table set-up will be on Saturday morning around 9:00 AM. We will need volunteers to set tables and chairs. Refreshments will be provided



- SHORT SKIP -

G's on 5 MHz already? ... The Radio Society of Great Britain (their ARRL) has obtained official permission for British amateurs to operate on 5.250 to 5.450 MHz.

CQ Newington----- are you there?

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED AT THE HAMFEST:

FUNDS COLLECTOR:



SECURITY



AUCTIONEER:



CLUB TABLE:



MARC MINUTES

September 6,2002

The September MARC meeting was held at the Senior Center with 24 members present.

MARC President Gene W8KXR called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made. He then congratulated and welcomed a newly licensed member to the club, Brian KC8UST.

Gene W8KXR then asked to accept the August minutes as stated in the FEEDBACK. They were by John K8LBZ and second by Scott W8JT.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF gave the financial report. A motion was made to accept it by Don W8DEF and second by Byron KF8UN.

Vice President Rich KA8ZQH gave the correspondence report. He had newsletters from other Amateur Radio Clubs. He also talked about the Butler and Findlay Hamfest being held on Sunday. He also said we still need a couple of helpers for the MARC Safety Break. It will be in the north bound lane of 77 Sept. 27,28 &29th.

Charlie KB8STV was absent so Don W8DEA gave the Emergency Preparedness Report. He gave some details about the Mock disaster Summit County will be having in October.

Gene W8KXR talked about an interesting article in the Wall Street Journal pertaining to other forms of communications in regards to Sept.11th.

OLD BUSINESS

A list for the MARC Hamfest was passed around for helpers . Terry N8ATZ said help will also be needed on Saturday October 26th. to set up tables. Tickets and flyers are being worked on now. Also requests for donations for door prizes have been sent out.

Dan N8DZM said Fox hunting is all set for Sept.20th. Next month he would like someone to hide the fox so he can do some hunting.

NEW BUSINESS

We welcomed back Byron KF8UN from his ventures out west. Byron then gave his DX report.

Gary WC8W needs e-mail addresses so he can send the FEEDBACK this method. You will receive it in color. Those who don't have e-mail will still receive it by mail.

Don W8DEF gave the report on the MARC patches. Charlie KB8STV supplied the address so Don got quotes for MARC plus the 75th Birthday ones. These will be heat sealed so they can be ironed on. Dan N8DZM made motion to order 100 club logo and 50 birthday patches. It was second by Byron KF8UN, Voted on by members and passed. Hopefully they will be here before Hamfest time.

Gene W8KXR said the By-Laws were sent to a lawyer to look them over. He suggested we also add articles to bring up to standards with other nonprofit organizations. Rich KA8ZQH read the attorney's letter plus suggested additions to the By-Laws. Don W8DEF made motion to make that the first official reading and send it to the By-Laws Committee for their recommendation. It was second by Byron KF8UN, it was voted on and passed.

Proud Grandfather John K8LBZ said his 2 grandsons are newly licensed. They live in Findlay area, their call signs are KC8UML and KC8UMM.

Gene W8KXR closed the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Thanks goes to Dan N8DZM for bringing the refreshments.

Congratulations goes to John K8LBZ for winning the 50-50 for \$7.50.

Minutes by Linda K8MOO Secretary MARC

.... MARC HAMFEST 2002

Final hamfest plans are well underway. Table reservations are coming in everyday which is a good sign. Thanks to our Door Prize Campaign, we have received several very nice door prize donations. Combined with our main prizes it looks like we will another very nice assortment of prizes again this year. Once again we will be setting and arranging tables on the Saturday before the hamfest so mark your calendars for October 26 around 10 AM. The more volunteers we have for setup the quicker it goes. And of course I'm planning on lots of help for Hamfest Sunday, there are plenty of jobs that need filled. I will have the doors open by 6:00 AM Sunday morning, see you then !

.... ANYBODY FOR A FOX HUNT ?

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club held its first official FOX Hunt in many years on Friday night, September 20 with FOX Mister Dan Anastis - N8DZM coordinating the event. At 7:00 PM the elusive Fox was activated by Dan on 145.62 Mhz and the hunt was on. Participating in this first hunt was Terry - N8ATZ and Don - W8DEF & XYL Linda - K8MOO along with her trusty K9 companion Sommer. All participants started out from the Senior Center parking lot and headed out one a signal bearing was received from the Fox.

Dan kept track of us via the MARC 147.18 repeater during the event providing us with a few clues along with moral support. Don & Linda set out using both their mobile rig and a small direction finding loop antenna Don constructed. Terry also used his mobile rig and a hand held 5 element UHF beam (hey it was handy!). No time limit was set but it was agreed to finish before nightfall. The hunt found us heading east out of town and within 45 minutes Don's DF'ing techniques paid off by finding the Fox near the parking lot of Washington High School. After a few miscues, Terry rolled in to the school just as darkness fell.

Although this first hunt was pretty easy it still provided some great training and fun in the art of direction finding. Future hunts are being planned, hopefully with greater participation. A weekend afternoon may prove a better time for this type of event to allow for more hunt time and maybe a short get together afterwards to compare notes.

.... AN OUT OF THIS WORLD VACATION

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Rock Star Lance Bass of N'Sync has been trying to generate millions of dollars to take a trip in a Space Shuttle when he could have spent a fraction of that and done the same thing right here on earth, I know cause I did. I'm

talking about Disney World in Florida. If you haven't been there let me assure you it really is a different world. It really is an amazing place, to call it just an amusement park is like calling the Grand Canyon just a big hole in the ground. Lynnette and I just returned from there on our "big" vacation and I for one are ready to go back. We went down over the week of the anniversary of 911 and as I expected security was very tight, both at the airports and at the park. The security screening we went through was a story in itself, I've never taken my shoes off and on so many times in a single day. By my count about 10 times in one day, and this was only tennis shoes !.

I did a little research before I left on any amateur radio activity in the area and at the park plus any commercial frequencies in use around there. I had planned to take my hand held into the park but security would not permit any radio equipment in the park, not even any scanners. To my surprise I couldn't find any amateur radio activity associated with the park (what no Disney Amateur Radio Club?). Orlando has numerous amateur radio repeaters in use but none associated with Disney World. I did find about 26 commercial frequencies that covered everything from the Disney attractions to park security. I was able to hear some activity on most of them from our hotel room which was at the park. Security was very tight all through the park, a sign of just how uneasy everyone is these days with anything out of the ordinary. Just to get into the park we had to pass through metal detectors and submit to a bag search. Fortunately even with the fairly heavy crowds, they moved along very efficiently. All in all we had a terrific time and are planning a return trip within a few years.

.... COMPUTER SHOW TIME AGAIN

The Peter Trapp Computer shows are back around again although I expect several computer vendors at our hamfest. If you can't wait you can go to the Cleveland Show on Saturday, October 19 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. Sunday's show is in Akron at the Tadmor Shrine Temple. Cost is \$ 6.00 per person and show times are from 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM. I usually provide a link to their website which gives directions and other details. Look for it on the club's website on the home page.

73's till next time

Terry - N8ATZ

Techttopics - 07 - "The Saga Begins or "If You Can Pick It up, It's Not Big Enough!"

Well, if you've been following events and operations at W8KXR, you know the station motto has always been, "If you can pick it up it's not big enough!" Station Management figured, why waste a perfectly fascinating Ham Career playing with wimpy little toys, when you can go first class and make the lights dim whenever the spirit moves? It was discovered too, that you get the added pleasure of recycling your electrons, err, electricity. Just think, you can use it to talk with, light the shack with neat tubes that give off more light than you're normal light bulbs, warm the house, and support all the folks who generate the electricity to begin with...what a hobby! It keeps all the "green folk" amazed at how clever we are, and frustrated because they're clueless!

But a bit more seriously, in late winter, I became the happy custodian of a fully grown commercial "Broadcast Transmitter" that now sits in active 'rehabilitation' status in the labs at W8KXR's 'Rescue and Reclamation Department,' all 900 lbs. of it when it's fully assembled. It is a bruiser, and a sight to behold, even in its current 'refitting' status. . .very gray, very heavy, lots of meters, it's a very macho machine.

How did I find this beast you ask? Well, a fiendish friend in Akron, who knows where to find stuff, then bait me into more projects than I can handle, did his magic. He takes great delight in watching me walk straight into the next challenge, knowing full well, I'm a total sucker when it comes the Big Iron.

But to continue, Missy Marilyn, and I hit the four lane down to Columbia, Tennessee back a just a few weeks ago in my 'non-green' 454 powered three quarter ton Suburban. After due negotiation, some serious eyeballing, followed by more negotiations, we rescued what is known as a "Gates Radio BC-1T." With some serious engineering discussions with the 'Rigging, Tackle, and Lifting Department,' it was decided to hire a moving company in Columbia to load the beast. Even stripped out of most of its heavy iron, it still weighed 600 pounds. It took three movers, the seller, his son, and me to get it into my truck. Wow, it's not an 18 wheeler, but the "Sub" when it's heavy, rides better than a puny little Lexus. . .and an exciting cargo too!

We stuffed the plate transformer and modulation iron in, loaded the back cover, side panels, front door, safety door, and tubes into the truck, plus a few odds and ends of heavy iron that went with the deal, and made plans for our trip back from central Tennessee. We ran between the winter storms and had a safe trip, with the 454 getting its usual ten and half miles per gallon. We sat on the cruise control until we got back the 'Digs' (W8KXR's HQ), relaxed and enjoyed this latest quest for the 'Big Iron' over a cup of Joe and several of Missy Marilyn's famous sticky rolls.

The transmitter lived on its back in the truck until the lawn firmed up last week, allowing the truck to back-up to the walk-in door leading to the laboratories, deep in the caverns at W8KXR. To extract the BC-1T, I again called a local moving company specializing in heavy stuff. It just wasn't worth getting

someone hurt or squished attempting to move the big guy into the operating position. The movers did the job in about 15 minutes and made it look easy. No scratches, no dents, no bad backs. It was well worth the nominal fee.

So, by the time you read this, rehab will have started in earnest. For starters, like many Battleship Anchors, it involves lots of cleaning, and then more cleaning, using materials I discussed in early editions of Techttopics. When you decide to tackle a big project, great patience is need if you're going to produce a finished product, that operates well and looks good too. It's not all procrastination, that might seem to be creeping around some of these situations, because in addition to patience, detailed planning is required at each step in the rehab process.

It's not worth doing some step twice because one did not think. Remember some of the components are hard to replace if you do something in a rush and do damage. Take your time and do the homework. But most of all, enjoy the process of bring one of these big guys, or any other serious toy, back to a quality life.

I hope to finish the cleaning phase within the next couple of months. Long project? Yep, but at W8KXR, we're interested in practicing quality workmanship and striving for higher levels of professional results, as a kind of never completely attainable goal. It's much like pouring energy and skills into the care and maintenance of a vintage car, where learning, and the process, are as important as the final result.

Finally, a bit more about just what is a Gates Broadcast Transmitter. This particular transmitter was designed in 1960 by Gates Radio Co., which, by the time this unit was built, was a division of Harris-Intertype Corp.. The original cost to who ever bought it with 1960 dollars was \$4,670 dollars, base price, . more depending on accessories.

Gates was headquartered in Quincy, Ill. and was where my serial number 67398 was born. How it got to Tennessee, and eventually owned by at least two different Hams, who never put it on the Ham bands, is still a partial mystery and part of the mystique in bringing it back to life after 10 years or more in storage.

The transmitter is rated at one kilowatt delivered to the antenna, not input to the finals, and of course it's AM. It's designed for continuous service for as long as you want to pay the electric bill. It runs on 220/240 VAC single phase. Here at W8KXR, the BC-1T will operate from an abandoned hot water tank line that has a 'drier socket' on the old feeder. It's close to the operating position and I'll add a fused disconnect so one switch will disconnect it from the main line when not in use. It is crystal controlled and was set up for 1220 kHz., but is tunable through 2 MHz., so it will go on 160 meters, 1885 kHz, without modifications. Eventually I'll adopt a VFO for ease of moving around on 160.

Under full load and operating normally, it consumes about 2500 watts, going to 3800 watts with modulation peaks. This is about the equivalent of three husky electric fry pans running at the same time. It uses two "833's" for finals, and is modulated with another pair of 833's. It is driven with very basic circuits and uses standard tubes such as 807's in low lever audio and RF stages. It has normal coaxial output to the antenna and a complete set of metering that allows knowing what's

happening inside the circuits, including an RF Ammeter that indicates true RF amperes to the antenna, hence power out, if properly terminated in a 50 ohm load. Oh, by the way, the BC-1T has a built in dummy load that will operate at 1KW, while one does routine set-up and tuning, 'before' hooking on to an already tuned antenna system. Good operating practice for Hams? Of course, it should be the only way you operate your HF radio station.

It is quite a surprise to some, but in spite of its size, it's actually quite a simple rig, and follows very standard and mostly well known circuitry. So, other than the huge size of its components, it's mostly straight forward. It's just Big, like a DX-100, or Viking Valiant, on steroids. For example the plate transformer weighs in at just under 100 lbs.. For some perspective, the so called big, or heavy weight SSB amateur linear amplifiers don't net much over 75 lbs., for the whole unit. Yikes! What sorry little toys!

So, this project is underway with a completion date unknown, like most hobby projects, but with hope of being on 160 Meters sometime late this fall when the band goes long. There's lots of items to clean, check, and rebuild where necessary. I'll keep you posted on progress, or set-backs, and remember, win or loose, this is a hobby. Pick your specialty and enjoy. Encourage others to do the same, no matter where individual interests may take you, or them.

73, de W8KXR

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ARRL NEWS

Greetings

At the Ohio Section Conference Saturday in Columbus, Ohio, it was announced that longtime Affiliated Clubs Coordinator Joanne Solak, KJ3O, (Ohio Section ACC from 1986-2000) was named the ninth member of the Allan Severson, AB8P (SK), Memorial Award. We will be making a general press release soon but it would be nice if there was a quote comment from someone at headquarters who worked with Joanne. I'm certain she is well remembered by many at Newington. My statement will refer to Joanne as the "Gold Standard among ARRL Affiliated Clubs Coordinators." A description of the award can be found at <www.maser.org/Ohio%20Section/default.htm>.

Please send me any statement - a single statement is what we are after. Note it will be part of the Ohio Section press release.

**Thank you
Joe Phillips, K8QOE
Ohio SM**

ARLD039 DX news

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QST de W1AW
DX Bulletin 39 ARLD039
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT September 26, 2002
To all radio amateurs

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ARLD039 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, GW0ANA, 425DXnews, DXNL, The Daily DX and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

MALAWI, 7Q. Ely, IN3VZE is active as 7Q7CE until October 8. Activity is on all HF bands, including the newer ones, using SSB. QSL to home call.

CHINA, BY. Two groups of operators from four different Chinese provinces are QRV as BI7DX from Weizhou Island, IOTA AS-139, until October 4. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via BA1DU.

ECUADOR, HC. Jorge, HC1JQ will be active in the CQ WW RTTY Contest

as a Single Op/Single Band entry. QSL to home call.

SARDINIA, IS0. Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active as IS0/IZ2DPX/p or IS0/IZ2DPX/m from Baia Sardinia, IOTA EU-025, from September 28 to October 5. Activity will be on 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 meters. QSL via IK2DUW.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. A multi-national team of DXers will try to be QRV as K8T and K8O from Tutuila, IOTA OC-045, and also from Ofu Island, IOTA OC-077, at the same time. Activity will be on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. QSL via operators' instructions.

NORWAY, LA. LN1HQ will participate in the CQ WW RTTY Contest possibly as a Multi/Multi entry. QSL via LA6FJA.

LUXEMBOURG, LX. Robert, LX1RQ will be active as LX5A during the CQ WW RTTY Contest as a Single Op/All Band Low Power entry. QSL to home call.

DENMARK, OZ. Peter, DL4FCH will be active as OZ/DL4FCH from Romo Island, IOTA EU-125, from September 28 to October 4. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

SUDAN, ST. William, ST0F has been QRV on 15 meters around 1800z. He may also be active on 20 and 10 meters SSB as well. QSL via ZS4TX.

DODECANESE, SV5. Phil, G4OBK is active as SV5/G4OBK from Kos Island, IOTA EU-001, until October 1. He may be giving out a multiplier during the CQ WW RTTY Contest. QSL to home call.

CORSICA, TK. Rudy, OM3PC and Miro, OM5RW are active as TK/OM3PC/p and TK/OM5RW/p, respectively, until September 30. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will be a Multi Op/Single Band entry in the CQ WW RTTY Contest. QSL via operators' instructions.

NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N. Jim, VK9NS can usually be found using CW between 1000 and 1330z on 40, 30 and 17 meters. After 2130z, he may be QRV on 10 meters using SSB and FM. QSL to home call.

UK SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS ON CYPRUS, ZC4. ZC4DW will be active in the CQ WW RTTY Contest possibly as a Single Op, All or Single Band entry. QSL via G0DEZ.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The CQ/RJ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest, Scandinavian Activity SSB Contest and the Texas, Louisiana and Alabama QSO Parties are all scheduled for this weekend. Please see September QST, page 89 for details.

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ARLP040 Propagation de K7VVV

ZCZC AP40
QST de W1AW
Propagation Forecast Bulletin 40 ARLP040
From Tad Cook, K7VVV
Seattle, WA September 27, 2002
To all radio amateurs

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ARLP040 Propagation de K7VVV

Over the seven days of September 19-25 conditions were quiet with no real geomagnetic activity except some unsettled conditions on the 19th. The sun has also been quiet. Average sunspot numbers were down slightly for the past week and average solar flux was down quite a lot. Solar flux over the past two weeks has declined from over 200 toward 150, and over the next few days it is expected to go below 140.

After October 3 sunspots and solar flux are expected to rise, based upon the previous solar rotation. Flux values are expected to reach 200 again in the second week of October. Currently holographic images show no substantial sunspots on the sun's far side.

We are now in the Fall season, a great time for HF DX. Openings are better and longer, particularly on the higher frequencies. Although solar activity is still fairly high, we have passed the peak of the sunspot cycle, and this Fall will probably be far better for HF propagation than next Fall.

12 and 10-meters are now open to parts of the world that were unheard a couple of months back. For most of North America 12 and 10 should be open in the middle of the day toward Europe, during all daylight hours toward South America, and to Asia and the Pacific late in the afternoon to early evening. 12-meters will generally open earlier and close later than 10-meters.

For the CQ/RJ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest this weekend expect good conditions with no radio blackouts or solar flares likely.

Sunspot numbers for September 19 through 25 were 206, 237, 217, 218, 209, 240 and 230, with a mean of 222.4. 10.7 cm flux was 165.3, 164.4, 158.6, 160, 153.8, 157.9, and 153.4, with a mean of 159.1. Estimated planetary A indices were 13, 6, 9, 9, 5, 6, and 6, with a mean of 7.7.

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For immediate release

Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, of Westerville, is the new Assistant Section Manager of Central Ohio. Bill was named at a meeting of the Central Ohio ARES, where he was also honored for his eight years as EC of Franklin County.

His wife, Mary Carpenter, N8OAM, has been assistant section manager since October 1998. She took the opportunity to retire as Assistant Section Manager after four years. She thanked everyone for assisting her the past four years then asked the Section Manager to appoint her husband in her place. Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, immediately complied.

Bill was first licensed WN8HFN, in 1962 in Zanesville and moved to the Central Ohio area in 1988. He was events manager in COARES until 1994 when he was appointed Emergency Coordinator. As EC, Bill built an organization which, as SM Phillips put in "had as many public service events in a month as any of the other 87 ARES groups did in a year."

Bill had also retired as EC two months ago being replaced by Frank Piper, KI8GW, Reynoldsburg.

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For immediate release

The 11th Annual ARRL Ohio Section Newsletter Contest winners announced..

Scott Yonally, N8SY, Ohio Public Information Coordinator and Newsletter Contest Manager has announced the winners of the 11th annual Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter Contest.

1st Place - "The Wobbly Oscillator" - from the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society Tom Wayne, WB8N editor.

2nd Place - "The Spirit of '76 and '88" - from the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association - Bryan Torok, N8OOF editor

3rd Place - "The Reflector" - from the Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club - Joe Brassard, KA8C editor

There were 3 "Honorable Mention" awards also given out this year and they were:

"The Feedpoint" - from the Carroll Amateur Radio Society - Dan Mutigli, N8LVO editor.

"The Pioneer Radiator" - from the Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship - Jesse Wall, KA8YYZ editor

"The ZARC Carrier" - from Zanesville -Danny Grandstaff, KB8RIM editor

At the Ohio Section Conference, where the award announcement was made, PIC Yonally reported that this year's group of newsletters has grown from 34 last year to 42 this year. That's an 19.04% increase over last year. More than 25 of the 42 submissions were either totally web based or did a combination of web and hard copy. That's 40% of the entries. This year first place scored 85 out of a possible 100 points. The spread between first place and third place was just 4 points. The average score for newsletters that have been submitted over the past nine years of record keeping is 71.45 points. The average amount of tries before winning is now 3.78 and the overall point spread was from 85 to 60.

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For Immediate Release

Joanne Solak, KJ3O, who had served the Ohio Section as the Affiliated Clubs Coordinator for more than 14 years, was named the ninth winner of the Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial award. The announcement was made by Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, at the Ohio Section Conference.

Joanne set the standards of excellence that are still in place today around the country. Her dedication to Amateur Radio was demonstrated many times over in those 14 years and was also demonstrated when she lead the fight to keep the YL news section in QST, national magazine in the late 80s.

Her standard for acceptance as a "Special Services Club" lead the way for many organizations to achieve a higher level of services for clubs in the state than what was previously accomplished.

SM Phillips, in the award presentation, called Joanne the "gold standard of ACC and she K8QOE exemplified the true meaning and spirit of what the Allan Severson Award is all about." "When you think of Joanne, you remember that she was always in there pushing, encouraging and doing her level best to make the clubs of Ohio the best in the nation.."

Joanne is still very active in club activities serving as secretary in her local club - Portage Amateur Radio Club - and head of the Portage ARC Hamfest each July.

This is the list of Ohio Section Amateurs who have been honored for outstanding service to the Ohio Section.

Bob Adams, W8BKO Columbus
 Bill Sharp, W8HH Delaware
 Jim Gifreda, W8MAP West Liberty
 Mike Love, WB8YKS South Point
 Bob Johnson, K3RC Stony Ridge
 David Kersten, N8AUH Medina
 Ralph McDonough, K8AN Adena
 Ron Griffin, N8AEH Findlay
 Joanne Solak, KJ3O Mantua

The Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award is bestowed on an amateur radio operator in the Ohio Section who has demonstrated a continuing dedication to the advancement of amateur radio and to the Ohio Section. Usually one Ohio Section member is awarded per year and usually at the Ohio Section Conference in September.

The award had been established in 1992 and was named "Ohio Ham of the Year" until 1999. That year it was renamed after Allen, of Lakewood, Ohio, who had become a silent key in 1997. The award winners listed here are all hams who, like Allan Severson, have dedicated themselves to the advancement of the American Radio Relay League in Ohio.

Although AB8P had served the Section as Section Manager and went on to a distinguished career as Great Lakes Division Director on the ARRL National Board of Directors, the annual award announcement only mentions one sentence about him which is part of every memorial award certificate. That sentence quickly demonstrates the reason for the renaming of this award. "Allan's devotion to serve amateur radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section leadership."

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W8NP CLUB NEWS

Proposed language for new Article in MARC Code of Regulations

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP : ADMISSIONS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Section A: Prospective members will apply for admission to the Secretary and may be temporarily admitted as Prospective Members upon tendering of one year's dues. At the next meeting of the Executive Board (which shall consist of the Executive Committee plus the Trustees) at which a quorum is present (which shall consist of at least two (2) Trustees PLUS two (2) Officers a vote will be held in closed session on the question of admission as a Full or Associate Member. Failure of this question to pass by a 2/3 majority will result in a termination of the Prospective Membership and the return of dues received.

Section B: A complaint against a member charged with conduct unbecoming a member of MARC and the Amateur Radio community shall be referred to the Executive Board. At the next meeting of the Executive Board at which a quorum is present, as defined in section A above, a vote will be held in closed session on the question of whether a subcommittee shall be formed to investigate the complaint. Failure of this question to pass by a 2/3 majority will result in a vote on the question of whether the accused member should be expelled from the Club. Failure of this question to pass by a 2/3 majority shall result in the member being permitted to retain membership status.

Section C: If it is voted that a subcommittee is to be formed for the purpose of investigating the complaint, one will be chosen by consensus from among the Executive Board members present, to consist of at least three members. At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Board (not less than thirty(30) and not more than sixty (60) days hence from the date the subcommittee is formed), a report will be presented by the subcommittee and a vote held on the question of whether the accused member is to be expelled from the club. A majority of at least 2/3 is required for expulsion. An expelled member may apply for readmission after a period of three (3) years.

Section D: "Conduct unbecoming a member of MARC or the Amateur Radio community" is defined as conduct that:

(1). Is Incompatible with the best interests of the Amateur Radio community or with the maintenance of Amateur Radio's reputation and standing in the community at large.

OR

(2). Constitutes harassment of a member of the Amateur Radio community or a family member of such.

After our last change in our Code of regulations was submitted, the Executive Board felt it was necessary to send it to an attorney to see if our code was in line with other organizations. This is his recommendations to the club. It was submitted to the club membership at last month's meeting, sent to the By-Laws committee. The committee recommends it's passage in it's entirety.

Fox Report

We had two hams find the Fox (WD8DEF and N8ATZ) Friday evening September 20th. Sounded like they had fun finding it and experimenting with different techniques. The Fox was hiding in the park beside the Massillon High School stadium. The next Fox hunt will be When? Friday evening did not seem to be the best time so I need some suggestions.

Dan N8DZM

October 2002

Monthly Planner

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