



FEEDBACK



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OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting for the month of October will be held at the Massillon Senior Center in downtown Massillon on October 7, 2005 at 8:00 PM.

Wow ! It's here ! The most important meeting for the entire year. It's HAMFEST TIME ! Yes we will be finalizing the plans for this year's Hamfest 2005. As everyone should know by now, we will be holding the Hamfest in a new location this year. That location is the Massillon Boys & Girls Club on Duncan Street in Massillon Ohio.

If you do not know where it is please refer to the map on page 2 (under the Secretary's Report). It is probably easier to find than the Fairgrounds were. Directions are : going either north or south on Route # 21 to Walnut Road, turn west on Walnut about one block (cross the tracks) & look for the Hamfest on your LEFT ! There will be of course signs to guide you to the final destination, and OH yes TWO METERS, on the 147.18 MHz Repeater will be in operation to also help guide you there. Don't forget SET UP on SATURDAY Oct 29th at 9:00 AM ! We will need help setting up tables, chairs, running electric extension cords and maybe even the sound system, something we did not have to do at the fairgrounds! There will be plenty of chores for everyone to do so come early & stay late!

Because of the extensive discussion about the Hamfest this month there will not be a program this month so plan on attending the meeting and be sure to volunteer to help with the Hamfest and do your part to help make it a success !

--- SHORT SKIP ---

Everyone is entitled to my opinion. OK, no more Morse code testing. What's next ? No more sub - bands ? Hey folks, this is serious. Write or e-mail our FCC and let'm know your opinion. Give'm an earful - 'cause they're just ask'n for it Bunkey !

73 de WB80WM

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MARC MINUTES September 2, 2005

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club meeting was held at the Massillon Senior Center with 23 members present.

MARC President Joe WD8BGW opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a round of introductions was made. The August Minutes were accepted as stated in the FEEDBACK. The motion was made by Gary WC8W and second by Scott N3JJT.

MARC Treasurer Anne N8GAF was absent so there was no financial report this month.

MARC Vice President Igor K8INN gave the correspondence report. He had the normal newsletters from other Amateur Radio Clubs. He wanted everyone to know MARC club member Don W8DEA was leaving for Mobile Alabama to work for FEMA. We wish him well, in his job, with the aftermath of Katrina.

Tim WB8HHP talked about amateur radio and Katrina. Traffic going out but not going in. He also gave several frequencies that you could listen to and maybe participate in the Health & welfare traffic. One such net is the Ohio Single Sideband Net which is a traffic net. Check MARC website for the listed frequencies.

Joe WD8BGW then asked for committee reports or old business. Dan N8DZM said the fox hunt would be Sept. 10th. Don W8DEF

Gary WC8W gave the VE session results. Only 2 took exams, with both passing.

Byron KF8UN gave the DX report. He invited everyone to join him up in the Shack to do RTTY Sept. 24th. and 25th.

MARC Safety break was going on as we were having this meeting. A big thank you to everyone, all spots were filled. The results will be given at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry N8ATZ needs helpers for the Akron Marathon on October 1st.. Contact him if you can be of assistance.

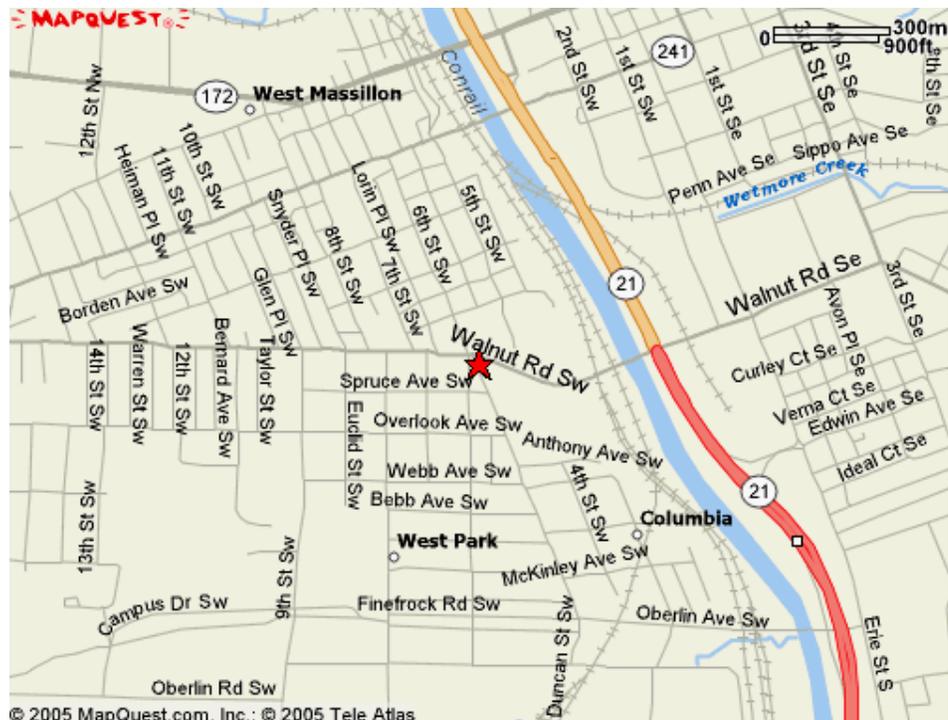
Ralph K8HSQ and Terry N8ATZ talked about Winlink, the cost up front, and reimbursements from Homeland Security.

The program for the evening was postponed due to Igor K8INN and Scott N3JJT having to leave for the midnight shift at the MARC Safety Break.

Congratulations goes to Don W8DEF for winning the 50-50 for \$10.00.

**Minutes By Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC**

MAP TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
730 DUNCAN ST SW
MASSILLON, OHIO



... Hurricane Katrina News ...

The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina is nearly unimaginable and will be at the front of nationwide news for months to come. As the tough task of reconstruction begins we are just now hearing more news of amateur radio's involvement as the relief effort moves forward. This will no doubt be the focus of future editions of QST Magazine as the numerous accounts of amateur assistance is retold. Some news was presented at the Ohio Section Conference and also in attendance was Jim Aylward – KC8PD who had just returned from spending just over a week assisting the relief effort in Mississippi. Jim's story was very emotional as he discussed the very difficult conditions he endured during his brief stay. His duties included everything from assisting in shelter operations to acting as a net control during several Health & Welfare nets. Jim lives in the Ravenna area and I hope to have him as our guest at a club meeting sometime. If you've ever doubted the value of amateur radio, you won't after listening to Jim's story.

The only news that's currently available covering amateur radio's role in Hurricane Katrina's relief effort is on several websites. The ARRL website at www.arrl.org is your best source of information and much of it is also posted on the Stark County ARES website at www.wd8aye.org. Our own club member Don Wade – W8DEA is currently somewhere in the devastated area on duty with FEMA. I hope Don can find a few minutes to let us know how the relief effort is progressing. I am also receiving many emails that detail amateurs' stories of the relief effort and I hope to share some of them with you at our next meeting. The latest count from the ARRL records is somewhere around 1,000 amateur radio operators enduring very difficult conditions supporting the relief effort.

.. The Ohio Section Conference ..

The ARRL Ohio Section Conference was held last Saturday, September 18, 2005 at the Ohio EMA located in Northern Columbus with nearly 100 people in attendance. I was able to attend this years meeting and am currently working on a full report to give at our next club meeting and to post on the club website.

This conference gives the ARRL Ohio Section Leadership the opportunity to report on their activities on behalf of Amateur Radio. This years meeting included reports from Section Emergency Coordinator John Chapman – WB8INY, Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swain – KK8O, Public Information Coordinator Scott Yonally – N8SY, Ohio Technical Coordinator Tom Holmes – N8ZM along with several other Section leaders and other radio clubs.

It was a very informative meeting covering many topics, too many to discuss here in a short newsletter column. I took about five pages of notes and as soon as I get a few minutes to sort them out I'll have a full report to pass on hopefully in time for our October club meeting and certainly on the club's website.

.. Ohio Section Journal Fall Edition ..

The Fall Edition of the Ohio Section Journal is now available for download and I encourage you to have a look at it. The Journal is the newsletter of the Ohio Section and always contains lots of news from the leaders of the Ohio Section Cabinet. If you can't make any ARRL meetings, this is the next best way to keep up with news of interest to Ohio's amateur radio operators. Each issue covers reports from Section Manager Joe Phillips – K8QOE and nearly every member of the Ohio Section Cabinet. The club usually receives a copy that should be available at the next meeting. You can download a full copy at www.iarc.ws/Ohio/Section_Journal.htm.

And speaking of newsletters, the annual newsletter awards are presented each year at the Section Conference and I'm proud to announce that our own club newsletter "FEEDBACK" came in at 19th place this year with 78 points. This is our best showing in the eleven years that we have been part of this annual recognition. Congratulations to Editor Gary Kline – WC8W for all the hard work and dedication he puts into each issue.

That's it for now, catch you at the meeting!

Terry – N8ATZ

HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31



MRN

As an extension of the recent CW classes held at MARC, we will initiate the MRN, Massillon Radio Net.

The net will begin Thursday Oct 13, at 8:00 p.m. and continue each Thursday evening. Frequency will be 3650 kHz. Use of 80 meters will allow "real world" conditions, plus be very good for local propagation.

After a few initial net sessions, standard radiogram forms and "QN" traffic handling abbreviations will be given to all participants and training messages will be sent.

The result of this activity will be increased code proficiency for club members plus enhanced ability to handle emergency communications when necessary. Those developing an interest in handling traffic on a regular basis may eventually want to join the Buckeye net, which meets twice each evening.

Net control will be W8AU, and the net call-up will be "MRN de W8AU, QNI K (QNI means "check into net")

Speed will initially be 5 wpm, so no one will be left out.

Those calling in will call NCS (net control station) as follows:

W8AU de ***** QRU K, (if you do not have any traffic or information.)

W8AU de ***** QTC 1 (if you have One message, etc)

When the net closes NCS will state "QNF" (net concluded) Net will run no more than one hour.

Looking forward to hearing our newcomers and old timers alike.

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Editor Note: Perry forgot to mention that to actively participate in this net you will need at least a General Class license as the frequency of 3650 MHz is in the General Class portion of the CW band. However, if you do not have these privileges you can still participate by listening and participate by copying others that do check into the net. All practice is very helpful in increasing your overall code speed! Perhaps we can persuade him to move it to the Tech Plus/Novice portion of the band and change the time to 7:00 PM so we will not miss the new season of CSI !

NREN Recruiting Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2005 10:54 PM

Are you tired of the unprofessional methods heard during disaster operations?

Numerous radio amateurs have complained about the lack of professionalism present on various SSB nets during Hurricane Katrina. While many of the organizations sponsoring these nets have the best intentions, the fact remains that an alternative is needed.

The answer to these problems is simple: CW

The Amateur Radio response to Hurricane Katrina was problematic for several reasons:

- * The lack of VHF coverage and repeaters, many of which were damaged or destroyed, severely handicapped most ARES operators who had come to rely extensively on VHF-FM.

- * Few HF phone operators in the disaster area could get up and running without access to generators or the gasoline to run them.

- * Radio amateurs were unskilled in the use of proper message formats and emergency communications methods.

NREN does not wish to compete with voice nets, many of which are doing the best they can. Likewise, we do not wish to replace existing ARES programs, which serve a valuable local purpose. Rather, our goal is to recruit CW operators who wish to be properly trained and prepared to provide real, professional grade emergency communications when the time comes.

CW offers many advantages for disaster communications. Here are some facts:

- * CW Nets typically clear traffic three to four times faster than voice nets.

- * A simple, battery operated CW transceiver operating at 10-watts will have the same reliability as a SSB station operating at 50 to 100-watts. This means a CW operator can establish and maintain communications for days regardless of the availability of gasoline or AC mains.

- * CW Nets are typically uncluttered by the many inexperienced operators who swoop down on unsuspecting voice nets only to clutter-up operations.

- * Portable CW equipment is simple, reliable, and consumes less power

than digital stations requiring notebook computers, printers, and other peripherals.

How can you get involved?

Whether you are a CW operator, or you simply wish to become one, NREN is developing a program to properly train radio amateurs to effectively handle emergency communications via CW. Our program will include practice broadcasts with simulated messages, regular nets, periodic emergency drills, and a periodic electronic newsletter with training information.

Our goal is not to compete with existing ARES, RACES or NTS programs, but rather to compliment them with a quality grade of service. We simply wish to offer an alternative for the serious radio amateur; the radio amateur who wants to provide a professional grade of service without disruption from those that simply choose not to learn proper procedures and standard methods.

NREN members will be encouraged to support local ARES and NTS groups, but we hope NREN will be a primary resource for you in time of emergency.

Amateur Radio is full of competent CW operators including DX contesters, "rag chewers," and others who regularly use CW. These individuals can easily develop the skills necessary to provide a real service to their community if or when the "big one" hits.

If you were disappointed with the "Keystone Cops" style of response so evident on 75 and 20-meter phone, register with NREN today!

Join by sending a simple e-mail to the NREN General Manager at: <mailto:wb8siw@charter.net>wb8siw@charter.net

In the subject line, simply state "Join NREN" to be added to the list

ARRL NEWS

FROM THE ARRL BULLETIN

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QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 23 ARLB023
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT September 26, 2005
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB023
ARLB023 Amateur Radio antenna "CC&R Bill" reintroduced

in Congress

New York Congressman Steve Israel has reintroduced legislation that could make it easier for radio amateurs living in communities with deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) to erect suitable antennas. Arkansas Congressman Mike Ross, WD5DVR, signed aboard as an original cosponsor of the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876).

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, has encouraged League members to write their elected representative and ask that they cosponsor and support the bill, especially given two hurricane emergencies in short order.

"Amateur Radio is certainly a part of this nation's communications infrastructure," Haynie said. "What we're asking for is just a fair shake so we can put up antennas and help our fellow citizens." While the League has ramped up its efforts to educate members of Congress about Amateur Radio, Haynie said lawmakers respond best to individual members.

The one-sentence measure is identical to the text of the CC&R bill that has been introduced in the last two sessions of Congress. It would put private land-use regulations, such as homeowners' association rules, on the same legal plane as state or local zoning regulations under the FCC's PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities.

HR 3876 has been assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Information about the bill and a sample letter to use when contacting your representative are available on the ARRL Web site, www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr3876/.

In his public announcement September 19, Israel said that "often unsung" Amateur Radio volunteers were instrumental in helping residents in the hardest hit areas in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, including saving stranded flood victims in Louisiana and Mississippi.

"State and local governments, as well as disaster relief agencies, could not possibly afford to replace the services that radio amateurs dependably provide for free," said a statement from Israel's office. "However, the hundreds of thousands of Amateur Radio licensees face burdensome regulations that make it extremely difficult to provide their public services."

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Ham radio gets renewed respect Your voice: Joe Phillips

It's like the feeling you get from living in a world of black tuxedos and you are a pair of brown shoes.

You may look nice, feel shined up and ready to go - but you just don't fit in to what's happening. You get no respect. But it took an American disaster, and now we are featured in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times. National TV mentions us regularly.

As a lifelong amateur radio (ham radio) operator, I'm tired of constantly being told my hobby was no longer useful due to computers, the Internet and cell phones. Old fashioned and useless, was the line. Again, no respect.

Then earlier this year, amateur radio made a minor come back in usefulness to the world. The Asian tsunami wiped out power and all communications for thousands of Pacific Ocean Islands and most of Sri Lanka. Amateur radio operators, with gasoline generators for power, were the only communications network for weeks. The only thing in town to link the outside world for tens of thousands stranded victims. No cell phones, no Internet, no GPS satellites. No fancy techno toys. If it needed commercial power; it didn't work.

Only hams had the equipment which could operate on generators and the established frequency networks so other ham radio operators across Earth were listening and took messages.

But the ham radio angle was generally ignored here. Most of the operators involved were European, Asian and African amateurs. CNN International did a 15 minute report - the United States was the only CNN-affiliated country not to run it.

Then Katrina happened.

Suddenly the "brown shoes" of our American culture became the only communications vehicle that worked in New Orleans. Just like the tsunami, if it needed commercial power (cell phones network, computer terminals, etc.), it didn't work.

The Wall Street Journal ran a pro-ham radio piece story which mainly echoed our current battle cry: "What is working? Ham Radio." Two days later, the New York Times did the same. Reports about amateur

radio involvement can be found on TV everywhere - even the Home and Garden network.

It is about time.

It took a major crisis for ham radio's continued usefulness to break through to average Americans. It showed them that the fancy techno toys always need a simple practical backup, no matter how advanced these toys become. And it demonstrated how valuable ham radio operators continue to be to our country - no matter how old-fashioned we look.

Joe Phillips, a retired Princeton High School teacher, is a former Enquirer columnist and has served as Ohio Section Manager for the American Radio Relay League.

Source: Cincinnati Inquirer dated; Saturday, September 10, 2005

WEAVER'S WORDS — SEPTEMBER SONG

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2005
3:31 PM

- 60 Meters
- UP-DATE YOUR INFO
- CW SURVEY (PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW YOU FEEL)
- ELECTION PROCEDURES
- BETTER PRESS FROM OUR SERVED AGENCIES
- HOW THE BOARD WORKS

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH 60 METERS?

The 60M ham band is not totally controlled by the FCC. It is controlled largely by NTIA. This is the reason much different restraints have been placed on us when operating in this band than any other of our bands. At the direction of the Board of Directors, ARRL is exploring possible modifications in the restrictions NTIA (through FCC) have on the band. We are discussing removing some restrictions and expanding the size of the band. One of the more difficult parts of negotiating regarding 60M relates to the use of this band by the Coast Guard. This service needs much reassurance from experience that we aren't going to create problems for them.

With multiple agencies involved in our effort, we do not expect negotiations to proceed rapidly.

IS YOUR INFO UP-TO-DATE

In checking over information on file on The ARRL web site (ARRL.org) it has become apparent that 1) about one-third of Affiliated Clubs Have incorrect information on file with the League, and 2) an even higher percent of individual members have allowed inaccurate information to remain on file. This incorrect information ranges from the names, addresses, telephone numbers and E-mail addresses for club contact, presidents and newsletter editors, to incorrect E-mail information, addresses (!) and telephone numbers for individual members. Especially when it comes to active clubs, allowing incorrect information "to lie around" hinders potential new members from contacting officers and isn't particularly wise if one wishes the club to grow. Go to ARRL.org to correct wrong information. Go to the "clubs" link to correct club info and to the "members only" link to correct personal information.

CW SURVEY

I have one of my member surveys I'd like you to take to assist me. The background to this is that the FCC has proposed to dump Morse code testing requirements. I would like you to tell me how you think the Board should react to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making by selecting from among the following answers. Please answer both Question No. 1 and Question No. 2. Question No. 2 has three possible answers to choose from, so provide the answer that best reflects your position.

Question No. 1: Do you operate using CW? ___ Yes or ___ No.

Question No. 2: What do you believe ARRL should do regarding the FCC's proposed rule change?

___ 2.a. Do nothing. Let the FCC do what it chooses without encouragement or protest.

___ 2.b. Fight to have FCC retain a Morse code requirement but do not allow this fight to draw effort from our attempts to obtain additional, critical changes in the Amateur Radio license structure.

___ 3.C. Fight strongly to have FCC retain a Morse code requirement even though doing this will prevent us from engaging in a strong campaign to obtain additional, critical changes in the Amateur Radio license structure. Pull out all the stops for CW.

Please be certain to answer the questions with Yes or No (No. 1), or with No 2.a., No. 2.b., or No. 2.c. ONLY if you wish your preference to be recorded, promptly. ADD a discussion statement to your pin-point answers if you wish, but I may be unable to review any discussion answers, themselves, until some time in November or possibly December.

Send your answers to k8je@arrl.org only. Clicking on REPLY to mynewsletters takes you to a dead letter office.

Jim Weaver, K8JE

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MEMBERS: The reason ARRL Is!

(Ed. Note: Weaver's Words seen here has been edited for length. It is just too long to be presented in it's entirety. To read it in full, please refer to ARRL Web site; Weaver's Words, September Song, 9 /24 / 2005. Jim is running for re-election , will the MARC endorse him for re-election? Come to the meeting and find out!)

ARLD039 DX news

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ARLD039

From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT September 29, 2005

To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD039 ARLD039 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by

4X1VF, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, The Daily DX, 425DXnews, DXNL, WA7BNM and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

ISRAEL, 4X. A group of operators are QRV as 4X7AZ from Akhziv

Island, IOTA AS-100, until October 1. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via 4Z5LA.

MAURITANIA, 5T. Jean is QRV as 5T0JL and has been active on 80meters around 0500z. QSL via ON8RA.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Abdullah, A61Q has been active on 30 meters around 1530z. QSL via EA7FTR.

SPAIN, EA. Operators ED5MDT, ED5PSG, ED5PSM, ED5PSR, ED5PYP, ED5TCG, ED5TIF, ED5TII and ED5TSJ will be QRV as ED5TH from Tabarca Island, IOTA EU-093, and as ED5TIF from the Tabarca Lighthouse,

ARLHS SPA-136, until October 2. They will also be active using their own calls. QSL via operators' instructions.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. Serge, F6AML is QRV as TO5R until October 23. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters, including the newer bands, using CW and SSB. During this time, he plans to take a side trip to Mayotte where he will be QRV as TX5M from October 10 to 14. QSL direct to home call.

JERSEY, GJ. Ramon, XE1KK will be QRV as GJ/VE7RKK on October 5 and 6 on an FM LEO satellite. QSL to home call.

GUERNSEY, GU. Prior to his Jersey stop, Ramon, XE1KK will be QRV as GU/VE7RKK on October 3 and 4. He will be active on the HF bands and satellites. QSL to home call.

WALES, GW. Special event station GB5SIP is QRV from Flatholm Island, IOTA EU-125, until October 2 to celebrate the 100-year centenary of Cardiff City. QSL via GW0ANA.

KURE ISLAND, KH7K. A number of operators are QRV as K7C from Kure Atoll, IOTA OC-020, until October 6. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including the newer bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via K4TSJ.

GREECE, SV. Geza, HA4XG will be QRV as J43XG from Rio from October 1 to 15. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters, including the newer bands and 2 meters, using CW, SSB and FSK441. He is here on holiday, so his operating time is during early mornings and evenings. QSL to home call.

CRETE, SV9. Stephan, DK3TNA is QRV as SV9/DK3TNA until October 12. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

PALAU, T8. John, WB6Z is QRV as T88US until October 2. He may also be active as T80B. Activity is on all bands. QSL via operator's instructions.

CANADA, VE. Mike, VE6AO is QRV as CK6AO to celebrate Alberta's 100th anniversary, and can often be found on 20 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

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(Ed note: used the ARRL DX information this month as Ohio/ Penn didn't have an updated DX column this month)

LAST THOUGHTS BEFORE WE GO -----

October is a very busy month, it has Columbus Day, October 10 , National Boss Day ? October 16 , Yom Kippur Oct 13 , and Daylight Savings Time begins October 30 , just in time for the Hamfest ! So don't forget to "fall back " 1 hour the night before the " BIG EVENT " !!!! Below is a parting picture of the Hare Arena in Dayton. I don't know what year it was taken but it sure didn't look like that this year. We can only hope that hamfest's will rebound and become popular once again!



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W8NP Monthly Planner

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