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## Secretary's Minutes

By Jerry Paquette WB8IOW, acting Secretary

DeForest ARC Meeting, February 14, 2006

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President, Jerry Paquette, WB8IOW. Jerry asked if anyone wanted to take the meeting minutes. No one volunteered so Jerry stated he would get by with notes as we go.

Treasurer's Report: ED Lock, KE8FK presented the report for the period 11-09-05 through 12-13-05:

Beginning balance:	\$1,711.02
Outflows:	123.34
Inflows:	272.00
Balance:	\$1,859.68

Ed announced that he is still accepting dues for 2006.

Vice President's Report: Ridney Lorenz initiated a discussion about Field Day 2006 coming up on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Several possible sites were suggested and it was decided to go to the site used for the past several years, the home of Jerry & Kim Paquette.

Secretary's Report: Kim was absent from the meeting and had no report. Kim was visiting her mother, Doris Pierro, KG4OET in Florida. Doris is a member of the DeForest ARC.

A get-well card for Doris was passed around for signatures.

ARES Report: Bill Mangus will soon be appointed the new Adams County ARES Emergency Coordinator, or EC. Due to Bill's work schedule he was unable to attend the meeting.

New business:

1) The March 14<sup>th</sup> severe weather spotter's class was discussed. The class will begin at 6:30 PM and the location is our normal meeting room at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center, in West Union, Ohio. The building is across the street from the front steps of the Adams County Courthouse.

2) Jerry asked for meeting ideas for 2006. Ed suggested maybe some technical topics. In fact, Ed loaned Jerry the hand-out from Mike Brown's presentation "A Charge Meter for Electrostatic Measurements". Mike Brown, W8DJY, now a silent-key made his presentation to the ARES meeting in Columbus a few years ago.

Jerry, WB8IOW, and Kim N8YWX, and Barbara N8HIA, and Edward KE8FK attended the ARES meeting.

Mike Brown was a professor of Electrical Engineering at Miami University, located in Oxford Ohio and Cincinnati Ohio. Jerry said it would be difficult to repeat Mike's demonstration but it might be a possibility.

3) The updated DeForest ARC Constitution and By-Laws were signed by all present. Jerry will scan them into a PDF file and will place them on the club website, <http://www.qsl.net/k8ge>.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Barbara N8HIA, Edward KE8FK, Pat KC8LVE, Barry KB8OMG, Kelly KB8UAO, Ridney N8XGP, Eldon KB8AMX, Jerry WB8IOW.

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### NET CONTROL STATIONS 2006

Ridney N8XGP asked for volunteers to act as net control in 2006. Here is the list to-date:

January – WB8IOW, February - KB8OMG  
 March - KE8FK, April {open}  
 May – KC8LVE, June – KB8QNT & N8XGP  
 July {open}, August – KK8J & KC8JZG -KB8OMG will back up as needed  
 September – N8YWX, October {open}  
 November {open}, December – N8HIA

If you would like to volunteer for a month (or partial month), please contact N8XGP or any club officer.

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### SkyWARN MEETING

The Spring 2006 Amateur Radio Skywarn Net Control Section meeting was held on March 18, 2006 at the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Wilmington, Ohio.

Adams County EC Bill Mangus N8SND, Jerry Paquette WB8IOW, and Kim Paquette N8YWX attended. Here are some highlights from this semi-annual meeting. The special event station held on December 3, 2005 was successful.

The NWS office in Wilmington operated under the new station callsign WX8WIL; the station received an F-3 tornado level Tornado Certificate awarded for participation. Paul Gehringer WB8ZZR reported that, while the number of

QSOs was down due to atmospheric conditions, WX8WIL had 291 contacts (15th place), worked 41 different states (15th place) and worked 50 NWS offices (11th place).

The Dayton section sponsored a 1/2 day advanced spotter training following the annual spotter training. The advanced spotter training in Columbus is scheduled for April 8th in conjunction with the OSU Annual Severe Weather Symposium at the Fawcett Center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Greg Stacy from the Hurricane Prediction Center and Roger Edwards from Storm Prediction Center will be among the speakers. Presenters for the symposium in the afternoon include Chuck Doswell and Roger Edwards.

The radio equipment at the ham station at the NWS in Wilmington is 12 years old. WB8ZZR is researching grants and other ways to fund updating the equipment and making needed repairs to the repeater used for SkyWarn operations. The Columbus and West Union sections are experiencing difficulties in communicating with Wilmington NWS during severe weather nets due to problems with the repeater in Wilmington. Suggestions for relaying severe weather reports until funding can be found to upgrade equipment in Wilmington were discussed. Columbus section will attempt to borrow a MARCS radio from Franklin County EMA or use Echolink.

West Union may use hams in Hillsboro to relay as needed. Ohio Severe Weather Awareness week is March 26th through April 1st. The annual Ohio Tornado Drill will be conducted Wednesday, March 29th at 9:50 a.m. The NWS will have a booth again this year at the Dayton Hamvention.

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. There will be a technical presentation about power consumption and energy saving ideas.

During 2006 the club meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the even-numbered months:

April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10, December 12

NOTE: There will be only six newsletters in 2006, one following each meeting.

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### Birthdays & Special Events

March through June

Date	Callsign	Name
03-08	KB8NSJ	Larry Bennington
03-16	N8XGM	Tony L. Kimmerly
03-19	KC8DDY	Lyle Lambert
03-22	KB8YKM	Imogene Seymour

03-22	KC8LIA	Karen Lambert
04-04	KB8NBI	Jack E. King
04-06	KB8RYG	Lawrence P. Lewis
<u>04-13 DeForest ARC meeting, 7 PM</u>		
04-18	KD4PYZ	T J Whitehead
04-27	KB8VPR	Joe Rogers
05-17	W8RCB	Richard C. Burnes
05-19	KC8LVE	Patricia Ellis
05-25	KC8JZG	Linda Larter
05-26	KK8J	George H. Larter
06-04	WB8IOW	Jerry S. Paquette
06-05	KC8CZB	Ruth (Polly) Hayden
06-06	KB8TQU	Dorothy H. Silman
06-09	WA8NWY	Larry Unger
06-11	KB8UAO	Kelly E. Boone
06-11		Dottie Lorenz
<u>06-12 DeForest ARC picnic and meeting, to be held at the Field Day site.</u>		
06-17		Gladys R. Stultz
06-20	KB8TJT	Wanda S. Mangus
06-21	KG4OET	Doris Pierro
06-23	KC8NHU	Maxwell J. Moore

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### APRIL OHIO SECTION NEWS

By Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Joanne Solak, KJ3O

**THE YEAR 2006 has really been a busy one so far and I think it will continue to be so as the Ohio Clubs are on the MOVE as always. My calendar has been filled with dates for upcoming club events and speaking dates at Clubs in various cities and towns across Ohio.**

**The Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club is among the many Clubs sponsoring SKYWARN sessions throughout the Ohio Section. If your club is not involved with the SKYWARN sessions find one in your area that is SPONSORING SKYWARN and attend. We can always use updated training sessions so we stay ready for the disasters that could need our ARES groups. and YOU!**

**I read an article in the Mt Vernon ARC Newsletter by Jim Brooks, KY4Z, Kentucky Section PIC , all about EchoLink . I really enjoyed that article and realized just how far amateur radio and the PC has come. I hope to one of these days, when I find the time, to try EchoLink!**

### SPOTLIGHT CLUB OF THE MONTH

**THE NORTHERN OHIO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY N.O.A.R.S. IS THE APRIL CLUB OF THE MONTH - K8KRG**

**NOARS offers the radio community as a whole an unequalled range of amateur radio activities.**

Welcome to NOARS Country. "The NOARS log" Newsletter is not just a reprint of articles you can find anywhere. Informative and real-time articles as well as technical articles make "The Log" a great resource for all.

NOARS REPEATERS are open to the amateur public. Feel free to enjoy wide area coverage on six meters thru UHF on NOARS repeaters. Two Meters..146.70 Elyria, OH This repeater is home to the NOARS nets. This repeater is "backup" for the Lorain Co. SKYWARN nets. 145.15 Strongsville, OH heard throughout Ohio, this is a real asset to the VHF community 444.8 - Elyria, OH UHF coverage for most of the Northeast Ohio linkable to the VHF repeaters makes this a solid communications system. Included in this package is "BART" the DXALERT . Check this one for your DX info. 53.13 Medina, OH SIX METERS NOARS is proud to support (in partnership with the M2M Medina Group) this popular repeater which offers wide coverage and reliability.

The NOARS August meeting is their PICNIC. The NOARS December banquet is the ham radio social event of the year! Relaxed dining and Music provides a pleasant evening that is hard to beat.

HAMFESTS TWO OF THEM!! The Winter Hamfest in February at Gargus Hall, and the major event, NOARS-FEST in July. Both are ARRL approved!

NOARS FIELD DAY has been a specialty for over 30 years fielding national Champions in 1987 and 1989..featuring "run what you brung" attitude has yielded ham radio innovations that will be enjoyed for years to come. BUT beyond the scoring, the keyword at NOARS Field Day is FUN!

NOARS SPECIAL EVENTS USS COD WW II SUBMARINE The Granddaddy of Warship special event stations. K8KRG has logged over 5000 QSOs. The CLUB STATION is on the ship for all members to operate. This unique and original special event station right aboard a WW11 submarine is the first honoring a US war relic and museum. The over 5000 QSOs have been made right from the original radio room where a modern state of the art ham radio station has been installed by and for NOARS members to use.

NOARS supports group contests activities for its members.

NOARS PUBLIC SERVICE Many NOARS members are found on local and national traffic nets helping deliver the "bread and butter" messages of the NTS FROM PUMPKIN PATROL to SPECIAL OLYMPICS, NOARS members are hard at work (or is it play) lending

a hand in dealing with all important communications for these events.

NOARS has two NETS...Wednesday Nights finds this informal rag-chew net at 9:PM on 146.700/100 and is one of the longest running nets of its type in Ohio. Thursday nights 8:PM on 146.700/100 is the Tech Net. You don't have to be a technogeek to enjoy this one. A friendly and informative group meets here and discusses ham radio with a slant on how it works. Projects, hints, and kinks, new tools and procedures.

NOARS Website..... [www.noars.net](http://www.noars.net)

NOARS MEETINGS.. The regular business meeting is normally held on the third Monday of the month (no business meetings in August and December).. at Gargus Catering Hall, 1965 Northridge Rd. Sheffield Township. All are welcome, Bring a friend, Coffee and Donuts , Hall opens at 7:pm, Meeting at 7:30 pm, friendly and informal meetings.

NOARS offers an affordable and attractive membership package for everyone--DUES are \$10.00 a Year. With special incentives for new first time members. Family memberships and associate membership. As well as Life Membership for the Senior members. A win-win situation!

I "THANK" John K. McKenna, WD8IQJ, for his assistance in getting this "information" about the N.O.A.R.S. CLUB presented as the first SPOTLIGHT CLUB OF THE MONTH!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL N.O.A.R.S. OFFICERS (and MEMBERS) for supporting such a GREAT ORGANIZATION!! The OHIO SECTION and the ARRL wish you many years of success!

Spotlight Club of the Month will be a monthly feature of the Ohio Section News. One of these days I will be calling you informing you that I have chosen your club to be the next SPOTLIGHT Club of the Month. Until then I hope you have enjoyed this month's Ohio Section News . Keep those Newsletters coming my way and keep supporting your CLUB events and ARES group training sessions and events.

Always remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing you. Until then Happy Spring and Best 73, Joanne Solak, KJ3O ACC Ohio

OHIO SECTION APRIL HAMFESTS: Sunday, April 2; the 52nd Annual Hamfest/Electronics & Computer Show, sponsored by the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest2006.htm> - or contact: Ted, W8TTS; Email: [w8tts@w8tts.com](mailto:w8tts@w8tts.com)

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