

## REPEATERS

W8BAP/R 146.850 - 600K

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## PACKET

W8BAP 145.630

## NETS

SVARC -146.850 Mondays @8:30pm

OSSBN 3.972.5 @ 10:30am, 4:15pm, 6:45pm

COTN +147.24 @7:15pm Daily

SSTV -146.850 1st Monday each Month@ 9:00pm

-145.490 1st Sunday each Month@ 7:00pm

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# Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## SVARC Monthly Gatherings

Regular Meeting 3rd Thursday

of the month: 03-20-2003

Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>

@ 7:30 PM.

Mailing label

# Chillicothe's Richard Hopper, 65, overcomes obstacles of blindness

By Brooke Bunch  
Gazette Staff Writer

Local resident Richard Hopper is missing something from his life.

It's something all of us have, something all of us need, and something all of us take for granted.

Hopper is missing his vision, one of our most vital senses. But what he isn't missing is determination. This 65-year-old won't let his blindness get in the way of anything.

"If I want it bad enough, I figure out a way to do it," he said. "I don't let things stop me. It may slow me down, but I'm not going to let it stop me. Let's face it, it's a sighted person's world. So if I want to do it, I have to figure out how. I have to conform to their ways."

Hopper has pushed conformity to the limit -- he recently climbed up onto the roof of his house to fiddle with a radio antenna.

Does his wife worry? Nah, she's used to it.

"I forget he's blind half the time," said wife Patricia. "Because he never lets anything stop him. He'll sit down and figure out how to do it. I can't believe it. He does it better than I do and I see."

Hopper has lived nearly his whole life overcoming barriers. He lost his vision completely in his late teens.

"It bothered me, but there was nothing I could do about it," he said. "I lived with it."

Living with it meant working as an electrician for Goodwill Industries for nearly 30 years. He said it wasn't easy, but like everything else, he follows the Nike philosophy ... just do it.

And according to his supervisor at Goodwill, Janice Coon, he does it well.

"He's just wonderful, and very dedicated," she said. "If we had electrical problems, he'd fix it. He was a very determined individual. He didn't let the fact that he was a non-sighted person get in his way. I can't say enough about Richard. He's amazing."

Coon said he is sorely missed at Goodwill.

"I don't know anyone who's met him that he hasn't made an impression on," she said. "He's always positive. He never has a down day. I've never seen it in all the years. He's a rarity that doesn't come along very often."

Hopper serves as a living inspiration to all who have ever let a bump in the road get them down. Take it from the man himself, get up and keep moving.

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Martin S. Lerman

**Chillicothe resident Richard Hopper shows how he cuts wood using the table saw in his wood shop. Hopper, who is blind, builds shelves and bookcases as his hobby.**

## Know your neighbor

- **Name:** Richard Hopper
- **Age:** 65
- **Residence:** Chillicothe
- **Hobbies:** Amateur radio operator, electrical work and construction

## BIRTHDAY HAMS

Please wish our members another happy and prosperous year as they celebrate the anniversary of their birth this month. May they enjoy good health and conversations via radio for many years to come. **73 to all!**

### **March Birthdays**

9	N8ZOQ	Jack Thompson
9	KB8TKT	Doris Lineman
15	N8ZOV	Mindy Hartmus

### **IN REMEMBRANCE OF SILENT KEYS**

28	WA8PZJ	Wilbur Cartright sk
30	N8SJO	Carlene Rozell sk

## REMINDER

Club meeting starts at 7:30 pm 3-20-2003  
**SVARC 2003 Membership Dues are Due**  
(15.00 regular 10.00 associate) send your dues

To: Jim Anzelmo  
1304 Randall Dr. Chillicothe  
OH, 45601

**Operators needed for Monday Night Nets**  
**Fish Fry Dates this year**  
May 9 and August 15

## WANTED TO BUY

**OLD HAM GEAR,  
HALLICRAFTER, DRAKE, HEATH AND  
OTHER.**

Contact K8KX Marvin Turner 663 2298

## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The February Meeting was canceled, due to inclement weather.

### MARCH 1st ARES EXECISE

I was going to say thank you for the good turnout by all members, even though our services were not needed, THANK YOU!! Also any member that does not have their ID card please try to make the meeting so that your picture can be taken, and you can pick up information regarding supplies for your jump kit.

Note: Spring is almost here, and since we had a wild winter we could be in for a wild spring and summer. So prepare now, I will be bugging the weather net folks here in Columbus on Ross counties behalf to listen, so help to help you by checking into the weather net when called, and remember "Long tone #5" (5sec) will call up the weather net if needed.

John Mand KC8FPU  
Ross County EC

## FROM THE PREZ.....

As we have been 'snowed out' and haven't had a meeting for the last two months - the March meeting ( Thursday March 20 ) will be an important meeting. There will be an election of officers for the 2003 year. Nomination Committee Chairman, Rich Miller, still needs candidates for Vice President and President. I am willing to serve another year as you President BUT I TRULY BELIEVE FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME 'NEW BLOOD '

TO TAKE OVER. MAYBE SOMEONE DIFFERENT COULD CREATE SOME ENTHUSIASM AMONG CLUB MEMBERS.

Some things we should discuss at the next meeting are; Spring Picnic, Special Event Station at the FOFM, Field Day, Fish Fry (which I am seriously considering canceling - guess I'm just getting tired), clubhouse improvements, and of course new officers for this coming year. TRY TO ATTEND THE MEETING THIS MONTH ON THURSDAY MARCH 20.

## Pictures From the ARES activity on Statehood Day

