

# Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## SVARC Monthly Gatherings

Regular Meeting 3rd Thursday  
of the month:

**Thursday, March 16, 2006 @ 7:30 pm.**

## REPEATERS

**W8BAP/R** 146.850 - 600K

**W8BAP/R** 146.925 -600K

**W8BAP/R** 444.425 + 5M

**KA8WWI/R** 53.230 – 1M

## 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

**SSTV -146.925** Every Sunday night @ 7:00 P.M.

**SSTV -145.490** 1st Sunday each Month@

7:00pm **Ohio Severe Weather Network**

**-146.760** or **-146.925** When Needed

## SVARC NET CONTROLLERS

Rick Miller AA8YN

Marv Turner K8KX,

Jim Snodgrass KC8TYS

Jesse Stanley KD8CHP

Bill New KC8YZR

## Social / Elmer night

**First Thursday of the month**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 2006 7:30 PM.**

## SVARC OFFICERS

**President:** Jim Snodgrass KC8TYS

**Vice-president:** Bill New KC8YZR

**Secretary:** Tim Brooks N8ZOM

**Treasurer:** Jim Anzelmo WB8NNJ

**Trustee:** Mike Matheus KC8WIW

**Trustee:** Marvin Turner K8KX

**Trustee:** Bruce Copeland KC8BBT

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Jim Anzelmo WB8NNJ

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**It's time to pay the 2006 dues**

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

9 N8ZOQ Jack Thompson sk  
 9 KB8TKT Doris Lineman  
 15 N8ZOV Mindy Hartmus  
 28 WA8PZJ Wilbur Cartright sk  
 30 N8SJO Carlene Rozell sk

## **SOCIAL / ELMERS NIGHT**

First Thursday of the month @ 7:30 PM.

## **REMINDER**

**Club meeting starts at 7:30 pm 03-16-2006**

## **FISH FRY !!**

**Friday May 12 2006**

Please volunteer

## **HEALTH and WELFARE UPDATE**

**Dick Walsh** is home from the hospital, he has to have dialysis treatments on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

**Mindy Hartmus** is going in for surgery.

**Please keep these in prayer.**

## **Check in's for W8BAP net on 01-30-06:**

Jim --- KC8TYS  
 John --WB8GRX  
 Larry --KD8CRC  
 Mike -- KC8WIW,  
 Jim --- KD8BWV  
 Rich -- AA8YN, Net control

## **Check in's for W8BAP net on 02-27-06**

KD8CXE ED  
 N8ZOM Tim  
 AA8YN Richard  
 WB8GRX John  
 K8KX Marv  
 KD8CRC Larry  
 KD8CHP Jesse Netcontrol

## **Check in's for Monday night net, 03-06-06.**

AA8YN (Net control) ---Rich---Chillicothe  
 WD8PHL ---- Ken ---- Wash. CH  
 KC8WDR --- Harry ---Crown City (Near Gallipolis)  
 N8ZOM ---- Tim ----Chillicothe  
 N8WJS -----Tom---- Piketon  
 KD8CHP ----Jesse---- Bainbridge  
 N8TUW -----Steve ----Kingston  
 K8KX -----Marv -----Alma  
 KI8HU -----Gary -----Chillicothe  
 WA8HGF ---Dan ----- Hillsboro  
 W0MNE ----Mike ----- Circleville  
 WB8GRX ---John -----Chillicothe

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## **HAMFEST** (from the ARRL website.)

<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>PH. NUMBER</b>
Mansfield Mid*Winter Hamfest and Computer Show <b>Toledo Mobile Radio Assc.</b>	Maumee (Toledo), OH	<b>19 Mar 2006</b>	Brian Harrington, WD8MXR <a href="mailto:bharrington@meduohio.edu">bharrington@meduohio.edu</a>	419-535-6594
<b>Lake County ARA</b>	Madison, OH <a href="http://www.lcara.org/">http://www.lcara.org/</a>	<b>26 Mar 2006</b>	Rocky, KB8WFD <a href="mailto:rocky@lcara.org">rocky@lcara.org</a>	440-209-8953
<b>Cuyahoga Falls ARC</b>	Cuyahoga Falls, OH <a href="http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest2006.htm">http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest2006.htm</a>	<b>2 Apr 2006</b>	Ted Sarah, W8TTS <a href="mailto:w8tts@w8tts.com">w8tts@w8tts.com</a>	330-688-2013
<b>Jackson County ARC</b>	Coalton, OH	<b>8 Apr 2006</b>	Edgar Dempsey, KD8XL <a href="mailto:kd8xl@verizon.net">kd8xl@verizon.net</a>	740-286-3239
<b>Athens County ARA</b>	Athens, OH <a href="http://www.ac-ara.org/">http://www.ac-ara.org/</a>	<b>30 Apr 2006</b>	Drew McDaniel, W8MHV <a href="mailto:mcdanied@ohiou.edu">mcdanied@ohiou.edu</a>	740-592-2106

**SCIOTO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 16 2006**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Vice President Jim Snodgrass, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following 12 members were in attendance:

Jim Snodgrass KC8TYS  
Marvin Turner K8KX  
Bruce Copeland KC8BBT  
Jesse Stanley KD8CHP  
Bill New KC8YZR  
Jim Boyce KD8BWV

Richard Miller AA8YN  
Michael Mathuews KC8WIW  
John Mand KC8FPU  
Mike Doty W0MNE  
Bill McCartney W8BDW  
Tim Brooks N8ZOM

1. Motion to dispense the reading of the November minutes by Bruce Copeland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Miller. Passed
2. Jim Snodgrass reported Dick Walsh had been to Columbus for surgery, a card was passed around for signatures. gave the Health and Welfare report, \$73.50 in the pop fund.
  - Marv Turner reported that Bill Lorenzo's wife was in the hospital, Mike Tilly had a heart catheterization
  - \$86.47 in the pop fund.
3. Repeater report given by Jim Snodgrass:
  - 146.925 Better, it still has problems. Bill Dean is going to look at the system..
  - 146.850 Working OK
  - 440 Working but low on power.
  - 6 meter Working OK.
  - Marv Turner reported, the club now also has the call sign of KD8CTB in order to regain the call signs W8BAP and K8WWI as vanity call signs.
4. Old Business:
  - A VE test session was held on Feb. 11, 2006. Ed Knisley passed the Technician test. Jesse Stanley passed the general theory. Congratulations!
  - Golf Tournament, Mike Mathuews gave a updated report. Mike is the chairman of the committee and Rich Miller is on the committee. Need to decide on a date (September 9?) Need to get hole sponsors; 15 teams is the goal. Tournament can be cancelled up to the day of the event. Motion to proceed by Bill New, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mand. Motion passed.
  - Fish Fry to be held on May 12. We need to start getting volunteers. Meet at clubhouse May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please volunteer.
  - Bill New had mentioned donating letters and logos; Bill will bring samples and will also donate any profits to the club.
  - Monday night net doing well. Jesse Stanley will be net controller on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Rich Miller will begin the traders' net on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, beginning March 6, 2006.
  - Elmer's/Social Night will be held March 2 at 7:30 p.m.
  - Discussion about sending notices to delinquent members was approved.
5. New Business:
  - Marv Turner discussed the "Feast of the Flowering Moon" special-event station on Memorial Day weekend. If interested, contact Tim Brooks or Jim Snodgrass.
  - VE test will be June 10 at the clubhouse. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. Test at 9:00 a.m.

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7. Other business.

- Someone had left a pile of antennas and stuff at the door of the clubhouse. A raffle was held; total income was \$22.50.
- 2006 officer elections were held. Below are the new officers:

**2006 Officer Elections**

President:	Jim Snodgrass
Vice President:	Bill New
Secretary:	Tim Brooks
Treasurer:	Jim Anzelmo
Trustees:	Mike Mathuews Marv Turner Bruce Copeland

8. 50/50 drawing \$7 in the pot. Won by Tim Brooks. Tim kept his dollar and donated the rest. (I have been a member for over 10 years, and this is the first time I've won a 50/50.)

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tim Brooks, N8ZOM

**Next Solar Cycle to be Later but More Intense, New Research Suggests**

From the ARRL.ORG

NEWINGTON, CT, Mar 7, 2006--The next solar cycle, Cycle 24, will be a year or so late in arriving but will be far more intense than the current cycle now winding down--perhaps as much as 50 percent stronger. That's according to a new computer model unveiled March 6 by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado. The researchers developed the first "solar climate" forecast using a combination of groundbreaking observations of the sun's interior from space and computer simulation. Key to predicting the solar activity cycle is an understanding of plasma flows in the sun's interior.

The new technique of "helioseismology" allows researchers to see inside the sun. Helioseismology traces sound waves reverberating inside the sun to build up a picture of the interior, similar to the way ultrasound technology can create a picture of an unborn baby. The new model, known as the Predictive Flux-transport Dynamo Model, has simulated the strength of the past eight solar cycles extending back to the early 1900s with 98 percent accuracy.

If proved correct the forecast offers a sort of bad news/good news scenario for Amateur Radio operators, but not all solar scientists agree with the newest prediction. NASA solar physicist David Hathaway has declared that Cycle 23's solar minimum already has arrived. Nonetheless, Hathaway, who was not involved in the Dikpati study, says he is excited about the new model.

"It's based on sound physical principals, and it finally answers the 150-year-old question of what causes the 11-year sunspot cycle," Hathaway said.

Hathaway says his own research concurs that Cycle 24 will be more intense than Cycle 23. However, he predicts the next solar cycle will begin late this year or early next year rather than a year later. He points out that historical data suggest that the more powerful cycles begin earlier rather than later.

## 2006 SVARC GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPT. 9 2006

Editors Note: Mike Matheuws has brought up the idea of SVARC sponsoring a Golf Tournament At the February meeting it was voted to pursue holding one, Mike Matheuws will chair the committee and Richard Miller is also on the committee. I don't know anything about golf, but Mike has done a lot of investigation and leg work looking into this tournament. It has the potential to help make the club some much needed money.

If we all support and volunteer to help Mike in his effort, it should be a good success. I have pasted his post from the SVARV message board below.

Tim Brooks N8ZOM

“Hello, I have visited a few of the golf courses in the area and have come up with a few things that are most important in the planning. First, the date. When to have it and when not to have it. I think the month of May has too many things going on (Dayton Hamfest, Fish Fry). The first two weeks of June are full of High School and College Graduations. June 17th may be good (Father's Day is the 18th). The 24th of June would also be good. Any Sat. in July should be OK. I think the Ross County Fair is in Aug.,so avoid that week and the week of the Gusmacker(basketball tournament). We also don't want to conflict with any other big tournaments at the other courses.

Second: Hole and/or Team Sponsors. If we can get Corporate Sponsors up front, there is no pressure. With 18 holes @ \$100 dollars each, it wouldn't matter how many teams showed up we would have already made a big profit. The Pro at Running Fox said that if a business bulked at \$100 dollars then ask if they would like to Co-sponsor @ \$50. She also said that with our ties with Adena Hospital, the Doctors may be willing to help.

Third: Skill prizes. Certain holes would give each player a chance to win a skill prize...closest to pin, longest putt, longest drive, etc. etc. I have had good luck in the past with this. The prizes are out there for the asking. Gift certificates are available at any restaurant or small business. Auto Zone has tool sets waiting for anyone who ask.

I know that it may sound like a lot, but I think that if we give ourselves enough time, it would a lot of fun and profitable.

Well I hope someone reads this and comments, or adds their own ideas. Just something to think about before the next meeting.

Mike  
KC8WIW”

Anyone interested in helping out, or for more information of how many people would be needed, who to contact for donations, etc.

Contact Mike Mathuews at:  
[mathuews@hotmail.com](mailto:mathuews@hotmail.com)

or

See the topic on the SVARC Chat page at:  
<http://n8zom.com/v-web/bulletin/bb/viewtopic.php?t=29>