

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

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

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

NET CONTROLLERS

MONDAY EVENING NET

1st-Jim WB8NNJ, 2nd - Alan AA4Z1

3rd-Marv K8KX, 4th-vacant

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SVARC Monthly Gatherings

Regular Meeting 3rd Thursday

of the month: 08-21-2003

Thursday September 18th

@ 7:30 PM.

FALL PICNIC and

ARRL SEPTEMBER VHF QSO PARTY

Saturday 13th @ 2:00 PM

Social Nights 1st Thursday

Of the month 10-02-2003

Mailing label

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!**



August Birthdays

9	KB8TKN	Ratana Thompson
10	KG8UN	Larry Williams
12	AA8IZ	Deane Hawkins
23	WD8AGI	Leo Brown sk
25	KB8TNH	Royce Davis

*If I have missed your birthday, Please notify me with the correct information.

REMINDER

Club meeting starts at 7:30 pm 08-18-2003
Operators needed for Monday Night Nets

WANTED TO BUY

OLD HAM GEAR,
HALLICRAFTER, DRAKE, HEATH ETC.
Contact K8KX Marvin Turner 663 2298

HAMFEST from the ARRL website.

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PH. NUMBER</u>
Greater Cincinnati ARA	Cincinnati, OH	21 Sep 2003	Tom Denham, K8VOE	513-779-3951
http://cincinnatiamateurradio.com/				
Hamfest Assoc. of Cleveland	Cleveland (Berea), OH	28 Sep 2003	info@hac.org	1-800-CLE-FEST
http://www.hac.org/				
Medina Two Meter Group	Medina, OH	5 Oct 2003	Mike Rubaszewski	330-273-1519
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http://www.nwoarc.org/				
			kc0jdt@yahoo.com	

Mike Matheus at the 2003 field day / Picnic



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CORRECTIONS

In the August Newsletter, I reported that John Smart was working toward the two meter WAS. He is **NOT**.

I also miss-spelled Gonset.

And I reported that the Treasurer's report was not ready, when in fact Jim Anzelmo had handed out the reports at the July meeting.

SCIOTO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Minutes, Regular Meeting August 21, 2003

Meeting started at 8:05pm.

1. Motion was made to suspend the reading of the minutes by KC8BBT, and seconded by KC8VPT. The motion carried.
2. Treasures report stands as read.
3. Bill Dean reported on the repeater committee. They have the replacement 440 radio, but Bill still needs to do the modifications to it to place it on the club's 440 frequency, and use it as a repeater.
4. The 146.85, 146.925, and 53.23 repeaters are all working fine.
5. Bill cut the grass at the .925 site.
6. Bill also reported the tower on the southwest corner has split cross supports, and is rusted pretty badly on the upper half of the tower. It will need repainted and repaired before winter.
7. Dave Huff will donate a tower (Rohn 25), if the club can put it up. A lengthy discussion followed. A motion by Jim Snodgrass to assign to the repeater committee to do what is necessary to replace the old tower, a lot \$500 to the committee, and to accept KA8WWI's gift of 100 feet of Rohn 25G and 45G tower. The motion was seconded by KC8FPU. The motion passed.
8. Marv, K8KX, reported on the building committee. He is still waiting on an estimate for the termite removal. There is also rolls of hardline and guywire laying out by the old toilet. Marv mowed the grass at the club on Monday.
9. There is \$123.40 in the drink fund.
10. A motion to hold the fall picnic on September 13th, starting at 2:00pm, to participate in the fall VHF QSO Party, and a lot \$100 for fish, chicken, and pop, was made by Marv, K8KX. Motion was seconded by K8ZOQ, Jack Thompson. Motion carried.
11. Jim Snodgrass reminded everyone that his offer to give a CPR class was still open. It was discussed.
12. In New Business, Tim, N8ZOM, reported that the John Webb Printing Co, the company the has been printing the newsletter, is raising their prices by almost double. He will look for a new printer due to price.
13. Jim, WB8NNJ, reported on the conference with the phone company, and they agreed to continue the subsidy
14. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by WB8NNJ, and seconded by KA8CSM. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.
15. The 50/50 drawing of \$10.00, was won by AB8NL, Barratt Banta. He donated all to the drink fund.

Those in attendance were: Jim Snodgrass, KC8TYS, Larry Thomas, KB8VUM, Ann Huff, KA8CSM, Dave Huff, KA8WWI, Scott Thomas, KC8TYX, Tom Weaver, K8TW, William Lorenzo, KC8UTP, Tim Brooks, N8ZOM, Kevin Mathews, KC8WIX, Mike Mathews, KC8WIW, Jack, KB8TKN & Ralana, N8ZOQ Thompson, Bill Dean, KA8MID, Mike Doty, W0MNE, Barratt Banta, AB8NL, Jim Anzelmo, WB8NNJ, Marv Turner, K8KX, Buck Copeland, KC8BBY, John Mand, KC8FPU, and Mike Knox, KC8WR.

Editors Note: I would like to thank Ann Huff for taking the minutes, Marv was eying me!

LEPC FULL SCALE EXERCISE CRITIQUE 8/16/03

There were participants from the following organizations represented in the Drill:

Chillicothe FD	Chillicothe Transit System
Chillicothe PD	Chillicothe Gazette
Ross County SD	Ross County Health Department
Ross County EMA	Midland Coop
Scioto Twp. FD	Vinton County EMA
Junior Sheriffs	Ohio EMA
Junior EMS	Ross County LEPC
Chillicothe VA Medical Center	Twin Twp. EMS
Adena Regional Medical Center	Liberty Twp. FD
OU ETRC	Pickaway Plains
First Capital District American Red Cross	ARES
Litter Propane	Ross County Administration

Scenario:

At 9:00 on Saturday August 16th, at the Midlands Co-op on south Watt St. an 8,000-gallon tanker filled with anhydrous ammonia was seen speeding. The truck driver realized she was missing the drop off point and slammed on the brakes. The tractor-trailer made a hard left and was hit in the side by an oncoming driver. The impact damaged a 1-inch in diameter unloading valve on the underside of the tanker. A school bus loaded with the Chillicothe High School football team was hit broadside by the tanker. The ammonia began to leak and vaporize.

Objectives:

There were 8 Objectives for this exercise: Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Communications, Response Personnel Safety, Population Protective Actions, Traffic and Access Control, Emergency Medical Services, Hospital Services, Containment and Recovery.

EOC and Communications

Tom Coelho, from Vinton County EMA, was the evaluator for the EOC and Communications. He stated that the EOC was activated and appeared to have good equipment. There was no doubt that Don Rockhold was in charge. Fire Chief, Sheriff and Police kept track of what was going on but let the people at the scene run the event. The IC kept the EOC advised of current events. The EOC had the EOP and tech books available.

Communications were good in the EOC. Radios as well as cell phones were used. The IC kept the EOC informed. There was no nonsense on the radios and no apparent personnel problems. ARES was a great communicator. The status board was kept up-to-date and this helped keep track of what was going on.

OEMA Facilitator Richard Lauffer stated that all departments should talk among themselves about any communications that they might have experienced. Also whether or not they had any problems with communications with the EOC or the IC.

Response Personnel Safety and Population Protective Actions

Buford Bradley, VA Safety Specialist, was the evaluator for both of these objectives. He stated that overall this was a good exercise. Some things were left out for **Response Personnel Safety**, but most of the Plan was followed. The Safety Officer was identified but no zones were set-up. Entry points were not controlled; one victim wandered in and was arrested. No vitals were taken on the entry teams and the entry teams did not fully understand what they were to do.

Population Protective Actions were good. The streets were shut-off quickly and the scene was secured. Personnel and equipment was staged at a safe distance. Ambulances were on hand and a back-up plan was established.

OEMA Richard Lauffer – Was evacuation and sheltering discussed? Bruce Vaughan stated it was discussed at the scene because he heard it on the radio. Was door-to-door discussed? Police and Hazmat discussed this issue.

Traffic and Access Control AND Containment and Recovery

Royce Davis, VA Safety Officer was the evaluator for this objective. He stated the Traffic Controller was clearly identified as Capt. Hewitt, Chillicothe Police. The area was well secured as a reporter tried to enter the area thru the cemetery and was arrested. He observed neighbors in the area were afraid to leave their homes because this exercise looked so real. People were a little confused until the fire department arrived at the scene. Traffic control was discussed over the radio with the IC and Sheriff coordinating at EOC. Normal procedures were followed. If this were a real event, more personnel would have been involved.

Containment and Recovery was handled by 4 Hazmat techs in Level A suits; two to go in and two back-ups. Royce stated cleanup takes care of itself with this type of spill. He was not sure if the personnel were debriefed or not. Documentation was done at the scene and this exercise will be critiqued here today with each department present. The heat was an issue today, with the hazmat techs getting over-heated. Overall, this was a good exercise.

Emergency Medical Services and Hospital Services

The Emergency Medical Services objective was critiqued by Captain Newberry of the VA fire department and Kris Oliver of the Scioto Volunteer Fire Department.. The Hospital Services objective was critiqued by Scott Bryant of Adena Regional Medical Center. None of the above was able to attend the After Action Critique.

Mr. Bryant's critique noted the delay in telling the hospital what the contaminant was. It wasn't until 9:50 that word came through the EMA that the contaminant was ammonia.

Captain Newberry noted the quality of the decon but also noted the lack of squads.

Ms. Oliver noted the lack of personnel and how that jeopardized the steps taken to prevent contamination to emergency personnel while treating and handling patients. Overall she praised the teamwork of those present.

Media

Media is not one of the objectives, but since a report was given, it is included in these minutes. Gail Stout was the "media reporter". Media was not able to break security on Watt St. and Seventh St. Arrest was made and reporter was put in cruiser for safety.

She then proceeded to the EOC where she was able to walk in with no questions asked. There was no security at the entrance. EOC is open and the EMA Director, along with the Sheriff, gave a press release at 10:00 am.

Notes

OEMA Richard Lauffer – Asst. Chief Barnes was identified as the IC. There was a lot of cell phone use and communications are better on the cell phones but everyone has to pay for their own, so everyone does not have one. Cell phones do not always have good service.

Asst. Chief Barnes – Stated more Hazmat techs were needed. If this had been a real incident, it would have taken approximately three hours to get everyone in place. They would have used a water-fog while waiting.

Asst. Chief Gallagher – Steve stated that the drill is a function to exercise things not normally used. They would have done things differently if this had been actual. It takes time to get a team assembled. The

scenario was discussed with Union Township and they would have been available to help. Available manpower is always a problem.

Asst. Chief Barnes – Stated that all the money and equipment from Homeland Security is no good without the manpower.

OEMA Richard Lauffer – Use people that come to the exercises, don't waste their time by letting them just stand around. Make and use check-off sheets to be certain you have done everything that needs to be done.

Chief Vaughan – The hospital did not ask what kind of chemical was spilled. Also, EMS should have informed the hospital of the accident.

OEMA Richard Lauffer – Some observations: He saw people standing around, talking, joking, and smoking (smoking would be a definite no, no). Hot, warm and cold zones were not identified. The IC was back from the hot and warm zones. Someone should have had an Emergency Response Guidebook available. In a real situation, you could have “hosed people down” for decon.

Asst. Chief Gallagher – Suggested more inter-department training is needed.

OEMA Richard Lauffer – The purpose of exercising is to learn. This was not wasted time if you learned something. He thanked everyone for the time they invested in the exercise.

Joe Minney – EMTs please see Joe if you need credit for Continuing Education hours. He stated that this exercise started in February 2003 with a Tabletop Exercise in March 2003. He thanked everyone for participating and giving up their Saturday free time.

Don Rockhold – Call him if you need anything, anytime.

Jim Vorell – Be sure to fill out the evaluation sheets and turn them back in.

Comments From Evaluation Sheets

“Communication at scene. CFD has no cell phone capability. Nextel Walkie Phones would be good. Need more Hazmat techs. Need some kind of vehicle with IC equipment including radios for City PD, D,, County FD, Hospital, Ross SD. A place to write markers, maps etc. Currently have an old handed down Crown Vic, very inefficient. Need City PD, Ross SD frequency walkie. All CFD personnel on scene were also on duty so they were unable to get involved as much as would have been good”

“I found a problem with where triage was supposed to be located... Where hot...warm...and cold zones were. I feel the OIC was a little overwhelmed with EMS...& Hazmat problems.”

“1. Need more emergency squads from Ross County. 2. Need to think about HazMat Techs in County Fire Department to work with the City. 3. Training issues, Haz Mat.”

“Decon did great job-EMS needed more organization/ leadership”

“I don't know if this is what you want but I noticed the support people (EMA, Red Cross) need more reliable communication. I know the city police gave up the 155.130 repeater? could this be used for disaster use? This is probably something each agency would have to address in house but if there was a common channel available it would help all. Good drill.”

“Hot warm, cold zone need to be better defined. Entry team should be monitored closed for safety and any other resources they may need (tools). More personnel in warm zone to receive victims and info direction from entry team.”

“Not enough people for exercise. Haz Mat techs limited. Hot zone, warm zone, cold zone not clearly identified. Triage area confusing. Police did not have bystanders contained, wandering drunk. Hazmat techs entered, I thought, quickly. Decon setup very quickly. Support services were great, water was distributed to members of exercise. No rehabilitation area identified.”

Suggestions for Equipment

Don Rockhold suggested: 1. New portable radios for EMA. 2. City and County IC Communication vehicle. 3. Does Hazmat Entry Team need golf cart for transportation instead of walking 1/8 – 1/2 mile?

Recommendations