

REPEATERS

W8BAP/R 146.850 - 600K

W8BAP/R 146.925 -600K

W8BAP/R 444.425 + 5M

KA8WWI/R 53.230 – 1M

NETS

SVARC 146.925 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

1st & 3rd TJ Oyer KC8VOJ

2nd Jim Snodgrass KC8TYS

4th Wayne Cook KA8PQC

Remember it's now on 146.925 @ 8:30PM.

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Trustee: Marvin Turner K8KX

Trustee: Tom Oyer N8WJS

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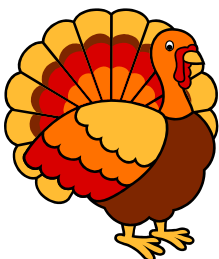
SVARC Monthly Gatherings

Regular Meeting 3rd Thursday

of the month:

Thursday, November 18, 2004 @ 7:30 p.m.

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!**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11	KB8ZGR	Michael	Leach
18	WB8DRJ	Joe	Malone
23	KB8IIH	Chris	Kemper
24	W8JKS	John	Smart
28	KC8LWR	Sylvia	Mand



FOR SALE

Yaseau 990 Perfect Condition, Includes original box, manual and mike. \$675.00 Call: Don Berry N8LSV 740-775-2898

Motorola Radius Commercial radios. \$75.00 Bill New KC8YZR can program them for you also. Call Bill New @740-289-3338

PRAYER REQUEST

Steve Newland has volunteered to pray for anyone requesting prayer. If you would like to request prayer or join him. Call him at 772-1814

REMINDER

Club meeting starts at 7:30 pm 11-18-2004

HAMFEST (from the ARRL website.)

SPONSOR	LOCATION	DATE	CONTACT	PH. NUMBER
DIAL Radio Club	Middletown, OH http://www.swohdigi.org/	15 Jan 2005	Hank Greeb, N8XX n8xx@arrl.net	513-385-8363
Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation	Nelsonville, OH	16 Jan 2005	Russ Ellis, N8MWK n8mwk@arrl.net	740-591-2232
Tusco ARC	Strasburg, OH http://www.nwoarc.org/	23 Jan 2005	Gary Green, K8WFN kc0jdt@fairradio.com	740-922-4454

**SCIOTO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2004**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m., by President John Mand, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Members also observed a moment of silence for Dave Huff.

The following ten members and two visitors were in attendance:

Bruce Copland KC8BBT
Tim Brooks N8ZOM
William Lorenzo KC8VTP
John Mand KC8FPU
Larry Thomas KB8VUM
Bill Dean KA8MID

Bill New KC8YZR
Jim Anzelmo KB8NNJ
Marvin Turner K8KX
T.J. Oyer KC8VOJ
Mike Tilley and grandson, Matthew

1. Motion to dispense the reading of the minutes by Bill Lorenzo, 2nd by John Mand. Passed.
2. Jim Anzelmo read the treasurer's report. Motion to approve by William Lorenzo, 2nd by Larry Thomas. Passed.
3. Marvin Turner gave a health and welfare report. Tom Beatty passed away – card was sent. Flowers were sent for Dave Huff's funeral. Also, Marv found that the gate was down – it should be up and locked when leaving. The pop fund is at \$39.93.
4. Repeater report by Bill Dean: 146.925. Mike Doty has not had a chance to tune the duplexer cavities. Bill and Larry replaced a fuse in the charging circuit. 146.850 is ok. 440 same as always – discussion about what needs to be done to get the new repeater ready. Bill will start on this project. 6 meter is running ok. Discussion on the call sign for this repeater. John Mand is checking into it.
5. Old Business: Instead of a club function, Marvin Turner is going to sell fruit cakes. He reported that the fruit cake and freight prices have went up. Prices are \$10.00 (1.5 lbs.) and \$5.50 (1 lb.) Contact Marv if you would like to order a fruit cake.
6. New Business: Bruce Copeland reported that antennas and misc. ham radio items from the late Jack Thompson will be placed at the club house for a silent auction to be held at the January meeting.

We may have a Christmas party, if there is enough interest. If interested, please call John Mand at 614-354-5512.

John Mand mentioned that an ARES drill will be coming up in the future.

7. Motion to adjourn by Jim Anzelmo, 2nd by Bruce Copeland. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**HOLIDAY FRUITCAKES
FOR SALE!**

**Contact Marv Turner
740-663-2298**

Christmas Party

In past years, we've met at Ponderosa in Waverly for the SVARC Christmas party. We're trying to determine if it will be held this year. Members interested in attending, please call John Mand.

Sealed-Bid Auction at January's Meeting

Antennas and misc. ham radio items from the late Jack Thompson will be placed at the club house for a silent auction to be held at the January meeting. We're attempting to get the items to display at the November meeting; they will definitely be displayed at the December meeting. We may also have some items for sale that have been cluttering the clubhouse.

Survey Indicates That Hamfests Are Fun Social Events

*By Norm Fusaro, W3IZ
ARRL Affiliated Club/Mentor Program Manager
November 8, 2004*

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The Hamfest or swap meet has long been a big part of the fabric of Amateur Radio. We thought it would be interesting to find out what it is that draws people to these events and what clubs are doing to attract the folks.

While the [survey](#) is not scientific we did try to gather enough information to help the clubs make informed decisions to make their events successful. We also hope that the clubs will be able to trade off some ideas with each other and apply them to their own particular event.

Of the nearly 300 clubs that responded to the survey more than one third of them indicated that they sponsor a hamfest and more than three quarters of those say that the hamfest is the largest portion of the clubs fund raising.

Greater than one third of the events are held indoors and almost half have both indoor and outdoor venues. Nearly half of the events are small operations (under 35 vendors) and one third falls into the mid-sized category (35 to 99 vendors). 21% said that their events are large with over 100 vendors. The weather may not play a big factor in turnout because most events are held indoors or have indoor & outdoor venues. Actually, the threat of a little rain may deter the hams from cutting the grass or some other task that is competing for their free time and allow them to come out to the hamfest. Other comments indicated that severe weather has hurt the venue in some years.

While 47% of the clubs with hamfests have guest speakers or forums, nearly three quarters of them offer VE testing at the events. This is interesting because the clubs indicated that forums were the least popular attraction of the event and VE exams were the less than 10% of the attraction. Forums and VE session also ranked low on the attendees survey yet nearly half of the hamfests provide these venues.

A large number of clubs offered either a VHF/UHF radio or HT as a door prize but the majority either gave out books and publications or other prizes. A good number of clubs offered prizes that were donated by vendors. Less than 10% of the clubs responding offered an HF rig as a door prize. Some clubs listed cash prizes under the "other" category.

The attendees (100% with one no opinion) indicated that the size of the door prize did not determine whether they attended a particular event or not, however, their comments stated that the opportunity to win a door prizes was nice to have.

An overwhelming majority of clubs indicated that the attendance has either increased or remained the same as in years past. Clubs that indicated a decrease in attendance commented on various reasons for the drop off. Among the most mentioned were conflicts with other clubs events on the same or close dates, lack of membership support (who's club is it?) and pressure from revenue agents enforcing sales tax laws on tailgaters.

The absolute main attraction for a hamfest is socializing. Over 66% of the respondents indicated that socializing was either the primary or a significant part of the draw for their event. Some clubs put an exclamation on this in their comments and indicated that the hamfest was the largest social event for their organization. This was also in the top three attractions given by the attendees along with supporting the local club. A majority of hams attend three or four events during the year.

Most attendees said that they were looking for parts, new and used equipment and meeting with friends while they were supporting the local club. The food was lowest on the survey.

Although food was less than 10% of the attraction among the clubs responding a fair amount of clubs indicated that they have some sort of food event in conjunction with the hamfest or swap meet. These events ranged from barbeques and picnics to steak dinners or other family oriented affairs.

Socializing at 26% was the number one attraction followed by vendors (22.81%), tailgaters (15.97%) and door prizes (11.41%). As mentioned earlier, VE sessions (9.51%), food (7.22%) and guest speakers/forums (7.22%) were the least favored as the draw.

Hamfest organizers say that the key to a good hamfest is promoting and advertising. Word of mouth, flyers and signs, ads and public announcements are all great ways to get the word out. According to Gail Iannone, ARRL Hamfest and Convention Coordinator, some of the more successful hamfests organizers use direct mail to invite hams to their event. ARRL supplies our Affiliated Clubs with mailing labels for this purpose and we also publicizes hamfests and conventions in *QST* and on the [Web](#).

If your club is considering having a hamfest and needs any of these tools, please contact Gail at 860-594-0262 or giannone@arrl.org