



Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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Minutes of the February 20, 2005 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance:

K8CM, WD8DFK, N8DHW, WA8DTU, W8EH, N8GGE, W3GP, N8HP, W8ISZ & Marg, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, W8MVN & Bonnie, WB8MVT, N8NQG, N8TFH, N8TQG, KC8TXA, KC8W0F, KB8WKL, W8WLM.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, W8EH, at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th of January.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to suspend the reading of the past month's minutes and to approve them as published was made by Ron, N8NQG, and seconded by George, W3GP. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership of 71 persons representing 47 families. Money has been sent to Hamvention for the club's usual flea market spaces including 6 early admission tickets. Roy, N8LRN, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Lori, W8LKU, seconded. The motion passed.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH provided the station report. All of the repeaters are functioning except the 440 MHz unit which has a bad transmitter.

The old transmitter has been removed from the repeater and is awaiting repair.

Activity Report:

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, reported that two examinees were present for the Exam session held on the 15th of March at MUM. Both candidates passed the elements they came prepared to take. As a side note, one of the examinees was a 13 year old Technician Plus that upgraded to general and is an avid CW operator. The General Class Course is scheduled to begin on March 22.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Jim Frey, W8ISZ and his wife Marg were sponsored for membership in DIAL by Ron, N8NQG. The motion to approve was made by Ron, N8NQG and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome Jim and Marg.

Finally, Ernie, W8EH, reiterated that the Smith Park site for Field Day has been reserved and confirmed, so that none of last year's surprises are expected to be repeated. While speaking of Field Day, Ernie suggested that the president will appoint a Field Day committee upon his return or (the) "President will head the Field Day committee since he hasn't done anything so far this year".

Adjourn:

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17th, *Golden Corral Buffet & Grill*; dinner at 6 meeting at 7

The Business Meeting was closed and Matthew Robbins, AA9YH, presented an interesting program on Radio Orienteering – the combination of traditional map and compass orienteering and ARDF (amateur radio direction finding). Matthew has represented the United States in the International Championship and brought a very nice set of apparatus that he uses along with memorabilia from his competitions that he shared with those in attendance. Matthew told of considerable orienteering and radio orienteering activity in the tri-state area and invited anyone interested to come take part in the fun. He stayed afterwards for one on one discussions and to demonstrate his equipment. We are grateful for the fine program.

Submitted by
Barney Taylor,
N8HP, Secretary

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Attendance:

N8BH, K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, N8HP, W8ISZ& Marg, WB8MVT, KC8NHP, WD8NKQ, N8NQF, WA8PRA, AF8T, N8TFH, KC8TXA, KB8WKL, W8WLM.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by the President, N8EH, at 7:00 p.m. on the 20th of March.

Secretary's Report:

Since the newsletter has not been distributed, and the Secretary forgot to bring a printed copy of the minutes, no action was made to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQF, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership of 74 persons representing 49 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed with one dissenting vote – thanks Frank.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH provided the station report. The 440 MHz transmitter is still awaiting repair. The West Middletown repeater on 147.315 MHz seems to be experience occasional interference that might be due to railroad activity.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, gave the activities report and announced that ARES is going to provide communications for the Memorial Day Parade in Hamilton. Volunteers will be needed in order to have a great outcome. Lorie will provide more details at later meetings.

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, reported that the next exam session held on the 19th of April at MUM. The General Class Course is scheduled to begin on March 22.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Bob Rohrbach, WD8NKQ, was sponsored for membership in DIAL by Ron, N8NQF. The motion to approve was made by Ron, N8NQF and seconded by Ernie, W8EH. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Homan, KC8NHP, was sponsored for membership in DIAL by Don, WA8DTU. The motion to approve was made by Ron, N8NQF and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome to Bob and Brian!

Ernie, N8EH, asked for a discussion of food for the upcoming Hamvention. A number of possibilities were discussed, after which, Ernie, W8EH made a motion to ask Judy and Ron (N8NQF) to again provide the excellent box lunches we have enjoyed in the last year. The motion was seconded by Lorie, W8LKU, and passed. In the ensuing discussion, the treasurer, Ron, N8NQF, revealed that although food generated a small surplus, the donations for sold items had resulted in a loss on the rental space of the Hamvention Flea Market sites last year. A motion was made by Beverly, N8GGE and seconded by Ernie, N8EH to set the Hamvention food rates at \$10/day or \$25 for the weekend – an increase of \$5 for those attending all three days. The motion passed. Ron, N8NQF moved to increase the requested donation from flea market sales from 5% to 10%. The motion was seconded by Carl, K8CM. Barney, N8HP, offered and amendment to the motion that those members renewing after the first of April be asked for 10% donations and those renewing before April 1 continue at last year's 5% donation rate. The amendment was seconded by Don, WA8DTU. The amendment failed by a vote of 8 to 5, while the motion to increase the requested donation passed by a vote of 8 to 6.

In other Hamvention related discussion, the check for the spaces has not been cashed – which seems to be normal. Last year we received confirmation of the sites only a few weeks before Hamvention.

The President, N8EH, asked for a volunteer for the Field Day Committee. No one was forthcoming so he reluctantly agreed to chair the committee. W8EH again reassured the membership that DIAL is the only group that has a reservation on the area we normally use for Field Day. A short discussion of Field Day was held and the consensus was that we need to get Butler County VHF involved in the planning as well. The first Field Day planning meeting will be on the 29th of March at MUM – room details to be announced later. A message will be sent to the BCVHF reflector about the meeting since their meeting occurs after the first Field Day planning meeting.

Rick, AF8T, made an announcement about www.hello-radio.org, a website to promote amateur radio with the general public. He encouraged all to check it out.

Reservations for food at Hamvention need to be made and paid no later than Friday, May 5.

Adjourn:

The Business Meeting was closed at approximately 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Barney Taylor, N8HP, Secretary

Newsletter Contribution

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Anyone wanting to contribute to the newsletter please send it to Jon, K8TNF at jwslone@sbcglobal.net or at 513-464-3630. Also any suggestions on how to improve or what to include in the newsletter would be welcome.

Hamvention on 147.315+ using PL tone of 100 Hz.

Carl K8CM

FIELD DAY MEETING March 29, 2006

My Sincere Apology

I would like to take this time to apologize to all the members for the lack of a newsletter the last few months. As some of you might know I am A AEIF member and I am currently locked out by AK Steel. On top of that I also have had computer and internet problems. This hopefully will get better with time. Thank you.

This meeting was called to order by our general chairman, Ernie Howard, Sr., N8EH, on Wednesday evening, March 29, 2006, in the Verity Lodge at Miami University-Middletown. The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm and begin planning for the 2006 ARRL Field Day activity. Field Day will, again, be a joint effort between the Butler County VHF Association and the DIAL Radio Club.

In attendance were: Gordon Brainard, KI8I; Red Dakin, W8ULC; John De La Croix, W8WCQ; Evan Dobrozi, KC8TXA; Dick Dunnihoo, K8CI; Art & Jodie Frasier, N8PI & AB8QP; Ernie Howard, Jr., W8EH; Ernie Howard, Sr., N8EH; Mark Johnson, WD8DFK; Ron Spaulding, N8NQG, Barney & Beverley Taylor, N8HP & N8GGE; Don & Lorie Urschel, WA8DTU & W8LKU; David Williams, N8DHW; Dave Williamson, KD8W and Carl Morgan, K8CM.

Hamvention 2006 - May 19, 20, 21 - Hara Arena

Although we've not received official notice from Hamvention, we expect to have the same outside vendor location (spaces 3201, 3202, 3203) as in the past. In anticipation that everything will fall into place, we're going ahead with planning for lunch and have established a new procedure for sellers. Lunch will, again, be prepared by Judy and Ron Spaulding (N8NQG) and will be available on-site. Menu will be similar to last year; however, the requested donation has been increased. The 2006 lunch donation is \$10/daily or \$25 for the weekend.

Lunch will be available only to DIAL members and their guests and reservations must be made in advance. Reservations, and payment, must be to Ron, N8NQG, on or before noon, Friday, May 5.

Since we're not permitted to sell food at Hamvention, food, snacks, and drinks will be available only to DIAL members who have made prior reservations.

A second change, approved at the March membership meeting, is an increase in the voluntary seller's donation to the Club. This donation is used to help offset the expense incurred in rental of the outdoor vendor area. The suggested donation for this year is 10% of sales.

Of course, hot coffee and donuts are likely to be available for the "early-birds" and setup crew.

DIAL's on-site repeater will again be operating at

Our Field Day activity will be held in Smith Park, Middletown, on June 24-25. Details about Field Day and revised rules for 2006 may be found by pointing your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/search/?exp=1&q=Field+Day&x=8&y=10>

After a lively discussion, the physical layout, which will be much the same as in previous years, and equipment plan for Field Day became:

Stations:

(1) CW station

Dave, KD8W, will provide one complete CW station

(2) Voice stations

Ernie, W8EH, will provide one complete phone station and John, W8WCQ, will provide an Icom IC-746

(3) VHF/UHF station

There will be no VHF/UHF station

(4) ICE filters will be provided by KD8W, W8EH and N8HP.

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Antennas:

- (1) Barney, N8HP, will provide 40M ladder and 40M loop antennas,
- (2) Dave, KD8W and Dick, K8CI, will run the CW station with a beam and dipole,
- (3) An 80-meter vertical wire will be strung from the "big tree",
- (4) BCVHFA will provide an antenna of their choice for W8WCQ's IC-746
- (4) No consensus was reached on antenna for the phone station; tower and/or beam.

Shelter:

- (1) Ernie Jr., W8EH and Ernie Sr., N8EH, will bring canopies,
- (2) Barney, N8HP, will bring a screen house,

Generator, UPS, and computers:

- (1) Ron, N8NQG, will get the generator to Ernie, W8EH, for service before Field Day.
- (2) Fuel cans for the generator will be provided by W8EH, KD8W, N8HP and N8EH
- (3) Ernie, W8EH, will provide a UPS for each computer.
- (4) Dave, KD8W, will check out and set-up computers.
- (5) Rick, AF8T will provide a backup monitor.

Publicity:

- (1) There is a need for a publicity chairperson.
- (2) There is a need to get literature together so that there can be publicity about amateur radio at the Field Day site.
- (3) There will be no video publicity table this year.

Family Picnic:

- (1) Lorie, W8LKU, will manage the covered dish picnic on Friday night
- (2) Beverages will be available for Field Day (Friday night, Saturday and Sunday).
- (3) Red, W8ULC, will be head chef for Friday night supper and Saturday picnic

(4) Lorie, W8LKU, would like a preliminary count on those that will be attending the covered dish on Saturday night by Friday June 16th with a final count due by Tuesday June 20th.

Friday afternoon/evening setup:

- (1) Setup will begin about 2pm on Friday, June 23; all are welcome.
- (2) Tear-down will be Sunday afternoon; check with N8EH for schedule.
- (3) There will be food and drink for the folks setting up the site.

News release:

- (1) Art, N8PI, volunteered that if someone would put a news release together, that his mother, Mary, would get the release to the news media.
- (2) Lorie, W8LKU, volunteered to write the press release as she had done in the past.

Visits by community officials:

- (1) Discussion but no resolution. Visitors should include city, county, and state officials
Need volunteer here to take the lead and make contacts.
- (2) Encourage visits by police, fire, relief organizations, etc.

Miscellaneous:

- (1) Arrangements will need to be made to get the sign up across the entrance to Smith Park.

Next meeting:

- (1) Next scheduled meeting will be an on-sit, pre-Field Day meeting at Smith Park on Thursday June 15th at 7:00 P.M.

We urge all members to come out and be a part of Field Day 2006 on Saturday and Sunday June 24th and 25th. There is also a need for members of both DIAL and BCVHF to help set up on Friday afternoon June 23rd, starting around 2:00 P.M.

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