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Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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Repeaters: 52.21/53.21, 146.01/146.61, 147.915/147.315, 223.36/224.96, 449.825/444.825
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September, 2006

Ernie, W8EH, provided the station report which is the same as last month – it's working.

Minutes of the August 21, 2005 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

N8BH, K8CM, KD8CPV, WD8DFK, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGGE, N8HP, N8HRA, KI8I, W8ISZ & Marg, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, N8LWM, N8LWN, WB8MYT, KC8NHP, WD8NKQ, N8NQG, N8ODK, N8OZN, N8PI, WB8PRA, K2RWT, KC8SKW, N8TFH, KC8TXA, W8ULC & Marilyn

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Ernie N8EH at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published electronically with the addition of KC8NHP as attending was made by Ernie, W8EH, and seconded by Bob, WD8NKQ. The motion passed with one nay.

Treasurer's Report:

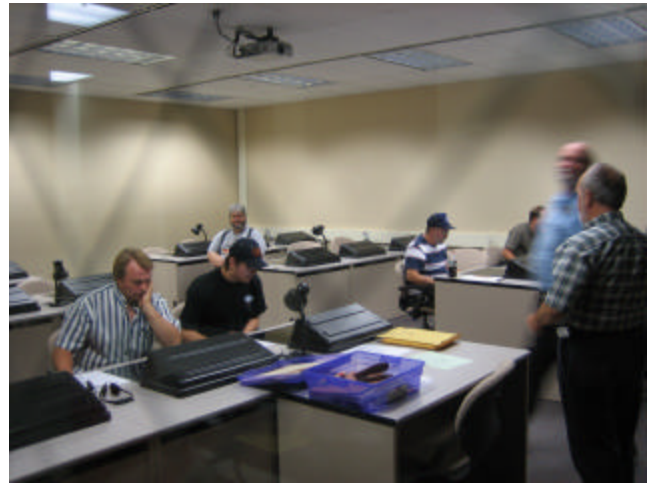
Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership of 97 persons representing 62 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed with one nay vote.

Repeater/Station Report:

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, gave the activities report. ARES nets will be resuming in September on the 147.330 repeater (PL 118.8) at 7:30 pm on Tuesdays.

Classes and Exams:



August Text Session at MUM

Beverly, N8GGE, gave the education report. Several persons earned their Technician license at the August exam session. Technician classes will begin on Wednesday August 23 from 6:00 in Johnston Hall at MUM. She encouraged attendees to promote the class to interested parties.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 18, *Hometown Buffet*; dinner at 6 meeting at 7

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Membership:

Lorie, W8LKU sponsored two of those earning technician licenses for membership in Dial. The first was Jesse Robinson, KD8EDV, and the second was Robert Stamper, KD8EDX. Ron, N8NQG moved that they be accepted, and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed. Dial welcomes Jesse and Robert.

Other:

Ernie, W8EH, updated those in attendance about the status of the club's vanity call signs – W8MWO, W8JEU, K8PI, and W8BLV which will expire in the relatively near future. W8MWO was chosen because it has the same suffix as the designator for Hook Field, and has been used on packet and APRS. W8JEU is currently being used on the 147.315 repeater. That call was chosen to honor the long term service of Roy Longman. K8PI is used for Field Day and other contests while W8BLV remains the call of the club's flagship 146.61 repeater. With the increase in vanity fees and the decline in packet operation other than APRS, Following communications with the club's officers prior to the meeting, Ernie, W8EH, moved that the club not renew W8MWO and W8JEU. The 147.315 repeater would use W8BLV and K8PI would still be used for contests. Ron, N8NQG, seconded the motion that those two calls be allowed to expire and the calls changed as described above. A discussion was initiated by Beverley, N8GGE, wondering whether the club has a "short memory" by returning W8JEU after one term. Others were concerned that either Roy's widow or his son might desire the call, while some felt that the matter required more discussion. Ernie, W8EH, amended the motion to only pertain to the expiration of W8MWO. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Bob, WD8NKQ, announced that the Boy Scouts were looking for a radio related activity. Brian, KC8NHP reported that the Jamboree on the Air is coming up and suggested setting up something for them. Carl, K8CM, expressed interest in helping to do something for the event.

Red, W8ULC, reported that the Midwest VHF Association's Microwave Update Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn on Needmore in Dayton during the third weekend in October. Red expects a great conference that is well worth the \$40 registration fee for the two-day event. Interested parties should contact Red for more details.

Carl, K8CM, reported on an email from George, KE8OH, and Tillie who have now settled in their new home in a senior community in California. Carl circulated two photographs, one of the couple and the other of their back yard with the palm trees. Carl requested that we keep them in our thoughts.

Gordon, KI8I, gave a report about the group that traveled to Marblehead to put the lighthouse on the air. He, K8CM, W8WLM, WB8WCQ and Steve Ramsey operated from the parking lot of the lighthouse. They reported making 54 contacts on 40 meters while having a great time. Gordon did emphasize the necessity of having appropriate documentation for the operation as they were challenged by security.

Ernie, N8EH, asked if all in attendance were receiving the newsletter. The number of printed copies is now down to 16.

Brian, KC8NHP, reported there will be weekly code practice sessions on one of the area repeaters. Carl, K8CM, informed us that the repeater is K8YOJ (145.370 MHz) and the practice will be following the net on that repeater starting on August 28.

Kelly, N8XQ, was pressed to give an impromptu summary of his summer program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. He initially started with the Autonomous Robot Program which was mostly involved with computer programming. He found another project called SAM for Sample Analysis at Mars, where he worked with a tunable laser spectrometer which will be able to measure the amount of methane, carbon dioxide, water vapor and other gases on the surface of Mars. He modeled the power consumption of the laser and worked on a voltage regulator design for it. Since his work has not gone through the required document review process, he is not able to provide details. While out there, he participated in a number of fun activities: going to a Dodgers game, going hiking in the desert, where he discovered the Yucca plant the hard way. He drove a friend's stick-shift Honda in the Rose Bowl parking lot without knowing there were other cars in the vicinity. He seemed to particularly enjoy the 4:00 am fire alarm that forced him and 24 other interns at his hotel to go out into the street. He is hoping to return during his Christmas break from Wright State.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by N8NQG and seconded by W8EH. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Barney Taylor, N8HP Secretary

Two of our VE's resting up.

