



# Dial Radio Club



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## July 2007

### Minutes of the June 23, 2007

#### Dial Radio Club Meeting

#### Following the Field Day Picnic

#### Attendance

N8BH & Gail, K8CM, WD8DFK, N8DHW, K8DST, WA8DTU, KC8DUX, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GKL, KC8GMR, N8HP, N8HRA, KI8I, N8JFU, NZ8K, KB1KDW, Lauren & Emily, KD8KXX, AB8LA, W8LKU, N8LRN, WD8MQJ, KC8NHP & Margie, WD8NKQ, N8NQG, N8OZN, KF8PD, WA8PRA & Linda Lee, W8RLT & Theresa Cornett, AF8T, W8ULC, N9UZ & Janice, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, W8WLM, KC8WOF, Shirley Miller & Ginny Tripp, KA4WRR

*Editors Note: Lorie had a head count of more than 70 persons at the picnic. The list above includes those who signed the roster and the two cooks. Many others – including numerous spouses - were present, but did not get on the roster.*

#### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by N8EH at 6:53 pm.

#### Secretary's Report:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published electronically was made by Carl, K8CM, and seconded by Bob, KC8DUX. The motion passed with one nay vote by WA8PRA.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership 96 persons and 60 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Bob, WD8NKQ, seconded. The motion passed.

#### Repeater/Station Report:

The President asked that we forgo the station report.

#### Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, announced a picnic attendance of more than 70, and thanked all who came for the food and fellowship. Lorie then presented Judy Spaulding with flowers for providing the fantastic lunches that many Dial members enjoyed while at Hamvention.

#### Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, gave the education report. The next exam will on August 15 at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown. Technician class will begin on August 22 in the same location. Members are asked to let any interested parties know about the upcoming class.

#### Membership:

Andy Rohrbach, KD8GKL, was sponsored for membership by Bob, WD8NKQ, N8NQG, moved to approve Andy's application and Bob, WD8NKQ, seconded. The motion passed. Welcome to Dial, Andy.

## Old Business:

Location of future meetings – combined with new business.

## New Business:

Ernie, N8EH, reported that Wanda, W8WLM, had contacted Golden Corral immediately following the May meeting, and that as a result, Dial will again be having its meetings at the Golden Corral beginning with the July 16 meeting.

## Announcements and Other Comments:

Due to the many guests, no announcements were made.

## Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lorie, W8LKU, and seconded by Marilyn, N8HRA. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP*  
*Secretary*

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## Field Day

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Field Day was again a success for the combined Dial and BCVHFA groups. Setup began at 2:00 on Friday, June 22. The Dining Canopy was the biggest headache – no one seemed to remember how it goes together, but we got it up. The two tower bases were erected and guyed by about 3:30 when the antennas and rotors were mounted. The towers were then quickly raised thanks to a good number of hard working volunteers. Later in the day, the rig shelters, the cw dipoles, the 40 meter antennas (Ladder and Loop) were installed along with the 80 m vertical. At some point during the antenna raising, dinner was prepared by Red, W8ULC, and consumed by those present. A number of persons camped overnight in Smith Park on Friday. We sat around a portable campfire and listened to 20 meter DX for a while before giving N8NQG his first HF contacts since upgrading. Beverley, N8GGE, also made her first HF contact with Ron.

Saturday morning was restful with lots of talking, setting up computers, etc waiting on the magic 2:00 pm start time. Operation started at 2:00. Unfortunately Murphy visited the CW station by allowing RF to get into the computer causing the station to remain key-down if they tried to transmit at full power. Due the nature of the beast, the CW station used mostly experienced CW operators. The two phone stations gave many operators the opportunity to make some contacts using equipment that they might not have at home. People without prior Field Day operating experience were coached by someone with more experience (and the appropriate license level if needed). The generator was refilled around 1:00 am on Sunday. At that time, all three stations were operating and a small group was still sitting by the campfire talking. Rumor has it that the stations shut down around 3:30 am when Matt, KB1KDW, finally called it quits for the night.

Operation resumed on CW when Ernie, W8EH, started his 5:00 am shift. Phone began a bit later with the 40 meter station getting on the air, followed by the other phone station. Operation continued until the 2:00 pm ending time. At that point a large group of persons quickly disassembled the antennas, structures, cables, etc. We were packed up and out of Smith Park by just after 4:00 pm.

Thanks to the efforts of many unnamed individuals that helped with set up, operation, and many other issues, this is one of the best Field Day – no matter what the final score may be.

## Amateur Radio License Exams

An examination session in Technician, General and Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator's License will be conducted on Wednesday evening, **August 15, 2007**, 6:30 p.m. in the Verity Lodge Miami University-Middletown, Middletown, OH

Doors will open for registration at 6 p.m. Please plan to arrive early as all registration activities must be completed by 7 p.m.

Applicants must furnish the original and one photocopy of their current license (if any), original and one photocopy of any certificates of successful completion of examination (CSCE) they may hold, positive (photo) identification, social security (TIN) or Licensee ID number (FRN), and the test fee of \$14.

NCVEC Form 605, Application for License, will be available at the test site. Advance registrations are recommended but not required ... walk-ins are accepted on a "space available" basis. Map to exam site and/or NCVEC 605 form available from K8CM for SASE. (Request electronic copy from K8CM@arrl.net)

Advance registration consists of a completed NCVEC 605, copies of your current license and valid CSCEs, and a check (\$14) made payable to the Dial Radio Club. Please enclose a note stating the class of license you will be attempting. Advance registrations should be mailed to: David Williamson, 5766 Trenton-Franklin Road, Middletown, OH, 45042, and must arrive no later than Monday, **August 13**. Please include your telephone number on your check.

Special examination accommodations must be requested at least two weeks prior to the test date.

Additional information may be obtained from David Williamson, KD8W (513-424-5819) or Carl Morgan, K8CM (513-727-3456)

For your convenience, talk-in will be available on 146.61 (-600), 77Hz PL.

## Amateur Radio Class

Fall 2007-2008 Ham Radio Class

Beginning August 22, the DIAL RADIO CLUB will offer a six-week class to prepare a candidate for examination in Technician Class Amateur Radio operator license. Meeting in Verity Lodge, on the Middletown Campus of Miami University, this class will meet Wednesday evenings, 6-9 pm.

Technician theory instruction will begin August 22 and conclude September 26. An ARRL/VEC examination session will be held at the conclusion of the class on the evening of October 3. (Morse code proficiency is no longer a requirement for any amateur radio operator's license).

Although there is no charge for the instructional portion of this class, students should be prepared to purchase a license training manual and supplies (approximately \$20-25) for use in class.

Class enrollment will be limited to twenty students. For registration and/or additional information, please call Carl Morgan at (513) 727-3456.

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