



Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

APRS Digipeater: W8BLV 144.39

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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November 2007

Minutes of the October 15, 2007 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GXE & Mary, N8HP, N8HRA, KI8I, W8LKU, KC8NHP, WD8NKJ, N8NQG, N8OZN, WA8PRA, K2RWP, AF8T, W8ULC & Marilyn, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, KC8WOF

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by 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 was made by John, W8WCQ, and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed with two nay votes.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report, which reflected a membership 101 persons and 65 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Lorie, WA8LKU, seconded. The motion passed. Ron distributed copies of the 2007 membership list. Carl asked whether we were still giving a free one-year membership to students in our Tech class who get their first license. The consensus was that we were and Carl agreed to inform the two students who recently passed the Tech exam.



Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the repeater system continues to function in its usual manner. Ernie noted that he went to the W8BLV repeater site when the repeater was running on battery backup (*due to a blown power transformer at WPFB*) and discovered that the building that houses the repeater is not nearly as full of equipment as it was in the past. Rick, AF8T, inquired into the status of the 440 MHz repeater (again).

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, reminded those in attendance of the Butler County ARES meeting in Room 229 of Butler Tech on November 14 at 7:00 pm. She encouraged all to check into the Dial Intercom net which meets on Thursdays at 9:00 pm.

Classes and Exams:

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

Beverly, N8GGE, gave the education report. There are six students in the general class, two from the tech and four new students. Rick, AF8T, asked how the students had found out about the class. Beverly responded that she would ask the students and report at the next meeting. Ernie, N8EH, lauded Rick for his efforts in publicizing the class.

Old Business:

Carl, K8CM, stated that the Nominating Committee will give a report at the November meeting.

New Business:

Carl, K8CM, asked about the status of Dial's Hamvention slots, and Ernie, W8EH, accused him of "jumpin' the gun". The normal announcement from DARA is still later in the year.

Frank, WA8PRA, demonstrated his new toy – a flat panel battery operated, high definition, television. Technology marches on!



We had an email from KE80H & Tillie, in California. They have joined a club out there but it's not the same as DIAL. George & Tillie we miss you here in Ohio..

Amateur Radio License Exams

An examination session in Technician, General and Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator's License will be conducted on: Wednesday evening, December 5, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Verity Lodge on the campus of 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, December 3. 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 (424-5819).



Announcements:

Gordon, KI8I, announced a Lighthouse on the Air event in Virginia Beach, VA scheduled for the 18th, 19th, and 20th of November. He was unsure if there would be a group going. Anyone interested in more details should contact Gordon.

The Georgetown Hamfest will be on November 10. The Fort Wayne Hamfest will be on the 17th and 18th of November.

Ernie, N8EH, reminded those in attendance that the next Dial meeting will be on November 19th at the Golden Corral.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Barney, N8HP, and seconded by Marilyn, N8HRA. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.