



# Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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## August 2008

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### Minutes of the July 21, 2008 Dial Radio Club Meeting

#### Attendance

K8CM, KD8CPV, N8DHW, WB8DPZ & Lois, WA8DTU, N8HP, KI8I, W8ISZ, W8LKU, WB8MYT, N8NRF, WA8PRA, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, AF8T, N8TFH, W8ULC, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, W8WLM

#### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:05 pm in the general area of the Golden Corral as another group was using the meeting room.

#### Secretary's Report:

The following corrections to the June minutes were made: 1) club affiliation is not a requirement to offer exams under the ARRL VEC, and 2) Ron's call is no longer N8NRF. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as corrected was made by Bob, NR8R, and seconded by Lorie, W8LKU. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2008 membership is 99 members representing 67 families. Ron also provided a summary of the Field Day expenses, and graciously thanked Butler County VHF Association for their contribution of \$100 toward the combined Field Day event. Barney, N8HP,

made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Bob, NR8R, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, was not present to provide a station report. In his absence, Carl, K8CM, stepped up to announce "it's working". Rick, AF8T, had a question as to whether the repeater had been down around 4:15 p.m. before today's meeting. Carl was not sure, but indicated that he would monitor the repeater.

#### Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, showed a 'Lost' sweatshirt to those in attendance and asked if anyone knew of its owner. The shirt was left at the Field Day site in Smith Park. Anyone missing a pink sweatshirt should contact Lorie. Lorie thanked all who participated in the picnic - by cooking, cleaning up or eating. She expressed special thanks to Red, W8ULC, for cooking.

#### Classes and Exams:

Carl, K8CM, noted that the next Dial exam session will be at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown on August 20. A new Technician class will begin on the 27<sup>th</sup> at Verity Lodge.

#### Membership

Ron, N8QF, presented three applications for membership in Dial. The first was for the renewal of a lapsed membership by

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Vernon Stanfil, NZ8K, who was sponsored by Ron, N8QF. The second was for Matt Wortley, KB1KDW, sponsored by Barney, N8HP. The third application was for Steve Secrest, W8WFO, and sponsored by Rick, AF8T. Carl, K8CM, moved that the applications be accepted and Bob, NR8R, seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Vern, Matt and Steve welcome to Dial!

### New Business

Carl, K8CM, announced that the Dial, 220 MHz repeater was off the air due to the demolition of the Breil water tower. He announced that discussions had occurred about making the repeater available for use by Butler County ARES with Dial retaining ownership of the repeater and its coordinated frequency. The other option would be to sell the repeater and allow the frequency to be re-coordinated. Carl was unsure of the price the repeater would bring. . Carl wanted to bring the idea before the membership to act on the issue. A lively discussion followed (*which was hard to follow due to the noise in the general area of Golden Corral – ed*) with several points made.

If made available to BCARES, they would find a suitable site and maintain the repeater. They would be the principal user. David, N8DHW, spoke of the possibility of having the 220 repeater sited at the Atrium Medical Center, which has indicated broad support of ARES. Carl questioned whether the repeater might be placed on one of the county towers at a later date if it is not at Atrium.

Questions arose as to whether the 220 repeater would be linked to the Dial system. David seemed to feel that might be possible – providing the link could be dropped in times of emergency when the 220 repeater would likely provide the hospital net for ARES.

Ron, N8QF, made a motion to make the 220 repeater available to BCARES for use in northern Butler County. Rick, AF8T, pointed out that Atrium is in Warren County, and the motion was amended to “northern Butler County or Middletown”. Rick, AF8T, seconded the motion which passed with one nay vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barney, N8HP, and seconded by David, N8DHW. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Several Dial members expressed their frustration about not being able to have the meeting room to the management of Golden Corral. Suffice it to say that the point was sharply and repeatedly made, and, as a result, the Dial meeting is in the calendar for the remaining months of 2008.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

### Bill Moore W8KVU (SK)

William R Moore, W8KVU, age 73 of Fairfield Township passed away at his residence on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

Bill enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard serving 28 years, retiring in 1983 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was an accomplished Mechanical Designer with Ace Machine Tool Company, retiring in 1998.

Bill was a licensed amateur radio operator for over 50 years and belonged to numerous radio clubs including Dial Radio Club, Butler County VHF Association, West Chester ARA, SWODXA and ARRL.

Bill Moore was a good man and will be missed by all. *AF8T*

### Ohio QSO Party

The 2008 running of the Ohio QSO Party will be Saturday, August 23. It goes from noon to midnight, EDT. Activity will be on the HF bands, 10 through 80 meters, CW and SSB.

Stations inside Ohio can work anyone, anywhere. Stations outside of Ohio (anywhere in the world, and yes, we do get entrants from Europe) can only work stations in Ohio -- so we Buckeyes are the hunted, not the hunters for a change!

There are numerous awards (certificates and plaques) available including a club competition. To date, these are the sponsored plaques (and their sponsors), available to the top scorers in each category:

- \* Ohio Single Operator High Power: Findlay Radio Club
- \* Ohio Single Operator Low Power: The Cincinnati Buckeye Netters
- \* Ohio Single Operator QRP: Kanga US
- \* Ohio Single Operator Phone: Muskingum Ham Radio Club
- \* Out of State Single Operator :Muskingum Ham Radio Club
- \* Out of State Single Operator - Mountain/Pacific Time Zones: The Canton Amateur Radio Club
- \* Out of State Single Operator QRP: Ohio Independent Contesters - A
- Contest Club for Ohio
  - \* Single Operator DX: The Northern Ohio DX Association
  - \* Ohio Multi Operator: The Wayne Amateur Radio Club
  - \* Ohio Mobile: The Lake County Amateur Radio Association
  - \* Ohio Rover: Joe Matt, W3AG
  - \* Ohio Club: The Mad River Radio Club
  - \* YL: The Buckeye Belles

The OQP Organizing Committee is hoping that Ohio hams are making plans to be active, whether from home, camp or mobile in the Ohio countryside.

The OQP Committee's annual goal is to have all 88 counties on the air. There will be plenty of activity for all 12 hours. Operate for a short time or the whole contest period -- whatever suits your time budget.

Full details are on the official OQP web site, <http://www.oqp.us> .

Past scores, a "Quick Start Guide" to the OQP, logging software information, paper forms and operating aids, and a regularly updated age showing planned activity, county by county, are all there for you.

For the latest OQP information, there is also an e-mail reflector. You can sign up for it on the OQP Web Site.

If you have any questions, they may be directed to [af8a@arrl.net](mailto:af8a@arrl.net) or [jimk8mr@aol.com](mailto:jimk8mr@aol.com).

We hope you'll join in the fun of the 2007 Ohio QSO Party, Saturday August 23!

For the Ohio QSO Party Committee

73 de Gary, AF8A

### **Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest**

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) announces the first Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest to be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. EDT (1600 UTC to 2400 UTC).

For hams throughout the State of Ohio this is your opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the seventy-three beautiful State Parks here in Ohio. Don't just make a day of it, spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts you will find that the parks are one of Ohio's greatest assets. Find out more about the parks at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks>.

This contest places a premium on working stations at the State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300 mile range. NVIS anyone?

Individuals and clubs can operate Ohio State Park stations and there is a special award for the club that activates the greatest number of Ohio State Parks! Non-park stations in Ohio as well as stations outside of Ohio can also compete.

A special entry allows clubs to compete to see which club activated the greatest number of Ohio State Parks.

Contacts can be made with any mode (CW, SSB, FM, AM, digital) on the HF and VHF bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters and all contacts have the same point value. (Digital

includes PSK-31, RTTY, etc.)

Make sure that you read the FAQ's and don't forget to download the "ODNR Info" sheet to take with you on September 6th in case any State Park staff has questions about the event.

So get to an Ohio State Park and get On The Air in September. Have some fun with this contest! Complete information, FAQ's, rules and forms can be found at <http://parks.portcars.org/>.  
*SARC News*

### **Technician License Classes**

The Dial Radio Club will be holding classes for people interested in obtaining their Technician License August 27 through October 1.

Classes are on Wednesday evenings, 6 - 9 PM at Verity Lodge, Miami University - Middletown, 4200 N. University Blvd., Middletown, Ohio.

There is no charge for the classes but you will be required to obtain a textbook, ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, 1st Edition, ISBN 0-87259-963-9. We expect to have books available for purchase the first night of classes.

Contact information:

Carl Morgan K8CM  
513- 422-9384  
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### **Frank Piper, KI8GW, Ohio SEC Resigns**

SEC Piper was appointed in May 2006. In the more than two years he held the post, Frank restructured the district emergency coordinator (DECs) responsibilities and established a recruiting program which upgraded the administrative talent. At the 2008 Dayton Hamvention ARES forum, Frank was one of two Ohio ARES administrators to receive the Commendation of Merit from ARRL Headquarters.

Ohio SM Phillips said, "Frank told me he will miss being SEC very much but his company has required Frank to go back to school and he wishes to spend more time with the Knights of Columbus since he was elected "Grand Knight". Phillips added that Frank has left the ARES of Ohio in great shape by recruiting and maintaining a great feeder system of talent. *ARRL*

### **FCC to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees**

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. The fee will increase 30 days after notice of the increase is published in the Federal Register; no date has yet been set for

publication. The FCC is authorized by the *Communications Act of 1934, as amended*, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 12 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 to a high of \$50. The FCC said it anticipates some 15,000 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" -- or applications -- during Fiscal Year 2009, collecting \$184,734 in fees from the program. *ARRL*

### New Member Photos



Steve Secrest, W8WFO and his wife Tina. *Photo by KD8GXD*



Vernon Stanfil, NZ8K *Photo from QRZ.com*

No photo for Matt Wortley, KB1KDW, available at time of newsletter.