



Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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March 2008

Minutes of the February 18, 2008 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, K8DGKL, N8DHW, WB8DPZ, WA8DTU, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GXD, N8HP, KI8I, W8LKU, N8LWM, WB8MYT, WD8NKQ & Barb, N8NQG, N8ODK, N8OZN, WA8PRA, K8RJH, N8TFH, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, W8WLM, KC8WOF

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:02 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published electronically was made by Ron, N8NQG, and seconded by Bob, WD8NKQ. The motion passed with one nay vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report. He did not have the membership numbers with him at that time. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Lorie, W8LKU, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the 440 MHz transmitter is not working, and the replacement was on his workbench. Otherwise, the Dial repeater systems are operating in their normal manner.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, asked for interest in having Dial tour WLW sometime after the winter weather breaks. Anyone interested should let Lorie know. She asked for suggestions for speakers for Dial meetings. Rick, AF8T, suggested getting one of the "oldtimers" (Carl pointed to Ernie) to talk about the history of DIAL. He also brought up the possibility of having a Clear Channel engineer speak. Anyone else with ideas for speakers should get them to Lorie. She reminded those in attendance of the Dial Intercom net which meets on Thursdays at 9:00 pm.

David, N8DHW, made a couple of activity related announcements about Butler County ARES. The nets meet on Tuesday at 7:30 pm. There is an interest in trying other repeater systems to check out their coverage of the county. He also expressed interest in having a simplex net about once per month to determine the capabilities should there be a long term power outage that quiets repeaters. He reminded those in attendance that the BC ARES meetings are the second Wednesday of the month in Room 127 Butler Tech (no longer on the second floor).

Next Meeting: Monday March 17, at the Golden Corral

Classes and Exams:

Beverley, N8GGE, gave the education report. The Extra Exam Preparation class is surprisingly large with 12 students. The class ends on April 16, and the next Dial exam will be on April 23. Carl, K8CM, gave a summary of the exam results of the February Dial Exam at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown on Feb 13: There were a total of 10 candidates. Eight were successful –3 upgrades to Extra, 3 new Generals and 2 new Technicians.

Membership:

Jason Mossbarger, KD8GXD, was sponsored by Ron, N8NQF. Ron moved and Lorie, W8LKU, seconded the motion. Jason was approved unanimously. Welcome to Dial, Jason.

Old Business:

Hamvention – still no news. Several in attendance stated concerns about the organization of the 2008 Hamvention.

New Business:

Ernie, W8EH, asked about Dial's desire to hold Field Day at Smith Park again this year. If so, reservations are needed. Due to a possible change in the regulations, it could cost twenty dollars to reserve the site. The membership asked Ernie to proceed with making the reservation for Field Day. Ensuing conversation was related to the hope that BCVHFA would again partner with Dial for Field Day. Ernie, W8EH, asked about a Field Day Committee Chair. After some name tossin' it was decided that Roy, N8LRN, should be Chair, and that he should read about it "in the minutes". Don, WA8DTU, asked people to think about volunteering for Chair.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Carl, K8CM, and seconded by Lorie, W8LKU. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary

News and Information

ARRL DXCC Desk Approves 3C7Y Operation

ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the 2007 3C7Y DXpedition to Equatorial Guinea has been approved for DXCC credit.

"If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk to have your DXCC record updated," Moore said. (ARRL)

FCC Backs Decision to Drop Morse Requirements for Amateur Operator Licenses

In December 2006, the FCC decided to drop the Morse code requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes.

This week, the agency said it's sticking by that decision and denied two requests from individuals who asked that Morse Code proficiency continue to be a requirement for ham licensees.

At the time the commission decided to drop the Morse Code exam, it said knowing Morse is not necessarily indicative of an individual's ability to contribute to the advancement of ham radio. The agency also said emergency communication today is performed using voice, data or video modes - all much faster than telegraphy.

Two petitioners asked the FCC to reconsider; one said the requirement should be retained so ham operators can act as a strategic reserve in case of an emergency. The commission was not persuaded that eliminating the telegraphy exam would affect national security or emergency communications.

Another petitioner wasn't sure the commission actually saw his request because he had trouble filing electronically. The FCC said all comments were considered, no matter how they were filed, before it made a decision.

The FCC said it received roughly 100 comments, "overwhelmingly" negative.

<http://www.radioworld.com/pages/s.0100/t.11628>

(Mike Terry, Southgate ARC News)

New Echo-Link Net on Saturday Evenings

A new net started this month on Echo-Link. The net is sponsored by the Echolinksters and is held Saturday evenings at 2100 hrs local time on the Echolinksters new conference server, called *DODROPIN* (node # 355800). If you don't have Echo-Link capabilities you can connect through the KD8FOV-L rf link on 146.535 MHz simplex PL 123.0 Hz.. More info at: www.echolinksters.com.

(Rick Slone AF8T)

DIAL Meeting

The March DIAL meeting is Monday the 17th at the Golden Corral, 3350 Village Dr., Franklin (Middletown), OH 45005. Dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. See you there.

Amateur Radio Clubs Offer 1 Day Class

Have you thought about becoming an amateur radio operator but just have not had the time? Did you know that Morse code is no longer required for any amateur radio license?

Registration is now open for a 1 day ham radio license class in the Cincinnati, Ohio area scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2008. This course will prepare you for the Technician Class, entry level, amateur radio license examination. This 1 day class will be held at the Salem Presbyterian Church located at 3132 Mozart Avenue, on Cincinnati's west side. Amateur radio license examinations will be given the following Saturday, April 26, 12 noon, at the same location.

Classroom instruction with plenty of opportunity for questions will cover all of the main topics needed to pass the Technician exam.

Demonstrations, hands on experiences and interaction with local hams will help participants better understand what amateur radio is all about.

This 1 day amateur radio course is being given by the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society in cooperation with the Queen City Emergency Net and the Weather Amateur Radio Network.

For more information call 513-471-8866. Email inquiries to classes@ohkyin.org. Registration deadline is April 11.

(OH-KY-IN-ARS)



KD8GXD (Photo by W8WCQ)

KD8GXD, New DIAL Member

Jason Mossbarger KD8GXD of Trenton, Ohio. Jason is fairly new ham who recently upgraded to General. Jason is active on 2 meters fm and 10 meters ssb from his mobile. Welcome to DIAL Jason.

ARECC Exams 4/5/08 in Madison County, Ohio

The Madison County Amateur Radio Club will be conducting ARECC Exams. Saturday April 5th, 2008 at 9:00am.

Madison County Engineer's Office
825 US 42 NE
London, Ohio 43140

This is located just south of the US 42 exit on I-70 behind Wendy's

The cost is \$14.00
RSVP to NE1LL@mcarch.org
visit our website for more info <http://mcarch.org>

TX5C, CLIPPERTON ATOLL DXPEDITION

The Clipperton team is now on the air!. Looks like activity by TX5C started around 0000z, March 9th. Reports indicate the team battled sea sickness getting there and are now fighting the heat (110 deg. F). Because of the heat, the team was approximately 24 hours behind their intended schedule during the set up. Their Web site stated, "The heat has compounded our work load and Arnie, N6HC, had his hands full dealing with sunburns and mandatory work and water breaks every 30 minutes to ensure each team member's safety." As this bulletin was being prepared, it seemed that they were on all bands except 12m and 60m. QSL via N7CQQ, by the bureau or direct to: John Kennon, P.O. Box 31553, Laughlin, Nevada 89028, USA. The log will also be uploaded to LoTW once the official log has been certified. For more information, online log and updates, visit the TX5C Web page at: <http://www.clipperton2008.org>

(OPDX Bulletin, W8EH)

You Have to Love His Station



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