



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 2008

Minutes of the October 20, 2008 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8GGE, N8HP, KI8I, W8ISZ, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, N8NRF, KC8PZX, N8QF, NR8R & Barbara, KD8RP & Pam, AF8T, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, W8WLM

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:01 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Since the September meeting was canceled due to a lack of power at Golden Corral, a motion to dispense with the reading of the August minutes and to accept them as published was made by Rick, AF8T, and seconded by Ron, N8QF. The motion passed with 1 nay.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NRF, presented the treasurer's report. 2008 membership is 102 members representing 70 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Bob, NR8R, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Repeater/Station Report:

The station report was given by Carl, K8CM. The Dial 220 MHz repeater was transferred to David, N8DHW, who transferred it to Bob Spratt, N8TVU. It is expected to be placed in service early next year by Butler County ARES.

During the power outage, W8BLV operated for 7 hours on battery power. Ernie, W8EH, then shut it down and turned on the backup repeater on Breiel Blvd. The backup repeater, along with police and fire communications were powered by Dial's Field Day generator for three days.

The DARA D-Star repeater is on UHF at 443.750 MHz (up); DV is W8BI B (the three spaces are necessary). The site is located in Huber Heights, with an antenna at 250 feet. They are waiting on a 2 meter duplexer. KA8C, Joe, is willing to assist people in getting their D-Star radios set up for the DARA repeater. Joe monitors 442.925 MHz (up, tone = 123).

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, announced that a station from New Zealand had checked into the Dial net. ARES has been asked to provide communications for the Carriage Parade in Lebanon on December 6. Anyone interested in helping them out should contact Lorie, W8LKU, or Dave, N8DHW.

Next Meeting: Monday November 17, at the **Richard's Pizza in Trenton**
855 W. State Street (S.R. 73 near Wayne Madison)

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, announced that the Dial General class had met for the first time on the 15th of October. She indicated that 7 or 8 students are likely. The next Dial exam session will be on December 10th at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown. She called on those present to help in deciding whether to offer an Extra course or start over with the Technician class. Input should be sent to Beverly.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Don, WA8DTU, appointed a nominating committee to provide a slate of candidates for 2009. The members of the committee are Ernie, N8EH, Dave, KD8W, and Ernie, W8EH.

Posters on the window of Golden Corral announced that they would be providing a free meal to all veterans on the 17th of November. As a result of the unusually large crowd expected the meeting room normally used will not be available. A number of possibilities were considered. Roy, N8LRN, suggested that we try the Richard's Pizza on S.R. 73 on the west side of downtown Trenton. Wanda, W8WLM, suggested we see if the Golden Corral meeting room might be available on other Mondays in November. Management was consulted and we found that the room was available both the week before and the week after the normal meeting. After considerable discussion it was decided to have the meeting on the normal night (November 17) at Richard's in Trenton (855 W. State Street or S.R. 73).

Announcements:

Carl, K8CM, asked that if anyone is not getting email from the Dial reflector they should please sign up.

Barney, N8HP, announced, for Ernie, that some tickets are available for the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Anyone interested in the free tickets should contact Ernie, W8EH.

Also, Barney announced that Janet Pater, W8CAA, a graduate of the Dial classes, is a member of the TO5DX dxpedition in the Caribbean.

Barney welcomed Paul, KC8PZX, who frequents the Dial repeater on his commute to and from work.

Rick, AF8T, asked for contributions to the newsletter. Items should be sent to Rick before the Monday preceding the meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lorie, W8LKU, and seconded by Roy, N8LRN. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary

News and Information

Dial Meeting at New Location for November

The November 2008 meeting of the Dial Radio Club will be held at a different location due to the Golden Coral's veteran's appreciation activities.

The meeting will be held at Richard's Pizza, 855 West State Street (SR 73), Trenton, Ohio. Dinner at 6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM.

I have attached a Richard's Pizza menu that was provided by K8CM to the news letter. Thanks Carl.

The December meeting should be back at the Golden Corral on December 15th.

AF8T

ARRL VEC Announces Exam Fee Increase

The ARRL VEC announced that as of January 1, 2009, the fee to take an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE)-administered Amateur Radio license exam will increase by \$1, from \$14 to \$15. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VE teams may retain up to \$7 of this fee to directly reimburse their teams out-of-pocket examination expenses; currently, VE teams keep \$6. This is the first time in four years that the examination fee has been adjusted.

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New DXCC Entities for 2008?

It was reported on the SEDXC Mailing Reflector by Mike, K4PI: "Netherlands Antilles to net new DXCC Entities for 2008

Over the past year much discussion has been made about the possibility of new DXCC entities happening once the break-up/disbanding of the Netherlands Antilles takes effect on December 15th, 2008.

"This past week, the President of European DX Foundation (EUDXF), Hans, PB2T, who visited ARRL HQ in July and had a discussion about the DXCC status of Netherlands Antilles, and feels that after December 15th, 2008, it looks like four new entities will be added to the DXCC list in the future - Curacao, Sint Maarten, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Bonaire."

SEDXC

DXCC News

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

4W6R - Timor-Leste; 2008 Operation

9N7BN - Nepal; 2007 Operation

EP3BN - Iran; 2008 Operation

TN5SN - Republic Of The Congo; Current operation

TN5MM - Republic Of The Congo; Current operation

YI9PT - Iraq; 2008 Operation

Anyone having a rejected card from these operations can send an E-mail to dxcc@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update.

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OHIO SECTION NOVEMBER 2008 NEWS

By AFFILIATED CLUBS COORDINATOR, JOANNE SOLAK, KJ30

Hardly seems possible November and the Holidays are just around the corner. But it is true! It sure has been on the cool side around Northeast Ohio. In fact, this AM the temp at 6 AM was only 28 degrees. There was a "hard frost" with a thin layer of ice on the farm animals drinking supply.

My two Alaskan Malamutes did not mind a bit. They were cozy outside their igloo (dog house) lying in the straw. So much for cool nights and mornings. Hope you have all your plants inside for the cooler months. If they are still outside, you may not have them much longer.

Have you "had" the latest go round with the upper respiratory infections and so on-----? Larry, WD8MPV, and I have had our share (a gift from the G Kids) and it isn't fun at all! Did you VOTE for VICE DIRECTOR and promptly send your ballot to ARRL Headquarters? If you did not----do it NOW! Time for many Clubs to hold their annual election of Officers for the coming year. If you do have your Club election, send the Officer changes to the ARRL by filing the ANNUAL REPORT FORM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MOUNT VERNON ARC.

This Club celebrated 50 years affiliation with the ARRL! So, the Club members all got together at a party and picnic in celebration of this most special event, making it an all night affair, September 27th and 28th. They had a special event station set up using the Club Call K8EEN. They had a "celebration 50 year cake" which was in the form of a Collins KW-2 mobile unit from 1957 vintage (50 years ago). Great Job!

The Triple States Radio Amateur Club, Inc. has decided to publish the ARNB (Club Newsletter) quarterly. This same decision, I am told, has been made by many Clubs. This decision has been made due to the rising cost of postage for mailing the NL. So most Club members, if you can, sign up for the Newsletter to be sent electronically to you by your Club Newsletter Editor.

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club was busy with their Safety

Break early in October and the October 26th MARC Hamfest. The announcement of their newsletter, the FEEDBACK, winning 2nd place in the Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter contest was really a reason for Gary Kline, WC8W, editor, to celebrate. CONGRATULATIONS to the GRANT ARC for taking first place in the Newsletter Contest with their Newsletter the News Unwired.

The Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter, Cleveland Chapter One QCWA won third place in the newsletter contest.

The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, K8KRG, members are busy with their weekly nets, repeater upkeep, memberships, website, newsletters, the Nomination committee for election of officers, their meetings and much more.

Remember the Fall Season is the time for Schools to be back in session and time for the colorful falling leaves. Drive Safely. Take your time.

The 20/9 Amateur Radio Club has lost a dear friend. They sadly informed me of one of their "family" club members, Don Stoddard, K18SS is a silent key (SK). His passing was September 30, 2008. Sadly missed and never forgotten by all who knew him.

Thank You all for the Newsletters, E-mails, letters, phone calls, invitations to your autumn festivals, (apple butter making time) and lots more. Keep the NL coming.

The Holiday Season is just around the corner. A very busy time for all of us. Don't forget the Ohio Section Journal deadline is November 7th. If you wish to contribute (write) an article for the Journal send your article to Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, [mailto: k8qoe@arrl.org](mailto:k8qoe@arrl.org) make sure it reaches him a week ahead of the deadline.

Well, that's it for this time around. Enjoy the beautiful autumn season. And always remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU! Until then, Best 73, Joanne Solak, KJ30, ACC Ohio

OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at www.arrl.org); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: Dave Coons, WT8W, New Carlisle; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, Austintown; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ30, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells, KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner, WB8TMF, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka, W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

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Old OH2AQ DX Summit goes offline November 19

The new DX Summit website debuted on May 23, 2008. The site has been redeveloped from the ground up and uses the latest technology available. The new DX Summit has been ramping up steadily and today the number of hits is approaching 1 million a day.

In addition to providing the same functionality as the old DX Summit, the new platform offers the necessary flexibility to easily add new features which are currently on the drawing board.

The old DX Summit homepage at <http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/> redirects users to the new DX Summit website. However, all the old DX Summit data pages are still online but the trend for daily hits has decreased, as we expected. The number still remains high but the time has come to shut down the old DX Summit machine which may cause your software to stop working.

To try and maintain compatibility with older software which may no longer be supported, the new DX Summit includes a series of DX spot webpages which are 100% HTML compatible with the same pages on the old DX Summit.

Simply changing the URLs in your software according to the information below should keep it working with the new DX Summit. If your software does not allow you to edit the URLs, please contact the author of your software and ask them to change the URLs according to the information below.

URLs to change:

Latest 25 DX spots page

Old URL: <http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/dx25.html>

New URL: <http://www.dxsummit.fi/text/dx25.html>

Latest 1000 DX spots page

Old URL: <http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/dx1000.html>

New URL: <http://www.dxsummit.fi/text/dx1000.html>

Latest 10000 DX spots page

Old URL: <http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/dx10000.html>

New URL: <http://www.dxsummit.fi/text/dx10000.html>

Software authors who wish to implement data exchange with the new DX Summit should visit <http://www.dxsummit.fi/technical.aspx> for information on data formats and URLs.

If your software does not work with the new DX Summit, we encourage you to forward this information to the author of the software you are using. We hope all software relying on the DX Summit can be successfully updated to work with the new DX Summit.

We look forward to providing you with this valuable DX resource for many years to come!

73, OH8X Team

License Exams

DIAL Radio Club of Middletown Exam dates:

December 10, 2008, February 25, April 29, 2009

Butler County VHF Association Exam dates:

January 10, March 14, May 9, 2009

Quotes

"You can always tell a good ham because his wife hates him"

KC4G ex-WB4AVG

"My wife said if I got on the radio one more time she was packing her bags and leaving me...over"

Unknown (could have been me)

Great Idea

Easy way to sneak that new piece of ham gear past the XYL. Have a friend bring it over, hand it to you and say "here's that radio I borrowed from you, sorry I kept it so long"

Patrick F. McManus

Help Wanted

Looking for ham radio related news articles, photos, items for sale or items you want to buy, interesting websites, etc... If you have items for the news letter or suggestions on improving it please feel free to contact me. Rick Slone AF8T, rick.slone@sbcglobal.net, (513) 423-6655.

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