



Dial Radio Club



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Minutes of the August 18, 2008 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

N8DHW, WB8DPZ & Lois, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GXE, N8HP, N8HRA, KI8I, W8ISZ & Marg, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, WB8MYT, KC8NHP, WA8PRA, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K2RWP, N8TFH, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, KC8WOF

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:03pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published was made by Ernie, N8EH, and seconded by Brian, KC8NHP. The motion passed with 1 nay.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, 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:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the link receiver to Monroe was not working properly, but he had not yet checked it. He also reported that a Motorola MaxTrac had been obtained and placed in service to replace one of the bad link transmitters. Ernie is exploring options for another MaxTrac.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, announced that the nets had been "interesting", lasting from 30 to 40 minutes in recent weeks. Numerous hams have checked in via EchoLink from locations including TX, WI, FL, Montreal and Ontario. She encouraged those in attendance to join the fun on Thursday evenings

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, announced 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 27th at Verity Lodge. She reminded the instructors to prepare for their classes.

New Business

Lorie, W8LKU, announced that she had been contacted with a request for amateur operators for an air show at Hook Field in Middletown in September. She will be sending out an email when she has more details. Anyone available and interested in providing communications should contact Lorie.

Next Meeting: Monday September 15, at the Golden Corral

Barney, N8HP, announced that he had received a flyer for the Ripley County Indiana Tailgaters Hamfest in Osgood, IN on August 23. Anyone wishing details should contact Barney after the meeting.

Don, WA8DTU, announced that a door prize, an unbuilt crystal radio kit, had been donated by Frank, WA8PRA. It was suggested that the kit would be a good project for a child or grandchild to build to spark an interest in radio. All in attendance were too bashful to ask for it, so Don decided to try again next week.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by John, W8WCQ, and seconded by Lorie, W8LKU. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

News and Information

FCC Vanity Call Sign Fees to Increase September 25

On August 11, the Federal Communications Commission announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

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 notice in the August 26, 2008 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008," includes regulatory fees expected to recover a total of \$312,000,000 during FY2008, encompassing all the services the FCC regulates.

More information is available at,
<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/08/11/10257/?nc=1>.

ARRL

Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, is the New SEC for Ohio

A Youngstown newspaper executive who has long time experience in Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will be the new Section Emergency Coordinator for Ohio.

The DEC for District Five, Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, becomes SEC on September 1, Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, has announced.

Jack Sovik succeeds SEC Frank Piper, KI8GW, of Pickerington. Frank announced his resignation a month ago because his job requires he go back to school plus he has new duties after recently being elevated to be Grand Knight of his Knights of Columbus unit.

Saturday, September 13, Jack will again be the featured speaker at the SEC portion of the Ohio Section Conference held at the State Fire Academy east of Reynoldsburg. The Section Conference begins at 9 a.m. Jack wants all 88 ECs and 10 DEC's to make an effort to join him.

SM Phillips said Jack was selected after a process in which eight applicants applied and three were given personal interviews. "During his tenure as DEC, Jack demonstrated great people skills he also uses in his work for the Youngstown Vindicator," said the Section Manager, "It was obvious in the interview that he was the strongest candidate to continue the job of enriching the talent in our ARES administration which SEC Frank had started."

Both Jack and current SEC Frank are now hard at work making the changeover as smooth as possible. "Jack was my first DEC appointment, shortly after taking over a SEC in 2006," said Frank, "Jack has been a great supporter of the ARES program in the Ohio Section, and was a key player in projects such as the OSERP revision, the Ohio Section EC guidelines, and the reorganization of the ARES Districts" In addition, Mr. Piper said Jack's drive for professionalism in ARES, and his abilities to work with people will give him the advantage to push the Ohio Section ARES to a greater level. "I am extremely proud of Jack and wish him well in his new role as SEC," Mr. Piper added.

Mr. Sovik, 58, KB8WPZ was born in Youngstown, Ohio and currently resides in Austintown. He attended Youngstown State University, majoring in Advertising/Public Relations. He has worked at the Youngstown Vindicator for over 36 years, and is currently National Advertising Manager. Professionally, Jack served as President of The Ohio Newspaper Classified Advertising Manager's Association in 1997.

His wife Bonnie is a teacher in the Austintown School system as a reading specialist. Sovik has 2 children, Jonathan 29, a merchandiser for Coca-Cola, and a daughter Megan, 23 who works as an account executive for McConnell Marketing in Canfield Ohio.

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BIOGRAPHY OF JACK SOVIK, KB8WPZ, OHIO SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Jack Sovik KB8WPZ was born 9/9/1950 in Youngstown, Ohio and currently resides in Austintown, Ohio. He went to Youngstown State University, majoring in Advertising/Public Relations, and is a member of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity.

A member of the staff at the Youngstown (daily) Vindicator for over 36 years, Jack is currently National Advertising Manager. He is also Vice President of the Austintown Growth (Ohio) Foundation, and on the Salvation Army Publicity Committee for Mahoning County. Professionally, he had served as President of The Ohio Newspaper Classified Advertising Manager's Association in 1997.

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Sovik's most rewarding Amateur Radio experience was his participation in the Santa Claus Net. In 2002 he helped start a program that continues today where amateur radio operators take HT's into the children's ward of Tod Children's or Akron Children's Hospital in Boardman. This allows the children to spend the Christmas holidays talk to Santa.

As SEC Sovik will continue the programs that SEC Frank Piper has implemented. "As SEC, Frank has shown his ability to communicate in a way that has dramatically improved the efficiency of Emergency Communications in the Ohio Section, Sovik said, "He has shown how with compassion, leadership, and knowledge emergency communications in the Ohio section

has improved and I will try to continue that process."

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Help Promote These Bills!

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in its BPL Decision. The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation. This means the FCC doesn't have to retract BPL just that they need to redefine it. So, where does that leave us, the Amateur population? Needing some type of legislation before the FCC can change or make any new rules.

Senate Bill (S-1629): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007. A bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR) cosponsor Sen. Michael Crapo [R-ID]. Also, House of Representatives (H.R. 462): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007 to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Rep. Mike Ross [D-AR] and cosponsors Rep. John Barrow [D-GA], Rep. Roscoe Bartlett [R-MD], Rep. Baron Hill [D-IN], Rep. Steve Israel [D-NY], Rep. Ron Lewis [R-KY], Rep. Michael McNulty [D-NY], Rep. Tim Murphy [R-PA], Rep. Sue Myrick [R-NC], Rep. Ronald Paul [R-TX], Rep. Collin Peterson [D-MN], Rep. David Price [D-NC], Rep. Bart Stupak [D-MI], Rep. Timothy Walberg [R-MI].

People, who think members of Congress or the House of Representatives pay little or no attention to constituent mail, are plain wrong. Concise, well thought out personal letters are one of the most effective ways Americans have of influencing lawmakers. But, members of Congress and the House of Representatives get hundreds of letters and emails every day. Whether you choose to use the Postal Service or email, here are some tips that will help your letter have impact. Most of the time, we as Amateurs, write our Senators or House of Representatives complaining that a certain Act or Bill will not be good for Amateur Radio. But, this time we all need to write and let our Representatives know that we would like them to support these Bills and that we appreciate the fact that they are looking into the future of the service of Amateur Radio. If you're not sure who to write then go to the leagues web site

(<http://www.arrl.org>) click on Members Only and a new page will pop up with the listings of the Congressman/Congresswomen, Senators and House of Representatives in your District.

There is also a sample letter there that is already written for you. Copy and paste it into an email and fill in the appropriate places with the Representatives name, then the place with your name and information in the proper places. We must make sure we can congratulate as well as complain. Remembering that no matter what way we do it we must do it with respect to them and in confidence. Here are some examples for writing a Senator, Congressman/Congresswomen or House of Representative.

It's usually best to send letters to the Representative from your local Congressional District or the Senators from your state. Your vote helps elect them -- or not -- and that fact alone carries a lot of weight.

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John D. Meyers, NB4K
Great Lakes Legislative Action Coordinator
Great Lakes Division

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License Exams

DIAL Radio Club of Middletown Exam dates:

October 8, December 10, 2008, February 25, April 29, 2009

Butler County VHF Association Exam dates:

September 13, November 8, 2008, January 10, March 14, May 9, 2009