



Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

APRS Digipeater: W8BLV 144.39
Repeaters: 52.21/53.21, 146.01/146.61, 147.915/147.315, 449.825/444.825
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Minutes of the March 16, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

KD8AUK, K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, KC8DUX, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GXD, N8HP, N8HRA, KI8I, W8ISZ & Marg, N8LRN, WB8MYT, KC8NHP, WD8NKJ, N8NRF, KF8PD, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, AF8T, N8TFH, KD8W, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, W8WLM, KC8WOF

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting as published was made by Rick, AF8T, and seconded by Ernie, W8EH. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 88 members representing 63 families. Ron stated that 13 of last year's members had not renewed representing 7 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that on three occasions he had witnessed the '61 repeater losing power. He diagnosed the problem as the power amplifier, which he replaced. He also adjusted the squelch to make the repeater more accessible to users in its fringes. The West Middletown repeater is working well.

Carl, K8CM, announced that the radio used to connect Echolink to the repeater had been replaced with a Motorola unit operating on 2 meters. He, Rick, AF8T, and Ernie, W8EH, exchanged comments about possibly low audio on W8BLV when on linked to the server on Echolink. Rick expressed appreciation for the efforts.

Activity Report:

Don, WA8DTU, presented the Activity report for Lorie who was in class. His main point was that Lorie, W8LKU, will be in a Thursday evening class next quarter and will need someone to cover the Dial Intercom Net for 11 weeks. Rick, AF8T, and Jason, KD8GXD, expressed a willingness to help but also encouraged other amateurs to volunteer. Interested individuals should send Lorie an email (dishgirl@att.net).

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, announced that four students continue in the class which will end on April 22nd. The next exam will be in Verity Lodge, Miami University, Middletown Campus on April

Next Meeting: Monday April 20, at the **Golden Corral**

29th. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm and exams will begin around 6:30.

Old Business

Ernie, W8EH, reported that we have email confirmation for flea market spaces at Hamvention and that the check had been cashed.

New Business

Ernie, W8EH, reported that our permit to use Smith Park during Field Day weekend in June had been accepted and that he should have the documentation shortly.

Rick, AF8T, asked for volunteers to become the Dial Newsletter Editor. Due to health issues he is trying to reduce his responsibilities. Carl, K8CM, asked Rick what the duties entailed, and Rick responded they were mostly to gather interesting articles and add them to the skeletal newsletter provided by the Secretary. Anyone willing to consider becoming the Newsletter Editor should contact Rick or Barney, N8HP.

Ernie, W8EH, showed his CQWPX certificate from last year, where he won OH in his category. He encouraged those in attendance to participate in contests and consider operating in the 'assisted' -i.e. dx cluster spotting - category, as not many people enter that category for single, low power operators.

Ed, KF8PD, brought up the prospect of buying a 43 foot vertical antenna from DX Engineering for Field Day use. There was some discussion of the issue and a general sense that not enough was known to merit buying one at this time.

Adjournment:

Carl, K8CM, made a motion to adjourn and Ernie, N8EH, seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

News and Information

OHIO SECTION NEWS APRIL 09

(Hamfests in Ohio and Ohio Cabinet listing is at the end of this issue)

By AFFILIATED CLUBS COORDINATOR, JOANNE SOLAK, KJ30

GREETINGS OF THE SPRING! FROM THE OHIO SECTION.

FINALLY Spring has sprung. And the Easter Season is just ahead. Many Clubs are busy planning their many public service events they will participate in this year.

SKYWARN is really popular with the many Counties in the Ohio Section. There is nothing like being prepared for severe weather. Did you remember to check into your local ARES/SKYWARN NET during the Spring Severe Weather Awareness week. The statewide Tornado drill was scheduled for March 25th at 9:50 AM.

Now speaking of SKYWARN, this column goofed in the March edition. The SKYWARN of Mahoning County (Youngstown) is NOT affiliated with any club. The March edition associated it with one of Mahoning County's two active ham radio clubs. Both clubs are active in support of SKYWARN. Thanks to Dean DeMain, W8YSU, of Boardman, for getting to us promptly with the correct information.

CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB SECRETARY to see if your Club's ANNUAL REPORT form has been filed this year. There are some clubs scheduled for the "inactive list" if you do not file that form NOW! If you need to file it..go on line to HYPERLINK "<http://www.arrl.org/clubs>" <http://www.arrl.org/clubs> then follow the prompts to the Annual report form, make the updates and submit. That's all there is to it and you can remain on the "active list" with all the ARRL benefits.

REMEMBER If there is anyone in your club who is not an ARRL member or has not been a member during the past two years, have them joined now and a portion of their membership dues will benefit your club. To join or re-join make the check payable to your club and your club will keep \$15.00 for the Club treasury. (The amount due the ARRL will depend on what membership they desire. Regardless, the Club keeps the \$15.00 and sends the balance to Headquarters. (\$39.00 is the regular membership)

The Dayton Hamvention is scheduled for May 15th through May 17th. The Dayton Hamvention Committee, including DARA members and supporters, is very busy planning the largest event in the Ohio Section. There have been many hours spent creating an online registration application for their fellow amateurs to register for this event. Carl Rose, K8CPR, Dayton Hamvention General Chairman 2009, says they will be able to better service their customer base and improve their service to them with this online registration application once it is totally developed.

The latest edition of the Ohio Section Journal is available on the Ohio Section Web site. The Ohio Section Web site has lots of information about activities in the Ohio Section. It is kept up to date by Web Master Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.

The 20/9 Club is in the middle of planning the ARRL Annual Field Day scheduled for June 27th and 28th. Steve Fabry, KC8SOY, is setting up this event for the Club. August is the Club's annual Corn Roast, and George Bennett is in charge of this event.

Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service finds their event schedule getting more active than they thought it would be. The group does the "Aladdin Shrine Circus", Arnold Sports Festival", The OSU Spring Football game, the annual Tour of the Scioto River Valley and the event list goes on and on. This is a very busy group to say the least.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club celebrated it's 35th anniversary March 14th. Their annual hamfest is scheduled for June 20th. They have been active with several events including their VE sessions.

Many Clubs are sponsoring Amateur Radio Classes and Exams. Make sure your VE Exam sessions are advertised well ahead of time by registering them with K3RC, Bob Johnson. You can obtain all Bob's information in the latest edition of the OSJ.

The Spotlight Club of the month is still alive and well. Send me your Club information by the 12th of the month to get it published in the Ohio Section Monthly News.

The Buckeye Belles annual meeting this year will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at the Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. The Belles are looking for YLs to run for office! So if one of you Belles are interested in a Belles position, please contact Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD. (Nancy is President of the Buckeye Belles)

The Salem Club is busy getting their event calendar up to date. They do lots of Public Service Events during the year such as the Memorial Day Parade and the Super NATS for starters.

The Massillon ARC Members will again this year be providing communications support for the April MS Walk, Saturday, April 25th .

2009 Club Membership dues are now due and some past due for many clubs. Support your local Club and pay your membership dues NOW! With the economic conditions as they are, Club's are going to need to count on their membership support to pay Club expenses. Plus volunteer your time and expertise to your club. Any event sponsored by your club NEEDS volunteers to make Club events and activities a success.

Keep the Newsletters coming. Keep me informed as to what your club is involved with so I can highlight your Club events in the Ohio Section News. If I don't know what your Club is doing, I can't share your information with other Clubs. I can only report what you tell me. So, keep it coming! If the information you want in the Ohio Section News isn't in your newsletter, you can e-mail me with the info before the

12th of the month.

Some final thoughts before I say 73,----File the Annual Report Form--Support your local club--, Join the ARRL if you are not already a member, renew your membership in your local Club and ARRL, Volunteer to help out with your Club's activities and events, Become a Club Officer in your local Club. Most of all, ENJOY AMATEUR RADIO!!

Well that's it for this time around. THINK SPRING! It has arrived. And most of all remember this, Sometime, Somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU! Until then, enjoy the beautiful Springtime Season. Best 73, Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC OHIO SECTION

OHIO APRIL HAMFESTS

(19) Sunday, Cuyahoga Falls ARC; For More Info, write w8tts@w8tts.com: located at 48 E. Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls.
(26) Sunday, Athens County ARA, For More Info. write; mcdanied@ohiou.edu: located at 701 E. State Street, Athens.

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, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells, KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner, K8NAP, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka, W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

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WEAVER'S WORDS -- A Convention in your Future?

(Reply only to k8je@arrl.org.)

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+++ Division Convention September 12 +++

After careful consideration it was decided to go ahead with a biannual Great Lakes Division Convention this year. The 2009 event takes place in Findlay, OH on September 12. This is the Saturday immediately before the Sunday Findlay Hamfest. The date had been tentative the past few months until the recent decision on the convention was made.

The Findlay Radio Club is sponsoring each event.

Previous conventions had been in 2003, 2005 and 2007. These were in Findlay, Toledo and Cleveland in order. sites for future conventions continue to be sought in Kentucky and Michigan.

With the economy straining to recover, concern had been expressed that holding a convention this year was too much to ask of members. It was decided to pursue a no-frills approach while maintaining the high quality of seminars that have come to characterize GLD conventions.

Former astronaut Tony England, WOORE will headline the convention as its principle speaker. OM England served with NASA FOR many years and spent 8 days aboard the (spacecraft). A premier representative from ARRL is being arranged as this is written.

As in the past, Division Awards for special service to Amateur Radio will be available. These are the George S. Wilson III, Lifetime Achievement Award; Amateur of the Year; DX Achievement Award, Technical Achievement Award and Newsletter of the Year. Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA is chairing a committee to develop the criteria for a new, young amateur achievement award.

Please read the Call for Papers, immediately below.

+++ Call for Papers -- 2009 GL Division Convention +++

The Great Lakes Division Convention will be in Findlay, Ohio on Sept. 12, 2009, the day before the Findlay Hamfest. The Convention is being organized and sponsored by the Findlay Radio Club.

When the opportunity to have the Convention in Findlay came up, the Club decided that to sponsor it, but to try a few things different than in the past.

We know that hams are thrifty, so we decided to keep the cost of admission low. In fact, we decided we would pick up the cost of the convention so the admission charge will be \$0.00. (Ed. This is correct -- nada, nothing, free!)

We also decided that we would not have a standard convention banquet.

There will not be a \$30 per person sit down dinner banquet at the end of the day. Instead, we are looking into doing a chicken barbecue at the fairgrounds. Tickets for the barbecue would be available for purchase at the Convention or at the barbecue. For lunch we will take orders for box lunches that will be brought in, or you can eat at a local restaurant of your choice. The Findlay Radio Club can not take credit for any of these ideas. We are modeling the convention format after the very successful SW Ohio Digital Conference and a picnic meal the day before the Lake Placid NY Hamfest!

Our "theme" for the Convention will be attracting new hams through "Elmering-like" activities and re-interesting existing amateurs through ground-up discussions of newer technologies. We would like to provide seminars and demonstrations to help a new ham get on the air (especially on HF) and also show new and old hams alike some of the hobbies within ham radio like homebrewing, satellite, digital, ATV, ballooning, APRS, etc. In addition, we plan to showcase methods people have found that work well introducing people to our hobby. Obviously there is not enough time to really cover everything in detail, but we hope to spark interest in these areas for new and old hams alike. Attendees will learn where they can go to get detailed information and more help to get started.

We intend that the Convention will expand your horizon. Perhaps that should be the theme of the Convention - "Expanding your Ham Radio Horizon"

We need speakers. K8JE has arranged for a top notch main speaker - former astronaut Tony England WOORE - and is arranging for a quality speaker from ARRL. All I have to do is get a dozen or so speakers to talk on topics like:

- 1 Getting On HF -- Your First Station
- 2 Getting On HF -- Your First Antenna
- 3 Homebrew -- It Is Still Being Done
- 4 Contesting -- Getting Started
- 5 The Digital Modes -- An Introduction
- 6 Getting on the Air with Satellites
- 7 The QSL Bureau -- What Is It, and How Do I Use It?
- 8 Emergency Communications -- What Can I Do to Help, And How Do I Start?
- 9 Amateur Radio in the Local Schools
- 10 Getting New Hams Through the Boy Scouts, Using Radio Merit Badge
- 11 Mobile Operation
- 12 VHF/UHF/Microwave Operation
- 13 Triple Play Award
- 14 Echolink/ILRP
- 15 Winlink
- 16 PSKmail
- 17 Other

(Please tell us the number your top four favorite ideas for seminars through the survey described below. If you click on 17 on the survey, please go to the Forum area to add your suggestions for topics as well as for speakers.)

You get the idea. If you can speak at the Convention on any of these topics or something similar to these, please contact me (n8et@arrl.net). We have a good internet connection at the

Convention site, so if you can do a talk remotely, let me know and we will see what we can work out.

Our tentative plans are to start the talks at 9 AM, and go to 5 with an hour for lunch. Sessions will start on the hour, with the initial 5 minutes for speaker set up, and the last 10 minutes of the hour as a break between sessions. We have the room to do two concurrent tracks, so we should be able to get 10 or 12 speakers. If you have a topic that needs more than an hour (for example -- a panel discussion on attracting new hams or building club membership), we can combine sessions and make a two or even three hour session.

There is a huge parking lot at the Convention site. If the weather is good we can do demos in the parking lot at lunch, like erecting and trimming a dipole or working a satellite, and there is room in the hall for displays if you have something you would like to display.

Feel free to contact me if you have an idea that you think would fit in the 2009 Convention. We want to make this new, different, and the best convention ever!

Hope to hear from a lot of you soon!

73 -- Bill -- N8ET, Convention Chairman
n8et@arrl.net

+++ A Survey is on the Division web site +++

There is a survey on the Great Lakes Division web site. It requests your input about the coming Division Convention. Your initial views and opinions will be very helpful in our planning for the convention. To take the simple survey, please go to www.greatlakes.arrl.org/. At the web site, click on the Survey/Feedback link to go to the survey.

The survey is in a click-on-the-answer format. If you wish to leave comments about the survey, the convention or anything else, mark the statement at the bottom of the survey, then click on the Enter My Forum icon and add your comments.

Thanks for your help with this survey.

+++ Is a Repeater a Repeater? +++

FCC needed 15 months to decide the thorny question, but it has concluded that a repeater is a repeater. The question that was posed to the Commission was whether digital repeaters are repeaters as analog repeaters are repeaters. The issue was that there is a brief delay in digital repeaters from the time they receive the input signal until they transmit the output signal.

Technically, of course, there is a very slight delay between receipt and retransmission of a signal for analog repeaters as well. The delay in analog repeaters is generally slightly less than with current digital repeaters.

The result of the FCC clarification of the definition of a repeater means that digital repeaters need to operate in the subbands designated for repeater operation. Some amateurs had argued the delay in relaying signals by digital repeaters qualified them for use outside of these subbands.

+++ Michigan QSO Party +++

The Michigan QSO Party (MiQP) will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 1200 EDST to 2400 EDST (1600Z Saturday until 0400Z Sunday UTC).

Stations may operate the full twelve hours. The general objective of the MiQP is for amateurs outside of Michigan to operate

The objective of the Party for stations outside of Michigan is to work Michigan stations, only. For Michiganders, it is to work anyone. The objective for everyone is to have fun.

Rules are at <http://www.miqp.org/Rules/htm>. These include a description of operating categories, bands to use and multiplier factors.

+++ ARRL Legislative Agenda +++

There is an old saying that goes, "The Lord helps those that help themselves." This cannot be more true when it comes to the Legislative Agenda the ARRL Board of Directors adopted for the current, 111th Congress. Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers, NB4K offers the following poignant comments related to what will be needed to move the agenda forward:

"With the changes in Congress and the House of Representatives we have our job cut out for us no matter how you look at it. With the changes in seat holders this means that a number of our Legislative Action Assistants (LAAs) will need to establish relations with the freshman Representatives or Senators or their aides who have taken over the offices. This will need to be done as soon as possible. The time is now to start making contact with these freshman Legislators and Congressman or their aides.

"Incidentally, you are not expected to travel to Washington to perform your duties. Instead, the following discussion assumes your visits with Congressmen or their aides will occur 'back home' in a local office.

"Be aware that we often are unable to meet directly with a Congressman. Instead, we may meet with one of his/her aides. This is fine. The fact that you met and the legislative position you supported during your meeting will be forwarded to the Congressman. The support you show during your meeting will provide much assistance to the ARRL Legislative Advocate in Washington, DC. Your meeting will prove to the Congressman that voters back home are interested in the legislation.

"If you have the opportunity to drop in to meet your Congressman's aide in a local office, consider introducing

yourself. Tell them that later on you will doubtlessly contact them to make an appointment to visit the Congressman while he/she is at home, or to visit him (the aide) to discuss legislation that relates to Amateur Radio. Leave your Legislative Action business card and, if possible, a brief introduction to what Amateur Radio is and how it benefits the public."

By John Meyers, NB4K
Division Legislative Action Chair

+++ ARRL Legislative Agenda Booth +++

Stop by the ARRL Legislative Agenda Booth at its national convention at the Hamvention(r). You will be able to discuss the ARRL legislative agenda and learn how easy it can be to promote the actions the League intends to initiate during the current, 111th, US Congress. The booth will be in the ARRL convention area at HARA.

+++ Incoming 8th Area Bureau QSL Factoids +++

Jay Slough, K4ZLE the very competent Manager of the very effective 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau reported the following activity for the bureau for the years 2003 through 2008. The year and the number of incoming QSLs handled during it follow:

2008 -- 80,248 QSL cards
2007 -- 89,028 cards
2006 -- 111,734 cards
2005 -- 110,905 cards
2004 -- 138,236 cards
2003 -- 154,054 cards

Does anyone want to take a guess where we are in the current sunspot cycle?

+++ KYSAT-1 +++

Kentucky's first orbiting satellite - developed in part by students at

Western Kentucky University - has been selected by NASA to take flight in mid-2009. Students at WKU teamed with students at other Kentucky universities to design and build KySat-1.

The satellite has Amateur Radio capabilities along with a camera and cell phone. Students in K-12 across Kentucky will be able to use the features of KySat-1 to take photos, see the temperature and check the status of status of satellite components. The intent is to interest youngsters in mathematics and the sciences.

The satellite project cost about \$850,000. It is expected to remain in orbit for 18 to 24 months. KySat-1 is said to be unique because it was developed in conjunction with several universities and is NASA's first launch of a university-built satellite.

+++ What does ARRL do for Me? +++

Members and non-members alike have occasionally asked me what ARRL does for them that the beneficiary doesn't need to pay extra to get. It seemed to them that nearly everything the League does for members requires them to pay extra to obtain. The prevailing attitude among non-members also seems to be that unless they DX or contest, ARRL membership offers nothing to them.

Once one knows the facts, it is obvious that neither of these contentions is correct. With this issue of Words I begin a series of discussions of what ARRL really does. In these discussions you will learn which member benefits have fees associated with them and which member benefits are not associated with fees.

First, let me give a brief listing of services provided by ARRL. After doing this, I'll expand on one item that I believe is of interest to many members. The listing is below. No fees are charged to take advantage of the services marked "(n/c):"

- QST, Your Monthly Membership Journal
- Members-Only Web Access (n/c)
- Technical Information Service (TIS) (n/c)
- Outgoing QSL Service
- ARRL Field Organization including ARES® and several additional, important services(n/c)
- Operating Awards
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in Washington, DC to the FCC and Congress (n/c)
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in International Government Treaty negotiations. (n/c)
- A Regulatory Information Branch that provides information on FCC and regulatory questions; problems with antenna, tower and zoning restrictions; and reciprocal licensing procedures (n/c)
- Volunteer Counsel Program (n/c)
- Volunteer Examiner Coordinator program (n/c)
- Registered Amateur Radio Instructor program (n/c)
- WIAW broadcast bulletins and code practice (n/c)
- Preferred subscription rates for QEX, the ARRL Forum for Communications Experimenters
- Discounts on Continuing Education Program courses.

This listing is generally available at www.arrl.org/benefits.html#awards.

It is a fact that a number of what I consider the superficial services provided by ARRL, require the recipient to pay a few cents to several dollars. In most instances the fees are to pay for certificates and optional plaques -- the well-known and hard-sought "wallpaper" with which so many of us paper our shack walls.

Look, through the list of services for which fees are not assessed. These very importantly include the tough work ARRL does. As I will discuss later, these services relate to keeping our amateur frequency allocations, obtaining new frequencies, protecting our

frequencies from invasion by interfering individuals or services, protecting amateurs' rights to pursue the Amateur Radio Service and generally protecting the value of the Amateur Radio license.

I ask you, first, to review the frequencies you use during your personal operating. The basic fact is: None of us would have use of these frequencies if it was not for ARRL. There is no charge by ARRL for the services that resulted in obtaining these frequencies.

+++ Triple Play Certificate +++

A long-time friend and member in southwest Ohio wrote me saying he thought the quality of the TPA certificate he earned was subpar. I forwarded the comment to HQ. Staff noted the certificate looked fine in proof copies and that a respected commercial printer had printed them. On checking through the standard run of certificates they, too found it to be below League standards. A new run of the certificates was made and replaced the original batch.

Everyone who received one of the earlier, off-quality certificates will automatically receive a replacement from the new run.

Communications from members do receive attention.

+++ DTV Presentation Available +++

With the switch from analog TV (ATV) to digital TV (DTV) having been delayed from its initial February deadline, an offer by Frank Sanor, WA8WHP of the Alliance (OH) ARC remains very viable. Club members developed a presentation that includes a PowerPoint show based on FCC DTV pages.

If you would like to receive a copy of the PP presentation for possible use with the pending switch to DTV, please contact Frank at wa8whp@arrl.net. Alliance ARC members who made and have given the presentation are Tom Steele KD8JRK, John Myers KD8MQ and Frank. John developed the power point from the FCC web site.

Congratulations to all clubs that helped educate the public on the switch to DTV. With the deadline for switching to DTV delayed until June, there is still time to help educate the technologically-deficient members of the public.

+++ Travel Schedule +++

The following is the schedule of travel by Division staff for the coming weeks. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnson, KI4LA, Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers, NB4K and 8th Area QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough, K4ZLE will visit the events shown below.

Date.....Event.....Division Representative(s)

SCHEDULE

19 Apr: Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls ARC 'fest -- Gary, Jim
26 Apr: Athens, OH; Athens Co. ARA 'fest -- Gary
15-17 May: Hamvention(r)/ARRL National Conv. -- Gary, John, Jim
6 Jun: Grand Rapids, MI; Indpdnt Rptr Assoc. 'fest -- John, Jim
7 Jun: Chelsea, MI; Chelsea ARC 'fest -- John, Jim
20 Jun: Midland, MI; Midland ARC 'fest -- Jay, Jim
21 Jun: Monroe, MI; Monroe Co. RCA 'fest-- Jay, Jim
9 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA Meeting -- Jim
16 Jul: A&F Committee meeting, Newington -- Jim
17-18 Jul: ARRL Board meeting, Newington -- Gary, Jim
26 Jul: Randolph, OH -- Portage ARC 'fest -- John, Jim
12 Sep: Findlay, OH -- GLD Convention -- All
13 Sep: Findlay, OH -- Findlay ARC 'fest -- All
19 Sep: Reynoldsburg, OH -- Ohio Section Conference -- Jim

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

16 Aug: Cortland, OH -- Warren ARA 'fest -- John, Jim
20 Sep: Cincinnati, OH -- Gr. Cin. ARA 'fest -- Gary, Jim
17 Oct: Holland, MI -- Holland ARC 'fest -- Gary, Jay
18 Oct: Kalamazoo, MI -- K'zoo ARC/SMART 'fest-- Gary, Jay

NOTE: Please apply to have your hamfest/swap sanctioned well in advance of the date it will be held. The sooner it is sanctioned as an ARRL event, the sooner it will appear on the listing of hamfests and conventions on the ARRL web site. This will provide more publicity for the event.

73,

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Hamvention 2009 Update

I received email confirmation that we will be in the same flea market spots at Hamvention this year. (3201, 3202, 3203)

The portable repeater will be the same, 147.315 with a PL of 100.0 Hz.

Anyone who has something to get into the trailer should contact me or Ron to make arrangements. The club gets 10% from all sales. (We need items to sell).

Food during Hamvention is on your own.

We will announce the day for trailer clean out on the email reflector.

Ernie Howard Jr., W8EH