



Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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Minutes of the February 16, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, KD8CPV, WD8DFK, WA8DTU, W8EH, KD8FKO, N8GGE, KD8GXD, N8HP, KI8I, WB8MYT, N8NRF, N8OZN, KF8PD & Tommy, NR8R & Barb, AF8T, N8TFH, W8WCQ, W8WFO, 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 Carl, K8CM. The motion passed with 1 nay.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 84 members representing 59 families. Ron stated that 9 of last year's members had not renewed as of yet. Ron read the nine names and asked attendees to encourage them to renew. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Bob, K8RJH, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported some strange behavior of the repeater was noted during the high winds that were experienced recently. Otherwise the repeater system is doing well.

Activity Report:

Don, WA8DTU, presented the Activity report for Lorie who was in class. He reminded those in attendance of the Dial Intercom Net on Thursdays at 9:00 pm local time.

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, announced that Dial will sponsor an Amateur Radio Examination Session on Wednesday, February 25th, and that as a result, the extra class license preparation course would not be meeting that night. The exam will be in Verity Lodge, Miami University, Middletown Campus. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm and exams will begin around 6:30.

Old Business

Ernie, W8EH, reported that we have no reservations for flea market spaces at Hamvention at this time. He also reported that we have a permit to use Smith Park during Field Day weekend in June.

Next Meeting: Monday March 16, at the **Golden Corral**

New Business

Membership: Ron presented applications for membership in Dial from two individuals. Tom Ristaneo, K8DTR was sponsored by Don, WA8DTU. Ron, N8QF, made a motion to approve Tom's application and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Paul Web, KC8PZX, was sponsored by Barney, N8HP. In spite of his sponsor, Ron, N8QF, moved and Carl, K8CM, seconded a motion to approve Paul's membership. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome to Dial, Tom and Paul.

Rick, AF8T mentioned several difficulties associated with the courtesy tone on the repeater when it is linked via Echolink to the 'DoDropIn' Echolink conference. There was some discussion of how to mediate the problem involving Rick, Ernie, Carl, and others that the Secretary may have missed. Apparently the fix will require that the sub-tone squelch and the carrier squelch be used simultaneously.

Adjournment:

Mark, WD8DFK, made a motion to adjourn and John, W8WCQ, seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

News and Information

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+++ Library Section Dedicated to Memory of W4OYI +++

The Owensboro (Kentucky) Amateur Radio Club in cooperation with ARRL and the Daviess County Kentucky Public Library has dedicated a section of Amateur Radio books to the memory of former Great Lakes Division Director and ARRL President George Wilson, III (W4OYI, SK). The dedication was made on

February 17. Wilson was a highly respected resident of Owensboro.

George Wilson is the only member of the Great Lakes Division to have become president of the ARRL. Division Legislative Action Chairman and former Kentucky SM John Meyers, NB4K and I were privileged to represent the League and the Division at the dedication.

+++ Swedish Amateurs become more Accessible +++

QSOs with Swedish amateurs should become more frequent beginning 1 April when Sweden expands its 40 meter band to 7.0 to 7.2 MHz. This change follows the opening earlier this year of 6M (50-52 MHz) to normal amateur use. Swedish amateurs can use up to 200 w. output power on 6. The change in 6M operation in Sweden means amateurs there will no longer need to obtain a special license at extra cost for this band.

The addition of the 100 kHz segment to the 40M band brings Sweden into line with International Telecommunications Union (ITU) action in 2003.

At this time, ITU delegations approved moving all international broadcasting out of the 7.1-7.2 MHz segment and to allocate 7.0-7.2 MHz only to Amateur Radio use. Expansion of the international 40M band by the ITU was in response to work by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

The ITU action; however, does not require any country to give additional privileges to amateurs. The decision to give more frequencies on 40 M to its amateurs is up to each country.

+++ Should It be "Our Way or No Way"? +++

In this country we have generally been raised with the thought that we should be independent thinkers. "Think out of the box," is a very popular admonition given to us. This is just another way of saying, "Don't follow one another like a flock of geese walking from one location to another."

Individualism is great. Pushing the sides of the envelope to see what we can accomplish by developing a new "paradigm" offers many benefits.

Without individual thinking, we would not have electricity, the light bulb, telecommunications and so many other inventions that were developed by Edison, the Maxims and many others who were not tied to the world of their "today."

However, there are times when following the leader is the best way to go. Fighting this truism is a sign of impracticality. There are times when letting go of the detail we have learned is good and accepting different differing detail is preferable under the circumstances.

For example, we who matured our message handling skills using National Traffic System (NTS) procedures might think this is the only way to handle traffic. This isn't true. The military,

government and other emergency support agencies have their own message handling systems.

Although the NTS way is good, it isn't the only way. Depending upon the total situation, it might not even be the best way. (If you are still reading this, you know I haven't been struck by lightning . . . yet!)

As it says in the Bible, 'Render unto Cesar that which is Cesar's and unto God that which is God's.' Applying this wisdom to message traffic, we might say, "Put into Emergency Management Agency format the traffic which is EMA's and into ARRL NTS format the traffic which is NTS's.

The bottom line is that when we provide communications service to a served agency (EMA, Salvation Army, Red Cross), we should follow their requests provided they are legal, ethical and moral. The discipline and skill we gained through learning to use the NTS message system will provide the discipline and skill we need to communicate using any procedures preferred by EMA, SA, RC or other agency.

We need to avoid offering our service only to place irrelevant restrictions on the manner in which we will provide the service.

+++ Triple Play Award and Logbook +++

First, let me correct an error in my comment last month about the early winners of the Triple Play Award. The call sign given for Jeffrey Wheeler, winner of the second Award earned, was incorrect. His correct call is W7JW, not W7JIO. Sorry, Jeffrey.

My Triple Play comment brought a question. To summarize, the question is, "Why has ARRL initiated the new, Triple Play Award (ed., Available only through Logbook of the World.) but still requires paper QSL cards to be submitted for the VHF/UHF Century Club Award?"

This is a good question. On the surface, initiating a new award that requires confirmation only by LoTW, but not allowing LoTW to be used for VUCC doesn't make sense -- on the surface, this is.

Below the surface, the answer and the logic are quite simple. Resolving the issue is more complex. It involves programming. LoTW simply was not set up to service VHF/UHF Century Club.

For the Triple Play, the only thing that was needed was to tweak the existing WAS portion of Logbook to add the new award. In the case of VUCC, the programming hurdle is much greater.

Marrying VUCC with LoTW is a definite objective of the ARRL officers, senior staff and each of us 15 Directors. The fact, though, is that the project to complete the redo of the ARRL web site has much more precedence. The VUCC-LoTW project must wait for now.

+++ Wouff Hong at the National Convention-Hamvention +++

Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK was quick to provide a little history lesson on The Royal Order of the Wouff Hong. I noted last month that the script SM Phillips uses for the Wouff Hong was first used at the second annual ARRL Michigan State Convention in Flint on February 11, 1923. I added, "This probably wasn't the first exemplification of the Wouff Hong, but it had to be among the earlier ones."

Dale nicely pointed out that records prove the 1923 presentation of the Wouff Hong was the first time it was offered anywhere.

This original script will be presented at the ARRL National Convention-Dayton Hamvention(r) on Saturday night at 11.

+++ International Amateur Radio Union happenings +++

On 10 February 2009 the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) counted ballots in its regular election for new officers and on accepting two additional national societies into membership. When the counting was finished, IARU had elected new officers and accepted two new national societies into membership.

Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA of Canada was elected the new president.

He succeeds Larry Price, W4RA who retired from the position. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, was chosen Vice President. Terms of office for IARU President and Vice President in the IARU are five years.

The election involved voting by 73 member societies. The societies cast votes (aye or nay) or abstentions in each of the four ballots.

Fifty seven affirmative votes were required for adoption. Each proposal was approved without dissent.

Upon being elected IARU President, Mr. Ellam said: "I am very honoured to have been elected as President of IARU and look forward to working with all three Regions and the Member-Societies during my term in office. We no doubt will face many issues in the run up to the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-11), but I look forward to working as a team to meet the challenges ahead. (Courtesy IARU.)

While ranking officer of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Ellam was a guest at ARRL Board meetings. He is a very knowledgeable amateur.

+++ The ARRL A-1 Operator Club +++

One of the relatively unheralded awards given by ARRL is the A-1 Operator Award. This Award recognizes good personal operating and good equipment operation. It is an award each of us who take Amateur Radio reasonably seriously should want to achieve.

Before I get jumped on by someone who has the mistaken idea this award is for CW ops, only, let me say this is not correct. It is open for ops using any mode available and on any band assigned to amateur use.

One unique feature of the A-1 Operator Award is that the recipient must be nominated by two amateurs who already hold it. In most instances, the recipient of the award does not even know they have been nominated. A-1 Operators are eligible to receive a nice lapel pin that identifies them as members of the club.

Information about the A-1 Operator Club is available at www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/. Members of the Club are listed at www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/roster. Rules the procedure for nominating amateurs to the club are at www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/a1v11.html#who.

As of January 30, 2009, there are 5,252 members of the A-1 Operator Club. Why not double check your operating procedure against Club requirements. One never knows when two Club members will hear or work you and nominate you to join the Club.

+++ More Triple Play Winners +++

Additions to the Triple Play Award roster since my last e-letter are Ernest S. Jurusik, W8DCH, Columbus, OH; James F. Tullis, W8CZN, Hudson, OH; Robert A. Daniels, K8KWT, Kentwood, MI; James D. Main, N8FV, Muskegon, MI; John S. Comella, N8AA, Hamilton, OH; Daniel N. Hardy, N8VV Newcomerstown, OH; Eric Kindig, W8EJK, Sidney, OH; Mad River Radio Club, W8MAD, Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, K8CC, Ypsilanti, MI; D. Douglas Friend, WB8TLI, Troy, OH; John A. Wulf, K4FT, Crab Orchard, KY. 2/20/09

+++ W1AW CW Transmission on 160 M changes Frequency +++

Beginning March 9, ARRL's W1AW will shift its CW transmission on 160 M to 1802.5 KHz. This move is to help avoid interference with increasing activity that is developing near the 1817.5 kHz frequency previously.

+++ And, in Miami the Winner is . . . +++

Ohio SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE is a theatre aficionado and well he should be. He taught theatre at Princeton High School in Springdale, OH for many years. This was a very good program.

Since retiring from his teaching duties, he has continued his love affair with the stage by following movies and the legitimate stage whenever his schedule permits. Included in his activities is putting together his best estimate of the winners at the annual Academy Awards. He has just issued his list for 2009.

Anyone who follows the Academy Awards to any degree might wish to make a note of Joe's selections and compare them with the actual winners.

Why? If he is pretty well on target, one could congratulate him for his great insight. If he is well off target, a good razzing might be in order.

K8QOE's Academy Award predictions for 2009 are:

Best pix: Slumdog Millionaire

Best actor: Mickey Rourke for The Wrestler

Best actress: Kate Winslet for The Reader

Best supporting actress: Marisa Tomei for The Wrestler

Best supporting actor: Heath Ledger for The Dark Knight

Best director: Danny Boyle for Slumdog Millionaire

Best original screen play: Dustin Lance Black for Milk

Best adapted screen play: Simon Beaufoy for Slumdog Millionaire (adapted from the book Q&A)

Best cinematography: Anthony Dod Mantle for Slumdog Millionaire Best foreign film: Israel for Waltz With Besir

+++ Division Travel Philosophy +++

The past two years generally saw Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA and I travel together to most hamfests/swaps and other events in the Division. This was logical. Because of the way we did this, the two of us were able to travel nearly as inexpensively as if only one of us had made the individual trips.

The disadvantage of following the general plan of traveling together is that time constraints on each of us made it impractical to visit several areas of the Division that we could have visited by travelling separately.

This year we are changing our plan for travel. Gary and I will typically go to different hamfests and, much of the time, we will have another member of the Division Cabinet join us. We believe this will allow us bring more ARRL representatives to more areas of the Division while enabling us to live within the Division budget.

The two cabinet members who most often can be expected to join Gary and me are Jay Slough, K4ZLE and John Meyers, NB4K. Jay will be able to discuss the operation of the 8th Region Incoming QSL Bureau that he manages. John, as Division Legislative Action Chairman, will be able to share the operation of the ARRL Legislative Action Program directly with members.

+++ Tentative Travel Schedule +++

The tentative travel schedule (through June) for Great Lakes Division officers and chairpersons is shown below. This schedule will be expanded to additional months in future issues of Words. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA and I, Division Legislative Action Chairman John Meyers, NB4K and 8th Area ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau Manager Jay

Slough, K4ZLE will join in some of our trips to discuss the programs they head.

This year, we are working especially hard to optimize the value members receive from our travel. Gary and I may not appear together at a number of hamfests. In addition, instead of being at the "same old" hamfests as in the past, we may visit hamfests in parts of the Division that have not been covered during recent years.

If you would like any of us to consider visiting your hamfest/swap, meeting or event, please contact me at k8je@arrl.org.

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

- 7 Mar: Cave City, KY; Mammoth Cave ARC -- Gary. John(?)
- 14 Mar: Marshall, MI; SMARS & Marshall HS club -- Jim & John
- 15 Mar: Toledo, OH; Toledo Mobile AR -- Jim & John
- 10 Mar: Waynesville, OH, Bellbrook ARC dinner -- Jim
- 28 Mar: Reynoldsburg, OH; Section ARES Conference -- Gary. Jim(?)
- 19 Apr: Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls ARC -- Jim & Gary
- 26 Apr: Athens, OH; Athens Co. ARA -- Jim & Gary
- 15-17 May: Dayton Hamvention(r) -- Jim, Gary & John
- 6 Jun: Olive Hill, KY; Little Sandy RC -- Gary
- 6 Jun: Grand Rapids, MI; Independent Repeater Assoc. -- Jim & John
- 7 Jun: Chelsea, MI; Chelsea ARC -- Jim & John
- 20 Jun: Midland, MI; Midland ARC -- Jim and Jay
- 21 Jun: Monroe, MI; Monroe Co. RCA -- Jim and Jay
- 26 Jul: Randolph, OH -- Portage ARC -- Jim

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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OHIO SECTION NEWS for MARCH '09

(Hamfests and Cabinet Listing for the Ohio Section is at the end)

By Joanne Solak, KJ3O

Affiliated Clubs Coordinator
Ohio Section

We are just about into the month of March and the Spring Season. One wouldn't know it to look outside and see all the snow piled everywhere. Northeast Ohio has had it's share of Lake effect snow this year. We are told this is the worst weather in 10 years. It has been really cold along with the high winds and snowfall. We had the January thaw in February and now the Winter took over again and this weather can't seem to level out one way or the other. I can't wait for Spring! Or will it turn into an April Fool trick?

However I have heard say this is good antenna weather? Anyone agree?

Many first of the Year Club Meetings were canceled because of the bad weather so lots of Clubs are meeting in February as their first meeting of the new year. PLEASE if you have elected new Club Officers or made any changes in your Club that needs to be sent to the League, FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT FORM. It is very simple to do. Just simply go on line to the League page. [HYPERLINK "http://www.arrl.org/clubs" www.arrl.org/clubs](http://www.arrl.org/clubs) then follow the prompts to the Annual report form on line, make the updates and submit. That's all there is to it.

The 2009 Club membership dues are due for most Clubs NOW! So support your Club and pay those dues. With the economic situation as it is, Clubs really need to count on the membership support to pay Club expenses. This year the cost of maintaining a Club could be the most ever. With Field Day and other Public Service events, expenses are expected to be higher than last years. If a Club or Clubs sponsor a hamfest, attend, volunteer your help, and support the event in whatever way you can.

The Ohio Section has set the week of March 22nd to the 28th as Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week with the Statewide Tornado Drill set for Wednesday, March 25th at 9:50 AM. Many Ohio Counties and Ohio Section Clubs have scheduled SKYWARN Training Sessions to coincide with this Ohio Schedule. Make sure your Club makes your session available to the Public if you decide to sponsor one of these sessions. Advertise in your local paper or even e-mail your County Officials and First Responders. Fliers can be placed on Bulletin Boards in stores and don't forget to invite your local Police and Firemen.

The 20/9 Amateur Radio Club is getting the Club 2009 plans lined up ready to go. I really think they started last year. They are a very busy club and that's why they are an ARRL Special Service Club. Under the leadership of their President Allan Avnet, AB8AA and Vice President Jim Sekinger, KC8HSD, the Club moves steadily along. SKYWARN training is scheduled for March 24th at Austintown Fitch High School at 6:30 PM.

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club has held it's last Safety Break at the Dover Exit on Interstate 77. They will be replacing that event with a new type of fundraiser. Their first meeting for

their newly elected officers was February 8th. The new President, Rodger Trompower, KA8FTS, along with the Vice President, Carl Cunert, AB8CC, and other Club Officers will lead the Club into 2009. They have tentatively planned their annual Skywarn Spotter Training Program for Wednesday, March 18th at Stark State College of Technology. It starts at 6:30 PM. The MARC will sponsor Technician Classes scheduled to start February 23, 2009 at the Senior Center at 7PM and will last approximately 6 weeks. The primary instructor will be Gary Kline, WC8W. Gary is also the Newsletter Editor.

Grant ARC, Club Call Sign W8STZ, President, Al Norris, W8UJM, is in the state of shock having been elected President of the Club. Members of the Club will take good care of him I'm sure.

The OH-KY-IN is busy planning their year. One of the things first and foremost on their busy schedule is the Amateur Radio Classes. To find out more about these classes go online to <Classes@ohkyin.org>. You can find all the details there. This is a really busy club and the members are to be commended for their accomplishments.

The Dayton Hamvention is scheduled for May 15th through May 17th. And the DARA Hamvention Committee is very busy getting everything ready for the Big Day.

The Ohio Single Side Band Net changed from Winter Operations February 18th. The frequency is 3.972.5 MHZ and the time of operation is 6:30 PM (only the evening session)

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee is currently reviewing the Technician Class Element 2 question pool. The next pool for the Technician Class will become effective July 1, 2010.

Reports are that the Mansfield Hamfest was well attended.

The switch from analog to digital TV has been delayed from the February 17th date to sometime in June, possibly the 12th. There is plenty of time for your Club to sponsor a DTV awareness event.

The Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service held their 2008 Awards and recognition Meeting which was well attended. There were many award recipients and a good time was had by all.

Have you checked into the Ohio Section Web Site at <HYPERLINK "<http://www.arrloho.org>" www.arrloho.org>? Try it. The Web Master is Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ of Athens, Ohio. You can find a list of VE exams, Hamfests, and lots more on the Ohio Section Web Site.

Remember the Spotlight Club of the Month is still alive and well. If you wish to have your Club in the Spotlight send me the information about your Club by the 12th of the month. If you

have any news about your Club you wish to share with the Ohio Section, send me the information by the 12th of the month and I will get it in the Monthly.

Thank you all for sending me your e-mails and newsletters etc. Always glad to receive your information. I read each and every e-mail and newsletter complete. So keep them coming.

Support your Local Club. Pay your Club Membership Dues. Volunteer to help our with Club events. Join the ARRL if you aren't a member already and if you are an ARRL member enjoy the benefits of ARRL membership. And remember.....FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT FORM!

Well that's it for this time around. THINK SPRING! Remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

Until then, Best 73

Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC Ohio Section

OHIO MARCH HAMFEST

(15) SUNDAY - TMRA HAMFEST @ COMPUTER SHOW.
For more information, E-mail <brian.harrington@utoledo.edu> or visit <www.tmrahamradio.org>. Located at the Lucas County Rec Center, in Maumee (suburb of Toledo).

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ARRL Ohio Section

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February DIAL VE Testing Session

There were eleven candidates for examination. All were successful, resulting in (2) Amateur Extra, (4) General, and (4) new Technician licenses or upgrades. One candidate failed to provide evidence of a Technician license; consequently, she received examination element credit only. Upon verification with the ARRL/VEC, her General class upgrade will be

processed.

Both Amateur Extra candidates are members of DIAL's ongoing Amateur Extra class.

Thanks go out to our VEs; Ernie Howard, W8EH; Andrew Rohrbach, KD8GKL; Ron Spaulding, N8QF; Barney Taylor, N8HP; Don Urschel, WA8DTU; Lorie Urschel, W8LKU; and Dave Williamson, KD8W.

73, Carl Morgan K8CM

Great Lakes Division Convention

The 2009 Great Lakes Division Convention will be Saturday, September 13 in Findlay, Ohio.

Former Astronaut Tony England, W0ORE will be the principal speaker.

September 13 is the day before the annual Findlay Hamfest.

Watch for further information. Mark your calendar.

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License Exams

DIAL Radio Club of Middletown Exam dates:

April 29, 2009

Butler County VHF Association Exam dates:

May 9, Sep 12, and Nov 14, 2009