



# Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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## September 2009

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### Minutes of the August 17, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

**Attendance**

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, KC8DUX, N8GGE, KC8GMR, KD8GXD, N8HP, K18I, W8ISZ & Marg, W8LKU, WB8MYT, WA8PRA, WB8QEA, N8QF, K8RJH, N8TFH, W8WLM, N8YFQ & Linda

**Call to order:**

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

**Secretary's Report:**

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by Jason, KD8GXD, 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 89 members representing 64 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed with 1 nay.

**Repeater/Station Report:**

Carl, K8CM, reported that the Monroe remote receiver site is still down due to waiting on the electrician to restore power. Otherwise everything is working OK.

**Activity Report:**

Lorie, W8LKU, reported that the Butler County ARES net will resume after the September ARES meeting. The Dial intercom net on 146.61 is on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, at the **Golden Corral**

### Classes and Exams:

Beverley, N8GGE, announced that the next exam will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>, a week before the new 6-week long Technician Class starts. Beverley promised to get a schedule out to instructors soon.

### Old Business

Ron, N8QF, reported that the Dial trailer has been painted and has new screws, running lights and chains. The trailer is now light grey. Ron said that it looks good.

### New Business

Barney, N8HP, passed on information that he had been mailed about the Ripley County, IN "Tailgators" Hamfest on August 22. Info can be obtained from WY9L.THEBIGDOG@gmail.com.

Carl, K8CM, reported that W8BLV was no longer being connected to the Saturday night net via Echolink. Jason, KD8GXD, responded that the DoDropIn nets on W8BLV had been suspended due to audio problems. Carl reported that he had listened to "Morning Drive Time" but did not talk. He also stated that when a signal leaves the internet for W8BLV, that it travels via radio. Possibly the difficulty was with the radio not being rated for continuous transmit over the long net.

Gordon, KI8I, told those in attendance that Ed Crowthers' (WD8MQJ) son was in the hospital with 5 stents, when his wife had a heart attack. He asked that we keep Ed and his family in our thoughts.

### Adjournment:

Beverley, N8GGE, moved and Willowdean, N8TFH, seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

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## News and Information

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### **FCC Chairman Announces Enforcement Bureau Chief (Sep 10, 2009)**

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced on September 9 that he has appointed P. Michele Ellison as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau. Ellison will take the helm of the Enforcement Bureau starting on September 28, 2009. "Protecting and empowering consumers through effective and timely enforcement of the Commission's rules and policies is a top priority for the FCC," said Chairman Genachowski. "Michele is a talented leader with vast communications experience and sound legal judgment, and I look forward to working with her in her new capacity."

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## Club Corner

*OHIO SECTION JOURNAL, AUTUMN, 2009 — PAGE 5 Joanne Solak, KJ3O*

This month, August, 2009, has been very busy throughout the Ohio Section. Every piece of information I receive from clubs has been filled with special event stations, celebrations, public service events, and picnics just to name a few.

But right now I would like to call your attention to the following information that could have a great impact on all amateur radio operators living in Ohio. This could effect us like nothing else could—in other words, get us where it hurts. Read on!

House Bill 261 was introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives to revise bills that would prohibit text messaging or typing on a keyboard, such as your laptop, while driving a vehicle. Then there is House Bill 262 that would PROHIBIT talking on a mobile

communications radio and make it a secondary traffic offense. This could affect amateur radio operators since there are no exclusions for amateur radio as the introduced bill is written.

Nick Pittner, K8NAP, SGL, will be working on a game plan to approach this problem by working with the legislators to be sure the interests of amateur radio operators are protected.

And do not forget House Bill 212, antenna regulation. These are very important bills which could HURT amateur radio operators. Keep up on information pertaining to these bills and the Ohio Section's efforts to protect all amateurs.

There are lots of changes coming up for the Ohio Section. Make sure you check out the Section News available on our Section web site for the latest updates. We, the Ohio Section Cabinet, are going to strive to keep the Ohio Section moving forward in ways that will make Joe Phillips, K8QOE, (SK) proud!

Don't forget the Ohio Section Conference scheduled for Saturday, September 19. The location will be the State Fire Marshall Office, 8895 East Main Street in Reynoldsburg. Contact Ohio Section Manager, Frank Piper, KI8GW, for further information about this important event.

Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, ASM Central Ohio has decided to resign his position at this time. Thank you, Bill, for the many years of service to the Ohio Section. Congratulations for a job well done and best wishes for the future wherever it leads you.

We welcome back to the Ohio Section Cabinet Scott Yonally, N8SY, of Mansfield, who is now our new Ohio Section web master.

There are many hamfests and club events listed throughout the rest of the year. Volunteer to help with these events; and, if you are unable to lend a hand, at least attend and show your support to other club members.

This has been a very busy summer for ARRL affiliated clubs in the Ohio Section.

The Mount Vernon Club had a very successful pass rate from their Tech classes. Members report that the Red Cross had a Tornado SET the morning of Field Day from which all involved learned valuable lessons.

They are planning to work the Ohio QSO Party contest. And then there is Don Russell, W8PEN, and his rotatable dipole. He has many chances coming up this year to demonstrate how it works for contesting. I can't wait to hear all about his adventures with it.

XWARN has really been busy and moves on with the Old Fashioned Days Parade and the US Air Force Marathon. Public service events provide many hours of training for the members.

The Greater Cincinnati ARA has been very active. The next big event is their Greater Cincinnati Hamfest on September 20. Their annual picnic is a biggie for the club also. Members look forward to this annual event.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service members have been very busy with club site renovations. The hard work is really paying off as the club site takes form. Members and invited guests enjoyed their annual club picnic. The Ohio State Parks On The Air contest is the next event planned by the group.

The Scioto Valley ARC has a special event in the future. They will celebrate their 50 year anniversary on October 10. Everyone is looking forward to it.

Public service events are plentiful throughout the Ohio Section. These are perfect training events for ARES groups. I would like to see all Ohio Section clubs supporting an active ARES group.

The Central Ohio ARES, as usual, remains active. There are Balloon & Tunes, Pelotonia Bike Tour, and the Spirit of Columbus Half Marathon, just for starters. Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC, is the EC for Franklin County and does a great job of leading his group forward.

Delaware Amateur Radio Association remains active with plans for The Horse Parade and the Veterans Day Parade.

The Portage Amateur Radio Club is active with club projects and public service events. The Portage Hamfair '09 was a complete success. The weather was nice, and the crowd was larger than last year. The group is already planning Hamfair 2010.

The Warren Amateur Radio Association, W8VTD, had a real nice day for their Hamfest. However, it was a "little warm" around the edges. I am sure it was a successful event for them! 13 members of this club "worked" the Packard Special Event, and all agree it was a great success.

Grant Amateur Radio Club celebrates its year with their annual picnic.

The West Park Radiops group remains active with more plans for the future.

The Mahoning Valley ARA group has their annual picnic where a good time is in the offing for all members and guests. The club members enjoyed the National Night-Out Crime Prevention Parade—a really good public service event for them.

The Ottawa County ARC provided communications through their 2-meter repeater for GOBA as they went through their area.

The Milford Club members are busy with VE amateur radio exams and are now planning their annual club picnic and other events.

If you have club members who are not ARRL members, or have not been a member during the past two years, ask them to join the ARRL. Your club can keep \$15 from each new membership and \$2 for each renewal through your club. Remember dues include a subscription to QST.

I do hope your club has not received a notice of "inactive status!" I have sent notices to those who are on the brink of this status if the Annual Report Form is not filed ASAP. If your club slips into the inactive status, your club will lose all benefits of affiliation. Be sure your club's secretary has filed this most important Annual Report Form!

Keep the newsletters and e-mail coming. To have your club featured in our Ohio Section Monthly News, get the information to me no later than the twelfth of the month.

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

# Upcoming Events

## Hamfests, Conventions, Symposia

<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
Ohio Section Conference <sub>2</sub>	Reynoldsburg	September 19	kc8ral3@aol.com
GCARA Hamfest	Cincinnati	September 20	stanco49@zoomtown.com
Hamfest Association	Cleveland	September 27	<www.hac.org>
Massillon ARC	Massillon	November 1	ddann@sbcglobal.net
Grant ARC	Georgetown	November 7	wd8ctx@juno.com

1—In conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest. Seminars to be announced.

2—At State Fire Academy. Pizza lunch featured. No flea market.

These are the Ohio Hamfests on the ARRL Hamfest list at <www.arrl.org>. For more information on any of these hamfests and/or conventions, go to the ARRL Web Site or write the contact listed.

If your activity is not listed, contact the ARRL at <hamfests@arrl.org> or the Section Manager. Some Ohio hamfests may not be listed here yet because paperwork is not complete as of publication date. Get your paperwork done on-line immediately. Your ham radio activity is listed whether or not it is ARRL approved.

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### **Note from the editor:**

I would like to hear people's comments about the newsletter in this format. I feel it is easier to read in a digital format, but I know we can get set in our ways, and not want change. Let me know what you think, or if you have an article you would like published in the newsletter, or even suggestions/constructive criticism! Email me, [kd8gxd@gmail.com](mailto:kd8gxd@gmail.com)

Don't forget, the next DIAL meeting is September 21, 2009, and the DIAL Intercom Nets are every Thursday at 9pm on 146.610 negative offset with a tone of 77hz.

*Jason Mossbarger kd8gxd*