

# Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club

April 2017

Greg Sanderson WD8O EZ, President - Gene Anderson WB8KKU, Vice President  
Ted Poremski K8NWF, Secretary - Norm Bash WA8COB, Treasurer

Hi, fellow hams....

Another month is upon us with more hamfests to go to. On April 29 in Jackson Ohio at the Family Life Center Jackson County ARC is having their annual hamfest. And then on April 30, the Athens County ARA is having their hamfest at the Athens Community Center in Athens Ohio. Michigan has one hamfest in April and one in May. The first is on April 22 in Chassell MI at the Chassell VFW Hall by the Copper Country RAA and the Keweenaw County Repeater Assn. Then on May 6 in Cadillac MI at the Cadillac Junior HS by the Wexau-kee ARC.

On December 18, 2016 was the first sunspot the new solar cycle 25 emerged. They figure sunspot cycle 24 will continue until 2018. For those interested in following the progress of these 2 sunspot cycles please go to [SpaceWeather.com](http://SpaceWeather.com) -- [News and information about meteor showers, solar flares, auroras, and near-Earth asteroids](http://SpaceWeather.com)

Is it too early to find out if there is any interest and then planning for field day in June? Bring your thoughts and ideas about field day to the next meeting.

President, Greg WD8O EZ

## Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club March 09, 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Greg Sanderson WD8O EZ opened the meeting at 1835 hours.

**Members present were:** Gene Anderson WB8KKU, Norm Bash WA8COB, Greg Sanderson WD8O EZ, Cliff Welch K8CRW and Ted Poremski K8NWF.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's Report for February 2017 was read. Motion to approve was made by Norm Bash WA8COB Seconded by Gene Anderson WB8KKU, Motion Approved.

### **Treasure's Report:**

- The Treasure's Report will be available to our members in attendance at our meetings.
- We had an income from dues of \$36.00 and expenditure of \$49.00 for postage. Motion to approve was

made by Gene Anderson WB8KKU and seconded by Ted Poremski K8NWF. Motion approved.

- The following members have paid their 2017 membership dues: **WB8KKU, WA8COB, WA8DKZ, KC8MQH, K8LGS, K8NWF, W8RDN, WD8O EZ, K8CRW, KD8GVY, and KD8GLS.**
- The following members have **not** paid their dues for year 2017: Dave Marik **WD8KTM**, Wally Meier **KD8IWC.**

### **Old Business:**

**TMRA Hamfest 2017 is Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>** from 8 AM to 2 PM at Owens Community College, 30335 Oregon Road Perrysburg, Ohio. For more information [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org)

### **New Business:**

Mike Drusbacky informed the club that the Davis-Besse practice/dry run Emergency Drill will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and the graded drill will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Ted Poremski K8NWF told Mike that Jim Garber W8-CEN must also be informed as Jim is the Emergency Coordinator for Ottawa County ARES.

Ted also said that the club would support the drill if called upon.

### **Coming Events:**

- In Celebration of The American Legion's 98 years of service to America's veterans the Legion's Special Event Station K9TAL will be on the air Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1pm to 7pm EST.
- Tune to 7.225MHz (+/- 5KHz) LSB or to 2 meters K9DC 147.315 Repeater at Indianapolis, Indiana; or IRLP Node 9735; or to the Echolink \*CTOSSRDS\* Conference node. A full color certificate and QSL card will sent to all contacts providing a 9 by 12 inch self addressed stamped envelope.

**Next Club Meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1830 hours in the Salem Township Hall.**

Adjourned at 1909 hours.

### **Ragchew Topics:**

The telephone system in the 50's and how it has changed with the creation of cell phones.

*Note: The clubs e-mail address is [K8VXH@yahoo.com](mailto:K8VXH@yahoo.com).*

## FCC Issues Amateur Radio Service Rules for 630 Meters and 2,200 Meters

*source: ARRL website*

On March 28, the FCC adopted rules that will allow secondary Amateur Radio access to 472-479 kHz (630 meters) and to 135.7-137.8 kHz (2,200 meters) with minor conditions.

Check out information regarding this on [arrl.org](http://arrl.org) to get the rules regarding this change.

## ARES TRAINING UPDATE

Ohio Section

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The numbers from last month are not handy as I write this, but I can tell you the response during the past several weeks has been amazing. Ohio Section Hams have been completing NIMS courses daily. Currently we have **677** members reporting, **459** completing all four of the NIMS core courses required and a total of **4,463** course certificates recorded. Those numbers will have already increased by the time you read this in the Ohio Section Journal. This is a very positive accomplishment for the Ohio Section and you are making it happen with your dedication and support.

Don't bother doing the math. The numbers won't match and that is the result of many of you reporting more than the four required courses. That is a good thing and it represents the high level of participation by Hams in Ohio. Many of you not only enjoy Amateur Radio but also work professionally in public service or do so as volunteers. Thank you for your service as well as for your support of Amateur Radio.

We have been quite fortunate in Ohio for a number of years and not having widespread or frequent weather situations that require ARES activation. That could change at any time and recent events elsewhere seem to indicate we are perhaps overdue for something significant. Obvi-

ously none of us wish for that to happen, but we must be ready and trained to respond when called on to do so. Regular drills, practice and being prepared personally are key factors that are essential. NIMS training is also now required by many of our served agencies and the State of Ohio EMA.

The four required courses are the ICS-100, 200, 700 and 800 level training offered free online by FEMA. Information is available on the [ARRLOHIO.org](http://ARRLOHIO.org) website and I encourage all of you who have not already done so, to have a look and get involved by taking this training. You can complete each of these four courses in approximately 2 hours. The information is very well presented and is designed to give you a good understanding of how a disaster response will be structured and how we as Amateurs will fit in to the organized response. You will find the information is logical and very easy to understand. When you complete a course, you will be issued a certificate indicating your passing.

Let's continue the momentum and get everyone involved with ARES trained. When you do complete a course, please make sure your local Emergency Coordinator is given a copy to be included in the database. The easiest way to do so is send an email with an electronic copy of the certificate. A copy of the FEMA transcript is also good and might be especially suited for those of you who have already completed your four courses or more. The idea format is a .pdf file including the course number and your call. The file structure I use to store them is as follows: W8ERW-IS-00100.b.pdf, or W8ERW-Transcript.pdf. Don't worry, if you don't have the means to do so, we will rename them before adding them to the database.

It is also appropriate to mention here that all this data is not public and will only be used or shared with the appropriate officials when necessary. When ARES is activated and we are asked to support a disaster effort, officials who require credentials will be provided with that information. I also can provide county EC's with a list of members who have submitted training certificates. This information can also be provided to ARES mem-

bers wishing to verify the courses we have on record for them.

Now you can also help me by letting me know when you change your call. I will update your information to reflect the change and keep our information current. I also have room to keep email addresses and phone numbers if you care to have them included. When you do submit your course certificates, please also let us know if you are associating with an ARES group other than your county of residence. Your data is however associated with county of residence with provision to show you are serving with another county.

As always, if you have any questions, your local county Emergency Coordinator is an excellent resource. I will also be happy to answer any questions about the database for you. Feel free to contact me at any time, [w8erw@arrl.net](mailto:w8erw@arrl.net).

That's all for this month. Let me say Thank you again to all of you for your dedication to our ARES mission and diligence in completing these NIMS courses. This is a seriously positive effort that is being noticed by everyone. You are making Ohio shine.

73,  
Jim W8ERW

**Monthly Meetings**  
**2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.**  
at the Salem Twp. Hall  
11650 West Portage River South Road, Oak Harbor  
Talk in on 147.075 repeater.

**OCARC ARES Net**  
**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**  
ET on 147.075 repeater  
tone 100 HZ

**Weather Nets**  
**Skywarn nets as needed**  
on 442.250 repeater  
100 HZ PL (note: this is new)



***Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club***

***2017 Membership Application - due in January***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member of ARRL?     yes     no

**Dues are \$12 per year due in January**  
**Your present ham radio equipment:**  
 2 meter VHF  
 70 CM UHF  
 low band 10 M to 160 M

**895**