

Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club

May 2017

Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ, President - Gene Anderson WB8KKU, Vice President
Ted Poremski K8NWF, Secretary - Norm Bash WA8COB, Treasurer

Hi, fellow hams....

Well how many hams are ready for the month of May and the hamfest that comes in May? Of course I'm talking about the Dayton Hamvention. This year's dates are Friday May 19, Saturday May 20, and Sunday May 21. It is held at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Exposition Center at 120 Fairground RD in Xenia Ohio. And we shouldn't forget about the Fulton County ARC hamfest on June 3 at the Tedrow Family Woodlot Park in on 105Hill Ave in Wauseon. There are 2 hamfest in the first part on June, one in Hudsonville MI on Jne 3, and the other in Newberry MI on June 10.

One of the Northwest Ohio ham club, and not the Toledo's club, is working on putting up a UHF 440 Mhz Digital Mobile Radio Repeater. They have the hardware and are just waiting for all the proper paperwork to come back from the FCC. I hope to have more info on the status on the repeater by the time of the club meeting this Thursday at the Salem township hall. Hope to see everyone there. Greg WD8OEZ.

President, Greg WD8OEZ

Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club April 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ opened the meeting at 1850 hours.

Members present were:

Gene Anderson WB8KKU, Norm Bash WA8COB, Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ, Cliff Welch K8CRW and Ted Poremski K8NWF.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for March 09, 2017 was read. Motion to approve was made by Norm Bash WA8COB Seconded by Gene Anderson WB8KKU, Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasure's Report will be available to our members in attendance at our meetings.

We had an income from interest of \$0.14. There were no expenditures. Motion to approve was made by Gene Anderson WB8KKU and seconded by Cliff Welch. Motion approved.

The following members have paid their 2017 membership dues: **WB8KKU, WA8COB, WA8DKZ, W8MAL, KC8MQH, K8LGS, K8NWF, W8RDN, WD8OEZ, K8CRW, KD8GVY, and KD8GLS.**

Old Business:

- ARES and Skywarn:
- On Monday March 20, 2017 Gene Anderson WB8KKU received an e-mail from from James Garber W8CEN, Ottawa County Emergency Coordinator (EC). To summarize his e-mail he stated: (1) Skywarn Membership has "petered out", (2) The WB8JLT is "on again - off again", (3) He would like to attend a OCARC meeting, (4) Proposed moving the ARES and Skywarn functions to the club's K8VXH 147.075 MHz repeater which is more reliable, (5) Attract new members, (6) The storm season is fast approaching, and (6) Service to the Ottawa County Community.
- Gene Anderson WB8KKU replied to James Garber's letter on March 21, 2017. Gene extended an invitation to him and informed him the OCARC meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Salem Township Hall.
- On March 24, 2017 Mike Lacumsky W8MAL e-mailed Ted Poremski K8NWF informing him that James Garber W8CEN has appointed him as an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for ARES for the purpose of improving the flow of information. Jim Garber was also debating on whether or not to attend an OCARC meeting. Mike informed James Garber that the first step in garnering the club's support is to make an appearance and introduce himself.

Discussion:

The OCARC is well aware of the problems plaguing the WB8JLT 443.850 MHz repeater and in the past has au-

thorized use of our K8VXH 442.250MHz repeater as temporary back up in an emergency.

Ted Poremski K8NWF read an e-mail from James Garber KB8TTR, dated April 13, 2011, announcing his appointment as Ottawa County Emergency Coordinator. That was six years ago. Mike Lacumsky W8MAL is the only member ever having met James Garber that is a concern of the membership.

After much discussion it was recommended and voted upon to 'Table' any further discussion until such time as James Garber W8CEN presents himself at an OCARC meeting and provides an outline and implementation of his vision/ideas for Ottawa County ARES and Skywarn programs.

New Business:

- Mike Lacumsky W8MAL stated he has been working on the club website www.qsl.net/K8VXH. It is a 'work in progress' effort and Mike is adding to the website as time permits. Mike also said a OCARC Facebook site is in progress.
- The scheduling conflict that occurred with the Salem Township Hall on April 13th will be taken up with the Township Trustee and Ted Poremski K8NWF on April 14th, 2017.

Coming Events:

The Davis -Besse graded Emergency Drill is on May 2nd, 2017.

Next Club Meeting is May 11th, 2017 at 1830 hours in the Salem Township Hall.

Adjourned at 1935 hours.

Ragchew Topics:

Medical Issues and Discussion.

Note: The clubs e-mail address is K8VXH@yahoo.com.



THE SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER

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News from the Ohio Single Sideband Net says that we had an election of the leadership of the net. Mike Hayward KC8WH has been reelected to be the net manager. Dave Krutsch KD8MSZ will be the Assistant Net Manager pending

later deployment. Ted Morris NC8V was elected to the Advisory Board for a three-year term to serve with Dick Fletcher N8CJS and Stan Sutton KD8KBX.

I would like to take this time to thank these men and all the members who check into the OSSBN and the local traffic nets for their support of the nets and handling traffic so efficiently. You can check into the Ohio Single Sideband Net on 3.9725 starting at 10:30 AM, 4:15 PM and 6:45 PM daily. More information and useful links can be found on the OSSBN website www.ossbn.org.

While on the subject check into some of these Ohio HF traffic nets:

<u>HF CW</u> <u>NETS</u>	<u>NET</u> <u>TIMES</u>	<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>NET</u> <u>MANAGERS</u>
Buckeye Early	6:45 PM	3.580	B8YLO
Buckeye Late	10:00 PM	3.590	WB9LBI
Ohio Slow Net	6:00 PM	3.53535	W8OLO

Now to the Ohio State Conference Dayton Hamvention. The general focus for many hams next month is the Dayton Hamvention. The Ohio State Conference will be held at the Hamvention® this year.

This is the largest Hamvention in the county and draws participants from all over the world. Unless you have been living under a rock you should know by now about the changes to the 2017 Dayton Hamvention. This year the Hamvention will not be held at the Hara Arena location.

The Hamvention has been moved to the Green County Fairgrounds located at 120 Fairgrounds Road, Xenia Ohio 45385. Hamvention will be held May 19, 20 and 21, 2017 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center opening at 9 am each day. For more information check these websites:

Hamvention 2017 website: <http://hamvention.org/>

The Official Greene County Fairgrounds website with map: [120 Fairgrounds Road, Xenia, OH 45385](http://www.greencountyfairgrounds.com/)

There will be many commercial vendors and hundreds of individual selling equipment and supplies in the flea market. Inside the buildings you will also find a presence of the ARRL with many individuals from headquarters at their booth. There will also be many presentations, forums and VE testing during this three-day event. There is just too much going on the cover it all adequately in this forum. For more information go to the link above.

The next big ham event after Dayton will be Field Day the last full weekend in June. It is not too early to be thinking and planning for this event. If you have a favorite location for Field Day, you need to have it reserved NOW! I hope to have more about field day next month.

Now some information on personal protection. Tornadoes, fires and carbon monoxide are three of the things that are important for you to consider when thinking about your personal and family safety.

One of the easiest and most effective ways to protect yourself and your family from fire is to install smoke alarms in your home. Smoke alarms can warn you of a fire when you are asleep, busy or in a different part of the house from where the fire is. They provide you extra warning time when you are awake, and they will wake you if a fire occurs while you are asleep. Smoke alarms are inexpensive. Battery-operated residential smoke alarms are available for less than \$10. Alkaline batteries that can last for a year are available for a few dollars. Some alarms are now available with long-life lithium batteries. These alarms, which typically sell for about \$20, have lithium batteries that can last for up to ten years.

Carbon monoxide (CO) has been called the "silent" and "invisible killer" because it's a scentless, colorless, and tasteless toxic gas. It's the number one cause of death due to poisoning in America. Any time you burn something—like gasoline, natural gas, wood, oil, propane, or charcoal—carbon monoxide is released into the air. In outdoor spaces, this usually isn't a health hazard because there is enough area to dissipate and particles never amount to a toxic level. The danger comes when carbon monoxide is released in a contained area like your home, RV, or garage. It can be released with car exhaust or a leaky furnace flue. A gas charcoal grill should never be used inside a house, garage, or other structure.

You won't know from taste, smell, or sight that carbon monoxide is poisoning you, but your body will. If you have carbon monoxide poisoning, you may feel dizzy, become nauseous or throw up, develop a headache, get confused and/or pass out. Death can be prevented by having a carbon monoxide detector.

If you do not have a smoke detector and a carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your home, you run a safety risk. The detectors are not expensive and are easy to install. If you contact your fire department you may be able to get installation assistance.

Another important safety device is a NOAA weather alert radio. NWR transmitters broadcast on one of seven VHF frequencies from 162.400 MHz to 162.550 MHz. These broadcasts cannot be heard on a simple AM/FM radio receiver. There are many receiver options, however, ranging from handheld portable units that just pick up Weather Radio broadcasts, to desktop and console models which receive Weather Radio as well as other broadcasts.

SAME, or Specific Alert Message Encoding allows you to specify the particular area for which you wish to receive alerts. Most warnings and watches broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio are county-based or independent city-based (parish-based in Louisiana), although in a few areas of the country the alerts are issued for portions of counties. Since most NWR transmitters are broadcasting for a number of counties, SAME receivers will respond only to alerts issued for the area (or areas) you have selected. This minimizes the number of "false alarms" for events which might be a few counties away from where you live.

Since power outages often occur during storms, having a receiver with battery backup can be crucial. However, unless you have a portable unit which you will use away from other power sources, an AC power connection is recommended to preserve battery life. For more information on weather radio use visit the NOAA weather radio website:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/info/nwrrecvr.html>

As to why you should have a weather radio available here are a few facts. We have already had tornadoes this year in Ohio. Our friends to the west and south have had multiple outbreaks of damaging storms and tornadoes. It would behoove us all to prepare now for what could be an active storm season here in Ohio.

Tornadoes develop from severe thunderstorms. They are usually preceded by very heavy rain and/or large hail. A thunderstorm accompanied by hail indicates that the storm

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)**

