

Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club

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Hi, fellow hams....

Well there was only one hamfest listed for December, and that was on December 2. So unless you made it to the hamfest in Delta Ohio, you will have to wait till January for more hamfest.

With the passing of another year, we lost one of the last local electronic parts outlet. Radio Shack announced the closing of all their stores except for 28 corporate and 425 independently owned franchise stores. Started in 1921, the company has succumbed to the changing times. The company will continue to operate its 28 stores, along with the 425 independent stores, plus operate as an on-line retailer. For us older fellows, you may remember a couple of the local electronic parts stores in Toledo like Lifetime Electronics and Warren Radio. I remember buying vacuum tubes for radios and TV's that people didn't want to fix any more, that's how I got started in electronics, or tubes for some home brew projects. As time went on they moved into semiconductors and IC's. But they too succumbed to changing times. Now we must get most parts online, at hamfest, or hunt to find any parts stores still or there, but chances are they are not to "local". I guess nothing stays the same. Either the parts stores change with the times or end up like the aforementioned stores.

Remember December is officer election month, so everyone needs to show up for the elections.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

President, Greg WD8OEZ

REMINDER

OCARC Meeting

Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m.



Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club November 09, 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ opened the meeting at 1835 hours.

Members present were:

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

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for October 12, 2017 was read. Motion to approve was made by Gene Anderson WB8KKU and Seconded by Norm Bash WA8COB. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

There was an income of \$12.14 for dues and interest. There were no expenditures for the month of October 2017. Motion to approve 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, W8MAL, KC8MQH, K8LGS, K8NWF, W8RDN, WD8OEZ, K8CRW, KD8GVY, and KD8GLS.**

Old Business:

Gene Anderson WB8KKU reported that the 'tune-up' of the 440MHz repeater was performed on November 9th. It was noted that the cable for the exciter to the amplifier was crimped and needs replacing. Also, the cable from the transmitter to the duplexer has a bad PL-259 connector and the cable needs to be replaced.

Norm Bash WA8COB brought to the club's attention that Dave Marik WD8KTM still appears on the club's credit union account and needs to be removed since he is no longer a member. Norm Bash WA8COB and Gene Anderson WB8KKU will resolve this item. No action has been taken.

The offer of the Motorola 440MHz commercial repeater adaptability to amateur use will require changes to its controller and/or the purchase of a new controller for amateur use. More information is required.

No information has been received.

ARES and Skywarn:

This issue remains '**Tabled**' 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:

None

Coming Events:

Next Club Meeting is December 14th, 2017 at 1830 hours in the Salem Township Hall.

Adjourned at 1911 hours.

Rag Chew Discussions: Recent Tornados, Smoke and CO2 Detectors life span. Kidde Fire Extinguisher recall, High Speed trains, Electric Generating Windmill towers, Banking stories and Scams.

Note: The club's e-mail address is K8VXH@yahoo.-com.

Christmas Tree Safety Tips

- Choose a fresh tree with green needles.
- Make sure your tree is properly stabilized.
- Water your tree daily.
- Beware of decorations that pets may tug on or play with, causing your tree to fall.
- Place your tree at least three feet away from floor vents, fireplaces, radiators, candles, lamps and other heat sources.
- Use indoor lights that are approved by a national testing organization such as UL.
- Replace lights that have worn or broken cords or loose connections.



- Do not overload your electrical outlets.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands you can safely connect.
- Always turn off or unplug lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Install working smoke alarms on every level of your home, especially inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Practice your family's fire escape plan.

Reputed World's Oldest Ham

Jean Touzot, F8IL, SK

Passes Away

Source: ARRL website

Jean Touzot, F8IL, of Albi, France is said to have been the world's oldest radio amateur has died. The "dean of French radio amateurs," Touzot was 109 and enjoyed operating CW with an old-fashioned hand key and a modern Yaesu transceiver. He "retired from the airwaves for health reasons" at age 105 in 2014, according to media accounts. Until then he had been active on the air, making daily contacts on 80-meter CW with other stations in France. In stepping back from his ham activity, Touzot said he no longer was able to send CW and made "too many mistakes."

He was a member of France's International Amateur Radio Union member-society REF as well as of the Union of French Telegraphists (UFT).

Born in Algeria, Touzot had been on the air since 1936 and had learned CW in 2 months during his time in the military. Prior to military service, he attended the Technical Institute of Toulouse and became an industrial designer, retiring in 1966.

Touzot received considerable acclaim in 2009, when he became a centenarian. Among his gifts was a special Morse key created especially for him.

No official records are kept to document who is the oldest radio amateur.

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)