

MARC Wireline

Milford Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

Presidents Corner

Chuck Beal, N8CJB

Greetings Everyone,

Well our clubs 35th birthday is over and by all accounts it was a huge success. The food was great as always and nobody went away hungry. Our next club function was the Milford Winter Guard and that as always was as success as well. I want to extend a special thanks to all of the members of MARC who so graciously donated their time to assist in this worthwhile event.

Don't forget about the Dayton Hamvention coming up next month. Detail to follow. Please mark your calendars for Saturday 20th June 2009, its our annual MARC's HamFest. More details will be put out by "RRR". As always your help would really be appreciated. This is our club's major fundraiser for the year.

Currently we are looking at several different national certification testing methods and they will be discussed at the next business meeting.

General News: When Hurricane Katrina hit, the cell phones went down. The Internet went down. The government's trunk line went down. But the ham radio folks were still coming through loud and clear. "The hams showed up, and their stuff worked," said Jim Walker of the

Longmont Amateur Radio Club, grinning. "They even put into place some digital systems, so that now they had e-mail available where they didn't have it before." That's a big part of what keeps LARC going. Oh, it's fun to talk with people on another continent, or talk shop with other hams, or even hold the annual swap meet at the Boulder County Fairgrounds (which starts at 8 a.m. today and runs until about noon). But it's in emergencies that the radio guys and gals really prove themselves. In places where a cell phone can't reach, an amateur radio buff does just fine.

Vertical-tower interactions

Interaction between a vertical and a nearby tower can be a very real concern. There has been a short NEC modeling study on the subject which sheds some light on the subject. It's far from complete and it will no doubt expand it in the future but there have been a number of questions received on the subject.

73's Chuck N8CJB



May 15th - 17th

www.hamvention.org



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April 2009

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Visit our website at:

www.w8mrc.com

Next Meeting – April 9th

MARC Hamfest - June 20th

Club & Local News

By Steve Friebele, K8JI

Hamfest

Our annual Hamfest is coming up in two short months! The location is the same as the past few years.

When:

Saturday June 20, 2009

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where

Eastside Christian Church
5874 Montclair Blvd, Milford, OH

How Much:

\$5 (Children under 12 admitted free)

VE Session

by Lyle Hamilton, AB8SH

MARC will sponsor a VE Session Thursday, April 9th.

The session will begin at 6:00PM, in the same location as our regular monthly meeting. Walk-in's are welcome.

Licensed Amateurs who would like to

Contact: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH at ab8sh@arrl.net or 513-315-4032.



Milford Winter Guard

By Bill Schroeder, WS6K

The 2009 Winter Guard competition, held at the Milford High School, is in the books.

The following MARC members provided communications and coordinated movement of the units during the event: Terry N1CTO, Jack WB8RKY, Rob N8JMV, Dan KD8FYR, Lyle AB8SH, Chuck N8CJB, Kim N8OXG, Jim WB8RRR, Joe KD8FKL, Karl WA3GSB, Bruce AC8BT, Donna KC8KIA, Dave N8IQV, Jerry AF8V, Barb KA8AXY.

We had a very successful, uneventful, day the event ran on schedule and we had no rain, no snow, no fire alarms, no requests for ice to treat sprains, and no life squad runs. Plus, they had plenty of pulled pork BBQ. We couldn't ask for a better day.

I had several Milford Band Boosters thanks us for supporting the event, they believe we are a major contributor to the success of the event.

Thanks to everyone that volunteered and hope to see you next year.

New Ohio Hams

April 2009

Dean Gutzwiller	KD8KHI
Jerome Brainard	KD8KNK
Linda Brainard	KD8KNI
Collin Clawson	KD8KIF
Bruce Clawson	KD8KIE
David Shielos	KD8KIJ
Craig Neslen	KD8KIT
Bradley Payne	KD8KJF
Barry Walker	KD8KJE
Russell Willis	KD8KJQ
Michael Boerschig	KD8KJO
William Sayers	AC8DL
Paul Payne	KD8KJG

Welcome to the world of Amateur Radio! Our club also welcomes you to attend one of our meetings.

MARC CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD

President	Chuck Beal	N8CJB
Vice President	Jerry Dunham	AF8V
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VE Team: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, Jim Linn WB8RRR, Barb Steward KA8AXY, Barry Evans AB8WI, Mark Baker WD8KPU, Jerry Dunham AF8V, Rick Colburn NV8C

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Repeater: Bill Schroeder WS6K, Jim Linn, WB8RRR

Health & Wellness: Jack Kemp WB8RKY

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ARRL



ARRL Comments on FCC's Proposed Establishment of Rural Broadband Plan:

On March 10, 2009, the FCC invited comments via a Public Notice hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-561A1.pdf concerning the establishment of a comprehensive rural broadband strategy as part of the Department of Agriculture's Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, commonly known as the 2008 Farm Bill. Per the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Congress required the FCC to develop a "comprehensive national broadband plan." According to the FCC, they, Congress, and the Secretary of Agriculture "have repeatedly recognized the importance of ensuring access to advanced telecommunications and information services to all Americans, with a special focus on rural and hard-to-serve areas." The proceeding provided an opportunity for the ARRL to express its concerns about broadband over power lines (BPL)

www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/ that the FCC has yet to satisfactorily address.

In the comments submitted by ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD www.arrl.org/news/files/09-29_Rural_Broadband_Comments_03_2009.pdf, the ARRL reaffirms its support of broadband opportunities in rural areas. "ARRL is in agreement that broadband is critical to the health of agricultural and other businesses, and to the educational interests of Americans who live in rural areas," Imlay stated. Imlay commended the FCC in looking for broadband solutions on both the short and long term, as well as identifying how Federal programs "might overcome obstacles that currently impede rural broadband development."

Imlay pointed out that while the FCC and various power utilities have touted BPL as a promising means of providing rural broadband service, the ARRL contends that there are "prohibitive limitations".

Full Story: bit.ly/33tvvV

Upcoming Events

April

9^h MARC Meeting 7:30 PM
Faith Church, Milford

20th CARES Mtg. 7:00 PM
Clermont Comm. Ctr.

May

14^h MARC Meeting 7:30 PM
Faith Church, Milford

14th - 17th Dayton Hamvention

18th CARES Mtg. 7:00 PM
Clermont Comm. Ctr.

June

11^h MARC Meeting 7:30 PM
Faith Church, Milford

15th CARES Mtg. 7:00 PM
Clermont Comm. Ctr.

20th Hamfest

27 - 28th Field Day

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Weaver's Words

<http://www.weaver.gcara.org/>

Check out what Jim has to say!

For Sale/Wanted

For Sale

(By: Lyle AB8SH 315-4032)

1) 6m Ringo Vertical \$15.

2) Yaesu CSC-91 Soft Case for Yaesu VX-6R \$7

Wanted

Items that you want to sell or buy!!!!!!

Call or email Steve k8ji@arrl.net to put your ham items in next month!



MARC 35th Birthday Party

Pictures Provided by Jerry (AF8V) and Mo(KA4WSG) Dunham



Culinary Cafe

Provided By Toni Friebele

I have main course fish recipes for you this month as requested from one of our members. These recipes can be made using any white fleshed fish – orange roughly (aka “fluffy”), tilapia, halibut, red snapper, cod, haddock or sea bass. We have fish often, and love each of these dinners.

CERVEZA BATTERED WHITE FISH

- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons ground cumin
- 3 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 12 ounces beer
- 3 (8-ounce) tilapia fillets or white fish of your choice, cut into chunks

Fill a large deep skillet with oil halfway up the pot. Heat oil to 350 degrees F. In a medium bowl, mix together 1 cup flour, cumin, cayenne, and salt. Slowly whisk in beer until thick, but not runny. Dredge fish in remaining flour first, then dunk in the batter. Fry in batches until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Drain on paper-toweled lined plate. Serving idea: Make fish tacos with onion and cucumber slaw.



BAKED FISH WITH PARMESAN CREAM SAUCE

- 1 1/2 pounds orange roughly fillets
- 1 (8-ounce) container sour cream
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons Italian-seasoned breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Place fillets in a single layer in a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch pan. Stir together sour cream and next 4 ingredients; spread mixture evenly over fillets. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs, and drizzle with butter. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes or until fish flakes



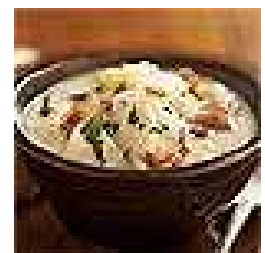
with a fork. For additional crispness, put under broiler for a couple minutes. Almost tastes like shrimp scampi; serve with toasted sourdough bread for dipping. Sometimes I like to squeeze half a lime over the top.



HERBED FISH AND RED POTATO CHOWDER

- 2 bacon slices
- 3 cups diced red potato (about 1 pound)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 (8-oz) bottles clam juice, or lobster bouillon
- 2 cups 2% reduced-fat milk
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 12 oz. skinless halibut fillets, cut into 1" pieces
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Cook bacon in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat until crisp. Remove bacon from pan. Reserve 1 tablespoon drippings in pan; discard remaining drippings. Cool bacon, and crumble. Set bacon aside. Add potato and onion to drippings in pan; sauté 3 minutes or until onion is tender. Add flour to pan; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir in clam juice; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 6 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in milk; bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, stirring constantly (do not boil). Remove 2 cups of mixture and puree; return to pot. Stir in thyme, salt, pepper, and fish; cook 3 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork or until desired degree of doneness. Stir in parsley. Sprinkle with bacon.



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DX Events

Steve Friebele, K8JJ



DX Links

dxwatch.com

dxzone.com

KA9FOX

From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT April 2, 2009

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

MAURITIUS, 3B8. Mart, DL6UAA is QRV as 3B8MM until April 15. He is generally active on 20 meters around 1400z. QSL to home call.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Piotr, SP2JMR and Slavo, SP2JMB are QRV as 3B9/home calls until April 8. Activity is on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home calls.

BARBADOS, 8P. Richard, G3RWL is QRV as 8P6DR until April 24. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW and digital modes. QSL via operator's instructions.

MALTA, 9H. Augusto, HB9TZA will be QRV as 9H3JR from April 4 to 14. Activity will be on the HF bands, including 6 meters, in his sparetime. QSL to home call.

ANGOLA, D2. Vasil is QRV as D2QMN and has been active using RTTY on 20 meters between 1800 and 1900z. QSL via RZ3EC.

ANTARCTICA. Felix, DL5XL is a member of German team over-

wintering from Neumayer III and is active as DP1POL until early 2010. He is active mostly on 40 and 20 meters using CW. QSL via DL1ZBO.

IRAN, EP. Sadegh, EP3HF has been QRV on 17 meters SSB around 0930Z. QSL direct.

ST. BARTHELEMY, FJ. Operators Oscar, EB1HF and Pablo, EC1DPM plan to be QRV as FJ/EB1HF or FJ/EC1DPM from April 7 to 12. Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters using RTTY. QSL direct via EC1AE.

HUNGARY, HA. In commemoration of the 1848 attack on Hungary that prompted their independence, special event station HG160FNY is active until July 31. QSL via HA0DX.

NORWAY, LA. Fred, ON6QR will be QRV as LA/home call from Moskenesoy Island, IOTA EU-076, from April 8 to 12. Activity will be on 40 to 20 meters using CW and QRP power. QSL to home call.

BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2. Jan, PA4JJ is QRV as PJ2/home call from Curacao, IOTA SA-006, until April 11. Activity is on all HF bands using RTTY and possibly PSK31. QSL direct to home call.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Bernd, DL7UCX will be QRV as S79UCX from April 6 to 16. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

GREECE, SV. Members of the Aegean DX Group are QRV as SX8P from Samos Island until April 12 in celebration of the 2500th anniversary and in honor of the memory of mathematician Pythagoras. Activity is on 80 to 6

meters using mainly SSB with various digital modes. They may also be active on Satellite AO-51. QSL via SV8CYV.

PALAU, T8. Operators JH0IXE and JA0FOX will be QRV as T88CW and T88NF, respectively, from April 4 to 12. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. QSL to home calls.

TURKEY, TA. Members of the Special Wireless Activity Team will be QRV as TC2FLH from the Fenerbahce Lighthouse, ARLHS TUR-021, on April 4 and 5. QSL via operators' instructions.

MELLISH REEF, VK9M. Operators George, AA7JV and Tomi, HA7RY are QRV as VK9GMW until April 6. Activity is on all HF bands. QSL via HA7RY.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X. Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as JA1XGI/VK9 until April 11. Activity is on all HF bands using CW and digital modes. QSL to home call.

INDIA, VU. Frank, DL4KQ, Sarath, VU3RSB and Jose, VU2JOS will be QRV as AT9RS from Grandi Island, IOTA AS-177, from April 5 to 7. North and South American stations QSL via W3HNC.

CAMBODIA, XU. Nob, JA1FMZ will be QRV as XU7FMZ beginning April 6 for about six weeks. QSL to home call.

SYRIA, YK. Saad, N5FF is QRV as YK1BA until April 10. Activity is mainly on 80, 40 and 30 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, from around 2000 to 2300z, and the 0200 to 0500z. QSL to home call.

Brown County ARES/RACES



I held four training nets in the month of March for a total of 6.7 man hours with an average of seven checkins including myself.

And on a personal note I would like everyone to know that I have submitted my letter of resignation to the DEC. Robert Spratt N8TVU for stepping down as the EC for Brown County. I DO NOT take this lightly and had a very hard time coming to this conclusion I hope that it is only temporary however because of some personal trials and tribulations that I'm going thru at this time I feel that it is the best thing for me to do as I will have to surrender my vehicle back to the bank and will not have transportation for training or drills or even meetings unless my wife gets home in time for me to use her vehicle for meetings but that doesn't happen

very often that she is home before I have to leave for my meeting nights and training.

It has been a GREAT HONOR for me to serve as the Brown County E.C. for the last year and I only hope that i have helped all of you and Brown County in some small way while holding the E.C. position.

I will continue with the training nets until the last lesson of the ARECC book number three has been completed there are now about 18 lessons left to do so that means 18 more weeks.

I would be willing to run the net longer but would also be happy to turn it over to whoever would like to take over at the end of the 18 week period. Either way if the net is to continue with me or someone else please start trying to come up with topics for the net that pertain to EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS as that is the reason for the net.

AGAIN IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO SERVE AS YOUR E.C. FOR THE LAST YEAR.

73, NV8C Rick Colburn
E.C. Brown County Ohio ARES/RACES nv8c@arrl.net

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POTATO CRUSTED RED SNAPPER

- 1 cup shredded peeled potato
- ½ cup shredded onion
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Red pepper flakes
- 4 (6-oz.) red snapper or other firm white fish fillets
- 4 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- Lemon wedges



Preheat oven to 375°. Combine potato, horseradish, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper. Sprinkle both sides of fillets with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Combine potato, onion, garlic, horseradish; spread 1/4 cup potato mixture over 1 side of each fillet, pressing potato mixture onto fish. Heat 2 teaspoons olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add 2 fillets, potato side down, to pan. Cook 3 minutes or until potato mixture is browned. Carefully turn fish over; place on a plate. Repeat procedure with remaining oil and fish. Return fish to pan, potato side up. Bake at 375° for 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve with lemon wedges.

Meeting Minutes

By Barb Steward, KA8AXY

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M., due to the testing prior to the meeting by president Chuck, (N8CJB) with the pledge and introductions of members and guest, there were 25 present.

HAM NEWS

Chuck reported that the ARRL International CWDX Contest is February 21 - 22. He also reported that NCVEC question pool committee begins work on the 2010 technician pool revisions.

OFFICIER REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Chuck (N8CJB) said that the month of March will be busy, the birthday party and Winter Guard.

VICE PRESIDENT – Jerry (AF8V) reported that we had 8 people take the exams and 7 of them passed. Also that even though there is no meet in March we will still be giving exams on the second Thursday at 6:00 P.M.

TREASURER – Jim (WB8RRR) thanked everyone for the flowers and for attending his wife’s funeral. He then handed out the treasurer’s report, Ed (N8FAJ) made the motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Lyle seconded it, motion approved.

SECRETARY – Barbara (KA8AXY) reported that the minutes were printed in the newsletter, Rob (N8JMV)

made the motion that the minutes be approved as printed and Bill (W6SK) seconded it, motion approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Jack (WB8RKY) reported that Jack’s wife had sugary on her shoulder. Fred (W8SDL) is in the hospital. There were two deaths Jim’s wife Jean and Ethan’s father.

GROUP REPORTS

Clermont County ARES/RACES meeting is the third Thursday of the month at the Communication Center on Bauer Road.

Brown County ARES/RACES is held on the radio on every Sunday at 8:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

The Birthday party is Saturday March 14th at the Milford Fireman’s Hall cost is \$9.00 per person, it will start at 7:00 P.M., members and their families only.

Milford High School Winter Guard March 21, all day, contact Bill (W6SK) to volunteer.

Weather Spotter Training at Clermont College on February 25 at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN

Ed (N8FAJ) made the motion to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.



ARRL, 1954-1964

Emergency Communications

(continued from last month)

Provided by Jim, WB8RRR



The year 1956 started off with the West Coast recuperating from one of its worst floods in history, the equal of the Diane floods which hit the northeast in August of 1955. Thousands of amateurs up and down the coast participated. As in most modern-day emergency operations, there were very few individual heroes. The amateurs worked together in teams.

The rest of the year was comparatively quiet, with only what we have come to think of as run-of-the-mill emergencies. Not until December did the extensive Southern California fires bring out amateurs in great numbers, mostly in RACES. Shortly afterward a big bomber crash in Northern Main, about as far away from Southern California as you can get and still be in the same country, provided a contrast both in type of emergency and in temperature. Actually, the bomber crashed in New Brunswick, Canada, just over the border.

Later in January, wide areas of Kentucky and Tennessee experienced flooding and resultant disruption of communications.

The first hurricane of the 1957 season, Audrey, started in the southern Gulf of Mexico and hit the southern Louisiana coast in June, causing extreme damage and much death and destruction in Cameron Parish. W5SKW, EC for Lake Charles, and W5BSR, ARRL director, led amateur communicators into the area and did an excellent job for several days.

In April of 1958 extensive flooding in Central California and the Bay Area again brought out amateurs in great enough numbers to perform significantly in the public service. In October it was California again, this time more fires in the tinder-dry southern part of the state. Once again RACES carried the biggest part of the load in this highly organized civil defense section.

In August of '59 the vicinity of Yellowstone Park in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming was shook by an earthquake causing a mountainside to fall into a canyon, burying a camp ground and killing many people. Amateurs in the three states were active in communications problems that resulted.

(taken from 1st addition 3rd print "Fifty Years A.R.R.L." Historical articles from the 1964 issues of QST)

Repeater	Weekly Net	Meeting Location
MARC - 147.345	Sun 9:00 PM	Faith Church 5910 Price Rd. Milford, OH 45122
CARES - 146.655-	Sun 8:30 PM	Directions

Deadline for Newsletter: Monday of week prior to Meeting – email to k8ji@arrl.net

Send MARC application, dues checks, etc., to:
Milford Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 100, Milford, OH 45150



Milford Hamfest

Nineteenth Annual

Milford Amateur Radio Club ~ P.O. Box 100, Milford, OH 45150

!!!Same Location as Last Year!!!

Eastside Christian Church

5874 Montclair Blvd, Milford, Ohio

Plenty of parking and tailgating space.

Saturday June 20, 2009

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Admission: \$5.00

(Children under 12 admitted free)

- **Tailgating = \$1.00 regardless of spaces needed.**
 - **Inside Tables \$5.00 (Requires an admission ticket)**
 - **For tables call Chris, KB8SNH at 513-351-2776 or kb8snh@fuse.net**
 - **Commercial Vendors Invited**
 - **Hourly door prizes plus grand prize drawing at end of the Hamfest!**
 - **VE Exams - 9:00 AM - Walk-ins Welcome. Bring ID**

For more information call Jim WB8RRR at 513-831-6255 or wb8rrr@arrl.net

Directions: TAKE I-275 TO EXIT 57. GO EAST ON ST. RT. 28. TURN LEFT AT THE 1ST LEFT TURN TRAFFIC LIGHT (opposite direction than LOWE'S and IHOP). TURN LEFT ON MONTCLAIR (which is along side Milford Self Storage) FOLLOW ¼ MILE TO HAMFEST.

GATE OPENS AT 6:00 A.M. FOR SET-UP TALK – IN: 147.345 +

MARC website www.w8mrc.com

April 2009

Milford Amateur Radio Club

3844 Palmer Court
Cincinnati, OH 45245

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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Dayton Hamvention

May 15th - 17th

www.hamvention.org

Upcoming Club Activities

June 20 th	MARC Hamfest
June 27-28 th	Field Day



Next Meeting – Thursday April 9th, 2009