

MARC Wireline

Milford Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

President's Corner

Mike Ernst, **AE8U**

Hello everyone, I hope August was good to you. First, I want to give you a quick update on progress towards our 501(c)3 filing. As you should know, we voted on and approved the new "Code of Regulations". I have mailed out a copy of the final approved version to everyone whose email address I had available to me. If you did not get a copy and would like one, please email me at ae8u@fuse.net.

The final step is to complete the appropriate IRS paperwork and then to file it with the IRS. I have been working on the documents and have sent a draft copy to Bruce Davis (AC8BT) for his "legal" advice. He has been graciously helping us out on this. I'll keep you informed as we take the final steps.

September will be a busy and exciting month for us. Our meeting should be another great one. This month our website guru, Steve Friebele (K8JI), will be giving us a presentation on our website. There are many things on the web that I am betting many of you don't know about. This should be very informative. Then this coming weekend on Saturday September 11th we will be having our club picnic, as well as participating again in Ohio State Parks on the Air. The club will be furnishing the meat and buns and we ask that everyone bring a covered dish and bring along your family. It should be a lot of fun and we think we have a great chance of finishing first in the OSPOTA contest this year. And don't forget the next weekend is the annual hamfest held by GCARA. Here

is a great opportunity to find that piece of gear you need.

Thanks for your continued support. As we continue to grow there are many new opportunities for you to become more involved. We have several new committees that we have formed including Education, Information, Public Service, Membership and Special Events. If you would like to help in one of these areas please let me know.

Once again there are lots of good things coming. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

73,

Mike, **AE8U**



Picnic

Jeff Clemmons, **KD8LZK**

It's that time again for the MARC Club picnic, which will be held on September 11, 2010. We will have it at the same site as Ohio State Parks On The Air contest (2895 Lave Drive Pleasant Plain, Ohio 45162). The club will provide the main course food along with drinks, so please bring a

side dish. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone out there and if there is an old member you know, give them the word that we would love to see them out there. The start time for the picnic will be around 1PM and will go until we all feel like we have had enough to eat. Along with your side dish, if you have a folding chair bring that as well.

MARC Picnic and Ohio State Parks On-the-Air

Saturday September 11th

I am looking forward to see everyone at the picnic this year for some good food and great times. If you have any questions about the picnic you can give Jeff **KD8LZK** a call, (513) 258-5333. Ω

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Next Meeting
September 9th

Club and Local News

Steve Friebele, **K8JI**

Ohio State Parks On The Air

Bill Schroeder, **WS6K**

Mark your calendars, OSPOTA and the MARC picnic are September 11, 2010 at Stonelick State Park.

We will be setting up radio operations and the picnic at a site along the road to the Beach. Look for two trailers and lots of antenna's.

Current plan is to have 3 HF stations and one 2m/6m station. The HF stations will be using networked logging PC's and primarily running SSB, however if someone wants to operate CW speak up, we will have keyers available. Rick N8MFN, will be at the campground running CW, if we want to log him as a multiplier someone needs to work him.

I plan on being on site around 8:00 AM on Saturday to claim our area. After setting up the NVIS antenna I'll look for Route 66 Special Event

stations.

OSPOTA starts at noon local time and runs until 8:00 PM local time. We plan on operating the entire time this year. Last year we shut down early so we wouldn't have to break down the equipment in the dark. We placed 2nd by less than 30 QSO's. So put on your contest hats and bring a flashlight if you plan on being there in the evening.

Stonelick State Park is located about 10 miles east of Milford, between State Routes 28 and 131 at the intersection of State Routes 727, 133 and Woodville Pike. The address is 2895 Lake Dr, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162.

Talk in will be on the MARC repeater, 147.345+.

Local Hamfest Calendar

September
19th GCARA

November
6th Grant Amateur Radio Club

Bad to the Bone Duathlon September 18th

Provided By: Tim Lawrence, **KJ4HPG**

Once again the Bad to the Bone Duathlon will be held at Big Bone State Park on Saturday September 18th. The race consists of a run through the trails at Big Bone State Park and a 25 mile bike ride through Rabbit Hash Kentucky. The organizers

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VE Session

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

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

There is NO cost for the testing. We have switched to a different testing service (Laurel) and they do not add any processing fee.

Please contact Barb Steward, **KA8AXY** at wsteward@fuse.net or (513) 625-8651 for additional information.

MARC CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD

President	Mike Ernst	AE8U
Vice President	Jeff Clemmons	KD8LZK
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Board	Mark Baker	WD8KPU

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Historian - Mark Baker, **WD8KPU**

ARRL

Weaver's Words

From Jim Weaver, **K8JE**
Great Lakes Director



*This is a portion of "Weaver's Words".
See the link at the bottom right of this page for the entire article.*

Great Lakes Division (GLD) members recently received requests to support two legislative initiatives in the US Congress. The first of these requests was specifically related to Amateur Radio. It asked Ohio members to write letters to Ohio's US Senator Voinovich requesting that Amateur Radio mobile activities be excluded from restrictions under national distracted driving laws. The request was for letters to Sen. Voinovich, only, because of his membership on the Senate Committee that is considering these bills. This series of requests went to each state that has a senator on the Committee. Depending on the progress of this legislation, we all may be asked to write to our US senators at a later date.

The second request is not so obviously related to Amateur Radio. It asks members throughout the Division to write their US Representative and US Senators to include an expanded increase in tax deduction for mileage driven while supporting the work of non-profit organizations. Although an increased deduction would benefit amateurs as well as non-amateurs, it is probably not the type of legislation that pops into our minds when we think of Amateur Radio.

The point of this note is that ARRL has become much more active at the grassroots level than in the past in advocating for legislation that favors Amateur Radio. This is true whether the benefit is direct or indirect. Involvement of individual members by following through on requests for letters, for phone calls or for personal visits to legislators is key to the ultimate success of these legislative activities.

It is commonplace for us as individuals to be skeptical that "our" letter will do any good. This is an understandable reaction in modern society. On the other hand, letters from individual members in other organizations are firmly accepted as benefiting their cause. Possibly the best example of this is the National Rifle Association (NRA). Highly restrictive gun laws are few in this county, partly because of the responsiveness of individual NRA members to requests they contact their legislators about legislation.

It is true there are more gun owners in the US than radio amateurs. What this really means is that we hams need to work together even more closely than larger organizations to be heard as a strong, unified voice. When we individual hams come together for a cause we can and will be successful.

Please join the ham chorus when you are asked to make your voice heard. Ω



Upcoming Events

September

9th MARC Meeting 7:30 PM
Faith Church, Milford

11th Annual Picnic/ Ohio State Parks on the Air

20th CARES Meeting 7:00 PM

October

14th MARC Meeting 7:30 PM
Faith Church, Milford

18th CARES Meeting 7:00 PM

November

11th MARC Meeting 7:30 PM
Faith Church, Milford

15th CARES Meeting 7:00 PM

December

TBD Annual Christmas Party

NO Meeting

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The winter 2009 Ohio Section Journal is now available at:

<http://bit.ly/bue0xL>

OH Section News:

arrloho.org

Weaver's Words

www.weaver.gcara.org/

Check out what Jim has to say!

Culinary Cafe

Provided By Toni Friebele

Green Beans, Fennel and Feta Cheese - Fresh green

beans and fresh fennel cooked until crisp-tender are then briefly sauteed in extra-virgin olive oil, along with fresh basil and crumbled feta cheese



- 1 pound fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1 fennel bulb, cut into thin slices
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese

Fill a saucepan half full with water and bring to a boil. Add the green beans and fennel slices; cook until just beginning to become tender, about 4 minutes. Pour into a colander to drain and run under cold water to stop the cooking process. Return the empty pan to the stove and set heat to medium. Pour in the olive oil and let it heat for a minute. Return the green beans and fennel to the pan. Season with basil, salt, and pepper; cook and stir until coated and warm. Transfer to a serving dish and toss with feta cheese.

Glazed Grilled Pork Chops

- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar, or to taste
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup prepared yellow mustard
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce (optional)
- 1 teaspoon chili powder (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper (optional)
- 6 (3/4 inch thick) pork chops



Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate.

Place the brown sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, yellow mustard, Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, and cayenne pepper into a bowl, and stir until blended. Place



the pork chops on the preheated grill, and cook the chops until the surface is seared but the meat is just barely pink in the middle, about 5 minutes. Brush the chops with the glaze mixture, and flip to cook the glaze onto the meat. When the glazed side shows good grill marks, flip again, brush glaze onto the pork chops, flip, and grill until the other side shows nice brown grill marks. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of a chop should read 160 degrees F.

Annie's Fruit Salsa and Cinnamon Chips - By: Ann Page

"Easy to make, tasty fruit salsa and cinnamon tortilla chips. Great as an appetizer or a snack. Great for anytime!"

- 2 kiwis, peeled and diced
- 2 Golden Delicious apples - peeled, cored and diced
- 8 ounces raspberries
- 1 pound strawberries
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons fruit preserves, any flavor
- 10 (10 inch) flour tortillas
- butter flavored cooking spray
- 2 cups cinnamon sugar



In a large bowl, thoroughly mix kiwis, Golden Delicious apples, raspberries, strawberries, white sugar, brown sugar and fruit preserves. Cover and chill in the refrigerator at least 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat one side of each flour tortilla with butter flavored cooking spray. Cut into wedges and arrange in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Sprinkle wedges with desired amount of cinnamon sugar. Spray again with cooking spray. Bake in the preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes. Repeat with any remaining tortilla wedges. Allow to cool approximately 15 minutes. Serve with chilled fruit mixture. Ω

A Message From State Government Liaison Nick Pittner, K8NAP

Making the Duck Quack

It's an election year. Every office in the Ohio House of Representatives is open for election in November. Some members are term-limited and can't run. Others may choose not to run, while most who can will run. In the meantime, nothing is happening by way of committee hearings or efforts to pass legislation. But, there is a curious event that often happens between the general election and the end of the year when the legislative term is about to expire. It is called the "lame duck" session, and it often results in the passage of a large number of dammed-up bills that have been waiting for attention while more important matters (e.g., elections) were being tended to.



At this point we don't know for sure if there will be a lame duck session in the Ohio General Assembly this year. But, if there is one, we very much want our antenna legislation, H.B. 212 and S.B. 218 to be

passed as part of that session. S.B. 218 has already passed the full Senate and been transmitted to the House, where it has been assigned to the Homeland Security Committee. What is now needed is for the Homeland Security Committee to pass the bill on for a floor vote of the entire House of Representatives. Passage there would result in the bill being transmitted to the governor for signature.

So, how do we make that happen? Remember, it's politics. At the moment, the House of Representatives is controlled by the Democrats. However, every vote matters, so if you haven't called your representative, regardless of political affiliation, in support of this legislation, now's the time to do that. Four representatives who hold leadership positions are especially important to our effort at the moment. The first is Speaker Armond Budish, who represents the 8th District in Cleveland (Columbus office telephone number

614-466-5441) The other two are Matt Szollosi, Speaker Pro Tempore, who represents the 49th District in Toledo, (466-1418) and Jay Goyal, Majority Whip, who represents the 73rd District in Mansfield (466-5802). Finally the Chair of the Homeland Security Committee, Tracy Heard of Columbus (466-8010). Those of you who live in any of their districts are especially encouraged to make a call, as soon as possible and encourage you fellow-amateurs to do likewise. Better yet, how about a reminder at your next club meeting?

If we are not successful in getting our legislation passed and signed into law by the end of this year we must start all over again next year. Let's make this our year and get on to more important things, like enjoying the sunspot cycle. It's up to you!

73,
Nick Pittner, K8NAP
State Government Liaison, Ohio Section

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Bad to the Bone Duathlon

of the race are once again asking for amateur radio assistance.

They would like to place operators along the course who could spot and relay information on the position of the participants and also if anybody would need any assistance along the course. We are in need of a couple of more operators to place along the route to give them as much coverage as possible. The race will begin at 8:30 am and should be over by noon that Saturday.

If anyone would like to assist with this event we would love to have you. If you are interested you can contact me by responding to this email or by email at tlawrence@zoomtown.com. You can also call my cell phone at 859-743-0524 and I frequently monitor the 925 repeater and the 147.375 repeater in Northern Kentucky.

Please let me know if you would like to participate as we could use a couple more volunteers.

Thanks,
Tim Lawrence, **KJ4HPG**

Meeting Minutes

Provided By Barb Steward, KA8AXY

August 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the president, Mike (AE8U), with the pledge and introductions. There were 27 present.

OFFICIER REPORTS

SECRETARY – Barbara (KA8AXY) read the minutes for the July meeting. Charlie (WA4OZX) made the motion to approve the minutes and Barry (AB8WI) seconded it. The motion was approved. There was a test session prior to the meeting and two people passed their extra exams.

TREASURER – Jim (WB8RRR) handed out the treasurer’s report. Barry (AB8WI) made the motion to approve and Charlie (WA4OZX) seconded it. The motion was approved.

VICE PRESIDENT – Jeff (KD8LZK) said that the club picnic will be combined with the Ohio Parks On The Air contest on September 11 at Stonelick State park. The club will supply the meat, buns and drinks. The members are asked to bring a covered dish.

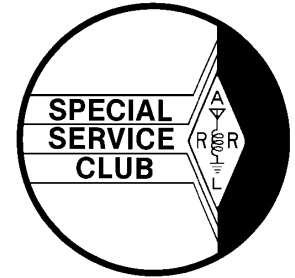
COMMITTEE REPORTS

OHIO PARKS ON THE AIR – Mike reported that set-up will start at 8:00 A.M. with lunch between 1:00 and 5:00 P.M. and it will be over at 8:00P.M.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Barbara said that she and Bill (KC8RUG) attended the dinner that DARA had for the people that helped at the Dayton Hamvention. Jack (WB8RKY) said that there will be a reunion for all that attended Milford Main.

Some of the members will be helping at River Days in New Richmond, Ohio, August 20th 21st, and 23rd.



Rob (N8JMV) reported that the Osgood, Indiana Hamfest will be August 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

CODE OF REGULATIONS – Mike handed out copies of the proposed Code of Regulations to all members present. The necessary changes were made and a vote was taken with 27 for and zero against. They were approved.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Jim will check on the possibility of having it at the Milford Masonic Lodge on the first Saturday in December.

PROGRAM

Al (AC8GY) presented a very interesting program on software defined radio. He demonstrated how the one he built worked.

ADJOURN

Donna (KD8KIA) made the motion to adjourn at 9:15.



ARRL, 1959-1964

(Continued from last month)

Provided by Jim Linn, **WB8RRR**

The Quickened Pace

ARRL has begun some studies in preparation for the next allocations bash, whenever it occurs, a good guess being 1968 or 1969. Moreover, the Board of Directors has earmarked the sum of \$100,000 for the defense of amateur frequencies.

Awareness of amateur radio as an international art increased sharply during this period. The U.S.S.R. was among several countries whose national amateur societies joined the IARU. An International Amateur Radio Club was formed with 4U1ITU as its headquarters station. IARU Region I conferences were held at Folkestone, England in 1960 and at Malmo, Sweden in 1963. League President Hoover and other officials have made visits to several European societies since 1962. In 1964, the Region II societies organized a division within IARU under the name Inter-American Union of Radio

Amateurs, with help from IARU Region I officials and IARU Headquarters. Official delegates from the League, W0NWX for the U.S. and VE3CJ for Canada, attended the formative meeting in Mexico City in April. Antonio Pita, WE1CCP, became president of the IAURA. Both ARRL delegates were chosen for membership on the regional executive committee, with VE3CJ becoming international treasurer as well.

Other big news of the period included the conception, organization and development of the amateur satellite program by Project Oscar, Inc. and launching of its first two beacon satellites. A more sophisticated transponder satellite was virtually ready for launch late in 1964.

(Stay tuned for more next month)

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

For Sale or Wanted

Steve Palmer spalmer1@cinci.rr.com

I have a 12 foot diameter Black Magic antenna in my back yard which I would be happy to donate to the club if it can be used by anyone. I used it years ago to track commercial satellites just for fun. If there is someone who can use it they would have to remove it, not a small job. I was just going to trash it but thought since it still works and I have all the parts then perhaps it can be of some use.

Anyone interested can come over and examine it. Please call me ahead of time that would work. I have all the paper work on the unit.

Lyle, **AB8SH 315-4032**

I have a bunch of Hamsticks I'm probably never going to use from 40m to 12m...some are real Hamsticks, some are off-brands...\$10 each - Lyle

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



AMSAT News



Satellite Shorts From All Over

AMSAT News Service Bulletin 248.04
From AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD.
September 5, 2010
To All RADIO AMATEURS
BID: \$ANS-248.04

+ An online video report of space related activities is available from UniverseToday.com:
<http://www.universetoday.com/72403/t...ek-in-space-7/>

+ Keep an eye on the South Africa AMSAT web page for the expanded SO-67 operating schedule which now includes North America and South America:
<http://www.amsatsa.org.za/>

+ An article on Space-Travel.com shows a photo of the ARISS antenna built by Lou McFadin W5DID on the Station's Columbus laboratory as it is being used to track Automatic Identification System (AIS) signals from ships at sea. The full story is available on-line at: <http://tinyurl.com/2cgkd5z>

+ ARISS Public Relations Chairman, Dave, AA4KN says that ARISS has moved into the social networking realm. You are invited to visit the ARISS Facebook Page at <http://tinyurl.com/2d2sfrv>

+ Patrick Stoddard WD9EWK/VA7EWK has released videos showing Amateur Radio satellite operation during his recent trip to Mexico. You can view them on-line at: <http://www.youtube.com/va7ewk> and at: <http://tinyurl.com/27x7pdw> (SouthGateARC site).

+ Congratulations to Michael, K4MOA on his successful Satellite Demonstration on August 26 at the Isothermal Amateur Radio Club in Rutherford County, NC. Michael worked 5 stations during the demo. Eighteen amateur radio operators were there for his presentation during the meeting.

+ John, LA2QAA noted that AO-7 has now operated longer this second time around compared to the first time from the 1974 era. The best way to rattle John's cage is via e-mail at: la2qaa@amsat.org

[ANS thanks everyone for the above information]

AMSAT News Service Bulletin 248.05
From AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD.
September 5, 2010
To All RADIO AMATEURS
BID: \$ANS-248.05

1. Successful Contact with South Hobart Primary School

On Friday, August 27, South Hobart Primary School in South Hobart, Tasmania, Australia experienced a successful Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact via telebridge station K6DUE in Greenbelt, Maryland. On-orbit astronaut Doug Wheelock, KF5BOC answered 7 out of 10 prepared questions before the ISS went over the horizon. ARISS member Dave Taylor stepped in to provide answers to the last few questions. The ARISS contact was incorporated into the school science curriculum through lessons covering the solar system, space exploration and the history of astronomy.

2. Crew Sends Birthday Wishes to ARISS Member

On August 25, onboard ISS crewmembers Doug Wheelock, Mikhail Kornienko, Alexander Skvortsov and Fyodor Yurchikhin sang "Happy Birthday" to ARISS member Fabiano Moser, CT7ABD during a general ARISS contact. A recording of the contact may be found here: <http://www.issfanclub.com/node/28329>

[ANS thanks Carol, KB3LKI, for the above information]

In addition to regular membership, AMSAT offers membership in the President's Club. Members of the President's Club, as sustaining donors to AMSAT Project Funds, will be eligible to receive additional benefits. Application forms are available from the AMSAT Office.

73,
This week's ANS Editor,
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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Upcoming Events

September

- 11th MARC Annual Picnic and Ohio Parks on the Air
- 19th GCARA Hamfest

Programs

September Meeting – MARC Website Presentation by Steve Friebele, **K8JI**

October Meeting - Demonstration of station remote control with Ham Radio Deluxe, as well as using the software, by Mike Ernst, **AE8U**

Please let me know if you or someone you know in the club would like their newsletter sent via the USPS in addition to email!



Next MARC Meeting – September 9th