



The Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club



February, 2012 Newsletter



Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each Month at 7:00 P.M. at the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 300 N. Mulberry Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio

Local Ham Community

K8EEN Repeater: 146.790 Mhz (-600 Khz With PL of 71.9 Hz)
KD8EVR Repeater: 442.100 Mhz (+5Mhz With PL of 71.9 Hz)



Ham Radio Rocky!

Sunday Night ARES Net at 9:00 P.M. on The K8EEN Repeater

Surprise QSL

By Jim Jenness, KD8UT

It took over 45 years of hamming for me to finally work a station in Japan. To be honest, I wasn't trying very hard for most of those years. I didn't have the antenna or best equipment to make any kind of serious attempt at DXing. Actually, not much has changed as far as my station equipment goes. So what did change... in two words -> digital modes.

On December 22nd at around 5 in the evening I was cruising the 15 Meter band and saw JG1WNO on my PSK31 waterfall. Hiro was calling CQ and I responded. What a thrill when I saw my call being printed back to me on my screen! As most DX contacts go it was a pretty short QSO with the standard report and pleasantries being exchanged. When I launched my MACRO sending along my 73 I added a personal comment indicating that this was my first JA contact.

My Tuesday trip to the mailbox presented a great surprise... a QSL from Hiro, JG1WNO. Actually he sent 2 QSLs and a short note telling me a little about himself and his Ham Radio activities. The second card includes a picture of his two adorable children. They look pretty young so I believe that it was taken a few years ago as Hiro told me he is now 50 years old.

What a great hobby! I sent my QSL to Japan this morning.

P.S... When it rains it pours! I worked my 2nd JA the next day on 40 Meters using PSK31! Both contacts were made using only 30 Watts of power, a wire antenna, and an old ICOM IC-735 Transceiver that I paid \$90.00 for. It doesn't take expensive equipment, an antenna farm, or

The next meeting of the Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club will be Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Cross Annex Building, 300 North Mulberry Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Please remember to check into the long running Sunday Night ARES net at 9:00 P.M. on the K8EEN 2-meter Repeater.

Every Wednesday at 5:00 PM, MVARC club members meet at Wendy's, 522 South Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Dinner Coordinator Dick Huggins, N8RDH, reports good turnouts for this event. Come share dinner with friends, or make new friends, by attending one or all of these events.

Join MVARC club members every second Saturday of the month for breakfast. Breakfast Coordinator Arlin Bradford, KD8EVR, reports good turnouts for this event.

*****The next Breakfast will be Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 9:00 AM at Allison's Finer Diner, 11587 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio*****

high power to make some great DX contacts, but a few sun spots are handy to have around!

Radio Activity



By Don Russell, W8PEN

Ham Class

The Technician Ham Class got off to a very good, if delayed, start. The first day of class was called off due to the first snow storm of any significant for the year. The following week however, there was a nice turnout. Our second class saw improvement over the first class with a few extra students. There are also two students studying on their own because they work nights and cannot make our classes.

In all, it looks like we are going to have somewhere between eight and twelve students. Initially, I made up 11 study guides which is usually plenty for our class. I ended up making eight more and I have four left. Even if some of the people I gave the study guides to do nothing with them this year, the seed is planted and perhaps they will be back next year.

Missing one week of class, one would think that we are behind schedule. I had miscounted the weeks and had actually scheduled in nine weeks instead of the eight that were planned. That means we are right on schedule. Hey, that is why I don't teach math! Normally we do a class in seven weeks. We scheduled an extra week in this year so we had time for a full review during the last week. Even if we have another snow day, we should be able to complete the class on schedule.

I would like to express my appreciation to the clubs volunteer instructors. Without these volunteers, the classes would not be nearly as successful as they have been the last couple of years.

Besides myself, we have the following instructors for our classes: Mike McCardel (KC8YLD), Mark Bisenius (AC8FV), Barry Butz (N8PPF), Jim Tennessee (KD8UT), and Emery Bennet (W8TW).

There is a conflict with the Red Cross for the scheduled test session on March 17, 2012. The Red Cross needs to use the building for their own training. There are

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Members are encouraged to send articles pertaining to Amateur Radio, with an emphasis on local activity, equipment reviews, and personal experiences to the Newsletter Editor. Articles are due on the Sunday before the first Monday of the month.

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several other sites available. Check next months newsletter and/or the Mt. Vernon Newspaper for confirmed test site information.

Remote Base

The K8EEN remote base is still operational and is seeing some use. Since the base became operational Thanksgiving weekend, it has had only one problem. The IP address of my internet connection changed one time. This ordinarily does not happen unless the cable box is turned off for a significant amount of time. I have been having some issues with my TV cable and internet supplier and once or twice my service was down form several hours. If these issues continue, I will have to consider changing suppliers.

To solve the changing IP problem, I have signed up for free IP address tracking through <http://www.no-ip.com/>.

For remote users, simply insert: k8een.no-ip.org in the address column instead of 107.8.41.191. Once doing so, the IP address will be automatically tracked and you will not need to update the address if it changes at the remote base.

I wanted to change the transceiver form the yaesu FT-847 to my Ten Tech Omini 6, but I could not get the meters to work correctly. I may eventually change the transceiver to the yaesu FT-857 I have available. If I do this, it will happen before summer hits. I would rather a thunderstorm take out the FT-857 than either of my other two radios. Since this base is on 24/7, lightening damage is always a possibility. Expect the remote base to be down during thunderstorms if I am home and able to disconnect it.

My Elmer

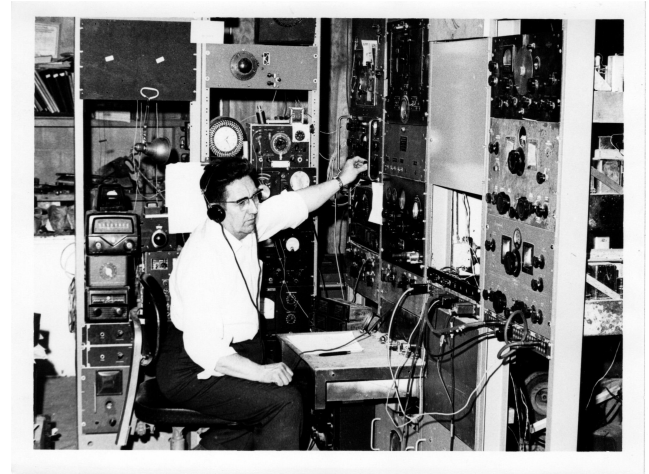
Steve Barr, KD8GRM, sent me a picture of my Elmer. Woody, W8PEN, was my mentor in ham radio. I spent many hours out at his frequency measurement lab on New Delaware Road.

The Mt. Vernon Repeater was at his lab for several years. Woody had a 50 foot telephone pole outside the lab which supported 8 x 500 feet long wires (Plus or minus a bit. They were very long though). The repeater transmitter antenna was on top of this 50 foot pole.

The repeater receive tower was out in his field about a thousand feet from his house. It was 90 feet tall and the receiver was placed in a weather proof box at the base of the tower and the audio and control cables where hand buried from the house to the tower. Boy, that was a job.

The picture shows a real hams ham shack! All tube type equipment. Brings back memories indeed! Thanks Steve.

That is it for this month. See you all at breakfast February 11th and the Meeting February 13th.



Woody, W8PEN

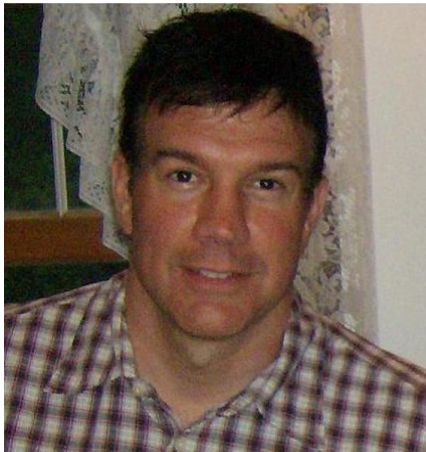
TECHNICAL TIDBITS

by Barry Butz N8PPF

Recently I retired an aged VCR that was about 20 years old. Although it was a high-end model back then, now it was not only obsolete but also didn't work too well. Before junking it I decided to see how much power it wasted while turned off but still plugged in. Using my Kill-a-Watt meter for the measurement I found it consumed 8 watts. Maybe this doesn't sound like much, but it amounts to \$7.60 for a year of non-use. Now here's the interesting part. The remaining components, a plasma TV, a DVD player, a DVD recorder, another (not as) old VCR, and an audio receiver, altogether used only 8 watts while on standby! Now that's an improvement in technology. You might want to consider the devices in your shack and house that are always plugged in. Power supplies can use significant power when switched on but not being used and wall-warts are notorious for their waste, especially since there are so many around the house.



Fun with Prowords



By Mark Bisenius, AC8FV

By comparing a Radiogram with a “script” of the prowords and phonetic spellings used to send it, we can quickly learn how to copy and send accurately.

An ARRL Radiogram has four parts: The Preamble, Address, Text, and Signature.

The order of the Preamble is Number, Precedence, HX, Station of Origin, Check, Place of Origin, Time Filed, and Date, or: “No, Prepared, Ham, Should, Copy, Priority, Traffic, Delayed.”

The Text contains up to 25 groups (words), with a pause after each line of 5 groups.

This is the same Radiogram in digital format:

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206 TEST R HXG K18GW ARL 17 GAHANNA OH FEB 6
ARLIN BRADFORD KD8EVR PRESIDENT
MOUNT VERNON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
PO BOX 372
MOUNT VERNON OH 43050
740 555 1234
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BT
TEST MESSAGE X ARL FIFTY
I WILL CHECK IN TO
YOUR SUNDAY NIGHT NET ON
146R79 73
BT
FRANK PIPER KI8GW SECTION MANAGER
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The receiving station transmits: “KI8GW, [*receiver's call sign*]. Ready to copy.”

The sending station transmits everything in the “script” below, including the prowords in parentheses:

“(This is KI8GW) -- -- (Number) -- TWO, ZERO, SIX -- TEST -- ROUTINE -- HOTEL, X-RAY, GOLF -- KILO, INDIA, EIGHT, GOLF, WHISKEY -- A, R, L -- ONE, SEVEN -- GAHANNA (I Spell), GOLF, ALPHA, HOTEL, ALPHA, NOVEMBER, NOVEMBER, ALPHA -- OHIO -- FEBRUARY -- SIX -- --.”

"ARLIN (I Spell), ALPHA, ROMEO, LIMA, INDIA, NOVEMBER -- BRADFORD (I Spell), BRAVO, ROMEO, ALPHA, DELTA, FOXTROT, OSCAR, ROMEO, DELTA - - (Amateur Call), KILO, DELTA, EIGHT, ECHO, VICTOR, ROMEO -- PRESIDENT -- -- MOUNT -- VERNON -- AMATEUR -- RADIO -- CLUB -- -- (Initials), PAPA, OSCAR -- BOX -- (Figures), TREE, SEVEN, TWO -- -- MOUNT -- VERNON -- OHIO -- (Figures), FOUR, TREE, ZERO, FIFE, ZERO -- -- (Figures), SEVEN, FOUR, ZERO -- FIFE, FIFE, FIFE -- ONE, TWO, TREE, FOUR -- -- (Break) -- --."

"TEST -- MESSAGE -- (I Say Again), TEST -- MESSAGE -- -- (Initial), X-RAY -- A, R, L (I Spell), ALPHA, ROMEO, LIMA -- FIFTY (I Spell), FOXTROT, INDIA, FOXTROT, TANGO, YANKEE -- -- (Initial), INDIA -- WILL -- CHECK (I Spell), CHARLIE, HOTEL, ECHO, CHARLIE, KILO -- IN (I Spell), INDIA, NOVEMBER -- TO (I Spell), TANGO, OSCAR -- -- YOUR -- SUNDAY -- NIGHT -- NET -- ON -- -- (Mixed Group Figures), ONE, FOUR, SIX, ROMEO, SEVEN, NINE -- (Figures), SEVEN -- TREE -- -- (Break) -- --."

"FRANK (I Spell), FOXTROT, ROMEO, ALPHA, NOVEMBER, KILO -- PIPER (I Spell), PAPA, INDIA, PAPA, ECHO, ROMEO -- (Amateur Call), KILO, INDIA, EIGHT, GOLF, WHISKEY -- SECTION -- MANAGER -- - - (End) -- (No More)."

After getting any “fills” (corrections), verifying that the Text group count matches the “Check,” and that the message appears to be accurate and complete, including a phone number, the receiving station transmits: “Roger, message TWO, ZERO, SIX, [*receiver's call sign*].”

“CHECK,” “IN,” and “TO,” are spelled out phonetically to avoid any confusion with “checkin,” “check-in,” “check into,” “two,” “too,” or “2.” Some of these errors would

change the Text group count. "When in doubt, spell it out!"

After saying, "Break" at the end of the Address, the sending station may briefly "Un-Key" the transmitter on HF to allow the receiving station to jump in and get any fills, but the sender usually transmits uninterrupted, especially on a repeater to avoid key-up delays.

By studying a Radiogram side by side with a "script" of the prowords and phonetic spellings used to send it, we can quickly learn enough formatting details to begin copying and sending messages accurately.

The hardest thing to learn is to send at a speed and cadence that is easy to copy.

The first time I send a message on the Ohio Single Sideband Network (OSSBN), I'll read it from a prepared "script," while also writing it out to keep from going too fast, and maybe I'll sound like I know what I'm doing!

Treasurer's Report

Jan 26, 2012
for Jan 1 to Jan 26, 2012

Balance on 1-1-12: \$ 2744.62

Income:

Dues: \$ 78.00
50-50: \$ 15.00
Interest: \$
Donations: \$ 4.00

Expenses:

none \$

Balance on 1-26-12: \$ 2841.62

Designated Funds:

Year 2005 Repeater Fund: \$ 468.39
Field Day Fund: \$ 97.11
Communication Vehicle Fund: \$ 471.04

Barry Butz N8PPF



Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club featured in CQ Magazine



By Mike McCardle, KC8YLD

Or at least we were in 1958. MVARC was the lead support with clubs from around the state of Ohio in an event the "OHIO 24". The article 'The "Ohio 24" National Sports Car Rally Communications Report' appeared in the August 1958 issue of CQ magazine was written by club member Dick Sowler, W8FEM (SK).

The two and a half page feature article highlights the trials and tribulations of supporting such an event. MVARC had supported the event back in 1956 and when it returned to central Ohio were asked to lead the support because of Mount Vernon's central location to the event by rally Chairman Tomi Thomson, of Chagrin Falls and chief steward Bill Schmidt, K8HYL of Cleveland because of how pleased they were with how MVARC handled the event back then.

The Event was a sports car rally. Each car has a driver and navigator. Each car is driven on stages at specific average speeds. They meet checkpoints where their times are recorded. Cars maintaining most closely the average speeds prescribed over the stage gets the best scores. The navigators had use of stopwatches, WWV converters, precision odometers calibrated to hundredths of miles, and various types of calculators.

Net control was set up at the rally HQ, in a second floor room at the Curtis Hotel. The station equipments used belonged to the club members. The rig consisted of a a World Radio Laboratory 500-B transmitter, a Hammarlund HQ-129X receiver and a half wave dipole antenna on the roof. The frequency used was 3860 kc, plus or minus dependent on conditions, with an alternate 80 and 40 meter frequency. Fortunately they didn't have to rely on the alternatives.

The first stage which ended in Mount Vernon began in five starting pints around Ohio, Brecksville, Washington Courthouse, Steubenville, Maumee and St. Mary's. Each starting point had their own traffic handlers. Cars headed out from these cities at half hours intervals. All cars arrived at Mount Vernon by 12:00 noon. Part 2 of stage 1 began at 1300 hours local with cars taking out every two

minutes from the Fair Grounds proceeded to the checkpoint in Millersburg and returned to Mount Vernon. Stage 2 took out at 0800 Saturday and returned then left to travel through 3 checkpoints in Southeast Ohio, Athens, Marietta, and Brownsville, where MVARC President Royce W8PEN/8 setup a rig in his station wagon. The stage ended in Brownsville. Sunday at 1100 began the "Regularity Run" which included the top 20 in the event where the course was driven around back roads in Knox County. Along with traffic handlers in each city a mobile force from Columbus Air Force MARS acted as mobile units along the total course. Friday's schedule met with problems and W8NTP had to handle most of the message handling as the boys at K8EEN worked out some antenna problems. The club's antenna which was on the roof of the Curtis Hotel wouldn't take their RF. The author states...

"I was feeling a little uneasy, because the antenna had been my baby. We checked to see if the coax was shorted or open, and it wasn't. Some decided the flat-top was not the correct length; I argued it was. Finally after many trips to the roof (W8PEN, W8OPU and I became very familiar with the topography of the roof) we arrived at the solution. (Author note: W8PEN was Royce "Woody" Woodward, W8OPU was Al Watts). The flat-top had to be placed very near the roof (which was flat) with the ends folded. Making them pass through a small TV antenna farm.. With the aid of a forward and reflected power meter we discovered that the formula for the length of a half wave dipole is fine in free space, but does not take into consideration the obstacles encountered on a hotel roof. Though the antenna was the correct physical length (according to the formula), the close proximity to the roof (2 to 4 feet in most places) and to the antenna farm made it appear too long. We shortened the antenna 4 feet, straightened out the ends, and dropped one end over the side of the hotel. Test runs with stations throughout the state indicated we were now boring through the 75 meter rat race very well."

Net control returned to K8EEN and the weekend was a success. The article includes a picture of the Columbus Ohio Air Force MARS mobiles and one of the MVARC members at the rally. MVARC participants included Al Watts, W8OPU; Dotty Watts, W8OPV; Bob White, W8AKK; Tim White, W8CPU; Dick Sowler, W8FEM, the author; Jim Ashton, W8FNW; George Barnes, W8NTP; Royce "Woody" Woodward, W8PEN; Lewis O'Brien, W8ZIO; Mike Gilchrist, Dave Nash, Jack Peterman Tom Reasoner, Doug Rhodes, Curt Robbins, Al Schick and Vincent Spencer.

This is a great example of how supporting community events prepares a group for dealing with emergencies and making adaptations in the field. It is also an example of coordinated efforts involving a mix of groups over a large area.

The article shed a very favorable light on the club in a

national setting. It's great being associated with a group of hams with such a storied history.

Amateur Radio Finally Jumps on the Maker Bandwagon



by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Over three years ago, I wrote that amateur radio should do more to associate itself with the Maker, or "do it yourself" (DIY) movement:

www.kb6nu.com/lets-get-on-the-maker-bandwagon/

Well, it finally looks like it is going to do just that. Just before the first of the year, the ARRL unveiled its DIY campaign

www.arrl.org/news/arrl-launches-new-diy-campaign

The most visible part of the campaign is a video

www.youtube.com/ARRLHQ

but there are also some other bits, including:

- a flier to be handed out to interested persons,
- buttons that say "Ask Why I DIY with Ham Radio,"
- a PowerPoint presentation and speaker's notes that you can use to give a presentation to an amateur radio club or other non-ham group.

These items are available from the ARRL website,

www.arrl.org/DIY.

CQ also on board. CQ magazine is also jumping on the bandwagon. They recently announced that they will run a quarterly "Maker" column, written by Matt Stultz, KB3TAN. Stultz is the founder of HackPittsburgh, a "hackerspace" or community workshop for makers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been a ham since 2009 and has integrated amateur radio into many of HackPittsburgh's activities.

Stultz's first column, titled "We Are Makers," will appear in the March issue of CQ. It provides a general introduction to the maker/hacker community for hams, as well as a description of a high-altitude balloon project that brought the two groups together in Pittsburgh.

Hams at the Maker Faire In 2006, Make: magazine hosted the first Maker Faire (www.makerfaire.com) in San Mateo, CA. Since then, Maker Faires have also been held in Austin, TX, New York, NY; and Detroit, MI. Maker Faires are showcases for all kinds of crazy projects that people are working on.

Hams usually have a presence at these events. This year, the theme for one of the amateur radio groups participating in the California Maker Faire, which is the flagship event, is Arduino (www.arduino.cc) applications in amateur radio. Michael, NE6RD, who is organizing this group has lined up several very cool projects. One of them is an Arduino-controlled satellite antenna system.

A project I proposed is an Arduino-controlled keyer. On the face of it, this is not a real exciting project, but my twist on this is that instead of directly keying a transmitter, I plan to have the Arduino actuate a solenoid that will press a straight key. That should make the project a little more visual.

Hams sometimes like to claim that we were the original makers and hackers. We certainly have a long tradition of DIYing. Let's show these upstarts exactly what ham radio is capable of. Perhaps, in the process, we'll even entice a few of them to join us.

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When he's not "making" things, Dan, KB6NU, teaches ham radio classes and works a lot of CW. You can contact him about some of the things you're making by e-mailing cwgeek@kb6nu.com.



AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS

E. Mike McCardel, KC8YLD - Affiliated Club Coordinator, Ohio Section

I'd like to thank everyone who made such nice comments about my mention of things every club should do, in last month's column. It even got picked up by several newsletters including the Winter 2012 "The Ham Radio Promoter" thanks Dee W1HEO and others. It's nice to know someone is reading them.

Remember to file an annual report if you haven't already. For detailed instructions see last month's newsletter. You can easily get started from <http://www.arrl.org/clubs>.

Also stop by and visit the Ohio Section web site <http://www.arrl-ohio.org> and the a sections Facebook page ARRL-OHIO.

There is a lot happening and a good deal of breaking news all the time. The web page gets over 130,000 hits a months. Don't be left out.

What will \$5.00 buy you? How about admission to the Columbus Hamfest sponsored by Voice of Aladdin ARC (W8FEZ), which includes a table if you want one. This year it will also include the Ohio Section Convention. There will be a lot going on at this event so mark August 4 on your calendar now. I suggest that whole clubs try to converge on this one. I'm on the planning committee for the convention and it is beginning to be shaping up quite well. It is a really nice venue.

I just opened my February issue of QST. Being an AMSAT member I was excited About all the information on the history of amateur satellites, but I got must excited when I turned to page 13. There was a picture of Tom Sly WB8LCD and Dave Rarrick WB2DFC presenting a check and a car load of food to Sr. Denise Stiles. PCARS collected the cash and goods for the Center of Hope. A great community service. PCARS is very active with something happening every week. Activities run a broad range from Morse code class to Tech and General classes to Freezing Their Acorns Off running QRP. Good work folks!

My home club Mount Vernon ARC had another excellent technical demonstration at their January meeting when Don Russell, W8PEN demonstrated using the clubs remote base HF station. I like to consider the MVARC as the Atom Ant of Ohio's clubs, small but powerful.

Central Ohio Radio Club will hold their annual meeting Feb. 19 at the Genoa Township Hall. They will hold elections and have updated reports on their repeaters and an overview of last year's operations.

Don Kingan AB8KV was named 2011 Ham of the Year by the Alliance ARC. I had the privilege of speaking at their meeting in December and it was a great time. They just began their Tech classes which will continue into March. They just recently published a series in their Zero Beat on How I Became a Ham. Now they are on to Show Me Your Shack.

Lake County ARA conducts Exam Sessions first Saturdays every other month at the Kirkland Library. There next two sessions are Feb 4 and April 7. There elections were January 4 and they are currently collecting dues for 2012.

The OH-KY-IN ARS January program was by Charlie Gilbert W4UZI on the Old Man International Sideband Society (of which I am a member) OMISS is a work all states group that operates nationwide on most HF bands. They also held their Brunch Bunch at the Red Squirrel Jan 14.

Massillon's January meeting was at the Hometown Buffet and was their annual rewards banquet. They are planning to view the 30 minute documentary about the W3AO 50a Field Day Operation in 2004 as a program in February or March. I'll be visiting their club in March so maybe I'll get to see it.

The Buckeye Burr, the newsletter of the Buckeye Belles, announced that YLRL has a new website Visit it at <http://www.tlrl.hfradio.net> . My heart goes out the Belles and YLRL, they have had just way too many SK's lately.

The Western Reserve ARC is looking for a new Field Day venue as well as looking around for a new meeting place where they can set up a permanent station. My suggestion, as always, for Field Day is a truly Public Place like a shopping mall or maybe the Giant Eagle where Steve KC8SOY felt the earthquake. Oh, if anyone in the WRARC area needs an Elmer contact questions@wrarc.com.

I have been reminding everyone that fun of our hobby is tinkering. ARRL is reaching out to tinkerers in their latest video release. If you haven't seen in yet visit <http://www.arrl.org/dyi> . Show it at a meeting. Show it at events. There is even a pamphlet and other materials being developed support it. There are a lot of people out there that are a lot like us. Show them how their hobbies could be richer with ham radio.

Until next month, Get on the Air!

73,

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MVARC

Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club Minutes for the January 9, 2012 Meeting.



By Jeff Butz, N8SMT

Attendees:

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| 1. Ruben Clark | KB2SAI |
| 2. Scott Brooks | KD8OXI |
| 3. Steve Baughn | WD8NPL |
| 4. Tom Evans | KD8HSA |
| 5. Jim Jennessee | KD8UT |
| 6. Scott Fields | K8AEC |
| 7. E. Mike McCardel | KD8YLD |
| 8. Don Russell | W8PEN |
| 9. Arlin Bradford | KD8EVR |
| 10. Emery Bennett | NB8G |
| 11. Larry Helzer | AA8WP |
| 12. Jeff Butz | N8SMT |
| 13. Mark Bisenius | AC8FV |
| 14. Ed Stage | KD8PSL |
| 15. Frank Counts | KC8EVS |
| 16. Matt Sturgeon | KD8NGT |
| 17. Brian Bernicken | Not Yet |
| 18. David Byrd | Not Yet |
| 19. Barry Butz | N8PPF |

President Arlin Bradford opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

EC Report: Ruben Clark, KB2SAI

Ruben announced that Mark Bisenius has been appointed an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Knox County (along with Arlin Bradford) so he will be joining ARES. Mark will be handling training for the next year along with other duties.

Repeater Report: Don Russell, W8PEN

Both the 2 meter and UHF repeaters are up and running fine. There is a little static on the 2-meter repeater, He and Barry Butz went out to the site and investigated but failed to find a loose connection. Arlin Bradford may be able to provide some equipment to find the problem.

Tech Class Report: Don Russell, W8PEN

Classes will begin this coming Thursday and will be held

weekly with the exam on March 17, 2012.

County First Responder Drill.

Field Day Report: Larry Helzer, AA8WP

Doc reported that donations almost covered expenses this year. He said the general consensus is the location was great but if anyone would like to suggest another location he will look at him or her all.

Old Business:

Arlin Bradford passed out Certificates of Recognition to members who helped with the Tri-City Bike Races, The Muskingum Valley Boy Scout Disaster Drill, Earth Day Challenge Marathon, The American Diabetes Assoc. Tour de Cure and the Knox

New Business:

Mark Bisenius made a motion to have the Knox County ARES place its website on our server at no cost with a link from the club's website to this ARES website. The motion was seconded by Scott Fields and passed by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Evans and seconded by Jim Jenness. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Membership Form

Club dues run from Jan. 1 until Dec. 31 and are collected during the last quarter of the year. You can mail in the dues to the address below or bring them to a meeting. Dues are prorated for new members at the time of application. Visit our Web Page at www.mvarc.net

Dues Schedule: \$12 regular

\$10 for second member in the same family, for those over 65 yrs. of age, and for those living outside Knox County

Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 372, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050

Name _____ Call-Sign _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ License Class _____

ARRL Member (Y/N) _____ E-Mail _____

Extra Donation (Optional) _____

Members are entitled to a free MVARC E-Mail address. Would you like one? No _____ Yes _____

If yes please enter password _____

Other Comments:

