



The Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club February, 2014 Newsletter



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



Ham Radio Rocks

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)

Sunday Night ARES Net at 9:00 P.M. on The K8EEN Repeater
Wednesday Night Social Net at 9:00 P.M. on the KD8EVR Repeater



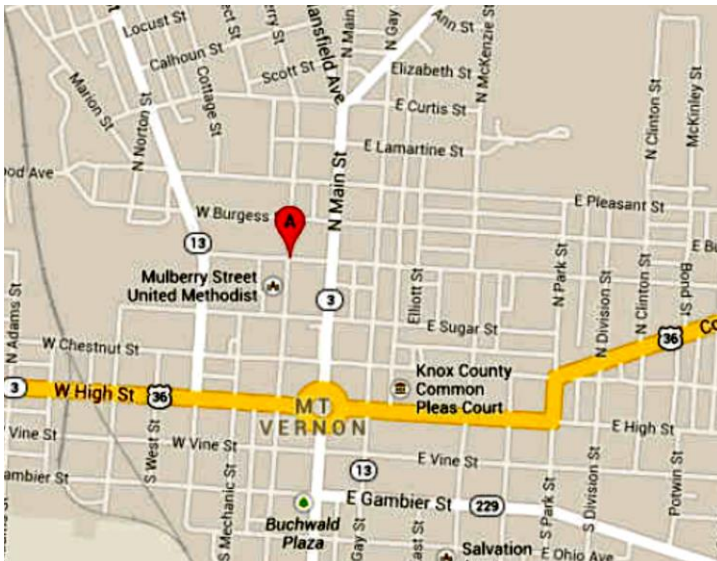
Ham Radio Testing Set for March 1, 2014

E.Mike McCardel, KC8YLD, announced that VE Testing for all license classes will be held March 1, 2014 at the Knox County American Red Cross Training Center, 300 North Mulberry Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Testing will begin at 10:00AM. Volunteer Examiners should arrive between 9:00 – 9:30 AM.

Walk-Ins are allowed. Please see the ARRL Web Page for more information.

See map for directions (Bubble marked "A"):



The next meeting of the Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club will be Monday, February 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Cross Training Center, 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.

Retired club members meet each Friday at 10:00 AM for a breakfast at Hardy's, 998 Coshocton Ave., Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Come enjoy some good Ham Radio Fellowship and conversations. Oh, you don't have to be retired to join us. Contact Emery Bennett W8TW or David Byrd KD8RST for more information.

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 8th at 9:00 AM at Allison's Finer Diner, 11587 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio

MVARC

Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club Minutes for the December 8, 2013 Meeting

Attendees:

1. Don Blizzard	W8UMH
2. Carolyn Blizzard	
3. Ralph Hoffman	W8LFR
4. Laura Hoffman	
5. Dick Huggins	N8RDH
6. Susan Huggins	
7. David Byrd	KD8RST
8. Ruth Walker	
9. Don Russell	W8PEN
10. Chuck Russell	AC8R
11. Marie Tussing	
12. Carolyn Allen	
13. Mark Allen	
14. Darlene Russell	
15. E. Mike McCardel	KC8YLD
16. Tony Spiegel	KC8UR
17. Jim Williams	N8IBR
18. Larry Helzer DMV	AA8WP
19. Jim Jennessee	KD8UT
20. Tom Evans	KD8HSA
21. Emery Bennett	W8TW
22. Don Quincel	KD8UEO
23. Brian Bernicken	KD8RZT
24. Rebecca Hopkins	KD8UYF
25. Jeff Butz	N8SMT
26. Nicole Butz	KD8BHG
27. Connie Butz	KC8DLG
28. Barry Butz	N8PPF

President Jennessee Opened meeting at 8:08 P.M.
President Jennessee presented Certificates of
Appreciation to Barry Butz, Jeffrey Butz, and Don Russell.

Results of the club's elections are as
follows:

President	Jim Jennessee	KD8UT
Vice President	Frank Counts	KD8EVS
Secretary	Jim Williams	N8IBR
Treasurer	Tony Spiegel	KC8UR
Director	Barry Butz	N8PPF
	Jeffrey Butz	N8SMT
	Donald Russell	W8PEN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jeffery Butz N8SMT, outgoing
2013 Secretary and read at the January 13th 2014
meeting by Jim Williams N8IBR, incoming 2014 Secretary.

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Ham Cram: Good for amateur radio or no?



By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

I've been teaching one-day Tech classes, often referred to as "ham cram" classes for several years now. As a result, a couple hundred people now have amateur radio licenses. I'm proud of that, but sometimes a doubt or two creeps in. The doubts come from whether or not I'm teaching the students enough.

I also sometimes think about whether or not, my No-Nonsense study guides (www.kb6nu.com/tech-manual) should have more technical content. Recently on my blog (www.kb6nu.com), I've been posting sections of the next edition of my No-Nonsense, Technician Class License Study Guide. One comment reads, "Oh my, now I see why my beloved USA is falling behind in math/technology/university on the world stage. Lack of rigor brings down real world knowledge and this sad trend plagues our country at every level. Your book helps students pass the exam but not learn proper physics."

The commenter is right about my study guides not trying to teach students about math or physics. There are many other books out there that do that. I disagree, though, that my study guides and my one-day classes are part of a "sad trend."

For one thing, an amateur radio license is not a degree in electrical engineering. Not only that, the Technician Class license is the very first rung on the amateur radio ladder. So, the question is how much knowledge should we require of someone just starting out in our hobby/service?

Secondly, I always stress that an amateur radio license is really a license to learn, and getting a Tech license is only the first step in a lifelong learning journey. I've been a ham a long time, and I'm constantly learning new things. And, I'm learning them because I have an amateur radio license. Without the privileges that my license gives me, I wouldn't be able to do the things I'm doing to learn them.

I sometimes regret that I can't teach people more during my one-day classes, but when you get right down to it, there's only so much you can expect. I know that a lot of my students have gone on to get General Class and Extra Class licenses and have turned in to great amateur

radio operators. Presumably, they've learned a lot in the process.

Having said all that, I'm curious as to what you think about this? Are ham cram classes good for amateur radio? If not, what else should we be doing to help people get involved and enjoy amateur radio?

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When he's not teaching class, Dan, KB6NU enjoys working CW on the HF bands and building kits. For more information about his operating activities and his "No-Nonsense" series of amateur radio license study guides, go to KB6NU.Com or e-mail cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

Straight Key Century Club "SKCC"

Better get your keys out and bone up by listening to WIAW code practice. CW is so much fun even for someone as poor at it as I am. [ZL2BLQ](http://www.zl2blq.com) in New Zealand came back to my call today on 15 meters. Remember, right now my antenna is just a 67 foot tree to tree Windom up 35 ft. I didn't think I had much of a chance barefoot but he picked me out of a few other callers the first try. **Give me five.**

If you get on CW you should get a member number in the [SKCC](http://www.skccgroup.com/) club. Visit <http://www.skccgroup.com/> for information and **free** membership registration. Great fun to work the various activities and these guys are fine with your slow speed. There are a lot of monthly and yearly activities as well as 365 days of random QSOs with members. It is almost like year round field day in low gear.

After you signed up for your member number, there is a great web page (chat room kind of thing) that helps you find other members on the air waiting for a QSO with you. <http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/index.php?board=skcc>

The **Straight Key Century Club (SKCC)** is the fastest growing group of mechanical-key CW operators in the world. First organized in January 2006, our club has grown rapidly to include thousands of members from all corners of the globe. (11578 members today)

73's, Howard Tharp, K8PW

From Jim Jennessee KD8UT: There is a great code practice tool on the ARRL web site. It consists of downloadable MP3 files which are much simpler to deal with than a dedicated code program.

Just click and play. Each the MP3's have a text file with which to compare your copy. Speeds of 5 WPM to 40 WPM are available.

<http://www.arrl.org/code-practice-files>

Radio-Activity



By Don Russell, W8PEN

Oops

I hate it when hams smile. It usually means they "gotcha". I walked into a Friday breakfast at Hardy's a week or so ago and Emery W8TW had such a big smile on his face.

He looked at me and simply said "Dam good idea Doc". Okay..... I looked at him with a puzzled look on my face. He explained: "That is what you said on the air just a few minutes ago. On the repeater". By the way, the Dam word wasn't limiting the flow of water and is spelled incorrectly in the quote.

My one denial: "No I didn't". Others in the group: "Yes you did". Nailed!

Why is this important? Well, in the past I have asked a few fellow hams and repeater users to refrain from using these kind of words on the repeater. To be honest, they should not be used on our ham bands at all.

In my defense, I usually wait until it seems like it might become a habit before I mention it to anyone. Not just one time Emery! Non-the-less, I am guilty as charged and will certainly make an effort not to let this slip again.

The entire group got a laugh out of it and I was certainly humbled.

Point is, it happens to everyone. Please, if someone informs you that you slipped up; take it with a positive attitude and just try and remember not to let it happen again.

Remember, there are kids listening in on our repeater. Not to mention a few parents. We want our ham bands to be unthreatening to youngsters and a hobby where their parents feel that their children are safe.

Thinking of Antennas

What do hams do when the Winter weather is subzero and snowing all the time. Well, I think of Spring and new antennas.

A few issue back I was reporting that my homebrew 20 – 10 meter rotatable dipole broke after about three years of use. I was planning on replacing it with a loop

antenna to see how that would work. Well, I have had a bit of a change of mind. I keep thinking of how well that rotatable dipole worked and currently am planning on putting a new one up.

Big decision for me is whether to home brew or buy commercial. Right now I am leaning towards buying a commercial one. Yes, I can build another. If I did, I would make it structurally more sound. I have done some pricing and figure I can homebrew a pretty good rotatable dipole for around \$50. Problem being, how much longer than three years would it last? I understand from reading of others building these that the fiberglass poles only last so long. About three years. I really don't want to build another one three or four years down the road.

So, I am thinking of a Cushcraft D3 rotatable dipole for this Spring. Expensive at over \$300. But once up, it should last a long time.

That will not mean giving up on the loop antenna idea. I still may put this up just to see how much better or worse this antenna would be verses the dipole.

Got a few months to decide. I am libel to change my mind a few hundred times before anything actually happens.

Tech Class

The Tech Class is a little light this year. We have three students. May have another student on board with a late start, but we will see.

This is the last class with our current course book that was written by me. The current question pool ends June 30th. I am looking forward to rewriting this course. I have a few additions in mind that would make it much better.

There will be a VE Test Session for all license classes on March 1st at the Red Cross Training Center. So club members wishing to upgrade should shoot for this date. There will also be testing done at the Mansfield Hamfest for those that are ready earlier.

AFFILIATED CLUBS COORDINATOR REPORT

From the Ohio Section News E-Letter for January 2014

As the new Ohio Section Affiliated Clubs Coordinator (ACC), I have been receiving newsletters from clubs around the state. I want to thank the editors for their hard work. I know first-hand the joys of being a newsletter editor, so I appreciate the effort. If I am not on your club newsletter distribution list, please add me so I can report to everyone the accomplishments, events and other happenings from your club.

I would like to extend congratulations to the new club officers around the state, it can be a tough job, but it can

also be very rewarding. I wish all the new and returning club officers the best this year and I hope to get around the state and visit as many clubs as time allows during the year. While I am always happy to speak at club meetings, I also enjoy sitting with the club members and having a "round table" type of discussion about what direction you would like to see your club move in.

If your club is not an ARRL Special Service Club, this may be the year to do it! Go to < <http://www.arrl.org/ssc-application> > for information and the Special Service Club application. If you think your club is ready to take this step, and you would like assistance filling out the form or discussing what you need to do, contact me. If your club is not ready to take this step, contact me and we can discuss how we can turn your club into a SSC.

Club News:

Morrow County Amateur Radio Association held election in November. The new Officers of the club are listed below.

President: Len Robinson, W8ULT Vice-president: Matt Strimmel, KD8VIB Secretary/Treasurer: David Franklin, WW9DF

West Park Radiops (Cleveland) – On their list for 2014 meeting programs; SKYWARN, antenna tuners, SKYPE with Bob Heil, shack videos, possibly a fox hunt, and Field Day planning.

Mount Vernon ARC – They have a Technician Class Course scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 16. Information can be found on their website at www.mvarc.net. They also have a Member Profile that spotlights a different club member each month, what an excellent idea!

Marion ARC – The 2nd annual New Years Eve ball drop happened in Marion thanks to MARC. The lighted ball was lowered down from a mobile tower to the delight of the crowd. Great public relations MARC! The MARC newsletter also has a fantastic "Tech Page" article, this months article by Larry, K8BU is about Crimp-On Connectors.

Buckeye Belles -The Buckeye Burr – Many great articles including a "Century of Memories" about 100 year old Pete Wessel, K0CM who has been talking on the radio for 75 years.

Alliance ARC -Zero Beat – Article on their Ham of The Year Ben, KD8KMQ (- congratulations Ben!), and their January meeting will be a series on computer logging.

Western Reserve ARC - The Wave Bender - Results from their December testing session showed that everyone who came walked away with a license, or an upgrade. They also encourage folks to "challenge the Elmer's with questions".

Thank you for sending me your newsletters, I enjoyed reading through them especially during the Polar Vortex

while it was -10 degrees. I look forward to getting around the state and meeting as many of you as I can!

I have been fortunate to follow in the footsteps of E. Mike McCardel, KC8YLD who along with Scott, N8SY (in the future, see how many times I give Scott my call of N8YS without realizing it) has been a great help to me in my first few weeks of being the ACC.

Remember to include me on your club newsletter distribution list and if you are a social media person, follow me on Twitter, Facebook and on my ACC blog.

73, Sandy, N8YS
Affiliated Clubs Coordinator
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THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

By Jim Williams, N8IBR

This article is a discussion about some of the history and operations of The National Traffic System. I really enjoy this part of our hobby and wanted to share some information about it with the group. While writing this, I openly admit to using many quotes from other folk's works. I will be using information from classes I have participated in, and some ARRL articles and documents collected over the years.



One interesting history item I found was that Public Service Communications had some of its early beginnings in the Amateur Radio Service in 1913 in this part of the U.S.A. Back then amateurs at the University of Michigan and The Ohio State University, along with numerous other amateurs in and around the region, successfully provided communications to large isolated areas after a severe windstorm in the Midwest. (Whether or not Hams from our local area participated, I have no idea.) In those days such disaster work was often spontaneously done and without any previous organization. I'm sure there are many other interesting stories that could be told about the history of the NTS.

Today's disaster service communications are highly organized and a worthwhile part of the Amateur Radio hobby. Through these services, which are implemented mainly through the ARRL sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and National Traffic System (NTS), as well as many independent nets and other amateur public service groups, we are able to provide reliable emergency communications when called upon.

The ARES consist of thousands of amateurs who have registered their availability for emergency operations.

Many of these same Hams that participate in the ARES are also involved with The National Traffic System.

Most of the NTS Nets operate daily throughout the year to handle local, medium, and long distance written traffic. There are four main layers of NTS Nets, which are; Local, Sectional, Regional, and Area Nets. The Local nets are considered the lowest level of the nets, with the Area nets being the highest level. This reference has nothing to do with any nets importance, it is simply an organizational listing. All levels of the NTS nets are important. No one net level could function well without the others. Some of the Local, and almost all of the Sectional, Regional, and Area Nets operate 365 days a year.

There are also Digital Nets participating in the NTS, but the stations involved in that part of the NTS are appointed by the ARRL Net Managers, and these nets are limited to that controlled number of stations. The reasons for this is to avoid duplication and confusion when using this part of the NTS system.

Our weekly Sunday (9 P.M.) club net would be considered a Local Net in the NTS, as would the daily Central Ohio Traffic Net in Columbus on the 146.97 (tone 123.0) repeater at 7:15 P.M. These local nets are the backbone for the handling of traffic. I consider our net responsible to handle any traffic for the Knox County and Mt. Vernon areas when I receive it. In the surrounding areas such as Columbus, Coshocton, Newark, Delaware, Mansfield, etc., their nets hopefully handle traffic for those areas.

The Regional and Area Nets all have assigned stations participating in them. These stations are determined at the lower level nets, and they try to limit participation on these higher level nets to the assigned stations. This is done to aid in the efficient handling of traffic. You can imagine the confusion that might result if every station listening across half of the USA would try to participate. Other stations are always welcome to listen, as there is no confidential information being handled. I often listen to the Regional and Area nets to have an idea if any traffic is coming back to the Section and Local nets. Especially on days the when I am Net control at the Regional or Sectional net level.

At some point should you wish to be able to participate in a net, it helps to be familiar with what goes on at the various levels of these NTS nets. I know I spent time listening to the Sectional, Regional, and Area Nets before I began participating in them.

Sectional nets such as The Ohio Single Sideband Net (Which meets three times daily. Mid-morning, late afternoon, and early evening.), The Buckeye Net (this is a higher speed CW net held twice in the evening), and The Ohio Slow net (a slow speed CW net also held in the evening) are the main nets responsible for distributing traffic into and out of the local area nets in the State of Ohio. The main operating frequencies for all of these Ohio nets are on 80 meters, with some nets having back up frequencies on 40 meters in case of poor propagation on 80 meters.

As you probably know, Ohio is considered a part of the 8th Region. We have both Voice and CW nets that handle the traffic coming into and going out of the 8th Region which consist of the states of Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia. These nets meet multiple times daily in the afternoon and evening. Like the Local and Sectional Nets, these Regional nets are responsible for moving the traffic for these three states to and from other areas of North America or the world.

The Area Nets are divided into three parts of Continental North America. These areas are the Eastern, Central, and Pacific area nets. We are a part of the Eastern Area which consist of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, Eastern Canada, and about half of the 4th region call areas. Like the Local, Sectional, and Regional Nets, these Area Nets are responsible for moving traffic to and from various parts of North America and any areas of the world with which we have what is called A Third Party Agreement. There are both Voice and CW versions of all of the Area Nets also, and they are held mainly on 20 and 40 meters. Due to propagation on the HF bands, the majority of these nets are held during the daylight hours.

There are some independent nets that also handle traffic. However, I am not familiar enough with these nets to give a great amount of detail, other than that they are there.

The vast majority of traffic on the airways today is considered non-emergency traffic. You may have heard a station handling traffic which consist of a birthday greeting, a reminder to re-new your Amateur Radio License, or a congratulations on receiving a new Amateur Radio License. The purpose of handling these non-emergency messages is to become familiar with handling traffic. These messages help newer stations in the NTS learn how to negotiate the National Traffic system, so they can be better prepared should an emergency present itself.

The ARRL has a suggested Radiogram format that sending stations are encouraged to use. Using this ARRL format helps the stations handling traffic as they know what should be coming next in a message. The ARRL also ask that all messages be limited to 25 words or less and they have a group of ARRL Numbered Radiogram abbreviations to help keep the word count down.

These abbreviations are used to reduce the number of words in a message, and are quite useful. An example of this is "ARL Fifty Two" which reads; "Really enjoyed being with you. Looking forward to getting together again". As you can see this eliminated 8 words in the text part of the message. Using this ARRL format helps the NTS stations handle traffic more efficiently.

I am not sure if the Radiogram form and abbreviations list is on our website. If not, a copy of the Radiogram form and abbreviations can be found on The Ohio Single Side Band Nets website which is "www.ossbn.org". When the page comes up, click on "OSSBN Info". On the next page, under the heading "Field Service Forms", click on "FSD-3 ARRL Message Handling Form." This will give you a

radiogram form with the different ARRL Message abbreviations on it.

The most important thing to remember when handling traffic is to be sure that you copy it correctly. Always remember that getting it copied correctly is more important than doing it fast. Never be afraid to ask for a repeat if you are not sure that you copied it correctly. Any experienced traffic handler will be happy to work with you to make sure you have the message correctly copied. Copying one word incorrectly can change the whole meaning of a message. And in an Emergency situation giving the wrong information could cause huge problems. Accuracy is always more important than speed. Again, this is where the ARRL format helps out.

This is has been basic description of the NTS and its operations. I won't get involved in describing how to write a piece of message traffic in this article. If the group has an interest in that, I would be happy to come up with a presentation for a future club meeting or newsletter. If I have peaked your interest in the NTS, I do recommend you look into some of the various ARRL publications on the subject and listen to a few traffic nets. Also, feel free to ask me any questions. If I don't know the answer, I'll find someone who does.

If you think traffic handling sounds like a lot of work, I would say that both; "yes it is and, no it isn't". Once you learn a few basic procedures, the rest comes really easy. As the old saying goes, "If I can learn to do it, anyone can."

Also remember that you don't have to participate in the NTS every day. Many stations are only able to participate once or twice a month. These stations are every bit as important as the stations that are involved in multiple nets a day. If you have the time, and can participate, the NTS is always looking for more stations.

I hope I have provided you with some interesting information, and invite you to become involved in the National Traffic System.

Jim Williams N8IBR

FROM THE SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

From the Ohio Section News E-Letter for January 2014

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2014! Greetings and salutations from the Northeast corner of the Buckeye State where it's a blustery 33 degrees with snow falling at the time of this writing!

I am beginning my first monthly article of the new year by introducing my staff. I have selected three Assistant



Section Emergency Coordinators since I was appointed in January 2012. The Assistant Section Emergency Coordinators are available for consultation and to answer your questions. Feel free to email them at any time and they'll respond back in a timely manner.

Scott Phillips N8SX is the Assistant SEC appointed for Northern Ohio. He is responsible for maintaining the Ohio Section Training Database and his collateral duty is the development and implementation of Ohio's first ARESMAT Team. His email address is n8sx@arrl.net.

Mark Griggs KB8YMN is the Assistant SEC appointed for Central Ohio. He has been assigned the collateral duty of recruiting. He is the primary source of recruiting new volunteers and seasoned veterans into ARES as well as retaining them in the program. His email is kb8ymn@arrl.net.

Gary Stephenson WW8O is the Assistant SEC appointed for Southern Ohio. He has been assigned the collateral duty of training. He is the primary source of training new ARES volunteers and seasoned veterans alike. His email is ww8o@frontier.com.

Attention all ARES volunteers... Please contact your Emergency Coordinator and verify your contact information, especially email address and telephone number. There will be times throughout the year where you will be called upon. Wrong contact info could lead to delays in staffing important assignments. I recommend verifying your contact information on a quarterly basis or when anything changes.

If you are not an ARES member, but would like to be, or at least thinking about it... Please contact your County Emergency Coordinator. They will get you started in ARES and guide you in the right direction. You can find their contact information on the Ohio Section website www.arrl-ohio.org.

What if I do not have an Emergency Coordinator in my county? Excellent question. All 88 counties are grouped into 10 ARES districts. Every district has an appointed District Emergency Coordinator. Their contact information is also located at www.arrl-ohio.org.

Just a friendly reminder about the Intro to Emcomm Class (EC-001) starting in March at the Center of Hope in Ravenna. Contact Jim Aylward KC8PD at aylwardjim@aol.com for details.

Be sure to follow and bookmark the Ohio Section ARES Blog. <http://ohiosectionares.blogspot.com/> I post announcements, information about upcoming events, and other miscellaneous items of importance on that blog.

Saturday, January 25th and Sunday the 26th is Winter Field Day sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio (SPAR).

The event starts at Noon on Saturday and concludes at Noon on Sunday. It's very similar to Field Day held in June

but with the premise that emergencies and disasters don't always happen in warm weather. In 2013, there were only 47 Winter Field Day logs submitted to SPAR. I'd really like to see Ohio contribute to that. So here's my challenge to you...I'd like to see as many stations from Ohio participate in Winter Field Day. I can tell you several of us from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association will be on the air that weekend and I hope to hear you on the air. Check out their website <http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php> for more details.

March 15th is the Ohio ARES Leadership Meeting at the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center in Columbus. The meeting starts at 10am and will conclude at 3pm. All volunteers that hold an ARES appointment including Official Emergency Stations and Assistant Emergency Coordinators are encouraged to attend. We have quite the agenda to get through and your participation is greatly appreciated. All counties and districts are expected to be represented at this meeting.

Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOM) course is coming to Hamvention again this year. Many of us completed this course and let me tell you the instructors were great. I highly recommend taking this course. Registration for the 2014 course opens February 1st. See details at www.hamvention.org.

Ladies and gentlemen, that's all I have for this month. Thank you very much for all you do for amateur radio.

73, de Matt W8DEC
Section Emergency Coordinator
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A FEW MORE PICS FROM THE CHRISTMAS DINNER



RADIOGRAM VIA AMATEUR RADIO

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STN OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
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TO:

TEL:

RX	From	Date
TX	To	Date

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<p><u>ONE</u> Everyone safe here. Please don't worry.</p> <p><u>TWO</u> Coming home as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>THREE</u> Am in ___ hospital. Receiving excellent care and recovering fine.</p> <p><u>FOUR</u> Only slight property damage here. Do not be concerned about disaster reports.</p> <p><u>FIVE</u> Am moving to a new location. Send no further mail or communication. Will inform you of new address when relocated.</p> <p><u>SIX</u> Will contact you as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>SEVEN</u> Please reply by amateur radio through the amateur delivering this message. This is a free public service.</p> <p><u>EIGHT</u> Need additional ___ mobile or portable equipment for immediate emergency use.</p> <p><u>NINE</u> Additional ___ radio operators needed to assist with emergency at this location.</p> <p><u>TEN</u> Please contact ___. Advise to standby and provide further emergency information, instructions or assistance.</p> <p><u>ELEVEN</u> Establish Amateur radio emergency communications with ___ on ___ MHZ.</p> <p><u>TWELVE</u> Anxious to hear from you. No word in some time. Please contact me as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>THIRTEEN</u> Medical emergency situation exists here.</p> <p><u>FOURTEEN</u> Situation here becoming critical. Losses and damage from ___ increasing.</p> <p><u>FIFTEEN</u> Please advise your condition and what help is needed.</p> <p><u>SIXTEEN</u> Property damage very severe in this area.</p> <p><u>SEVENTEEN</u> REACT communications services also available. Establish REACT communication with ___ on channel ___.</p> <p><u>EIGHTEEN</u> Please contact me as soon as possible at ___.</p> <p><u>NINETEEN</u> Request health and welfare report on ___. (State name, address, and telephone number.)</p> <p><u>TWENTY</u> Temporarily stranded. Will need some assistance. Please contact me at ___.</p> <p><u>TWENTY ONE</u> Search and rescue assistance is needed by local authorities here. Advise availability.</p> <p><u>TWENTY TWO</u> Need accurate information on the extent and type of conditions now existing at your location.</p>	<p><u>TWENTY THREE</u> Report at once the accessibility and best way to reach your location.</p> <p><u>TWENTY FOUR</u> Evacuation of residents from this area urgently needed. Advise plans for help.</p> <p><u>TWENTY FIVE</u> Furnish as quickly as possible the weather conditions at your location.</p> <p><u>TWENTY SIX</u> Help and care for the evacuation of sick and injured from this location needed at once.</p> <p><u>FORTY SIX</u> Greetings on your birthday and best wishes for many more to come.</p> <p><u>FORTY SEVEN</u> Reference your message number ___ to ___ delivered on ___ at ___ UTC.</p> <p><u>FIFTY</u> Greetings by amateur radio.</p> <p><u>FIFTY ONE</u> Greetings by amateur radio. This message is sent as a free public service by ham radio operators at ___. Am having a wonderful time.</p> <p><u>FIFTY TWO</u> Really enjoyed being with you. Looking forward to getting together again.</p> <p><u>FIFTY THREE</u> Received your ___. It's appreciated; many thanks.</p> <p><u>FIFTY FOUR</u> Many thanks and good wishes.</p> <p><u>FIFTY FIVE</u> Good news is always welcome. Very delighted to hear about yours.</p> <p><u>FIFTY SIX</u> Congratulations on your ___, a most worthy and deserved achievement.</p> <p><u>FIFTY SEVEN</u> Wish we could be together.</p> <p><u>FIFTY EIGHT</u> Have a wonderful time. Let us know when you return.</p> <p><u>FIFTY NINE</u> Congratulations on the new arrival. Hope mother and child are well.</p> <p><u>SIXTY</u> Wishing you the best of everything on ___.</p> <p><u>SIXTY ONE</u> Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p> <p><u>SIXTY TWO</u> Greetings and best wishes to you for a pleasant holiday season.</p>	<p><u>SIXTY THREE</u> Victory or defeat, our best wishes are with you. Hope you win.</p> <p><u>SIXTY FOUR</u> Arrived safely at ___.</p> <p><u>SIXTY FIVE</u> Arriving ___ on ___. Please arrange to meet me there.</p> <p><u>SIXTY SIX</u> DX QSLs are on hand for you at the ___ QSL bureau. Send ___ self addressed envelopes.</p> <p><u>SIXTY SEVEN</u> Your message number ___ undeliverable because of ___. Please advise.</p> <p><u>SIXTY EIGHT</u> Sorry to hear you are ill. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.</p> <p><u>SIXTY NINE</u> Welcome to the ___. We are glad to have you join us and hope you will enjoy the fun and fellowship of the organization.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Handling Instructions</p> <p><u>HXA</u> (followed by number) Collect landline delivery authorized by addressee within ___ miles. (If no number, authorized unlimited)</p> <p><u>HXB</u> (followed by number) Cancel message if not delivered within ___ hours of filing time; service originating station.</p> <p><u>HXC</u> Report date and time of delivery (TOD) to originating station.</p> <p><u>HXD</u> Report to originating station the identity of station from which received, plus date and time. Report identity of station to which relayed, plus date and time, or if delivered report date, time and method of delivery.</p> <p><u>HXE</u> Delivering station get reply from addressee, originate message back.</p> <p><u>HXF</u> (followed by number) Hold delivery until (date).</p> <p><u>HXG</u> Delivery by mail or landline toll call not required. If toll or other expense involved, cancel and service originating station.</p>	<p>Designed by Dave, N7YSS</p>
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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

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\$10 for second member in the same family and for those over 65 yrs. of age.

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If yes please enter password _____

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