



# SVARC



## Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club

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### MAIL TO:

**CLUB MEETING NIGHT:** 3rd Thurs.

**APRIL 19-7:30 p.m.**

Barratt Banta AB8NL, Editor  
318 Oak Ave., Waverly, OH 45690

### REPEATERS (Club)

**W8BAP/R** 146.850 -600K (74.4)  
**W8BAP/R** 146.925 -600K (74.4)  
**W8BAP/R** 444.425 +5M (**Wide Area Network**)  
**KA8WWI/R** 53.230 -1M  
**W8BAP APRS** 144.390  
**W8BAP D-Star** 443.0625 +5M

### NETS

**SVARC** 146.850 Mondays @ 8:30 p.m.  
**COTN** 147.240 Daily @ 7:15 p.m.\_  
**Ohio Severe Weather Network:**  
146.760, or 146.925 when needed

### SVARC NET CONTROLLERS

Mike Mathews KC8WIW  
Marv Turner K8KX  
Jim Snodgrass KC8TYS

### SVARC WEB SITES:

<http://www.qsl.net/w8bap>  
<http://www.w8bapdstar.info>

### DIRECTIONS TO CLUBHOUSE/MAP

<http://findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=W8BAP-1>

**President:** Jesse Stanley KD8CHP  
**Vice-President:** Shawn Coppel KD8FJH  
**Secretary:** Barratt Banta AB8NL  
**Treasurer:** Marvin Turner K8KX  
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Jim Boyce KD8BWV  
Mark Lewis WO8A

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**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
March 15, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm by President Jesse, KD8CHP with the pledge of allegiance.

The following members/guests were present:

KD8CHP Jesse  
KD8FJH Shawn  
KD8BWV Jim B  
KC8WIW Mike

W8LXJ Bob  
KC8PAB Jerry  
AB8NL Barratt

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes of the January meeting were mailed/available. Motion was made, and passed, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Minutes were approved as written.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT:** Larry, K8LEK, is back in the hospital with pneumonia.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was mailed/presented and approved as printed.

REPEATER:	STATUS/COMMENTS		
146.850	Working great!	Faulty jumpers replaced by	Shawn
146.925	Diminished signal	some adjustment needed	Shawn will arrange
444.425	Presently off the air		
53.230	Working--very little traffic		
144.390 - Digital (APRS)	Working very well		
443.0625 - D-Star	Working very well		

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Suggestion regarding Special Certificates still being considered--no action at this time.
2. Spring Picnic is in planning--Marv is in charge, but could not be present at the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Final planning for Dayton Hamvention (May 18-20)--Jim Snodgrass in charge of Flea Market spaces.
2. TOSRV--May 12-13 (?)--Use of 146.850 repeater is expected, but no word received yet.
3. Possibility of periodic Special Event Stations scheduled during the year--Jim Boyce will pursue this.
4. Possible change of meeting date was discussed, but no decision or recommendation made.
5. Jim Boyce reported on the "Lost Hour Special Event Station," Mar. 10-11, 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Seven persons participated. 14 contacts were made. Detailed information is on page 3.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Shawn, KD8FJH. He donated the proceeds to the club.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed.

--Barratt Banta, Secretary

**APRIL MEETING -- Apr. 19**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

CASH ASSETS, 02-29-2012 \$ 3372.39

INCOME:	Antenna Sale to Tony Dryden, KG8KC	100.00
	Caddell KC8PAB 2012 Dues	20.00
	"TJ" Oyer KC8VOJ "	20.00
	Schmitt WB8ZZY "	20.00
	Williams KG8UN "	20.00
	Blue W8LXJ "	<u>uy20.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME: \$200.00

EXPENSES:	A. E. Power	65.46
	Horizon Telephone	39.22
	Turner, Stamps (2 bks, .45)	18.00
	Checking Acct fee (2 mos.)	5.00
	Printex, Newsletter Printing	<u>15.41</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$143.09

501c (3) Fund	312.50
Uncommitted Fund	<u>3116.80</u>

TOTAL CASH ASSETS, 03-31-2012 \$ 4329.30

--Marvin Turner, Treasurer

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**PLEASE REMIT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES (\$20--ASSOC. \$15)**  
**to**  
**Marvin Turner, Treasurer**  
**1878 US 23**  
**Waverly, OH 45690**

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**SVARC NEWS AND NOTES****BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:** KD8CHP, KG8EK, WA8WAG, KC8DYE, and WA8RLB

Though names and addresses are not printed in this newsletter because of some privacy concerns, you can find those names and addresses through the Amateur Radio "Address Book," [www.qrz.com/](http://www.qrz.com/) which protects this privacy by requiring your call sign and a password to access such personal information.

**THE MONDAY NIGHT NET** (146.850):

With the **850** repeater operating in full-quieting condition, with a rich clear signal and excellent range, after the replacement of a couple of faulty jumper cables, the Monday Night net has received a welcome bounce in participation. And with warmer weather ahead, its a good time to become active in this club activity. It's also an excellent way to check out rig or transmission problems [[e.g., for me, a faulty antenna switch--Ed.](#)]

**THE W8BAP “LOST HOUR SPECIAL EVENT STATION”**

On March 10, from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. (Mar. 12), seven members of SVARC participated in a “Special Event Station” to commemorate the change of time from Standard to Daylight Saving Time. Those present were Barratt AB8NL, Mike KC8WIW, Kevin KC8WIX, Jim B. KD8BWV, Shawn KD8FJH, Jesse KD8CHP, and “TJ.” KC8VOJ. Jim, Mike and Kevin were principle operators. Contacts made were:

CALL	NAME/ADDRESS	FREQUENCY	OPERATOR
KE5JMD	TEXAS	7.280	KC8WIW
KG4HVR	ALABAMA	7.280	KC8WIW
N7AAQ	MONTANA	7.280	KC8WIW
WD5DKA	ARKANSAS	7.280	KC8WIW
W0ERE	MISSOURI	7.280	KC8WIX
KC8TYS	OHIO	7.280	KC8WIX
WB0WPF	KANSAS	7.280	KC8WIW
N1UVW	MASSACHUSETTS	7.280	KC8WIX
WS7X (probably)	UTAH	14.265	KD8BWV
K7IZI	CENTRAL WASH.	14.265	KD8BWV
KU6E	CALIFORNIA	14.265	KD8BWV
K60L	SAN DIEGO (MOBILE)	14.265	KD8BWV
KC8TYS	OHIO	14.260	KD8BWV
WP4OFO	PUERTO RICO	14.260	KD8BWV

**CLUB SPACE IN THE HAMVENTION FLEA MARKET AREA:**

At this time, it appears that SVARC **WILL** have a reserved space in the Hamvention Flea Market area. We may not have the quantity of stuff to sell that we have had in previous years, but we will have space, and a place to rest and store purchases. Jim Snodgrass is the contact person for these arrangements, so call him if you have stuff to sell, will help to staff the site, or can contribute to the rental expense if funds are still needed. This space has been a very helpful arrangement for club members in the past, and we did not wish to lose it.

**THE DATES OF THE DAYTON HAMVENTION ARE: MAY 18-20**

Special arrangements for the purchase of tickets to the Hamvention usually come with the rental of Flea Market space. Jim Snodgrass has this information, and you can contact him for that. General information regarding the Hamvention may be found on the Hamvention website: [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org).

To order tickets directly, online, go to: <http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php/>

To order tickets by mail, use Mail Order Form printed in the March Newsletter, or go to: [www.hamvention.org/files/ticketform2012.pdf](http://www.hamvention.org/files/ticketform2012.pdf)

## LOCAL HAMFESTS

### JACKSON: April 21, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Jackson County YMCA 594 E. Main St. Talk-in: 146.79 (167.9)

[www.jacksoncountyar.org/index.html/](http://www.jacksoncountyar.org/index.html/)

2012 Jackson County Amateur Radio Club  
HAMFEST - RADIO, ELECTRONICS & COMPUTER SHOW

Saturday - April 21, 2012 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

VE Testing - 10:00 AM

All Classes/Walk-ins Welcome

Admission: \$5.00 Per Person  
Indoor Flea Market Tables: no cost  
Contact W8GPA or W8SFC  
Electric Available with

Vendor Set-up Time: 8:00AM  
Hamfest Open to Public: 9:00AM  
Tailgate/Trunk sales  
Talk-in: 146.79(167.9)

Door Prizes:



ICOM 718HF



Kenwood TM-V71A

### ATHENS: April 29, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

33rd Annual Hamfest

Athens Community Center

701 East State Street Talk-in 145.15

Admission: \$5.00, Tables: \$10.00

William McFadden, WD8RIF, 12600 Adeline Circle, Athens, OH 45701; 740-593-7176; [wd8rif@arrl.net](mailto:wd8rif@arrl.net)

<http://www.ac-ara.org/hamfest.html>

### LANCASTER: May 5, 8:00 AM - 10:30+ AM

Lancaster/Fairfield ARC Annual Swap Meet will be held at the clubhouse on SR 37 (at Beavers Field/OU campus)

(GPS coordinates: N 39 deg 44 min; W 82 deg 35 min)

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## SPECIAL EVENTS (SELECTED)

One event of national significance (the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC) and several Special Event Stations centered on the Sinking of the Titanic, draw special attention this month:

### Apr 1-Apr 16, 1000Z-2100Z, N3C

Washington, DC. District of Columbia Amateur Radio Society.

100th Anniversary of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

HF CW SSB and Digital Modes. Certificate & QSL.

N3C--District of Columbia Amateur Radio Society, 3511 Patterson St NW, Washington, DC 20015.

*Washington DC's greatest springtime celebration, commemorating the 1912 gift of trees and the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.*

[www.qrz.com/db/nw3dc](http://www.qrz.com/db/nw3dc) [Activate this site through [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) and call sign [nw3dc](http://www.qrz.com)--Ed.]

**Apr 9-Apr 11, 1330Z-0527Z, W1MYG**

Indian Orchard, MA. Titanic Historical Society

100th Anniversary of the *Titanic Voyage*. 14.260, 14.033, 7.260, 7.033.

QSL. Titanic Historical Society QSL, PO Box 51053, 208 Main St, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053

<http://webpages.charter.net/kb1mu/Titanic/titanic.htm>

<http://webpages.charter.net/kb1mu/index.htm>

**Apr 12-Apr 15, 1200Z-2000Z, KM1CC**

Chathamport, MA. National Park Service and the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center.

100th Anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic.

SSB 21.260, 14.260, 7.160/7.060

CW 28.03, 21.03, 14.030, 7.030

PSK 21.070, 14.070

QSL. Rob Leiden, K1UI, 21 Paulding Dr, South Chatham, MA 02659

[www.chathammarconi.org](http://www.chathammarconi.org)

**Apr 13-Apr 15, 0900Z-1700Z, W4T**

Newport News, VA. The Mariners' Museum 100th Anniversary *Titanic* Commemoration. 2m, all HF.

Certificate. C. Verser, The Mariners' Museum, 100 Museum Dr, Newport News, VA 23606.

*Friday, April 13, 0900Z-1500Z, contacts with school-age children sought.*

*Saturday and Sunday April 14-15 0900Z-1700Z daily.*

[w4titanic@gmail.com](mailto:w4titanic@gmail.com)

**Apr 13-Apr 15, 1600Z-2200Z, K1T**

Wellfleet, MA. KM1CC. *Titanic* 100 years--Marconi Wireless. 28.040, 21.040, 14.040, 7.040 (all CW)

QSL. Barbara Dugan, N1NS, 21 madison Dr, East Sandwich, MA 02537.

*Event sponsors, Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club and the National Park Service and Falmouth Amateur Radio Association.* [www.nps.gov/caco](http://www.nps.gov/caco) or [www.qrz.com/db/km1cc](http://www.qrz.com/db/km1cc)

**Apr 14-Apr 15, 0000Z-1400Z, W3R**

Bowie, MD. National Capital Radio & TV Museum. Remembering the Sinking of the *Titanic*, 100 Years Ago.

21.425, 14.255, 7.255 3.955.

QSL. Tony Young, National Capital Radio & TV Museum, 2608 Mitchellville Rd, Bowie, MD 20716

[www.radiohistory.org](http://www.radiohistory.org)

**CONTEST CORRAL (SELECTED)****State QSO Parties for April--all bands (Exchange = Name/Call Sign, RST, County, or S/P/C):**

**Mar 31- Apr 1:** Missouri

**Apr 7- Apr 8:** Montana

**Apr 14-Apr 15:** New Mexico

**Apr 14-Apr 15:** Georgia

**Apr 21-Apr 22:** Michigan

**Apr 21-Apr 22:** South Dakota

**Apr 21-Apr 22:** Ontario

**Apr 28-Apr 29:** Nebraska

**Apr 28-Apr 29:** Florida

**Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party: Mar 31-Apr 8--all bands**

Exchange = ARLHS number, or serial, name, S/P/C

**ARRL Rookie (3rd annual) Roundup: Apr 15 (1800Z-2359Z, 3.5-28 Mhz, Ph--Name S/P/C)**

## BULLETIN BOARD

### SVARC REPEATERS:

The Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club owns/sponsors six amateur radio repeaters, which include the following:

**W8BAP/R**, 2M (146.850)--oldest, and primary club repeater (located at SVARC Clubhouse site)

**W8BAP/R**, 2M (146.925)--widely used by local hams (located on the 2nd highest terrain peak in Ohio, near Bainbridge, Ohio)

**W8BAP/R** 70cm (444.425)--linked to a Wide Area Network in Southern Ohio (SVARC Clubhouse site)

**KA8WWI/R**, 6M (53.230)--a Memorial, with the Call Sign of the club member (SK) who built it and gave it to the club (located at the SVARC Clubhouse site)

**W8BAP-1**, Digi (144.390)--an APRS repeater (Built by KD8FJH, located at the SVARC Clubhouse site)

**W8BAP D-Star** (443.0625)--a D-Star repeater. owned by KD8FJH, sponsored by SVARC, located in Amanda, Ohio, with its antenna atop a 350 ft. tower and a signal reach over much of south central Ohio and the Columbus metro area.

[This is a significant number, and variety, of repeaters for an amateur radio club of our size. So it seemed a good idea to give some newsletter space to each of them over the next few months, providing some basic technical information about each repeater, plus a few words about how they are used within the ham community for normal communications as well as their importance for special, and possible emergency situations.--Ed.]

We begin, in this issue of the newsletter, with the **W8BAP** (146.850 ) repeater, which is installed in an enclosed cabinet in the Repeater Room of the SVARC Clubhouse. It consists of a Hamtronics repeater, a power amplifier, and a 6-cavity Phelps Dodge duplexer. Its output power is about 65 watts, and it is activated by a CTCSS tone frequency of 74.4 Hz. The repeater is equipped with backup power from an Absolyte Gel-Cell battery bank, and its antenna is mounted at the top of the club's ROHN-25 100 ft tower.

This is the repeater that is used mainly by the Scioto Valley ARC for its club communications. The club's Monday Night Net meets on it every Monday night at 8:30 p.m. for the passing of information and conversation regarding the activities and concerns of the club, to talk about upcoming events, and to give radio checks on rig performance, antenna efficiency, or any other problems that might interfere with good radio communications.



Another important use of this repeater comes with the annual, and very popular TOSRV (Tour of the Scioto River Valley) two-day, 210 mile bicycle ride from Columbus-to-Portsmouth-to-Columbus on the Mother's Day weekend in May. Over 3,000 cyclists participate in this annual event with Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) vehicles stationed along the TOSRV route at two-mile intervals to provide Radio contact in case of difficulties, or emergencies. The "**850**" repeater has always been a crucial, and welcome, link for that tour.

These are but two examples of the importance of an amateur radio repeater station. Public service, natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, etc., are always in the news, and amateur radio often with them, many times because of the flexibility of repeaters--stationary, mobile, multiple frequencies--and an amateur radio community that is trained/experienced in their operation. And the "**850**" is just one of them.

### ITEMS FOR SALE/SWAP:

Cushcraft 2M Beam - \$10

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