



SVARC



Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club

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MAIL TO:

CLUB MEETING NIGHT: 3rd Thurs.

MARCH 15-7:30 p.m.

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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-I>

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Vice-President: Shawn Coppel KD8FJH
Secretary: Barratt Banta AB8NL
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Jim Boyce KD8BWV
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**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 16, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice-President Shawn KD8FFJH with the pledge of allegiance.

The following members/guests were present:

KD8FJH Shawn	K8KX Marv
KC8WIW Mike	KB8SDC Phil
KD8BWV Jim B.	WB8GRX John
KC8TYS Jim S.	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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was mailed/presented and approved as printed. Marv noted that of 44 SVARC members, only 16 had paid dues for 2012 thus far.

REPEATER REPORT:

REPEATER:	STATUS/COMMENTS		
146.850	Working, but with problems		
146.925	Working very well		
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		

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chair of the Nominating Committee, Shawn, presented the nominations for officers in 2012: President: Jesse KD8CHP, Vice-President: Shawn KD8FJH, Secretary: Barratt AB8NL, Treasurer: Marv K8KX, Trustees: John WB8GRX, Jim KD8BWV, and Mark WO8A. With no additional nominations, it was moved, and passed, to close nominations and dispense with the ballot--committee nominees becoming the newly elected officers of SVARC.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. After discussion, the motion was made, and passed, not to have a Fish Fry this year.
2. Discussions are still in process about how we might assist a blind person to become a Ham.
3. Jim KD8BWV continues to design a Special Event for the time change that will occur at 2:00 am on March 11.
4. Internet access at the clubhouse is still being explored.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion over how to acknowledge the exemplary work, time and energy often expended by members for the benefit of SVARC led to the suggestion of special certificates given at some special event/occasion. This will be explored further.
2. It was agreed to have a Spring Picnic at the clubhouse this year. Marv K8KX will plan it.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by KD8SDC Phil. He donated the proceeds to the club.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed.

--Barratt Banta, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 19

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH ASSETS, 01-31-2012		\$ 3468.53
INCOME:	Jackson WA8WAG 2012 Dues	20.00
TOTAL INCOME:		\$ 20.00
EXPENSES:	A. E. Power	51.05
	Horizon Telephone	38.14
	Printex, Newsletter Printing	<u>26.75</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE:		\$116.14
	501c (3) Fund	312.50
	Uncommitted Fund	<u>3059.89</u>
TOTAL CASH ASSETS, 02-29-2012		\$ 3372.39

--Marvin Turner, Treasurer

**46 AMATEUR RADIO LICENSEES ARE CURRENTLY LISTED AS MEMBERS OF SVARC.
OF THESE, 30 MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET PAID CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2012.**

ARE YOU ONE OF THESE?

THESE DUES (\$20 X 46 = \$920) PAY BASIC EXPENSES FOR THE CLUBHOUSE.

PLEASE REMIT YOUR \$20 FEE (ASSOC. \$15)

to

Marvin Turner, Treasurer

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Waverly, OH 45690

SVARC NEWS AND NOTES
BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH--just one this month: KC8SYP

If you wish to send a card to this, or any Ham friend, but do not have an address, check the Ham Address Book:
www.qrx.com/ **A very Happy Birthday this month, to KC8SYP!**

THE MONDAY NIGHT NET (146.850):

Just a reminder that although this "net" is a voluntary thing, for those who do participate, call-ins as regularly as possible are important to a net's survival. When participation in a net drops, it usually dies, and the 146.850 net is too important to let that happen. It is an important communication link for hams, not only those of us who live in the area, but also for those who are just "traveling through," as evidenced by the 36 people who "checked in" for a contact, or conversation, once or twice over the last couple of years while they were "on the road."

CLUB SPACE IN THE HAMVENTION FLEA MARKET AREA:

Although no action was taken at the February meeting, there was a general consensus that it would be a good thing to keep a reserved space in the area yearly for a number of reasons: There will always be stuff to sell--more or less--but the space is also advantageous for a rest area, as well as a place to store purchased items during the day. The idea of raising the \$100 fee through voluntary contributions was enthusiastically received, and Jim, KC8TYS volunteered to be the point person for this since he has arranged for the flea market space at Dayton the last several years.

SPEAKING OF DAYTON--and HAMVENTION 2012 (MAY 18-20):

It's **not** too early to think--and to plan--for this significant Ham Event of the year.

For general information about the Dayton Hamvention, go to: <http://www.hamvention.org/tickets.php/>

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

To order tickets by mail, use the Mail Order Form below:

2012 Hamvention Order form

This form is to be used if you prefer mailing an order to online ordering.

Please enclose this form with a #10 SASE and check or money order (no cash or credit cards).

Registration info:

Please print clearly

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 Province _____ Postal code _____

Weekend Phone No. _____

E-mail address _____

General Admission Tickets

(\$20 each / \$25 at door) Quantity: _____ Total \$ _____

Hamvention Bus Tickets

(\$8 each) Valid all 3 days Quantity: _____ Total \$ _____

Total amount of order \$ _____

Orders received after May 7, 2012, will be available in the "WILL CALL OFFICE".

Mail order to: Hamvention Ticket Sales
 P. O. Box 1446
 Dayton Ohio 45401-1446

LOCAL HAMFESTS

GALLIPOLIS: March 10, 9:AM - 2:00 PM

Gallipolis Christian Church

4486 State Route 588 Talk-in: 147.060 {74.4} - 442.000 (74.4)

SPONSOR: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club (MOVARC)

Admission: \$5.00, Tables: \$10.00 (Includes entry - Reserve by Mar. 3), Tailgating: \$5.00 (Entry fee)

VE Testing--All Classes/Walk-ins welcome: 9:00 AM Registration

Lester Cardwell KD8ZU, 15422 Trace Road, Crown City, OH 45623: 740-256-1312, kd8zu@arrl.net

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

More on this hamfest next month, but since many SVSRC members attend this nearby local hamfest, and they always have some real nice door prizes, it deserves early mention for planning. In a recent e-mail to me, John Rupert W8GPA told me that they will be giving away as door prizes this year an ICOM 718HF and a Kenwood TM-V71A (Two very nice rigs). So plan now to go; detailed information will be in the April newsletter.



ICOM 718HF



Kenwood TM-V71A

SPECIAL EVENTS (SELECTED)

There are many Special Events scheduled for this month, but these three are special/unusual:

Mar 10-Mar 11, 1300Z-2395Z, WM3PEN

Note that special call sign! Three hundred, thirty-one years ago, William Penn was granted a charter for land called Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania celebrates it's 331st birthday this month, and the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club in Philadelphia will celebrate Pennsylvania Charter Day on this weekend with this Special Event Station, 28.410, 21.310, 18.140, 14.240.

QSL Holmsburg ARC, 3341 Sheffield Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136. www.harcnet.org

Mar 14, 0000Z-2395Z, KD8DKU

Marquette, MI. Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club

International Pi Day/ Einstein's Birthday. PSK31 14.070, SSB 7.285.

QSL. Lake Effect ARC/Pi, 36 Southfork St., Marquette, MI 49855.

(A fun day for the nerd in all of us [they say]. Lemon Pi(e) at club HQ for drop ins!)

www.lakeeffectarc.info/Event-PiEinsteinDay/PiDat.htm/

Mar 14-Mar 15, 1200Z-000Z, N0S

Springfield, MO. Larry Grinstead, WA0JZK. Pi Day 2012. 28.468, 21.368, 14.268, 7.268.

QSL. Larry Grinstead, 2469 E. Montclair Ct., Springfield, MO 65804

(The station will promote math education by discussing various topics, quizzes and oddities about the number pi during QSOs. Students are particularly encouraged to make contact and seek a pi-related QSL card.) [Wow! It's been 65 yrs. since I learned about Pi in High School, but I plan to listen in--AB8NL]

CONTEST CORRAL (SELECTED)

State QSO Parties for March--all bands (Exchange= Name/Call Sign, RST, County, or S/P/C):

Mar 10-11: Idaho

Mar 11-12: Wisconsin

Mar 17-18: Oklahoma, Virginia, North Dakota

Ten-Ten Mobile QSO Party (Mar 17)

Exchange = Call, name, county & S/P/C, 10-10 number.

ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (Mar 3-4)

Exchange = RS and state, province, or power.

Sean (QST) says that with great propagation now, it could be a very busy weekend!

ODDS AND ENDS

PODCASTS/NETCASTS:

Have you ever listened to/watched a podcast? Pete Wickman, KD8MZA, newsletter editor for the Athens County Amateur Radio Association, sent me the web addresses for some of his favorite podcasts related to Amateur Radio. The one that fascinated me the most is called HAM Nation--a new TWIT (i.e., This WEEK in Tech) show about ham radio. Bob Heil, with various co-hosts and guests covers the excitement and importance of ham radio - from tossing an antenna wire in a tree allowing you to talk to the world, to the importance of ham radio operators in time of disasters. HAM Nation airs live each Tuesday at 6:00 PT/ 9:00ET. All previous episodes are listed in a side bar on the web page.

No iPod or other MP3 player is required (that's one of the reasons TWIT prefers the term "netcast" to "podcast"). You can listen to the audio and watch the video on your computer just as you would any digital media. In fact, with TWIT's feeds you don't even need special software. Just click the feed link and download the show you want directly, or use the player built into every page--which is what I did (I just clicked and watched the show).

Episodes #28 and #29, hosted by Bob Heil K9EID and Gordon West WB6NOA, are interviews with Wayne W6IRD and Sharon K6IRD Spring (Episode #28), and Dan N6PEQ and Kristin K6PEQ Dankert (Episode #29). Take a look; the interviews are quite interesting, and the couples' radio stations are incredible. The link for HAM Nation is www.twit.tv/hn

Pete suggested two other podcasts: www.icqpodcast.com and www.myamateurradio.com. These are basically audio podcasts, but they are a great source of information for Hams, so take a listen!

ANALOG CIRCUITRY:

The world is a symphony of vibrations. All around us is a world alive with continuously varying signals. These real world sensations are called *analog* signals to distinguish them from *digital* signals--which switch only between 0 & 1 (on & off), *i.e.*, in a computer. Over half of the iPhone 4, for instance, is composed of analog circuits or systems. But capturing these real-world signals and making them do amazing things is the domain of the analog circuit designer, and Jim Williams, who worked for Linear Technologies, was considered one of the best analog circuit designers in the world. He died this last year, and John Hartmus, WB8GRX, e-mailed me this link, which is a fascinating tribute to the life of this amazing person and creative genius. It is filled with circuit boards, circuitry, humor, and crazy-looking designs [[some of them look like mine--but his worked--mine usually did not!](#) --Ed.]

Amateur Radio is filled with the kinds of challenges and rewards that fascinated Jim Williams, and it is this reality that makes this tribute to him so meaningful for any ham who takes a soldering iron and solder to components on a circuit board, or as Jim Williams often did, "dead bug" style. Take a look at this link, especially the YouTube video, and enjoy: <http://www.computerhistory.org/highlights/analoglife/>

LATE POST:

Sometimes a novel idea comes up short of time, but is still worth a shot! In the club minutes (pg. 2), mention is made of having a Special Event Station operating at the clubhouse as Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11. This Special Event **WILL** take place! SVARC members will transmit from the clubhouse, on Sunday, March 11, from 12:00 AM to 2:00 AM, *i.e.*, 3:00 AM. **[Exact time-frame had not been confirmed by press time, but word will be spread via Monday Night Net and/or e-postcard later in the week--Ed.]** Jim Boyce, KD8BWV, is in charge of this event, and you can contact him, or me, with questions. At that time in the morning, the bands will not be crowded, but Hams will be listening for calls, somewhere, and those contacts could be both interesting, and rewarding! So plan to be there!

THE RADIO AMATEUR'S CODE

The Radio Amateur's Code has been around, now, for 84 years. Written originally by Paul Segal, W9EEA, **The Amateur's Code** has been rewritten--and expanded upon--many times over the years, as language usage has changed, radio propagation interests have expanded, and more and more women have become Hams, which necessitated more inclusive language. But Paul Segal's six basic key words have remained firm. The following is my own rewrite--with Paul Segal's emphasis on brevity and simplicity in mind [Ed.]:

The Radio Amateur is:

Considerate--A Ham never operates in a manner which lessens the pleasure of others.

Loyal--A Ham offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other Hams, local radio clubs, and the national radio society which represents amateur radio both nationally and internationally.

Progressive--A Ham's station is kept up to date, efficient, and reflects an operating practice that is above reproach.

Friendly--A Ham reflects the true Amateur spirit by operating slowly and patiently when requested; offering friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; and giving assistance, cooperation and consideration to the interests of others.

Balanced--Amateur Radio is a hobby. It never interferes with duties owed to family, job, school, or community.

Patriotic--A Ham's station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

A YouTube VIDEO

Admittedly, this is a filler, but why waste open space when you can say some words about an interesting video. In the January issue of QST, there is a fascinating article on "The DIY Magic of Amateur Radio" (pg. 75). "The Do It Yourself or 'DIY' movement is nothing new to Amateur Radio," Allen Pitts, W1AGP, says in this article. "For just over a century, hams have been working in basements and attics, taking things apart and putting them back together in new ways for the fun of it. . . . Hams were the original Makers and Hackers, using new, used and scavenged parts to make transmitters, receivers, and antennas capable of communicating with other hams anywhere on earth and beyond." And hams have not changed; they still build stuff!

With production money from the ARRL and funding from the ARRL Foundation, Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, and Dave Bell, W6AQ, were recruited to create a video on "The D.I.Y Magic of Amateur Radio." The video is well-done, and it has some very good scenes on Fox Hunting--using what appeared to be the DIY HANDI-Finder kit described in the Feb. SVARC Newsletter. There are many other excellent scenes from the Dayton Hamvention, including the popular kit building area, and more. To view the video, click on this link: [The DIY Magic of Amateur Radio in HD - YouTube](#), and enjoy the show.



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