



Volume 1 2015

N8WWJ/ KD8KDA Editors



Happy New Year

2015 is here.. This is the first newsletter of the new year. A lot has happened since the last newsletter. New Officers were elected for 2015 and the Trustees have been updated with the addition of Vivian Di Simio KB8CLH. All other officers were re-elected to their offices for another year.

Photos from the 2014 Christmas party are on the following pages in color plus the new Hamfest flyer is available. Also included in this newsletter are the Ohio Hamfests for 2015.

If possible everyone should take some copies of the 2015 Portage Hamfest flyer to distribute at the other clubs Hamfests. If you need more copies you can see Joanne Solak KJ30/8 or Dave Felber N8WWJ for more copies.

Contributions to the newsletter or monthly meeting programs are encouraged. If you have any contributions contact Dave Cluggish N8IIQ for meeting programs and Dave Felber N8WWJ for newsletter contributions. Suggestions can also be emailed to KD8KDA@gmail.com

Remember to "spring" your clocks ahead one hour on March 8th!

Officers

President:
Larry Solak WD8MPV

Vice President:
Dave Cluggish N8IIQ

Sec'y/Treas:
Joanne Solak KJ30/8

Radio Officer:
Mike Ryan KB8TUY

Trustees

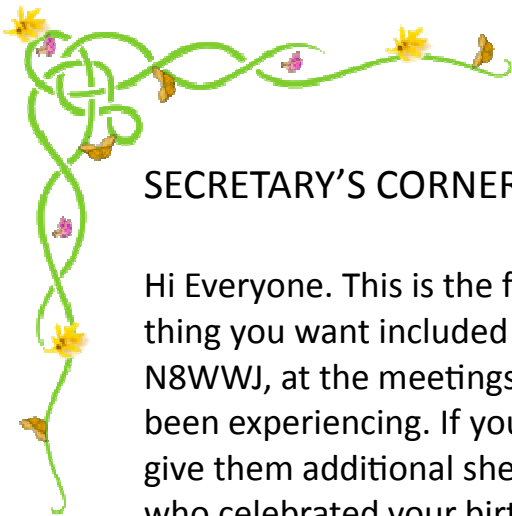
Jeannine Hawes KD8KDA
Vivian De Simio KB8CLH
Dave Felber N8WWJ

PARC Repeaters

145.390 MHz
442.875 MHz
Ravenna, Ohio

P.A.R.C. Net

ARES© Net Sunday
145.390 MHz 8:30 p.m.

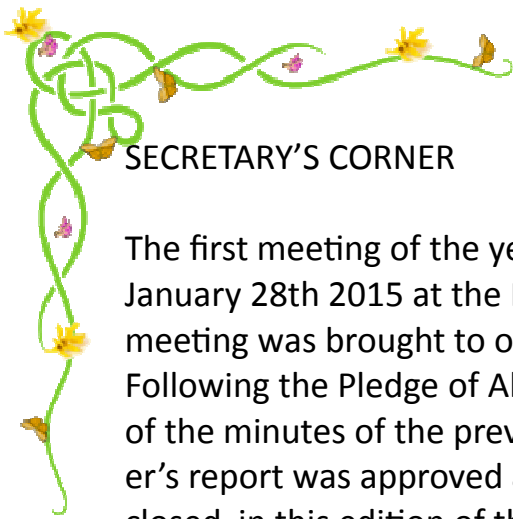


SECRETARY'S CORNER

Hi Everyone. This is the first NL for the year 2015. Remember if you have anything you want included in these Newsletters get the information to Dave, N8WWJ, at the meetings . Hope everyone is surviving this cold weather we have been experiencing. If you have any pets outside ,please bring them indoors or give them additional shelter to keep them warm. Happy Birthday to those of you who celebrated your birthdays in January and February this year. For those of you who missed the January meeting, here are the minutes of the last couple meetings.

The last regular monthly meeting for the year 2014 was held November 25th Tuesday. We hold the November meeting on Tuesdays because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The meeting was held at the Maplewood Career Center Rt 88 Ravena Ohio. The meeting was brought to order at 7:15 PM by President Larry Solak, WD8MPV. Following the general announcements, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were approved after minor alterations (spelling)..the Treasurers report was approved as submitted. Mike Ryan , KB8TUY, Radio Officer, reports both repeaters working as expected. We discussed the repeater (s) update to continue into next year. It will be MFJ Day at Summit Racing on January 10th 2015. Nomination of Officers for 2015 continued from the October event. Dave Felber, N8WWJ, made a motion to keep 2014 Officers for 2015 (except for 3 year trustee) Ed Deighton, K8WJH, 2nd the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. KD8KDA, Jeannine Hawes, was nominated for 3 year Trustee she accepted and was put ion the slate of nominated officers for 2015. Dave DeSimio WA8GCF, made a motion to close nominations Jerry Jarze, N8ATV, 2nd the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Ed Deighton, K8WJH, made a motion that the Secretary cast the deciding vote. Dave DeSimio, WA8GCF, 2nd the motion passed. The Secretary declared the 2014 Officers remain for 2015 with the 3 year trustee to be Jeannine , KD8KDA. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM





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The first meeting of the year 2015 for the Portage Amateur Radio Club was held January 28th 2015 at the Maplewood Career Center St Rt 88 Ravenna Ohio. The meeting was brought to order at 7:15 PM by President Larry Solak, WD8MPV. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the general announcements, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read and the Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. Meeting dates for the year 2015 are enclosed in this edition of the NL. Make note of them , mark them on your calendar so you will know the dates to attend the meetings. The only month we have open is August, Maplewood is closed that month. So keep this in mind and we will find an alternate meeting place for August. Mike Ryan, KB8TUY, Radio Officer announced that the 2 meter repeater is doing as expected and the 440 still needs the controller updated. We discussed purchasing a new controller for the 440 if we can't fix the one we have. Our Portage Hamfair 2015 is approved for July 26th...We have the Lease and Insurance papers . So volunteer now to help out with this annual event. The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM. Mike will be looking for a new 440 controller and we will be planning a work day for the repeater site once the weather is much better suited .

That's, it for this time around. CU at the next meeting which will be February 25th

BEST 73, Joanne KJ3O

Meeting Dates

February 25, 2015
March 25, 2015
April 22, 2015
May 27, 2015
June 24, 2015
July 22, 2015
August 26 ..No Meeting
School Closed.....
September 23, 2015
October 28, 2015
November 24, 2015 Tuesday







NEW SKYWARN TRAINING FOR 2015 FROM THE CLEVELAND NWS

Reprinted from the Cleveland National Weather Service Office website
http://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule

Spotter Training

SKYWARN spotter training sessions for Spring 2015 will be held through Webinar (online) training conducted by National Weather Service employees. Groups organized by county Emergency Management agencies will host the online training sessions. Please contact your local emergency management agency to determine which dates they will host training sessions.

Webinar based training will be held on the following dates:

- * March 4th Wednesday
- * March 9th Monday
- * March 18th Wednesday
- * March 23rd Monday
- * March 26th Thursday
- * April 1st Wednesday
- * April 7th Tuesday
- * April 13th Monday



Being a storm spotter not only means dedication, but also training. Each spring the Cleveland office of the National Weather Service trains members of police & fire departments, emergency management officials and amateur radio operators on spotting techniques. Typically the training is coordinated by a local group (such as an emergency management agency), and a NWS meteorologist serves as the guest instructor. The goal of the training is not just to recognize tornadoes, but to have some understanding of storm structure, which in turn better prepares the spotter for the extreme and unusual circumstances.

SKYWARN™ Training is FREE and open to the public. Please attend any of the training sessions listed above. You will be trained and enrolled in the program. You do not need to pre-register.

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ARLB007 FCC "Paperless" Amateur Radio License Policy Now in Effect

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT February 17, 2015

To all radio amateurs

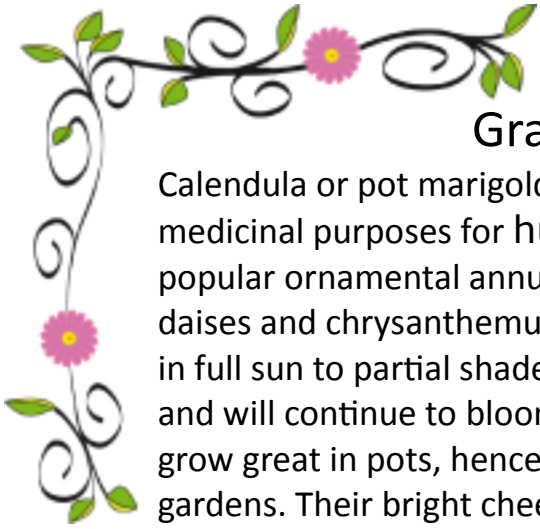
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ARLB007 FCC "Paperless" Amateur Radio License Policy Now in Effect

Starting today, February 17, the FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission maintains that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS), although the FCC had routinely continued to print and mail hard copy licenses until this week.

In mid-December, the FCC adopted final procedures to provide access to official electronic authorizations, as it had proposed in WT Docket 14-161 as part of its "process reform" initiatives. Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization ("Active" status only) via the ULS License Manager. The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees will also be able to print out an official authorization - as well as an unofficial "reference copy" - from the ULS License Manager.

"We find this electronic process will improve efficiency by simplifying access to official authorizations in ULS, shortening the time period between grant of an application and access to the official authorization, and reducing regulatory costs," the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said. According to the WTB, the new procedures will save at least \$304,000 a year, including staff expenses.



Grandma's Apothecary

Calendula or pot marigold is another valuable herb that has been used for medicinal purposes for hundreds of years. Not to be confused with the popular ornamental annual marigold. Calendula is in the same family as daisies and chrysanthemums and will grow 8-18 inches high. It does well in full sun to partial shade. They bloom roughly 40-60 days after planting and will continue to bloom especially when they are dead-headed. They grow great in pots, hence the name pot marigold and as back borders in gardens. Their bright cheery colors ranging from light cream to yellow to brilliant orange will brighten the gloomiest day! The flowers are the part of the plant most widely used for medicinal purposes although the stems and leaves can also be used. This little wonder has strong anti-viral and anti-inflammatory properties. It also is used as an anti-spasmodic and to control minor bleeding such as nosebleeds. Calendula is most commonly used topically as a cream, salve or tincture for all types of skin irritations, burns, scrapes, bruises and dermatitis. Bee sting pain will be instantly alleviated if you crush or masticate a flower and place it directly on the affected area. Calendula should never be used on deep open or weeping wounds though. Taken internally as a tea it will help with most types of cramping and stomach aches. Used as a gargle it will help reduce the inflammation from sore throats. Some other know uses are for conjunctivitis and ear aches. My Grandmother used to make a strong calendula tea and would apply it to diaper rash. She also made a calendula salve she used for diaper or any type of rash or skin abrasion. There has been some recent studies that show calendula may be effective for soothing radiation dermatitis and also have anti-tumor properties. There are so many uses for this cheery plant you should plant some of your own. There is more information on the internet, local health food stores and in books if you want to learn more.



Ohio Hamfests

1) 03/15/2015 | TMRA's Hamfest and Computer Fair
Location: Perrysburg, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association
Website: <http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

2) 03/28/2015 | MOVARC HamFest
Location: Gallipolis, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley ARC
Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/midohiovalleyarc/>

3) 04/04/2015 | Portsmouth Radio Club Hamfest
Location: Portsmouth, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Portsmouth Radio Club
Website: <http://portsmouthradioclub.org>

4) 04/11/2015 | Cuyahoga Falls ARC's 61st Annual Hamfest
Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php>

5) 04/25/2015 | Jackson County ARC Hamfest
Location: Jackson, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Jackson County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://jacksoncountyarc.org/page3.html>

6) 04/26/2015 | Athens Hamfest
Location: Athens, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://ac-ara.org/>

7) 05/15/2015 | Dayton Hamvention
Location: Dayton, OH
Type:
Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.hamvention.org>

8) 06/06/2015 | Fulton County ARC Hamfest
Location: Tedrow, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://k8bxq.org>

9) 06/20/2015 | MILFORD HAMFEST
Location: Milford, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w8mrc.com>

10) 07/11/2015 | 20/9 Hamfest and Tailgate 2015
Location: Austintown, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: 20/9 Radio Club
Website: <http://20over9.org>

11) 07/18/2015 | 2015 NOARSfest - Hamfest and Computer Show
Location: Elyria, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.noars.net>

12) 07/19/2015 | Van Wert Amateur Radio Hamfest
Location: Van Wert, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://W8FY.org>

13) 07/26/2015 | Portage Hamfair '15
Location: Randolph, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Portage Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://hamfair.com>

14) 08/01/2015 | Great Lakes Divison Convention (Columbus Hamfest)
Location: Columbus, OH
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Voice of Aladdin ARC

15) 09/27/2015 | Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show
Location: Berea, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland
Website: <http://www.hac.org>



The Portage Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Maplewood Career Center - 7075 State Route 88 - Ravenna, Ohio

Guests are always welcome

For more information contact: Joanne or Larry Solak at: 1-330-274-8240

PARC Repeaters: 145.390 MHZ 442.875 MHZ Located in Ravenna, Ohio

HAMFAIR[®] '15 - July 26, 2015

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