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145.390 MHz  
442.875 MHz  
Ravenna, Ohio

### P.A.R.C. Net

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



You know spring is in the air when the Portage Hamfair is organized and well under way. Don't forget flyers are available from Joanne KJ3O/8 and Dave N8WWJ. The dates are planned Sunday July 26th 8:00am to 3:00pm Portage County Fairgrounds. Everyone's commitment is needed to make this years Hamfair a success.

Field day is just around the corner too. Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday June 27-28.

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 or email [kd8kda@gmail.com](mailto:kd8kda@gmail.com).





## SECRETARY'S CORNER

SPRING has arrived finally. But still very cool. However, I will take cool over cold! Hope you all had a very nice Easter.

Since we had to cancel February's Club meeting because of bad Winter weather, there are no minutes for Feb. But here are the minutes of the March meeting.

The last regular monthly meeting of the Portage Amateur Radio Club was held March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meeting was held at Maplewood Career Center, Rt. 88, Ravenna, Ohio. The meeting was brought to order at 7:15 PM by VPres Dave Clugish, N8IIQ . Pres Larry Solak, WD8MPV, had to make his appearance at another meeting down the hall, so Vpres N8IIQ took over the meeting until the Pres returned. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the general announcements, the reading of the previous meeting was approved as read and the Treasurer's report approved as submitted. The Secretary has to order new club membership cards for the next meeting. The two meter repeater is still working fine but the 440 still has the id problem. It was announced that Skywarn training will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM by way of Webinar (sp). We discussed the many scams going on in our area and how to avoid getting caught up in them. It pays to keep watch over your credit report. Request your copy every year for unauthorized use and check all your credit card invoices for unauthorized use. We listed the 2 meter net controls for the month of April 2015. Discussed the purchase of Club shirts, jackets, and hats. Will have options at the next meeting if possible.

Well that is the important happenings at the meeting. That's it for this time around. Hope to see you at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Until then, Best 73, Joanne KJ3O

ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest listing for  
the Great Lakes Division

4/11/15 Letcher Co. KY ARC Hamfest Whitesburg, KY  
4/11/15 Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
4/25/15 Jackson County Jackson, OH  
4/26/15 Athens Athens, OH  
5/2/15 Cadillac Cadillac, MI  
5/9/15 CCRA-KCRA Hamfest Chassell, MI  
5/9/15 Big Sandy Hamfest Louisa, KY  
5/15/15 Dayton Hamvention® Dayton, OH  
5/30/15 Ashland Ashland, KY  
6/6/15 IRA Hudsonville, MI  
6/6/15 Princeton Hamfest Princeton, KY  
6/6/15 Fulton County Tedrow, OH  
6/7/15 Chelsea Chelsea, MI  
6/21/15 Monroe Monroe, MI  
6/20/15 Milford Milford, OH  
7/9/15 Michigan Summer Outing Hale (Lupton), MI  
7/11/15 20/9 Radio Club Tailgate and Hamfest Austintown, OH

Ed's Corner K8WJH  
Did You Know?

**Most people take great care to not scratch the bottom of their CDs and DVDs, but in reality it's the top you should protect; the actual data on an optical disc is stored in an extremely thin layer of aluminum under the label side and, if**

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**The twist ties and plastic tags used to seal bread bags in the United States are color coded by the day of the week the bread was baked on (the color code is blue/Monday, green/Tuesday, red/Thursday, white/Friday, and yellow/Saturday); this visual cue is relatively useless to consumers but is very handy for harried stocking clerks filling the shelves every day.**

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A gorilla walks into a bar and orders a martini to the amazement of the bartender. When the bartender gives the gorilla the martini, he's further surprised to see that the ape is holding a \$20 bill. The bartender takes the \$20, then he decides to see just how smart the gorilla is, so he hands the gorilla on \$1 change. The gorilla quietly sips the martini until the bartender breaks the silence. "We don't get too many apes in here," he says. The gorilla replies, "At \$19 a drink, I'm not surprised."

# Coconut Oil

Coconut oil has been getting a lot of attention lately so I thought it would be a good topic to speak on. Just search the internet for coconut oil and you will find all sorts of uses and benefits. I have been using it for quite some time so I will speak on my personal uses and types I buy.

You will get the most health benefits from unrefined coconut oil but if you don't like coconut then refined would be best for you. I use both unrefined expeller or cold pressed types and refined depending on what I am using it for. I purchase from Mountain Rose Herbs, Viva Labs on Amazon and recently I decided to give Better Body Foods from Sam's Club a try. All seem to be of high quality.

Unrefined is made from the first pressing of the raw fresh coconut. It is mechanically pressed and usually without chemicals. There should be a mild scent and coconut flavor.

Refined is made from dry coconut and usually is bleached and deodorized. It has very little if any odor or taste. It's not quite as good as unrefined however it does retain the medium chain fatty acids and is very close nutritionally. Refined can withstand higher heat before reaching its smoke point making it better for cooking and especially frying.

I will break my usage out into 2 parts, refined and unrefined.

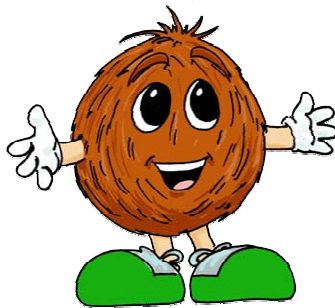
Unrefined:

Mouthwash, sometimes as a butter substitute on toast, in smoothies, making rice or noodles, for the kitties once a week or just plain eating a glob full.

Refined:

Shortening substitute, lotion, body wash, lotion bars, face moisturizer, lip balm, hair moisturizer and bug off bars.

There are so many uses out there and some are pretty farfetched so use caution. Personally I have extremely dry hair and skin so my body sucks it up but yours may not. I also love coconut so I like the flavor it adds to toast and other edibles. If you decide to give coconut oil a try it's best to research what your uses may be and what type is best for you.



## **Amateur Radio Weather Spotters Help Track Deadly Tornadoes in North-Central Illinois**

Amateur Radio weather spotters were on alert April 9 as severe weather and at least two tornadoes ripped through North-Central Illinois. Two people died in DeKalb County, and several others were in-

"The storms that affected North-Central Illinois yesterday were unheard of for our area," said ARRL Illinois Section Manager Tom Ciciora, KA9QPN, noting that the stricken communities are just north of where he lives. "At least one small community was completely leveled, and damage exists from Ogle County northwest into Lake County."

The National Weather Service confirmed nine tornadoes across Illinois on April 9, five of them in North-Central Illinois. "The strongest tornado was a long track one from near Franklin Grove (Lee County) to north of Rochelle (Ogle County) and through Fairdale (DeKalb County) and into Boone County," the NWS determined. "This has been given a preliminary rating of an EF-4 with maximum winds of 180-200 MPH. This tornado caused two fatalities and 22 injuries." The NWS said a tornado of that magnitude is "quite rare."

Ciciora said all along the way, the storm was identified and tracked by numerous Amateur Radio spotters, who relayed reports to the National Weather Service through several nets. The National Weather Service credited several reports during the period of severe weather to Amateur Radio. The region also received up to golf ball-sized hail and as much as an inch and a half of rain.

"I heard much of this as it happened," Ciciora added, "and it was one of our finest collective efforts."

The ARRL Letter for April 16, 2015



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

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**HAMFAIR® '15 - July 26, 2015**

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