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### 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.



Only a month away from the Hamfair and it looks like things are moving along. Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> is the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual PARC Hamfair. Loose ends are being tied up at this months meeting and fliers are printed. Hopefully everyone is ready to go for that day. To get tickets for pre-sale or fliers to distribute see Joanne Solak KJ30/8 at the meetings. Setup plans for the Hamfair will be confirmed at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at the Maplewood career center 7:00PM please try to attend.

We need input, photos of outings and contributions for the newsletter and monthly meeting programs. If you have ideas of material you think would be interesting please contact Dave Cluggish N8IIQ for meeting programs and Dave Felber N8WWJ for newsletter contributions or email [kd8kda@gmail.com](mailto:kd8kda@gmail.com). If input to the newsletter does not start to pick up and since the Ohio ARRL sectional journal is emailed monthly to all members and covers the Ohio area I will probably suggest changing the newsletters to a quarterly publication.

We received an email from the Kent Historical Society this is the letter and anyone may contact him to provide input.

My name is Henry Halem and I work for the Kent Historical Society in Kent, OH. Your organizations contact was forwarded to me by Marshall Emm of MTechnologies. Our historical society is a very active group and our mission is to preserve Kent's historical artifacts. We occupy a beautifully restored Victorian Building in downtown Kent. We have many tours that we give during the year and we also have exhibitions pertaining to our history as well as the region. Since Kent was once a railroad town we have a wonderful model railroad exhibition. Every year all the 3rd grade students tour our facility and learn about Kent history. The model RR being the most popular exhibition that we have. The reason I'm writing to you is that we would like to now set up a hands on telegraph system so that our visitors as well as all the 3rd graders can get an understanding of how early communication was accomplished. Since we do not know the first thing about how to set up such a system we are seeking assistance from your organization. If anyone is interested in assisting us they can contact me directly and I can discuss the specifics of what we have in mind. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Henry Halem  
Kent Historical Society  
237 E. Main St.

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#### OHIO HAMFEST CALENDAR

06/20/2015 | MILFORD HAMFEST

Location: Milford, OH

Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8mrc.com>

07/18/2015 | 2015 NOARSfest - Hamfest and Computer Show

Location: Elyria, OH

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.noars.net>

07/19/2015 | Van Wert Amateur Radio Hamfest

Location: Van Wert, OH

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://W8FY.org>

07/26/2015 | Portage Hamfair '15

Location: Randolph, OH

Sponsor: Portage Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://hamfair.com>

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Well another days and the first day of Summer will arrive. But I really think it feels like Summer already. Been really busy with Hamfair plans. Just waiting for the tickets to arrive.

Well better get started with the minutes. These are the minutes of the April meeting of the Portage Amateur Radio Club. The meeting was held April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at the Maplewood Career Center Rt 88 Ravenna, Ohio.. The meeting was brought to order by President Larry Solak, WD8MPV at 7 :10 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the general announcements, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read and the Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

It is reported that the signal has dropped on the 2 meter repeater which signals a problem and needs to be checked out asap.

Hamfest plans right on schedule. Field Day will be discussed at the May meeting. We Have decided to order shirts and jackets more on this as plans progress.

We scheduled Sunday nite net controls and then discussed the repeaters and getting a work party together to do the work needed. A motion was made by Dave DeSimio WA8GCF that we purchase a 2 meter antenna and hardware spending up to \$250. Jerry Jarze N8ATV2nd the motion and motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.





## SECRETARY'S CORNER

The May 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting of the Portage Amateur Radio Club was held at the Maplewood Career Center Rt \*\* Ravenna Ohio. The meeting was brought to order at 7:15 PM by President Larry Solak, WD8MPV. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and general announcements, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read and the Treasurer's report as submitted. Mike Ryan , KB8TUY, Radio Officer, went down to check out the repeater. And it is reported the signal cleared up for now. We have purchases the G7 antenna for the repeater and a work day has been scheduled for Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> . A list of volunteers has been taken and all will arrive at the repeater site to install the new tower and antenna.

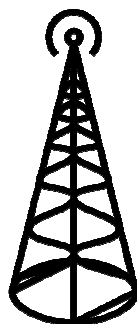
The Hamfest plans are right on schedule..parking, inside and out has been taken care of and the 4-H folks who run the restaurant for us and the deputy for security will be confirmed by Steve Georges, N8XIB and reported at the next meeting,

We will not be participating in Field Day this year. We are going to instead place our club efforts on our repeater system and the Portage Hamfair 2015.

We had a couple interesting programs presented by VP Dave Cluggish N8IIQ to be continued at our June meeting.

(Still working on the shirt and jacket orders) The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Well that's it for this time around. At the June meeting there will be a full report and photos of the work on the repeater site that was completed June 5<sup>th</sup> . CU at the meeting.....Best 73, Joanne, KJ3O



# This and That

I decided to change things up a bit so here are some gardening tips and a few recipes for natural homemade stuff.

## Gardening Tips:

To avoid blossom end rot on tomatoes, squash and other plants susceptible add a handful of hydrated lime (powdered not pellet) to the base of each plant.

To keep annuals and perennial flowers looking good nip the spent blossoms and add some Osmocote® to keep them well fed.

Some good organic fertilizers and bug control I use are products by Espoma and Bonide. Holly tone for acidic plants, Plant tone for all others and Iron tone for all. I use Bulb Tone for bulbs and tubers. Captain Jacks Deadbug Brew is amazing. Neem oil is also very good. I use this on my houseplants mostly.

## Household Cleaners:

### General Purpose Cleaner:

1 part white vinegar

3 parts water

Drop of dishwashing liquid

Few drops of any essential oil if desired

Pour all ingredients in a spray bottle and shake. Use on pretty much any non-wood surface.

### Laundry Soap:

2 parts Super Washing Soda (NOT baking soda Acme carries this)

2 parts Borax

1 part Fels Naphtha or castile soap bar (Dr. Bronners is a favorite) optional

10 drops essential oil optional

Grate the bar soap in a blender or food processor until nearly powdered. Mix all ingredients in an air tight container. Use 1/8-1/4 cup per load.

### Daughter-in-Laws Recipe (really dirty, greasy clothes):

1-box of Super Washing Soda

1-box of Borax

1-4lb box of Pure Baking Soda

3-bars of Fels Naptha

1-1.3lb container of Oxyclean

Grate the bar soap until nearly powdered. Mix all the ingredients together. Use 1-2 Tablespoons per load.

This makes a lot! She swears by this and tells me nothing else could get the grease and oil out of my sons work clothes like this does.



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<sup>®</sup> '15 - July 26, 2015**

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