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Ravenna, Ohio

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

Next Meeting March 23

Happy New Year 2016

This is the first newsletter for the upcoming year. A Lot has happened since the final newsletter for 2015.

Another excellent Christmas party as usual with a fantastic meal provided by Guido's and deserts by the members. There are pictures of the party included in the newsletter.

The new officers for the year have been elected . Most important a new day and location for this years Hamfair was decided and will be held at Maplewood Career Center on June 5th with both indoor and outdoor setup available. There is a new flyer for this year in the newsletter.



Our condolences to Dave Marsh KC8UNO and the Marsh Family upon the passing of Carol Marsh.

A get well from the PARC members goes out to Ted Kost KC8SYD for his recent surgery and hopeful for a quick recovery.



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.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Winter has settled in so it seems. Very cold with frigid temperatures. But in another week this will probably change, so it goes in Ohio.

This year has gotten off to a “fast lane” start. For those of you who are following the events of our Club, you will know that we have changed the Date and Location of our Portage Hamfair, There has also been a change in pricing for admission, tables etc. The NEW DATE JUNE 5th 2016. NEW LOCATION is MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER RAVENNA OHIO!

This is a big move for us since we have held our event at the Portage County Fair Grounds for our first 29 years. This will be our 30th Portage Hamfair. We did a lot of “thinking” before we took this latest step. PLEASE attend our next meeting on February 24th at Maplewood. We need volunteers to sign up for whatever you are able to do to help make this change successful. This year we won't have a Saturday set-up. We will only have the morning of the Hamfair to set up. Set-up will be fairly simple if everyone arrives on time Sunday morning and does their job. With that I will now go forward to the minutes of the last two meetings of the Portage Amateur Radio Club.

The NOVEMBER meeting of the Portage Amateur Radio Club was held November 24th 2015 at the Maplewood Career Center Rt 88 Ravenna., OHIO. There was no American Flag available so we did not have the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was brought to order by President Larry Solak, WD8MPV, at 7:05 pm. Following the General Announcements, the reading of the October minutes were approved as read and the Treasurers Report approved as submitted. The Repeater is working fine says Radio Officer Mike Ryan, KB8TUY. That is good news. Our annual Christmas Party will be December 12th. We then discussed the Portage Hamfair completely from change of date, location, pricing etc. There were a lot of motions made so that we covered everything legally. I won't go into those here in the column but you can ask about the motions at the next meeting. It would take up too much space to include them here. The Christmas Party was held in place of the December meeting. The November meeting was the last regular meeting of the 2015 year.





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The JANUARY meeting being the first regular meeting of the New Year 2016 of the Portage Amateur Radio Club was held January 27, 2016 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, the reading of the minutes of the November 2015 meeting were approved as read and the Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. After discussing the repeater and radio signals we returned to discussing the Portage Hamfair and what plans have been put into place. First off, we are an approved ARRL Hamfest and are listed on the ARRL event calendar. A Hamfair flier has been made available and our event is listed on the Club website. Tickets are in the process of being drawn up then will be sent to the printer. There is a letter being drawn up to send to our vendors informing them of the changes with our event this year. Dave Cluggish, N8IIQ, will be getting us an aerial view of the entire Campus so we can lay out flea market , inside vendor parking , worker parking and general parking. We will be learning all about drones at the next meeting following more Hamfair planning.

Well that's it for this time around. More information will be available about the many change of events coming up for our Club. Please support our Club by paying your Membership dues which are due and payable now. Single membership dues remain at -\$12.00 yearly. Family membership dues remains at \$15.00 yearly. ALSO PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S PORTAGE HAMFAIR 2016 A SUCCESS! CU at the next meeting.





Greetings, Folks!

My ALASKA HAM Friend and I have had a lot of bad luck with our SSB QSO schedule lately and he suggested looking into Echolink.

When it comes to computer stuff, I am still in the slide rule days, but this Echolink is fascinating and may well be an added activity or matter of interest to the club. I am not yet into it, but getting a start!

It would provide all kinds of links from stations to repeaters and other net operations. 73 -- Walt --- N8PZR

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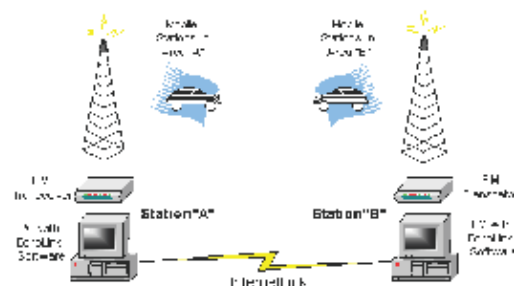
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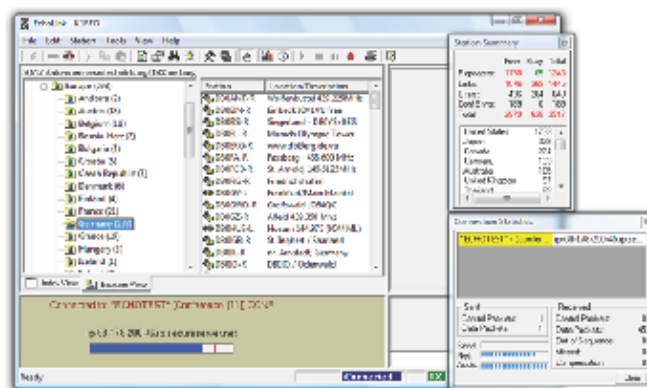
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Linking Example



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Echolink is a full-featured software package with many important and useful features. For a brief overview, [take a tour](#)!

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2016 *Our 30th Year*

SUNDAY JUNE 5th 2016

For Radio Amateurs Computer &
Electronics Enthusiasts

8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

NEW LOCATION MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

7075 State Route 88, Ravenna, Ohio 44266
North of Ravenna On St. Rt. 88, 7 Miles North of I-76 exit 38
GPS Coordinates : 41° 11' 04.4" N 81° 13' 26.3" W

Mobile Check-In and Information on 145.39 -.600 MHz

No Overnight Parking

**Unlimited Free Parking with
Indoor Vendors and a Huge Flea Market.**

VE Exams

Bring original and copy of license
Photo ID and Fee



ARRL Officials

Have questions?
Ask them

**Donation
\$5.00**

**Indoor Tables with electric \$15.00 ea.
If reserved and paid by May, 15 \$10.00ea.
Outside Flea Market spaces \$5.00**

**Vendor and Flea Market Setup Begins at 7:00am
Main gate opens to public at 8:00 AM**

Main Prize Drawing 2:30 PM Winner need
not be present for main prize drawings Non-licensed winners will
receive cash value at our cost Hourly Drawings and Mobile Check
in Prize

For Reservations or Information & Tickets Contact

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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

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