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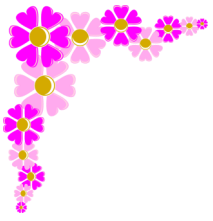
ARES© Net Sunday  
145.390 MHz 8:30 p.m.



Hamfair 2016 47 days away

The time is approaching fast for this years Hamfair. With a little over a month away Maplewood will be buzzing on Sunday June 5 2016. The date and location are new for this years Hamfair and everyone’s job will possibly change this year since we are no longer at the fairgrounds and on a different date. All PARC members are needed to volunteer to help setup, park incoming flea market vendors and collect for tickets. Everyone’s working together will make it a success again as always. The final meeting before the Hamfair will be next month on Wednesday May 25, at Maplewood to finish up the details for the Hamfair, **please** try to attend.

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.

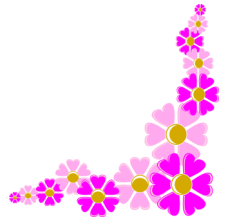


## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Spring HAS finally arrived! Now we can really get going on the plans for Portage Hamfair 16! As you know we have a new location and date for this year's event. The location is The Maplewood Career Center in Ravenna and the date is June 5th 2016. Because of construction continuing at the Career Center we had no further summer date available this year. Next year we should be able to plan our event for the usual July date. All this depending on the dates available to us.

This is a BIG move for us and we will need all the support of the Club members. Please check your calendar NOW and reserve the date of June 5th and volunteer for the Portage Hamfair 16. We have had several meetings with the various supervisors at the Maplewood Career Center and gradually plans are moving forward. Attend all the monthly meetings of the PARC to keep informed of the Hamfair progress.

NOW on with the minutes of the last two meetings. The February meeting was held February 24th 2016 at the Maplewood Career Center Rt 88 Ravenna Ohio. The meeting was called 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 was approved as read and the Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. The PARC QSO was passed out by Dave Felber, N8WWJ . We followed the break for coffee and donuts with the rest of the meeting dedicated to Hamfair planning. This meeting adjourned at 9pm.






SECRETARY'S CORNER cont'

The March meeting of the Portage Amateur Radio Club was held March 23, 2016 at the Maplewood Career Center Rt 88 Ravenna Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President, Larry Solak, WD8MPV. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the general announcements, Mike Ryan, KB8TUY, Radio Officer, reported the Repeater working just fine. The Hamfair committee reports a new Hamfair Flier and tickets available soon. A vendor mailing is in the works and several meetings have been set up with supervisors at Maplewood. All the lease agreements have been signed and filed and the event has been ARRL approved. Insurance papers are all in order and the planning moves forward. After the break for coffee and donuts the remainder of the meeting was dedicated to hamfair planning. There will be lots of new information at the next meeting of the PARC, so plan on attending. If you have not yet volunteered for the Hamfair committee do it NOW. This event is a group effort. This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

That's the news for this time around. See you at the April meeting.

Best 73,  
Joanne KJ3O



John H. Beck, N8WHT SK.



John H. Beck, 68, of Ravenna passed away on Monday March 7th, 2016. John was born in Ravenna, Ohio on July 29, 1947 to parents Howard C. and Hazel Beck.

He was retired from PARTA where he drove bus but many people would remember him working at what was Wood's Funeral Home running ambulance and his involvement with the American Red Cross where he was a member of the Disaster Action Team traveling through out the country and world when disaster struck. John was an avid collector of toy and model hearses and ambulances having amassed an extensive collection. He also enjoyed attending flea markets and loved country music. John was a member of the First Methodist Church of Ravenna and a 20 plus year member of the Portage Amateur Radio Club.

John is survived by children John Beck and daughter Dawn (Roy Norman) Beck. He also leaves 5 grand children and 7 great grandchildren and his aunt Jean Beck.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Kieth Beck, Lula Pol, Louie Flowers and great grandson Masyn Miller.

## OHIO HAMFEST CALENDAR

04/23/2016 | Jackson County ARC Hamfest

Location: Jackson, OH

Sponsor: Jackson County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://jacksoncountyarcs.org/page3.html>

04/24/2016 | Athens Hamfest

Location: Athens, OH

Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://ac-ara.org/>

05/20-22/2016 | Dayton Hamvention

Location: Dayton, OH

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.hamvention.org>

06/04/2016 | Fulton County ARC Outdoor Flea Market and Hamfest

Location: Tedrow, OH

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://k8bxq.org>

06/05/2016 | Portage Hamfair

Location: Maplewood Career Center

Ravenna, OH 44266

Sponsor: Portage Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://hamfair.com>



Here is a web-site that really gets interesting as we move into the spring months!

It will show real time lightening strikes - Right here!

This may be of interest to others?

([www.strikestarus.com](http://www.strikestarus.com))

You folks might enjoy checking it out!

- 73 - Walt - N8PZR

Greetings!

I found this web site to be a very useful tool for the orientation-installation of an antenna array. ' Thought you folks may find it of interest or others?

([www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/distance-and-azimuths-between-two-sets-of-coordinates](http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/distance-and-azimuths-between-two-sets-of-coordinates)) "I'll bet there is a more direct means of getting to it!" I just am not very computer savvy! The calculator found there sure is nice - works great!

I googled for the coordinates of Fairbanks, AK and me; or (e-ham.net) or QRZ

and used a marching compass to locate my element masts for the 20 M array.

(A po'boy's Quad)

Have a great day - 73 - Walt N8PZR

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> '16 - June 5, 2016**

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