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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.

Hamfair 2016 Postponed till 2017

The meeting of May 25th brought about some changes for the Hamfair this year. Due to the construction at Maplewood and the not knowing what type of construction the Hamfair was postponed this year.

Field Day is this upcoming weekend . Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2016 is June 25-26. The objective is to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

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

Well summer is here. And the hot weather is here already. It seems like I should be getting ready for the Hamfair next month, I can't forget that after all these years. AND I was so unhappy we had to postpone our 30th Portage Hamfair until next year! But now plans are underway for Portage Hamfair 2017. The date is July 30th 2017. Yes we were able to get our July date back and the event will be held at the Maplewood Career Center. Paperwork will soon be finished up for this event.

Wells that's that about the Hamfair. Now on with what's been happening at the last couple meetings. I am going to tell you up front both meetings were centered around the Portage Hamfair...The April Meeting was held April 27, 2016. At the Maplewood Career Center Rt 88 Ravenna Ohio. The May meeting was held May 25, 2016 at the Maplewood Career Center as well. Both meetings were brought to order at 7:15 pm by President Larry Solak, WD8MPV. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the general announcements the Business meetings were conducted as usual. At The April 27th meeting the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read and the Treasurer's report approved as submitted. We continued with the list of net controls for the Sunday night Net. It was announced that Larry, WD8MPV, is managing the sell of Ted Wands {SK} amateur radio equipment and supplies. The equipment will be for sale at our Hamfair in June. The rest of the meeting was centered around the Hamfair plans. At the May 25th meeting the minutes of the April Meeting were approved as read and the Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. Following the Business meeting and our break for refreshments, The list of Net controls for the Sunday Night net was assigned. We then turned our attention to finalizing the Hamfair plans. However after an hour of discussion and realizing it would be next to impossible to have our event at Maplewood when so much depended upon the Construction planned to start that same weekend and not knowing where and when they would get started, knowing that perhaps the driveways we were planning on using for vendors and flea market could be torn up, we decided to just postpone our event into next year and try to get our original July date back. We e-mailed, faxed, wrote, and called the vendors who had responded to our adds for the hamfair and those that were on our vendor list we did not hear from, all vendors, and explained the event was postponed until July 30th 2017. (This was after we confirmed the 2017 date). So now we continue the rest of the scheduled year hopefully as planned!

That's the news for now. See you at the meeting!

Best 73, Joanne KJ3O



What's a Raspberry Pi?



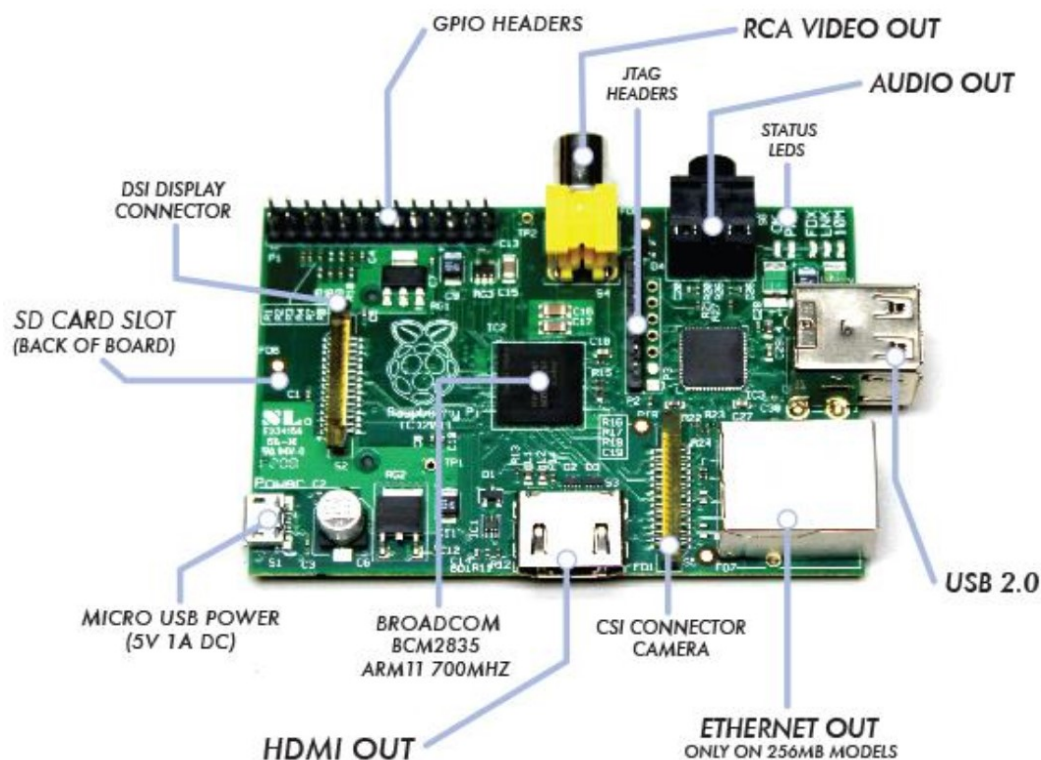
The Raspberry Pi is a small, \$35 computer that fits in the palm of your hand. It runs Linux as well as a handful of other low-power operating systems. It was created by the Raspberry Pi Foundation to get computers into the hands of kids around the world, and to teach them to code. Since its initial launch, it's become the most popular computer for DIYers who want to make their own electronics projects, from media centers to video game systems. The Raspberry Pi also has its own official operating system, Raspbian. Other operating systems exist, but they're mostly made for specific projects. Raspbian is the operating system most people will want to start with.

The Raspberry Pi has gone through several iterations since its launch in 2012. The newest version is the **Raspberry Pi Model 3**. For \$35, you get a caseless computer that includes an HDMI output, up to four USB ports, Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth.

The Raspberry Pi Model 3 is not the only version available right now. There's also the **Raspberry Pi Model A+**, which is smaller, just \$20, and only has one USB port. The **Raspberry Pi Zero** is just \$5, is about the size of a battery, and doesn't include a normal USB port at all. Both of those boards are great for specific projects, but for most people, we recommend the full-size Raspberry Pi Model 3.

There are hundreds of projects now available for the Raspberry Pi including many Ham projects. For the next issue I will try to cover a little more information on the Raspberry Pi.

What Does a RPi Look Like?



OHIO HAMFEST CALENDAR



06/18/2016 | MILFORD HAMFEST

Location: Milford, OH

Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club

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



07/10/2016 | 20/9 Radio Club Hamfest 2016

Location: Austintown, OH

Sponsor: 20/9 Radio Club, Inc.

Website: <http://20over9.org>



07/16/2016 | NOARSfest 2016

Location: Elyria, OH

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

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



07/17/2016 | Van Wert Hamfest

Location: Van Wert, OH

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8fy.org>

This and That



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 Cleaner

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

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