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Highlights of Hamfair 2017

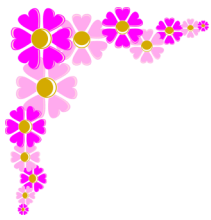
The year is half way over and we just finished our first ham-fair at the new location Maplewood Career Center, Rt.88, Ravenna, Ohio. The Hamfair took place on Sunday July 30, 2017 at 6:30am with many last minute updates taking place at the meeting a few days before. This year at Maplewood there was a large construction project happening around the building. Many of the parking lots were torn up for repaving and some driveways closed.

The flea market was held outside the main entrance to the building. This ended up being very large with market spaces spilling into the rear of the building. The air-conditioned inside was a huge success filling about 60% of the tables inside. Many compliments on the clean facility and A/C indoor spaces were received from our guests, with responses of them returning next year for sure. All the prizes were won by local Amateurs .

The food was a great success with many options for great breakfast sandwiches to burgers and hot dogs for lunch. This excellent food was provided by the River Dog Café from the Cleveland area in their mobile food truck. We were so lucky to have them join our Hamfair and hope they will again next year.

Overall the new location was a big hit with all visitors and volunteers. Planning for the 2018 Hamfair will need to begin soon and hopefully there will be no further construction projects at next years affair.

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

Portage Hamfair 17 is now history! All the planning that went into this Club Event was well worth it. The event was a success. Actually we were hoping for a better turn out of vendors and public but we are thankful for those who participated. We have booked many for next year who enjoyed the hamfest and want to attend next year. The Vendors I spoke with said they were selling and making a profit. So I really think we did good with the first Portage Hamfair at our new venue. We sold lots of tickets, had a huge flea market, and lots of good happened at this Portage Hamfair 17, Our THIRTY YEAR OF HAMFESTS! All the prize winners were very happy with their prizes and said they definitely enjoyed the event and plan on attending next year! We welcomed back lots of loyal fans of our hamfests and welcomed lots of new hams. Mostly those attending liked the nice location, the spacious main room for the event, the prize screen, the hospitality of those in charge, the clean restrooms, the easy access to the event, and the great food from THE River Dog Café . So what do you think? Let us know!!! Main thing is...we made a profit. Finished in the black! Officers of the PARC thank all you volunteers. You made this a success! And we had a lot of fun with this 30 yr Club Event! NOW on to planning next year's Portage Hamfair!

AS FAR AS MINUTES OF THE LAST FEW MEETINGS, most of the meetings were spent on planning and organizing the Portage Hamfair! So I will briefly touch on each one. To Begin..All the meetings were held at the Maplewood Career Center, Rt.88, Ravenna, Ohio. Highlights of the March 22nd 2017 meeting were We enjoyed donuts and coffee before the meeting instead of break time. (JUST SOMETHING DIFFERENT). We discussed several club activities and how our Club Treasury was needing some funding. We of course had our Business meeting as usual and moved on to the hamfest planning.

The April meeting was held April 26th 2017. Highlights of this meeting were the discussions of the Club Repeaters and getting them updated which included replacing the antenna, completing tower work and adjusting swr etc. Following coffee/donut break , preparations for the hamfest took precedence.

The May meeting was held May 24th 2017. Highlights of this meeting were discussion of The Dayton Hamvention since it was also held at their new venue. Lee, KA9EXZ and XYL Cris, attended this event and handed out hamfair fliers to everyone they could. A work day was scheduled for the 9th of May to work and update the Club Repeater 145.39. A list of volunteers was taken to help with lowering the tower, replacing the antenna , coax etc. A complete update is planned for the system. We are a little concerned about the construction planned for the Maplewood grounds and parking lots since it will include the date of our hamfest. The remainder of the meeting was all about the planning of the hamfest.





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The June meeting was held June 28th 2017. Highlights of the meeting were the results of the work party and the system update reported by Mike Ryan, KB8TUY, Radio Officer. The antenna was replaced, coax connector had developed moisture in it and had to be replaced, adjustments were made to the transmitter and receiver etc and the system works great! The work party did a fantastic job. The remainder of the meeting was all about the plans for the hamfest. Hopefully next month we will know where the construction is and how it will affect our event.

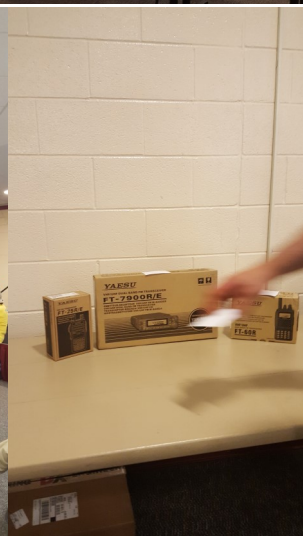
The July meeting was held July 26th 2017. A very important meeting. This meeting was our last chance to tie the ribbons on our event this weekend. It is reported the repeater is working great. It is ready for the Hamfair. We now knew where the construction would be, what time we can get into the building Saturday to set up, what time we can get entrance to the building for the Sunday event, who will be selling tickets, who will direct vendors to the flea market, direct indoor vendors to their entrance and great news ! We have our food taken care of Thanks to VP Dave N8IIQ. ! Dave has arranged for THE RIVER DOG CAFÉ to bring their food truck to our Hamfair. They will set-up in our front lot between flea market and public parking. They have great food and will be bringing the typical ***hamfest food***. We are ready for our 30 year Hamfair at our new location Maplewood Career Center! Until next time,
CU at the next meeting August 23 , 2017 Maplewood Career Center
Best 73, Joanne KJ3O



Portage Count Building PARC repeater and antenna



HAMFAIR 2017



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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