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Happy new year!!, Happy Valentines Day!! 2018

We start into a new year following a great ending to 2017. The Christmas party was a big hit as always with a large turn out and lots of great food and entertainment.

Being the first newsletter of the year we have already started to get the 2018 Hamfair organized. The reservations have been made with Maplewood and the River Dog Café' has been lined up again. With everyone's help and input, this years Hamfair will be as great if not better than last year. Since we have started early this year to get organized we have time to let other clubs and vendors know that the 2018 PARC Hamfair is happening and to sign up and get their tickets early. I have attached a copy of the flyer for the upcoming event on July 29th of this year.

I would also like to thank Dave DeSimio WA8GCF for his contribution to the newsletter this month involving his 2017 tower project. It is always such a help when composing the newsletter to get other inputs and articles from the other members, I hope others will follow.

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.





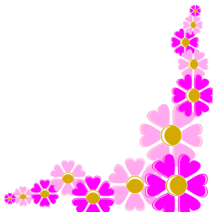
SECRETARY'S CORNER

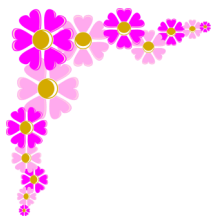
Welcome Members of The Portage Amateur Radio Club to a New Year 2018! And this year has been full of activity from the start. The Portage Hamfair 2018 is ARRL Approved, The Maplewood Career Center has approved our date for Portage Hamfair 2018, and fliers are ready to print and ticket layout is ready to go to the printer.

As you all know we do not have a Club Meeting in December but we do, instead, meet to Celebrate the end of our Club Year with the Annual PARC Christmas Dinner. The Christmas dinner was well attended, the food was excellent. We get our party food from Guido's in Ravenna and every one attending brings a special Holiday goodie to share. We all had a great time as usual. Special THANKS to Dave Cluggish, N8IIQ, and son Kevin for supplying our Christmas dinner Holiday MUSIC!

WE WISH TO THANK the PARC 2017 Officers for a job well done. We held our first Portage Hamfair at the Maplewood Career Center and the members all pulled together and made this event an excellent one financially, and raised a lot of interest in the Ham Community. We are looking for New Club Members this year since our Portage Hamfair will be larger and the year's Public Service events promises to be more abundant. Not to mention the many new Ham Radio events we are working on adding to the schedule as Club Events. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining the Portage Amateur Radio Club, they can just contact one of the Club members about joining our CLUB, Check out the Club Web Page www.portagearc.org, or just call the PARC Club Office at 330-274-8240 and talk with either Joanne, KJ3O or Larry, WD8MPV. OR attend one of our monthly meetings which are held the fourth Wednesday of every month 7PM at the Maplewood Career Center Rt 88, Ravenna Ohio. Usually in Conference Room A. Just ask at the desk as you come into the building. Club dues are very reasonable with single membership \$12.00 a year and family membership \$15.00 a year. We do not "make you" do anything you don't want to do. All our events are voluntary to the members (we do appreciate your expertise) but no demands. We do not meet at restaurants etc because we want to concentrate on the club functions and not eating. BUT we do have a BREAK half way through the meeting for coffee and donuts, social time, 50/50 drawing, then on to the program side of the meeting.

You will take notice on the front page of our Newsletter a list of this year's PARC Club Officers and repeaters. We welcome new Three Year PARC Club Trustee, Steve Georges, N8XIB and we Thank Jeannine Hawes, KD8KDA, for her three years of dedication to our club as Trustee. AND we Thank, Dave Felber, N8WWJ, and Jeannine Hawes, KD8KDA, as Newsletter Editors. Speaking of the Newsletter, Contributions to the newsletter are encouraged. You can contact Dave Felber, N8WWJ or email kd8kda@gmail.com.





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Since we had no December meeting and I told you about the Christmas dinner, now I will go on to the January 24th 2018 meeting. The first meeting of the New Year. The meeting was held at the Maplewood Career Center Campus, Rt 88 , Ravenna Ohio. The meeting was held January 24th 2018 and was brought to order by President Larry Solak, WD8MPV at 7:15 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the General Announcements , The reading of the previous month's meeting were approved as read and the Treasurers report approved as submitted. Mike Ryan, KB8TUY, PARC Radio Officer, advised the group that the 2 mtr repeater is working just fine and plans to work with the 440 later in the year. The members present welcomed Russ Williams, NR8W, a visitor for the evening. We discussed many things at this first meeting of the year one of which was the preparations for the Portage Hamfair 2018 to be held at the Maplewood Career Center July 29th. We need to find out the requirements for the food truck, write letters to the vendors , send fliers and tickets to other Radio Clubs for door prizes etc. The Volunteer Exam Team has already scheduled our VE Exams to be held at the Hamfair. We discussed antennas, radios, hamfests and what we want to do this year as club functions. We adjourned at 9PM. Respectfully submitted, Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Secy/Treas. Until next time Best 73, JOANNE , KJ3O.



Hamfest Schedule covering the next couple of months.

3/3/18	Cave City Hamfest	Cave City, KY
3/4/18	NOARS Hamfest	Elyria, OH
3/17/18	Crossroads Hamfest	Kalamazoo, MI
3/17/18	MOVARC Hamfest	Gallipolis, OH
3/18/18	Toledo Mobile R.A.	Perrysburg, OH
4/7/18	Lincoln Trail	Elizabethtown, KY
4/14/18	Cuyahoga Falls	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
4/21/18	Portsmouth	Portsmouth, OH
4/29/18	GMARC Hamfest	Madison Hgts, MI
4/29/18	Athens Hamfest	Athens, OH



2017 tower project



16:59 PM 1/29/2018 Dave Desimio WA8GCF. I guess we'll start at the beginning, which is a great place to start. When the need arises, you do what you have to do. After a lightning strike on my old tower and antenna system, the need definitely arose. Five years ago a medium sized strike hit my neighbor's tree. That little event caused approximately \$19,999 worth of damage to my electronics equipment including but not limited to ham radio, TV, VCR, Computer, rotor and controller, a Ringo ranger vertical antenna and last but not least a tower leg. The search didn't begin immediately, but after going through the insurance company to settle on replacement costs (and they did replace everything except the tower). I started pricing all of the new equipment and \$19,999 is a lot of money but, not enough to replace the tower.

I went on line to price a new tower. Fold overs, crank ups, wire guyed and free standing towers, I checked them all. I settled on the crank up style because of its ease of service and its fold over base. Now the question was price. Should I go new or used, short or tall, steel or aluminum. It seemed like the longer I pondered, the harder it got. An old acquaintance of mine, who was moving out of state wanted to sell his steel 52 ft. crank up tower with a fold over base. Problem solved. All I had to do was try to negotiate a fair price. Well the long and the short of the story is we settled on a price that was amicable to both of us. The tower was located some miles away and was in use. I took the hour drive with a ham buddy of mine Russ NR8W to go look at the tower and was very pleased with what we saw.

The seller agreed to disconnect and take down the tower and two tri-bander antennas to deliver to my home. On the day Al AB8AA and his XYL Jane K8JAA arrived with the tower and antennas we also had my XYL Vivian KB8CLH, Roy KD8IJF his XYL Donna, Russ

NR8W and his son Don. Russ brought his big tractor with a front end loader on it to help take the tower off the trailer. We set the whole thing aside to wait for the hole and trenches to be dug. Almost two months later the contractor finished digging. So now we were ready for the base and conduit to be placed. The control cable, coax and miscellaneous pull strings were pulled into the conduits. Bob WB8KLC

and I reassembled the two tri-bander antennas in preparation for the tower to be erected. All the little details of assembly that you sometimes forget were accomplished without incident. The number of wonderful friends, neighbors and hams

that gathered to accomplish my tower job were over whelming. Two of my radio clubs

put out QST announcements for help on the day we put the tower up. We had lots of hands involved. Too many to mention all of them, but everyone's help was very much appreciated. We got the tower in the air and the weather for the most part cooperated. A little cold, a little rain. All in all not bad. We raised the tower by hand from about 39 degrees up. The rope we tied on for safety the last few feet is still on the tower. We tested the controller in both directions with no problems. I would like to thank Russ NR8W, Al AB8AA, Jane K8JAA, Roy KD8IJF, Donna, Donnie, Bob

WB8KLC, Terry KB8AMZ, Mike KB8TUY, and neighbors and friends. Hopefully I didn't forget anybody. I am still testing with a QSO here and there but, propagation being what it is we'll see.

Thanks to all
Dave WA8GCF



Christmas 2017



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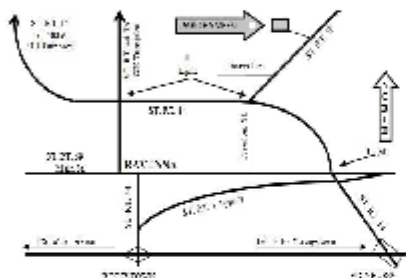
Our 31st Year

SUNDAY JULY 29th 2018

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER

Unlimited Free Parking with Indoor Vendors and a Huge Flea Market
For Radio Amateurs Computer & Electronics Enthusiasts



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 kHz

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 9:00 AM

No Overnight Parking or Smoking permitted on School Grounds

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

For more information contact: Joanne or Larry Solak at: 1-330-274-8240

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