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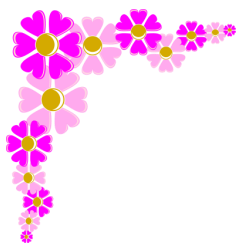
ARES© Net Sunday
145.390 MHz 8:30 p.m.



Happy Summer. Summer is finally here June 21st. Officially that was the date however It does not feel like summer yet. So far this year it has been a very wet and cool with lots of flooding . Hopefully no one has experienced any of the major flooding at their home. There also has been a number of Sky Warn nets put up because of tornados and severe weather.

Next month is the Hamfair at the Maplewood Career center. Sunday July 28th 6am. Everyone's help is needed to make the Hamfair a big success again. Doors will open at 8am and everyone should be aware of their locations to help setup. Everyone should be there as early as possible since last year we had flea market individuals already setup when I arrived at 6:30am.

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

Time marches on and so does the planning for the Portage Amateur Radio Club's main event of the year, The Portage Hamfair 19! We have fliers out, tickets to be sold, paperwork all approved with the ARRL and Maplewood Career Center. We have Vendors showing interest and finally the food question has been solved! We have a Food Truck ready to come in early with coffee and breakfast and swing on into a lunch menu. Very fortunate to find them and they are familiar with the Maplewood Career Center and area. They will get a menu to Dave N8IIQ and he will advise us of the same. We are getting large banners made up and a few more signs so let's advertise, advertise, advertise . We need to get the word out about our event. We need to sell tickets and we need all of you to pitch in and HELP Ask Family, relatives, friends to come on down and lend a hand!

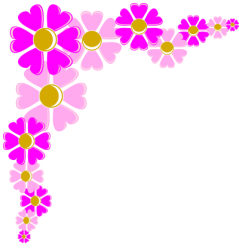
The last few Club meetings were very interesting as usual. Let's start with the March 27th meeting. This, as all the meetings, was held at the Maplewood Career Center, RT 88 Ravenna Ohio. All meetings are scheduled to start at 7PM but rarely start on time because of socializing. The March meeting centered around the planning of the Portage Hamfair. The Repeater remains in good working order with just a few updates planned in the next few months.

Open discussion about the many Prank and Scam phone calls we have been getting, even on our cell phones now.

The April 24th meeting was all about Skywarn Training and the Tornado that touched down near Diamond and surrounding areas. We talked about bad weather and communications by amateur radio. We finished the meeting talking about the hamfest and where we were as far as readiness.

The May 22nd meeting centered around Communications. New Technology finding stolen vehicles, missing persons, and finding a Security System that really messed up a whole neighborhood . The garage door openers and keyfobs just didn't work. HAM Radio to the rescue and new technology mixed with the ham radio intelligence , solved the problem. We talked about the closing of Rt 88 but will not include the Maplewood Career Center address.



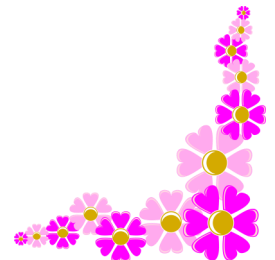
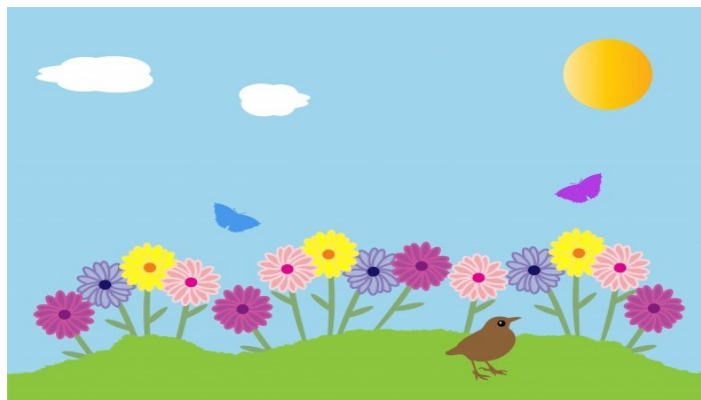


SECRETARY'S CORNER (cont)

You know, we don't have first class Speakers at our Club Meetings. And we don't have our meetings in restaurants but have a 50/50 drawing while we have coffee and donuts. We have old fashioned amateur radio club meetings where we talk about radios, antennas, technology, and we talk about ourselves and what we have accomplished for the month with our ham radio equipment. We talk about the latest contacts on the low bands. What we have read on line and bulletins from the ARRL, We feel "sad" when we lose one of our members, we feel "sad" when we hear one of our members is injured, in the hospital, a nursing home, or just have the flu. We are a tight knit group of caring amateur radio operators. We are trained for any emergency that arrives, We have been called upon many times to help with disaster event communications AND we also have been called upon for communications that is fun to do. Like the Ravenna Balloon-A-fair. The Portage Amateur Radio Club, Inc. has played a big part in getting VE Exams out in the Field. We are an ARRL Affiliated Club. One of the first Special Service Clubs. We might not be heavy with Members, but, the members of the Portage Amateur Radio Club puts on the BIGGEST and BEST Hamfest around bringing hams from the tri-state area to Ravenna. All the above would not be possible without the pulling together of all the members of THE PORTAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB!

Remember, the Club meets the 4th Wednesday of the Month, not the last day of the month, at the Maplewood Career Center , 7075 State Routet 88, Ravenna, Ohio at 7PM.

That's it for this time around. CU sometime, somewhere when you least expect it and for sure at the next club meeting. Until then, Best 73 Joanne, KJ3O





How to Recognize a Robocall

Listen for these key phrases related to insurance, jury duty and Social Security

Health Insurance Scam

What they'll say: "Open enrollment has passed, but luckily that doesn't mean you'll be without coverage this year. New laws in place still allow you to get an affordable health insurance plan from an A-rated insurer at a price that you and your family can afford. Press 1 now to speak to an agent."

The goal: Often this is a lead-generation operation (to get private information they can sell to others or use later). Some of these calls will legitimately connect you to a local insurance agent; others are [pure scams](#).

Use good sense: Do not respond to inquiries like this over the phone. Instead, if you're looking for lower-cost health insurance, your best option is to contact the State Health Insurance Assistance Program in your state. (Find it at shiptacenter.org.) The counseling is free. If you are under age 65 and not yet eligible for Medicare, go to healthcare.gov for options on the individual market.

The SSA warns you to beware of phone calls from phony SSA employees

Social Security Scam

What they'll say: "The purpose of this call is regarding an enforcement action executed by the U.S. Treasury against your Social Security number. Ignoring this would be an intentional attempt to avoid initial appearances before the magistrate judge for a federal criminal offense. So before this matter goes to the federal claims courthouse or you get arrested, kindly call us back."

The goal: To convince you that someone is using your [Social Security card](#) to commit crimes and that, to clear your name, you need to share private information.

Use good sense: The Social Security Administration won't ask for such information over the phone. If you're in doubt, look up the number for your SSA office and call it. Do not call the number in the phone message.

Jury Duty Scam

What they'll say: "Hello, this is Officer Garrison from the police department. It is my duty to inform you that a warrant has been issued for your arrest as a result of your failure to show up for jury duty. Please call us immediately to avoid incarceration."

The goal: To persuade you to pay a large "fine" to the crooks posing as police.

Use good sense: The legal system doesn't work this way. You would get a notice of jury duty in the mail. Police and court officials don't solicit payments by phone. If you are concerned, contact your county clerk's office about jury duty.

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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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