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



Hard to believe that another year is half way over. Soon we will be getting ready for the fall and the winter will be upon us again.

We had another great year for the Portage Amateur Radio Club after a great and smooth flowing Hamfest had taken place. This was our second year at the new location Maplewood Career Center. Everything went as planned even though the food truck missed our breakfast customer and came in late. All the vendors and visitors are finding their way to the new location with no problems, because of this we had a large turn out of visitors and vendors. Following pages have some photos of the Hamfest.

I have added some overdue photos of the tower raising at Dave DeSimio's WA8GCF home back in January of this year. The photos were not available at the printing of the last newsletter so I have included them in this issue.

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 2018 is now history. I am very happy to report this event was a SUCCESS! The flea market vendors were lining up before we even arrived at 5:45 AM. By the time we opened to the public at 9:AM the flea market spaces were just about gone. You just had to see the general parking lot to see this event was off to a great start.

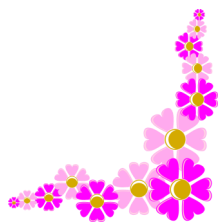
The cafeteria was filling up with indoor vendors at the same time. We were well organized this year with Frank Koby, N8SGS, his familiar voice so well known by hamfair visitors, again taking mobile check-ins for this event.

BUT the only "hitch" in the event was the "missing" Food Truck that was to be on grounds for the breakfast crew and early morning vendors and visitors! The search began for the missing Food Truck. Many vendors and visitors visited the information booth with the ever repeated question, Where is the food? Finally hours later we saw the Food Truck pull in which made lots of hungry people happy. I really think we need to address the "food availability" more closely for our event next year.

So with that said, You must assume we held another successful Portage Hamfair, and you would be absolutely right! The prize winners were "very happy" with their "winnings" and vendors vowed to "come back next year"!

Representing theARRL was none other than Scott Yonally, N8SY, Ohio Section Manager from Lexington, Ohio. We were very pleased to have him attend our event!

The next Portage Hamfair 2019 has been approved by Maplewood Career Center for July 28, 2019 and the paperwork begins for another event.





SECRETARY'S CORNER Cont'

The minutes of the last several meetings are going to be all brought together here as one report. The regular monthly meetings were held the fourth Wednesday of the month at Maplewood Career Center, Rt 88, Ravenna Ohio. The meetings were brought to order by President, Larry Solak, WD8MPV, at 7:00 pm. The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings were approved as read and the Treasurers reports were approved as submitted. We have welcomed many visitors to our meetings and welcomed, Paul Dauber, KE8JGY from Rootstown as a new member to the group. Paul is retired and hopes to get involved in many of our club events. Rodney Stickle, KD8JRF, is also a recent member to our group. Rodney brings lots of technical expertise to our Tech committee. Welcome to both new members! It is our pleasure to have you both as part of the PARC.

N8IIQ, Dave Cluggish, V.P. brought in his Drone and demonstrated how the drones operate. We watched a video of his family actually flying a drone over Dave's son's home. Very interesting!

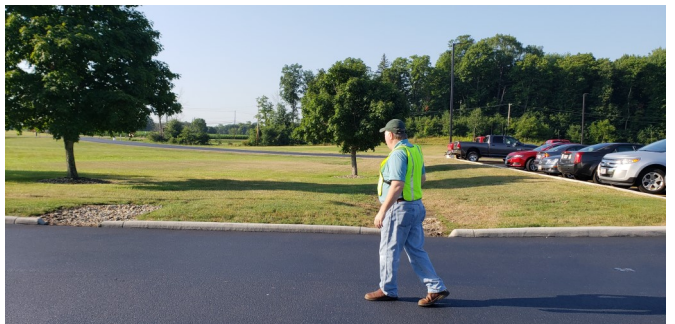
The 145.39 MHz repeater is operating just fine. It held up very good during the hamfair.

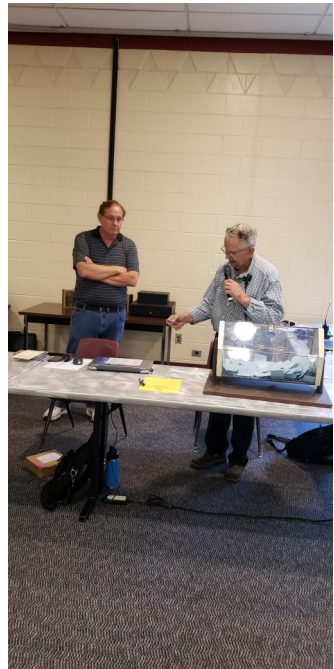
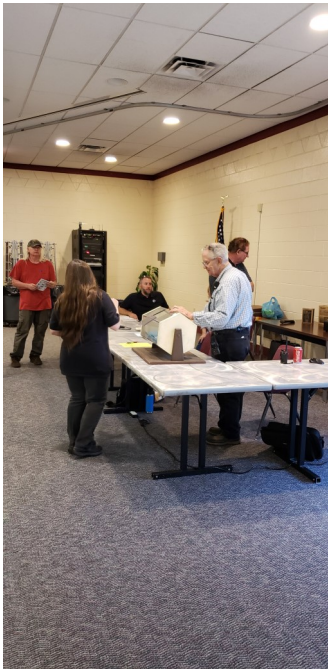
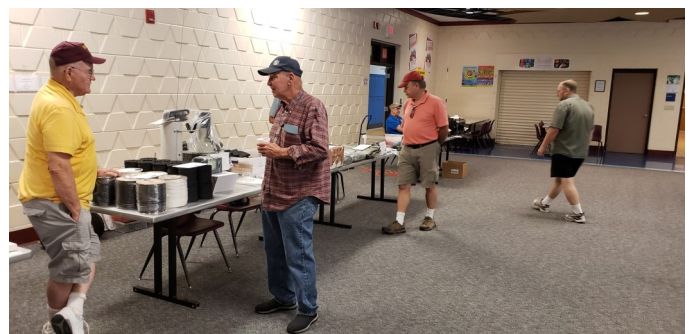
With that said, I will remind all members of our Public Service Event, The Ravenna Balloon-a-fair held each September. We will talk about this event at the next meeting.

Remember the Sunday night ARES Net at 135.39 MHz 8:30 PM

That's it for this time around..CU at the next meeting
Best 73, Joanne, KJ3O







2017 tower project
1/29/2018 Dave DeSimio
WA8GCF.

The previous issue I had an article on the raising of the tower at Dave DeSimio home on 1/29/2018. I had no photos at the time. These are some of the photos from the raising.



Upcoming Hamfests

September

09/09/2018 | Findlay Hamfest

Location: Findlay, OH

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

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

09/22/2018 | OH-KY-IN ARS Hamfest

Location: Cincinnati, OH

Sponsor: OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

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

09/23/2018 | Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show

Location: Berea, OH

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland

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

October

10/11-14/2018 | Microwave Update 2018 Convention

Location: Fairborn, OH

Sponsor: Midwest VHF/UHF Society

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

10/13/2018 | Northwest Ohio ARC Hamfest

Location: Lima, OH

Sponsor: Northwest Ohio ARC

Website: <http://nwoarc.com>

10/28/2018 | Massillon Hamfest

Location: Massillon, OH

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8np.org>

November

11/03/2018 | GARC HAMFEST

Location: Georgetown, OH

Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://garcoho.net>

December

12/01/2018 | FCARC WinterFest

Location: Delta, OH

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://k8bxq.org/hamfest>



Jamboree-on-the-Air Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. This year it will be October 19th through the 21st. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operators ham shack. Many times, you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.



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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

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