

The Hertzian Herald



Off The KUF

AHHHHH ... Hamfest and Field Day are a mere month (give or take) away. Thoughts of stale coffee and even more stale donuts are beginning to fill my mind. The smell of bug spray and first aid crème (used to sanitize & slow the bleeding caused by briars during attempts to hang antennas) are not far behind. The weather thus far has been "up & down" at best ... but I'm confident that the mostly fair weather is soon to arrive.

At the April meeting, the presentation by Frank N8UAS with support from Brian N8VGC and Rod N8OQH was simply magical. As Frank explained to the group 6 meters IS "the magical band" If however 6M fails to come through, the "magic" coolers and comfortable lawn chairs should go a long way toward surviving the lull of operating activities. The program was very informative, certainly thought provoking and ... a lot of fun. Thanks MUCH to Frank, Brian, and Rod!!!

The human interest story passed on at the meeting dealt (appropriately for the month of April) with the coming of the Tax man, the relief felt by having gotten the return filed, and the short lived elation experienced when one realizes that they will be getting money back from the Government.

At the May meeting, we'll be receiving a demonstration regarding the Automatic Defibrillator and the use thereof. These things are everywhere, and I'm told that they are very simple to operate and are amazingly affective. As with almost everything else I feel more comfortable with the "simple" concept once I've actually seen how it works. My selfish goal is that everyone around me will feel very comfortable with grabbing an AED and being able to use it. After all ...**YOU JUST NEVER KNOW!!**

Also at the May meeting we've planned a demonstration (show & tell) of the Spud Gun project resurrected not long ago in QST. Those of you that have been around for a while (ok ... so that includes MOST of us) remember the trick of using tennis ball cans and some lighter fluid in order to launch a tennis ball or potato (remember kids - don't try that at home). These modern day Spud Guns are intended to launch a small assembly of PCV pipe (the spud), with a fishing line attached, up over the trees as the first step in raising an antenna. They use compressed air supplied by a bicycle tire pump and do an AMAZING job of getting a projectile up over the tall trees. ADDITIONALLY ... because they are so quiet ... just a small order of fries from micky d's and one of these spud guns is all you need for a fun filled day of seagull fishing at the local beach.

OH and we'll also spend some time talking about getting ready for and running the Hamfest. For those who have been asking ... this is an excellent opportunity to get involved. We'll also talk of final preparations for the upcoming MCRCA Foxhunt.

In order to remain a MCRCA member in good standing, you MUST observe the rules for meeting attendance:

No throwable fruits or veggies are allowed on the property, and All who are willing to have a good time are welcome

I'll see YOU at the meeting, Mike Karmol - N8KUF 2010 President - MCRCA

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MCRCA Minutes:

April 15, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Mike N8KUF

Pledge of Allegiance

Door Prizes: Rob KD8NKA, Mike N8KUF, Paul W8PI

50/50: Wes KC8SKP returned to Scholarship fund.

MINUTES: Motion by ____????____, supported by ____??????____, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

DX REPORT: A lot out there, some we cannot work. 3W6C - Vietnam, much more! Great Better.

HAMFEST: Coming up in June.

FIELD DAY: Week after Hamfest

FUTURE PROGRAMS: June meeting, AED Demo (automatic External defibrillator)

HERTZIAN HERALD: Good job on this - Fred Please fill in questionnaire and return to Fred.

TESTING: Next session April 17th. 8:30 am \$14.00 to take the test. Next session Sat. before Hamfest.

SCHOOL VISITATION: Eric Worstell KC8QAH,

ARPSC: Jerry WB7RUM Spring SET - good results - national traffic simulation. VHF simplex issues - FM state level went well some lessons learned.

RRRA: Meeting: May first at the Red Cross. 100pl on Dundee site - so far looks good. Likely coming to rest of the system, depends on meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Schedule for Fox hunt May 29th or June 12th hope to do monthly through summer.

Rita WB8FBG - Boy scouts, things we could do as a club. She is in contact with them to start setup and what. Also first weekend October.

ANOUNCEMENTS: Monday night net - ARPSC, Tuesday net - DX

BREAK

PROGRAM: 6 meter operations - Hosted by Frank N8UAS and Brian N8VGC

ADJOURNED: ____???__ Pm

ATTENDANCE: 23

Mike	N8KUF	Wes	KC8SKP	Neil	KA8PQH
Ray	K8HEP	Jim	KF8LT	Martin	KB8TMJ
Ed	KD8BBF	Bill	WB8JAI	Rita	WB8FBG
Nick	AF8CS	Frank	N8UAS	Brian	N8VGC
Rod	N8OQH	Clarence	KD8MGT	Peter	KC8AZZ
Tom	KD8MZK	Dale	WA8EFK	Olimpio	WB8SEZ
Paul	W8PI	Mike	K8MLH	Rob	KD8NKA
Terry	KC8RQI	Jerry	WB7RUM		

Committees

Classes

Rita Baker WB8FBG

Club Station

Rita Baker WB8FBG

DX Net

Olimpio Varsogea WB8SEZ

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

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Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

Historian

Nick Peth AF8CS

Public Relations

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Scholarship

Fred VanDaele KA8EBI

School Liaison

Eric Worstell KC8QAH

Programs

open

Membership

open

Planning

open

Property Custodian

open

River Raisin Repeater Association - Repeater Updates

The River Raisin Repeater Association annual meeting was held at the Monroe Red Cross building on Saturday may first. With 13 members in attendance, the Board of Directors for FY2010/2011 was elected, with Jeff KA8NCR as President, Rita WB8FBG as Vice President, Mike N8KUF as Secretary / Treasurer, Dale WA8EFK and Paul W8PI as Directors.

The members approved, among other things, a resolution to convert the 72 K8RPT repeater and all inputs carrier squelch to PL/CTCSS operation. The PL will be 100Hz and openly publized with the primary mission to reduce interference from nearby repeaters.

Also discussed was the need for additional members in order to support the recurring costs (liability insurance and phone bills) for continued operation of the repeater system. If you use any of the repeaters on a regular basis, please support the continued operation of this valuable resource by becoming an association member.

Membership information is available on the www.mcrca.org web site, or by sending an email to n8kuf@arrl.net

Space Station SSTV Web Gallery

On Friday May 14 the Amateur Radio station on the ISS transmitted many Slow Scan TV images on 145.800 MHz which can now be viewed on the web.

The transmissions yesterday were in the Martin-1 format from the ISS SpaceCam laptop based system.

The other SSTV system on the ISS, the Kenwood VC-H1, had been tried on Thursday but was unsuccessful due to a connector problem.

Over 3 pages of archived SSTV pictures received yesterday by Radio Amateurs in the British Isles, Europe, Africa Asia, Oceania and South America can be seen in the ARISS SSTV picture gallery archive at <http://www.amsat.org/amsat/ariss/SSTV/archive.php>

Announcements and additional information about the ISS-SSTV project can be found on the "Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) SSTV Blog" at <http://www.ariss-sstv.blogspot.com/>

ISS SpaceCam <http://www.marexmg.org/spacecam/spacecam.html>

ZS8M Marion Island DX News

Pierre Tromp ZS1HF is now active as **ZS8M** from Marion Island.

Pierre was heard yesterday (15 May 2010) on the following frequencies:

7.140 Mhz, 14.250 Mhz, 18.150 Mhz, 21.266 Mhz,

Pierre writes:

"Back again tomorrow (16th May) at 07.00 SAST on 7,140 and later will QSY to 14,250.

I will be on Marion Island for a full year (until May 2010) so there will be plenty of time to have a chat. Hope to operate every weekend and after working hours. 73 from a cold and wet Marion Island"

More information and news:

<http://sawweatherobserver.blogspot.com/search/label/Marion%20Island>

<http://www.zs8m.com/>

http://www.sarl.org.za/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=5669&whichpage=1

MCRCA Foxhunts

General Description

- 6 Monthly hunts May through October
- Least mileage traveled from start
- Transmitter is on 146.460 MHz
- On one Minute - Off one Minute
- Within the area of the below map
- Must have enough signal to be heard at the starting point
- Season Championship

Point System

- Fox 3 points
- 1st 7 points
- 2nd 4 points
- 3rd 3 points
- 4th up 2 points
- DNF 1 point

First place is the Fox the following month



The first Fox hunt of the season will be held May 29th. We will meet at the Red Cross on N. Dixie Hwy. at approx. 8:45 am and the hunt will begin at 9:00 am. Chris, KC8UVF will be the fox for this hunt. We will distribute envelopes and record beginning mileage before the hunt starts. The hunt continues until Noon, if you haven't found the fox by Noon you can open your envelope and proceed to that location. The person with the shortest mileage will be the next fox at the next hunt. Remember speed isn't important accuracy will save you mileage. Fred KA8EBI

Fox Hunting Rules for 2010 Season

Responsibilities of the Fox:

The Fox must:

1. Be an MCRCAs member, or hide with an MCRCAs member.
2. Use common sense to avoid placing anyone at risk.
3. Locate within the above map. The intent here is to be within a 5-mile radius (as the crow flies) of the American Red Cross – the starting point of the hunt. Must be able to be heard at the starting point of the hunt.
4. Locate on public non-residential property in a place accessible to the general public during hunt. Make sure teams are able to arrive at Fox's Hideout without violating Hunter's Responsibility Rule No. 5.
5. Locate where no admission charge or payment of any kind is necessary in order to access the Fox's Hideout.
6. The Fox must be visible from at least 250 feet away. Do not hide inside an enclosure or within brush.
7. Once the hunt begins, the Fox is to remain stationary (within about 20 feet).
8. Get permission from owners of property or local officials, as necessary.
9. Transmit on 146.460 MHz.
10. Transmit one minute on; one minute off.
11. Observe Fox Hunt Time Limits: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
12. Arrange for distribution at starting point of envelopes with maps to Fox's Hideout enclosed.
13. Record odometer mileage for successful hunters at specified location. Record arrival time as soon as hunter finds Fox. NOTE: The time is NOT considered for the scoring – only the mileage. Take the time necessary to safely participate in the hunt. Then send hunters to a prearranged location, so as to not give away the Fox's location.

2010 Fox Hunt Schedule	
Hunt 1	May 29
Hunt 2	June 12
Hunt 3	July 17
Hunt 4	August 28
Hunt 5	September 25
Hunt 6	October 23

These are beginner's rules. As we expand and grow our capabilities, we may relax or expand some of these rules. We are here to learn about Foxhunting and have fun doing so.



Get to know the club members questionnaire:

Terry Bronson WA8OFA

Here are my answers to the questionnaire. Most of the questions I will decline to answer, because I am not active, although it is my goal to become active in the future.

I don't remember when I first heard of Amateur Radio. I got curious about it for some reason and in 8th(?) grade walked into the Sheriff Department and asked the desk sergeant if he knew anything about getting a license. I figured it was issued by the government, so the police would know. He directed me to Mr. Herkimer's radio repair shop on, I believe Second St. and Wadsworth. Mr. Herkimer invited me to attend code classes at the Red Cross building on First St. So I did. this was about 1962 or 1963. In 1964, before I turned 15 I got my Novice. Before I actually went on the air with my Knightkit T-60 and my Army surplus BC-342-N receiver I had introduced myself to a man living up the street who had his license: Joe Sterling (W8NDM). He helped me with my first contact on 80 meters CW, all the way in Cleveland. CW was fun. One morning at about 1:00 a.m. when I should have been asleep I contacted Cook Island in the South Pacific. What a thrill! Another time I was visiting a friend and we talked to K7UGA (Barry Goldwater) shortly after he had lost his bid for President.

I built some Heathkit transmitters and receivers. I also built a power supply from scratch for a 15 meter converter for my Army surplus receiver.

During this time I had many mentors: Grat Gray, Al Baker, Joe Sterling, Jim Anteau, Cornell and Olimpio Varsogea, Tony Banek, Joe Wing, John Ucci, Dale Williams and many more.

By the time my Novice expired I got my General and managed to get up to around 18 wpm toward my Extra, but never took the test.

I stayed active in College and used my license while serving on ships in the Navy. Other than using two meters once in a while I have not been active.

I helped my cousin and my brother-in-law get their licenses.

In 1965 I helped with the AREC during a flood and received a public service award.

I hope this answers your questions. I will apologize to anyone who helped me that I may have forgot to mention. Everyone treated me well and made me feel welcome when I got involved with Ham Radio.

Thanks to Terry for responding to my Questinaire. Next month will be Ted Pirolli KD8HYT.



DX Net, Tues. 8:30pm
Olimpio Varsogea
WB8SEZ



The editors of 425 DX News Mauro and Valeria Pregliasco (I1JQJ and IK1ADH) are the first Italian inductees into the CQ DX Hall of Fame (May 07)

PERIOD	CALL	REF
till 15/05	EM65E, EM65IM, EM65JX, EM65L, EM65MP:	special calls 991
till 15/05	EM65MP and EM65IZ:	special callsigns 990
till 15/05	EM65P, EM65QX, EM65TO, EM65UZ, EN65L:	special calls 991
till 15/05	ISOR:	Sardinia (EU-024) 990
till 15/05	OA4/DL5YWM:	Peru 984
till 15/05	TM5KD:	Levant Island (EU-070) 993
till 15/05	VK4TGL:	Moreton Island (OC-137) 991
till 16/05	BA4TB/5, BD4QH/5, BD4TJ/5:	Tantou Shan Island (AS-137) 993
till 16/05	BD4TQ/5, BD4TR/5, BD4TT/5:	Tantou Shan Island (AS-137) 993
till 16/05	BG4TMM/5, BG4TYQ/5, BH4QAK/5:	Tantou Shan Isl (AS-137) 993
till 16/05	BY1DX/IOSNY:	China 985
till 16/05	CS2HD:	special event station (Portugal) 992
till 16/05	K8GI/3:	Middle Hooper Island (NA-140) 993
till 16/05	TK/IW5ELA and TK/I5KOV:	Corsica (EU-014) 992
till 17/05	9A/IK2SNG, 9A/IK4RQJ, 9A/IZ4BBF:	Sveti Nikola (EU-110) 989
till 17/05	9A/VE3ZIK:	Croatia 992
till 17/05	DJ4EL/p:	Helgoland-Duene (EU-127) 993
till 17/05	LG5LG and SJ9WL:	Morokulien 992
till 17/05	OH8T:	Hailuoto Island (EU-184) 993
till 18/05	8Q7IA:	Maldives Islands (AS-013) 981
till 18/05	OZ5K:	Langeland Island (EU-172) 989
till 20/05	AO#EU:	special event stations 990
till 22/05	3B8/PA7JWC:	Mauritius Island (AF-049) 992
till 22/05	8Q7SR:	Maldives (AS-013) 992
till 22/05	HI7/OT4R:	Dominican Republic (NA-096) 990
till 25/05	K8LJG/4:	Amelia Island (NA-138) 991
till 26/05	9U4T and 9U2T:	Burundi 993
till 26/05	TLOA:	by DJ8NK and F6EXV 990
till 27/05	GB10GKA:	special callsign 990
till 27/05	OX3RC or OX3/NORC:	Greenland (NA-018) 985
till 28/05	PC600P:	special event station 973
till 31/05	4U10NPT:	Austria 990
till 31/05	IU3AC:	special station 983
till 31/05	LZ2010KM:	special station 992
till 31/05	YU140Z:	special event station 983
till 10/06	TT8PK:	Chad 987
till 30/06	3Z0FCH:	special event station (Poland) 975
till 30/06	8J1P, 8J4P, 8J6P:	special stations 990
till 30/06	GB50ATG:	special event callsign 957
till 30/06	IR9ITALY:	special station 992
till 30/06	OA#/OE3NHW:	Peru 991
till 01/07	EM20UCC:	special callsign 985
till 12/07	ZS10WCS:	special callsign 956
till 09/08	VQ9JC and VQ90JC:	Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos
till 31/10	VK100WIA:	special callsign 989
till 30/11	UP25F:	special callsign 991
till 31/12	3ZORADIO:	special event callsign 974
till 31/12	4A1B:	special callsign (Mexico) 973
till 31/12	4B:	special prefix (Mexico) 987
till 31/12	9A500AA:	special callsign 973
till 31/12	DR2010L, DR2010O, DR2010N:	special callsigns 977
till 31/12	HA2010S:	special callsign 976
till 31/12	IR1C:	special callsign 984
till 31/12	LM50NRK:	special event station 976
till 31/12	4M200AJ, YV200D, YW200A:	special callsigns 990
till 31/12	YW200ER, YW200L, YW200T:	special callsigns 990
till 31/01/11	DT8A:	King Sejong Base, South Shetlands (AN-010)
till March 2011	AT10BP:	Maitri Base, Antarctica 967
till 22/04/11	D2QR:	Angola 993
till May 2011	D2AK:	Angola 993
15/05	IA5/HA4DX:	Elba Island (EU-028) 991
15/05	CG3ADML:	special callsign 992
15/05-16/05	CQ72LHx:	Portuguese lighthouses 991
15/05-28/05	OH0/PAOVHA, OH0/PA2A, OH0/PA2AM:	Aland Isls (EU-002) 983
15/05-28/05	OH0/PA2VMA, OH0/PA3ALK:	Aland Islands (EU-002) 983
15/05-28/05	OH0/PA3BAG and OH0/PB5A:	Aland Islands (EU-002) 983
15/05-24/05	OZ/PA1H and OZ/PA7PA:	Lango Island (EU-172) 989
15/05-19/05	TC07DX:	Suluada (AS-115) 992
15/05-16/05	W7W:	special event station 992
15/05-09/06	XV2W:	Vietnam 992
16/05	IA5/HA4DX:	Capraia Island (EU-028) 991\
16/05-21/05	OZ/DG5LAC/p:	Langeland Island (EU-172) 993
17/05-22/05	7U3GDW:	special event station (Algeria) 991
17/05-18/05	TK/HA4DX:	Corsica Island (EU-014) 991
17/05-21/05	VE3IAC/2:	Ile Verte (NA-128) 993
18/05-19/05	5W0OX:	Samoa (OC-097) 993
18/05-26/05	6W/LA6VM, 6W/LA7XK, 6W/LA9DL:	Senegal 993
19/05-24/05	OZ/LA9SN/p:	Laeso Island (EU-088) 991
19/05	TK/HA4DX:	Giraglia Island (EU-164) 991
20/05-23/05	7S6W:	Vinga Island (EU-043) 993
20/05	IA5/HA4DX:	Elba Island (EU-028) 991
20/05-23/05	VK4YN/p:	Undara Volcano National Park 993
20/05-23/05	VP5/PY2WAS:	Caicos Islands (NA-002) 979
21/05-02/06	OZ/DB5YB:	Fano Island (EU-125) 989
21/05-25/05	OZ1RDP:	Romo Island (EU-125) 993
21/05-28/05	TM0B:	Brehat Island (EU-074) 987
22/05-24/05	EM7MFF:	Siversko-Donetskij National Park 993
22/05-23/05	GB6GEO:	special event station (England) 981
22/05-06/06	IR0LVC:	EU-041 993
22/05-25/05	LR, LV, LT, LS, AY:	special prefixes (Argentina) 993
22/05-24/05	LU8XW:	Tierra del Fuego (SA-008) 993
22/05-01/06	T31X and T31UR:	Central Kiribati (OC-043) 993
22/05	ZS85SARL:	special event station (South Africa) 993
23/05-10/06	PA/DL1EAL:	Texel Island (EU-038) 989
25/05-02/06	JT9YAB and JT9YW:	Mongolia 988
26/05-30/05	TC3WFF:	Kuscenneti National Park (Turkey) 993
26/05-31/05	TK9E:	Corsica (EU-014) 991
27/05-07/06	J48HW and SV8/HA0HW:	Thassos Island (EU-174)
28/05-02/06	9A/I20GV, 9A/I2RFJ, 9A/I2ZBX:	Sveti Nikola (EU-110) 989
28/05-02/06	9A/IZ2AMV, 9A/IZ2LSC:	Sveti Nikola (EU-110)
28/05-06/06	E4X:	Palestine 980
28/05-31/05	VE1FO/9:	Campobello Island (NA-014) 993
29/05-30/05	EG8FTV (Fuerteventura) and EG8GCA (Gran Canaria)	993
29/05-30/05	EG8GOM (La Gomera) and EG8GRA (La Graciosa)	
29/05-30/05	EG8HIE (El Hierro) and EG8LPM (La Palma)	993
29/05-30/05	EG8LZT (Lanzarote) and EG8TFE (Tenerife)	993
29/05-12/06	OZ/DL4VM:	Fano Island (EU-125) 989
29/05-26/06	PC100AR:	special callsign 991
30/05-04/06	IA5/IK2MLS:	Elba Island (EU-028) 993

Amateur Radio Examinations Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications Association Amateur Radio examinations are held the 3rd Saturday of every even numbered month at:

American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48161

Walk-ins are always welcome.

2010 Schedule:

February 20	April 17
June 19	August 21
October 16	December 18

TESTING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

Applicants are expected to have all forms filled out and be ready to take tests at that time. Coffee and doughnuts are available at 8:30 AM. For more information or to make reservations, call Paul Trouten - W8PI at 734-854-2224

Join us at the next meeting

May 20th at 7:30 pm
American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48162

Local Nets

ARPSC Net - Every Monday evening on '72-Monroe (146.72 Mhz) starting at 9:00pm.

DX Net - Every Tuesday evening on '72-Monroe starting at 8:30pm.