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Tour De "Crunch!"

A tour bus sponsored by the Pioneer ARC to the Dayton Hamvention had an accident on the way to the hamfest. Many on board were both Canton and Massillon ARC members.

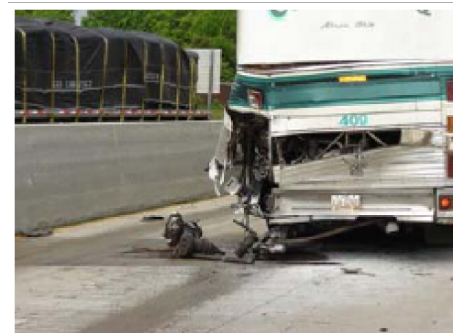
They were about 1/2 hour away from the Hara Arena when a stalled car in front started a chain reaction with the bus taking both front and rear damage from semi trucks. The bus driver was the only injury from the accident. He suffered both a broken leg and perhaps either a dislocated hip or it may in fact be broken. Emergency crews had to extract him from the damaged bus. All other 26 hams on board were OK. MARC club member Gene W8KXR stated "We were very lucky, this accident clearly had the potential to become a real disaster. There was no spilled fuel, no fire. I cannot say enough for the professionalism of the Safety Forces that responded to the accident. We literally had to climb out of the emergency exits (windows) to exit the bus".

The bus driver was pinned in the bus from the damage and had to be cut from the wreckage. He is currently in the hospital in good condition.

Upon learning of the accident, Dayton Hamvention committee members dispatched a RTA city bus to the scene to pick up the passengers and continue their journey to the Hamvention. This was done at no cost to the passengers. This was quite a nice gesture by the Dayton Hamvention and the Pioneer ARC committee, sponsors of the bus trip couldn't thank them enough for their generosity. The hams arrived at the hamfest around noon. A little later than they planned but still at least they made it. Everyone had a great time at the hamfest and they returned home with one heck of an adventure to tell everyone !

(Our thanks to CARC member, Mike Lackney KB8MIB for the fine photos. More photos can be seen at <http://www.starkham.com/news.php>)

Reprinted from the June 2000 issue of the Feedback; the newsletter of the Massillon ARC. Gary Kline, WC8W ed.



Meeting Announcement

Due to independence day falling on our meeting night, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 11th at the Alliance Community Hospital. Our meetings are held in the conference room off the cafeteria.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.
All are welcome to attend.

PDF web Viewer ready for testing

A PDF Web viewer has been installed on the W8LKY web site. This will allow you to view (almost) all issues of the Zero Beat from 1987 to the current issue.

Now, when the latest zb is ready to view you'll receive a reminder e-mail with a link to:

<http://www.w8lky.org/newsletters/>

When you follow the link, you will see the current issue of the Zero Beat, in a yellow frame. To get rid of the

frame, just click on the "no frames" button above the newsletter.

If you select a month, and year, from the drop-down boxes, and press "Go", the issue you've selected will be displayed in PDF format. If the issue is not found, you will receive the a "File not found!" error.

All issues are available except for the period from January 1995 thru January, 1999. Those will be added as time permits.

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Editorial

By John, KD8MQ

Here we are, another month come & gone. By the time you read this, Field Day will only be a recent memory. This year, we broke new ground, by using networked software for logging, & duping. We had a couple of minor glitches, but all the comments I heard appeared to be favorable. Other than that, everything else was similar to years past; Lots of good food, fun, & fellowship. Look for Field Day pictures elsewhere in the ZB.

My goal is to have the Zero Beat in your hands about two weeks before the club meeting, so you have plenty of time to read it. My plan is to make this a largely PDF document. This makes newsletter production so much easier.

If you don't have an e-mail address on file with the club, then you will still get a copy every month via snail-mail. But, I will not mail some special issues, like the 10 page pre-FD issue of the ZB which came out last week. If you missed that issue, and have a e-mail address, please let me know, so we can get you on the mailing list.

If you are on the e-mail distribution list, you are probably reading this on the new PDF viewer that we're beta testing. Look on page 1 for more info on the viewer.

Well, that's about it for this issue. Thanks, & 73, John, KD8MQ

This just in! K3GP has posted a Field Day album on line at

<http://tinyurl.com/3yqaao>

It's worth checking out!

Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in conference room 1A (at the west end of the Cafeteria) at the Alliance Community Hospital.

Talk-in is on 145.37 ®.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

Visitors are always welcome.

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets on tap:

Ten meters

CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz

SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

2 meters

9 PM on 145.37 MHz

Internet

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June Minutes

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on June 6, 2007 at 7:30 PM with club president Joe Young, KC8TAC presiding. The meeting was held in conference room 2A as the 1A conference room was occupied. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 18 members present plus Miriam Sanor.

For the secretary's report Don, AB8KV first noted that the May minutes were in the newsletter. He then announced that Peter, N8IGZ, who was present, had recently upgraded to Extra, achieving a perfect score on the exam, eliciting a round of applause from the members. Don then passed around a list of equipment that the widow of Dave, W8UKQ wished to sell, noting that interested individuals could contact himself or Dave, N8NLZ for more information or to make offers. All the proceeds would go to W8UKQ's widow. Finally, Don requested that if anyone had any new ideas for Field Day publicity, please let him know. The secretary's report was approved on a motion by Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS gave the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Smitty, KC8TJQ, and seconded by Rick, KC8SUI.

Old business:

President Joe noted that the primary old business item was the upcoming Field Day event. He asked Vice President John, KD8MQ for the status on various FD items. John's response included:

He and Sam, KC8ETZ set up and checked the wireless networking range at Marlinton Middle School and found that there should be no problems with the operation. However, Sam had available network cable in case it was needed. He noted the networking software call sign and pass-

word on the marker board.

John had verified that the Port-a-Potty was indeed reserved.

He then made a motion for the club to donate \$50 to Don, K8OMO for the many years use of his crane truck for Field Day. The motion was seconded by Jack, W8WEN and passed on a voice vote.

John then raised the issue of food for FD, noting that in the past, Subway has donated subs thanks to the generosity of the daughter of Bob, K8RLS who managed one of the stores. However, President Joe stated that he believed she was no longer working there and so that avenue might not be available. The discussion then covered several other possible avenues of food provision, including member carry-in. The final conclusion was that John would be assigned the task of arranging for food and drinks, with the club reimbursing him for the cost.

The club then discussed the FD classification to be used, along with initial assignments for specific individuals. The classification agreed upon was 3A, with a GOTA station on 10 meters. The proposed band assignments included:

80/40 meters: John, KD8MQ.

20 meters: George, K3GP.

15 meters: Don, K8OMO.

VHF: Howard, K8DXR & Joe, KC8TAC.

GOTA: Don, AB8KV.

The various bonus points possible and what was required to score them was then covered.

The issue of sufficient portable generators was raised, with the responses indicating that there would be enough.

President Joe then noted that Gladys, KB8GIA had brought a power supply which she was making available to either the club or whoever might be in need of one.

New business:

Vice President John reported that the Massillon club is sponsoring a code proficiency test at the Massillon Senior Center on June 16. Further information is available from their website which can be accessed via a search for W8NP.

John then reminded the club that the newsletter is now an email newsletter. Those members who do not have email will receive theirs by regular mail. A round of applause was then given to Larry & Dianne Ashburn for all their work on the club newsletter over the past five years.

John reiterated the date for the Triathlon (August 19) and reminded the club about the Castle run on Labor Day weekend. He also noted that the club is now registered to use the 1A conference room at the hospital for the rest of the year, and that the July meeting will be on the 11th.

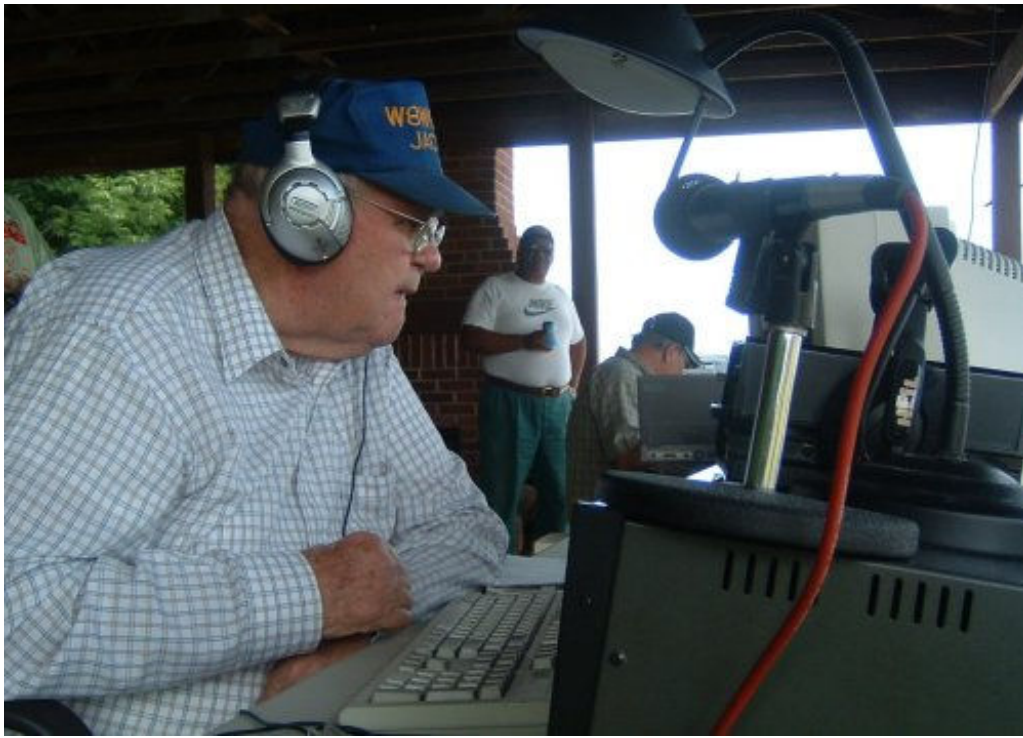
Jack, W8WEN then read some interesting history about a local ham, George, W8BKP (SK) who was an honorary member of AARC.

Dave, N8NLZ related a contact he recently had with Dave, KC8WY who had been a member of AARC when his call was N8DSX.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:50 PM on a motion from George, K3GP and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

--Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, secretary.

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“If he doesn’t answer me this time, I’m using the microphone!”



“What the heck is our section again?”



“Man, lugging this this stuff around is hard work!”

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“It worked at home, Dang it!”



K3GP tests out the latest in
“Near Ground Mounted” beams

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Don't mess with Jack!



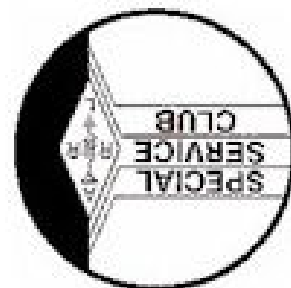
W8LKY? Wait a minute; that's us!

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Birthday Greetings to: K8CMI, WA8NEJ

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Don (AB8KV), Jim (K8LTG), Tony (KB8BBK)
or is it Curly, Larry, & Moe? HMMM!