

WATTS HAPPENIN'

Newsletter Of The Wayne Amateur Radio Club



Monthly Meeting • Third Thursday
Wayne Co Communication Center • Corner of Burbank & Oldman Rds • Wooster, Ohio

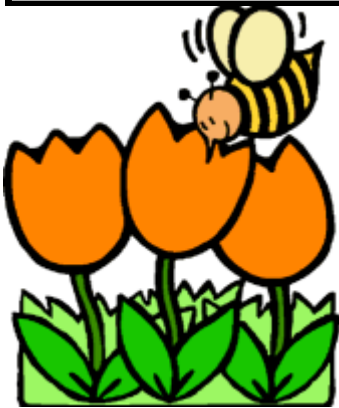
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147.21 Mhz (PL 88.5) • 443.175 Mhz (No PL)



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MAY MEETING CHANGE

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE!



We normally meet on the third Thursday of the month however, due to members traveling to the Hamvention in Xenia, Ohio, we have moved the meeting to the fourth Thursday. That would be May 25, 2017. We start the meeting at 7:30 pm and meet at the Communication Center at the corner of Burbank & Oldman in Wooster, Ohio. We plan to discuss our participation in ARRL Field Day.

CLUB DUES FOR 2017 ARE PAST DUE!

We will be monitoring 147.21, PL 88.5 should you need directions or have other concerns.

• DX GROUP •



The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2017, and will be at John Bastin's shack (K8AJS) starting at 7:30 pm.

If you like to talk radio, work DX, or just need a night out this is your place. Among other things, we will be discussing recent contesting activity, upcoming contests, recent DX contacts and activities. In other words, "good ol' Ham Radio".

The WARC DX Group also promotes and participates in a weekly DX Net every Thursday beginning when you hear someone talking. The net will be on 147.345 (PL 110.9). Listen in, participate and work some DX. You'll find everyone very friendly and helpful.

MOHICAN 100 NEEDS HELP

Opportunity to work with Amateur Radio and FLDI in a outdoor setting.

Help needed for the Mohican 100 mile run at Loudenville, OH area. The event takes place on the trails through the Mohican State Park. and Mohican Memorial State Forest. The event has about 700 runners running either a marathon, 50 mile or 100 mile run. It is a looped event with 5 aid stations. The amateur radio role is a combination of run support and tracking runners. When Amateur Radio started helping, there were about 65 runners and tracking them through the aid stops was easy with transmitting the runner numbers and time by voice over the air. For this coming year, we have been asked to track the 50 and 100 mile runners - about 400 runners - around the course. This requires sending runner number and time from each aid station for each time through the station. A data base has been set up to do the tracking. The Challenge is getting all the information from the aid stations to the data station. Calling them in will not work - we tried that last year. We also experimented with digital data transmitted with FLDI. It proved to work well. Locally, there is not enough ham radio operators who are able to do this.

The 2017 run starts at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday June 17 and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Fortunately, we are not expected to pass information for the first two aid stations. So, help is not needed until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. We need people who are comfortable with FLDI and Excel spreadsheet who can be self supporting with a 2m/440 mobile radio, computer, etc. During the day, the aid stations do not have electricity, so adequate battery capacity is needed to operate. During the night, the aid stations have generators that can be used as a power source - bring and extension cord. Two people at each station is needed during the day and evening. During the night, only the 100 mile runners are on the course so that one person at each aid station is adequate. If you can help or have questions, please contact Mike Brugger, N8CEY, Wayne County ARES E.C. at 330-466-0114 or mfb.bmd@gmail.com

2017 HAMVENTION IN XENIA

This year, the Hamvention will be held May 19-21, 2017, at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio. Information and maps are available at Hamvention.org.

Wayne Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 20, 2017 Meeting

President Tom Zilko opened the meeting at 19:30 hours with 8 members present.

Secretary's Report – John Lilburn (KF4UTY)

The minutes of the March meeting were presented at this meeting. A motion was made and the minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report – Russ McQuate (K8RMC)

The club's treasurer presented a report detailing the current finances of the WARC indicating a net balance of \$2885.01. A motion was made and the report was approved.

Repeater Trustee's Report – Mike Brugger (N8CEY) Absent

Russ McQuate reported that work on modifying the 2m/440 repeater is in the final stages. A test run to handle the Digital / Analog signals is scheduled for Saturday 4/29.

Emergency Coordinator

The Marcs radio antennas at New Pittsburg and Marshallville have now been installed and are in operation. (also see footnote below re: Marcs radio)

DX Group

Next meeting will be held on 4/25 at 7:30 at Elmer Steingass' house

Old Business

The races at Mohican State Park in Loudenville on June 17/18 will require our usual support manning the radio systems. Stan Kenney is coordinating the event and will be looking for your help.

The annual "field day" will be held on June 24/25. Location has yet to be decided.

New Business

The Pan Ohio Bike Tour is scheduled for July. This event may need our assistance as it has in the past.

QSL cards, when requested from ARRL individually, are costly. If submitted in groups, the cost is considerably less. Elmer Steingass has volunteered to coordinate the requests for these cards from ARRL. He has also volunteered to update the ARRL status records annually

In the fall, WARC will meet with the Cemetery Manager to resolve plans regarding LED lighting and mounting of the "Cross" on top of the Xmas tree at the cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:12 hours.

Submitted by John Lilburn, KF4UTY

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Foot note This information arrived after the meeting via WCH staff. Wayne County EMA is considering the formation of local disaster response groups (C.E.R.T.) to work on disaster relief. Imbedded in these teams will be radio operators who will also work the "MARCS" system at WCH, Orville Hospital and other locations. WARC will be requested to join this effort. More info to come.

WEEKLY CLUB NET

Every Wednesday evening at 9:00 PM local time (0100Z), the Wayne Amateur Radio Club sponsors a net on 2 meters and 70 cm using both of the club W8WOO repeaters. The frequencies are 147.21 Mhz and 443.175 Mhz (no PL). For both net and emergency purposes, the repeaters are crosslinked. Tom Zilko (N8JBG) handles the check-ins and net activity. It is a general information net and everyone is welcome to participate. Give it a try.

HAMFESTS

THE BIG ONE! Hamvention—Xenia, OH—May 19-21, 2017. See link above.

For details on other upcoming events and hamfests, please visit the WARC web site at w8woo.com.

ANYTHING TO ADD?

If you have any announcements that you want to put in a newsletter or you feel inclined to write an article, let me know. You can email me at K8RMC@arrl.net and I'll do my best to get it in writing.