

Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club

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Ted Poremski K8NWF, Secretary - Norm Bash WA8COB, Treasurer

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Hi, fellow hams....

2018 starts a the year off with hamfest in two Ohio cities and three Michigan cities. First in Nelsonville, OH on January 14, the Sunday Creek AR Federation is having their hamfest at the Tri-County Career Center. Then on January 28 in Strasburg OH at the Tusco ARC is holding their hamfest at Dan R. Wallick Auctions. While up in Michigan on January 28, the Hazel Park ARC is sponsoring their hamfest at the UFCW Local 876 in Madison Heights. On February 3 the Hiawatha ARA is having their hamfest at the Negaunee Township Hall in Negaunee. And way up in Traverse City on February 10, the Cherryland ARC is sponsoring their hamfest at the Immaculate Conception Elementary School.

As we start another year, QST is changing their format with more articles suggested by the membership, reducing pages by 10 percent, and the overall size of the magazine is being adjusted to the publishing industry standard. With the articles that are in the January issue of QST, I am looking forward to the what lies ahead in 2018 for QST.

President, Greg WD8OEZ

REMINDER

OCARC Meeting

Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club December 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

President Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ opened the meeting at 1921 hours.

Members present were:

Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ, Norm Bash WA8COB, and Ted Poremski K8NWF.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for November 09, 2017 was read. Motion to approve was made by Norm Bash WA8COB and Seconded by Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ. Motion approved.

Treasure's Report:

The Treasure's Report will be available to our members in attendance at our meetings.

There was an income of \$24.00 for 2018 dues.

Expenditure for the month of November 2017 was \$38.00 for the 144MHz Tower paint.

Motion to approve made by Ted Poremski K8NWF and seconded by Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ.

Motion approved

The following members have paid their 2018 membership dues: **WB8KKU, WA8COB, WD8OEZ,**

Old Business:

Norm Bash WA8COB brought to the clubs attention that Dave Marik WD8KTM still appears on the club's credit union account and needs to be removed since he is no longer a member. Norm Bash WA8COB and Gene Anderson WB8KKU will resolve this item in January 2018.

The offer of the Motorola 440MHz commercial repeater adaptability to amateur use will require changes to its controller and/or the purchase of a new controller for amateur use. More information is required.

No information has been received.

ARES and Skywarn:

This issue remains '**Tabled**' until such time as James Garber W8CEN presents himself at an OCARC meeting and provides an outline and implementation of his vision/ideas for Ottawa County ARES and Skywarn programs.

It's time to pay 2018 dues!

New Business:

Norm Bash WA8COB brought to lite the following four items:

A possible need for a procedure addressing the authorizing of monies for club expenditures, a listing of the Passwords used for various club accounts, a copy of the clubs by-laws, and your club dues for 2018 are due.

Ted Poremski K8NWF stated that a letter has been sent to the Salem Township Trustees with a list of our meeting dates for the year 2018 and requesting the reservation of the township hall for those dates.

December is the month for election of club officers. All current officers have agreed to continue their service for the year 2018. Motion the nominations be closed made by Norm Bash WA8COB, seconded by Ted Poremski K8NWF. Motion Approved.

Congratulations!

Coming Events:

Highland Park ARC Hamfest, January 28, 2018.
Madison Heights, Michigan.

Intercity Hamfest, February 18, 2018. Mansfield, Ohio.

Note: More information is available on the ARRL website.

Next Club Meeting is January 11th, 2018 at 1830 hours in the Salem Township Hall.

Adjourned at 2000 hours.

Rag Chew Discussions:

An interesting question was presented for discussion.

Which is more valuable to the people living deep in the jungles of the world gold or ammunition and why?

Note: The clubs e-mail address is K8VXH@yahoo.com.

History of ARRL 1914–1920

source: Wikipedia

In 1914, Hiram Percy Maxim of Hartford, Connecticut, was a prominent businessman, engineer, and inventor (notably of the Maxim Silencer). He was also an active radio amateur, with one of the best-equipped stations in the Hartford area. One night in April he attempted to send a message to another ham in Springfield, Massachusetts. He had a one-kilowatt station (call 1WH), and Springfield was only 30 miles (48 km) away, well within his normal range. He was unable to make contact, and remembering that he knew another ham in Windsor Locks, about halfway, he asked him to relay the message. At that time, the maximum reliable range of a station was a few hundred miles, and so Maxim realized that a formally organized relay system would be of tremendous use to amateurs.

Maxim was a member of the Radio Club of Hartford, and he presented a plan for the organization of an "American Radio Relay League" at its April 1914 meeting. The club agreed to sponsor the development of such an organization. Maxim and Clarence Tuska, the secretary of the Hartford Radio Club, developed application forms and sent them out to every amateur station they could think of. By September 1914 they had over 230 stations on the roster.

In early 1915, disagreements began to surface as to the role of the Hartford Radio Club in the new organization, and in February the ARRL split off from the club and incorporated under Connecticut law. Finances were shaky, and most of the income came from sales of booklets, maps and message blanks. By March 1915, there were 600 stations on the roster, and due to improvements in equipment and operating ability, some of the better stations were claiming communication ranges of up to a thousand miles. It was apparent that the ARRL now needed some kind of bulletin to stay in touch with

its members. Maxim and Tuska agreed to personally finance it, and in December 1915 the first, sixteen page issue of QST was sent free to all members. Further issues would be supplied through subscription at \$1.00 per year.

In 1916, with ARRL membership nearing a thousand, Maxim set up six trunk lines of relay stations, both east-west and north-south, and individual managers were appointed. Messages were now being relayed over longer and longer distances, and in February 1917 a message was sent from New York to Los Angeles and an answer received in one hour and twenty minutes.

In 1917, the ARRL was reorganized to a more formal organization. A constitution was adopted, twelve directors and four officers were elected (including President Maxim and Secretary Tuska), and membership was opened to anyone interested in radio. No sooner had this happened than all amateurs received a letter from the Department of Commerce ordering them off the air and to dismantle all antennas, because the USA had entered World War I.

During the war the ARRL facilitated the recruitment of amateurs into communications positions with the armed services, but had little else to do since all civilian experimentation with radio equipment was prohibited. In November 1918 the Armistice was signed, but Congress introduced bills to put all radio operations in the United States under control of the Navy. The ARRL strongly opposed the bills, of course; Maxim testified before Congressional committees and the League organized an effective grass roots campaign with thousands of individuals contacting their congressmen in opposition. The bills were defeated, and in April 1919 amateurs were permitted to put up antennas again, but only for receiving.

Meanwhile, the League needed reorganization. A financing plan consisting of selling bonds to members was adopted and about \$7500 was raised. QST was purchased from its owner, Clarence Tuska. ARRL continued to lobby Congress for the resumption of transmitting privileges, and after a

number of protests and appeals, amateur radio was fully restored in November 1919.

Monthly Meetings

2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

at the Salem Twp. Hall

11650 West Portage River South Road, Oak Harbor

Talk in on 147.075 repeater.

OCARC ARES Net

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

ET on 147.075 repeater

tone 100 HZ

Weather Nets

Skywarn nets as needed

on 442.250 repeater

100 HZ PL

