

# Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club

March 2018

Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ, President - Gene Anderson WB8KKU, Vice President

Ted Poremski K8NWF, Secretary - Norm Bash WA8COB, Treasurer

## Hi, fellow hams....

March is here and one of the area's best known hamfest is upon us. Of course I 'm talking about the Toledo Mobile Radio Assn hamfest on March 18 at Owens Community College in Perrysburg. But one day before the TMRA hamfest, on March 17, the Mid-Ohio Valley ARC is sponsoring their hamfest at the Senior Citizens Center in Gallipolis Ohio.

Hope to see all members at the March 8 meeting at 6:30

President, Greg WD8OEZ

## REMINDER

### OCARC Meeting

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

## Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club February 08, 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ opened the meeting at 1850 hours.

Members present were: Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ, Norm Bash WA8COB, Mike Lacumsky W8MAL, Cliff Welch K8CRW, and Ted Poremski K8NWF.

### Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was read. Motion to approve was made by Norm Bash WA8COB and Seconded by Mike Lacumsky W8MAL. Motion approved.

### Treasure's Report:

The Treasure's Report will be available to our members in attendance at our meetings. The month of January had an income of \$24.14 for 2018 dues and

interest. There were expenditures of \$11.00 for January 2018.

Motion to approve made by Ted Poremski K8NWF and seconded by Cliff Welch K8CRW. Motion approved

The following members have paid their 2018 membership dues: **WB8KKU, WA8COB, K8LGS, K8NWF, W8RDN and WD8OEZ.**

### Old Business:

A second name needs to be added to the club's credit union account. Greg Sanderson WD8OEZ has agreed to be the second name on the club's account.

Mike Lacumsky W8MAL he has not received any information from Bob Mueller K8MD about the 440 MHz Repeater donation. Mike also said the County Fair Office was closed each time he made a visit to inquire about us having a booth at the fair.

Ted Poremski K8NWF found copies of the Club's Constitution and By-laws. The copies were handed out to all members present at the meeting for their review and discussion at the March meeting and further action.

Update the current club Trustees.

A method to notify current members of any revision to the Constitution and By-laws was discussed.

A possible need for a procedure addressing the authorization of monies for club expenditures remains outstanding for discussion. Ted also said we need to compile the passwords for the various clubs social websites.

### New Business:

Mike Lacumsky W8MAL provided the Amateur Radio Emergency Service Registration Form and a handout outlining the various courses required. The

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courses can be taken on-line and take about 3 hours to complete.

**Note: Your club dues for 2018 are due.**

**Coming Events:**

Inter-city Hamfest, February 18, 2018.  
Mansfield, Ohio.

*Note: More information is available on the ARRL website.*

**Next Club Meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1830 hours in the Salem Township Hall.**

Adjourned at 2002 hours.

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

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### **Amateur radio call signs**

source: Wikipedia

An amateur radio operator uses a **call sign** on the air to legally identify the operator and/or station.<sup>[35]</sup> In some countries, the call sign assigned to the station must always be used, whereas in other countries, the call sign of either the operator or the station may be used.<sup>[36]</sup> In certain jurisdictions, an operator may also select a "vanity" call sign although these must also conform to the issuing government's allocation and structure used for Amateur Radio call signs. Some jurisdictions require a fee to obtain such a vanity call sign; in others, such as the UK, a fee is not required and the vanity call sign may be selected when the license is applied for. The FCC in the U.S. discontinued its fee for vanity call sign applications in September 2015.

Call sign structure as prescribed by the ITU consists of three parts which break down as follows, using the call sign **ZS1NAT** as an example:

- **ZS** – Shows the country from which the call sign originates and may also indicate the

license class. (This call sign is licensed in South Africa.)

- **1** – Gives the subdivision of the country or territory indicated in the first part (this one refers to the Western Cape).
- **NAT** – The final part is unique to the holder of the license, identifying that station specifically.

Many countries do not follow the ITU convention for the numeral. In the [United Kingdom](#) the original calls G0xxx, G2xxx, G3xxx, G4xxx, were Full (A) License holders along with the last M0xxx full call signs issued by the [City & Guilds](#) examination authority in December 2003. Additional Full Licenses were originally granted to (B) Licensees with G1xxx, G6xxx, G7xxx, G8xxx and 1991 onward with M1xxx callsigns. The newer three-level Intermediate License holders are assigned 2E0xxx and 2E1xx, and the basic Foundation License holders are granted call signs M3xxx or M6xxx.

Instead of using numbers, in the UK the second letter after the initial 'G' identifies the station's location; for example, a callsign G7OOE becomes GM7OOE when that license holder is operating a station in Scotland. Prefix "GM" is Scotland, G or GE is England (the 'E' may be omitted), and "GW" is Wales. More information is available from the [UK Radio & Media Licensing Authority \(Ofcom\) website](#).

In the [United States](#), for non-vanity licenses, the numeral indicates the geographical district the holder resided in when the license was first issued. Prior to 1978, US hams were required to obtain a new call sign if they moved out of their geographic district.

In Canada, call signs start with VA, VE, VY, VO, and CY. Call signs starting with 'V' end with a number after to indicate the political region; prefix CY indicates geographic islands. Prefix VA1 or VE1 is [Nova Scotia](#), VA2 / VE2 is [Quebec](#), VA3 / VE3 is [Ontario](#), VA4 / VE4 is [Manitoba](#), VA5 / VE5 is [Saskatchewan](#), VA6 / VE6 is [Alberta](#), VA7 / VE7 is [British Columbia](#), VE8 is the [Northwest](#)

Territories, VE9 is New Brunswick, VY0 is Nunavut, VY1 is Yukon, VY2 is Prince Edward Island, VO1 is Newfoundland, and VO2 is Labrador. CY is for amateurs operating from Sable Island (CY0) and/or St. Paul Island (CY9), both of which require Coast Guard permission to access. The last two or three letters of the callsigns are typically the operator's choice (upon completing the licensing test, the ham writes three most-preferred options). Two letter callsign suffixes require a ham to have already been licensed for 5 years. Callsigns in Canada can be requested with a fee.

Also, for smaller geopolitical entities, the numeral may be part of the country identification. For example, VP2xxx is in the British West Indies, which is subdivided into VP2Exx Anguilla, VP2Mxx Montserrat, and VP2Vxx British Virgin Islands. VP5xxx is in the Turks and Caicos Islands, VP6xxx is on Pitcairn Island, VP8xxx is in the Falklands, and VP9xxx is in Bermuda.

Online callbooks or callsign databases can be browsed or searched to find out who holds a specific callsign.<sup>[40]</sup> An example of an online callbook is QRZ.COM. Non-exhaustive lists of famous people who hold or have held amateur radio callsigns have also been compiled and published.

Many jurisdictions (but not in the UK & Europe) may issue specialty vehicle registration plates to licensed amateur radio operators often in order to facilitate their movement during an emergency. The fees for application and renewal are usually less than the standard rate for specialty plates.

### 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



## **Ottawa County Amateur Radio Club**

**2018 Membership Application - due in January**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member of ARRL?  yes  no

**Dues are \$12 per year due in January.**

**Please, make checks payable to:  
Ottawa Co. Amateur Radio Club**

**Mail to: OCARC, c/o Norm Bash,  
895 N. Brokate Rd., Port Clinton, OH 43452**

**Your present ham radio equipment:**

2 meter VHF

70 CM UHF

low band 10 M to 160 M