



**Marion
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To all members:

While looking for articles for our newsletter, I came across an article about three individuals that were killed while erecting an antenna. This started me to think about our own up-coming field day in June. Now, I have not seen any high lines at or near the area where we erect our antennas. However we as club members should always be vigilant against such accidents just waiting to happen.

Look before you start to erect any antenna at or near any type of overhead lines. It takes very little amperage to kill. You, the individual and others that are erecting the antenna are usually grounded. As each of us knows, electricity will find it's shortest path to that ground. That shortest path is sometimes through us. Be vigilant at all times while placing antennas in any new locations.

Our next technician class will begin eight weeks prior to the next testing date that will be May 2nd. This means the class should begin sometime during the week of March 7th. Talk it up, the cost for this class is very minimal. The only cost is the tech manual. So just show up listen and learn just what amateur radio all about. Our club instructors are the very best in this part of the state with years of experience between all of them.

Jack KD8CUU Editor

FROM DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Last month I asked if there was any interest in doing morse code a couple nights a week between our club members. If each of us would stop and realize in time of great needed voice sometimes will not go through. But morse code for the most part will arrive at the receiving station. It takes very little of the radio band and can be heard and understood by anyone in the world.

Last year we did this operation on 30 meters. We used the 146.895 Mhz repeater to set up the on-line class. It was started with slow speed and before a few days and weeks most of us really got into it. It is fun. So what do you say, want to try it again? Let me know and we get together and set it up.

Kevin KV2L

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FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MARC Exec Board Mtg	2 GROUND HOG SPECIAL EVENT STATION TV-39,Club House & W8VDD 0400—0900 hrs	3 Wed Night Net KD8BKT Don Freeman	4	5	6
7 VE Testing TV-39 2PM TUSO Ham fest Strasburg,Oh	8 Reg Monthly MARC Mtg Tri-Rivers	9	10 Wed Night Net KD8KCH Jim Bird	11	12	13 Cherryland Hamfest, Traverse City, MI
14 Mansfield Ham Fest Mansfield Fair- grounds. Gate opens at 7AM	15	16	17 Wed Night Net W8MLL Lynn Lovell	18	19	20
21 Livonia Swap n Shop, Livonia, MI	22	23	24 Wed Night Net KV2L Kevin Landes	25 Monthly ARES Mtg Club Room	26	27
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MARION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Executive Meeting

January 4, 2010

7:30 pm

Tri-Rivers Career Center

I must apologize to all, the January Executive Board meeting minutes are missing somewhere in cyber space. The secretary did email them to me however, where I put them is any ones guess.

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147.300 Mhz +600 with 71.9 CTCSS
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Club Call: W8GVB

Note From the Ground Hog Committee

Larry Strickland KD4HXA and his team for the up coming special event station has made a major change in the locations for the event. Due to technical difficulties the original location is still going to be used, but only for the 2-meter band. The 40 and 80 meters will be at our clubhouse. There is also a third location that will be used, that one will be in the western part of the county at Joe Weygandt shack W8VDD. Joe will be operating on 20 meters. Here hoping the propagation is good that morning and a lot of contracts will be made.

SKYWARN TRAINING MEETING COMING UP SOON

For each of us every spring and summer months there is that possibility of treating weather. These could be in the form of heavy thunderstorms, high destructive winds or worse tornados. Each of us has seen the devastations these types of weather related events can cause.

As professional commentators we need to be trained on how to spot these up coming weather related events. So place on your calendars, do not forget! **March 18, 2010 at 6 pm at Tri-Rivers JVS Multi purpose room.** Our friends from the "Cleveland Weather Bureau", will instruct the "Skywarn" training session. Please past this information to all your relatives, friends and neighbors, it is **FREE**. Just show up and sign in.

Lynn Lovell W8MLL County EC.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

To all members,

During the first couple of hours after the Haiti earthquake began a couple of suggestions were given to me and I wish to pass them on to each of you for what ever comments each of you may have.

1. It was during early portion of the disaster that a couple of members came to me with a suggestion that we as members of ARRL and members of ARES should take turns monitoring the two of the emergency bands. These being 14.300 and 14.260 Mhz

2. To go along with that last suggestion, I had one experience of message taking and I did not know the proper procedure.

2.cont. I have now a copy of the directions for this procedure, plus several blank message forms in my shack.

It is not to say we need to listen 24/7. But if a message needs to be taken and delivered or passed on, we are the group that can do this very important task. Think about it, if you or I have someone in the effected area and no other means of communications are available or working, to pass information either in or out is there any other method? There is, as our slogan states "When all else fails, Amateur Radio" will get through. It has been proven time and time again as it did this past week in Haiti..

Jack KD8CUU editor.