



Sinewaves



STONEWALL JACKSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month, 1930 hrs at Saint Marks Lutheran Church RT19/98 Clarksburg

SJARA Tuesday Night Net

This net meets each Tuesday evening at 2100 hours utilizing the N8FMD Repeater on 147.210 MHz with PL Tone of 103.5

12/January/2015

Net Control	Date
1. K8TPH.....	January 6, 2015
2. K8WWW.....	January 13, 2015
3. K8TPH.....	January 20, 2015
4. K8WWW.....	January 27, 2015
5. K8TPH.....	February 3, 2015

SJARA

Minutes December 18, 2014 Christmas Dinner

The SJARA held it's annual Christmas Dinner at Eat'n Park beginning at 6PM for a short social hour with dinner beginning at 7PM. There were 23 in attendance and the food was very good with everyone ordering from the menu. A short meeting was held after dinner called to order by KA5NYN at 19:40. Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as listed in the December Sinewaves by motion by KD8IZC and 2nd by KD8TRA. Treasurer KD8IZC presented a report with a balance of \$1291.04. The treasurer announced and reminded everyone present that dues for 2015 are due.

Treasurer report was accepted as read by motion by K8TPH and 2nd by K8RAS.

KA5NYN presented a short report on the activities of the club in the passed year of 2014 and encouraging everyone's help in activities to be planned or held during the next year of 2015. Unless there is an emergency where and when our help is needed for

communications the next planned activity is scheduled for Field Day, the last week end in June 2015. The meeting was adjourned by KA5NYN and everyone prepared to return home for the evening. Pictures can be found on the SJARA Web Site, by clicking on Christmas Pictures for 2014

[SJARA Christmas Dinner Pictures](#)



Are you Naughty or Nice?

Remember your Dues for 2015

You can send checks to K8TPH, KD8IZC or to the Club address. We are all listed on QRZ.COM with current address. Better yet, come to the January SJARA meeting.

SJARA as any club or organization can only survive if the members pay their dues, attend meetings and recruit and encourage new membership.

Repeaters in the area

We have three very good free standing repeaters centered in the Clarksburg, Harrison County Area. They are:

147.210 Mhz with a PL of 103.5 Owned by KC8AJH and associates. This repeater is a dual activated repeater. It can be accessed as a standard FM (analog) repeater. It can also be accessed via Yeasu Digital. I have not seen it operated as a cross repeater from Digital to Analog but it is my impression that this feature is available. Coverage is quite good and is accessed by stations up to 50 air miles. There is a net each Tuesday evening at 21:00 and is open to all that wish to check in. This net is a rag

chew session and Emergency training net.

444.175 Mhz with a PL of 103.5 Owned by KC8AJH and associates. This repeater isn't utilized much. The reason maybe because 70cm transceivers are not held by many hams in the area. It has a good coverage of all of Harrison County and several contiguous counties.

147.165 Mhz with a PL of 91.5 Owned and operated by the Central West Virginia Wireless Association (CWVWA). It has been relocated from US 50 west to the Despard Area of Clarksburg. This repeater has a very good coverage and is accessed on a regular basis up to 50 air miles. There is a net each Thursday night at 21:00 (Trader's Net) and is open to all that wish to check in. This net after any trader information is passed remains as a normal rag chew and emergency practice net.

146.685 Mhz with a PL of 103.5 is a good repeater and used locally by most as a free standing repeater but is located at the site of the HAMTALK link repeater and is part of the HAMTALK SYSTEM. This repeater itself has a coverage of all of Harrison County and all of the contiguous counties. This repeater is linked full time with the following repeaters and locations:

147.285 Mhz PL103.5 located on Spruce Knob (highest point in WV) and has a large coverage of eastern WV and western VA.

147.135 Mhz PL103.5 located at Canaan Valley near Davis, WV

145.230 Mhz PL103.5 located in Philippi, WV

146.670 Mhz PL103.5 located in Valley Head, WV

53.110 Mhz PL103.5 located in Buckhannon, WV

147.270 Mhz PL103.5 located in Birch River, WV (temporarily off the air)

There are plans to put two more repeaters in the system in the future.

53.350 Mhz PL103.5 to be located in Birch River, WV

147.075 Mhz PL103.5 This is a repeater Owned and operated in Morgantown, WV by KB8BMI and a free standing repeater. There is a net on this repeater each Wednesday at 21:00. All are invited to check in and has a coverage of around 35 air miles and is used from Harrison County by locals on a regular basis.

For more information and coverage please go to: www.hamtalk.com/

Contest Logging OPERATING TIP

After each big contest (and some little ones) there is a big online discussion about duplicate contacts. Do you log them? Do you tell the caller they are a dupe? Are there penalties for submitting a log with duplicate QSOs? The general consensus is that you should just log the new contact - it might save you or the other station from getting a NIL (Not In Log) penalty if the earlier contact wasn't successful on either end. As CQ WW Director, Randy K5ZD says, "Working dupes is good. There is no downside from logging a station a second time." CQ WW RTTY Manager, Ed WØYK observes, "Contesting is a cooperative sport where competitors must work together to create a valid QSO in both logs that each gets credit for. To that extent "I am my brother's keeper". Working dupes supports this paradigm." One lesson here is that you need to learn how to force logging a dupe in your software - such as ALT-Enter in

N1MM. Software authors, please support logging duplicate QSOs

Dayton Hamfest

Despite financial struggles dogging the owners of Hara Arena, site of the Dayton Hamvention® since the 1960s, the 2015 Hamvention General Chairman Jim Tiderman, N8IDS, has told ARRL that he expects the world's largest Amateur Radio show to continue there -- this May and in the years ahead. Tiderman was reacting to recent media accounts detailing the fiscal woes of the aging Hara complex in Trotwood, Ohio. He said Hamvention's sponsoring Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) and Hamvention officials have been in conversation with Hara's owners, the Wampler family, regarding the future of the 165,000 square foot, six-building complex.

"Both Hamvention and DARA have absolute confidence in [the Wampler family's] guiding their corporation through the steps in the plans in place to keep Hara operating for years to come," Tiderman said. "Given the time frame they are working with right now, we simply stand by them and repeat, 'the show will go on.'" Last year, Dayton Hamvention attracted nearly 25,000 visitors.





35th ANNUAL HAMFEST

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**Lewis Community Center
469 Central Ave., Oak Hill WV**

**Saturday, February 21, 2015
8am – 2pm**

Amateur Testing – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES

Door Prizes Tickets \$1.00 ea.

PRIZE LIST ON WEBSITE- <http://www.parawv.com>

Admission: \$5.00

Tables \$10.00

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