



FEEDBACK



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FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting for the month of February will be held at the Massillon Senior Center on February 6th 2004 at 8:00 PM. This is a meeting you will not want to miss.

We will be hearing from our new Officer's for the first time this year. Please welcome our new Officer's for 2004; they are: President Jim Farriss WA8GXM, Vice President Joe Herrick WD8BGW, Secretary Linda Finley K8MOO, Treasurer, Anne Ballinger N8GAF. The Trustee's will be; Gary Blagg KC8IHR
Don Wade W8DEA
Dan Anastis N8DZM (last month's Feedback listed Don & Dan's call sign incorrectly. We regret the error!)



Pictured above taking Oath of Office; Your Executive board for 2004 (L-R) Jim Farriss WA8GXM President, Joe Herrick WD8BGW Vice President, Gary Blagg KC8IHR Trustee, Don Wade W8DEA Trustee, Dan Anastis N8DZM Trustee, Linda Finley K8MOO Secretary, and Anne Ballinger N8GAF, Treasurer. Congratulation to the new Officer's of MARC and the best of luck in 2004!

THANKS RICH !

We wish to take this opportunity to thank outgoing President Mr. Richard Ross, KA8ZQH, for his leadership and insight for 2003. He had a successful year and many things were accomplished including a very successful Hamfest 2003.

THANKS RICH !



OK, OK, so ya wanta visit my crystal calibrator again for 2004.....

- a. Look for a new QRP rig from Alinco (DX 801).
- b. HF DXers will work Rodrigues Island, 3B9C by the same group that gave us D68C.
- c. Another dues increase from the gods of Newington.

And many thanks for the special recognition of 35 years of Short Skip at our MARC Awards Banquet.....

So remember Bunkey, enjoy the present, honor our past, and ensure the future.

73 de WB80WM

MARC MINUTES January 10,2004

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club Banquet was held at the Perry Grange with 51 members and guests present. Jim WA8GXM gave the blessing and a very good meal was served at 6:00 P.M.
2003 President Rich KA8ZQH presented the serious awards to the following for their outstanding services.

Ham Of The Year.....Igor Nikishin WB8KEO
Hamfest Award.....Terry Russ N8ATZ
Artistic Merit.....Ed Clinger WA8DRT
Bob Rodgers W8NWR ..Dan Anastis N8DZM
Joseph Turkal K8EKG DX.....Byron Burger KF8UN
Public ServiceJason Stroll KC8LIN
A1 Operator Award..Gary Kline WC8W

Perry W8AU then presented the NOT so serious awards to the following.

Belated 2002 Oops award...Dennis K1FFA
Beef Cake award.....Jack N8LCS
Hamfest Valet service award....Igor WB8KEO
Parade Marshal award...Charlie KB8STV
Bent Mobile Radio Antenna...Ed WA8DRT
Radio Police Graduates / Royal Order of Wouff Hong.....Terry N8ATZ and Don W8DEF
Roll reversal award.....Kip K8KIP
In Your DreamsCharlie KB8STV

Rich KA8ZQH then performed the installation of the 2004 MARC officers.

President.....Jim Farriss WA8GXM
Vice PresidentJoe Harrick WD8BGW
Secretary.....Linda Finley K8MOO
Treasurer.....Anne Ballinger N8GAF
Trustee.....Gary Blagg KC8IHR
Trustee.....Don Wade W8DEA
Trustee.....Dan Anastis N8DZM

Congratulations goes to Gary WC8W for winning the 50-50 for \$20.00.

**Minutes by Linda K8MOO
Secretary MARC**

DUES ARE DUE!!

Just a little reminder "Don't forget that the dues for the year 2004 are now due!! A lot of you renewed at the banquet to which we said "Thank You" but those who did not attend or have already renewed, the dues are now due. Please send renewals to Treasurer Anne Ballinger the dues fee of \$ 10. 00 to:

Anne Ballinger N8GAF
2468 Belleview Ave SW
Massillon, Ohio 44647-7212

You don't want to miss out on a single event this year!!

... American Red Cross Recognizes Local Volunteers

Stark County ARES members who assisted the Red Cross during last July's Stark County Flooding disaster were recognized for their efforts by receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross. Signed by Mr. Arnold T. Mascelli, Active Vice-President Response, the certificate was presented "In recognition of your valuable service on the Northeast Ohio Flood and Tornado, July 2003 - DR 545."

The accompanying letter also included the following statistics. This event resulted in more than 600 individuals and families being sustained in a time of crisis. More than 650 volunteers in 9 counties helped provide Red Cross assistance, serve 15,500 meals, and operate 13 shelters, giving 819 affected people a safe, warm place to stay. More than 979 people were also comforted with emotional support.

Congratulations to those ARES members and know that you truly made a difference in the lives of people who needed you. Your priceless gift helped them to begin putting their lives back together.

.... 2004 ARES Calendar of Events Available

The ARES Calendar of Events has been updated and posted for this year. The calendar is used to list the dates for our weekly ARES Net as well as the known scheduled community events that we participate in during the year. It also lists dates for special ARES meetings, Skywarn events and other special events occurring throughout the year. The calendar is posted on the Stark County ARES Website at www.wd8aye.org.

A great way to gain public service experience is to participate in community public service events. Please use the calendar as a reminder of these events and remember to volunteer !

.... 2004 ARES Public Service Report

Each year the Stark County ARES prepares a year end report to our members that summarizes our public service activities over the past year. Call it a scorecard. The report covers all the many events, both scheduled and emergency situations that we responded to for our community.

2003 was again a year filled with many scheduled public service activities that demonstrated our communications effectiveness to both the general public and community safety forces. It was also a year in which we were once again called to serve our community in time of disaster. The torrential rains of last summer and subsequent flooding resulted in

mass evacuations and caused more devastation and destruction that our community had ever seen. Once again Amateur Radio rose to the challenge and provided countless hours of service to numerous organizations and area safety forces.

The Amateur Radio Service it's been said, is one of the most valuable natural resources a community can have. During 2003, we once again demonstrated the truth in those words. It was achieved thanks to the many dedicated members of the Stark County Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Thank you for all you do to maintain that resource now and in the future. The report is currently posted on the Stark County ARES Website at www.wd8aye.org. I encourage everyone to review last year report.

.... The 2004 Awards Dinner

The Annual MARC Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, January 10th at the Perry Grange Hall with 51 members and guests attending. If you couldn't attend this years gala event, you missed a great evening of good food, good company and most of all a great time !

For many years now the club has recognized the special efforts that many of our members contribute to our club and our hobby. Each year at our Awards Banquet, we show our appreciation by bestowing Service Awards in several categories to deserving members. This years recipients were again worthy of this special recognition. A recap of the evenings events is currently posted on the club's website along with a link to check out some pictures of the award recipients.

73's for this month
Terry – N8ATZ



At the Banquet: Jim WA8GXM (right) presents the Ham of the Year Award to Igor Nikishin (left) WB8KEO. **CONGRATULATIONS IGOR!!!**

TUSCARAWAS ARC SPONSORED DAYTON BUS TRIP NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

For the past several years the Tuscarawas Amateur Radio Club has offered a bus ride to the Dayton Hamvention in May, but this year may be different. We need your help to make the Dayton Bus trip 2004 possible. Last year the bus ride went in the red due to lack of riders and this means there may not be a Hamvention 04 bus. If you are interested in riding the bus again this year

PLEASE contact me with your reservations. In order to break even from last year and make the 2004 bus possible we will need about 30 people to sign up. PLEASE me know before January 12, 2004. If we can create a list with at least 26 names, a bus will be reserved. If we can't create a list with 26 names, a bus will not be reserved and the annual bus trip will be cancelled indefinitely. All we need to know is if you are interested at this time.

ALL I NEED TO KNOW IS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE TRIP AT THIS TIME. THERE ARE NO PAYMENTS NEEDED AT THIS TIME. PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Last year was my first trip with the Tusco group and I would highly encourage the trip to anyone.

Additional information:

Maximum amount to people: 46

Advanced Dayton Hamvention tickets: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

Seat price for the bus: \$40.00 + Dayton ticket (price changed)

The price of the bus may change due to gas prices and other unknown factors.

Contact information:

Dave WD8CKK (bus chairman)

723 E Front St
Dover OH 44622-1434

Jason KC8LIN (assistant)

3710 Oak Glen circle NW

North Canton, Oh 44720

kc8lin@engineer.com

HERE IS SOME MORE INFORMATION IF THE BUS TRIP CONTINUES THIS YEAR

DATE OF TRIP – SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2004

TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM DOVER – 3 A.M. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY LOCATION – VERIZON WAREHOUSE PARKING LOT IN DOVER

The Verizon Warehouse is located on Commercial Parkway (State Route 39), just north of the West Fourth Street bridge. IMPORTANT: Please park your vehicle on the south side of the lot. This will enable employees access to the area and allow the bus to turn around. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE MAY RESTRICT USE OF THIS LOCATION AS AN ASSEMBLY POINT!

ALTERNATE PICKUP LOCATION – NEWCOMERSTOWN TRUCK STOP

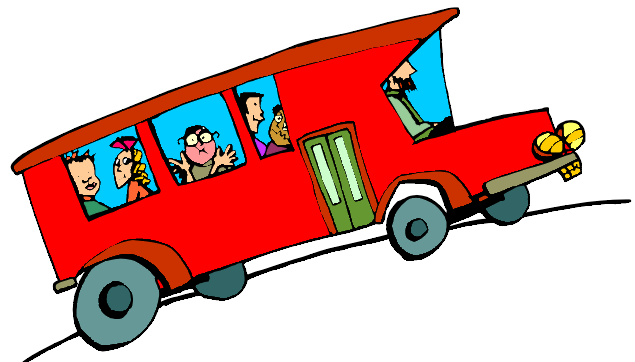
This area is near the intersection of Interstate 77 and U.S Route 36, east of Newcomerstown. Arrival time at this location will be around 3:20am.

DEPARTURE TIME FROM HARA ARENA IS 5:15 P.M. PLEASE TRY TO BE ONBOARD BY THEN.

FOOD STOPS: THERE WILL BE A BREAKFAST STOP IN SPRINGFIELD, EN ROUTE TO THE HAMFEST AND A STOP AT THE MCL CAFETERIA, IN COLUMBUS, UPON RETURN.

FOOD COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TRIP!

INDIVIDUAL SEATS, WITHOUT ADMISSION TICKET, ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS FOR \$40.00 EACH. (more on this on next page, including mail in form)



2004 DAYTON HAMVENTION CHARTER BUS INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORM 2004

For more information and driving directions visit: <http://kc8lin.tripod.com/hamvention04.htm>

DATE OF TRIP - SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2004

TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM DOVER ASSEMBLY POINT - 3AM

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY LOCATION - VERIZON TELEPHONE WAREHOUSE PARKING LOT

The warehouse is located at 715 Commercial Parkway (State Route 39), just north of the West Fourth Street bridge. From I-77, use exit 83. Turn east on State Route 39 to the BP station, then south on State Route 39 to the parking lot. Commercial Parkway runs parallel with Interstate 77. PLEASE PARK YOUR VEHICLE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE LOT. This will permit employees access to the area and allow the bus to turn around. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS POLICY MAY RESTRICT FUTURE USE OF THIS LOCATION AS AN ASSEMBLY POINT.

ALTERNATE PICKUP LOCATION - NEWCOMERSTOWN TRUCK STOP

The truck stop is east of Newcomerstown, near the intersection of U.S. Route 36 and Interstate 77 (Exit 65). Arrival time is around 3:25 a.m.

DEPARTURE TIME FROM HARA ARENA IS 5:15 P.M. PLEASE TRY TO BE ON BOARD.

FOOD STOPS: There will be a breakfast stop in Springfield, en route to the Hamvention and a stop in Columbus, upon return. Food costs are NOT included in the price of the trip.

ROUND TRIP COSTS - Including seat and advance admission ticket - \$60.00 each.

DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE TICKET RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2004 AT 5 P.M.

SEATS ONLY, WITHOUT ADMISSION TICKET ARE \$40.00 EACH.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT THE HAMVENTION ARE \$25.00 EACH.

SEATS AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS. RESERVE YOURS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

USE THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION.

IF MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONS, PLEASE INCLUDE COMPLETE INFORMATION (NAME, ADDRESS AND CALL - IF ANY) ON A SEPARATE SHEET. TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. THIS IS NECESSARY FOR INCLUSION ON THE PASSENGER MANIFEST.

USE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IF SUBMITTING REQUEST BY MAIL. DO NOT SEND CASH!

BE SURE TO INCLUDE CORRECT AMOUNT WITH YOUR RESERVATION FORM.

NEITHER THE TUSCO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC OR THE CHARTER BUS CHAIRMAN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, PERSONAL INJURY, LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

THANK YOU FOR USING THIS SERVICE. YOUR PATRONAGE MAKES THEM POSSIBLE. COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT WITH THE CORRECT REMITTANCE TO: DAVE A. LOMADY (WD8CKK) 723 EAST FRONT STREET DOVER, OH 44622-1434

CHECK AND MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: DAVID A. LOMADY WD8CKK.

NAME _____ CALL _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP PLUS FOUR CODE _____ - _____

PLEASE RESERVE ME A TOTAL OF _____ SEATS AND ADMISSION TICKET(S) AT \$60.00 EACH. THE DEADLINE FOR ADVANCED ADMISSION TICKETS IS APRIL 16, 2004.

OR

PLEASE RESERVE ME A TOTAL OF _____ SEATS WITHOUT ADVANCED ADMISSION TICKET(S) AT \$40.00 Each. TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____.

(CIRCLE ONE) - I WILL MEET THE BUS AT: DOVER NEWCOMERSTOWN



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Of pliers, Mallet Heads and Jack Hammers Or Tools, There Are Never Enough

Happy New Year . . . !! Well, at least it was a few short weeks ago, and already the season is progressing at a rapid rate. The annual MARC dinner has come and gone, along with the new year that came off without any problems on the national scene. So, it seems, we here at the Big KXR are also off to a great start and looking forward to the season's first "Fests" and related activities.

Hope you too are on board and moving ahead with steady progress on those winter projects that have been part of "last years daydreams." And, if you haven't already noticed, by the time you read this Sitrep from the Big KXR, we will already be in February and that means you should have started at least one of your projects; and perhaps two or three...if you plan to move ahead and be ready for the spring season . . . and if you haven't started . . . well, Cold Solder Joints and Open Caps on you!

Ok, ok . . . maybe that's a bit harsh . . . sometimes other factors come into play, and when I met with my Engineering Department, those over worked and harried guys had some legit advice for the management; who, unlike most corporate management, was a willing and eager listener to the common guys who actually do all the work; and who know exactly what it takes to get the work done.

Based on their infinite knowledge, they offered some very basic info for the "Would Be Builder," or is it "Could Be Builder?" Only you can know that, but there are a few simple items that might be Big stumbling blocks for those who are a bit timid in getting started on a real project.

When 'Management' consulted with the 'Chief Engineer' over in the Lab, he came up with the idea that lots of daydreams get no further than the fantasy stage, because they just don't have the tools to start even the simplest project. They know there is no chance of producing professionally looking projects, let alone finding a way to do the most basic of tasks.

"Darn, nothing I ever tried ever looked like the pictures, and actually when I did build something, it looked like something out of the local salvage yard after it had been backed over by a fork lift. Yep, just take a look at some of the sorry attempts to build stuff that appears at the Fests . . . yuck..."

If this taunting nightmare wakes you at 0436Z, then here is a place to start planning on how to get in the game. Start with simple but essential tools that can overcome not only a scary hesitation to even try, but make the end result a real piece of gear you don't have to hide from the scrap dealer...or worse yet a fellow Ham.

The list of small but essential tools for building stuff is totally endless, but with the advent of less expensive yet effective hand tools found in catalogs and local tool outlets you can get you started with minimal cost, and if spread over a period of time, can outfit your Lab for many basic tasks. Here are some fundamentals that will get you feeling confident and ready to get into some of those 'sure would like to try that' type projects...

Battery Powered Drill - These beauties, once too expensive for the casual builder of anything, are now commonly available in high torque ranges and higher battery voltages. These quick change chuck drills with two batteries are available for very reasonable prices, depending on battery voltage. Not too bad for the price of a couple of movie tickets and dinner for two. It's an absolute must have item. Buy the highest voltage rating you can afford. Look for a second battery and charger included in the deal. Remember, more horse power is always better. Don't do QRP when it comes to tools.

Drill bits . . . a big variety is needed, and if you are not stocking an assortment of common sizes, you impose an immediate handicap on your creative abilities, risk getting hurt and generally be prone to excessive cussing. Like the new battery powered drills, drill bits of very good quality are available in a huge range of sizes, from numbered and lettered sizes needed for fine scale modeling (read; model trains, model planes, jewelry and other micro sized projects), to more standard sizes in full sets that include over 100 drills per set in SAE or Metric!

(Whoaa there! Gene really outdid himself this month, 3 full pages of Tectopics! Because of the volume of text and the fact there is a LOT of information for this month's Feedback, we will continue this article next month. Anticipation will be great but I'm sure you will not want to miss the continuing of this article. Editor)

ZCZC AG03 QST de W1AW ARRL Bulletin 3 ARLB003
 From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT January 20, 2004
 To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB003 ARLB003 ARRL to Propose New Entry- Level License, Code-Free HF Access

The ARRL will ask the FCC to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license that would include HF phone privileges without requiring a Morse code test. The League also will propose consolidating all current licensees into three classes, retaining the Element 1 Morse requirement—now 5 WPM-only for the highest class. The ARRL Board of Directors overwhelmingly approved the plan January 16 during its Annual Meeting in Windsor, Connecticut. The proposals—developed by the ARRL Executive Committee following a Board instruction last July—are in response to changes made in Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03). They would continue a process of streamlining the amateur licensing structure that the FCC began more than five years ago but left unfinished in the Amateur Service license restructuring Report and Order (WT 98-143) that went into effect April 15, 2000.

“Change in the Amateur Radio Service in the US, especially license requirements and even more so when Morse is involved, has always been emotional,” said ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, in presenting the Executive Committee’s recommendations. “In fact, without a doubt, Morse is Amateur Radio’s ‘religious debate.’”

The entry-level license class—being called “Novice” for now—would require a 25-question written exam. It would offer limited HF CW/data and phone/image privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters as well as VHF and UHF privileges on 6 and 2 meters and on 222-225 and 430-450 MHz. Power output would be restricted to 100 W on 80, 40, and 15 meters and to 50 W on 10 meters and up.

“The Board sought to achieve balance in giving new Novice licensees the opportunity to sample a wider range of Amateur Radio activity than is available to current Technicians while retaining a motivation to upgrade,” said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. Under the ARRL plan, current Novice licensees—now the smallest and least active group of radio amateurs—would be grandfathered to the new entry-level class without further testing.

The middle group of licensees—Technician, Tech Plus (Technician with Element 1 credit) and General—would be merged into a new General license that also would not require a Morse examination. Current Technician and Tech Plus license holders automatically would gain current General class privileges without additional testing. The current Element 3 General examination would remain in place for new applicants.

The Board indicated that it saw no compelling reason to change the Amateur Extra class license requirements. The ARRL plan calls on the FCC to combine the current Advanced and Amateur Extra class licensees into Amateur Extra, because the technical level of the exams passed by these licensees is very similar. New applicants for Extra would have to pass a 5 WPM Morse code examination, but the written exam would stay the same. Sumner said the Board felt that the highest level of accomplishment should include basic Morse capability. Current Novice, Tech Plus and General licensees would receive lifetime 5 WPM Morse credit.

“This structure provides a true entry-level license with HF privileges to promote growth in the Amateur Service,” Harrison said.

Among other advantages, Sumner said the plan would allow new Novices to participate in HF SSB emergency nets on 75 and 40 meters as well as on the top 100 kHz of 15 meters. The new license also could get another name, Sumner said. “We’re trying to recapture the magic of the old Novice license, but in a manner that’s appropriate for the 21st century.”

The overall proposed ARRL license restructuring plan would more smoothly integrate HF spectrum privileges across the three license classes and would incorporate the “Novice refarming” plan the League put forth nearly two years ago in a Petition for Rule Making (RM-10413). The FCC has not yet acted on the ARRL plan, which would alter current HF subbands.

The ARRL license restructuring design calls for no changes in privileges for Extra and General class licensees on 160, 60, 30, 20, 17 or 12 meters. Novice licensees would have no access to those bands.

See “ARRL to Propose New Entry-Level License, Code-Free HF Access” on the ARRL Web site, www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/01/19/1/, for the specific subband allocations ARRL is proposing for each class.

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MARC CLASSES ANNOUNCED

The Technician and Technician plus classes have been announced. They will begin on February 23, 2004 at 6:00 PM (for code) and 7:00 PM for Technician Classes only. Instructors will be Gary Kline WC8W, and Perry Ballinger, W8AU, with help from Don Finley, W8DEF and Don Wade W8DEA. This probably will be the last Tech Class that will be taught as announced (on this page) a new entry level class is being considered. I **strongly** urge each and every one of you to let your Section Manager know your feelings on this matter, **PRO OR CON !!** I have already written to him to express my feelings. There is “Safety” in numbers, the more that they know, then the quicker we can resolve this issue.

**73’S de Gary, WC8W; Editor
 MARC.**

**IN MEMORIAM
REVEREND BRUCE D. CUMMONS DD
W8ZNV**



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Reverend Bruce Cummons W8ZNV. Bruce was a Massillon Amateur Radio Club member for the past four years. He was a Pastor Emeritus of Massillon Baptist Temple when he passed away on January 24, 2004 after an extended illness. He was born in Parkersburg, WV, on July 25, 1924. Served as a radioman for the US Navy in the South Pacific after which he graduated from McKim Technical Institute and worked for Goodyear Aircraft in Akron as a radio operator for their blimps. He married the former Wanda Straight and moved to Fort Worth Tx where he attended the Bible Baptist Seminary from which he received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree and in 1965, an honorary Doctor of Divinity. He founded the Massillon Baptist Temple on November 19, 1950 and served as pastor until his retirement in 1995. After his retirement he served as an evangelist and Bible Conference speaker. As pastor of the church he founded the Massillon Christian School and Massillon Baptist College of which he served as administrator. He was a speaker on the International Radio Broadcast, the Grace and Peace Hour for a number of years and was inducted into The Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1992. He has written many books and booklets as well as editing the church newspaper, *The Baptist Reporter*. He has visited all 50 states, 20 countries and led five tours to the Holy Land. He has been an Amateur Radio Operator for the past 50 years however a Massillon Radio Club member since 1999. During those years many members got to know Bruce very well and he will be sorely missed.

Our condolences goes to his wife of 56 years, Wanda and to his daughters Deborah, Donna, Dorinda and their spouses, eight grand-children and ten great grand-children. Internment was at Brookfield Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to the Massillon Baptist Temple, Massillon Christian School or Massillon Baptist College.



A shot of all the major award winners (L_R) Gary WC8W, Dan N8DZM, Igor WB8KEO, Jason KC8LIN, Ed W8DRT, and Terry N8ATZ. Congratulations to all!



One of the "Not so Serious Awards" went to Ed W8DRT for the "bent antenna award" Way to go Ed !! Presenting the award to Ed is Perry, W8AU (left).

February 2004

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