



Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association

## **MVARA Monthly Meeting May 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Members and non members are welcome to join in on the fun at this months meeting at the GOP Headquarters 8381 Market St., Boardman, OH (in Adamas Plaza) and online via Zoom. Come early for dinner at Bruno Brothers (in the plaza) for pizza, drinks, and social time.

### **Field Day Planning Session**

Our program for the May club meeting is a planning session for our 2025 Field Day on June 16-18. Some of the basic decisions have been made – for instance we know we will be running 8A again this year. But there are many more to be handled.

Joe N8SEJ is tied up at work this year and could not take the role of Field Day Chair. Rich KB8GAE jumped in and will be our FD Chair for 2025.

While we are talking about Field Day, let's talk about Aggregation. When the Pandemic hit, one of the changes ARRL made to the Field Day rules was to allow Hams that work Field Day from home to pledge their contacts to their local club. This is known as aggregation and has remained in the rules with some refinement. The basics are if you work Field Day from home, you will use your own call sign and report of your contacts under your call sign, but you can enter MVARA on the report and we will also receive credit for your contacts. It's a win-win.

