



Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association

MVARA Monthly Meeting October 10, 2024 at 7:00pm

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.

Rubber Duck Shootout

There Ain't Room for Both of Us in this Town!

Recently as ARES was preparing for their role at the Canfield Fair, a comment was made to the effect that if you use a Baofeng HT with the OEM rubber ducky antenna, you should run immediately to your nearest HAM equipment store and purchase a replacement as everyone knows those OEM antennas are horrible.



Well, I'm part of everyone, and I didn't know my antenna was horrible. In fact, I was stumbling along fat dumb and happy with the OEM Ducky and having no communication problems anywhere on the Fairgrounds. But it got me thinking, well, just how bad is it?

So quick as a bunny, I hip-hopped to the phone and called the Meter Guy, Ed, KE8NSW and Ed agreed we could probably work up a way to compare the performance of several styles of antennas for HT's.

That will be our program for October, a shootout between the OEM and Replacement style antennas. Ed has several Field Strength meters, SWR meters, and we are hunting down a Spectrum Analyzer to see if we can measure the difference in their performance. If you have both types of antennas for your HT, bring the HT and antennas and we will hook you up to the meters too! October 10, 2024, at the usual place.