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THE Q-FIVER

(kyoo fi ver) Q: A scale of amateur radio signal readability progressing from 1 (unreadable) to 5 (perfectly readable). "You're Q5" = "Your signal is perfectly readable." (*ARRL Handbook*, 52d ed. 1975)

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From the President

Welcome to the September issue of the *Q-Fiver*. Goodness; it has definitely been a busy two months since my last communication.

First we start with our Field Day exercises. I believe that all of you who made it out to the site had a good time. I know that my son, Ben, is ready to go again. Ah, to be young again!

Not only did the weather hold out for our Field Day exercises, but also for our Sixth Annual Hamfest and the 2003 IARU Region II ARDF Championships. All events were very successful and I believe that everyone had a wonderful time. If you check out the ARDF website at www.ardfusa.com, you will learn that our very own Emily DeYoung took two Gold Medals during this event. Way to go Emily! I sincerely want to thank all of those who spent their time, energies, and monies to make this probably the most ambitious and memorable year in OH-KY-IN history. I think everyone deserves a standing ovation. Bravo!!!

And finally to relax and celebrate our successes, we had our OH-KY-IN Summer Picnic. Definitely a fun and refreshing day. A big thank you to Mrs. DeYoung who made this possible! I am already looking forward to next year.

I would also like to extend the condolences of the club to Susie (N8CGM) and Brad (WD9HDZ) Scott on the recent loss of Brad's father. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family.

On the technical front, our technical chairman, Brian K4BRI, has been very busy keeping our repeater systems up and running. And I definitely know he has been doing a lot of running. I want to thank him and his team for their expertise and continued persistent efforts.

Now to switch fronts. As I mentioned in my last news column, the threat to our frequencies from Broadband Power Line (BPL) Internet access continues. And as I mentioned, the ARRL may be calling on you for your support. It just so happened that I just received a plea in the mail from them asking for support to enlighten the FCC and others on the real threat that BPL poses to Hams and the services we provide. If you received this letter in the mail, seriously consider sending our ARRL organization your support.

As many of you know, our Air Force reservist, Eric Neiheisel N8YC, is serving our country in Iraq. I hope that you will hold him in your hearts and prayers during his absence.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next General Meeting. Keep up the good work and God bless.

73, *Phil KG8AP*

Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, July 1, 2003

(There are numerous squiggles as if tape was advanced. Not all of recording is understandable.)

Meeting called to order at about 7:30 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Rick KD4PYR did a program on the new Logbook of the World.

Business meeting:

Lynn WD8JAW announced there is one new member for 177, leaving 27 still not renewed.

Rick KD4PYR reported for the treasury that the same spots are booked for Dayton next year. Letter from Dayton Hamvention said "Please let us know if you're coming, it'll help us in negotiating with Hara Arena."

Lynn WD8JAW asked if there had been a ticket #3100 this year; yes. He thanked the 22 who came to help label Hamfest fliers. There is still help needed for Fri eve load-in 5:30-7. Sat there will be a Robotics

forum. Jim KC8QFY will hold an LIC forum. Also need help in parking starting at 6 AM Sat.

Bob WA6EZV announced that the ARDF is rapidly approaching. There are about 40 entries. (Tape quit recording at this point, gap of about 3 minutes.)

Dick WB4SUV said everything for the ARDF will be centered around Miami U: housing, practice. (Skips). Bob said one course requires a bulldozer and machete.

Brian K4BRI reported for the technical committee a couple of climbs since last club meeting, none of which were completely successful yet. Thunderstorms chased them down both times. Packet antenna at the Mount has now been replaced with a good antenna. There's plenty more work to do, which won't happen any time soon, not till after some of the other major events happen. Committee will meet next Tue at .67 to do voter stuff and some of the remote receiver items.

Help will be welcome. Last Fri on way to Field Day he got the 442.775 repeater working; then after a day and a half it quit. Now it's back on. Needs new antenna for great coverage, but at least it's on. Thanks to Bruce N8BV.

Rick KD4PYR announced that his 4 students are ready for their exam, should get licenced & be ready to work on the ARDF. Carol WA8YL said maybe even the Hamfest, except that Haltermans will be out of town.

Dick WB4SUV reported for Field Day that set-up was able to work around the Cub Scouts. There were a few gear problems to work through. There was a lot to do on Sat, Dick couldn't recall a Field Day where there was as much help. There was however a shortage of operators. Thanks for set-up and tear-down.

Fox hunt: Ken N8ASV served as the fox, and was devious. This was a frequency-agile fox hunt; started on one frequency, moved to another, 3 teams did ask what the frequency of the transmitter was right then. 4th team used a scanner, claimed they never did listen to the repeater. Brian K4BRI was first, with Bob WA6EZV on his heels. They came in from different directions, couldn't circle around behind where Ken was. Dick WB4SUV asked a couple of residents 'how do you get from here up there' and they couldn't tell him. Harry (WA8LOJ?) came in third, followed by Dick. There was a 2 hour time limit. Feedback as to whether they were following the signal; every 2 minutes or so the IDer would go off. Started off with 5 watts so there was a decent signal at the starting point and then increased power so the hounds would think they were right on top of him. Plus there were many reflections. The den was across the river from Eden Park. Dick said the July hunt date traditionally gets changed, so next time will likely be a night hunt.

Ken congratulated all the teams, showed their experience and expertise.

Slow scan: Harry WA8LOJ said there have been 5-6 check-ins lately. He's had rig trouble. There will be a net tomorrow night at 7:30 PM on .67.

Phil KG8AP reported for robotics that they're moving from experimental robots that interface amateur radio frequencies with artificial intelligence and little TV cameras built in to competition level projects. Next meeting they'll start assembling sumo robots. Put them on a big flat platform and program them to push the other(s) off. Meetings are the 3d Mon at Dana WA8M's, call Phil if you're interested in coming. The group is slowly growing, they've had 2 more lately. There will also be a robotics demonstration at the Hamfest.

Tech Talk: Bruce N8BV said Carol WA8YL is not available to do the net tomorrow (the rest was distorted, Bruce was too far back in the room).

No ARPSC or WARN report. Pete KC8BZM reported for QCEN that July 12-13 will be the MS 150 bike ride for which QCEN will communicate. They still could use a couple people; can work anywhere from a few hours to 2 days. They're going to Oxford this year. Meeting this month will be the 15th.

Pictures from Field Day are on the website, Dale KC8HQS said (rest was distorted).

Attendance award was \$25. Bob Cooke W8JSO appeared to be present, so the amount goes back to \$5 next month.

Old business:

Brian K4BRI said that every Nov the club participates in the ARRL Sweepstakes. Bob WA6EZV brought something interesting out to Field Day: an award from ARRL for 1st place multi-op in the state of Kentucky. That was 1st out of 4. He invited others to participate; they'd get their calls on the plaque if Oh-Ky-In should win again.

New business:

Brian K4BRI announced that the club picnic will be Sat, Aug 16 at Mitchell Memorial Forest near the Field Day site starting at 12 noon. Games etc are being planned, activities for kids. Club provides meats, covered dish would be appreciated.

"Desert rat": Eric N8YC was offered the chance to do Hamfest talk-in via EchoLink but declined. He has been on the air.

Collection for Newline: Any last-minute contributions? Bruce N8BV said \$89 is in hand, with the club's \$50. Last minute gifts raised the sum to \$94.

Split the pot: Dale KC8HQS won, amount not mentioned.
Motion to adjourn not heard but motion carried.
Thanks to *Carol WA8YL* for recording the meeting.

Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 2003

Phil KG8AP called the meeting to order at about 7:35 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. There were 4 guests present, Alison Thiessen KI4BMI, Chris Thiessen KI4BOR, KC8UJZ whose name wasn't caught, David Haltermon KC8YDM. Chris built a model van from eBay for Rick KD4PYR, complete with antennas. 36 members present.

Brian K4BRI introduced the program, the ZL9CI DXpedition to Campbell Island off New Zealand on video. Phil KG8AP ran the projector and skipped the few boring parts. The DXpedition made 96K QSOs in the 20-odd days they were there. Program concluded at 8:35 PM.

Phil KG8AP thanked the Haltermons for doing hospitality. He announced that Dennis Marvin KB8JVK's father-in-law has died.

Business meeting convened at 8:45 PM.

Rick KD4PYR distributed copies of the treasurer's report. Income to date \$4202.00, expense \$8669.40, leaving a deficit of \$4467.40. Repeater, Hamfest and ARDF all figure into that somewhere.

Silent Key: Bruce N8BV announced that 14 of Walt Keck W8HIO's 43 items remain. List in next *Q-Fiver*. Lynn WD8JAW reported for the Hamfest that not all the figures are in, though results are about the same. He'll wait for audited figures, and thanked everyone for their help. There were no negative comments, many positive.

Dick WB4SUV and Bob WA6EZV thanked all who worked on ARDF for a job well done. Good PR is expected in 73 magazine. More turned up than they could count, many photos and one guy took video on the course. Praise for courses too. Bob described when the Russian came in at the end of the 80m event and said "You guys crazy!"

Brian K4BRI announced there will be no Technical Committee meeting next week. August will be the final climb of Mt St Joe.

Nothing to report for gear, Harry WA8LOJ was absent.

Phil KG8AP reported that classes will begin Sept. 25 and run for 11 weeks except Thanksgiving. Rick KD4PYR's summer students expect to go for their Generals.

Bill WD6ADM the Milford fox hid in July, at an in-laws north or Reading near Smith Park. Ernie W8EH may hide this weekend.

Jim KC8PRY reported the library in good shape and ready to lend.

In Harry WA8LOJ's absence there was no SSTV report.

Bruce N8BV mentioned that *Newsline* did mention our Hamfest and "huge flea market". The \$100 will be sent in probably tomorrow.

There was no ARPSC nor WARN report. Pete KC8BZM hasn't the topic for the 3d Friday QCEN meeting.

Dale KC8HQS updated the website for the Hamfest. W8HIO's estate items are listed.

Vic Hightower KD4JTR would have won the attendance incentive had he been present. As he was not, the amount next month will be \$10.

New business: club picnic at Mitchell Memorial Forest on Aug. 16, bring a covered dish, club to provide meat. Board meeting at KG8AP's on Aug. 26.

Final ARDF comments: 2m (Ft Ancient) was good, 80m (Brookville Lake) had problems. K4BRI's daughter Emily won 2 golds.

Split the pot: Alison KI4BMI won, not noted how much.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CGM*, Recording Secretary

WHY ARDF IS GAINING ATTENTION

Amateur Radio Direction Finding or Fox hunting is both Ham Radio's most important new mode and creates the most enthusiastic Hams among its participants. Find out why at the Great Lakes Division Convention, September 6 at Findlay Inn and Conference Center starting at noon. The very popular Findlay Hamfest is the next day.

ARDF has introduced building back to our hobby as Fox Hunters use tape measure antennas and interface DF equipment to two meter handhelds. These hams are also the new muscle for Official Observers tracking down interference on our local frequencies.

ARDF specialists Dick Arnett WB4SUV and Robert Frey WA6EZV, both of Cincinnati, will conduct one of the six Seminars during the Division Convention's afternoon schedule. The "Dick and Bob" show will explain how easy it is to get started in Fox Hunting competition, the international meets they have participated in and the use of available tools around the shack to complete your DF rig.

Other highlights of the Division Convention include appearances by ARRL President Jim Haynie W5JBP of Dallas and James Bridgewater, Director of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Detroit Field office. President Haynie, making his second appearance in Ohio this year, will be the featured speaker at the Saturday night Banquet and participate in the Wouff Hong ceremony. He was at the Dayton Hamvention in May.

Mr. Bridgewater will open the afternoon Seminars portion speaking on Ham Radio enforcement issues and power line interference among other topics. He will also conduct a Seminar with Official Observers and cleaning up Ham Radio frequencies. Also presented will be Seminars on PSK-31, HSMM, ARPS, and Ham Radio clubs.

See all information at <greatlakes.arrl.org>. Go to the Convention menu. Or call Convention secretary, Jeanie Dalton KB8QLC at 1=859=245-7703, to get registered. Deadline is August 29.

Special room rates at the Findlay Inn Convention Center are available until August 23. Call toll free at 1=800=825-1455. We know you will want to stay over for the Sunday Findlay Hamfest which annually draws 3,000 participants.

ARDF: Thanks and results

Now that I have had a good night's sleep I can take a few seconds to say some of the things I forgot at the Banquet. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for their support. I truly believe that there is not another Amateur Radio club in the Tri-state area that could have put this event on.

As Ken said in his follow-up letter, there were a lot of hours spent by many people performing more different tasks than could ever be listed here.

It was a pleasure working with each of you, though I am sure you might not think I thought so at times. Seems like my mind was always in several locations at once. Thanks for your patience, your dedication, your SWEAT, your belief in OH-KY-IN and your own ability to make this event truly one to remember. Each of you is to be congratulated.

Respectfully, *Bob Frey WA6EZV*

2 Meter Results Ft Ancient State Park, Ohio

Name	Class	Time	# Found	IARU Region II		Overall IARU Silver	Overall IARU Silver	Overall IARU Bronze	Overall IARU Bronze
				Gold	Gold				
Emily DeYoung	D19	01:24:57	2	Gold	Gold				
Jennifer Harker	D21	03:24:32	0						
Nadia Mayeva	D35	01:27:47	4	Gold	Gold				
Valerie Meyer	D35	03:08:45	OT, 3						
Martha Carr	D50	02:18:58	3	Gold	Gold				
Karla Leach	D50	02:19:31	2			Silver	Silver		
Kuon Hunt	D50	03:02:47	OT, 1						
Winnie Hennigan	D50	03:08:40	OT, 1						
Daniel Nagy	M19	01:42:39	4		Gold				
Emil Mayev	M19	02:05:05	2	Gold			Silver		
Jay Thompson	M19	02:23:24	1			Silver			Bronze
Sam Smith	M21	01:30:11	5	Gold	Gold				
Vadim Afonkin	M21	01:45:48	5			Silver	Silver		
Charles Scharlau	M21	02:15:00	5					Bronze	Bronze
Matthew Robbins	M21	02:42:32	5						
Kenneth Harker	M21	02:56:02	3						
Gyuri Nagy	M40	01:08:43	4	Gold	Gold				
Hiroshi Izuta	M40	02:15:00	4				Silver		
Jerry Boyd	M40	02:14:13	3			Silver			Bronze
Scott Moore	M40	02:40:40	3					Bronze	
Scott Stevenson	M40	02:33:59	2						
Brian DeYoung	M40	02:38:04	2						
Larry Noble	M40	02:52:32	2						
Donald Pitchford	M40	02:41:58	0						
Jay Hennigan	M50	01:41:25	4	Gold	Gold				
Dale Hunt	M50	01:49:18	4			Silver	Silver		
Marvin Johnston	M50	02:40:31	4					Bronze	Bronze
Terry Hudson	M50	02:35:15	3						
Michael Wright	M50	03:01:42	OT, 2						
Stephen									
Shannonhouse	M50	02:04:16	1						
Bill Smathers	M50	---	DNF						
Richard Thompson	M50	02:03:39	0						
Bob Cooley	M60	01:07:11	3	Gold	Gold				
Harley Leach	M60	01:16:18	3			Silver	Silver		
Vernon Hammersley	M60	02:15:27	3					Bronze	Bronze
Bill Farrell	M60	02:38:55	3						
Paul Bohrer	M60	---	DNF						
Michael Cegelski	M60	---	DNF						

Congratulations to all participants in the IARU Region 2 ARDF Championships. 2 meter competition took place at Ft Ancient State Park in Ohio, 80 meter at Brookville Lake State Park in Indiana. On behalf of Oh-Ky-In ARS, Dick Arnett WB4SUV and me, WA6EZV, we hope you had both a challenging competition and an enjoyable and memorable stay in Cincinnati. We hope to see you all next year. (from www.ardf.com)

80 Meter Results Brookville Lake State Park, Indiana

Name	Class	Time	# Found	IARU Region II		Overall	IARU	Overall	IARU	Overall
				Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver	Silver	Bronze	Bronze
Emily DeYoung	D19	03:10:12	1							
Jennifer Harker	D21	02:56:57	1	Gold		Gold				
Nadia Mayeva	D35	01:12:59	4	Gold		Gold				
Valerie Meyer	D35	---	OT, 4							
Martha Carr	D50	02:24:44	2	Gold		Gold				
Karla Leach	D50	02:53:39	2				Silver	Silver		
Kuon Hunt	D50	02:22:16	1						Bronze	Bronze
Daniel Nagy	M19	01:22:55	4			Gold				
Jay Thompson	M19	02:06:55	4	Gold				Silver		
Emil Mayev	M19	01:54:09	2				Silver			Bronze
Charles Scharlau	M21	01:41:32	5	Gold		Gold				
Sam Smith	M21	01:47:00	5				Silver	Silver		
Vadim Afonkin	M21	02:00:47	5						Bronze	Bronze
Matthew Robbins	M21	02:51:58	5							
Kenneth Harker	M21	02:53:21	4							
Gyuri Nagy	M40	01:13:14	4	Gold		Gold				
Hiroshi Izuta	M40	01:54:13	4					Silver		
Donald Pitchford	M40	02:20:34	4				Silver			Bronze
Scott Moore	M40	02:25:20	4							Bronze
Brian DeYoung	M40	02:22:56	3							
Jerry Boyd	M40	02:24:13	3							
Larry Noble	M40	02:43:37	3							
Scott Stevenson	M40	02:46:21	2							
Jay Hennigan	M50	01:38:35	4	Gold		Gold				
Dale Hunt	M50	02:08:31	4				Silver	Silver		
Stephen										
Shannonhouse	M50	02:15:03	4						Bronze	Bronze
Terry Hudson	M50	03:03:32	OT, 4							
Michael Wright	M50	02:45:29	3							
Bill Smathers	M50	---	OT							
Richard Thompson	M50	01:57:10	0							
Marvin Johnston	M40	02:24:27	4							
Bob Cooley	M60	01:21:42	3	Gold		Gold				
Harley Leach	M60	01:57:58	3				Silver	Silver		
Vernon Hammersley	M60	02:19:15	3						Bronze	Bronze
Bill Farrell	M60	02:19:55	3							
Michael Cegelski	M60	---	OT							
Paul Bohrer	M60	---	OT							

Contests

September 2003

- 1-2 MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint
- 6-7 All-Asian DX Contest, SSB; IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB; North American Sprint, CW; DARC (German) 10-Meter Digital Contest, Digital Modes; First PSK63 Contest
- 13-15 YLRL Howdy Days, CW & SSB; WAE (Europe) DX Contest, SSB; ARRL September
- 13-16 VHF QSO Party; North American Sprint, SSB; Second-Class Operators Club (SOC) Marathon Sprint, CW; 3rd Annual FISTS Coast to Coast Contest, CW; LA QSO Party, CW & Phone; TN QSO Party, CW & Phone
- 20-21 ARRL 10 GHz + Up Cumulative Contest; Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW; WA State
- 20-22 Salmon Run, CW & SSB; SC QSO Party, all modes; Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint, CW & PSK31; The Classic Exchange, CW & Phone; QRP Afield, CW, Phone, & Digital; Collegiate QSO Party, CW, SSB & Digital
- 27-28 CQ WW RTTY DX Contest; Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB; AK QSO Party, CW,
- 27-29 SSB, & PSK31; TX QSO Party, CW, Phone, & Digital; AL QSO Party, CW & Phone; Rattletrap Contest, CW

Lots of contests, including many for CW. Good luck. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.remote.arrl.org/contests>

73, *Dan* KF4AV

Foxes west

The fox had little time to plan his den so he just headed west a short 10 minutes from home.

Two foxes were stashed on opposite sides of the Cross County Highway. The first was on the north side just off Cheviot Road at the far end of a church parking lot just in the edge of the woods. This fox was planted at a higher elevation so as to provide enough signal from its horizontally polarized turnstyle antenna to get the hunters into the area. From fox number one a good signal could be heard from the second more devious fox.

Fox number two found its lair at the end of a dead end street just off Sheed Road, west of Blue Rock Road. The street butted up to the Cross County Highway on the south side. Just one small problem, though only 100 feet from the highway, it was also nearly 100 feet **below** the highway.

Thanks to the one minute on, one minute off, cycle from the two transmitters, signals were plentiful and helped the hounds reach their goal in admirable times. Here are the results from the August hunt. It still amazes me how the hounds can drive twenty miles, take different routes, and still get to the fox within two minutes of each other.

WB4SUV and KB8JVK 1:22 20.8 miles

W8EH, AA9YH, KC8WOF, and Brock 1:24 19.8 miles.

Can you believe this, Ernie won on mileage and complained that his odometer was still reading high!!!! I think he should save that one for when he comes in second on mileage. Hi Hi

Dick on the other hand had some hi-tech help from Dennis, who was running a GPS and mapping software. They may have had a little tougher time finding the den without it.

Next time Brian tries to stump the hounds.

73, *Bob* WA6EZV

Yup, my darn odometer reads high. I should have beat Dick by another mile! Even with extra air (38 lb.) in the tires, they are still reading quite high when compared to mile markers on the highway and the GPS odometer. The old van was better, it was very close to the GPS measurement.

73, *Ernie* W8EH

2003 ARPSC picnic

Greetings all fellow radio communicators. The 2003 version of the AEC's Picnic will be held Friday September 5 @ the Evendale Recreation Center Shelter behind the swimming pool on Reading Road (north of Glendale Milford Rd) in Evendale. We will be there from 5:30 PM until the end. Food will be served @ 6:30 "promptly" until the food runs out. Cost is \$7.50 for adults, children under 12 free. Everything is provided.

Please RSVP to: Don Ferneding N8LMJ 513=385-2327 Or

Tim Callahan KC8QCE 513=779-3644 ASAP

We plan to grill burgers, hot dogs & chicken breasts this year. Please respond with your choices as soon as possible.

If you need directions ask when you make your reservations.

Thanks, *Tim Callahan* KC8QCE, AEC Hamilton County

Relayed by KB8ROA

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- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

Amateur Radio Club Offers "Ham Radio" Classes

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will offer ham radio license classes in the Cincinnati, Ohio area, scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, September 25, 2003, at 7 PM.

Classes are now being formed for all levels of amateur radio licenses, Technician through Extra, as well as Morse code at 5 words per minute. Classes will be held every Thursday evening for 10 weeks at the Salem Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Western Hills (behind the White Castle Restaurant at Harrison and Bou-dinot).

At the conclusion of the 10 week course, participants will be given an FCC license examination on Saturday, December 6, 2003, at the same location.

Classes are open to persons of any age, and no prior experience is necessary. To register, or for additional information, contact Carol Hugentober WA8YL at 513=661-5323 or Bruce Vanselow N8BV at 513=251-1555. E-mail inquires to [wa8yl@juno.com]. Or visit the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society on the World Wide Web at www.ohkyin.org.

TO ARMS! TO ARMS! THE QRN IS COMING!

August 20 was the last day to get Reply Comments to FCC about Broadband over Power Line.

...BPL is an ill-conceived idea that is not yet ready for the light of day (or the dark of night)....

CONVENTION HOUSING

Saturday, August 23 is the last day to get rooms at the convention rate at the Findlay Inn. Friday, August 29 will be the last day to pre-register. After this date, register at the door on September 6. Check <http://greatlakes.arrl.org> for further details on the convention.

The Findlay Inn has comfortable, large rooms, a restaurant and is a pleasant place to stay. The toll-free phone number for the Findlay Inn is 800=825-1455.

BPL, MORE.

At the conclusion of WRC-03, I mentioned that delegates and observers of this treaty conference were literally shaking their heads in disbelief that we Amateur Radio operators could muster enough clout to move the international broadcasters out of 40 meters. It is now the turn of the power distribution industry to marvel at what we can do.

Thanks to the support of so many ARRL members and the leadership of President Haynie and key staff members, the power companies have begun pointing their collective finger at ARRL and hams, identifying us as the people they have to beat. They acknowledge they are in for a tough fight. Let's give them this tough fight along with a knockout punch. With your active involvement in the FCC hearing on BPL as well as your financial contributions, we can win this uphill battle. In Washington DC and its surroundings, numbers talk! These are: 1) Numbers of people who go on record for or against something. 2) Numbers of dollars that enable us to travel to talk with FCC personnel, with legislators, with key people in industries that would be impacted (negatively, in the case of BPL) to urge them to act to our mutual benefit.

Please understand that if BPL goes through in its present form, we may as well sell our equipment that operates on 2 MHz -- 80 MHz. The victory we just achieved on 40 meters will have been wasted. We won't be able to use it, or 80 meters, or 60 meters, or 30 meters, or 17 meters, or 15 meters, or 12 meters, or 10 meters, or 6 meters. I for one like to operate on 160 meters as well as 2 meters, 1 & 1/4 meters and 70 centimeters, but I'd surely hate to lose everything in between because of an ill-conceived, ill-developed and ill-approved feel-good application of technology.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

FYI, the directors and specific officers of ARRL will meet in St. Louis in a few weeks to develop Strategic Planning for ARRL. I suspect we'll end up with a "5 year plan" of sorts of major items for the League to pursue. If you have any suggestions of MAJOR actions you'd like to suggest, E-mail these to me at [k8je@arrl.org].

73, *Jim K8JE* 513-459-0142 Tel. and FAX [k8je@arrl.org]

ARRL Great Lakes Division

Director: *James Weaver, K8JE*

SB QST ARL B054 Hams a bright spot during power blackout

When a power blackout struck at least a half dozen eastern states August 14, many Amateur Radio operators were ready and able to provide whatever assistance they could. Hardest hit were metropolitan areas like New York City, Detroit and Cleveland. With cellular systems overloaded or out altogether, the incident turned into a test of Amateur Radio's capabilities to operate without commercial power.

New York City-Long Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba KA2D called the response "a good drill," but says it was a cautionary tale too. "The lesson is that everybody gets a little complacent," he said. "Have emergency power backup and make sure it's working!" By and large, Carrubba said, ARES members did what they were trained to do. "It's going to show the worth of Amateur Radio," he said of the blackout response. "There were people on the air immediately."

Diane Ortiz K2DO, the Public Information Coordinator for NYC-Long Island was one of them. When power went down in her Suffolk County community, she started up an informal VHF net. Over the next 20 hours or so, it passed some 500 pieces of traffic. In addition to handling messages for people stranded in the city, amateurs also relayed useful information, such as which stores or filling stations were open and operating. With many radio and TV stations dark, hams were able to help fill the information void, Ortiz said.

In the Big Apple itself, ARES teams provided communication support for Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) set up at main transportation centers in Manhattan. ARES members also accompanied ERVs on fire calls.

RACES activated in most Greater New York City area counties after a state of emergency was declared. Some ARES teams—including a few across the Hudson River in New Jersey—activated or remained on standby to help if called upon. In New Jersey, a net linked the Red Cross lead chapter's N2ARC in Princeton with other New Jersey ARC chapters.

Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams WA8EFK relied on his emergency generator. Some Michigan ARES teams assisted emergency operations centers and the Red Cross, he said. In Ohio, Section Emergency Coordinator Larry Rain WD8IHP reports that all ARES organizations in northern Ohio were activated. Still going strong at week's end were ARES teams in Cleveland and Akron. ARES handled communication support for Ohio Emergency Management.

Nancy Hall, KC4IYD—who lives west of Cleveland—said she's glad she took the ARRL Emergency Communications Level I class. "I have to say that being a ham and knowing about emergency preparedness did make life easier for me and my family," she said.

***** A few NEW ITEMS listed and LOWERED PRICES !!!!

Amateur Radio Estate Sale Walter Keck W8IIO -SK-

Sale administered by Bruce Vanselow N8BV. If interested, please call 513=251-1555 or 513=471-7373.

E-mail: n8bv@juno.com. Here are the items that are still available and now at closeout prices.

ICOM IC 735 HF, w/AT 150 Tuner, w/manuals, w/boxes	\$470
ICOM IC U16 440 HT w/manual, leather case, PL	\$75
ICOM IC H16 2m HT w/manual, leather case, PL	\$75
AEA PK64 Packrat 64 w/manual	\$10
ICOM Speaker Mic	\$10
TEMPO HM4 Speaker Mic works on Icom etc.	\$10
MFJ 287 Speaker Mic	\$10
ICOM EM46L Speaker Mic slim line	\$15 (2)
REGENCY HR 212 2m mobile w/Channelizer, manual -DEAD-	\$15
ICOM DC 1 w/cigar plug	\$10
ICOM DC 1	\$10
KENWOOD 2 meter rubber duck antenna	\$3
GOLDLINE Dummy Load	\$10

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To ALL: Thanks again for the great job everyone did planning and helping at the **Hamfest**. Without your help, things would be so confusing no one could keep track of all that must be done; but it is easy with your efforts. I checked with each vendor and all were satisfied with crowd. Even if they individually did not have a "profitable" day they all recognized the expert effort the Hamfest committee puts into making our Hamfest a well organized and efficiently run event. Some vendors did very well. All want to come back and kept telling me to be sure they are on next year's notification list. (Carol handles this as a routine item).

Amateur Accessories is really impressed with our event. He always does well and donates some good door prizes. He even wants to advertise in the *Q-FIVER* (Susie has info). We should support Amateur Accessories anytime we can by purchasing from him and telling our friends to do the same. I'm sure Steve is VERY IMPRESSED with the before and after help to load and unload his vehicle so a special thanks to those who help him. Your effort makes a difference.

I will provide a preliminary report as soon as possible.

Again THANKS A MILLION.

73, Lynn WD8JAW

OH Section Mgr: August 2003

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see page 12 in *QST*); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: John Haungs, W8STX, Cincinnati; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Larry Rain, WD8IHP, Mansfield; ACC: Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, Toledo; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

FOR THE SECOND TIME this year, ARRL President Jim Haynie W5JBP of Dallas will be appearing in Ohio. He is the main Banquet Speaker for the Great Lakes Division Convention at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center, Saturday, September 6 (Jim Bridgewater of the FCC will be there as well). President Haynie will be at the Findlay Hamfest on Sunday answering your questions about League matters. Jim was in Ohio at the 2003 Dayton Hamvention.

PLEASE REMEMBER because the Great Lakes Convention being so close to our usual date, the Ohio Section Conference will **not** be held in 2003. But we will return in 2004 at the Ohio EMA facility in Columbus.

NEW 8TH CALL AREA QSL Bureau chief, Jay Slough, K4ZLE, has announced new procedures for the bureau. Please visit the new 8th call area Bureau page where changes in bureau operation is explained. This page is located at <http://home.fuse.net/jslough/w8buro.html>. And Jay thanks everyone for your assistance in making the hobby more fun for all of us.

JACK WAGONER WB8FSV, Hilliard, Ohio (near Columbus) and one of this state's top CW operators, has retired from the position of State Traffic Manager after 6 years of service. He and his wife just adopted a Chinese baby and he expects busy days ahead. Thank you Jack for your service to the Ohio Section.

STM OFFICE DROPPED Mr. Wagoner also recommended the STM position be retired as well and the Section Manager agreed. Both CW nets (Buckeye Net Early and Buckeye Net Late) and the statewide phone net (the Ohio Single Side Band Net- OSSBN) have been operating independently and will continue to do so, Traffic counts and honor roll points will continue to be collected by ASM John Haungs W8STX, Cincinnati, as always. Three years ago

Ohio wrote the OSSBN into the Ohio Section Emergency Response Plan under the leadership of Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator, Larry Rain, WD8IHP, Mansfield, and Assistant Section Manager Connie Hamilton N8IO, who was Net Manager of OSSBN at the time. This move of traffic nets to be included directly in emergency communications has been recommended by the ARRL. Ohio was among the first Sections to complete this step.

OHIO SECTION CONGRATS (A) To the ARRL officials, lead by CEO David Sumner K1ZZ, for the nice defense of our 40 meter privileges at the 2003 Geneva World Radio Conference. Read about it in this month's *QST* on Page nine and starting on Page 40, and (B) To the newsletter "Feedback" of the Massillon ARC for its listing of Special Event Stations. Since this area of Ham Radio is growing, other newsletters should copy this membership service.

OHIO SECTION SEPTEMBER HAMFESTS AND CONVENTION; (6) Great Lakes Convention for all Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky ARRL members at Findlay Inn and Conference Center. For all the info, go to <greatlakes.arrl.org> and click on Convention; (7) Findlay Radio Club hamfest at Hancock County Rec Center. For more info, go to <www.findlayradioclub.org>. (21) GCARA at Scarlet Oaks Career Center, Cincinnati. For more info, see <www.cincinnatiamateurradio.com>. and (28) Hamfest Assn. at Cleveland. For more info, see www.hac.org ...de *Joe K8QOE*. Now for the July traffic reports:

OHIO SECTION - JULY 2003 TRAFFIC REPORTS

MEMBER TRAFFIC REPORTS:

AB8NI-282, N8IXF-271, KD8HB-201, N8BV-187, W8QIW-137, KC8UCL-122, W8STX-112, KX8B-96, N8IBR-96, W8PBX-91, KA8CXG-82, N8TNV-80, WA8SSI-72, KB8SBK-65, KA8VWE-47, N8CW-46, WB8HHZ-42, WB8SIQ-42, N8IO-40, N8GOB-38, KF8LE-38, N8DD-35, NY8V-32, NS8C-30, KI8IM-28, KA8WQL-27, KC8TTB-26, W8RPS-21, K8QX-21, KC4IYP-20, N8OD-19, K8PJ-18, W8RG-17, K8QIP-16, KC8HTP-13, K8JE-11, KC8VPA-11, KC8KYP-10, KC8TFE-10, N8YWX-9, N8WLE-8, KC8RXL-7, WB8IOW-3, KK8J-3, K8WC-1

SECTION TRAFFIC NET REPORTS - JULY

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS	NM
BN(E)	116	44	240	31	WA8ZGL
BN(L)	148	51	256	31	NY8V
OSN	93	28	417	28	WD8KQJ
OSSBN	1554	566	2985	93	N8OD
LATE JUNE					
BN(L)	154	47	236	30	NY8V

PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL - JULY

WA8SSI 40, 40, 20, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 100
N8IBR 40, 31, 0, 10, 0, 0, TOTAL = 81
KC8UCL 40, 40, 0, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 80
N8OD 40, 19, 20, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 79
N8DD 40, 22, 10, 0, 0, 0, TOTAL = 72

News of members & students in recent classes

Our sincere sympathies to

Dennis KB8JVK and Shanda KC8VIZ Marvin on the death of her father

The family of Lillian B Abbott K8CKI on her death in August

Brad WD9HDZ and Susie N8CGM Scott on the death of his father Ken Scott at the end of June

Welcome and welcome back

David L Haltermon KC8YDM

Shirley Riestenberg KJ8X

The **2003 Oh-Ky-In Members' Directory** should be back from the proofreaders, Carol WA8YL and Bruce N8BV, soon. It probably won't beat this issue to your mailbox, but it's in the mill.

--Ye Ed

Copy deadline for October 2003 issue is Friday, September 19

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