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Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at the Salem Presbyterian Church (corner of Mozart & Higbee) behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle, in Westwood-Cheviot. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

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From the Pres....

Field Day has come and gone, and so will our hamfest by the time you read this. Thanks to all the club members that have helped out in our club functions! Please remember that we are nothing without the active support of all of our members.

The Grillin' with Tim was a great success - a great time was had by all and it was a good show-case of Dale and our club. The video is available on the WKRC web site if you have not had a chance to see it.

Our club picnic is coming up on August 20, 12:00 noon at Mitchell Memorial Forest. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs -- please bring a side dish or dessert. It is always a fun time -- please come on out and bring some water balloons!! Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

73, Brian **K4BR9**

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will feature a viewing of the Grillin' With Tim event held on July 7. That club meeting will take place **Tuesday**, **August 2**, **2005** at the Salem Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Westwood.

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati, go north west on Glenway Ave. to Boudinot Ave. (approximately 4 miles; at Walt Sweeney Ford on right). Turn right on Boudinot. After approximately 1 1/2 miles turn left on to Mozart (before the White Castle). The church is on the right. Please enter the building through the doors beneath the front steps. Visitors always welcome!

73, Dale KC8742S

Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, July 5, 2005

Brian K4BRI called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were about 30 present.

Guest: Mike Weigel KC8PXC, former member.

Brag: Brian K4BRI has poured a 2000-lb concrete base for his new tower.

Dale KC8HQS introduced member Harry Riggs KM4CS, who spoke on PRB-1, tower restrictions and how to get around them. He had available copies of an ARRL handout from a Dayton forum, "Antenna Height and Communications Effectiveness" by assistant technical editor Gerry Hall K1TD.

Above all, he said, act interested, prepare and do your homework, plan in advance. Buy the planning ordinance and get a copy of the application. The ARRL Antenna Zoning book is an excellent buy. Chicago attorney Jim O'Connell who spoke at Dayton has a great collection of real estate boilerplate clauses; Harry's copy is available to borrow. Also when looking for a house ask for a copy of all restrictive covenants that may apply. Many are so poorly written as to be unenforceable.

Program ended at 8:28 PM.

Business meeting began at 8:44 PM.

Brian K4BRI thanked Dale KC8HQS for handling hospitality.

Dick WB4SUV moved to accept the minutes of last meeting as printed in the *Q-Fiver*, Bob WA6EZV seconded, motion carried.

Membership chair Ken N8ASV relayed that there are now 139 members.

Treasurer Rick KD4PYR reported that the \$11,000 CD matured in June and was rolled over at a rate of 4% at a new financial institution. Net income to date is -\$1307.93, most of that Hamfest expense including fliers and prizes.

Rick also had certificates for Otto AA8KK and Fred K9OHE left over from the awards dinner.

Silent Key: Bruce N8BV has finally reached the bottom of Mike KR8F's inventory list for the web page and *Q-Fiver* after the Hamfest. Glenn W8KGN has died and his gear will need to be sold.

Brian K4BRI reported for the Technical Committee that all remotes are working. .67 is not bad except this past weekend (intermod again, still). The site for .625 is now available, it may be possible to put equipment there this weekend. In any case, a work party will be needed soon; 2 to climb, 5 as ground crew. The antenna will be 110 feet up a 240-foot tower, with any luck it6's hoped to be on the air by the next club meeting.

Gene N8KOJ asked if re-coordination will be needed. Brian replied that it's quite close to the original site and therefore does not need to be coordinated again. A committee meeting is not scheduled, will be replaced by the work party.

Harry WA8LOJ had nothing to report for club equipment.

Phil KG8AP announced that the last Hamfest meeting before the event will be Thursday, July 14 at 7:30 PM at Carol WA8YL's. He thanked those who were able to help label. Fliers are in the mail; Ev KC8JR took the lot to USPS today. Bruce N8BV said tickets are now at R&L and Debco. He, Dale KC8HQS, Carol WA8YL, Phil KG8AP and Lynn WD8JAW still have tickets to sell. He reminded those present that advance-sale tickets carry 2 prize stub chances.

Education: Brian K4BRI said classes are planned for fall. That committee will meet at Carol WA8YL's on Aug. 16.

Dick WB4SUV reported for fox hunts that the next one may be deferred or cancelled due to the Indianapolis hamfest and .625 tower work. He won the last hunt where Phil KG8AP was the fox and hid under the highways by Procter & Gamble. This created a lot of reflections, but at least Phil didn't hide in the cave under everything. Dick said Phil is becoming more creative and devious each time he hides.

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Bob WA6EZV reported for Field Day that preliminary figures look like around 6000 points. CW was 505, 15/40 575, 20/80 515, VHF possibly 60, plus bonus points. More operators were needed; Brian K4BRI added that fun was had by all who were there.

Brian also announced that the club picnic will be Saturday, Aug. 20 at 12 noon at Mitchell Memorial Forest. The club will supply the meat, please bring a covered dish.

Jim KC8PRY announced that the library has some more books, donated by Bruce N8BV and Otto AA8KK. Bruce N8BV urged more queries for Tech Talk; Carol WA8YL added that it'd be nice if more members checked in.

Liaisons: Pete KC8BZM said QCEN will have their picnic this month. ARPSC is running a raffle to raise gasoline money for the van (the usual \$1 or 6 for \$5). ARPSC is still meeting at the sheriff's communication center. No news for WARN except listen on .88 if there is sever weather.

Dale KC8HQS reported new features on the web page. Old menu is gone, so is the red print. There is a new page for Grillin' with Tim (rescheduled for this Thursday) along with Yahoo or Rand McNally maps. Leaving the web page to go to links should no longer be necessary.

Old business: New meeting site. We're here at Salem Presbyterian, aren't we?

New business: Grillin' is rescheduled for this Thursday, Dale KC8HQS will taqlk in on .67. It's all free. This is a great chance to promote Oh-Ky-In; all please wear an HT and something Oh-Ky-In. Meet at 4:30 PM at Shelter #2 in Delhi Park. There should be 5-8 chances to showcase the club. Bruce N8BV explained where Delhi Park is. Ch12 will decide by noon whether the Grillin' is on or off; if it's delayed again there will be an announcement on .67.

Ann Burns KI4DRG would have won the \$40 attendance incentive had she been present. Her spouse Robert AB4BK was in attendance, but that doesn't count. Amount will be \$45 next time. Split-the-pot of \$14 was won be Harry KM4CS (speaker's fee, hi?).

Pete KC8BZM moved for adjournment at 9:10 PM, Judd N8RVR seconded, motion carried. It is not necessary to put the chairs away at Salem.

Respectfully submitted, Susie Scott N8CGM, Recording Secretary

QST de W1AW ARRL Bulletin 18 ARLB018 > From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT July 21, 2005 To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB018

ARLB018 FCC proposes dropping Morse code requirement entirely

The FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission included the recommendation in a July 19 Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 05-235, but it declined to go along with any other proposed changes to Amateur Service licensing rules or operating privileges. Changes to Part 97 that the FCC proposed in the NPRM would not become final until the Commission gathers additional public comments, formally adopts any new rules and concludes the proceeding with a Report and Order specifying the changes and an effective date. That's not likely to happen for several months.

"Based upon the petitions and comments, we propose to amend our amateur service rules to eliminate the requirement that individuals pass a telegraphy examination in order to qualify for any amateur radio operator license," the FCC said. The NPRM consolidated 18 petitions for rule making from the amateur community—including one from the ARRL—that had proposed a wide range of additional changes to the amateur rules. The FCC said the various petitions had attracted 6200 comments from the amateur community, which soon will have the opportunity to comment again—this time on the FCC's NPRM. The Commission said it believes dropping the 5 WPM Morse examination would encourage more people to become Amateur Radio operators and would eliminate a requirement that's "now unnecessary" and may discourage current licensees from advancing their skills. It also said the change would "promote more efficient use" of amateur spectrum.

To support dropping the code requirement, the FCC cited changes in Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations adopted at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003. WRC-03 deleted the Morse testing requirement for amateur applicants seeking HF privileges and left it up to individual countries to determine whether or not they want to mandate Morse testing. Several countries already have dropped their Morse requirements for HF access.

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was not surprised to see the FCC propose scrapping the Morse requirement altogether, although the League had called for retaining the 5 WPM requirement only for Amateur Extra class applicants. Sumner expressed dismay, however, that the FCC turned away proposals from the League and other petitioners to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license class. "We're disappointed that the Commission prefers to deny an opportunity to give Amateur Radio the restructuring it needs for the 21st century," he said. "It appears that the Commission is taking the easy road, but the easy road is seldom the right road."

Sumner said ARRL officials and the Board of Directors will closely study the 30-page NPRM and comment further once they've had an opportunity to consider the Commission's stated rationales for its proposals.

In 2004, the League called on the FCC to create a new entry-level license, reduce the number of actual license classes to three and drop the Morse code testing requirement for all classes except for Amateur Extra. Among other recommendations, the League asked the FCC to automatically upgrade Technician

licensees to General and Advanced licensees to Amateur Extra. In this week's NPRM, the FCC said it was not persuaded such automatic upgrades were in the public interest.

The FCC said it did not believe a new entry-level license class was warranted because current Novice and Tech Plus licensees will easily be able upgrade to General once the code requirement goes away. The Commission also said its "Phone Band Expansion" (or "Omnibus") NPRM in WT Docket 04-140 already addresses some of the other issues petitioners raised.

A 60-day period for the public to comment on the NPRM in WT 05-235 will begin once the notice appears in the Federal Register. Reply comments will be due within 75 days. NNNN /EX

DX Extras August 2005

Seems like both the DX Extras Column and the DX have been a bit spotty lately. As always there are some good catches to be had on the bands if you happen to be listening. Here are a few offerings to tantalize you along with some interesting web sites for more information.

3D2YH/R - Rotuma. Number 61 on the most wanted list. An operation is planned by JA0SC from July 27th to August 3rd.

Mozambique - Look for C91UY and C91LL from here between July 23rd and August 10th. SIX Meters - All the spots suggest that 6 meters has been "wild" for the past few months. Give it a try if you can.

FW5ZL - Wallis Island - Now till Aug. 15th

Benin - August 13th to Sept. 6th.

Long Range:

KH7K - Kure – Sept.-Oct.

FR/G - Glorioso – Oct.-Nov.

3Y0X - Peter One - Jan-Feb, 2006

Want more information - Check these web sites

SPRATLY - DX0K www.geocities.com/f2kwt

 $KURE\ ATOLL\ -\ KC7\ www.cordell.org/htdocs/kure/index.html$

ANDAMAN - VU4 http://www.niar.org/

Peter One - 3Y0X http://www.peterone.com/

The KP1-5 Project. Closed since 1993. A group of Ham Radio Operators testified on Capitol Hill May 26th during an oversight hearing regarding the reopening of Navassa and Desecheo Island to Amateur operations. For more information on this project check www.kp1-5.com or www.fairaccess.us

For a list of who is QRV this week check the latest DX Bulletins at http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/2005-arld028.html

73, Bob WA6E3V

Contests August 2005

6-7 ARRL UHF Contest

North American QSO Party, CW Ten-Ten International Summer Phone QSO Party European HF Championship, CW & SSB TARA "Grid Dip" Contest, PSK & RTTY National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend, all modes

13-14 Worked All Europe DX Contest, CW MD-DC QSO Party, CW & Phone

20-22 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest North American QSO Party, SSB NJ QSO Party, CW & Phone International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend, CW, SSB & Digital

27-29 OH QSO Party, CW & SSB HI QSO Party, all mode KY QSO Party, all mode YO-DX Contest, CW & SSB Summer VHF/UHF QSO Party, SSB, CW & FM

Cool down with some hot contests. For more information, see QST, CQ or the ARRL website. 73, Dan X74AV

Hamfests &c. August 2005

Aug 6 Voice of Aladdin ARC Hamfest, Columbus OH sponsored by Voice of Aladdin ARC at Aladdin Shrine Complex, 3850 Stelzer Rd; exit I-270 at Easton exit, W to first light, right onto Stelzer Rd. Complex is located on right. Ham "OH"Rama, Code by Toe contest, VE sessions. Talk-in: 147.24. \$4 advance, \$5 gate. Info: James Morton KB8KPJ, 614=846-7790, [kb8kpj@arrl.net], www.qsl.net/w8fez

Aug 21 Warren ÖH Amateur Radio Association Hamfest at Kent State Univ. Work Force Bldg, Trumbull Branch, 4314 Mahoning Ave, Warren. Talk-in: 146.97. Info: Richard Bell KC8TAP, 330=898-6539, [kc8tap@neo.rr.com], http://w8vtd.org

Aug 27 Portsmouth OH Radio Club Hamfest at Friendship OH. Talk-in 145.39 (PL 136.5). Info: Kim Lozier N8ZW, 740=456-1616, [n8zw@frognet.net]

VE exam opportunities

1st Saturday each month: Cincinnati (Hartwell), CRA, at Hartwell Pres. Church. Registration 8:30am; walk-in only! All licenses classes. Dale Pritchett, KC8HJL at 513=769 0789

2nd Saturday each month: Hamilton (Butler Co.), Butler Co, VHF Association at Joint Vocational School Communications Center, 3603 Hamilton-Middletown Rd, (RT4). Registration 8:30am; walk-ins OK. All Classes. Ted Wilson, K8TCR 513=868-7012 Talk-in 146.97

2nd Monday each month: Kentucky (Edgewood) NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkeyfoot Rd. Registration 6:00pm. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. John Meyers, NB4K,(859=472-6690. Talk-in 147.255

In all cases, tests require two IDs (preferably one with photo). Bring with you the original, as well as photocopy of current license and CSCEs. \$14 is present ARRL/VEC exam fee, exact currency appreciated. See also **Hamfests &c.** for more VE exams.



Grillin' with Tim Hedrick at Delhi Park, July 7, 2005



WB4SUV, KM4CS, WA6EZV at one of the Field Day low band stations

What's coming in August

Tue Aug 2	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood		
		Program: Video of Grillin' with Tim from Local12 on July 7		
Wed Aug 3	9 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL		
Fri Aug 5	7:30 PM	Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co		
C		Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr; park		
		in Bd of Education lot		
Tue Aug 9	7:30 PM	Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA		
Wed Aug 10	9 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS		
Sat Aug 13	10 AM	Monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park; talk-in to		
		start 146.67		
Mon Aug 15	7:30 PM	Robotics Group at Brian K4BRI's		
Tue Aug 16	7:30 PM	Education Committee at Carol WA8YL's		
Wed Aug 17	9 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA		
Fri Aug 19	7:30 PM	Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St		
Sat Aug 20	12 noon	Club picnic at Mitchell Memorial Forest		
Tue Aug 23	7:30 PM	Board of Directors meeting at Carol WA8YL's		
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Oh-Ky-In 2005 Committee Appointments

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more What's Coming in August

Wed Aug 24 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI Wed Aug 31 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR

Tue Sept 6 Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in 7:30 PM

Westwood

Program: Joe Davidson KB8SBN to talk about his business and

our 146.67 North Remote site

News of members and students in recent classes

New members

Alfred Horton NV8J, 6425 Betts Ave, Cincinnati OH 45224, 513=591-0638 Greg Lamb W8TSA and

Debbie Schneider KC8VYO, 6912 Grace Ave, Cincinnati OH 45227, phone unlisted

Denis R. Boudreau N8PDF, 8132 SR 229, Metamora IN 47030, 765=698-2773

Don Jordan W8UZ, 8471 Monroe Ave, Cincinnati OH 45236, 513=793-2241, [w8uz@aol.com]

Don't forget the club picnic at High Noon Aug 20 at Mitchell Memorial Forest!

Though it could be low noon by the time the fire is hot enough Club provides hamburgers and hot dogs, you bring a covered dish or dessert, please. This is Saturday, August 20. You need a park permit to get in (\$2 daily, \$5 seaon, but you should have a season from Field Day, still).

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Section News (Ohio Section) for August, 2005

For Ohio Newsletter Editors For Ohio Section Web Sites. ______

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at <www.iarc.ws>); 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: John Chapman, WB8INY, Gahanna; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally, N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Reuben Meeks, W8GUC, Vandalia.

SECTION - AUGUST EDITION

Do not forget that the Ohio QSO party is at the end of this month. And the Ohio Section Conference (with Ohio's social event of the year - the LUNCH PIZZA party) is September 17 in Columbus. This remainder of month's report will mainly be written by Ohio Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Joanne Solak, KJ3O, of Mantua (Portage County).

OHIO SECTION CLUBS ARE ON THE MOVE!!

What enthusiasm we have here in the Ohio Section with our Clubs! What participation! Field Day produced lots of "traffic handling" many, many, messages were sent to Section Leaders like myself during this event.

Club newsletters I have been receiving mention the many "public service events" they are participating in this year..the "coffee-breaks" are another service many clubs across the Section have been more active in during the holiday weekends.

My calendar for July is "filled up" with requests for visits and presentations. I have two dates already scheduled in August. As I said Ohio Section Clubs are on the MOVE. More club officers are filing their Club annual report form, the club affiliation renewals are on the upswing, and club re-activations of affiliation have drawn more interest just in the last few months.

Congratulations to WESTERN RESERVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CLUB! This Club has just recently become an Ohio ARRL Affiliated Club. The ARRL Executive Committee has approved this club's application for affiliation. And now this club joins the many other Ohio Section Clubs as a duly affiliated society. AND one of the proud duties of mine is to present this Club with the "charter" of affiliation

Remember to have your Club Secretary check the club records for renewal dates.. these are most important. Keep the clubs here in Ohio, On The Move! I am "working" with several clubs now to obtain their Special Service Club status. Clubs that are not SSC's can check the ARRL Web site for information about how to obtain this Club Status. Remember I am always here to assist!

If you need a speaker for one of your club meetings.. feel free to contact an Ohio Section Cabinet Member (the Ohio Section Journal) has a full list of Cabinet members available to meet your needs. If your Club is not receiving the OSJ, contact me and I will get your Club on the mailing list.

Support all Ohio Section Hamfests and activities. Keep Our Clubs on the move. Invite friends and neighbors to your meetings and activities.. Make the Ohio Section stand out front, keep us on the move!

Maybe the next edition of this Monthly will contain your Club's name. Best 73, *Joanne X930*

OHIO SECTION AUGUST HAMFESTS - (6) Ham "OH" Rama -Voice of Aladdin ARC. For more information see < http://www.qsl.net/w8fez > or contact: James Morton, KB8KPJ; Phone: 614-846-7790 or Email: kb8kpj@arrl.net

(21) Warren Amateur Radio Association at Kent State; Trumbull County Branch: For more info, see: < http://w8vtd.org/ > or contact Richard E. Bell, KC8TAP; Phone: 330-898-6539 or Email: kc8tap@neo.rr.com

(27) Portsmouth Radio Club. For more info, contact: Kim Lozier, N8ZW, Phone: 740-456-1616 or Email: n8zw@frognet.net

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