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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 President

The new meeting location takes effect with the July meeting on the 5th. Please remember to go to the **Salem Presbyterian Church**, located at 3132 Mozart Avenue, near the intersection of Harrison and Boudinot avenues. We hope this location provides the best meeting space available -- come on out and give it a look over! We will provide talk-in on the 146.670- repeater.

Hope to see you all at the upcoming Oh-Ky-In Hamfest, and please remember to volunteer if you have not done so yet. This is a big event for the club and it needs the support and participation of all its members!

Many repeater projects still in the works but the 146.67 repeater finally has all the receivers on line and working a little more reliably -- thank goodness! I will be talking about the upcoming work party to put the 146.625 repeater back on the air at the July meeting.

I have updated contact information - please make a note of it:

Brian DeYoung, K4BRI  
250 Enzweiler Road  
Alexandria, KY 41001-1064  
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73, *Brian K4BRI*

## Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will feature Harry Riggs KM4CS to talk about zoning laws and such for towers etc. That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, July 5, 2005** at the new location, 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 KC8HQS*

### **Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, June 7, 2005**

Brian K4BRI called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were about 31 present.

Guests: Noah (no call yet) and Mark KB8UFA Goertemiller, from classes.

Brag: Becky Haltermon KG4BDO achieved a 4.0 and graduated summa cum laude from Thomas More. She plans to go to graduate school.

Rick Davis N8XJL is getting married.

The program speaker will be here later, so the business meeting proceeded.

Russ WB8ZCC moved to accept the minutes of last meeting as printed in the *Q-Fiver*, Pete KC8BZM second, motion carried.

Membership now stands at 134. Dale KC8HQS has called quite a few non-renewals, whose standard response is, "Oh, didn't I renew?"

Rick KD4PYR distributed the treasurer's report for review by those present. The club is losing less than before. Net income this year is -\$463.06.

Rick also distributed certificates and plaques still outstanding from the awards dinner. Harry KM4CS received a certificate, Nathan KA3MTT his service pin for being Field Day chair, and Bob WA6EZV his plaque for June-December fox hunts.

Silent Key: Bruce N8BV is still selling off and inventorying Mike KR8F's gear. Mike is still with us but is quite ill with ALS.

Brian K4BRI reported for the Technical Committee that .67 is somewhat down. The remotes are in the hands of Dick WB4SUV and Bob WA6EZV. Next Technical Committee meeting will be next Tuesday at 7:30 PM at .67, which seems to be a work in progress.

Club equipment: Harry WA8LOJ reported that the Kenwood TS 430 is at his place. A lot of the club gear is too antiquated, Brian K4BRI plans to prune and make a list.

The club Hamfest will be July 23. Carol WA8YL, Bruce N8BV and Dale KC8HQS have tickets. Flier labeling will be Monday, June 27 at 7 PM at Salem Presbyterian Church. A reminder of the double stub on advance sales should go in the July Q-Fiver. Dale KC8HQS has put ticket info on the website. He will go to Milford and Indianapolis hamfests, and Milford and VOA club meetings.

Ev KC8JR reported that classes are over. Five took exams with a good passing percentage; only 2 students finished the classes but both passed. Education Committee will meet June 16<sup>th</sup> at Carol WA8YL's.

Dick WB4SUV reported for the fox hunt which wound up in Northern KY. Brian K4BRI won, a Civil Air Patrol group also participated. Phil KG8AP showed off one of the transmitters hidden in a fallen branch. Next hunt is this Saturday, they start at 10 AM. Dick WB4SUV said he could hide.

Nathan KA3MTT announced that Field Day set-up will start at 2 PM on the Friday. Sign-up sheets are



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circulating. There will be 3 trailers, VHF/UHF will be in a tent.

Jim KC8PRY verified that the library is open.

Bruce N8BV said Dale KC8HQ5 will do Tech Talk tomorrow. The half-time break for more check-ins is working well.

Liaisons: Pete KC8BZM said the next QCEN meeting will be at the VND trailer near the Ch 64 tower and the reservoir. They also need more volunteers for the MS 150 which will involve an overnight in Dayton. ARPSC continues much as usual with an earlier meeting start time, 7:30 PM. The WARN net is on .88, repeater spotters are needed.

Dale KC8HQ5 reported that the Amber Alert status text is now on the website, as well as directions to the new meeting site.

8:06 PM, program speaker Tim Hedrick from Local12 arrived. Dale KC8HQ5 introduced him.

Tim said he's been at Ch 12 for 17 years. Steve Horstmeyer was the only meteorologist when he arrived. They now have 13 weather computers, and get reflectivity and velocity data.

He told about coverage of Hurricane Ivan, which was a challenge (holding onto the ladder on the back of the remote truck for dear life). He spends more time on a 24-48 hr forecast than a 5-day. The models become suspect near the vernal and autumnal equinoxes. DuPage College's weather website is the best he knows of. Snow forecasting, he said, is as nebulous a process as one would ever be involved in.

Program ended at 8:52 PM after queries from those present.

Program then resumed with old business.

Brian K4BRI made suggestions for circulation problems; if *Q-Fiver* notice does not come, be sure he has your right e-dress.

New meeting location is Salem Presbyterian Church where classes and exams have been, next to the

Harrison-Boudinot White Castle. Meetings will be held downstairs.

New business: Lynn WD8JAW said NKARC needs help for the Paddlefest July 9 at 4 Seasons Marina.

Dick WB4SUV announced a handicap National Championship ARDF for the blind just before Dayton 2006. Alan Pitts the ARRL PR guy will be active in promotion of it; help uis needed, there's to be a program on it. It will be on Thursday, the day before Dayton; tentative OK is in hand from the golf course adjacent to Hara for a location.

Harry KM4CS said the PRB-1 forum in Dayton was quite instructive; laws are changing.

Bob WA6EZV mentioned there's a 2.2K generator on sale for \$230 at Pep Boys.

Judd N8RVR turned in the Dayton payoffs; \$151.71 for KR8F, \$274 worth of his gear.

Bill KI4QJ would have won the attendance incentive had he been present. As he was not, the amount next time will be \$40.

Lynn WD8JAW won \$19 in split-the-pot.

Pete KC8BZM moved to adjourn at 9:08 PM, Russ WB8ZCC second, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CQM*, Recording Secretary

## Hamfests &c.

## July 2005

- 17 Van Wert Hamfest at Van Wert Co Fairgrounds, S side of Van Wert OH (on SR 127S). Sponsored by Van Wert ARC. Public 8 AM-3 PM. Outside trunk sales free with paid admission ticket, new and used gear (radios, computers, software, antennas, power supplies, accessories), VE sessions, overnight parking \$10, free parking during event. \$5 gate. Talk-in: 146.85. Info: Stephen Kouts WA8WKF, 419=238-5560; [skouts@bright.net], [www.w8fy.org](http://www.w8fy.org)
- 23 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oh-Ky-In Hamfest, sponsored by Oh-Ky-In ARS at Diamond Oaks Career Development Ctr, 6375 Harrison Av, Cincinnati OH. Just E of I-275 & I-74; I-74 to Harrison/Rybolt exit (#11), E on Harrison to Ctr on right (S) side of street. All indoors, all air-conditioned except portion of flea market that's outdoors. Set-up Fri 4-7 PM, Sat 6-8 AM. Outdoor fleas open 6 AM, inside 8 AM-2 PM. Seminars, transmitter hunts, VE sessions (8 AM, walk-ins OK), DXCC card checking, free parking, handicapped accessible, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.67. \$5 advance at Debco or R&L, or by request, \$6 gate, under 13 free. Tables \$10 with free electricity, indoor flea market space \$3, outdoor flea market space \$2. Vendor info: Lynn Ernst WD8JAW, 859=657-6161, [wd8jaw@arrl.net]. General info: Carol Hugentober WA8YL, 513-661-5323, [hamfest@oh-ky-in.org], [www.oh-ky-in.org](http://www.oh-ky-in.org)
- 31 Randolph OH Hamfest, sponsored by Portage ARC at Portage Co Fairgrounds, 4215 Fairgrounds Rd between Akron & Youngstown; off SR 44, 1 mi N of US 224 or 4 mi S of I-76. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-3 PM. Huge outside flea market, indoor vendors, computers & electronics, VE sessions (please bring original & copy of licence, photo ID & fee), ARRL officials, unlimited free parking, restaurant on grounds serving breakfast & lunch. Talk-in: 145.39. Advance \$5, gate \$6. Info: Joanne Solak KJ3O, 330=274-8240, [ljsolak@apk.net], [www.parc.portage.oh.us](http://www.parc.portage.oh.us)

## Contests

July 2005

- 1-4 Canada Day Contest, CW & Phone  
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint  
Venezuelan Independence Day Contest, CW & SSB,  
DL-DX-RTTY-Contest, RTTY & PSK  
DARC 10-Meter Digital "Corona", all digital modes
- 9-10 IARU HF World Championship  
WRTC-Style Team Challenge, runs concurrently with previous  
FISTS Summer Sprint, CW  
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint, CW
- 16-17 North American RTTY QSO Party  
CQ WW VHF Contest, all modes  
SEANET Contest, CW, SSB & digital  
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush, CW
- 23-24 Great Lakes Sweepstakes, Phone, CW & Digital
- 30-31 Flight of the Bumblebees, CW  
RSGB Islands-On-The-Air Contest, CW & SSB

A few smaller contests to allow us to recover from Field Day. For more information see *QST*,  
*CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K744U*

## VE exam opportunities

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month:** Kentucky (Edgewood) NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkeyfoot

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Rd. Registration 6:00pm. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. John Meyers, NB4K, (859) 472-6690. Talk-in 147.255

**Saturday, July 23** at Diamond Oaks CDC, the Oh-Ky-In Hamfest, registration 8 AM. Info: Carol Hugentober WA8YL, 513=661-5323. Talk-in 146.67

**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.

## **Tally ho downtown!**

This month we welcome back our long lost hound, WA6EZV. Welcome back to the hunt Bob!

For the month of June I decided to try an exercise in signal reflections and road construction barriers to thwart our hounds. I located myself in the parking lot behind P&G's corporate headquarters in downtown Cincinnati, underneath the I-71 and I-471 overpasses, and running a hefty 50 watts into a vertical antenna. All the metal, hillsides, and buildings provided the signal bounce I was hoping for.

Here are this month's stats:

Bob, WA6EZV:	12.3 miles	39:00 minutes
Dick, WB4SUV & Janie:	10.9 miles	24:05 minutes
Ernie, W8EH & Elaine, KC8WOF:	13.5 miles	39:30 minutes
Brian, K4BRI:	<mechanical deferral>	

For being a bit rusty, I'd say Mr. Frey did a pretty good job of jumping right back into the saddle after an extended absence. Also congratulations to Dick and Janie who weren't so easily fooled by my attempt! And to Ernie and Elaine who slid into the finish line 30 seconds after Bob. A very close finish!

To wrap up the previous month of May, I decided a little morning exercise of golf was appropriate and hid at the Sharonville Park Golf Club.

Hoping that the cover of trees and unusual road access would keep the hounds off my tail for awhile, here are the results:

Brian, K4BRI & Gerry, KD8ASL:	20 miles	52:10 minutes
Dick, WB4SUV & Janie:	16 miles	35:00 minutes

The foxhunters' monthly exercise is a fun and exciting way to learn and sharpen your RDFing skills. We would be delighted to welcome all who are interested to join us. The Foxhunters meet the second Saturday of each month at Mt. Storm Park at 10 AM (starting on our 146.67 Repeater). Hope to see you in our next foray.

73, *Phil KQ8AP*, Le Fox

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oh-Ky-In Hamfest ready to roll!

The first thing you want to do, is to buy an advance-sale ticket. The ones sold ahead of time give you 2 chances at the major prize of the day! Plus, advance sale only costs \$5. Get yours at the July 7 club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church from Carol WA8YL, Bruce N8BV or Dale KC8HQS if he still has any left. Otherwise, stop by R&L in Hamilton or Debco on Edwards Ave until Friday, July 22 when advance sales end. Tickets are \$6 at the gate on Saturday.

The big day is **Saturday, July 23** at Diamond Oaks CDC, 6375 Harrison Ave. The outdoor flea market opens at 6 AM (\$2 per space, no electricity) as does same-day set-up for the limited spaces of the indoor flea market (\$3 per space, your table, chairs and moving gear, no electricity either). Indoor vendors and flea market may set up Friday afternoon (4-7 PM for vendors, 5-7 PM for indoor flea). Indoor vendors can get one 6-foot table and electricity for \$10. The indoor area (all air-conditioned) will be open to all from 8 AM to 2 PM.

If a VE exam is on your agenda for the day, registration for that starts at 8 AM. All classes of licence will be offered. Please see **VE exam opportunities** for what to bring.

Just 3 Women Catering will provide the tasty refreshments, as they have for the past several years.

There will be an ARRL forum, a fox hunt and an equipment testing bench run by David Raney WC8E. DXCC card checking will be available. Added this year is an eyeball QSO area, to give your feet a rest.

Diamond Oaks is handicapped accessible and has handicapped parking available for those with the appropriate mirror hanger or licence plate.

Talk-in on 146.67 begins at 6 AM. If you prefer to do your navigational homework first, please visit our website [www.oh-ky-in.org](http://www.oh-ky-in.org) and print out the detailed driving instructions. The website has more information on the Hamfest as well. If you don't find the answer to your query, give Carol WA8YL a buzz at 513=661-5323. Odds are, she'll have the answer.

Please join us for a great time!

It would also help if a few could stay afterward to help us put the school back together ...

## ==>RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH: "GET INVOLVED IN THE GOOD THINGS IN AMATEUR RADIO!"

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth told the Dayton Hamvention FCC Forum May 21 "all you need to know to enhance your radio service--in one simple lesson." Drawing upon his nearly seven years experience as the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement point man, Hollingsworth told his audience "what I personally think you need to do to make the Amateur Radio Service thrive and to enjoy the incredible opportunity" to have fun and engage in public service activities.

"Overall, amateur compliance, I think, is very, very good--I'm really happy with it," although, he said, "we still have a good distance to go" in certain areas. Complaints also have continued to decline steadily over the past year. "I think that's a good sign," he said, predicting the trend would continue. He advised hams to avoid ugly on-the-air situations and confrontations. "Just use the VFO and go somewhere else," he said. On the other hand, enthusiasm and happiness on ham radio are contagious, Hollingsworth asserted, and amateur licensees themselves are responsible for creating and maintaining a hospitable operating environment. Among the good things going on in ham radio, Hollingsworth elicited a round of applause by singling out Pennsylvania teacher Sean Barnes, N3JQ, whose classes have helped 60 youngsters to obtain Amateur Radio licensees over the past three years.

The most high-profile recent enforcement case--involving former amateur licensee Jack Gerritsen in Los Angeles--"is not technically an amateur case," Hollingsworth explained. He pointed out, however, that the FCC is looking to determine who supplied Gerritsen with Amateur Radio equipment and "encouraged him."

His final admonishment: Good amateur practice means "not operating so that whoever hears you becomes sorry they ever got interested in Amateur Radio in the first place." He urged hams to look to the future and "get involved in the good things in Amateur Radio" and spread the word among to acquaint the public and even legislators, lawmakers and government officials.

"It's not about enforcement. It's about your obligation," he said. Enforcement can't cure all Amateur Radio's ills. "It's all about you and what you're doing with [Amateur Radio]," he concluded. "Look beyond enforcement."

-- *The ARRL Letter*, Vol. 24 #24, June 17, 2005

## What's coming in July

Fri Jul 1 7:30 PM	Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr; park in Bd of Education lot
Mon Jul 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (cheers, flags & fireworks!)
Tue Jul 5 7:30 PM	Club meeting at SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Mozart & Higbee behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: Harry Riggs KM4CS, Zoning laws et al for radio towers etc
Wed Jul 6 9 PM	Tech Talk, Carol WA8YL, NCS
Sat Jul 9 10 AM	Monthly foxhunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start 146.67
Tue Jul 12 7:30 PM	Technical Committee, location TBA
Wed Jul 13 9 PM	Tech Talk, Dale KC8HQS, NCS
Fri Jul 15 7:30 PM	Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown
Mon Jul 18 7:30 PM	Robotics Group at Brian K4BRI's
Wed Jul 20 9 PM	Tech Talk, Dennis KB8ROA, NCS

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### Oh-Ky-In 2005 Committee Appointments

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### *more* What's coming

Fri Jul 22	4-7 PM	Set-up for indoor vendors at Hamfest, Diamond Oaks CDC
Sat Jul 23	6 AM	Oh-Ky-In Hamfest outdoor flea market opens
	8 AM-2 PM	OH-KY-IN HAMFEST at Diamond Oaks CDC
Tue Jul 26	7:30 PM	Board of Directors' meeting at Carol WA8YL's
Wed Jul 27	9 PM	Tech Talk, Brian K4BRI, NCS
Tue Aug 2	7:30 PM	Club meeting at SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Mozart & Higbee behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
		Program: Tentatively, Joe Davidson KB8SBN to talk about his business and our 146.67 North Remote site

### News of members & students in recent classes

#### **Congratulations!**

Otto Bielefeld AA8KK and Dottie were married Saturday June 11, 2005 at the Salem Presbyterian Church. Family and close friends were in attendance. OH-KY-IN wishes the happy couple many years of happiness.

#### **Our sincere condolences to**

Robert J Lohbeck WB8DQS's family and friends. He died May 24

#### **An editorial note**

After all the OH Section and District columns last month, this month there aren't any. Ye Ed tried to download the "updated" Section Manager's column, and it wouldn't. Maybe it's not ready yet. Sorry!

-- *Ye Ed*

*Copy deadline for August issue is Friday, July 19*