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From the President...

Thanks to all the club members for attending recent functions - the First Annual Golf outing was a great success, a fun time and had absolutely fantastic food! Nice to see everyone at the last meeting -- please attend the regular meetings if you can. ARRL night is coming up quick and that is always a good session.

Sweeptakes is just around the corner.... I will be hosting it once again with my new and improved station, shack and house for that matter. CW ops are November 5-7, and phone ops are from November 19-21. I will be bugging you to sign up in the upcoming meetings. This is a great event and I am determined to have a great score once again this year - and we surely better get a sweep!

73, *Brian K4BR1*

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will be **ARRL Night!** Bring your questions about the ARRL and happenings in ham radio to the top local ARRL officials (Joe Phillips K8QOE, Jim Weaver K8JE, and John Myers NB4K. That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, October 4, 2005** (starting at 7:30 P.M.) 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 slight right on to 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 KC872S*

Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Brian K4BRI called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were about 30 present.

David Hornsby KC8YTJ has upgraded from Technician to General.

No guests or health and welfare, but lots for the brag session from Dick WB4SUV, Brian K4BRI and Bob WA6EZV who went to the ARDF competition in Albuquerque. The 5 Oh-Ky-In competitors won 16 medals, outdoing the all-state California contingent numbering 9 with 18, continuing that friendly rivalry that's gone on since 2001. They enjoyed all the sites and the write-ups were good (see Joe Moell KO0V's www.homingin.com for one). There were competition classes from D19 to M70. Emily K4MLE found 4 transmitters on the 2 meter hunt. Elevation for this was 7000 ft; good photos and a great time.

Harry WA8LOJ announced that his son Rick N8XJL has wed at last.

Expected program speaker Joe Davidson KB8SBN had not yet arrived, so the business meeting went ahead. Bob WA6EZV moved to accept the minutes as printed in *The Q-Fiver*, Pete KC8BZM second, motion carried.

Dale KC8HQS distributed copies of the treasurer's report for Rick KD4PYR who was stuck at work again. To date income exceeds expense by \$17.09.

Bruce N8BV said there was nothing new in the Silent Keys department but there are still items for sale.

Brian K4BRI reported for the Technical Committee that the north remote is still down. Plans are to have it back up by next week. The committee meeting will be at the north site for just that purpose; they'll try something different. Meeting is at 7:30 PM, call for talk-in. .625 will be attended to soon.

Harry WA8LOJ reported for club gear that Sam KJ8K has the TS130S, Lynn WD8JAW has the Cushcraft vertical antenna.

Lynn WD8JAW reported for the Hamfest committee that our fest made about \$700.

Ev KC8JR announced that the Education committee met and classes will start Thursday, September 22 and continue for 8 weeks with the exam on November 12. All classes will be offered, Fred K9OHE will teach Extra. The schedule is being rearranged; 7-9 PM will be either code or theory.

Dick WB4SUV promised a foxhunt for this Saturday, if a fox can be found. There was none last month.

Jim KC8PRY the librarian is glad to have a permanent home for the 135-book collection. He still needs to index 20 more new-old books from Bruce N8BV.

Bruce N8BV urged more check-ins to Tech Talk and mentioned that the Newsline tape had not yet been updated. Carol WA8YL is NCS tomorrow.

Pete KC8BZM reported for the liaisons that WARN is presently inactive, but listen on .88 for the beep that means the net's up. Next QCEN meeting will feature Mike Valentine to talk about microwave. The Red Cross shelter declared for the Linwood School may get Katrina refugees in. Don't go until called! The DEC and 5 others from ARPSC will go south for up to 21 days this Saturday (minimum stay is 2 weeks). Alabama, Mississippi or Louisiana are the most likely.

Bob WA6EZV said he'd heard the Red Cross would accept up to 1000 workers. Pete added that some neighbourhoods are being allowed to go home to collect their belongings.

Security is bad at the new FEMA center; ARPSC meetings will not move for some time. Pete still has ARPSC raffle tickets to sell.

Dale KC8HQS said the web changes are done and the site is now officially at ohkyin.org. No more loading problems! He'll submit to Yahoo, Google and Altavista so we can be listed. There are now sub-domains, including one for the Hamfest, also new scripting and a new real calendar. There is a link to redirect at qsl.net.



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Old business: Nathan KA3MTT announced that the golf tourney will be September 18 at Lassing Pointe. A few more folks have signed up. The tourney will take the shape of a 4-man scramble. Lunch at his place afterward, he'll e-mail directions. There will be prizes, including a silly one for worst. It's \$49 for 18 holes, carts included.

He's considering starting a Fantasy Football league with 6 teams. The plan is to be on the main repeater before Tech Talk and chat every week or two. In the course of this he mentioned that N8QQ has rejoined the club. The football chat can move to .925 if it runs too close to 9 PM.

New business: Ray W8LKX asked how to renew his licence. Brian K4BRI said to go to the FCC website which is free; don't mess with W5YI or any of these other places that charge.

Bob KC8MLB needs a software engineer.

Dale KC8HQS has acquired Wm Goodrich W8LNL's stuff which is all immaculate. Will take the Drake and TenTec stuff to Louisville.

Attendance incentive of \$50 would have gone to Ben Smith KC8ZLF had he been present. As he was not, the amount will be \$55 next time.

Brian K4BRI won \$20 in split-the-pot.

Expected program speaker Joe Davidson KB8SBN never did arrive.

George N8FFV moved for adjournment at 8:21 PM, seconded and carried by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CQM*, Recording Secretary

TECHNICIAN - GENERAL - EXTRA - 5WPM CW

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society offers ham radio licence classes in the Cincinnati, Ohio area that began on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 7 PM. Classes were 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 eight 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 Boudinot).

At the conclusion of the eight week course, participants will be given an FCC license examination on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at the same location.

Classes are open to persons of any age and no prior experience is necessary. If you're a relatively quick study, it still may not be too late! To register, or for additional information, contact Carol Hugentober WA8YL at 513-661-5323. Email inquiries to [wa8yl@juno.com]. Or visit the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society on the World Wide Web at:

www.ohkyin.org.

DX Extras

October 2005

Hello DXers:

In the past week there has been two solar flares. Definitely not good for propagation. Interested in Auroral Activity, Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF), Solar X-ray Flux, Gray Line propagation? Then check out this web site. It is full of great, up to date information, relating to ham radio propagation. <http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>

As for DX opportunities, as I have said many times before, there is always something out there to work. Here are a few upcoming operations you may want to check out. Kure Atoll is a definite "must work" if you get the opportunity.

K7C - Kure Atoll - A team is in route. They hope to start operating from this "Most Needed" location in late September. Pay close attention to <http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/Kure/index.html> for the most recent information.

FR/F6AML, Reunion - Look for Serge from Sept 27th to Oct 23 and as FH/F6AML, Mayotte - Oct 10th to 14th. SSB 14266, 21266, 28444 CW - 14014, 21014, 28014

T32, East Kiribati - Sept. 28 to Oct 15.

A53SZ, Bhutan - Oct 3 to 10

5W, Somalia - Scheduled for Nov. 4 to 7

VK9CC, Cocos Keeling - Nov 7 to 21

R1MVI, Malyjvysotskij - Nov. 17 to 28

HS0ZFI, Thailand - Dec 5 to 31

Approved for DXCC credit:

TT8BX, Chad - March- August 2005

KH9/AH8H - Wake Island - 2003 and 2004

5X1B, Uganda - Aug 3-12, 2005

Till next time, GUD DX

73 Bob WA6EJV

Contests

October 2005

- 1-3 Oceania DX Contest; EU Autumn Sprint, SSB; PSK Rumble (The Fall Classic); CA QSO Party, CW & SSB; RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB; Classic Exchange, CW
- 5-10 YLRL Anniversary Party, CW; 10-10 Day Sprint, all mode; Oceania DX Contest, CW; EU Autumn Sprint, CW; PA QSO Party, CW & Phone; FISTS Fall Sprint, CW; NA RTTY Sprint
- 14-16 YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB; Worked All Germany, CW & SSB; JARTS WW RTTY Contest; Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW; RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW; IL QSO Party, CW & Phone; Bill Windle QSO Party, CW, (First Class Operator's Club (FOC)
- 21-23 ARRL International EME Contest; USI W/VE Islands QSO Party, all mode; QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, CW
- 29-30 CQ WW DX Contest, SSB; 4th Annual Fists Coast to Coast Contest, CW; 10-10 International CW & Digital Contest

Plenty of contests, but find time to design your Halloween costume. Dress as a BPL system and wipe out reception for blocks. Have fun. For more information see QST, CQ, or www.arrl.org
73, *Dan K74AU*

Tally park, once again

The September OH-KY-IN foxhunt had three sets of hounds trying to find Dick WB4SUV. After a very late night preparing for the hunt I decided to hide at Ault Park in Hyde Park. I used a 20-watt transmitter fed into a six-element quad about six feet off the ground. The transmitter was automatically keyed with a one-minute on/off cycle. This all was placed behind a tree about thirty feet off the park road. There were three additional low power transmitters hidden off trails in the nearby woods. I parked my truck about a quarter mile away in a parking lot and kept a low profile hiding out of sight from the hounds. The first hound seen was Bob WA6EZV who stopped directly in front of the tree then proceeded down the road to park next to my truck. The next to appear about ten minutes later was Matt AA9YH who stopped in the same place, parked on the road and then saw the antenna. I came out of hiding to explain to Matt that he needed to find three additional transmitters with frequencies shown on cards next to the transmitter. Shortly thereafter Brian K4BRI and Emily K4MLE showed up and Bob came out of the woods. Bob had taken the trail that started near where I parked my truck. The signals produced some unexpected reflections. Results are as follows:

AA9YH 87 minutes *	13.8 miles (first hunt)
WA6EZV 106 minutes *	23.8 miles
K4BRI & K4MLE 109 minutes *	23.1 miles

73, *Dick WB4SUV*

The 1st Annual OH-KY-IN ARS Golf Outing was a great time today (Sun Sept 18). The weather couldn't have been better for it. Listed below are the foursomes:

Dick Arnett WB4SUV, Dana Laurie WA8M, Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Kyle Weber

**** this foursome won **** Dennis Marvin KB8JVK, Jerry Weimer KD8ASL, Brian DeYoung K4BRI,

Eric Neiheisel N8YC

Bob Frey WA6EZV, John Bennett WD8NMV, Lynn Ernst WD8JAW, Ev Giglio KC8JR

The winning foursome received gift certificates from Dick's Sporting Goods. And Eric N8YC received the Pickle Putter Award which will get passed on to the worst putter next year hi hi...

I would also like to thank my wife Nicole for all her hard work and time in preparing a spectacular luncheon afterwards.

I hope everyone had a great time, and I have a feeling we'll have the 2nd Annual next year.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

Thanks Nathan for putting this together. It was a blast yesterday, and the food was unbelievable!

Thanks again! *Dennis-KB8JVK*

Yeah, I'm already sorry I didn't go. I've no doubt you fellas had more fun than the few dozen of us that attended the Cincinnati Hamfest yesterday. Nathan gave me the opportunity quite a few times, but I had already committed to the hamfest outing. As it turned out, only two of us from our group went. What was I thinking?

If it's the same weekend, put me down for next year, Nathan.

Tnx es 73, *Russ WB8ZCC*

KATRINA/DIGITAL DEMO/AWARDS/BPL/OSSBN ALL FEATURED AT THE 2005 OHIO SECTION CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 18, IN COLUMBUS

By *Joe Phillips K8QOE*, Ohio Section Manager

The annual Ohio Section Conference, at the Ohio EMA headquarters in Columbus, had a full house - 90 attended and participated. Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, opened with a brief period of silence for the victims of Katrina and recognition of the work of amateur radio operators to date.

Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator, John Chapman, WB8INY, started the full agenda with updating all emergency (ARES) news - beginning with the ARRL starting a new national ARES Newsletter - and encouragement for local ARES units to apply for Homeland Security grants.

Ohio Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swain, KK8O, made two award presentations for Meritorious Service and updated everyone on the status of the OO program in Ohio. Then he gave a digital mode demonstration by playing the sounds of various digital modes and challenged the audience to identify the signal.

Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, updated all the ARRL news including the Grassroots Lobbying program. He gave a detailed list of ARRL Headquarters response to Katrina.

SEC Chapman returned with a full account of Ohio ham radio operators who are responding to the Gulf Coast recovery from Katrina. Included were television accounts of ham radio's newly found notoriety due to work in the flood damaged area.

Public Information Coordinator Scott Yonally N8SY announced the three top winners in the 14th annual Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter Contest and gave the statistics about the contest. This competition not only recognizes award winning work of newsletter editors but keeps track of the progress of all who enter.

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What followed was the most popular event of all, the annual Section Conference PIZZA LUNCH. Here everyone gets to socialize and exchange ideas on the progress of ham radio all over our state. After lunch, Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE announced the 12th member of the Allan Severson AB8P (SK) Memorial Award – Assistant Section Manager, John Haungs W8STX, a former Ohio SM, and treasurer to at least eight different clubs and hamfests in the Greater Cincinnati area for almost four decades.

Next, assistant Section Manager Bob Winston W2THU, an attorney specializing in ham radio law, discussed Ohio proposed legislation on cell phone usage in moving automobiles.

Assistant Section Manager, Connie Hamilton N8IO then updated the conference with news of the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN).

The last major presentation was Ohio Technical Coordinator, Tom Holmes N8ZM, who recreated the presentation of ARRL National Lab Supervisor, Ed Hare W1RFI, on the future of Ham Radio and BPL. Each Section Conference always has a technical presentation recognizing amateur radio operators, we are first a technical society.

Below is a more detailed account of each major presentation.

ARES

Reminder, the National ARRL ARES Newsletter is published as needed, and goes out directly to all ECs, DECs and the Ohio Section Cabinet for everyone the SEC have a valid e-mail address for. It is also posted on the Ohio Section web site at www.iarc.ws/ohio.

Winlink 2000 activity continues to move forward. Please contact Nelson Livingston AE5NL at [ae5nl@arrl.net] if you need assistance, and to keep him aware of your activity.

Some groups have asked how to receive Homeland Security grants for equipment. It's easy! You only need to convince your EMA director of the need, and possibly help prepare the grant application. All Homeland Security money is controlled through the local organizations.

OFFICIAL OBSERVERS

Rick Swain, KK8O, the OOC, presented two "Meritorious Service" awards, to Ernie Howard, W8EH, of Middletown and to Mike Nelson, W8MMN, Columbiana County, for their work in investigations which led to actions by the Federal Communications Commission.

Rick then spoke on the effect his O.O.'s had on working with amateur band interference - HF and local repeaters - in the state. He cited two different instances in the state just this year that our O.O.'s have had a very positive effect on keeping the bands clean.

Rick also did a very good presentation on the various digital modes that can be heard on the bands today. He had recorded a number of them and played them back for all present to guess what mode was being played.

DIVISION DIRECTOR

Next up was our Great Lakes Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE.. He spoke on the work that the League has been doing for all the Hams in the country. He also gave a brief run down on the progress of the Grass Roots Lobbying and that he had just appointed Jim Ashman, W8ASH, New Bremen, to the position of Ohio State Legislative Action Coordinator. Constant contact with our lawmakers on ham radio matters is important to the protection of our privileges, Director Weaver said.

KATRINA

Publicity for amateur radio has been great during Katrina response. Several articles covered our response in the *Wall Street Journal*, and there was also a nice article in the *New York Times*. Ohio groups have also had good coverage, both in getting ARRL Public Service Announcements placed on the air, and newspaper

coverage for those heading down south. SEC Chapman organized this portion of the agenda on the recent public notoriety of amateur radio.

The Franklin County ARES organization was contacted by the local CBS affiliate to discuss operations down south, and ended up with a great interview by Bill Carpenter AA8EY (ASM) and Frank Piper KI8GW (DEC). Bill then played Channel Ten interview and report for the conference. Bill explained that just before the news team had arrived we had a solar burst which took out all communications at the time the cameras were rolling, but no matter what, the news team showed just what we could do.

The Lucas County group was approached by the city of Toledo to look at helping move inquiries into the affected area. They developed a plan to use the city Fire Stations to collect messages, and got great PR from the *Toledo Blade*. Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, played the reports on local Channels 11 and 13. Requests to go to the affected area to help with communications are being taken through the web site at *katrina.ab2m.net*. We have had over 50 Ohio Section hams register so far, and as near as the SEC can tell - about 12 or so have been deployed.

At least three locations in Ohio were asked to house evacuees from the area, and put together large programs to deal with those heading into the area, including ham radio support. Unfortunately none headed our way, although small numbers did arrive on their own. We were ready!

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

PIC Scott announced the three winners of the 14th annual Ohio Newsletter Contest - The Third Place winner: *News Unwired* from the Grant Amateur Radio Club Editor: Carolyn Donner, N8ST: Second Place winner: *Smoke Signals* from the Indian Hills Radio Club, Editor: Dee Logan, W1HEO: And the winner for 2005, *20/9 Radio Club News* of Youngstown; Editor: Jane Avnet, K8JAA. Editor Jane, K8JAA, gave a short acceptance speech on how her newsletter was able to improve its score this year. Her newsletter now becomes ineligible for any award for the next five years as per the rules.

Contest manager, PIC Scott reported 41 newsletters entered the contest; 27 of which are available on the Internet. With 100 points as the max, the top score was 84 points and the average point total of all 41 entries was 72.41. This is better than a four increase over the 2005 average of 69.50.

SEVERSON AWARD

The Section Conference is also about announcing the annual awards – the Severson Memorial Award and the Ham Radio Newsletter award winners. Ohio Assistant Section Manager John Haungs, W8STX, was named the 12th person to receive the Allan Severson AB8P (SK) Memorial award. John is being recognized for his almost 4 decades of providing service to at least 8 Cincinnati area clubs - mainly as treasurer and financial officer. John will not actual get the certificate until December 6 when a Roast W8STX will be held as part of the annual Cincinnati FM Club Christmas Party at the Manor House Restaurant.

THE LAW AND HAM RADIO

Bob, W2THU then gave an update on possible new legislation that was rumored to have some impact on ham radio. He described the legislation "Ohio House Bill" 274 - written primarily for Cellular Telephone usage. It does not appear to limit the ham radio operator in mobile radio usage. He said that he'd definitely be keeping an eye open for this legislation as it goes through the House.

OSSBN

Connie Hamilton, N8IO then gave a short synopsis of the traffic counts in the Ohio Single Side-Band Net in the wake of Katrina. She also gave an update about the Net and its membership.

One member in particular was recognized, Ormal Garlock, K8BYR, who will be 97 later this month, but is still very active with the OSSBN checking in on a regular basis.

Of those attending the conference, 17 were active in OSSBN traffic handling.

TECHNICAL/BPL

Tom Holmes, N8ZM our Technical Coordinator then gave a very good presentation on BPL and where it is now. Tom showed a presentation from Ed Hare, W1RFI. This video was a very good presentation as that it showed the true effects of BPL and what it will do to our ham bands in actual field conditions.

Tom praised the work of Ed, W1RFI and ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, for their work the past five years in alerting amateurs of BPL problems and for the continuing work on keeping ham bands as pollution free as in possible. The slide presentation reviewed the BPL experience through the FCC from the early cheer leading days to the present as interference rules are continuing to be debated. Current BPL technology, for example from Motorola Corp., using the low voltage line on the power grid has promise. But the overall use of power line technology to give Broadband Internet service seems to be a technology which is past its time.

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.

Hamfests &c.

October 2005

9 2d Annual Zanesville OH Open House/Demonstration & Flea Market sponsored by Muskingum ARC at Everett Jackson WZ8P's, 5075 Dresden Dr (Contest Station N8HR); from I-70 take Maple Ave exit, follow Rt 60 N, turn right onto Fairview Rd, left onto Dresden Rd, follow approx .7 mi to Dresden Ct on left, look for large towers. Amateur radio & computer-related equipment, tailgating welcomed. Free!! Info: Jim Mayercak WX8J, 740=455-3050 (6-9 PM), [mayercak@clover.net]

30 45th Annual Massillon OH Hamfest sponsored by Massillon ARC at Massillon Boys & Girls Club Complex, 730 Duncan Rd SW; from US 30 go N on SR 21, turn left at light onto Walnut Rd SW, go 1 block to hamfest on left at light. All indoors & heated, auction at 10 AM (15% commission charged on all items sold; no computer gear), VE sessions at 9 AM (Gary Kline WC8W, 330=837-2927), handicapped accessible, acres of free parking, refreshments. Talk-in: 147.18 (110.9 Hz). \$5, under 12 free. Info: Terry Russ N8ATZ, 330=837-3091, [truss@sssnet.com], [hamfest@marcradio.org], www.marcradio.org

Jim Weaver K8JE seeking re-election as Director

Fellow ARRL members, I am honored that you have allowed me to serve you and Amateur Radio as your Great Lakes Division Director the past three years. I appreciate your confidence in me and ask you to re-elect me to three more years of progress.

Why vote for me? I've fulfilled every promise I've made to you and have proven my leadership. You don't need to guess "what" I am. My work on your behalf includes:

- Through my monthly "Weaver's Words" newsletter, I continually seek your advice on key issues, inform you of the "full story" behind these issues and demonstrate my belief that you are "The Reason ARRL Is." I kept my word to you. Incidentally, my votes on the Board have been completely consistent with the wishes expressed to me by the overwhelming majority of you.
- Work by the Board, Staff and local leadership resulted in victories by Division amateurs in nearly each instance our right to install antenna structures was challenged. I kept my word to you.
- ARRL Staff has begun a unique, detailed project to reach the pool of non-hams that will restore growth to the Amateur Radio Service. The results of the project will be recruiting new and younger amateurs, and keeping them active in our great Service. I kept my word to you.
- My motion that established the ARRL Grassroots Legislative Action Program is effectively promoting the needs of Amateur Radio. I kept my word to you.

The future offers unforeseen challenges. Key among these challenges is action resulting from FCC's decision to minimize its involvement in Amateur Radio. I want to work on the Board to develop strategies that to enable us to achieve the flexibility we need to guide our great Service through coming successful years.

If re-elected, I will renew my commitment to resolving members' concerns, to strengthen and to grow Amateur Radio and to continue to promote the full significance of "Members, The Reason ARRL Is."

Thanks. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments -[k8je@arrl.org].

73, *Jim K8JE*

Gary Johnston KI4LA, Candidate for Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division

I love amateur radio, and I believe amateur radio deserves quality leadership. I want to have the opportunity to again be part of this Division's leadership team as your Vice Director. I have been licensed for 32 years, and believe I am highly qualified to serve.

Over the past 3 years since serving as Vice Director and Director, I have provided leadership as chair of two Great Lakes Division Conventions, served as division webmaster for greatlakes.arrl.org, and have received EC-1 certification. And I have traveled from Sault Ste. Marie and Lupton Michigan to Murray and Louisa Kentucky, and throughout Ohio promoting amateur radio and the League.

I have worked in amateur public service providing communications support in several disasters over the years, including tornados, floods, hurricane Marilyn in the Virgin Islands, and with the FBI and NDMS during the 1996 Atlanta Olympic bombing www.nku.edu/~johnston/atlanta.html. I have worked as an EC then DEC, then as an Assistant Director to 5 Directors before serving as Vice Director and Director. I am a university professor and computer consultant.

My main interests include keeping the airwaves clean and protected, regulations enforced, and spectrum properly managed. I will work actively to counter the many threats we face such as unlicensed RF devices, tower restrictions and unfiltered BPL.

I enjoy working CW and DX, as well as APRS and high speed multimedia. I have traveled the world with my FM rig, receiving several reciprocal licenses from Austria to Australia.

In 1997 I was voted NKARC Ham of the Year for my efforts in helping the club to secure a grant and repeater site on an AT&T cellular tower.

For more information see my home page at www.nku.edu/~johnston/hambio.htmlx.

I will sincerely appreciate your vote.

73, *Gary KI4LA*

There was one other e-mail from a candidate for Director in Michigan (not Dick Mondro W8FQT) that I didn't keep.

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-- Ye Ed.

==>AMATEUR RADIO EARNING PRAISE, RESPECT IN HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

Amateur Radio is continuing to earn praise and respect as the Hurricane Katrina relief effort moves forward. Donated Amateur Radio equipment and supplies arriving at the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief staging area in Montgomery, Alabama, have been turned around as quickly as possible to accompany volunteers into the field. A team headed by Alabama ARRL Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, now has been on duty for some three weeks, overseeing Amateur Radio volunteer intake and registration and trying to satisfy the ever-changing requirements of the Red Cross and other served agencies.

"The American Red Cross and other served agencies are very thankful and appreciative that we are helping them out," Sarratt said this week. "I have talked with several ARC folks who said they could not operate without us!"

ARES and MARS member Matt Hackman, KB1FUP, was among a Rhode Island contingent processed through the Montgomery marshaling center. The New England volunteers were able to take advantage of the newly donated handheld transceivers, HF transceivers and antennas for use in and around Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Hackman said Red Cross personnel were using VHF simplex to keep in contact with each shelter.

"We still have no potable public water and no land-line telephones," Hackman said this week, adding that cell phone service was intermittent. "I hope I am helping in some small way," he went on to say. "People further west still have no power, no water--even for flushing toilets--and the emergency workers are in tents with no washing facilities, living on MREs. I have it good."

Sarratt said his staging area has been slowing down the pipeline of available Amateur Radio volunteers because the need for operators is decreasing. He reports the Montgomery marshaling center has registered more than 100 Amateur Radio volunteers. Those still in the pipeline will replace operators already on the ground in affected areas when they rotate out, he said. Sarratt rescinded an urgent call for operators put out over the September 10-11 weekend.

The best estimate is that some 1000 Amateur Radio volunteers have helped out or are still serving in hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast communities and at evacuee centers there and in other states. While prospective volunteers have been told to stand by for now, that situation could change as restricted areas are reopened and as replacement operators are needed.

Amateur Radio has been the primary means of contact with the outside world for shelters that still lack reliable communication. An HF station at the Montgomery Red Cross staging area, N4AP, has been frequenting 3.965 and 7.280 MHz to keep in touch with other Red Cross shelters and kitchens throughout the region. >8 *snip*

ARRL Louisiana Acting Section Emergency Coordinator Al Oubre, K5DPG, reports that telephone and cell service around the state is slowly being restored, and Louisiana does not need additional help at this time. A Red Cross marshaling center remains open in Covington. Oubre said when St Bernard and Jefferson parishes dry out sufficiently, the Red Cross will then be able to move into that area and set up support services. At that point, he anticipates that more Amateur Radio volunteers may be needed.

Radio amateurs from Florida have been helping at the temporary Hancock County, Mississippi, emergency operations center at Stennis Airport. The county lost its EOC in the hurricane. Randy Pierce, AG4UU, said radio amateurs are serving as communicators and dispatchers for all the services at the EOC--including the fire department and emergency medical services. County officials and agencies have been very complimentary about Amateur Radio, he said.

South Texas Section Emergency Coordinator Jerry Reimer, KK5CA, reports Amateur Radio is continuing to support sheltering operations at the Houston Astrodome, but other shelters in Houston have closed or been consolidated.

In Rains County, Texas, some 60 miles east of Dallas, ARES/RACES member T.W. Ivey, K5IJT, reported his team has been keeping in contact with the county EOC via VHF repeater.

In Tullahoma, Tennessee, Jimmy Floyd, NQ4U, has been among a group of operators helping to staff a communications/command center for an operation housing 170 evacuees. "We have also been active in communicating with other shelters on HF and attempting to locate family and friends of the evacuees," Floyd said.

Amateur Radio operators concluded a shelter support operation at Oklahoma's Camp Gruber. "We were the communications backbone between responding agencies," said Mark Conklin, N7XYO. "We also passed tons of traffic, ranging from requests for water and food, supplies and bedding. In fact, Amateur Radio was the 911 system on Camp Gruber for many days."

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) Liaison Officer Jeff Schneller, N2HPO, says TSA canteens are holding with their present complement of ham radio volunteers and may not rotate them out of service. "As operators need to leave, we may just scale down," he told ARRL. "We thank all those who are assisting and were willing to assist." He also thanked the American Red Cross for referring radio operators to SATERN. >8 *snip*

SATERN has continued monitoring 7.288 MHz and 3.965 MHz each half hour throughout the day and evening. In addition, the SATERN Net activates daily at 1400 UTC on 14.265 MHz.

Jim Aylward, KC8PD, just returned to Ohio this week from volunteering in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. "Even though we all prepare for events we hope never occur, the hams I worked with from all over the country demonstrated that 'When all else fails, Amateur Radio is there' is a lot more than a slogan," he said. "It was the reality for thousands of people who needed effective emergency communication. When my shelter manager, who had never worked with hams before, told me that I had been a godsend, I was moved."

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What's coming in October

- 4 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: ARRL Night! With Gt Lks Dir Jim Weaver K8JE, KY SM John Myers NB4K, OH SM Joe Phillips K8QOE
- 5 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL
- 6 7 PM Code & theory class at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- 7 7:30 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr; park in Bd of Education lot
- 8 10 AM Monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start 146.67
- 11 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting, location TBA
- 12 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQ5
- 13 7 PM Code & theory class at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- 17 7:30 PM Robotics Group at Brian K4BRI's
- 19 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- 20 7 PM Code & theory class at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- 21 7:30 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
- 25 7:30 PM Board meeting at Carol WA8YL's
- 26 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI
- 27 7 PM Code & theory class at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- 30 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11-1 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Joe Davidson KB8SBN to talk about our north remote site and his radio business "Radio's Plus" (I hope)

Thanks for 30-odd years of publication service

Keystone Printing, the firm owned by Jack Koch KA8JFE (novice class of spring 1980), has printed *The Q-Fiver* for the past 30 years, at least. Keystone designed the cover now in use, and has provided a quality product for all that time. *The Q-Fiver* even won the Ohio Section best newsletter award in 1974, in part due to Keystone's work.

However, with the move to electronic editions of *The Q-Fiver*, the time has unfortunately come to part with Keystone Printing. Oh-Ky-In cannot afford \$1 per issue for the approximately 80 hard copies needed each month. This is less for each than the club was paying for 250 hard copies, but still

35 hard copies need to be printed for members without e-mail or who cannot download the electronic *Q-Fiver*, 10 for Debco's customers, 20-25 for R&L's customers to pick up, plus for hamfests where Oh-Ky-In may have a presence. This issue and others in future will need to be "independently printed" by Board members who have access to photocopying. **THANKS VERY MUCH, KEYSTONE!**

Oh-Ky-In 2005 Committee Appointments

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Note preceding the membership roster of Sept. 16

This will be my last membership update as I have resigned my commission as Membership Chairman. Brian will notify everyone when a new Chair is selected.

Ken N8ASU

Thanks for your past service, Ken! -- *Ye Ed & the rest of the Board*

Possible traffic help for Hurricane Rita, snips from messages relayed by Ernie W8EH

SATERN principals should standby Saturday 9-24, monitor the Hurricane Watch Network to ascertain the disposition and impact of Hurricane Rita and monitor 14.265 in case help is needed, until official activation. SATERN will remain activated as long as needed. All SATERN net members are encouraged to participate in this response as able.

SATERN will run its two pronged operation handling as first priority emergency communication and as second priority Health and Welfare traffic. Health and Welfare information may be referred to the SATERN website at *satern.org*, where a registrant may enter information at the Health and Welfare link. >8 snips Patrick E. McPherson WW9E, Major, National Director, SATERN

>The National Radio Emergency Net will be assisting the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) during the response to Hurricane Rita. NREN will maintain liaison with SATERN operations on 14265 KHz during on-going operations while providing an alternative circuit for operators wishing to utilize CW for traffic handling applications.

NREN will also provide additional services by expediting the routing of traffic and, when necessary, facilitating the direct delivery of served-agency traffic. Stations wishing to originate traffic via NREN resources should call "NREN" on any one of the following frequencies: Day: 14050 khz 10115 khz Night: 10115 khz 7050 khz >snip

Those wishing to provide traffic outlets or liaison to NTS traffic nets in their area may also monitor these frequencies to expedite traffic delivery. Questions regarding NREN may be directed to: [wb8siv@charter.net]. The NREN Web Site is:

www.aa8vs.org/nren/ : de satlist List Member <w8eh-Ernie@cinci.rr.com>

Copy deadline for November 2-Fiver is Friday, October 21