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

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Winners announced in contested ARRL Director, Vice Director races

Ballots in contested elections for ARRL Director and Vice Director seats in the three divisions were counted November 18 at ARRL Headquarters. The Committee of Tellers has certified the results of these contested elections for the 2006-2009 term.

8< *snip*

IN THE GREAT LAKES DIVISION: Incumbent Director James E. "Jim" Weaver, K8JE, of Mason, Ohio, was elected to a second term. By a vote of 3505 to 883, he held off a challenge from Neil Sablatzky, K8IT.

Returning to the back bench will be Former Great Lakes Division Director and Vice Director Gary L. Johnston, KI4LA, whom Weaver defeated in a three-way race for Director in 2002.

Johnston had served for about six months in the division's top spot that year following the resignation of former Director George Race, WB8BGY. Johnston outpolled Daniel M.

Romanchik, KB6NU, the only other candidate for the Vice Director's slot, 3033 to 1263. Current Great Lakes Vice Director Richard Mondro, W8FQT, did not run for another term. *snip* >8

From the President....

Once again, OhKyIn operators managed a clean sweep during the ARRL sweepstakes this year. All 80 sections were worked by 1:45 PM on Sunday, causing us to sweat a little bit. Thanks to operators K4BRI, N8YC, KG8AP, N8BV, KC8HQS, WB8JHT, KA3MTT, WB4SUV, AC4XS and K4MLE!!!

December meeting is just around the corner - please come out for food, friendship and to renew your membership! Please remember that the club depends on you, its members, to exist. Please support your club any way you can.

73, *Brian K4BR1*

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will be the OH-KY-IN A.R.S. annual Christmas party. If you are a current club member, be sure to come out for FREE pizza! That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, December 6, 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.

More info can be found at: <http://www.ohkyin.org>.

Visitors always welcome!

73, Dale *KC8H2S*

Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Brian K4BRI called meeting to order at 7:32 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were about 25 present.

Brag: Bob WA6EZV had the Texas ARDF championship to brag about, in which he placed 3d in the M45 section of the massive (450) orienteering exercise and won gold in the 45+ category for men in the actual ARDF.

Dale KC8HQS then introduced Joe Davidson KB8SBN, the speaker, who was finally able to get to a meeting.

Joe has 235 commercial UHF licences for antennae on his various towers. Bevis is 220', Withamsville also 220', Independence 300' due to aircraft regulations. Bevis and Independence are red and white, Withamsville silver.

Program concluded at 8:12 PM. Split the pot tickets are still for sale. Dale KC8HQS announced that there will be pizza at the December meeting.

Brian K4BRI thanked Bruce N8BV for handling hospitality at the end of the break (8:27 PM).

Due to problems in *Q-Fiver* production (Brian's 2-week illness) Susie N8CGM read aloud the minutes of the last meeting. Carol WA8YL offered corrections in that Mike KR8F is not SK but his gear is being sold off, also corrections for N8CGM's mispronunciations of call signs. Bob WB8JHT moved to accept minutes as corrected, Dennis KB8JVK second, motion carried.

Bob WA6EZV announced that there are already 15 2006 members. Membership forms will travel with the December *Q-Fiver*.

Rick KD4PYR announced for the treasury that the insurance is paid. The club has only lost \$854 rather than the \$1900 originally budgeted.

Bruce N8BV had nothing new for Silent Keys.

Brian K4BRI has been too ill to do much work for the Technical Committee. He does have the new IDers but they are not installed.

Ev KC8JR reported for classes that they are still going, though with more instructors than students.

Depending on what the FCC decides, matters may improve. VEs will be needed at 12 at noon for the exams.

Fox hunts: Bob WA6EZV said there have been 2 ARDFs in the past month. This month's hunt is scheduled for Nov 12; K4BRI is still ill and WA6EZV will not be available, so the date will have to be changed.



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Tech Talk: Brian K4BRI will do Tech Talk tomorrow in exchange for Carol WA8YL having done his last week. Queries are wanted!

Pete KC8BZM reported for the organizations he liaises for. QCEN will meet Friday, Nov 18. ARRL election results will be announced that day. ARPSC is changing this month's meeting to 8 PM Friday at International Chemical on Spring Grove Ave. Jim Walsh N8ZZW won the HT that ARPSC was selling chances for; Pete thanked those who bought tickets.

Dale KC8HQ5 had some updates for the web site; some games and Oh-Ky-In related material. There is a 2-bandwidth internet speed tester and an RRS news feeder which opens to a new window. Fox news is available, also ARRL news links.

Old business: CW Sweepstakes is this weekend, Brian K4BRI might work it if he's feeling better. Phone is Nov 20-21, a signup sheet is circulating.

Thanksgiving parade: Dennis KB8JVK has most of the usual suspect workers lined up. Meet at Perkins by Western Bowl at 7:30 AM. Parade goes from West High to St Lawrence; starts at 10, workers should be home by noon.

Really old business: Rick KD4PYR had wallpaper for Dennis KB8JVK from the awards dinner.

Nominating committee (Carol WA8YL, Phil KG8AP, Eric N8YC): Carol WA8YL reported that all incumbents have agreed to run again. A request for nominations from the floor followed; there were none, nominations were closed.

Other business: There were 6 positive responses to building the 2m transmitter and receiver kit, formulated by a guy in Britain. Kits will cost \$75 complete. There were 2 more expressions of interest; Ev KC8JR will announce this to the classes. Deadline will be the December meeting.

The attendance incentive of \$65 would have gone to Bob Ringrose N8QLI had he been present. As he was not, the sum will be \$70 at the December meeting. (It would pay to attend!)
Split the pot was \$13. David KC8YTJ drew Chip KC8ZUX's ticket.
Dennis KB8JVK moved to adjourn at 8:56 PM, Pete KC8BZM second, motion carried.
Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CQM*, Recording Secretary

DX Extras

December 2005

Sorry for the short column, but it is deadline day and Susie has threatened me if I do not get my copy to her.

Sweepstakes, both CW and SSB, have come and gone. I hope everyone made a few contacts or helped OH-KY-IN to a clean sweep.

There have been a lot of small flares the past couple of weeks causing a lot of QRN so the Low Bands haven't been all that productive. Still, SFI numbers show spikes and you never know what may just appear so KEEP LISTENING.

Are you into 10 Meters or 160 Meters? There are two great opportunities to work these bands in December. The ARRL 160 Meter Contest is Dec 2-4. The ARRL 10 Meter contest is Dec. 10-11.

Best News: – The Peter I DXpedition – 3Y0X is still on track for a 12-14 day operation in January-February next year. Let's hope all continues to go well for this one.

Reason to Listen: - (From *QRZ DX*, 11/16/05): The Finnish quartet of OH0RJ, OH2BH, OH2BO and OH2PM will attempt a boat landing onto this barren rock (Market Reef) from November 22-24, 2005 in their effort to put OJ0B and OJ0J on the low bands, both CW and SSB, for one week, including the CQ World Wide DX contest. If landing is not successful by Thursday, the 24th, the operation will not take place this season. The last winter season low-band activity from Market Reef was in 1988.

FT5Y – ANTARCTICA - (From *QRZ DX*, 11/16/05): F5NQL reports: Jean-Paul F5BU (ex FT5WJ on Crozet Island) is going to Adelie Land in a few weeks. He will stay at Dumont d'Urville station from mid December to the end of February 2006. He hopes to be active at his free time on 20 m SSB and is actually asking for a callsign like FT5Y— The QSL will be printed a few weeks after his return and will be via his home call F5BU. There was a long time that the French Antarctic station Dumont d'Urville was not on the air!

Dec/Jan Scheduled: (Just a sampling of activity)

Dec 1-5 5W – Samoa
Dec 5 – 31 HS0ZFi - Thailand
Dec. 11 – 22 V5 – Namibia
Dec. 28 – 31 V63 – Micronesia
Jan 15 – 22 9Q – Dem Rep of Congo
Feb 19 – 28 JD1 – Ogasawara
Till next time, GUD DX
73, *Bob WA6EBU*

* **DXCC Desk accredits operations:** The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved these operations for DXCC credit: 6O0JT, Somalia, September 30, 2004 through April 30, 2005; 5X1W, Uganda, August 3-12, 2005;
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DX0K, Spratly Islands, February 1-April 30, 2005. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page <<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>>.

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Contests

December 2005

- 2-4 ARRL 160 Meter Contest, CW; Top Band Sprint, CW & SSB; TARA RTTY Mêlée; Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint
- 10-18 ARRL 10 Meter Contest; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW; North American Meteor Scatter Contest, any mode
- 17-18 OK DX RTTY Contest; Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge, CW; PSK31 Death Match, PSK31 and PSK63; Russian 160-Meter Contest, CW & SSB; Croatian CW Contest; RAC Winter Contest, CW & Phone
- 24-Jan 1 Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party, all modes
- 25 DARC Christmas Contest, CW & SSB
- 31-Jan 1 ARRL Straight Key Night

The cold winter nights are coming. What better way to warm ourselves than to curl up with a good old tube rig and bask in the glow of the grids! With a straight key, natch! Of course the ARRL 10 m test is always a good one. Fill those logs and grab those mults For more information see QST, CQ, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>- Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and 73, *Dan K744U*

The Ohio Section Cabinet (all listed at the end of this column) want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2006. Ham Radio had a very eventful year in 2005 -- most notably due to our heroic and dedicated responses to human tragedies from the Asian Tsunami to the Katrina/Rita hurricanes. For a review of these activities and the latest edition of the *Ohio Section Journal*, please visit the Ohio Section web site at www.iarc.ws/ohio. You can have the *Ohio Section Journal*, now published in electronic form, sent to your E-mail address. Check out the web site to find out how.

Joe Phillips, K820E, Ohio Section Manager

DECEMBER Section News Edition by Ohio ACC, Joanne Solak KJ30

Ohio Clubs remain "on the move" as we enter the final month of 2005. More Clubs are seeking ARRL Affiliation and some clubs are now re-affiliating themselves with the ARRL. Certainly, in Ohio, Amateur Radio Clubs are aware of all the benefits of League affiliation. We have several new Special Service Clubs this year and some in the application stages. This is real proof that Ohio Clubs are on the move!

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Congratulations! To the Seneca Club of Tiffin. They have earned a 50 year affiliation certificate.

The Central Ohio Severe Weather Network, Inc. has earned SSC renewal. Congratulations!

Western Reserve Emergency Communications Service has earned SSC status and I will be presenting the SSC certificate. ...such an honor!

The InterCity ARC has earned SSC renewal. This group has really gone that extra mile for Amateur Radio.

We also congratulate the Secena Radio Club (Tiffin) for renewal of their SSC status.

The Lake County Amateur Radio Assoc. also made the news, their renewal came through in fine colors.

These are just a few of the many renewals received on my desk just this last month. Just think how many have made the list during the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OHIO CLUBS! MEMBERS AND OFFICERS DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO AMATEUR RADIO!

Well, it has been a very "busy" year for me as ACC. I am humbled by the way I was welcomed back on the Ohio Section Cabinet and by all Club Members throughout the Section. Quite honestly, it seems like I never "took-a-break". As we enter the Holiday Season, remember to include amateur radio in your plans. The ARRL memberships are great gifts, and helps further amateur radio and the ARRL.QST is a plus with membership. The ARRL offers great reading material for the beginners through the old timers..something for everyone.

Support Headquarters and your local Amateur Radio Club. Make plans to upgrade your amateur radio license in the coming year...the ARRL offers lots of learning material. Always keep in mind that the American Radio Relay League is a noncommercial association of radio amateurs, organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation. Of, by, and for the Radio Amateur..where else can you find such a bargain in Amateur Radio. The Ohio Section stands with Headquarters and echoes the many efforts put forth by League Officials Nationwide.

Be thankful you are a part of the Ohio Section, a growing Section with many Clubs realizing Amateur Radio is still Alive and Well! FCC license renewals are being sent out to members about 90 days before license expiration and there has been an incredible reaction to this League Service. QSL service in Ohio has brightened in the past few months, check out the QSL service, you will like what you see!

If you need educational materials for a meeting or event, just contact League Headquarters. Books, Software and Operating Resources...make your Christmas gift list, and check it twice, make sure Amateur Radio shines this Holiday Season for you!

Well that's about it for this time around. Continue to keep OHIO CLUBS ON THE MOVE as we slip out of 2005 and enter 2006. Keep me informed about your events, changes in officers, renew your affiliation and SSC status. Those clubs that are not affiliated, file that application, you won't be sorry. Become a part of OHIO Section Clubs on the move. Make sure I am on your Newsletter mailing list. I am as close as your computer and your telephone, not to mention the US mail. Contact me anytime. So, as I close this issue of the Section News, I sincerely wish all of you a Very Blessed Holiday Season! AND sometime, somewhere when you least expect it, I will be seein' you! From me and mine to you and yours HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Until then Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ30*, ACC Ohio

OHIO SECTION DECEMBER HAMFESTS: There are no hamfests scheduled on the ARRL Web Site in Ohio for December. Remember if you have any hamfest in 2006, please make sure you are listed by the ARRL - whether or not it is an ARRL sanctioned hamfests, it is to your advantage to have it on the League's hamfest schedule. We notice that many hamfests of long standing are still not on the hamfest calendar for 2006. Our suggestion - the day after your hamfest occurs, send in the paperwork for the next year.

THE OHIO SECTION CABINET: 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-

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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: (appointment pending).

VE exam opportunities

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

2d Saturday odd months: Hamilton (Butler Co), Butler Co VHF Assn at Joint Vocational School Communications Ctr, 3603 Hamilton-Middletown Rd (Rt 4). Registration 8:30 AM; walk-ins OK. All licence classes. Contact: Ted Wilson K8TCR, 513=868-7012. Talk-in 146.97

2d Monday each month: Kentucky (Edgewood), NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkeyfoot Rd. Registration 6 PM. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. Contact: John Meyers NB8K, 859=472-6690. Talk-in 147.255

Wednesday, Dec 14: DIAL Radio Club at Rm 13, Johnston Hall, Miami U Middletown. Register 6 PM, exam 7 PM. Walk-ins on space-available basis. Special exam accommodations must be requested 2 weeks prior to test date. Info: David Williamson KD8W, 513=424-5819.

In all cases, tests require 2 IDs (preferably one with photo). Bring with you the original, as well as photocopy of current licence and CSCEs. \$14 is current ARRL/VEC exam fee, exact currency appreciated. Due to rumours circulating that some exams would not continue every month, please **call** a few days in advance!

==>WHITE HOUSE NOMINATES NEW FCC COMMISSIONER, COPPS TAPPED FOR NEW TERM

President George W. Bush has nominated Deborah T. Tate of Tennessee, a Republican, to serve out the remainder of the term of former FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell, which expires June 30, 2007. Powell announced his resignation one day into President Bush's second term, and he departed the FCC last March. Under FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin, a Republican who succeeded Powell, the FCC has been operating with four members ever since. The White House this week also reappointed Commissioner Michael J. Copps, a Democrat, for a new five-year term, starting last July 1. Both appointments are subject to US Senate confirmation.

"If confirmed, Debi Tate will be an excellent addition to the Commission," said Martin. "She has a distinguished career in state government, and she has worked closely with the Commission in her role as Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority."

Martin said he also looked forward to continuing to work closely with Copps, who has served on the FCC the past four years. "I respect his insight and thoughtfulness on issues before the Commission," Martin added.

Since Martin, a member during the Powell regime, took over the chairmanship, the political balance on the Commission has been split evenly between two Republicans and two Democrats. Members of a president's political party hold a majority on the FCC.

Another FCC opening is looming. Republican Kathleen Q. Abernathy is obliged to step down when the current session of the US Senate expires, probably later this year. She's been on the FCC since 2001. Copps said he was "deeply honored" to be reappointed. "I look forward to working with Congress, the Administration, the Chairman of the FCC and my fellow Commissioners to help bring the best, most accessible, and cost-effective communications system in the world to all of our people," Copps said in a statement. Jonathan Adelstein is the other Democrat on the Commission.

*** Foundation for Amateur Radio announces scholarships:** The Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) plans to administer 54 scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to assist Amateur Radio licensees attending institutions of higher education full-time. A non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, DC, FAR is composed of more than 75 area Amateur Radio clubs. FAR fully funds three of these scholarships, 10 are funded with income from grants and FAR administers the remaining 41 without cost to the donors.

Radio amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2500 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or to those who are pursuing certain courses of study. Clubs, especially those in Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin, are encouraged to announce these opportunities. For additional information and an application form, send a letter or QSL card postmarked prior to April 30, 2006, to **FAR Scholarships, PO Box 831, Riverdale, MD 20738**. FAR is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

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What's coming in December

Fri Dec 2 7:30 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr (park in Bd of Ed lot)

Tue Dec 6 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle in Westwood-Cheviot
Program: Elections for 2006, followed by pizza

Wed Dec 7 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL

Sat Dec 10 10 AM Monthly fox hunt (all else being well), hounds start from Mt Storm Park – talk-in to start 146.67

Tue Dec 13 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting, probably, location TBA

Wed Dec 14 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS

Fri Dec 16 7:30 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St

Mon Dec 19 7:30 PM Robotics Group at Brian K4BRI's (again, all else being well)

Wed Dec 21 9 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
Winter begins

Sat Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Sun Dec 25 Christmas Day, first night of Hanukkah

Mon Dec 26 First days of Hanukkah & Kwanzaa

Tue Dec 27 Regular day for Board meeting, which may not be held this month

Wed Dec 28 Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI

Sat Dec 31 New Year's Eve

Sun Jan 1 2006 New Year's Day; 2006 club dues are officially due

Tue Jan 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle in Westwood-Cheviot
Program: Bob Spratt N8TVU, Hurricane Katrina relief volunteer

Oh-Ky-In 2005 Committee Appointments

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Silent Key	Bruce Vanselow N8BV	Life Members	Kenneth E Wolf N8WYC
ARPSC Representative	Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM	John W Hughes	AI4DA

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News of members and students in recent classes

Lynn Ernst WD8JAW's father passed away the week before Thanksgiving. Our condolences to Lynn and his family.

Otto AA8KK has been under the weather. We all hope he is feeling better.

No news from the exams

You are a "real ham" ...

... if you carve your holiday turkey and find your HT

... if you use your discone antenna for a Christmas tree

... if your Christmas lights blink with the transmissions of your base radio and you try to impress the neighbours by blinking out Jingle Bells

--swiped from GCARA *Mike & Key*, November 2005

Membership!

Dues are technically due the first of the year, and delinquent the end of March. For your convenience, the forms you need for your household are inserted into this issue (hard copies) or are the other attachment to the electronic *Q-Fiver*. You can also get a membership form at the December 6 meeting, or by requesting one from Bob WA6EZV at [membership@oh-ky-in.org]. If you get yours electronically, please print out as many as you need. Thank you.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Copy deadline for January 2006 issue is Friday, December 17