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

## *December 2006 Volume 48 Number 12*

### **From the President**

December is almost here, and with it comes elections and new officers for the club. I would really like to thank the club for putting up with me in my tenure, and to say that I have certainly enjoyed my time as president. It is an honor and a privilege to serve this club - the best club in the area - and I am happy to have helped out.

Please remember that this club, and any club at all, is totally dependent on the participation of its members - please - come to meetings - participate in contests and other club functions - give us some input! We will gladly listen to any ideas on how things can be better or even new directions for the club to go!

Elections and pizza will fill up the next meeting - please come on out and make your vote, eat some pizza and have a great time socializing with the club!

73, *Brian K4BR1*

### **Next meeting**

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will be its annual Christmas Party and Elections for next year. FREE pizza will be available to club members and their guests. That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, December 5, 2006** (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 northwest on Glenway Ave. to Boudinot Ave. (approximately 4 miles; at Walt Sweeney Ford on right). Turn slight right on to Boudinot. After approximately 1 ½ 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 K08725*

### **Minutes of members’ meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

Brian K4BRI called meeting to order at 7:35 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were 26 present.

Guest Jim Poehlmann passed his Technician exam last weekend. (According to [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) on typing date he has since been issued the call KD8ENS.)

Health and welfare: John Baird W9JRB (mis-called W9JRV last time) is receiving chemo and radiation, doing well otherwise.

Brag session: Rick KD4PYR has a plaque to present, belatedly, to Harry WA8LOJ, and did so. Mike KC8YOM's second oldest daughter, Laura Hornsby, will be doing webcasts for WCPO. Bob WB8JHT announced that his 80m vertical is standing up.

Dale KC8HQS then announced this month's program, Homebrew.

Bob WA6EZV had hoped to bring an 80m receiver, however Matt AA9YH still has it. Instead he brought a timer for ARDF and orienteering, based on a Brian K4BRI design, which he breadboarded. The 80m design came from Uri in Hungary, who did 10 10-mw transmitters. Next query was, which receiver is best. Bob said the board was easy, it was the peripherals which took the time. He is building 5 KMT-80s for the blind ARDF exercise in Dayton (article and schematic in a Croatian magazine that he passed around).

Dick WB4SUV said he was to do the transmitter hunt at the Milford Hamfest, but Phil KG8AP had all the little transmitters. No word from Phil by 10 PM the night before, so Dick built one for 2m. Saturday morning Phil arrived with the box of 12-14 transmitters.

Harry WA8LOJ brought a Special Services spy radio PRC-64, works on 2-8m CW, is waterproof (for frogmen or SEALs) and dates from the Vietnam era. He built a power supply for it. He got the radio at a MARS meeting a while ago.

Mike KC8YOM has been working with high-end power supplies that get discarded.

Rick KD4PYR had wallpaper for Harry WA8LOJ and Bob W8JSO.

Susie N8CGM made a batch of low-fat brownies from a Kroger kit, invited those present to please eat them up.

Brian K4BRI had a working model of the club project (there are 2 kits left). It produces a squeak tone.

This upgraded the firmware in a Doppler display.

Brian also announced, before the break, that the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes will be Nov 18-19, 4 PM Saturday-10 PM Sunday. Sign-up sheet will circulate.

The best homebrew for the award will be voted on after the break, which began at 7:55 PM.

Business meeting convened at 8:16 PM. Most applause for homebrew went to Susie N8CGM's brownies, carrying a \$10 Frisch's gift certificate.

Brian K4BRI thanked Dale KC8HQS for doing hospitality and selling split-the-pot tickets.

Susie N8CGM asked for additions, corrections or a motion to accept the minutes printed in this month's Q-Fiver. Tom NG8A moved to accept, Bob WB8JHT second, motion carried. (See correction to Health and welfare above.)

Membership: There are 124 members to date. Applications are here for 2007.

Rick KD4PYR distributed copies of the treasurer's report for review. Liability insurance was the only big expense in the past month. Queries, talk to him.

Bruce N8BV had nothing to report for Silent Keys.

Brian K4BRI declared that the Technical Committee *will* meet next Tuesday, location not yet certain.

There are still issues. .925's seem to be sporadic and self-healing. All the .67 remotes work, and .67 itself is doing better. A .625 climber may be lined up for Thanksgiving weekend or the weekend after; if this transpires, a cry for ground crew will be issued.

Ev KC8JR announced that the final class will be this Thursday with exams at 12 noon on Saturday, in this room (upstairs due to elections in the normal meeting room). VEs are needed. Brian K4BRI's students have been doing practice exams.

Fox hunts: Dick WB4SUV and Bob WA6EZV are both working this Saturday, Phil KG8AP too – Brian K4BRI announced that the time or day may change.

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DXpedition group needs to meet on the 3d Tuesday to do QSL cards. Brian K4BRI can print labels and host the meeting.

Bruce N8BV announced that Tech Talk will be on .67 tomorrow, with Dale KC8HQS as net control.

Liaison Pete KC8BZM said WARN is quiet. Red Cross and ARPSC photo IDs need to be done.

Background checks are in progress; ARRL emergency certification Level 1 and IS-100 are becoming mandatory. No more just show up and work! The ARPSC December meeting will be somewhere different, Pete will have that information.

Dale KC8HQS reported for the website that he has put up a link to the "jammer quiz" (directions for dealing with one in quiz form; in one word, don't!). He has also assumed reflector duty from Rick KD4PYR. The reflector will have a new e-dress. Golf outing results are also on the web site.

Coming events: Pete KC8BZM mentioned the Warren Co carriage parade on Dec 2, which he has worked in the past. About 100 carriages run in the afternoon and also at 7 PM with lights. Those interested may work either or both, contact Pete to do so.

Sweepstakes will be Nov 18-19 at Brian K4BRI's. He wants operators and a good score; would like to beat Mad River.

Brian also reported for the Nominating Committee, which has contacted candidates for each position. Floor nominations are OK this evening with the candidate's OK.

For president, Dale Vanselow KC8HQS. No floor nominations, nominations declared closed.

For vice president, Tom McGill NG8A; David KC8YTJ nominated his dad Mike Hornsby KC8YOM from the floor. No other nominations, nominations declared closed.

For corresponding secretary, Phil Smith KG8AP. No floor nominations, nominations declared closed.

For recording secretary, Brian DeYoung K4BRI. No floor nominations, nominations declared closed.

For director, Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Bruce Vanselow N8BV, Emily DeYoung K4MLE, Brian Fulmer KC8FJN. No floor nominations, nominations declared closed.

For treasurer, Rick Haltermon KD4PYR for one more year only. No floor nominations, nominations declared closed.

Eric N8YC reminded candidates that they should be prepared to give a brief talk about what they hope to accomplish in office.

Harry WA8LOJ asked what about the Thanksgiving parade. Bob WA6EZV said Dennis KB8JVK sent him an e-mail about it but didn't go into details.

The winner of the members' incentive would have been Carol Hugentober WA8YL. Had she been present, she would have received \$25. Draw next time is for \$30.

Gene N8KOJ has some past issues of amateur magazines to offer.

Split-the-pot was \$19.50, won by Gerry KD8ASL.

Ev KC8JR moved to adjourn at 8:41 PM, motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CGM*, Recording Secretary

**FOR SALE.** Hy-Gain Hi Tower, 18HT. Estate of Bob KD8M. \$200, buyer to take down.

Katie KC8IBL, 513= 922-6638. NOTE: Submitted for Katie by Sam KJ8K.

### **Sweep of Sweeps (natch!)**

OhKyIn once again participated in the ARRL Sweepstakes this year - And, of course, we made a sweep!

We managed to work all 80 sections on Sunday early after noon, with the hard sections being SC, ND, and AK - it was tough waiting for the propagation to make it up to Alaska! I would like to thank the operators -- K4MLE, WB4SUV, KD8ASL, KG8AP, N8YC, WD8JAW, N8BV, WB8JHT, WA6EZV, AC4XS -- we would not have made it without the help of these fine operators -- thanks again guys!

ARRL sweepstakes is a pretty easy contest, but has a long exchange. This is a good contest for experienced ops, or new operators alike -- everyone can participate! Please remember the club next November -- maybe even work the code part :)

73, *Brian, K4BR?*

Hello All,

The upcoming **Lebanon carriage parade** is scheduled for Saturday December 2. The parade runs both in the afternoon (1 PM) and the evening (7 PM). Our primary responsibility is to assist with safety. We will have operators along the parade route, in the chamber office and in the Lebanon dispatch center.

Assistance for this detail is requested from any and all available amateur radio operators.

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If you are available to assist or would like additional information, contact myself or Cameron [ccord@eos.net].

*Jason M Shatto KD8BNR*, 4E14, 4H26

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Or call Pete KC8BZM 513=451-3982, [pfeichtner@fuse.net]

### **Price Hill Thanksgiving Day Parade transpired as scheduled**

Dennis KB8JVK served as net control/K8SCH as usual. There were a number of units who were late, due to an e-dress mistake by parade organizers.

Div I

Div II

Div III

Div IV

Floats

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Lynn WD8JAW    Bob WA6EZV    Pete KC8BZM    Rick KD4PYR    Kevin N8VRF  
Harry WA8LOJ                      Laurie KF4YWG    Chris KI4BOR

Dennis's thanks to all who helped!

One disgruntled Price Hill resident complained in a letter to the *Enquirer* that the parade was only granted half of Glenway Avenue. Might have been safer if the whole street were closed for the parade, as in past years.

### **Evening OSSBN Net to Start Earlier; Answer to Band Propagation Problems**

The evening session of the Ohio Single Band Net (OSSBN) will be moving messages 30 minutes earlier each day until further notice. Propagation problems on the 75 meter band makes it necessary to start the evening traffic net at 1815 (6:15 p.m.) The announcement was made by OSSBN Net Manager Connie Hamilton N8IO, who is also an Assistant Section Manager for Ohio.

"The OSSBN Advisory Board met Tuesday (November 14) to make this change," Connie said, "too many evenings we have either had out of state operators relaying or absolutely NO copy on anyone due to propagation problems." OSSBN will revert to the normal start time when the propagation returns to normal, she said.

OSSBN, Ohio's traffic net of record, meets three times daily on 3.9725 MHz at 1030 (10:30 a, m.) and 1615 (4:15 p.m.) as well as the new time announced today.

33/73, *Connie N8IO* OSSBN NM ASM SE OH

### **ARLB027 "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order Takes Effect December 15**

With publication in the *Federal Register* November 15, the long-awaited changes to the amateur rules are set to take effect 30 days later, at 12:01 AM EST December 15. The so-called "Omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, includes a significant expansion of the 75 meter phone band and a variety of other changes.

The highlights:

- \* For Amateur Extra class licensees, the 75 meter phone band will start at 3600 kHz, while Advanced class licensees start at 3700 kHz and Generals at 3800 kHz. The high end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band is now 3600 kHz (although CW is allowed on the entire band).
- \* On 40 meters, Amateur Extra and Advanced licensees will be able to operate phone beginning at 7125 kHz, while Generals start at 7175 kHz. The top end of the CW/RTTY/Digital band will be 7125 kHz (although CW is allowed on the entire band).
- \* There are no changes to the 20 meter band.
- \* On 15 meters, the General class phone band now starts at 21275 kHz.
- \* On 10 meters, Novice and Technician Plus licensees can now operate CW/RTTY/Digital from 28000 kHz to 28300 kHz.
- \* In addition, Novices and Tech Plus licensees can use CW only on the same frequencies as General and Advanced licensees on the 80, 40 and 15 meter bands: 3525 kHz-3600 kHz; 7025 kHz-7125 kHz and 21025 kHz-21200 kHz.

The Report & Order as published in the *Federal Register* clarified two items that had raised some concerns when it was first released October 10: That the 80/75 meter band split applies to all three IARU Regions, and that FCC licensees in Region 2, which includes North America, can continue to use RTTY/data emissions in the 7075-7100 kHz band.

Several controversial aspects of the proceeding are still to be resolved (as of Nov 22), although the FCC is working on an erratum for the inadvertent elimination of J2D emissions of more than 500 Hz bandwidth. The Commission intends to release the erratum by the December 15 effective date. The FCC also took several other miscellaneous actions.

## Contests

December 2006

- 1-3 ARRL 160 Meter Contest, CW; NM QSO Party, CW & SSB; TARA RTTY Melee; TOPS Activity Contest, CW
- 9-18 ARRL 10 Meter Contest & 28 MHz SWL Contest; Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW; NA Meteor Scatter Contest; OK DX RTTY Contest; PSK31 Death Match, PSK31 and PSK63; Russian 160 Meter Contest, CW & SSB; Croatian CW Contest
- 16-Jan 1 Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party
- 16-17 DARC Christmas Contest, CW & SSB
- 30-Jan 1 ARRL Straight Key Night; RAC Winter Contest, CW & Phone; Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge, CW

Hot contests for a cold month, and lots of them! Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>  
73, *Dan K74AU*

## Weaver's words --gobble, gobble

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## RED CROSS, AGAIN

I want to make it clear that I support the Red Cross and have supported it since I first became a volunteer through the Queen City Emergency Net in early 1964. However, in answer to questions I've received from members, I unhesitatingly say I will not give the Red Cross or its agent, *Mybackgroundcheck.com*, permission to run a credit check or lifestyle check on me. It isn't that I have anything to hide; it is simply that they have no business prying into these matters. Unfortunately, whenever a volunteer authorizes Red Cross to do background checks, *Mybackgroundcheck.com* on behalf of Red Cross is automatically authorized to do these irrelevant types of background checks. This is true even though Red Cross insists they don't typically receive credit and lifestyle checks. Why is the Red Cross acting in this schizophrenic manner?

I am writing the Cincinnati Area Chapter of the Red Cross to authorize them to do a criminal check on me.

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This is all they need. I simultaneously am denying permission to do the other checks. The letter is addressed to the CEO and the Chairman of the Chapter. I am copying the Chapter Disaster Chairman and the Disaster Communications Chairman, both of whom are personal friends. I have great appreciation for the people in the Disaster Office of the local Chapter.

Provided the National officers of the Red Cross do not intend to obtain credit and lifestyle checks on volunteers, they should not require us to authorize these checks. If you disagree, I have this bridge to sell. . .

It is neither my, nor ARRL's business to tell you what you should do if the Red Cross (or anyone else) asks you to complete the form at *Mybackgroundcheck.com*. This is your business. My only reason for sharing my comments on this is to ensure you are aware of the extent of information being demanded at *Mybackgroundcheck.com*, so that you will read the disclosure form carefully and do what is best for you.

#### WHAT THE ELECTIONS CHANGED FOR AMATEUR RADIO

Not much. Let me explain.

In reading the following information, please do not interpret it to represent partisan (political party vs. political party; candidate vs. candidate) political thinking. The only part that relates to Democrat, Republican, Socialist and similar parties or non-parties is the simple comment that the Democratic Party picked up control of both the US House and the US Senate in November. For Amateur Radio, the only thing this proves is that a few seats in each of house Congress changed from one party to another.

Let me point also that Federal agencies such as the US Food & Drug Administration, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission . . . and the US FCC . . . are managed by appointees made by the President, not Congress. With possible exception, the appointed committees or boards have Republican majorities. Of specific interest to us, the FCC will continue to be controlled by the same, pre-election, Republican appointed majority until one or more Commissioner leaves the Commission. Until there is a change in control of the White House, any new appointees to the FCC can be expected to be made so that Republican control of the Commission continues.

ARRL's task as it continues its long-standing policy of advocating on behalf of Amateur Radio remains unchanged. We have never and will never become involved in partisan politics; therefore, we will continue to tell the Amateur Radio story to whoever holds the elected positions. We will continue this approach through our Washington Congressional relations firm and also through the new ARRL Legislative Action Program.

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

You've seen my appeals for help with this Program. We still need help. A number of members have stepped forward to volunteer and have been appointed to very important, although not highly demanding, positions. We still need additional to join the fight to preserve Amateur Radio.

Please read [www.arrl.org/govrelations/laprog.faq.html](http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/laprog.faq.html) for brief questions and answers about the Program. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering to help in your own Congressional District, please contact Val Rose N8EXV at [n8exv@arrl.net] or me [k8je@arrl.org]. Val is the Division Legislative Action Chair (DLAC) for the Great Lakes Division.

We need two members to help in each Congressional District in our three states.

#### FRUSTRATION

Every few weeks, I receive E-mail that asks a question, but when I attempt to reply, the questioner's Spam setting or ISP blocks my reply. This happened just recently when a good member from Grand Rapids wrote twice. 8< snip...

If you want an answer from me and don't get one, it is nearly certain that my E-mail to you is being blocked somewhere along the line. In this situation, please give me a telephone call or send me an E-mail that contains your phone number. (Or add [k8je@arrl.org] to your permitted-senders list --Ye Ed)

## LOW PROFILE AMATEUR RADIO

Speaking of frustration, many of members are frustrated over being unable to operate Amateur Radio because of spousal or local homeowner regulations that ban antennas. A book published by ARRL might be the answer to these frustrations. Just as the US Military has developed large naval vessels and airplanes that are virtually invisible to radar, the second edition of Low Profile Amateur Radio might have the answers to hams' need for stealth. For information, go to [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org), type Low Profile Amateur Radio into the Search Site blank near the top of the opening screen and click on GO. The cost is \$19.95.

## W1AW CHANGES DIGITAL FREQUENCY

In response to the expansion of the 75-meter phone band down to 3600 kHz, W1AW will shift its 80-meter digital bulletin frequency down to 3597.5 kHz, effective Friday, December 15, 2006. The new frequency will be in use beginning with the regularly scheduled 6 PM EST (2300 UTC) digital bulletin on Friday December 15, 2006.

## CHANGE THE NEW RULES

The need for many nets to change frequency has generated a lot of heat. As a supporter of NTS and other net operations, I am very sympathetic, but there isn't anything anyone can do about this . . . at least in the near term.

A few people have suggested petitioning FCC to change its new rules. These will go into effect on December 15. We could start a fight over the new rules, but we wouldn't win; at least yet. FCC is not going to consider changing the new rules until there has been a reasonable amount of experience with them. There are other avenues for achieving changes, but these are pretty drastic.

Although there would seem to be little chance for changes to be made at this time, the ARRL Board has begun to review the situation. The first thing that must be demonstrated is that parts of the new rules impose an undue hardship and damage. Although many amateurs believe it is very apparent that they do cause tremendous hardship and damage, not all amateurs agree. Many amateurs support the rules changes fully. This makes it even more difficult to demonstrate hardship and damage. At the same time, it makes it less likely that pursuing any avenues to achieve change in the new rules will be successful.

We are, nonetheless, looking at the situation to see where we are. This does not mean we intend to try to change the new rules, or that we don't intend to do this. We are merely evaluating the issues at this time.

## TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE

Jan. 9: 20/9 Meeting, Canfield, OH.	Jan. 13: SW OH Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH.
Jan. 18: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT.	Jan. 19-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
Feb. 11: Mansfield Hamfest, Mansfield, OH.	Apr. 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
Apr. 20: KY Colonels ARC, Lexington, KY.	Apr. 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.	Jul.18-19: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.	Sep. 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.
Sep. 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.	

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Hope you had a very happy Thanksgiving. Janice and I wish each of you and your family the very best in this joyful season.

73, *Jim K8JE*

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## ==>FCC INVITES COMMENTS ON TWO AMATEUR RADIO RULE MAKING PETITIONS

The FCC has invited comments on two Amateur Radio-related petitions for rule making. Both petitioners

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seek changes in the FCC's Part 97 Amateur Service station identification rules, specifically §97.119(a). That rule now requires stations to identify "at the end of each communication, and at least every ten minutes during a communication . . ."

RM-11346, filed December 9, 2005, by Murray Green K3BEQ, would raise the required ID interval to 30 minutes as well as at the end of each communication. Green argues in his petition that while he has no problem with the Commission's requirement that Amateur Radio stations identify, "less frequent identification should not hinder the Commission's enforcement of Amateur Radio regulations, as demonstrated by the station identification requirements for other radio services." He suggests the current 10-minute requirement is a result of "an abundance of caution" on the FCC's part.

A second petition, RM-11347, filed May 19, 2006, by Glen Zook K9STH, would revise §97.119(a) to more closely resemble the old FCC §12.82(a) Transmission of call signs rule. The FCC's Amateur Radio Service rules were under Part 12 prior to a revision that put them under Part 97.

In what he calls "a minor but important change," Zook proposes requiring radio amateurs to transmit the call sign(s) of stations with which they are in communication plus their own call sign at the start and end of each single transmission or of a series of transmissions between stations in communication "each transmission of which is of less than three minutes' duration" (operators could omit the ID at the end when the entire series is less than three minutes), at least every 10 minutes during a series of transmissions between stations in communication, and at least every 10 minutes during any single transmission more than 10 minutes long.

"Unfortunately, too many Amateur Radio operators, especially when using FM repeaters, do not identify during their first transmission," Zook asserts in his petitions. "In fact, a considerable number of these operators never seem to get around to identifying even after 10 minutes of operation and a 'fair' number never seem to get around to giving their call sign at all."

Zook believes his suggested changes will "clarify the existing regulations and to help eliminate problems with station identification in the Amateur Radio Service" and actually legalize some commonplace on-air station identification behavior.

**Comments on these petitions are due by November 29.**(FYI: too late to comment now – Ye Ed)

Interested parties may file using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). In the "Proceeding" field, commenter should enter the full petition identifier with "RM" in capital letters followed by the hyphen and the five digit number.

--*The ARRL Letter*, Vol 25, No 44, November 3, 2006

## **21st Annual Southwest Ohio Digital and Technical Symposium**

In cooperation with Dial Radio Club, Miami University, Middletown and the ARRL, the 21st Southwest Ohio Digital and Technical Symposium will be held on Saturday January 13, 2007. The venue will once again be in Thesken Hall of the Middletown campus of Miami University. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM, with presentations running from 9:00 AM until approximately 4:30 PM.

As this is being written (mid-November) we have commitments for the following presentations:

D-Star, Mark Thompson WB9QZB

WinLink 2K, Greg Zach WG8Z

A PSK-31 Audio Beacon Project, Jim Everly K8IKE

Using a Wide Band Noise Generator, Jay Slough K4ZLE

The SoftRock Software Defined Radio Project, Tony Parks KB9YIG

A 10 GHz microwave project update, Mike Murphy KA8ABR

Other potential presentations are in the wings, such as an AMSAT update. We are also looking for a DSP presentation. As you can see, this year's program should be very informative with topics that are state of the art and have immediate real world application. Come meet the folks who are making things happen technically in our hobby, both locally and nationally.

There is no charge for attending the symposium. A box lunch will be available on site. Directions to The campus in Middletown, Ohio can be found on the website: [www.swohdigi.org](http://www.swohdigi.org). Updates to the program will also be posted on the website. For further information, you may contact Jay Slough [K4ZLE@arrl.net].

### ==>Delegates elect amateur radio-friendly ITU Secretary-General

Member states of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) attending the 17th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, have elected Hamadoun I. Touré of Mali as Secretary-General of ITU for a four-year term. Touré topped a field of six candidates to succeed Japan's Yoshio Utsumi, who cannot run for another term. International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) President Larry Price W4RA says the ITU member states chose wisely in their selection of Touré.

"Hamadoun Touré is someone with whom IARU has worked for the past eight years," Price said, "and he has a proven record of understanding the importance of the Amateur Services, especially their importance in emergency and disaster communications."

IARU Vice President Tim Ellam VE6SH, who's attending the "Plenipot," congratulated Touré in person on behalf of IARU and its member-societies. Ellam says Touré told him that it's important for IARU to "continue its good work in the ITU," adding that the IARU "has an important role to play in the future."

Addressing the conference after the vote, Touré told the 1500 delegates from around the world that he would work with transparency, objectivity and vigor to realize the two main objectives that were central to his campaign: to eliminate the digital divide and to ensure that cyberspace would become more secure.

Touré has served two terms as director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau.

Delegates elected Houlin Zhao of China as Deputy Secretary-General. He said that he would do his best to assist the Secretary-General elect and the three directors as well as the membership to make ITU a more dynamic organization that would contribute to the emerging global Information Society. ITU-Radiocommunication Bureau Director Valery Timofeev of the Russian Federation was unopposed for re-election.

The "Plenipot" concludes November 24. For only the second time IARU representatives will be among the Plenipot observers, with Ellam and International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann HB9AQS/F5VKP, each present for half of the conference. Turkey's IARU member society, Telsiz ve Radyo Amatörleri Cemiyeti (TRAC), has organized a demonstration station and exhibit of Amateur Radio emergency communications capabilities adjacent to the conference site.

The ultimate authority in the ITU, the Plenipot, held every four years, is the occasion for representatives of ITU member states to consider proposed changes to the organization's constitution and convention, adopt strategic and financial plans and elect senior management.

Among candidates for the 12 seats on the part-time Radio Regulations Board is Robert W. Jones VE7RWJ. Plenipot 2006 delegates also will consider changing the name of the ITU. Several Arab States have submitted a Common Proposal to call it the "International Telecommunication and Information Technology Union." — ITU; IARU

-- Both above from *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 25 #46 Nov 17, 2006

**Kevin J. Martin confirmed chairman, commissioner of FCC for another term** (Nov 22, 2006)

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## VE exam opportunities

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 Monday each month:** Kentucky (Edgewood), NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkey foot Rd. Registration 6 PM. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. Contact: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.255

**2d Saturday odd months except July:** 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

**3d Wednesday even months:** DIAL Radio Club at Rm 110, Johnston Hall, Miami U Middletown. Register 6 PM, exam 7 PM. Walk-ins on space-available basis. Map to exam site and/or NCVEC Form 605 available from [k8cm@arrl.net] for SASE.

Advance registration consists of completed NCVEC Form 605, copies of current licence if any and valid CSCEs and \$14 check payable to DIAL Radio Club. Please include note stating class of licence you wish to attempt. Mail advance registrations to: David Williamson KD8W, 5766 Trenton-Franklin Rd, Middletown OH 45042. Pre-registration must arrive at least 2 days before exam. Please include your telephone number on your check. Special exam accommodations must be requested 2 weeks prior to test date. More 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.

## What's coming in December

- Fri, Dec 1 7:30 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps meeting, location uncertain – could be their Christmas festivity
- Sat Dec 2 SKYWARN Recognition Day
- Tue Dec 5 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle in Westwood-Cheviot  
Program: Election of officers & board for 2007, followed by pizza for members & their guests
- Wed Dec 6 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67
- Sat Dec 7 10:00 AM Oh-Ky-In monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start 146.67
- Tue Dec 12 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location to be determined
- Wed Dec 13 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQ5, 146.67
- Fri Dec 15  
7:30 PM Queen City Emergency Net at Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown
- Tue Dec 19 7:00 PM Board of Directors (old & new) year-end dinner, Maury's Tiny Cove, Lovell & Harrison Aves. In Cheviot
- Wed Dec 20 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.67
- Fri Dec 22 Winter begins
- Sun Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- Mon Dec 25 Christmas Day

Tue Dec 26                   Kwanzaa, Boxing Day (Canada, Australia, NZ)  
 Sun Dec 31                   New Year's Eve  
 Mon Jan 1 2007           2007 dues technically due  
 Tue Jan 2       7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee, behind  
                                   Harrison-Boudinot White Castle in Westwood-Cheviot  
                                   Program: to be determined. Please stay tuned!

**OH-KY-IN 2006 Committee Appointments**

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	QCEN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	WARN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair	Repeater Control Ops Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Education Chair Ev Giglio KC8JR	Librarian James E. Keely KC8PRY
PIO Bruce Vanselow N8BV	Field Day Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair
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	Slow Scan TV Net Mgr Harry Davis WA8LOJ
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John M Hugentober Sr Memorial CW Proficiency Award	Bob Frey WA6EZV
Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	Robotics Chair Dana Laurie WA8M
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TVI/RFI Dick Arnett WB4SUV, Chair	
Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV	Life Members Kenneth E Wolf N8WYC
Silent Key Bruce Vanselow N8BV, Chair	John W Hughes AI4DA
ARPSC Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM	

**New members since mid-year**

Alphabetically by surname:  
 Jim Baird W8IOA Technician 6210 Berauer Rd #2, Cincinnati OH 45248, 513=574-1149,  
 [jamesbaird2@juno.com] son of John R Baird W9JRB, who was mis-called W9JRV in last issue's  
 Minutes under Health & Welfare (typo?)  
 Alan Cohen KA9GRY General 309 Springside St, Crestview Hills KY 41017, 859=344-1512,  
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 [timinthenati@fuse.net]  
 Welcome, even though it's taken a while!

**Field Day 2006**

December *QST* should now be in shacks across the nation, and the Field Day figures are out!  
 K8SCH placed 64<sup>th</sup> in 2A and 3d in OH, with 5654 points – Canton ARC was 1 in OH in 2A with  
 9206 points, Northern OH DX Assn 2d with 7316.

### **Thanks as we withdraw into the background**

Carol WA8YL, first as K8DHK, has served as Corresponding Secretary for Oh-Ky-In since January 1979, following Shirley Riestenberg WA8GPO (now KJ8X).

Susie N8CGM has served as recording secretary since January 1986, following Bill Simpson KI4QJ. *Q-Fiver* editorship does not accompany the office of recording secretary, even though this has been the case for that long!

These responsibilities are thankfully handed over to *men* for a change, for a while.

### **Membership applications**

... can be had from the home page of [www.ohkyin.org](http://www.ohkyin.org), by clicking on the underlined whatever-it-is in the yellow box with the Next Meeting announcement. Care is needed, or you'll miss.



**Happy holidays to all!**

***Copy deadline for January 2007 issue is Saturday, December 23***

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