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From the President....

The Dayton hamvention has come and gone, and I am still waiting on the rain! Our club booth did well and it was a nice place to be able to stop and sit. Thank you to everyone who stopped by! Please include OhKyIn in your field day plans – it's coming up soon and we need all the operators we can get. This is always a fun event and a great exercise! Please attend the next meeting, or contact Nathan, KA3MTT to sign up.

The July meeting will be moved to the following week, due to the 4th of July holiday being on our meeting night -- other than that same place, same time.

Repeater work continues -- please stop by a meeting and find out more!

73, *Brian K4BRI*

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will feature Rick Haltermon KD4PYR's home weather station. That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, June 6, 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 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 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 KC8HQS*

Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Meeting was held upstairs in class/exam room due to primary election in usual meeting place.

Brian K4BRI called meeting to order at 7:38 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were about 40 present, with 1 guest. Tom Arens KI4OZU, a member, took the exam this weekend and passed, N8AA John Comelia moved here from Cleveland.

Health and welfare: no reports.

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Brag: Dick WB4SUV and Bob WA6EZV, the Oh-Ky-In contingent did very well at the US ARDF championships in Raleigh NC. It's hoped to have something about that in the June *Q-Fiver*. Brian K4BRI added that Emily K4MLE snagged 2 golds in NC.

Susie N8CGM had a brag for the WQRZ people of the 2-part Hurricane Katrina story that ran in the *Q-Fiver*; Brice the station manager received a small business association award for WQRZ-LP. Susie's chorus, Queen City, won 2 medals at the recent Sweet Adelines regional contest; 5th overall (out of 20) and 3d in the mid-size chorus division (out of 5).

Harry WA8LOJ's code student Ben passed his code exam so now is the equivalent of Tech+.

Dale KC8HQS then introduced Jay Slough K4ZLE who spoke on HF propagation with numerous slide illustrations. He admitted basing this presentation heavily on a Radio Nederland course he went through at the Naval Academy in 1966 and on Paul Hardin NA5N's "4 days in May" program. He recommended HamCap propagation software. He also explained that the F2 layer is the workhorse for DX and that radio waves are refracted rather than reflected by the upper levels. Conditions are often better after solar flares. Program ended about 8:45 PM.

Business meeting began at 9:00 PM.

Tom NG8A moved to approve the minutes as printed in the *Q-Fiver*, Bob WA6EZV second, motion carried.

Nathan KA3MTT reported there are 105 paid members. It is now time for pro-rated dues for brand new members.

Copes of the treasurer's report were handed around for review. Matters stand pretty much as usual. A CD that came due was not renewed but deposited into checking. Technical committee recent expenses were approved.

Technical Committee: when .67 is replaced it will be back to normal power; now 27 watts out of duplexer. It is not covering as well and the committee have gone through all the possibilities they can think of. .925 is doing well, however the north remote is down. Some engineering issues remain to be resolved.

EchoLink is still running. .625 is limping along; there's to be a climb there shortly. There is no place to put .775 (see New Business). There will be a committee meeting next Tuesday at Brian K4BRI's. First responder to the Northgate site will need to be changed (again, see New Business); they'll figure that out.

Phil KG8AP said that the Hamfest committee now will not need to meet until October.

Brian K4BRI reported for classes which ended last week with exams on Saturday. 12 tests were given with 9 upgrades and new licensees. He thanked the VEs who assisted. There are no plans for more exams soon.

Brian also reported that Dayton is in 2 weeks, we should have the same spaces (4007-8), please stop by. It will be good if the space is staffed. Thursday evening the 18th Brian K4BRI will accept gear to take up there for sale; call him to find out where. The club will take its usual 10%; please keep gear ham-related.

Dick WB4SUV reported for the fox hunts. There was none last month because of the US championship in Raleigh NC. There will however be a hunt on the 13th; Phil KG8AP will serve as fox. There will be extra transmitters and 2 beacons. That is National Foxhunting Weekend. NC was physically grueling and not too good for radio. It was definitely a world-class event. Bob WA6EZV commented that it was 6 km just to and from one transmitter.

Bruce N8BV announced that Brian K4BRI is trading weeks with Carol WA8YL and will do Tech Talk tomorrow. The net should go better when the power is back up.

Harry WA8LOJ had hardly any checkins for the Slow Scan ATV Net last month; he'll try again tomorrow. If club gear is to be sold, please advise him as keeper of the inventory. Brian K4BRI commented that it should be just members' items, though it's possible the old .625 could be sold.

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DXpedition: Eric N8YC said plans are progressing. Enquiries for lodging are being made. Estimated cost is ~\$200 per person. 5 are going, he'd still like 6 or 8.

Library: Jim KC8PRY has some popular new magazines for free.

Pete KC8BZM reported that ARPSC is about as usual. QCEN will meet on the 2d Friday and needs more communicators for the Flying Pig and preliminary events on Saturday. Contact Steve N8TFD.

Old business: Club project: Brian K4BRI reported there are 2 kits left.

ARRL Sweepstakes: K8SCH-4 was the #1 multi in Kentucky. All 80 districts were logged but some were rejected. Sweepstakes is something to look forward to again.

New business (see above under Technical Committee, which this relates to): Bob WA6EZV is preparing to move. His beam is down and he will have a quantity of HF gear for sale.

Field Day signup sheets were passed around for both of the 2A stations and GOTA. More discussion of this will follow next time. There will be a picnic at 6 PM and the now-traditional midnight meal also.

Dale KC8HQS said directions to the Awards Dinner are on the website; note the window link at the top.

Awards dinner will be at The Farm on Anderson Ferry Rd in Delhi Twp on May 31.

The regularly scheduled meeting for July would be on July 4. Consensus was there are many for whom that would be inconvenient. Eric N8YC suggested the following Tuesday, the 11th; that was seconded and passed by acclamation.

Gerry KD8ASL would have won the attendance incentive had he been present, which he usually is.

Amount at the June meeting will be \$105, definitely a new record.

Dale KC8HQS won \$19.50 in split-the-pot, amid cries of "Fix!"

George N8FFV moved to adjourn at 9:24 PM, John KC8VQU second, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CGM*, Recording Secretary

NEW AND CURRENT SEC WILL MEET WITH OHIO ARES MEMBERS DURING DAYTON HAMVENTION

He has been known for running ham radio communications for the Columbus Marathon and TOSRV -- Tour of Scioto River Valley, a multi-county bicycle event. Now Frank Piper KI8GW, former District Emergency Coordinator for District Seven, on June 1 will officially become Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC).

Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE today (May 15) made the announcement. The Section Manager is making good on a promise to appoint a new SEC before the 2006 Dayton Hamvention. "Those participating in SEC search process gave me numerous suggestions on expanding Ohio ARES," said Section Manager Phillips, "these suggestions will go to Frank for his consideration."

Frank, who resides in Fairfield County east of Columbus, will succeed SEC John Chapman WB8INY, who announced his resignation at the April 22 ARES Ohio Section Conference. John, who is starting a new business, said the time required for this venture just was taking too much time away from his ability to run the ARES program.

"The Ohio ARES program has a solid foundation formed by great people within the Section," said Frank on accepting the challenge. "I wish to continue John's vision of ARES in the Ohio." He pledged to expand the growing the ARES program and continue the model program that our served agencies will continue to rely on during times of need.

John and Frank will meet with Ohio ARES officials, beginning with The Dayton Hamvention, on the transfer of command. "I have worked with Frank for a number of years," said Mr. Chapman. "The Ohio Section is lucky to have him as SEC, and everyone should look forward to him moving the ARES program to new heights."

Mr. Piper has been running emergency programs for the ARRL for the past ten years. He was named assistant EC for Central Ohio in 1997, serving as bulletin editor, public service events manager and net manager. Frank became Franklin County EC in 2002 and DEC for District Seven in November 2003. While EC, Frank developed the Franklin County EMA Volunteer Coordinating Committee. He is a graduate of all three EMCOMM courses and is a certified instructor and certified examiner for the program.

The new SEC is professionally a systems programmer for Diamond Power International of Lancaster. His and his wife, Jackie KC8ESO, have a daughter, Hanna, and reside in Pickerington. Beside ham radio, Frank enjoys computers, automobiles and is a First Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Karate.

Section Manager Phillips, on the announcement of Mr. Chapman's resignation, began a three week search process. The original list of SEC candidates that developed started with 22 Ohio hams. Four finalists were given individual interviews. Mr. Piper and the other three finalists were informed of the decision Sunday.

Weaver's words – posted before, but printed after, the Dayton Hamvention ®

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HAVE A QUESTION?

I'm probably asking for more work than I can easily handle, but I'll do most anything for an ARRL member. If you have a question about ARRL that you'd like answered, send me an E-mail that contains it. I ask only that you pose serious questions and that you do your best to state your question in a manner that makes the intent of your question easily understood. If there is something you want to know the back-

ground for a League action, if you want to know the reason the Board considered a particular action, ask. If you want to know why I do what I do, ask.

I plan to include at least one question per issue of *Weaver's Words* for as long as the questions last. Neither the Board, our HQ staff nor I have anything to hide. I'll do my best to give direct answers to your questions.

WE WON ONE! LEGISLATIVE ACTION DID IT!

You may not have put the two subjects together to realize we won a great victory in the US House of Representatives, but we did. Your letters urging your Congressmen/women to support H. Res. 230 paid off.

No, H. Res. 230 has not been passed by the House. Instead, the basic provisions of this resolution were introduced as the Ross Amendment into the new communications act bill. This is even better than having the resolution passed. A resolution by the House or the Senate merely asks that something be considered. A Bill, on the other hand, is law and requires whatever action is indicated.

In addition to the tone set by your letters to your respective House members, letters to specific Congressmen got them to accept the Ross amendment.

The final battle has not been fought, though. Some time after the new bill has been assigned a number, you will be asked to write your Congressman, again -- this time to support the bill. As a matter of fact, I've just learned the bill has been assigned H.R.5252, but now is not yet the time to write. There are a number of things that go on within the House that need to shake out before the time is right. To be most effective, we need to wait until our experts on Capitol Hill give us the word to write. When this word comes, the more writers, the better.

Grassroots legislative action does pay off. The Ross amendment would not be part of the new communications act if it was not for our legislative activity! We have power and not all of it is directed through our antennas!

If you wrote on H. Res. 230, pat yourself on your back and know that I would personally be giving the pats if I could reach you. If you didn't write, please do so the next time the call comes out. There will be a next time and your letter can help.

Thanks.

QUESTION NO. 1. WHY DOES ARRL HAVE ITS HAND OUT SO OFTEN?

Members occasionally ask why ARRL sends so many solicitations for donations. The sentence that follows the question most often is a statement that we should live within the income from our dues.

First of all, I'm happy questions are asked. I fully believe having dialogue between the Great Lakes Division members and me is good and very desirable. The following is my attempt to answer this one. To the question.

The dues for ARRL membership are established essentially to provide the basic services of the organization. Just as is true of many similar organizations, our dues structure is not intended to cover all expenses for services your organization performs to support you and Amateur Radio. To speak bluntly, if my fellow Board of Directors members and I were to set a dues level that would cover the expenses for everything the League does, we would probably need to charge about \$100 per year. Even though this figure could be justified very easily, I suspect that many current members would run away as fast as possible when the postman brought the next dues statement. You can imagine that our membership numbers would fall faster and further than a lead fishing sinker in a fish bowl.

On balance, we believe it is better to keep the dues low -- and \$39/year is low considering the benefits members receive -- and to ask for donations from members who are interested and can afford to support special programs, than to make the dues cover all necessary activities performed by ARRL.

Running a donation program has an added benefit. It offers choices to members. The choices? First, you have the choice to participate or not to participate in the gifting. Second, there is the choice of which program(s) to support -- to fight poorly-constructed BPL, to support all frequency defense efforts, to support W1AW, to support the education programs ARRL manages, to support . . . you get the idea. You can choose to support -- or not to support -- whatever you wish and still maintain your basic membership at a low cost.

One more fact many members may not realize is that they even have full control over whether or not they receive requests to donate. If receiving these requests disturbs you, all you need do is to send an E-mail to our very nice Development Officer, Mary Hobart, K1MMH [k1mmh@arrl.org] and ask her to take you off the Development mailing list of potential donors. I know Mary quite well from working with her at HQ and can assure you she'll remove you from the list without argument. She is far from being "Mary, Mary, quite contrary!" but don't tell her I think she is such a nice trooper.

So, what is the value of the ARRL donor program to each of us members?

1. It keeps dues for ARRL to a minimum.
2. It allows people who choose to do so to supplement their dues payments with donations that enable your League to support the membership and Amateur Radio in ways that would otherwise be impossible.
3. It does this in a manner that allows you and me to choose voluntarily if we will provide the added support and, if we do, to choose the projects and programs we support.
4. It allows your ARRL to pursue programs that strengthen Amateur Radio and ARRL.
5. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Fair enough?

WAS THROUGH LOGBOOK

In case you missed the news, ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) has been configured to support the Worked All States award in addition to the total DX Century Club (DXCC) program. During the past month, nearly twice as many WAS applications were processed through LoTW (9) as through the submission of hard-copy QSLs (5). As of a couple of weeks ago, nearly 100,000,000 QSOs were entered into LoTW. This figure is growing rapidly.

What value does LoTW offer to users? Here are a couple of answers:

1. LoTW QSLing is usually much, much more rapid than when hard-copy QSLs are exchanged regardless of whether this is done by direct mail or by the Bureau.
2. The cost of QSLing is much in the order of pennies as compared with the cost of direct-mail QSLing which is in dollars and even through the Bureau which is about a dollar.
3. LoTW is the only digital form of QSLing that is sufficiently secure and reliable to be usable to obtain DXCC and WAS awards.

For info on LoTW, go to <http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>. LoTW was developed by ARRL at ARRL expense and is available only to ARRL members.

DAYTON HAMVENTION® I was there. Were you? (remainder of section deleted)

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION CONTESTED

For the first time in many years, there will be a contest in the Ohio Section election for Section Manager. I wish each of the contestants well. There is still time for additional candidates to file for the office (*deadline is June 9 – Ye Ed*); therefore, I will not give the names of the two current candidates and give them a possible unfair advantage over anyone who decides to enter the race later. I encourage each member in Ohio to understand the tasks assigned to the elected Section Manager and determine how well the respective candidates can be expected to fulfill these tasks. The SM responsibili-

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ties are outlined at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/sm.html>. The SM clearly has the power to mold the character of the ARRL Section he/she represents. It is up to the members of any Section that host contested elections to determine just what the character of their Section will become after the election is over. The Ohio Section is the one having an election this year. Kentucky and Michigan will have their turn in future years.

OVERHEARD ON THE BANDS

I overheard a few of you calling S01R, the YXs and the VU4s. I hope you all got into their logs. I was fortunate and made it.

MY TRAVEL PLANS

My pending travel schedule through July is as follows. Stop by and say hello.

May 19-21 -- Hamvention®, Dayton, OH and associated activities.

Jun 16 -- Salem Area ARC, Salem, OH.

Jun 18 -- Monroe County Radio Commun. Assoc. Hamfest, Monroe, MI.

Jul 8 -- Cleveland QCWA.

Jul 21--22 -- ARRL Board of Directors meeting.

Tnx for taking the time to read this issue. Write me with any questions or suggestions or merely to write.

73, CU on the bands, *Jim Weaver K8JE*

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DX Extras is promised to return next month.

One important item in DX news is that the **International Reply Coupon (IRC)** now sold at US post offices expired January 31, 2006. A spokesman for the Universal Postal Union says the current ones can be exchanged until December 31, 2006. New IRCs are expected to be available around July 1. "How's DX?" in *QST* says a sample should be posted soon on the UPU website, www.upu.org or www.upu.int, probably in June. 33/73, *Ye Ed*

Contests

June 2006

- 3-4 QRP TAC Sprint Contest, CW; SEANET Contest, CW, SSB & Digital; IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW; Look Around In the Field Contest, CW and SSB
- 10-12 ANARTS WW RTTY & Digital Contest; Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB; ARRL June VHF QSO Party; Portugal Day Contest, SSB; GACW WWSA CW DX Contest
- 17-18 Kids Day Operating Event; WV QSO Party, CW & SSB; All-Asian DX Contest, CW; SMIRK QSO Party, CW & Phone; Quebec QSO Party, CW, Digital & Voice; Summer Meteor Scatter Contest, FSK441; Spanish Islands Contest, CW, SSB & RTTY
- 24-25 **ARRL Field Day**; His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB; QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day

Summer time and the contesting is outdoors. Come on out to Field Day! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan KF4AV*

==>**ARRL'S "HELLO" CAMPAIGN A HIT AT NAB, RTNDA CONVENTIONS** from *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 25 #19, May 12, 2006

When the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and the Radio-Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) met in Las Vegas for their annual conventions in late April, the ARRL was well represented. ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN headed the League contingent. Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts W1AGP, Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG, and Vice Director Andy Oppel N6AJO rounded out the delegation. The presence of thousands of broadcasters offered Pitts an ideal opportunity to promote the ARRL "Hello . . . -- Celebrating 100 Years of Voice over Radio World-wide" public service announcements. Pitts gauged success on the basis of what he *didn't* end up taking home.

"I carried 60 full 'Hello' press books containing news releases, information and PSAs to the NAB," Pitts said. "At the end of the three days only one was left, and that went to a radio station manager I met in the airport going home." Pitts reports he's been hearing from hams, engineers and radio station managers that the PSAs are airing on cable systems and radio stations. In addition, of the 4500 brochures he took to the convention, he had but 300 left.

The highlight each year for radio amateurs attending the NAB convention is the ham radio operators' reception, sponsored this year by Bob Heil K9EID of Heil Sound Ltd. Some 2000 radio amateurs with broadcasting industry connections attended the April 26 affair.

The big news at this year's reception was that Heil will be inducted next month into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. A veteran music industry soundman and sound reinforcement innovator, Heil has worked with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry, including Chuck Berry, The Who, the Grateful Dead, Joe Walsh WB6ACU and ZZ Top.

NAB Vice President of Science and Technology John Marino KR1O co-hosted the event.

ARRL President Harrison greeted the gathering on behalf of the League and spoke briefly about the changes and challenges Amateur Radio faces in the 21st century.

Charlie Wooten NF4A was honored as Clear Channel Communications "National Engineer of the Year," and Heil presented him with a microphone bearing Wooten's call sign. Pitts credits Wooten with getting the "Hello" campaign PSAs on many Clear Channel radio stations.

Pitts said he found a lot of interest in the "Hello" campaign among those attending the broadcasters' gatherings. "But it takes more than just passing out disks to make it on the air," he added. "It takes a personal contact, and that's why we need continued action by our public information officers nationwide."

Hamfests &c.

June 2006

June 11 Fulton Co OH ARC Hamfest & Tailgate Party, Roth Family Park, 101 Hill Ave., Tedrow OH, 8 AM-1 PM. 2 mi W of OH Turnpike Exit 34, off Fulton Co Rd J. Talk-in 147.195+. \$3 donation appreciated. Amateur Radio testing, outdoor fleas & trunk sales only. Amateur radio equipment, computer equipment, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, coffee & donuts. Overnight camping available Saturday with donation. Info: Angela Infante KB2AVN, 419=822-4382, [lindsayinf@wcn.net.org], www.k8bxq.org

June 17 16th Annual Milford OH ARC Hamfest at Eastside Christian Church, 5874 Montclair Blvd, Milford (new location due to construction at Live Oaks). I-275 to Exit 57, E on SR 28 to 1st left turn traffic light (opposite Lowe's & IHOP), left on Montclair (alongside Milford Self Storage) ¼ mi to Hamfest. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. \$5 gate, children under 12 free. Tailgating \$1, regardless of spaces needed. Tables \$5, requires admission ticket; call Chris KB8SNH, 513=351-2776 or [kb8snh@fuse.net]. VE exams at 9 AM, walk-ins OK, bring ID & licence if you have one. Fox hunt: register at 10 AM, contact Donna KC8KIA on arrival. Commercial vendors, hourly door prizes plus grand prize drawing at end of Hamfest. More info: Jim WB8RRR, 513=831-6255, [wb8rrr@arrl.net].

ARDF Update: USA's 2006 Championships by Joe Moell KO0V, Contributing Editor, May 5, 2006 copied from <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2006/05/05/1/?nc=1> with numerous edits! -- *Ye Ed*] = paragraph

The Sixth USA National ARDF Championships took place April 7-9 near Raleigh, North Carolina. Later this year, the 13th World Championships will get under way on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria. A compact weekend schedule was arranged for the USA Championships to minimize time away from work and school--especially important for those who'd like to attend both events.] Forecast thunderstorms failed to materialize Saturday during the 2-meter event. Skies were mostly cloudy with occasional light rain, making for good running conditions.

Twenty-eight radio-orientees took to this course beginning shortly after 10 AM. It was intended to be difficult, on par with courses at world championships. However, due to a possible technical problem with transmitter #4, it was announced that competitors would not have to find that "fox."] The best overall time on Saturday (2:00:36) was posted in M21 category by Vadim Afonkin of New York. His performance was remarkable because he found all five transmitters in spite of the fact that he didn't have to get #4. He was almost seven minutes faster than second place M21 finisher Jay Thompson, W6JAY, from southern California. In the hotly contested M40 category, Matthew Robbins, AA9YH, of Indiana won gold by punching the required three transmitters in 2:08:47.] Overall 2-meter gold medal winner in M50 category was Nick Roethe, DF1FO, of Germany. Bob Frey, WA6EZV, took second overall and first for the US in that category. The M60 category was led by Bob Cooley, KF6VSE, of northern California with three foxes in just 2:05:19. In categories for women, the gold medal winners were Emily DeYoung, K4MLE, of Kentucky in D19, Jennifer Harker, W5JEN, of Texas in D21 and Brigitte Roethe of Germany in D35.] The passing cold front brought refrigerator conditions to the Piedmont area Saturday night. The temperature was just 36 degrees with completely clear skies as competitors entered the park for the 80-meter event Sunday morning. Would that be an incentive to run faster? It's normal for ARDF competitors to do better on 80 than on 2, and this time was no exception. Whereas 2-meter times were almost all

between two and three hours, the majority of 80-meter times were under two hours.

] Once again, Vadim Afonkin took gold in M21 category with 1:31:09, seven minutes ahead of Csaba Tisztarto of New York in second place. George Neal, KF6YKN, of New York won M40 category in 1:29:59, especially remarkable because he went out of his way to punch the fifth transmitter, which was not required for his category. "For practice," he explained.] It was a very tight race in M50 category. Steve Stone of England was overall winner, followed one minute later by Nick Roethe, DF1FO, of Germany and one minute after that by Jay Hennigan, WB6RDV, of southern California. Gold medal winners of categories M60, D19, D21, and D35 were the same as on 2 meters. In D50, Karla Leach, KC7BLA, of Montana took home the gold.] Other medal recipients (in alphabetical order) were Dick Arnett, WB4SUV, of Kentucky (M60 bronze on 80), Dave D'Epagnier, K0QE, of Colorado (M40 silver on 80 and bronze on 2), Ken Harker, WM5R, of Texas (M21 bronze on 2), Harley Leach, KI7XF, of Montana (M60 silver on 2) and Robert Vickers, G3ORI, of England (M60 silver on 80 and bronze on 2).] Complete results of the 2006 USA Championships are available online at the [2006 USA ARDF Championships Web site](#). Lots of photos were taken and are being published on the Web. Go to my [Homing In Web site](#) for links to these photo pages as they appear, as well as much more about the growing sport of ARDF.



Matt Robbins AA9YH en route to his silver 80-meter medal.
Joe Moell KO0V, photo



Emily DeYoung K4MLE, youngest competitor, displays her 2 golds.
April Moell WA6OPS, photo

June OH Section News By Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Joanne Solak KJ3O

SPOTLIGHT OHIO RADIO CLUB OF THE MONTH

Last month the Club of the Month was not able to be printed due to illness of the reporting person for the club. It will be featured at a later date. The last Club of the Month was The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society. Congratulations to all those members of the NOARS Club.

This month's Club of the Month SPOTLIGHT shines on THE INDIAN HILLS RADIO CLUB. This club is currently engaged in starting an ambitious Cleveland-wide cooperative promotion program that will bring together radio clubs in an effort to recruit more Amateur Radio Operators. The Indian Hills Radio Club was founded in 1956 and is now over a half-century old. The Club name was adopted from a hilly section of suburban Cleveland in Euclid. Over the years, the club has been involved in a variety of activities including a weekly net, Field Day, Club dinners, Programs and so on. The current Cleveland Ham Radio Promotion Project is by far the most ambitious activity in the Club's History, and is being co-sponsored with Cleveland Chapter One of the QCWA. A significant accomplishment of this program is the production of a 21 minute informational video, "Amateur Radio: Wireless Window to the World," a portable promotional display, a 50 page how to manual or Toolkit, and links to ARRL's new "Hello" promotional campaign. D.E. "Dee" Logan W1HEO/8 reports several area clubs have recognized the importance of this project and have become charter members. Your club is invited to join with them to promote and grow our radio service. Our frequencies may depend on it!!!

Funds are needed to cover current costs of producing promotions, materials and future items such as banners, permanent displays, videos, news releases and literature. Dee says a modest \$50 contribution will register your club as a participating charter member and make it eligible to use these tools. Individual contributions are also welcome. Please discuss this with your club members. By working together, Dee says we can build a strong future for Amateur Radio. THE INDIAN HILLS RADIO CLUB is an ARRL Affiliated General Interest Club located in Wickliffe, Ohio. Members meet the second Monday monthly at 7:15 PM at the Wickliffe Public Library. The official journal of The Indian Hills Radio Club is called SMOKE SIGNALS, and their net is Thursday evenings 8:00 PM Local time on 146.430 MHz simplex. The Club will be celebrating 50 years as a Radio Club this year 2006. Right now the Launch of the above explained Cleveland Amateur Radio Promotion Project is their current project! Their main objective is to promote Public interest in Amateur Radio. The membership currently is 25 members.

If your Club would like more information on the INDIAN HILLS RADIO CLUB or the Cleveland Ham Radio Promotion Project, go to www.neoham.org or [delogan@ameritech.net].

CONGRATULATIONS! to The Indian Hills Radio Club, and Thank You D. E. "Dee" Logan W1HEO/8 for the information!

Your Club could be a feature of the Ohio Section News SPOTLIGHT Club of the Month. Nominate your Club for the SPOTLIGHT FEATURE!

Don't forget Field Day celebration June 24th and 25th. Field Day started back in the 1930's to test field preparedness and emergency communications. Today it is officially an operating event rather than a contest as many think of it. The real meaning of Field Day is to demonstrate the communications ability of amateur radio operators in a simulated emergency situation. Support your Club's Field Day operations.

If you are thinking of joining the ARRL or renewing your membership in the ARRL, do it through your Club!

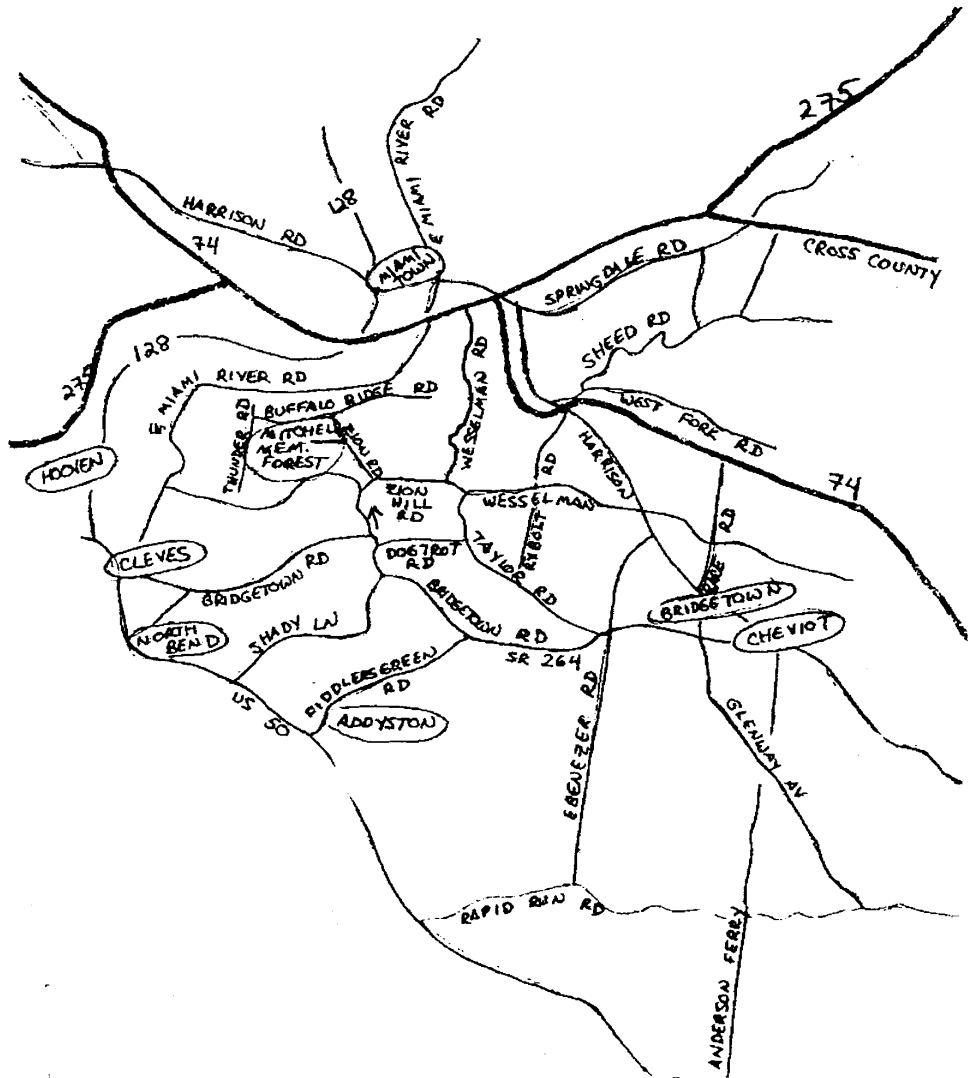
Well, that's it for this time around. Keep those Newsletters coming. Remember your Club can be Spotlighted in the Ohio Section News. Keep me informed.

Also remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

Until then Best 73, *Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC Ohio*

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Field Day at Mitchell Memorial Forest

Bridgetown Rd to right on Zion Rd (there's a sign for the park), follow Zion to Zion Hill, take left branch of Y

Park entry is signed on your left. Set-up from 1 PM EST Fri June 23.

Park entry permits: \$2 per day, \$5 for rest of 2006

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 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

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: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.255

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.

Hamfests &c.

June 2006

June 11 Fulton Co OH ARC Hamfest & Tailgate Party, Roth Family Park, 101 Hill Ave., Tedrow OH, 8 AM-1 PM. 2 mi W of OH Turnpike Exit 34, off Fulton Co Rd J. Talk-in 147.195+. \$3 donation appreciated. Amateur Radio testing, outdoor fleas & trunk sales only. Amateur radio equipment, computer equipment, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, coffee & donuts. Overnight camping available Saturday with donation. Info: Angela Infante KB2AVN, 419=822-4382, [lindsayinf@wcnnet.org], www.k8bxq.org

June 17 16th Annual Milford OH ARC Hamfest at Eastside Christian Church, 5874 Montclair Blvd, Milford (new location due to construction at Live Oaks). I-275 to Exit 57, E on SR 28 to 1st left turn traffic light (opposite Lowe's & IHOP), left on Montclair (alongside Milford Self Storage) ¼ mi to Hamfest. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. \$5 gate, children under 12 free. Tailgating \$1, regardless of spaces needed. Tables \$5, requires admission ticket; call Chris KB8SNH, 513=351-2776 or [kb8snh@fuse.net]. VE exams at 9 AM, walk-ins OK, bring ID & licence if you have one. Fox hunt: register at 10 AM, contact Donna KC8KIA on arrival. Commercial vendors, hourly door prizes plus grand prize drawing at end of Hamfest. More info: Jim WB8RRR, 513=831-6255, [wb8rrr@arrl.net].

What's happening in Oh-Ky-In In June

Notice! July Club Meeting moved to Tue July 11

Wed May 31	6:30 PM	Awards Dinner at The Farm, 239 Anderson Ferry Rd, Delhi Twp Adults \$20; bring family & friends if you'd like! It'll be fun!
	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR, 146.67
Fri Jun 2	7:30 PM	Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot
Tue Jun 6	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: Rick KD4PYR's home weather station; Field Day
Wed Jun 7	8:00 PM	Slow Scan ATV Net, NCS Harry WA8LOJ, 146.67
	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67
Sat Jun 10	10:00 AM	Monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park. Talk-in to start 146.67 (be early! 10:01 arrivals will be left behind)
Mon Jun 12	7:30 PM	Robotics Group at Brian K4BRI's
Tue Jun 13	7:30 PM	Technical Committee meeting, location TBA
Wed Jun 14	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.67
Fri Jun 16	7:30 PM	Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore downtown

Wed Jun 21 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.67
 Fri Jun 23 1:00 PM Field Day set-up begin, Mitchell Memorial Forest
 Sat Jun 24 2:00 PM- Field Day, Mitchell Memorial Forest, begins
 Sun Jun 25 2:00 PM Field Day, Mitchell Memorial Forest, ends
 Tue Jun 27 7:30 PM Board meeting at Carol WA8YL's
 Wed Jun 28 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.67
 Tue Jul 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY – CLUB MTG NEXT TUES
 Wed Jul 5 8:00 PM Slow Scan ATV Net, NCS Harry WA8LOJ, 146.67
 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67
 Tue Jul 11 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart &
 Higbee
 in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
 Program: TBA

Appts omitted due to lack of space, they are in hard copy edition

News of members & students in recent classes

July Fox Hunt will be some other day than July 8 due to Indpls Hamfest

Thank you!

Jim,

I agree with you. I look forward to see club things posted on the reflector. I also enjoy seeing what our members are doing when they aren't helping the club!! Thanks for your posting.

Carol WA8YL

On Sun, 14 May 2006 09:57:37 EDT JimK3334@aol.com writes:

>> The reflector and the people behind it are what makes OHKYIN a great ARS. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the club. The reflector delivers that little extra that I look forward to.

>> 73 *Jim KC8PRY*

On the mend

Tom McGill NG8A was reported home after a heart attack, and expected to make an appearance at the Awards Dinner.

Richard Bergheger WD8JAV sent in by his son, Doug Bergheger to GCARA *Mike & Key*

Richard Bergheger recently suffered a stroke and is currently in re-hab at Eastgate Nursing Home. He is doing better and working hard in rehab but it's all getting him down. (as seems to be typical with stroke victims). I think a couple well placed cards would do him a world of good and give him a little more incentive during the regimen of Speech, Physical and Occupational therapies.

I don't know how active he is with the GCARA in recent years but if there are any members who know him, had some good times with him, I'd like to ask their help in maybe circulating a card for some Ham buds to sign. I know it may sound silly but I'm really scrambling here trying to buck him up a little and having not been close in the past several years, I don't know who his friends are. He can be reached at: CareSpring- Eastgate, 4400 Glen Este-Withamsville Road, Room 159, Cincinnati OH 45245.

It's hoped his friends in Oh-Ky-In can do the same. I sent a card as soon as I read this in M&K.

-- *Ye Ed*

Knowledge is addictive. The more you have, the more you want.

-- billboard spotted in Dayton OH coming home from Hamvention

Copy deadline for July issue is Friday, June 16

- The ultimate inspiration is the deadline (long paperweight sold in *Wireless* catalogue)
- They sure don't know us very well, do they? *The Q-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, June 2006 pg 15*

