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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)

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From the President....

There are plenty of ways to get involved with your club coming up - please attend the May meeting to find out more. Dayton is coming up quickly, and it looks like the club will have the same spots as in previous years. If you are going to Dayton, please stop by the space (4007-8), and maybe volunteer an hour or two at the table? It will give you a chance to sit down and rest! Also, Field Day is just around the corner - please keep the dates open and work some contacts! The ARRL has finally published the Sweepstakes results - #1 in KY once again for K8SCH/KY -- way to go team!

It looks like the relocation of the 146.625 repeater will take place shortly -- stay tuned for more info. Both the 146.67 and the 146.925 repeater continue to work well, but there are items still to be addressed.

See you at the meeting!

73, *Brian K4BRI*

Next meeting

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. The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will feature Jay Slough K4ZLE to talk about HF Propagation. (Jay is also director of the 8th District QSL Bureau, and will be fresh from talking to GCARA about that at their April meeting.) That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, May 2, 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 onto 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 are always welcome!

73, *Dale KC8HQ5*

Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Brian K4BRI called meeting to order at 7:33 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were 3 guests: Jim Baird, no licence; John Baird KD8CZG, new licensee with application in for vanity call; and Billy Zapf N8WRZ. They were among the approximately 35 present.

Health and welfare: none.

Brag: At a recent orienteering meet Emily K4MLE placed first in the F16 Saturday sprint. This was over the classic distance (3 hr 36 min). Brian K4BRI, Emily K4MLE, Bob WA6EZV and Dick WB4SUV all finished.

Bob WA6EZV's son has received his degree in Japanese from Ohio State and will go to Japan in 3-4 months.

Dale KC8HQS introduced the homebrew program. Brian K4BRI, Bob WA6EZV and Phil KG8AP all brought stuff.

Phil KG8AP went first, demonstrating a TinyTrac Version 3 that Byon Gabbarant makes. Plug radio into one side, GPS into the other, into serial ports, not USB. Phil built it in 45 minutes as an easy way to do APRS.

Bob WA6EZV displayed the keyed AM transmitter that goes with the AM receivers built for the NC competition. (AM is generally used elsewhere than the US.) He used a turnstyle antenna with a set of arrow dipoles with a tuning stub to produce a circular pattern. Took a day to build, a week to tweak. The boards came from the UK, the case is a section of drain pipe. It has adjustable transmit capabilities.

Brian K4BRI had a similar device with wire instead of arrows. His was a 2m AM receiver with a whistling sound providing an audio S meter. This was the club project of 10 kits, based on a TCA-440 receiver on a chip. Another little 80m receiver is still in progress, Brian's own design. He used a laser printed design on special paper that he ironed onto a copper-clad board. There is one more of the 10 kits.

Later arrival Dick WB4SUV copied Bob WA6EZV's design, who liked Dick's better and re-designed to improve. This is one more try. A 3.5 MHz transmitter is fit into a plastic pill vial and is used for radio orienteering (orienteer to circle, then DF to transmitter).

Brian K4BRI wants another club project.

Awards will be given later in the evening. Program ended at 8:10 PM.

Break ended at 8:27 PM. Dale KC8HQS announced there is \$17.50 in split the pot.

Still later arrivals Anthony Bender KD8DDG and Nick Ostendorf displayed a home-brew QRP transmitter on a board. Anthony got the diagram off a web site, Nick wound the coils.

Dale KC8HQS announced a 5-way tie, with the award going to the new folks (Anthony and Nick).

Business meeting then commenced.

Susie N8CGM asked for corrections or additions to the minutes as printed, or a motion to accept. Bruce N8BV said it wasn't him but Dale KC8HQS who won the split-the-pot last time. Phil KG8AP moved to accept as corrected, Tom NG8A second, motion carried.

Nathan KA3MTT announced there are now 107 members for 2006, 8 new ones for the year. He expressed his liking for the reminder postcard; some late renewals used the card to apply for renewal. The directory should be produced soon, and pro-rated dues for new members start in April.

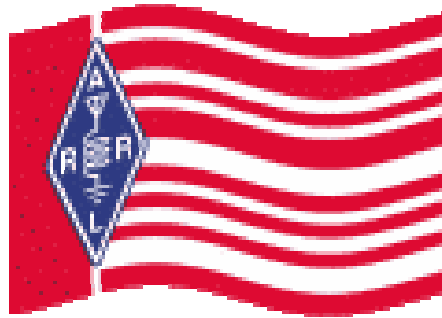
Rick KD4PYR was not present but had e-mailed the treasurer's report, which was passed around for review. Net income since January 1 is -\$279.69

Silent Key report: nothing, fortunately.

Brian K4BRI reported for the Technical Committee that power out on .67 is down. The power amplifier is

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gone, to be replaced. .925 is back on, Brian doesn't know why. There will be a lot of work on .625 in the next couple of months. There is no Technical Committee meeting scheduled for this month, but much work is foreseen for May.

Harry WA8LOJ had nothing new to report for club gear.

Phil KG8AP had nothing good to report for the Hamfest. There are no facilities available. It'll be back next year. Dale KC8HQS will get a new flier to that effect and ARRL will also be so advised.

Ev KC8JR reported that classes are under way, 1 person has passed the exam already. Class-end exams will be April 29, VEs are needed for that.

Fox hunts and ARDF: Dick WB4SUV reported on the March hunt when Phil KG8AP hid near Mike Fink's. There will be several ARDF hunts in preparation for North Carolina, but no regular April hunt unless it's rescheduled. Bob WA6EZV added that 5 will go to the US Championships in NC.

DXpedition: Eric N8YC asked Bob WA6EZV to explain Islands on the Air. Bob went on that IOTA began in the UK as a catalogue of salt-water islands that are numbered and sought like rare DX. Eric seems to choose hurricane sites. Lynn WD8JAW has been down to the Pensacola site and reported that it's still closed. Now the plan is to go to Deer Island Maine. Those currently planning to go are Phil KG8AP, Brian K4BRI, Eric N8YC and Lynn WD8JAW. Eric would like 6 or 8 to go. They will probably operate from Lynn's daughter's property; she is investigating a nearby motel. Likely dates are between the end of Sept through Oct. This is the most remote DXpedition yet. They plan to share expenses and operate for 5 days. Those interested please contact one of those listed above. This will be on the web site.

Nathan KA3MTT reported a small change for Field Day. Since attendance has been way down, it is difficult to get all the stations and shifts staffed. He suggested reducing the number of stations. Dick WB4SUV agreed, suggesting a reduction to 2A; 1 sideband, 1 CW and hopefully GOTA as well. Discussion will ensue.

The library is open. Jim KC8PRY has tapes, books and magazines to lend.
Slow scan net will be at 8 PM tomorrow. Harry WA8LOJ will serve as NCS.
Bruce N8BV asked for queries to be brought to Tech Talk.
Pete KC8BZM reported as liaison to everything that the last weather training of the year will be at Nathaniel Greene Lodge on Friday, April 18 at 7 PM. 146.88 is still weak, 147.090 is the designated secondary CRA repeater with PL of 123 for reportage of severe weather. ARPSC will be this Friday, is on a 2 year cycle for new pictures for ID cards unless other arrangements can be made. QCEN will meet April 21 for the Flying Pig marathon May 7. Workers will also be needed for May 6. The Pig should be done by 1 PM. N8TFD at the QCEN net is taking volunteers.
Bob WB8JHT also commented that the 146.805 Ripley Co repeater is a good place to listen for approaching weather. One of the guys on their weather net is on State Police dispatch.
Dale KC8HQS said he has nothing new to report for the website.
Old business: Brian K4BRI says the club project needs another evening's work. Bob WA6EZV suggested week after next, the 3d Tuesday at Brian K4BRI's, 7 PM on April 18th.
New business: Phil KG8AP said the Awards Committee's last meeting suggested the Awards dinner be somewhere other than Sorrento's. Look for news in the next couple of weeks. Nathan KA3MTT suggested the Awards dinner might be at Maggiano's in Kenwood Towne Center. Eric N8YC described the Awards dinner. Pete KC8BZM suggested maybe at Angelo's at Winton and Galbraith.
Bruce N8BV suggested a fundraising committee raffle, for a carwash or a yard sale. Jim KC8PRY at the ex-IGA on Colerain?
Attendance award would have gone to Rich W2RG, who was not present. \$100 next time.
Split-the-pot went to Eric N8YC, \$18.50.
Move to adjourn at 9:05 by David N8NUX, second by Tom NG8A, motion carried
Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CGM*, Recording Secretary

DX Extras should be back next month. The Raleigh NC ARDF must have been strenuous—*Ye Ed*

Contests

May 2006

- Apr 29-May 7 2 GHz and Up World Wide Club Contest; NA Spring Meteor Scatter Rally; MARAC County Hunters Contest, CW; 10-10 International Spring Contest, CW & Digital; Microwave Spring Sprint; IN QSO Party, CW & SSB; ARI International DX Contest, CW, SSB & Digital; New England QSO Party, CW & Phone; 7th Area QSO Party, CW & SSB; IPA Contest, CW & SSB; EU EME Contest, all mode; Radio Club of America QSO Party, SSB
- 13-14 Armed Forces Amateur, Military Crossband Communications Test; Mid-Atlantic QSO Party, SSB, FM & CW; CQ-M International DX Contest, CW & SSB; FISTS Spring Sprint, CW; Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest; 50 MHz Spring Sprint
- 20-21 40th Annual Baltic Contest, CW & SSB; All America Contest, CW; EU PSK DX Contest, Scottish-Russian Amateur Radio Society; His Majesty King of Spain Contest, CW; US Counties QSO Party, SSB; All America Contest, CW

28-30 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW; QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint, CW; MI QRP
Memorial Day CW Sprint

Lots of good contests to try out those new antennas and the new gear from Dayton. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
73, *Dan KF4AV*

Awards dinner, finally!

OH-KY-IN's Annual Awards Dinner will be held at "The Farm", 239 Anderson Ferry Road, on Wednesday, May 31, 2006. The Farm is a full-service banquet/party hall located just 6 miles west of downtown Cincinnati in Delhi Township.

A cash bar will be available at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00.

Our Deluxe Buffet menu for the evening consists of:

Hot Items: The Farm's Famous Fried Chicken, Bite-sized Toasted Hamilton Mettwurst, Crispy French Fried Potatoes, Baked Beans and Green Beans.

Cold Items: Smoked Ham, Roast Beef, Swiss and American cheese.

Salads: Cottage Cheese, Macaroni Salad, Tropical Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce

And an assortment of relishes, condiments and breads.

Desserts: French Cream Cheese Cake, Walnut Layer Cream Cake and Carrot Cake

Coffee, tea or soft drink is also included.

Certificates, plaques and awards will be presented after the dinner, and our 2005 HAM OF THE YEAR will be announced.

All this for only \$20/person!

Call now and make your reservations with Carol WA8YL, 513=661-5323 or [wa8yl@juno.com].

This is an event YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!!

Paul Glassman W8JN is new GCLIC Chairman

A new chairman has been appointed to serve ham radio operators in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Official Observer Coordinator, Richard Swain KK8O has appointed Paul Glassman W8JN of Wyoming (a Cincinnati suburb) as Chairman of the Greater Cincinnati Local Interference committee, effective immediately. The GCLIC is one of four Local Interference Committees in Ohio. These committees are part of the Amateur Auxiliary (OO program).

LICs do advisory work for the FCC on interference to VHF and UHF repeaters. Ohio has more LICs than any other ARRL Section due in part to our Section being a hotbed of ARDF and Fox Hunting activity. This OO program is part of the ARRL commitment toward making our hobby self policing.

"The GCLIC is one of the most active and successful group in the US but we had a need for a chairman to stand ready to answer questions," said OOC head Swain, "Paul stands ready to handle any questions of the program." This will continue the GCLIC's national reputation for success -- five major FCC investigations in the Cincinnati area started with GCLIC work, and the local group has been praised by FCC chief enforcer Riley Hollingsworth, Mr. Swain added.

On accepting the appointment, Mr. Glassman said, "I am looking forward to working with all my friends since the mid 70s in ham radio."

Paul was first licensed in the mid-70s to become the first American amateur to achieve novice to extra status in a 60 day period. The laws had just changed then and previously a ham had to serve a license class for one year before moving on.

Outside of ham radio, Paul is an Olympic level swimming and diving Coach, having a diver make the 2004 US Olympic trials, and is coach of the current US Diving Champion in the 10 Meter Platform.

Weaver's words – Play Ball edition

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BPL PROGRESS

The FCC finally took notice of ARRL's repeated protests against the Manassas, VA BPL operation and directed the City of Manassas to prove it is not causing interference to amateurs. Amateurs were also requested to provide further data to support the claim of interference. BPL, which operates under FCC part 15 rules, is an unlicensed device. Unlicensed devices are not permitted to interfere with licensed operations such as Amateur Radio, fire services, rescue services, police services and the like.

What does the FCC action mean? If its demand is sincere, this is FCC's first step to accept its responsibility for protecting licensed services from poorly designed and implemented BPL systems. If nothing else, the demand means that Manassas will need to provide credible data showing their system is not dirty. It means the city must divert attention from other tasks and, very possibly, a portion of its tax-derived income from other uses to defend its BPL system.

For us as amateurs and for ARRL, the FCC action gives hope that the Commission under its new Chairman and revised membership will do the job it is charged with doing under Federal Law. It also means our battle against interference from BPL may be paying off and that the League is winning on behalf of hams throughout the country.

Postscript: Please recognize that ARRL has never been anti-BPL and still is not anti-BPL. We have always been and remain against interference caused by it. Where BPL is made free of interference, we have no problem with it. This seems to be the case with the Current Technologies system being tried in Cincinnati and the newer Motorola system that is a combination of wireless and wired technology.

PLANNING FOR THE NEXT KATRINA

It is no secret that the entire country was taken by surprise over the huge, destructive impact of Hurricane Katrina and its immediate successors. Let's face it; humans generally learn through experience whether this experience is favorable or unfavorable. Trying to blame everything bad that happened in the aftermath of Katrina on individuals is an exercise in futility, exasperation . . . and maybe mostly of reality and vindictiveness. On the other hand, it is the wise person who learns from oversights and mistakes. This is precisely what the ARRL Board of Directors is doing.

The January Board of Directors meeting directed that a new, blue ribbon committee be established to study what went wrong with and what went right with the Katrina disaster relief operation . . . and to prepare against future, similar situations. This emergency communication study Committee is directed to submit interim reports throughout its existence and its final report at the Board of Directors meeting in January 2007. The charge to the Committee is to make changes that will improve our ability to respond effectively to major disasters and to avoid repeating problems that occurred after Katrina. The Committee is to plan for wide area and even nationwide disasters. Local disasters are generally being handled well; how-ever, relevant improvements made by the Committee can be expected to find application to local operations as well.

The new committee has been formed and is organizing its work. Its members are a veritable who's who of Amateur Radio emergency communication. This is no "top brass only" committee. It includes good representation not only of the "brass" who can get things changed, but also of people who have a lot of experience "where the rubber meets the road." These folks have been there and done that when it comes to disaster relief . . . including Katrina.

Don't get the idea that no progress will be made until after the Committee formally reports its findings next January. Improvements will be made as it becomes obvious they will be useful. The interim reports will be used to develop these timely changes.

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTERS/E-MAIL

Thanks to the approximately 500 or you who wrote your US Representatives in support of H.Res. 230. You are having considerable impact. Here is what is happening as a result of your effort.

First, replies from Congressmen/women show areas in which our Lobbyist can educate our Representatives. We now know what misunderstandings many of our Representatives are working under. Time spent in education during lobby visits can be very helpful in correcting these misimpressions.

Second, there is considerable thought among some Representatives that the basic provisions of H.Res 230 should be incorporated into the new US Communications Act that is being drafted. This would be even better for us than getting H.Res. 230 passed. Don't back off of promoting H.Res. 230, though. Support for the Resolution is support for the concept regardless of the form Congressional action will take.

Don't want to be involved in politics? The only way to avoid politics is to live as a hermit and have no contact with family or other people. Politics is how we interact with others.

GEORGE IS DOING IT

On the way a to Toledo from the swap at Marshall, MI, Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA and I visited Past Director George Race WB8BGY in Albion, MI. George had attended the swap earlier in the day. His principal interest in Amateur Radio currently is PSK-31. If you know George at all, you know he must keep busy with challenging projects to fill his time. In addition to lending an occasional helping hand to his wife Barbara WB8UWX with cards coming in for the 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau, George is building an airplane. Barb has been a dedicated Letter Sorter in the Bureau for a number of years.

But, much of the considerable time George previously devoted to Amateur Radio as Great Lakes Division Director is now occupied with flying. I don't mean models such as I used to fly. George is building a unique, STOL (short take-off and landing) airplane that he can fly from his side yard.

Go for it, George! Oh, and thanks for all you've done for Amateur Radio in Michigan, the Great Lakes Division and the entire US.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

This is, what's in it for you to be active in ARRL? Why should you want to promote ARRL?

The bottom line simply is that if you enjoy Amateur Radio, if you want Amateur Radio to survive for another generation, if you have invested in Amateur Radio equipment . . . you will get personal benefit from taking an active role in ARRL. What are the problems and how can you help?

I'll discuss just one of these problems today. Others will covered in future issues.

ARRL membership is dropping. There are several reasons for this. Lack of awareness of the facts is probably the most prevalent reason.

Simply stated, most non-members have not taken the time to learn what ARRL is and what it does for each of us radio amateurs and for Amateur Radio.

We who understand the reasons we belong need to spread the word. We need to let non-members know why they will want to become ARRL members.

Yes, I said, want to become members.

ARRL is the only effective game in town when it comes to promoting Amateur Radio nationally. To be sure, there are other groups that promote Amateur Radio, but none of them are organized well enough and are big enough to get the job done.

Anyone who wants Amateur Radio to have strong representation before the FCC, in the US Congress and in our State governments will want to belong to ARRL. This is the only organization that can fight effectively for Amateur Radio through the International Amateur Radio Union in promoting our great service before governments worldwide.

Amateur Radio would not exist today if it was not for the strong defense given it by ARRL. We would have no frequencies -- LF, HF, VHF, UHF or any other.

The bottom line to what's in it for you is that the larger membership ARRL has, the greater impact it can have on regulators and legislators at all levels. The greater the impact ARRL wields the more ARRL is able to do for you and Amateur Radio. The more ARRL does for you and Amateur Radio, the more bang you get out of your membership

dollars. It is just this simple.
Why not go recruit a new member or two?

60 METERS

The 60 meter (5 MHz) band is a good one and is enjoyed by many amateurs. The problem is we have use of only five, highly defined channels and can use only relatively low-power USB on them. ARRL thinks we ought to have a wider band and be able to use still more means of transmission. This is where the US Government's equivalent to the FCC, the NTIA, which in turn governs the civil users of the radio spectrum for the US. Amateur Radio shares its 5 MHz frequencies with critical government users. Therefore, ARRL needs to convince the NTIA that hams will not interfere with these government communications. NTIA representatives appear to be receptive to the idea of sharing more frequencies with us . . . so far. Although we on the Board have our collective fingers crossed, it will be considerably longer before our 60M frequencies may be expanded -- if they are expanded. Things are promising, though.

THINK ABOUT IT

ARRL is dedicated to defending and promoting Amateur Radio -- all of Amateur Radio. In contrast, some individual hams focus sharply on a very narrow aspect of ham radio. Having a special interest is fine. Nearly all of us have special likes and dislikes. However, it is detrimental to Amateur Radio overall when members of any special interest group cease to look upon themselves as being part of the total organization and begin seeing themselves instead as the reason the rest of the group exists. There is room in Amateur Radio for hams to pursue any form of operation that is legal. To believe that only specific forms of technology are worthy of amateurs to pursue is arrogant and selfish. Such a belief is an example of extreme elitism.

SPEAKING OF TAKING THINGS AWAY

I'm not certain if this has ever been said quite so openly as this, but the members of the ARRL Board of Directors are human. Yep. Downright fallible. We make mistakes. We work very hard to avoid these, but every now and then a doozy creeps in. One such mistake occurred a number of years ago when Incentive Licensing came into existence.

It is not that Incentive Licensing, itself, was a mistake (in my opinion). The mistake was the manner in which Incentive Licensing was implemented. To make incentives possible, some frequencies were taken away from General Class licensees to give back to Advance's and Extra's. To say the least, this was not good.

Folks, read me well. We will not take anything away from amateur privileges in rules we propose.

Yet, even today, there are groups and individual members who keep demanding that the Board take action to abolish some form of Amateur Radio operation that the FCC has found to be legal. What are these? AM and semiautomatic digital are two of them.

Wouldn't it be far better to find a way to work together so each of us can enjoy our particular niche in hamming?

FOCUSED PUBLICITY

Greg Wilkins WD8JCT of Cincinnati is an over-the-air reader for the Reading Radio Service (RRS). As such, he has the freedom to choose at least part of the news he will read over the air. It just so happens that Greg chooses to include notices about Amateur Radio classes that will be offered within a radius of about 50 miles of the Queen City of the West (as Cincinnati was referred to by Henry Wadsworth Long-fellow). With Amateur Radio being particularly desirable hobby for sight-impaired people, making announcements about pending ham classes to his largely, sight-impaired audience makes a lot of sense.

Do we have any other RRS Readers who can lend a hand with promoting our great service?

Nice job, Greg.

MF/HF BAND PLANNING

As I've said before, the next step along the path toward Regulation by Bandwidth is to develop a band plan. This is the document that will set aside different sub-segments of our bands for our many forms of operation -- e.g., CW, SSB, various digital, semi-automatic control, ATV, etc. -- similar to the way our bands are divided today. The band planning

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effort is just beginning.

Phase I will involve reviewing the current band plan and determining what is good, not so good and maybe poor about it. Phase I will also involve developing the strategies for subsequent work.

Active participation of any amateur interested in doing this will be key to the final success of the band planning project. Because of this, amateurs will be kept informed of progress in the project and invited to contribute ideas and suggestions to it.

One thing I can guarantee even this early is that the Board of Directors will not recommend removing any operating privilege (e.g., semi-automatic operation, AM, FM, SSB, CW, etc.) that exist in current FCC rules from the coming band plan.

Stay tuned.

73, *Jim K8JE*

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Ohio SEC will resign June 1, SM to make new appointment

Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator John Chapman WB8INY will resign effective June 1. He announced the decision at the April 22 ARES State Conference at the Ohio EMA in Columbus.

"The process of starting up and running my new business is consuming most of my time," he told the conference of County Emergency Coordinators and their staffs; "I don't think it is fair to my family or to the Ohio Section to continue"

Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE expressed his understanding of the decision and told the conference that Ohio would not be losing John's talents. "John is committed to continue serving the Ohio Section as liaison to governmental groups in emergency matters, most notably the Ohio Citizen Corps." Mr. Phillips also said he is committed to having a new SEC appointed by The Dayton Hamvention. "Hamvention is an ideal time for the new SEC to see people from all over Ohio and it will give the new SEC time to work closely with John on the transition of command by June 1st."

(John's official statement of resignation and a call by the Section Manager for SEC candidates follows this story)

Mr. Chapman was appointed SEC November, 2003 after the death of SEC Larry Rain WD8IHP (SK.) He has served in emergency leadership positions for more than three decades and had been District Emergency Coordinator (D-7) when he ascended to the top post.

During his term as SEC, John guided the Ohio Section through the post 9/11 period. He was in the forefront of ARRL SECs in promoting WinLink 2000 -- the protocol for transmitting emergency data by combining ham radio and the Internet. Most notably, John will be remembered for the outstanding direction of the Ohio ARES conferences he ran. Last Saturday's management of the conference was a great case in point, a number of ECs told the SMs after the meeting.

His last project -- revising the Ohio district map from nine to eight areas to conform to Homeland Security Ohio districts -- will be completed before he relinquishes the post.

"I want to thank John for his dedication and leadership these past three years," said SM Phillips. "In the past several months, John kept me informed of the demands of his new business and the difficulties of finding time for the ARES program. I wish it was not so but as always, family comes first."

"Ohio is blessed with much administrative talent which will enable me to move quickly on this decision," Phillips added.

Official statement of John Chapman WB8INY -- Ohio SEC

I am resigning my position as Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator effective June 1 or when a proper replacement is appointed. I find that the process of starting up and running my new business is consuming most of my time and I don't

think it is fair to my family or to the Ohio Section to continue as SEC.

I do promise to assist as needed, and in an ongoing fashion, to serve the Ohio ARES program as liaison to any needed organizations. This will ensure a continuity of our relationships with state and Federal government officials. I have valued my time as SEC and have a wonderful group that I have worked with. I will do all I can to provide an orderly transition to the next SEC.

'73' *John Chapman WB8INY*, Gahanna

Section Manager promises new SEC by Hamvention, seeks state-wide advice for qualified candidates

Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE has set a May 5 deadline for suggestions from Ohio ARRL Members as to who should be the next Section Emergency Coordinator.

Any ARRL member may suggest a candidate or offer his or her services as the next SEC. Either call or E-mail the Section Manager at 513=874-0006 or <jphillips@arrl.org> by a week, Wednesday (May 3)

"My plans are to narrow the list down to three to five most qualified candidates by May 10. Then I will conduct a personal interview of each candidate after that. A new SEC needs to be appointed by the beginning of the Dayton Hamvention, May 19. There are two good reasons for this.

"First, Hamvention is an ideal time for the new SEC to meet with ARES personnel from around the state. Second, this gives the new SEC almost two weeks to work with SEC John Chapman WB8INY on the transfer of command by June 1."

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It's hoped there will eventually be a write-up on the **US ARDF Championship** that took place recently in Raleigh NC. – *Ye Ed*

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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

2^d 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

2^d 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

3^d Wednesday even months except June: DIAL Radio Club at Rm 13, Johnston Hall, Miami U Middletown. Register 6 PM, exam 7 PM. Walk-ins on space-available basis. Map to exam site and/or NCVET Form 605 available from [k8cm@arrl.net] for SASE.

Advance registration consists of completed NCVET 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.

Dayton Hamvention, rooms in back of Main Arena, Fri May 19 at 2:30 PM, Sat May 20 at 9:30 AM & 2:30 PM. Pre-register online at www.hamvention.org/licensing. If you pre-register you **must** be at testing area NLT 15 min before exam start. Walk-ins accepted as room & materials permit. If you only want the exam & not to attend the rest of Hamvention, please go to Guest Services for arrangements.

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.

May 2006

May 19-21 Dayton Hamvention at Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Spgs Rd, Trotwood OH. Fri 8 AM-6 PM, Sat 8 AM-5 PM, Sun 8 AM-1 PM. Sponsored by Dayton ARA. Theme: "Amateur Radio IS Public Service." 500 inside exhibits & vendors, 2300 fleas (Oh-Ky-In at 4007-8), scads of forums, ARRL Expo 2006, (live presentations on stage, meet staff & volunteers, DXCC card checking, other ARRL services & programs), VE sessions (see above), FCC Commercial Licence testing (info www.narte.org), Special Event Station, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.94, 146.91, 223.94, 442.1. Adm: advance \$20 (on line or at R&L & Debco), gate \$25 for all 3 days, under 13 & students free. Info: Jim Nies WX8F, 937=276-6930 [Info@hamvention.org], www.hamvention.org

If you don't see it at Hamvention, it simply doesn't exist!

--line in Hamvention ad in current *QST*

Baloney! If you don't see it at Hamvention, it may not exist any more --Ye Ed

Wed, 12 Apr 2006 11:08:56 -0400

8th call QSL Bureau makes changes, but the cards keep coming, folks

The latest cycle of incoming QSL cards was mailed from the central 8th area bureau to the letter managers on April 6th. It will take a week or so for the cards to reach the letter managers and then 2 or 3 weeks, quickest, before they are sorted and mailed to individuals.

The incoming bureau is also undergoing some changes. As reported earlier, we have had some changes in letter managers and we expect at least one or two more changes before the next cycle. Specifically, those with an "S" as the first letter in the suffix, should expect a delay in receiving their cards this cycle. Paul Daley WT8S resigned after 10 plus years of handling that letter. He did a great job and his letter was one of the best organized ones. (You 8-S's should drop Paul a note and thank him for his effort.) Jim K8SIA has agreed to take the "S" letter and it will be at least a month before he receives all of the back cards, gets set up, sorts the new cycle and sends them out. Please be patient. He is an avid DXer and knows how impatient we get for a bureau shipment.

Another change in bureau operations is that we dropped the "You Got Cards" page from the web site. The effort it took to maintain the page did not justify its existence. If we find a true need to reinstate it, we will. Until next time, may the A's and K's be Yeahs!

73, Jay Slough K4ZLE, 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau Manager

==>THREE-TIME WORLD CHAMPIONS NOT PARTICIPATING IN WRTC 2006

The sponsors of World Radiosport Team Championship 2006 (WRTC 2006) in Brazil this week announced team pairings <<http://www.wrtc2006.com/release42.html>> for the event this summer. Last held in Finland in July 2002, the WRTC is a competition among two-person teams drawn from among the world's top Amateur Radio contest operators. Among the missing for this year's running, however, will be the team that topped the field in the last three WRTCs-- Dan Street, K1TO, and Jeff Steinman, N5TJ.

"We have prior work commitments," Street told ARRL. "We certainly wish them well and hope that the WRTC continues on successfully both this time and well beyond." Street and Steinman took home the WRTC gold for the third time at the 2002 event in Finland. They also placed first among some 50 teams in WRTC 2000 in Slovenia as well as at WRTC 96 in the San Francisco Bay area.

The team pairings in the six WRTC 2006 categories contain many familiar call signs. This year's world competition will take place July 8-9 in the vicinity of Florianopolis, capital of the state of Santa Catarina in southern Brazil. The on-the-air portion of the event is held in conjunction with the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HF World Championship, although WRTC rules differ in some respects from those of the IARU event, and scoring is separate. The event brings competitors together in a single geographical area. The guiding concept is to minimize the variables

associated with radio contesting and instead emphasize each team's operating skills. Among other changes, WRTC 2006 also has created a new "Multi-National Multi-Single" category as well as three positions for younger operators. Brazil's IARU member-society LABRE (Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissão) and the Araucária DX Group are coordinating WRTC 2006 all with support from DX groups and contesters. Atilano de Oms, PY5EG, heads the WRTC 2006 Steering Committee. For more information, visit the WRTC 2006 Web site <<http://www.wrtc2006.com/>>.

What's coming in May

Sat Apr 29 12 N VE exams at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle

Tue May 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Jay Slough K4ZLE on HF propagation
Primary Election Day in IN & OH – please vote before coming to mtg

Wed May 3 8:00 PM Slow Scan ATV Net, NCS Harry WA8LOJ, 146.67
9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67

Fri May 5 7:30 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications
Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot

Mon May 8 7:30 PM Robotics Group at Brian K4BRI's

Tue May 9 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting, location TBA

Wed May 10 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.67

Fri May 12 7:30 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore downtown

Sat May 13 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)

Tue May 16 Primary Election Day in KY – please remember to vote

Wed May 17 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.67

Fri May 19 8A-6P Dayton Hamvention! See listing above. Oh-Ky-In spaces 4007-8

Sat May 20 8A-5P (QCEN rescheduled to May 12) Armed Forces Day

Sun May 21 8A-1P

Tue May 23 7:30 PM Board meeting at Carol WA8YL's

Wed May 24 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.67

Mon May 29 Memorial Day observed

Tue May 30 Memorial Day traditional

Wed May 31 6:30 PM Awards Dinner at "The Farm", 239 Anderson Ferry Road, Delhi Twp
9:00 PM Tech Talk if the awards dinner finishes soon enough, NCS open

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 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Home weather station of Rick Haltermon KD4PYR; Field Day

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
<i>Q-Fiver</i> Susie Scott N8CGM, Editor	Hamfest Coordinator Phil Smith KG8AP
	Slow Scan TV Net Mgr Harry Davis WA8LOJ
Special Publications Jo Haltermon KD4PYS	Fox Hunters Co-Chairs Dick Arnett WB4SUV
John M Hugentober Sr Memorial CW Proficiency Award	Bob Frey WA6EZV
Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	Robotics Chair Dana Laurie WA8M
WebMeister Dale Vanselow KC8HQS	DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC
Equipment Mgr Harry Davis WA8LOJ	[n8yc@arrl.net] 513=598-1659
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	

News of members and students in recent classes

John Baird KD8CZG, new licensee with application in for vanity call

Words from Membership and Field Day

Hello Everyone,

With spring in the air...that means a lot of ham radio activity for the upcoming summer! We have foxhunting available, people going to the Dayton Hamvention, and Field Day in June.

I'm looking for anyone who may have a trailer available for Field Day, which is the weekend of June 24. I have 2 secured so far, and would like to have a 3rd for our GOTA station. If anyone has one available, the club would sure appreciate if you could bring it out. Please e-mail or call me if you think you would be able to help us out.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*



Copy deadline for June issue is Friday, May 19.

You may bring copy to Dayton if you wish, but I'd rather you e-mail it. – *Ye Ed*

