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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, sort of

Just curious if anyone has heard/worked the guys on the island yet?

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

Tue, 26 Sep 2006 09:24:48 -0400

Yep--I was watching the cluster yesterday and saw them come up on 14.260. Gave them a holler and talked to Brian about 16:30 UTC. They were still working out the kinks on the equipment. I listened to them for a few hours until the band went long. They had quite a pile up going for as long as I was listening. I'll be watching the cluster for them again today.

Dennis--KB8JVK

Tue, 26 Sep 2006 13:45:08 -0400

...I worked them last night (Monday) at about 7:45 PM or so on 14.257. I talked with Eric and Phil. They were 5X7 when we talked but as I listened longer they came up to 10 over! As they were signing clear for the night at about 8:20 PM or so, Eric said that they would be back on the same frequency tomorrow (Tuesday). O and O *Bruce N8BV*

Tue, 26 Sep 2006 13:54:23 -0400

It's almost 2pm local time, and I just worked the guys on 14.258. Signal is very weak, only about 55 on peaks.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

The President evidently had only time to pack to go to Deer Island, not to leave his column for publication. WD9HDZ and I do not have a low-band rig in working order and cannot talk to them. The comments relayed are all you get this month.

33/73, *Ye Ed*

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will feature top local ARRL officials to talk about the latest news and happenings of the ARRL. That club meeting will take

place **Tuesday, October 3, 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 onto Boudinot. After approximately 1 ½ miles turn left onto 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, September 5, 2006 at Salem Presbyterian Church

Brian K4BRI called meeting to order at 7:36 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. There were no guests, but one ready for classes to start. 23 members were present. There was also no health and welfare news, but Bob WA6EZV and Dick WB4SUV had something for the Brag Session: they will go to Promorsko, Bulgaria for the 13th ARDF International Competition.

Dale KC8HQS then introduced the evening's speaker, Tim Pappas, an officer with Cincinnati Police Dept who has been a police officer for 17 years – 10 of them with CPD. He was a sheriff's deputy for the other 7. He said he likes his job and is fond of his dog Laser. Laser will bite, and is a "real dog." Officer Pappas said in CPD there are 10 real drug dogs, 2 wannabes and 3 real-wannabe dogs who sniff for bombs. Laser qualifies as the most dangerous dog in the K-9 unit; when he and Officer Pappas were called out for a strong-arm robbery, Laser was on a 30-ft lead.

Officer Pappas said he still hasn't figured out why those calling for help wait so late. More is found at night than during the day.

Laser, who is a brindle German shepherd, is trained for tracking, building search and article apprehension ... with or without gunfire. He was 6 years old on August 19. Training includes giving directions in German.

There is a better chance to find a fugitive at night, often within 200 yards of the occurrence. (Dale KC8HQS threatened to raffle chances to be behind the closed door during the simulated building search, inside later after the outdoor demonstrations.) Officer Pappas said he's from the east side and often gets lost in District 3, which is on the west side. If there is an alarm activation, the hunt involves a dog, who can usually tell if someone is there within 25-30 seconds. Tracking dogs are usually smaller and shorter.

Suburbs usually have dual- or triple- purpose dogs, and come to CPD for training.

Animal Planet some time ago had a program on the police dog championships. The dog who wouldn't let go was Laser, who won the championship competition. He is a federally-registered service dog. Police dogs are usually German shepherds or hybrids, sometimes Dobermans or Rottweilers. Officer Pappas said he once encountered a Belgian Malawa police dog who acted as if he was on steroids, was skittish and hit with his entire body. When dogs slow down they're retired. Up to 70% of police dogs die of cancer.

Program concluded at 9:05 PM.

After a very short break in which Brian K4BRI thanked Dale KC8HQS for rounding up the evening's speaker, handling hospitality and selling split-the-pot tickets, business meeting convened at 9:08 PM.

Susie N8CGM requested additions or corrections to the minutes, or a motion to approve as printed. Bob WB8JHT so moved, John W9JRB second, motion carried.

121 members are reported by Nathan KA3MTT by e-mail (he was not present).

Rick KD4PYR distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for review. Net income for the year to date is -\$2016.55. *The Q-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, October 2006 page 4*

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Bruce N8BV had, happily, no Silent Keys to report.

Brian K4BRI reported that the .625 climb will take place in the next month; there are logistics to consider.

He has been spending a lot of time at .67. The north remote is presently on his bench. It is feared the .67 problem may be in either the hardline or the antenna. Brian suggests use of the small antenna on the building to receive and the big antenna on the tower to transmit for the time being. A fundraising effort will be required to replace that hardline and antenna -- .67 will be on stopgap measures for the time being, more later. The .925 recordings are all done. There is no Technical Committee meeting scheduled yet for this month; more activity is expected near month's end. Bob WA6EZV was going to reinstall EchoLink yesterday but was short on feedline.

Ev KC8JR reported that classes will begin Sept 21. Great instructors are rounded up for all classes, now we need students and upgrade candidates. This run will be 8 weeks, not 10.

There was no fox hunt last month, so no report.

Eric N8YC reported that the DXpedition is going! They will operate Sept 25-29 from Deer Island ME.

They leave Friday Sept 22 and return Saturday Sept 30. He requested those who were going and present to stand up: Gerry KD8ASL, Pete KC8BZM, Bob WB8JHT, Phil KG8AP, Lynn WD8JAW. Dennis KB8ROA is also going. Lynn WD8JAW put Deer Island on the air for K8SCH in 2001. Pile-ups are expected this time. They will be operating on 14.260 in the IOTA frequencies, reported Brian K4BRI.

Other contact should be possible through the CT Mobileers net on 14.257 at 9 AM daily. 40m should be better than 20. They expect to release a schedule.

Library: Jim KD8PRY has 3 magazines left.

Bruce N8BV reported that all progresses normally for Tech Talk. 3d and 4th weeks need to swap; Rick KD4PYR will take the 4th week.

Pete KC8BZM reported for the groups he liaises for that QCEN will meet Sept 15, when new Red Cross IDs will be available. Members must go fetch their own, and must be active with dues paid, etc. The ARPSC picnic was last Friday, Sept 1. Nothing from WARN.

Dale KC8HQS reported nothing new for the website.

New business: Brian K4BRI announced that November will be open for Sweepstakes, both CW and phone.

The nominating committee will be accepting volunteers to call around and gather a slate of officers and directors within the next couple of weeks.

Duffy WB8NUT would have won the attendance incentive had he been present. As he was not, the sum will be \$15 next time.

David N8NUX won \$25 in split-the-pot.

Fred K9OHE moved for adjournment at 9:50 PM, seconded by Jim W8IOA and carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CGM*, Recording Secretary

Connie Hamilton N8IO is 13th Severson winner; Buckeye Belles sweep Section Conference

Connie N8IO accepts the Allen Severson AB8P (SK) Memorial Award certificate from Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE, to a standing applause from all attending. (Photo by Scott Yonally N8SY, Ohio PIC



For her dedicated work in representing the ARRL in Southeast Ohio and net manager of the OSSBN, Connie Hamilton N8IO, of Marietta, was named the 13th member of the Allen Severson AB8P (SK) Memorial Award.

The announcement was made during the 2006 Ohio Section Conference (September 16) by Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips K8QOE.

The late Mr. Severson, who became a silent key in 1997, was a distinguished member of the ARRL Board of Directors and former Ohio SM. The sentence -- "His dedication to serve amateur radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section Leadership," -- is on every Severson memorial certificate.

"In every thing she does for Ohio hams, Connie exemplifies the spirit of the late Mr. Severson," Phillips said in announcing the award.

Beside running the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN), Connie is Assistant Section Manager for Southeast Ohio. In her many appearances at SE Ohio clubs, she is often the first ARRL official to speak at that club in decades. Connie is a longtime Buckeye Belles member as well. Connie was licensed WD8MIO in 1977 and joined the OSSBN to take up traffic handling the very next year. In the early 80s, she served as manager of the 8th call area Region Cycle 2 and received the OSSBN Merit Award in 1982. In 2000, she upgraded to Extra class and changed her call to N8IO. She is currently serving the latest of many terms as OSSBN Net Manager. This is an elected position.

Connie is well known throughout Ohio as the "hug lady" as she expects a hug from every one as one would expect a handshake. At the Section Conference on accepting the honor, Connie lead the entire conference in an impromptu version of "Let me call you sweetheart."

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The award was established in 1992 as Ohio Ham of the Year and was renamed in 1999 to honor Mr. Severson.

Earlier in the day, the annual Section Newsletter awards were announced by PIO Scott Yonally N8SY. Taking first this year was *The Buckeye Burr*, a bi-monthly edited for the Buckeye Belles by Susie Scott N8CGM. As it happens, *The Q-Fiver* won first place in 1994.

Contests October 2006

Sep 30-Oct 1 RSGB 21 & 28 MHz Contest, SSB & CW ; Classic Exchange, CW; Coast to Coast Contest, CW

3-10 EU Autumn Sprint, SSB; CA QSO Party, CW & SSB; Oceania DX Contest; YLRL Anniversary Party, CW; PSK Rumble (The Fall Classic); 10-10 Day Sprint, Phone , CW & Digital

10-15 ARRL International EME Contest; PA QSO Party, CW, Phone, PSK31, & RTTY; NA RTTY Sprint; YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB; EU Autumn Sprint, CW; Oceania DX Contest, CW; FISTS Fall Sprint, CW; Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW; RSGB 21 & 28 MHz Contest, CW;

Bill Windle QSO Party, CW, First Class Operator's Club (FOC); ALE (Automatic Link Establishment) On The Air Week

21-23 IL QSO Party, CW & Phone; USI W & VE Islands QSO Party, CW, Digital & SSB; QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, CW; Worked All Germany, CW & SSB; JARTS WW RTTY Contest; DE Valley VHF FM Simplex Contest

28-29 CQ World Wide DX Contest, SSB; 10-10 International CW & Digital Contest

Lots of good contests, For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, Dan KF4AV

Neat website for lats/longs

I just wanted to pass along this website that may be of some use for some of us. A gentleman had it in a little article on the ARRL website. You just put your street address into the website, and it comes back with a set of lats and longs for the address. The Terraserver results seem to be the most accurate. Here's the website: <http://www.stevemorse.org/jcal/latlon.php>

73,
Nathan KA3MTT

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 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

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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.

Dear OH-KY-IN Members and any Interested Hams,

There is a **Hamfest meeting** at Carol Hugentober WA8YL's home on **Tuesday Oct 17, 2006** at 7:30 PM.

Everyone is welcome, we can always use help, no experience necessary!!

Any questions, feel free to call on the 146.67 repeater or the phone numbers listed below.

Hope to see you there!

Thank you & 73,

Phil KG8AP (513=771-7839)

Carol WA8YL (513=661-5323)

Weaver's words – some straight skinny from mid-Sept

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- ARRL-Sanctioned Hamfest Sponsors, You Agreed to . . .

FLINT MEMBER AND EC RECOGNIZED BY PRESIDENT BUSH

Congratulations to Genesee County, MI EC and RACES Radio Officer Greg Ybarra N8HXQ who received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

President George Bush personally presented Greg with the award at a stop at Flint's Bishop Airport on

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September 8. Greg was nominated for the award by Grace Ranger, Emergency Manager for Genesee County. In making the nomination, Ms. Ranger said she wished ". . . to not only recognize Greg for all the hard work he does, but also for all of our Amateur Radio operators." She continued, "They are very much unsung heroes."

Great job, Greg!

OHIO MEMBER HONORED BY GLETN

Wayne Staats WS8RM of Cuyahoga Falls, OH was honored by the Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net with its Gold Key Award at the September 10 Findlay Hamfest. Wayne received the recognition for his dedication and work with the Net. This included all aspects of Net operation, coordinating postings on the Net web site, serving as NCS and developing the GLETN history. Nice honor for a great job, Wayne. The GLETN serves the Canadian provinces and US states that border the Great Lakes. It meets at 8:30 PM Eastern Time nightly on 3.932 MHz.

BPL -- WHAT NEXT?

The FCC has issued its ruling on BPL. Essentially, this ruling says licensed operators (*e.g.*, Amateur Radio, law enforcement, fire services) do not automatically deserve protection from interference caused by excessive radiation of Part 15 devices. The ruling also says that mobile ham stations deserve no protection from this interference.

Think about the total implications of this ruling. It basically means the Commission can thumb its collective nose at Amateur Radio . . . or public safety radio . . . over BPL whenever it wishes. It basically means that the Commission thinks there may be more value in essentially uncontrolled BPL operations than in the operation of services in which FCC demands a license to operate! Wow!

The reason I'm pointing this out is that some of you have questioned the ARRL Board's reasoning for continuing to fight against the FCC's overt and continuing efforts to promote BPL. Any questions, now?

Although my fellow Directors and I agree that BPL is not likely to become a strong force in the marketplace, its market potential is not the principal issue. The principal issue is that the Commission has overstepped its legitimate authority and is setting the stage to shaft Amateur Radio -- and police and safety and other licensed users of the spectrum -- whenever the majority of the Commissioners feel inclined to do this.

Having said the above, the Board is considering the options that remain available to us to continue the fight against illegitimate regulatory action by the FCC. I don't know exactly what form this action will take, but there are a few pathways open to us. Stay tuned!

Do you have an opinion as to what the Board should do next? Let me know.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MAY DONATE TO ARRL THROUGH FED CHARITY CAMPAIGN

>From arrl.org: (Sep 13, 2006) -- "For the fifth year running, the US Office of Personnel Management has designated the ARRL to participate in the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). In the past, this campaign for federal government civilian employees, US Postal Service workers and members of the military has generated more than \$69,000 for ARRL programs." "Similar to the United Way, the CFC encourages individuals to pledge by payroll deduction to non-profit organizations of their choice." "Those wishing to select the ARRL as to receive all or part of their payroll deductions should designate organization 9872 when completing their CFC donor forms. Donations to ARRL can be designated for Diamond Club contributions, the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund or the ARRL Education & Technology Program. Or, donors may make unrestricted contributions to the League. One important note: Since the CFC does not provide the ARRL with the names of individual donors, the ARRL Development Office would appreciate a copy of the donor form to ensure that each contribution is applied according to the donor's wishes and the contribution or pledge can be properly acknowledged. The 2006 CFC ends December 15."

ARRL LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING NATIONWIDE

I'm through talking about the ARRL Legislative Action Program as a concept for the future. As of September 13, I can talk about it as a going operation throughout the US. On this date, ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN distributed documents needed by the Directors to activate the Program in their divisions and established guidelines for making key appointments in the Program.

As part of kicking this Program into high gear in the Great Lakes Division, I am pleased to announce that Val Rose N8EXV of Flint, MI has accepted appointment as the Division Legislative Action Chair. Val reports to me. His task is to manage the Program in this Division. One of his first jobs will be to find a replacement for himself as the Michigan Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) and to search for a new LAC for Kentucky. Gregory L. Baize, Sr. KG4VJC, of Beaver Dam, Kentucky recently resigned from this position. Jim Ashman W8ASH of Arcanum, OH is the LAC for Ohio. Jim is on medical leave at the moment.

What does this mean for the average ARRL member? A lot, I hope. As stated in the Frequently Asked Questions document about the Program, "The ARRL Legislative Action Program is designed to make it possible for ARRL members to promote and protect Amateur Radio through coordinated, legitimate political action at the Federal government level." What we need at this time are members who are interested in learning how they as typical hams can become key players in "promoting and protecting" our favorite service. The talents needed to do this are the ability to talk to someone else, to dress appropriately for a business meeting (*e.g.*, shirt and tie; nice dress), the ability to look over simple information sheets and learn what should be said to a US Congressman or aide in his/her office back home when asked to do this and the desire to protect and further Amateur Radio.

For information and to discuss the job, please E-mail Val at [n8exv@arrl.net] or me at [k8je@arrl.org].

We'll even be happy to telephone you to discuss this with you.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS PLEASE REPLY

Periodically, I review the team of Assistant Directors (ADs) I have appointed for the Great Lakes Division. These ADs have volunteered to assist me in a variety of ways throughout the year. The purpose of my review is to determine if each AD continues to be interested in and available to serve along with me. If you are an AD and have provided assistance in the past, please E-mail me at [k8je@arrl.org] to let me know if you wish to continue in your appointment or if you are no longer available to continue to serve. Please understand that as an AD, I may request you perform specific duties. I will issue new AD certificates to those who will continue as ADs.

Thanks to my ADs for their willingness to help in the past.

HBO SHOWED FILM ON EX-SEN. BARRY M. GOLDWATER, K7UGA/K3UGE

8< big snip

...The main point of my comments, though, is that Barry was profiled on HBO at 9 PM on Monday, September 18. I understand his Amateur Radio activities were to be highlighted along with other important aspects of his life. The program should have been a "good view."

Barry was the Republican candidate for the US Presidency in 1964.

ARRL-SANCTIONED HAMFEST SPONSORS, YOU AGREED TO . . .

Are you a sponsor of a hamfest or swap or convention? Have you applied to have this hamfest, swap or convention approved by the Director as an ARRL-sanctioned activity? You know, it's nice to do this because you get rather expensive books and other items free from ARRL. These make reasonably nice prizes for you to award.

The next question is, "When was the last time you read the 'ARRL Hamfest/Convention Rules and Regulations' to see what your end of the bargain is?" You may not realize it, but as a sponsor of the event, *The Q-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, September 2006 page 10*

you have an end to hold up. You can go to <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/rules.html> to read the complete rules for being sanctioned. Some of these rules are satisfied merely through your application to me to approve sanctioning it. Others are not. The rules are not extensive, but one that I often see ignored (probably not even recognized as being a rule) relates to your end of publicizing the League in return for the value it has given your event.

Here is part of what the Rules and Regulations say about what you agree to do: "Every such [hamfest, convention etc. approved by the Director as an ARRL sanctioned event] will make provisions for an ARRL forum or meeting and for an ARRL display booth or table and shall make every effort to use the ARRL diamond prominently displayed on the front of all advertising and program materials." If there are true problems with you doing any of this, we can work something out, but ignoring the rules should not be taken lightly or as automatic.

The question I suggest that each sponsor ask him or her self is, "Are we fulfilling the requirements?" If not, my second request is that you figure out a way that is consistent both with your responsibility to achieving the success of your event and with fulfilling your obligation to ARRL. Some clubs are very meticulous in having and in providing staff for an ARRL table. Other groups are not. Some clubs are very meticulous in how they prominently display the literature ARRL HQ has sent for this table and the table, itself. Other clubs are not. In fact, the ARRL table at some events takes on the appearance of being a handy dumping station for junk (not even "junk"). Some clubs are very meticulous in announcing that prizes they receive from ARRL have been donated by ARRL. Others are as close-mouthed about the identity of ARRL as the donor as to make one think the information is a cardinal tenet of a secret society.

OK, this is all for now. GL to you all and tnx for supporting ARRL. On the other hand, as I've often said, if it wasn't for ARRL, there would be no Amateur Radio . . . which would mean there would be no radio amateurs, either.

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE*, Director
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With the **change in the Technician test**, there are some new and updated resources available in the internet. Most of the online sample test sites have been updated to the 2006 test. There is also some good material for self study and class study out there in adobe PDF format and in the MS Power Point format.

If you are interested or know someone who is thinking about a ham license, direct them to these sites:

Study guides & power point slides by sub element: <http://studyguide.eqth.org/index.html>
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TAKE AN ON-LINE TEST: <http://www.aa9pw.com/radio/>, <http://www.qrz.com/p/testing.pl>

Now here is a challenge. Go to one of the above two online ham test sites and take a Technician test. See how you score. *Ernie W8EH*

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<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/officeupdate/CD010798701033.aspx>

JUST FOR FUN



If Melissa Meith is building towers at age 17, she might make a good amateur radio operator. Not all towers that are built, stay up long enough to make DXCC. Come to think of it, nothing was said about antennas

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8 45th Annual Bedford IN Hamfest sponsored by Hoosier Hills Ham Club. Set-up Saturday, public Sunday 6 AM-4 PM. Lawrence Co 4-H Fairgrounds, US 50 W of Bedford (~100 mi W of Cincinnati). Huge flea market with modern & antique ham gear, computers, books, electronics, vendor booths, VE sessions (registration 11 AM, exams at noon), free chili & hot dog supper 6 PM Saturday, overnight camping (\$15 per vehicle), free parking. Talk-in: 146.73 (107.2 Hz). \$8 gate, under 12 free. Info: Tim Wray KB9SNL, 812=275-3702, [kb9snl@backwoodrealm.com} or Mike Wright KF9NP, 812=849-4230, www.hoosierhillshamfest.org

29 46th Annual Massillon OH Hamfest sponsored by Massillon SRC. Set-up Saturday 3-5 PM, Sunday 6 AM; public Sunday 8 AM-2 PM. Massillon Boys & Girls Club Complex, 730 Duncan St SW; from US 30 go N on SR 21, turn L at light onto Walnut Rd SW, go 1 block to Hamfest on L, turn L at light for parking. All indoors & heated, auction at 10 AM (15% commission charged on all items sold, no computer gear), VE sessions (9 AM, Gary Kline WC8W, 330=837-2927), handicapped access-ible, acres of free parking, lunch available on site, refreshments. Talk-in: 147.18 (110.9 Hz). \$5 gate, under 12 free. Info: Terry Russ N8ATZ, 330=837-3091, [truss@sss.net.com], or [hamfest@marcradio.org], www.marcradio.org

Out-takes from OH SEC Sept report/Oct plans

8< ... huge snip My official stand on required background checks for Red Cross volunteers is that this is a personal decision each and everyone of us, as ARES volunteers, must make as whether or not to submit to this background check. During a disaster, there will be plenty of work to do outside of the Red Cross realm. If you do not have a Red Cross ID, or do not submit to the check, it will not make you a less effective communicator. It simply means you will be providing services in another capacity. But, this will put extra work on the ECs in having to determine who can be sent for Red Cross support, and who cannot.

WINLINK 2000 PLANS STILL IN THE WORKS

Work continues on the State-wide Winlink program. A new Yahoo Chat group has been formed. Come join us at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ohiodigital/>. Bring your questions, expertise, and ideas!

SET WEEKEND OCTOBER 7 and 8

It's that time again! Get your radiograms ready! SET weekend is coming up. I will be working with the local Traffic Net (Central Ohio Traffic Net) to push out my SET message to all EC's and DEC's. Let's stress the system a bit and see what we can pass that weekend.

I would also like to see some activity using Winlink 2000 in passing messages. Work with your local ARES groups that have Winlink access to use this technology.

As of right now, I do not know that status of W8SGT at the Ohio EMA. I am working to contact Bob Wilkey, W8VMS to see if he will have the station operating that weekend.


8< ... big snip

That's all I have for now.... keep the batteries charged, and let's be careful out there!

73, *Frank KI8GW*, Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator

"Always do right! This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." -- *Mark Twain*

What's coming in October

- Tue Oct 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle in Westwood-Cheviot
Program: ARRL Night
- Wed Oct 4 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
- Thu Oct 5 7:00 PM Code & theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner
Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Oct 6 7:30 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications
Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot
- Sat-Sun Oct 7-8 Simulated Emergency Test Weekend (see above)
- Tue Oct 10 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location likely 146.67
- Wed Oct 11 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQ, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
- Thu Oct 12 7:00 PM Code & theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner
Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Oct 13 Passionately Pink for the Cure Day: All YLs & XYLs are requested to wear some pink today, in support of a campaign to support the search for a cure for breast cancer
- Sat Oct 14 10:00 AM Monthly fox hunt; hounds start from Mt Storm Park. Talk-in to start
146.67
- Sun Oct 15 8:00 AM Oh-Ky-In 2d Annual Golf Outing, Lassing Pointe, Union KY
- Tue Oct 17 7:30 PM Hamfest Committee meeting at Carol WA8YL's
- Wed Oct 18 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
- Thu Oct 19 7:00 PM Code & theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner
Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Oct 20 7:30 PM Queen City Emergency Net at Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
- Tue Oct 24 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting at Carol WA8YL's
- Wed Oct 25 9:00 PM Tech Talk, Rick KD4PYR NCS, 146.67
- Thu Oct 26 7:00 PM Code & theory class at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner
Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Wed Nov 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
- Thu Nov 2 7:00 PM Code & theory class at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner
Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Nov 3 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 Nov 7  ELECTION DAY – please VOTE before you come to the meeting
7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle in Westwood-Cheviot
Program: Homebrew night! Show off items you built!

OH-KY-IN 2006 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	QCEN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
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ARPSC Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM	

Golf for members; others too who'd like to

I just wanted to send another reminder about the 2006 OH-KY-IN Golf Outing that will be held on Sunday, October 15 at Lassing Pointe Golf Course in Union KY. Our 1st tee-time will be at 8:26 AM, and a luncheon at my home QTH will follow. The cost to play will be \$51, payable when you arrive at the course. The course is a beautiful links-type course, and I guarantee we'll have a good time. Membership in OH-KY-IN is not required. Please call or e-mail me if you're interested in playing. I'm still waiting to hear from some players from last year!

73, *Nathan KA3MTT* 859=586-2435, [ka3mtt@arrl.net] or [nanina@fuse.net]

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Some non-member news --

ARLB017 (9-19-06) Radio jammer Jack Gerritsen gets seven years, fines

It was a day a lot of radio amateurs in Southern California had been anticipating for a long time. On September 18, US District Court Judge R. Gary Klausner sentenced convicted radio jammer Jack Gerritsen, now 70, (ex-KG6IRO) to seven years imprisonment and imposed \$15,225 in fines on six counts -- one a felony -- that included transmitting without a license and willful and malicious interference with radio transmissions. Before sentencing, Gerritsen apologized to the federal government, the FCC and the local Amateur Radio community, which had endured the brunt of Gerritsen's on-air tirades and outright jamming. "I'm sorry, and I apologize to everyone here," Gerritsen told those in the courtroom.

Gerritsen's contrition did nothing to convince Klausner toward leniency. The judge berated Gerritsen as a repeat offender and said he believed Gerritsen would continue to commit similar offenses. The sentence even exceeded US District Attorney Lamar Baker's recommended 46 months incarceration. **snip ...>8**

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