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

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(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)

## *September 2006 Volume 48 Number 9*

### **From the President**

The club picnic turned out to be a great success! The weather was great, the food was good and we had a nice turnout. It is great to just socialize with the membership -- thank you all and I look forward to next year, as well!

That time of year is rolling around again where we need to look for people willing to help serve their club by volunteering for club office or committee work. Please -- your club depends on your help and guidance -- please consider anything you might be asked to do.

Repeater work is continuing. I will detail more at the meeting, but we should be getting prepared for a fund-raising campaign for the replacement of the feedline at our flagship repeater site, 146.670. This will be a major undertaking and will be an item for many of the upcoming meetings. Hopefully the climb and installation at the 146.625 site gets accomplished soon. We are ready and just waiting for a few things to fall into place.

Please come out to the membership meeting -- we like to see you all there and the programs have been excellent. Look forward to seeing you there!

73, *Brian K4BRI*

### **Next Meeting**

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will feature a presentation from a Cincinnati Police Officer on his/her duties and responsibilities. That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, September 5, 2006** (starting at 7:30 P.M.) at the Salem Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Westwood.

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati, go northwest on Glenway Ave. to Boudinot Ave. (approximately 4 miles; at Walt Sweeney Ford on right). Turn slight right on to Boudinot. After approximately 1-1/2 miles turn left on to Mozart (before the White Castle). The church is on the right. Please enter the building through the doors beneath the front steps.

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

Visitors always welcome!

73, *Dale KC8HQS*

## Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Brian K4BRI called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

There were about 25 present. Guest was Ernest Johnson, a student-to-be.

Nothing for health and welfare or brag.

Dale KC8HQS introduced Roy Hotchkiss from the Price Hill Historical Society, who gave a slide presentation on the Price Hill Incline (in service July 14, 1874-July 31, 1948).

Program ended at 8:03 PM.

Business meeting began at 8:23 PM.

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

Susie N8CGM requested additions or corrections to the minutes of last meeting as published in the *Q-Fiver*, or a motion to accept as printed. Tom NG8A so moved, John W9JRB second, motion carried.

Membership now stands at 119. 'Tis the season for half-price dues for new members. Brian K4BRI still has rosters.

Rick KD4PYR distributed the treasurer's report for review. The only thing really different is that he bought new Technician manuals for classes. Net income to date is -\$1796.12.

Bruce N8BV had nothing to report for Silent Keys (luckily).

Brian K4BRI reported for the Technical Committee that he has cleaned .67 out of Clifton and moved it to the south remote to see if it runs any better there (it does not). More will be swapped out at the Technical Committee meeting next Tuesday at the .67 site. Brian swore they'd stay there until they figured it out. He will take .67 off the air over the weekend. Tom NG8A asked where .67 is now; St Elizabeth South, the south remote site. All help toward fixing .67 is welcome.

The .625 climb is coming. .925 is doing reasonably well, hearing lots of DX from other repeaters, said Dale KC8HQS. Bob WA6EZV said he hoped we are not keying up another .925. Tom NG8A said he hears one at Bourneville (actually in Ross Co north of Pike Co where he said it was, near Chillicothe – *Ye Ed.*).

Bob WA6EZV said he hopes to have EchoLink back up within 2 weeks, once he finds the packing box it's in. Brian K4BRI will get with Rick KD4PYR to check on polyphasers.

Classes: Ev KC8JR announced classes begin September 21, end November 9 with exams November 11.

The usual suspects for Extra may be out of town. Rick KD4PYR asked if he should go ahead and pay the church; Otto AA8KK will talk to one of the church personnel.

Brian K4BRI reported on the last fox hunt, for which he was the fox. He hid in Gen Taylor Park in Newport, not realizing that the boat races would be under way and the hounds would have to walk in.

August hunt will be the Saturday after next. There was ARDF practice at Mt Airy Forest 2 days ago; with the world contest in Bulgaria coming up, there will be more. ARDF sessions are set for August 26 and 27, with 2 meters one day and 80 meters the other.

Brian K4BRI reported that the DXers met and have decided to take 3 vehicles on the 2500-mi round trip. They will meet again the 3d Tuesday at either Lynn WD8JAW's or Brian K4BRI's.

Club picnic is scheduled for 12 noon Sunday, August 13 at Mitchell Memorial Forest. The club will provide meat and soft drinks. Members please bring either a covered dish or dessert. Entertainment will be provided (some traditional, some new). Carol WA8YL has promised decent weather.

Jim KC8PRY the librarian was not present to lend books.

Harry WA8LOJ announced that the slow scan net will not meet tomorrow; they'll wait until it's cooler.



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Tech Talk: Brian K4BRI is switching with Carol WA8YL.

Pete KC8BZM was not present so there were no liaison reports.

Dale KC8HQS announced that classes will be listed on the website, along with directions or a map to Mitchell Memorial for the picnic.

New business:

Nathan KA3MTT is entertaining sign-ups for another fantasy football league. There are also hopes of another golf outing - talk to Nathan or Brian K4BRI about that.

Dale KC8HQS also clarified that the classes contact is [[classes@ohkyin.org](mailto:classes@ohkyin.org)], rather than Carol WA8YL who has done this for years.

Dale KC8HQS announced that it will soon be possible to get a club forwarding e-mail address like [arrl.net](mailto:arrl.net).

This will be limited to paid members, and will be [[yourcall@ohkyin.org](mailto:yourcall@ohkyin.org)].

Tom NG8A asked if picnic attendees have to be club members. Brian K4BRI explained that family and friends are invited too.

Bruce N8BV commented that there is a policy for dealing with QRM on our or any other repeater:

IGNORE! Carol WA8YL had requested Susie N8CGM to look up Brad WD9HDZ's article on the subject for reprint (originally in the April 1986 *Q-Fiver*).

The attendance incentive, down to \$5 after last month's big win by Don N8LMJ, would have gone to Judd N8RVR, had he been present. Since he was not, next month's award will be \$10.

Tom NG8A won \$14 in split-the-pot. Harry WA8LOJ and Brian K4BRI won vouchers for qualifications tickets at the Kentucky Speedway.

Tom NG8A moved to adjourn at 8:46 PM, Bob WB8JHT second, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CGM*, Recording Secretary

August 15, 2006

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- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

### **Amateur Radio Club Offers "Ham Radio" Classes**

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will offer ham radio license classes in the Cincinnati, Ohio area, scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, September 21, 2006, at 7 PM.

Classes are now being formed for all levels of amateur radio licenses, Technician through Extra, as well as Morse code at 5 words per minute. Classes will be held every Thursday evening for ten weeks at the Salem Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Western Hills (behind the White Castle Restaurant at Harrison and Boudinot).

At the conclusion of the ten week course, participants will be given an FCC license examination on Saturday, November 11, 2006, at the same location.

Classes are open to persons of any age, and no prior experience is necessary. To register, or for additional information, contact Carol Hugentober WA8YL at 513=661-5323. Email inquires to [classes@ohkyin.org]. Or visit the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society on the World Wide Web at [www.ohkyin.org](http://www.ohkyin.org).

## **DX in the absence of DX Extras** (Bob WA6EZV needs time to unpack from his house move)

Dear Colleagues,

Our Association distributes the *Russian CallBook* (English Version) containing detailed and updated information on all Russian HAM radio operators.

It also contains:

1. Detailed information about the DX Expeditions which will take place in the nearest future.
2. Information about the diplomas.
3. List with names and addresses of Russian collectors of HAM equipment.

Should you be interested in ordering this directory, please write us to [zakaz@poste.ru] The price is 52 US dollars, including the shipping to your country.

Sincerely yours,

*Mr. Andrey Pronin*, HAM Radio Association. Russia.

**\* DXCC Desk approves operations for DXCC credit:** The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved these operations for DXCC credit: KH8SI, K1ER/KH8, KS6FO/KH8, WH7S/KH8, K8YSE/KH8, AH7C/KH8 and KH6BK/KH8 -- Swain's Island, for contacts made from July 28 through August 2, 2006. The DXCC Desk will begin accepting QSL cards for Swain's Island on October 1. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program.

## **==>ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REVIEWS IARU'S ROLE AND STRUCTURE**

Meeting in Bangalore, India, August 12-14, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) <<http://www.iaru.org>> Administrative Council heard a progress report from an *ad hoc* panel that's looking into the IARU's future role and structure. The Council wants the committee to provide a recommendation by year's end addressing the feasibility, budget and possible timetable to put a revised organization into place.

The Council also reviewed and tentatively agreed with the recommendations and conclusions of a study aimed at improving coordination on electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) matters. Final approval of the report, prepared by the ARRL in its role as IARU International Secretariat, is subject to additional input from the IARU EMC adviser. The study includes several suggestions to improve information flow among radio amateurs worldwide who are working on this important topic.

Turning to other matters, the Council determined to continue its strategic planning initiative begun in 2003, and it reviewed progress on a three-year plan to develop support for Amateur Radio frequency allocations. The plan provides for the IARU, working through its regional organizations, to maintain -- and increase -- contact with regional telecommunications organizations.

The Council also identified International Telecommunication Union (ITU) meetings requiring an IARU presence over the coming year and reviewed plans for representation. The principal focus continues to be on preparations for the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07).

Council members also went over plans for IARU participation in Telecom World 2006 and the accompanying forum. Telecom World 2006 will take place December 4-8 in Hong Kong.

A report on the 2006 Global Amateur Radio Emergency Conference (GAREC 2006), held in June in Tampere, Finland, was reviewed. It was agreed to publish the "Statement of GAREC-06" on behalf of the conference to call it to the attention of IARU member-societies. The Council thanked International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann, F5VKP/HB9AQS, for his continuing work in this

important area, which includes preparation of an IARU *Emergency Communications Handbook*.

Three humanitarian aid workers and radio amateurs were named as the initial honorees for inclusion in the IARU "Memorial for Amateurs Killed in Humanitarian Service." They are Pero Simundza 9A4SP, Carlos Luis Caceres KD4SYB, and Nadisha Yassari Ranmuthu 4S7NR. Simundza and Caceres were among a group of United Nations workers killed by a mob in West Timor in 2000. Ranmuthu, an International Red Cross aid worker from Sri Lanka, was shot to death near Baghdad, Iraq, in 2003.

The Council reviewed a working document describing the requirements for radio spectrum allocations to the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite services. Delegates strengthened references to the need for an amateur allocation in the vicinity of 5 MHz.

The International Secretariat presented -- and the Council reviewed -- the IARU's 2007-2009 budget. The spending plan provides for financial contributions from the three IARU regional organizations to defray a portion of the expenses, in accordance with previously adopted policy.

In additional actions, the Administrative Council:

- \* created an IARU exploratory committee to investigate ways to move forward with plans for a commonly adopted Amateur Radio license that would permit amateurs to operate in countries other than their own without the need to obtain a permit from the host country. (*It's about time! – Ye Ed*)

- \* discussed problems facing QSL bureaus operated by IARU member-societies, recognizing that the cost of forwarding of QSL cards is substantial for some member-societies.

- \* received and discussed reports from the three IARU regional organizations, acknowledging that member-societies in all regions face financial challenges.

- \* received reports of the other IARU international coordinators and advisers.

Additionally, the International Secretariat agreed to undertake efforts to increase the visibility of IARU activities within the worldwide Amateur Radio community.

This month's Administrative Council meeting followed on the heels of the IARU Region 3 Conference, also held in Bangalore. The next IARU Administrative Council meeting is set to take place next May in Boston, Massachusetts.

Attending the Bangalore gathering were IARU President Larry Price W4RA; Vice President Tim Ellam VE6SH/G4HUA; Secretary David Sumner K1ZZ; regional representatives Ole Garpestad LA2RR, Don Beattie G3BJ, Rod Stafford W6ROD, Reinaldo Leandro YV5AMH, Chandru Ramchandra VU2RCR, K. C. Selvadurai 9V1UV, and Peter Lake ZL2AZ; and recording secretary Paul Rinaldo W4RI.

### ==>DXCC ANNOUNCES ACCREDITATION CRITERIA RULE CHANGE

ARRL's DXCC program has added language to its Accreditation Criteria to minimize difficulties stemming from online DXpedition logs. The change, recently approved by the ARRL Board of Directors Programs and Services Committee, limits the level of QSO detail that DXpeditions may provide on Web-based log sites, search engines or other public forums and still qualify for DXCC accreditation. ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills N7NG notes that it's become accepted practice for DXpeditions to post QSO information on the Web.

"Although this information is generally limited to call sign, band and mode, it has been useful in reducing the number of duplicate contacts in the DXpedition log," Mills points out. "Publishing complete QSO information or information from which full QSO information can be derived, on the other hand, threatens the integrity of the QSLing process, and is unacceptable."

Mills says at least some key information a station provides when submitting a DXpedition contact for DXCC credit must be obtained solely by actually making the QSO. "If complete contact information can be derived from information based on the DXpedition log, the QSL manager's job can be much more difficult if busted calls are involved," he says.



Section III, Accreditation Criteria, Rule 5, of the DXCC rules states:

"The presentation in any public forum of logs or other representations of station operation showing details of station activity or other information from which all essential QSO elements (time, date, band, mode and call sign) for individual contacts can be derived creates a question as to the integrity of the claimed QSOs with that station during the period encompassed by the log. Presentation of such information in any public forum by the station operator, operators or associated parties is not allowed and integrity of the claimed QSOs with that station during the period encompassed by the log may be compromised.

Presentation of such information in any public forum by the station operator, operators or associated parties is not allowed and may be considered sufficient reason to deny ARRL award credit for contacts with any station for which such presentations have been made. Persistent violation of this provision may result in disqualification from the DXCC program."

"In almost every case, the new accreditation rule will change nothing," said Mills, calling the new rule a "reasonable compromise" in terms of its impact on the program's integrity. "Publishing band and mode information for each call sign -- as is now done -- is perfectly acceptable. It is only the rare case where complete QSO information is published or can be derived from published data that we are concerned about."

-- all 3 in *The ARRL Letter* Vol 25 #33, Aug 18, 2006

## Contests

## September 2006

- 2-3 All-Asian DX Contest, Phone; IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB; DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest, Digital Modes; MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint; Russian RTTY WW Contest
- 9-11 NA Sprint, CW, 0000Z-0400Z; YLRL Howdy Days, CW & SSB; WAE DX Contest, SSB; ARRL September VHF QSO Party; Second-Class Operators Club (SOC) Marathon Sprint, CW; TN QSO Party, CW, Phone & Digital; G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest, CW
- 16-17 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest; ARRL EME Contest; NA Sprint, SSB; Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW; WA State Salmon Run, CW, SSB & Digital; SC QSO Party, CW, Phone & Digital; QCWA Fall QSO Party, CW, Phone & Digital; QRP Afield, CW, Phone & Digital; Get Your Feet Wet Weekend, CW
- 23-25 CQ WW RTTY DX Contest; Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB; TX QSO Party, CW, Phone & Digital; Classic Exchange, SSB
- 30-Oct 1 AR QSO Party, CW, SSB & PSK31; TOEC WW Grid Contest, CW; Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint, CW & PSK31

Cool down from the hot summer. Get ready for the winter contest season. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>  
73, Dan KF4AV

*(Who in the world would admit to being a Second-Class Operator, other than those who held that class of commercial licence away back when?? -- Ye Ed)*

### **VE exam opportunities**

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

**2d Monday each month:** Kentucky (Edgewood), NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkey foot Rd. Registration 6 PM. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. Contact: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.255

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

**3d Wednesday even months:** DIAL Radio Club at Rm 13, 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.

**Sat Sep 17:** GCARA at their hamfest, Diamond Oaks CDC, at 9 AM. Please see **Hamfests &c.**

**In all cases,** tests require 2 IDs (preferably one with photo). Bring with you the original, as well as photo-copy of current licence and CSCEs. \$14 is current ARRL/VEC exam fee, exact currency appreciated.

### **Weaver's words – Back to School Edition** filed 24 Aug 2006

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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- 2007 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION

- PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED OHIO SM

- FCC ISSUES FINAL RULE ON BPL

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- NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

- MY BACK

- FINAL NOTE

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

By now I imagine that you have seen the synopsis of the minutes from the January Board of Directors meeting. Board Secretary Dave Sumner K1ZZ published this online. If you have questions concerning the results of this meeting, please let me know. I'll be happy to discuss these with you.

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### **DIVISION MEMBER ELECTED TO QCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

GLD member Tony Hirsch, W8RSH of Worthington, OH has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Quarter Century Wireless Association.

### **2007 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION**

GLD Division Convention Chairman Gary Johnston K14LA has announced the next biannual convention *The Q-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, September 2006 page 10*

will be in Cleveland, OH on September 22, 2007. ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN will be the main speaker at the banquet and will be seen at other events of the day as well as at the Cleveland Hamfest on September 23. This will be Pres. Harrison's first visit to the Great Lakes Division and Ohio.

A word about convention site selection: As the Director for all three states in the Great Lakes Division, I am very interested in having the biannual Division conventions move around to give all of our members a good opportunity to participate in them. The 2007 offering will be the third since these conventions resumed. So far, offers to host the conventions have come only from Ohio clubs. With Ohio being my adopted home state, I have no personal problem with having every convention in Ohio. On the other hand, as your Director I would be very pleased to have Kentucky and Michigan clubs step forward to host future conventions. If your group would like to be considered as the sponsor for the 2009 convention, please contact Gary Johnston, KI4LA at [ki4la@arrl.org] to learn the requirements.

#### **PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED OHIO SM**

In case you've not heard this, yet, Joe Phillips K8QOE, of Fairfield, OH was re-elected Ohio Section Manager by a good margin. Joe was opposed this year by Mark Erman N8ME of London, OH. The two candidates fought a vigorous, ethical campaign that brought out a record vote. Good job, guys. Thanks for your interest in making ARRL work.

#### **FCC ISSUES FINAL RULE ON BPL**

The FCC has issued its final rules on BPL. In doing this, it denied the petitions ARRL and others had filed for further review and reconsideration. The League is reviewing possible actions it may take to continue the battle against rules that inappropriately favor the BPL industry. A summary of the FCC action can be found at

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-13967.pdf>

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#### **NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

As I reported to you some time back, the Board of Directors established an *ad hoc* National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC). Vice President Kay Craigie N3KN chairs this Committee. The charge given the Committee was to review the events related to Amateur Radio support following Hurricane Katrina and to determine just what actions should be taken to improve the service given by amateurs. Means for improving an immediate-response effort by hams is a key aspect being considered by the group. It is too early to report on this Herculean task, but substantial progress is being made. A report of the results to date of the Committee work will be made later this year.

The Committee consists of key workers in the ARRL Field Organization (experienced SMs, etc.), select personnel from HQ and Vice President Craigie.

#### **MY BACK**

I don't want to belabor the point, but the surgery on my lower (lumbar) back was done a week ago. Everything seems to be fine. I have no pain in my legs, which is the problem I had been having. At this time, I'm told to keep my back (and the rest of me) out of cars, so I am not traveling even on short trips. I expect to be able to resume my normal schedule late this year. Thanks to the many of you who expressed your good wishes to me.

#### **FINAL NOTE**

My not-so-old, but obsolete-when-it-hit-the-shelf laptop finally went south down the information highway. After having put a new hard drive into it and paid to have data retrieved from the original hard drive a short time ago, the motherboard and some other things gave out. I prevailed on our very computer-literate son to help select a new laptop and ended up with a very nice one at modest price. The only problem I now face is that our son decided I need a 17-inch screen. So much for the nice leather computer bag I had

been using. It is too small. The search for a replacement bag for a screen this large isn't very simple at least from what I've seen in my online searches so far. Such trials and tribulations! Hi!

73, CUL, *Jim*

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## Hamfests &c.

## September 2006

10 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Findlay Hamfest sponsored by Findlay Radio Club at Hancock Co Fairgrounds, 1017 E Sandusky St (S side of rd, SR 568), ¾ mi E of Main St. Public 7:30 AM (fleas), 8 AM (bldgs). Huge flea mkt, indoor vendors, exhibits, latest equipment, computers, trunk sales (\$5 per space), forums, overnight camping (\$12), free parking at Fishlock Av entry only. Talk-in: 147.15, 444.15. \$6 gate. Info: Dean Calvin N8RMF, 419=423-3402, [n8rmf@arrl.net], [www.findlayradioclub.org](http://www.findlayradioclub.org)

17 Gr Cincinnati ARA Cincinnati Hamfest at Diamond Oaks CDC, 6375 Harrison Av, less than 1 mi from exit 11, I-74. Outdoor fleas, commercial vendors, ham radio & computer equipment & parts, technical & operating forums, ARRL officials, VHF/UHF hidden transmitter hunts, on-site VE sessions at 9 AM (all licence classes, walk-ins OK, pre-registration appreciated), handicapped parking, free parking, free coffee & donuts while they last, food & refreshments. Talk-in: 145.37, 146.88. Advance \$5, gate \$6. Info: Stan Cohen W8QDQ, 513=531-1011, [stanco49@aol.com], [www.gcara.org](http://www.gcara.org)

23 Hazard KY Hamfest sponsored by Ky Mtns ARC at Wendell Ford Airport, Regional Airport Rd off KY Rt 15. 8 AM-1 PM. 10 mi N of Hazard, 15 mi S of Jackson. If heading S on KY Rt 15, turn left onto Regional Airport Rd at Civil Air Patrol sign. If heading N on Rt 15, turn right (N of main airport entrance), follow signs. Swapfest, free tailgating, inside vendors. Talk-in: 146.67 (103.5 Hz). \$5 gate. Info: John Farler K4AVX, 606=436-5354, [k4avx@alltel.net] or [jfarler@yahoo.com], [home.alltel.net/jfarler/hf.html](http://home.alltel.net/jfarler/hf.html)

24 Berea OH Hamfest sponsored by Hamfest Assn of Cleveland at Cuyahoga Co Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Rd; 1-1/2 mi W of I-71 & Bagley Rd Exit 235; go ½ mi S on Eastland Rd to Fairgrounds Arch entrance. 8 AM-2 PM. Hamfest/Computer Show, fleas (\$6 per space), indoor vendors, ARRL forum, VE sessions, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.73 (110.9 Hz). \$6 gate. Info: Hamfest Assn of Cleveland, 800-CLE-FEST, [info@hac.org], [www.hac.org](http://www.hac.org)

24 Greenfield IN Hamfest sponsored by Hancock ARC at Co 4-H Fairgrounds, 400 N Apple St ( N of Riley Park Pool). Public Sun 8 AM-1 PM. From I-70, S to New Rd, left to 4-way stop, right on Apple St to Fairgrounds. Outside pavilion area, vendors. Talk-in: 145.33. \$4 gate, under 13 free. Info: Mike Mallory NE9O, 317=861-1916, [tinman@on-net.net], [www.w9atg.org](http://www.w9atg.org)

## September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. National Preparedness Month 2006 is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The goal of the month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action.

Throughout September, Homeland Security will work with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family

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emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation.

In conjunction with this, September 16 is "Amateur Radio Awareness Day". If your group is not attending the Section Conference, use the day to put on a public display of your Amateur Radio group, and how you serve the public. If you have an event that day, plan a small display to show the public your skills and abilities.

--from OH ARES E-newsletter for Aug 06

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There are a lot of times when we'd like to find out whether two locations are line-of-sight. With the availability of highly detailed, accurate mapping data in electronic form, the answer to this and other similar questions isn't that far away. Kevan NS4T recommends MicroDEM by Dr. Peter Guth of USNA. It can do terrain mapping, overlay road maps, and similar useful tricks. And the price is right -- free! Get the program at <http://tinyurl.com/lche>

--found by Bruce N8BV on the *ARRL CONTEST RATE SHEET* dated August 9, 2006.

### **==>INCUMBENT SECTION MANAGERS OVERCOME RE-ELECTION CHALLENGES IN OHIO, IDAHO**

Incumbent ARRL Section Managers in Ohio and Idaho won re-election in the only two contested races of the current SM election cycle. ARRL Field and Educational Services staffers counted and verified election ballots August 22 at ARRL Headquarters. Sitting SMs were re-elected without opposition in seven other League sections.

In the Ohio Section, veteran SM Joe Phillips K8QOE outpolled challenger Mark Erbaugh N8ME, 1235 to 747. The nearly 2000 ballots cast by Ohio Section ARRL members were testament to the high interest in this race. Phillips's win makes him the first Ohio SM elected to five terms. He's been in office since October 1998.

"I want to thank all Ohio Section voters for giving me the privilege of heading the ARRL's best section," Phillips said after the votes were in. "Mark N8ME ran a thoughtful and issue-oriented campaign, which made this election a model for election campaigning."

In the Idaho Section, incumbent SM Doug Rich W7DVR topped a field of three candidates. Rich received 154 votes to 118 for John Wilson K0IP, and 83 for past three-term Idaho SM Don Clower KA7T. Rich has been SM since September 2003, when he was appointed to fill the year remaining in the previous SM's term. He was elected in his own right in October 2004.

During the campaign, Rich expressed his belief that an SM should focus on disaster readiness and communications. He has completed all three levels of the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications courses as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency Incident Command System courses.

-- *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 25 #34, Aug 25, 2006

### **OH Section News was not ready yet as this *Q-Fiver* was being assembled.**

#### **==>First ARRL online auction planned for October**

The ARRL may be giving eBay and the other auction sites a little competition in the Amateur Radio arena this fall when the first ARRL Online Auction gets under way. Auction proceeds will help to support the League's educational services and programs. The event now is in the planning stages, says ARRL Business Services Manager Deb Jahnke K1DAJ.

"We will soon embark on an exciting new venture," Jahnke said in providing the broad strokes of the online auction to ARRL Headquarters staff members. Jahnke and her Business Services team will organize and manage the event, which is planned for late October -- the exact dates haven't been set yet -- and she promises it will be lots of fun.

"This will not be just another boring auction, because we plan to include many unique and special items related to Amateur Radio," she said. "We are hoping to offer items that will interest our audience, ranging from DXpedition vacation rentals to restored Collins 75A4s." Jahnke says this inaugural online auction will be limited to 100 items.

The auction will be open to all -- ARRL members and otherwise. Bidders just need online access to take part. "With an online auction, we can reach potential bidders across the nation and around the world," Jahnke pointed out.

Jahnke says she anticipates that the online auction will be open for about two weeks, and participants will need to register in advance. At this stage, she says, the auction planners are seeking additional ideas but no auction booty as yet. Contact Jahnke via e-mail <djahnke@arrl.org>.

-- *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 25 #30, July 28, 2006

### What's coming in September

Wed Aug 30	9 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
Fri Sep 1	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 Sep 4		LABOR DAY
Tue Sep 5	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle in Westwood-Cheviot Program: Canine team from Cincinnati Police Dept
Wed Sep 6	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
Sat Sep 9	10:00 AM	Monthly fox hunt; hounds start from Mt Storm Park. Talk-in to start 146.67
Tue Sep 12	7:30 PM	Technical Committee meeting if needed, location likely 146.67
Wed Sep 13	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
Fri Sep 15	7:30 PM	Queen City Emergency Net at Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
Sat Sep 16		OH Section Conference, Columbus Amateur Radio Awareness Day
Wed Sep 20	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.67 if it's fixed, else 146.925
Thu Sep 21	7:00 PM	Code & theory classes start at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Mon Sep 25-Fri Sep 29		DXpedition to Deer Island ME, NA-055
Tue Sep 26	7:30 PM	Board of Directors meeting at Carol WA8YL's
Wed Sep 27	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, Rick KD4PYR NCS, 146.67
Thu Sep 28	7:00 PM	Code & theory class at Salem Presbyterian Church
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

## 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
ARPS Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM	

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Later in October:

Fri Oct 13 Passionately Pink for the Cure Day: All YLs & XYLs are requested to wear some pink today, in support of a campaign promoted by Sweet Adelines Intl to support the search for a cure for breast cancer

## News of members and students in recent classes

### Our condolences to the family and friends of

**KA8HNE Clifford C Brown**, who was listed as SK in the August issue of *QST*. Clif was an Oh-Ky-In member during the last century (!)

**KC8BZM Peter J Feichtner III** on the death of his mother

### Members on the move

**WA6EZV Bob Frey**, from Colerain Twp to Hamilton

**N8YC Eric Neiheisel**, from Westwood to south Delhi Twp

### Members on the mend

**Rick Haltermon KD4PYR** after recent eye surgery

### Oh-Ky-In classes ...

... start an 8-week run on Thursday, September 21. They will meet at 7 PM at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot, near the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle. Code and theory will be offered. For more info or to register call Carol WA8YL, 513=661-5323, e-mail [classes@ohkyin.org]

## .Copy deadline for October issue is Friday, September 22

See page 16 for the big news that almost missed this issue!

An insert of great importance!

Subject:[OH-KY-IN] **2006 Oh-Ky-In DXpedition** From:"Eric Neiheisel" <neiheisel@fuse.net>  
Date:Mon, 28 Aug 2006 20:06:26 -0400

Hello to all!

I am pleased to announce that the Oh-Ky-In DXpedition to Deer Isle, Maine is now a reality. Lodging has been paid for and we are in the final planning stages for the event 25-29 September. I have updated the IOTA (Islands on the Air) website to indicate your DXpedition team which I am proud to list here:

Eric Neiheisel N8YC, Lodging	Lynn Ernst WD8JAW, Station
Phil Smith KG8AP, QSL Cards	Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Logging
Dennis Fox KB8ROA, Trip Planner	Pete Feichner KC8BZM, Accounting
Gerry Weimer KD8ASL	Bob Kreimer WB8JHT

I would like to welcome Brian, Dennis, Bob and Gerry on their first Oh-Ky-In DXpedition. We are looking forward to a great time!

This will be the first Oh-Ky-In ARS DXpedition since the trip to Topsail Island in the Carolinas back in 2000 so we will make up for lost time and make the club proud!

IOTA Designation: NA-055, Main State East (Knox to Washington County) group

73, *Eric N8YC*

DXpedition 2006 Coordinator