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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...**

Hey everybody.

I hope your Thanksgiving was enjoyable.

Thanks to those that stopped by Brian's house to participate in the 2007 ARRL Sweepstakes the weekend of November 17th-18th. Thanks to Brian K4BRI for hosting Sweepstakes again. I'm sure we'll have results at the December club meeting.

As usual, we'll have our Christmas Party/Election of club officers at the December club meeting. We'll also have FREE pizza and your family and friends are invited.

Also, we'll have our Cash Raffle drawing. The tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. This is a big deal for the club and depending on the results, we might do it next year. So buy your tickets for your chance to win \$200, \$75 or \$25. The December meeting will be your last chance!

As a last note, don't forget to renew your club membership and/or your ARRL membership at this meeting. Plenty of applications will be available. If you can't make it to the meeting, just go to the following address:  
<http://membership-app.ohkyin.org/>

Thanks for your support!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

See you at the club meeting!

73, Dale KC8H2S

# **NOTICE:**

**The January 2008 OH-KY-IN  
Amateur Radio Society club  
meeting will be the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (January 8<sup>th</sup>) due  
to New Years Day falling on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.**

**The meeting will start @ the  
usual time (7:30 PM) @ the  
usual location (Salem  
Presbyterian Church).**

**Thanks & 73,  
*Dale KC8H2S***

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### Next meeting

A reminder to all members, the next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 4** at 7:30 PM. Election for 2008 offices and board takes place, along with the cash raffle drawing, followed by free pizza for members and guests.

73, *Tom WQ8A*

### Minutes for General Membership meeting, Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 23 members in attendance.

Guests – none

Upgrades - none

Health and Welfare – Dale gave an update for Carol WA8YL.

Brag session – none

Program was homebrew – no projects shown

Nominations for 2008 Board:

President	Dale KC8HQS	Vice-President	Gary KB8MYC
Corresponding Sec	Phil KG8AP	Recording Sec	Brian K4BRI
Treasurer	Kevin KI4PJK		
Directors	Brian KC8FJN, Nathan KA3MTT, Bruce N8BV		

No nominations from the floor – Ev KC8JR moved that nominations be closed, Fred K9OHE seconded – motion passed.

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Dale thanked Tom NG8A for running the hospitality table. A motion was made to accept the printed minutes from Sept by Fred K9OHE, seconded by Tom NG8A – motion passed.

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT reported we currently have 110 members, and we have applications for 2008. Remember you can renew your ARRL membership thru the club.

Treasurer – Rick KD4PYR passed reports around. He made a few changes to the report format. Also paid the church for meetings and classes, also transferred the domestic agent information.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Technical committee - Brian K4BRI reported that all the repeaters are working. Next meeting will be at .67 to work on the hum problem

Equipment managers – Mike KC8YTJ and David KC8YOM not here.

Classes – Almost over. The exam is next Saturday, November 17th.

Sweepstakes – SSB on Nov 17 and 18, at Brian K4BRI's – contact him to sign up.

Fundraising – Still have hats and shirts. Raffle will be over next month – buy tix!

ARDF & Foxhunting – No hunt this month.

Library – Jim KC8PRY was not present.

Tech Talk – Check-ins are up! Please check in, we need questions.

Web site - Dale KC8HQS, nothing new for the web site.

Liaison – Pete KC8BZM said WARN is in winter mode, QCEN meeting coming up, No ARPSC meeting in December, Warren Co working a parade, they need hams.

Old business –

Fantasy Football update.

Field Day results are in – we were 5<sup>th</sup> in our class!

New business -

Thanksgiving Day parade? Dennis KB8JVK will update.

January meeting will be one week later due to New Year's Day.

The random member drawing, currently at \$35, was Robert W8PKP, who was not present.

Split the pot of \$15 was won by Jim W8IOA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gene NU8U- seconded by Ev KC8JR.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

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Bruce N8BV spotted an article in one of the *Enquirers* the week of Thanksgiving, that mentioned one of our members, Bill Zapf Jr. N8WRZ, by name if not by call. Bill was assisting his dad in the set-up of the family Christmas display on W. Galbraith Rd. – now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, engulfing the house, yard and a car parked in the drive. There were 3 photos with the story.

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The **2007 Price Hill Thanksgiving Day Parade** went off without a hitch this year. After our usual hearty breakfast (not too much coffee boys.....) at Perkins we headed to the staging area. The weather didn't look good to start, but the mist went away for staging, and the sun came out as the parade began. We were finally able to use all of Glenway Avenue this year for the first time in the history of the parade, instead of worrying about on-coming traffic.

Our crack team did a phenomenal job again this year! My thanks to all of you again for a great job!

Lynn WD8JAW Harry WA8LOJ Bob WA6EZV Chris KI4BOR

Brian K4BRI (our rookie!) Pete KC8BZM Laurie KF4YWG Dave KC8YDM

Rick KD4PYR (lost the "over-under" on if his brother Dave would show up!)




Kevin N8VRF (our floatmeister worked hard this year!) *The 2-Fiver, Ok-Ky-In ARS, December 2007, page 6*

Thanks again to everybody who helped! See you again next year!

*Dennis KB8JJK*

(Lots of trouble with *DX Spots* – wouldn't turn on end. Sorry, Nathan! – *Ye Ed.*)

### DX Spots for December 2007 – de Nathan KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ALL Vlad UA4 Operations ap- DXCC credit:  Burundi 9U0VB	WHX's last proved for Uganda 5X1VB Rwanda 9X0VB		C56JJ- Gambia Thru Dec 11	C9- Mozambique Thru Dec 10	1 XU7MWA- Cambodia thru Dec 12 <hr/> TZ6JA-Mali Thru Dec 12
2 Swaziland 3DA0VB Madagascar 5R8VB Botswana A25VB	3 Angola D20VB Comoros D60VB Djibouti J20VB	4	5	6 VP5- Turks&Caicos Thru Dec 11 <hr/> XT2WC- Burkina Faso thru Jan 5	7	8
9 Mozambique C91VB Sudan ST2VB Zimbabwe Z2/UA4WXH	10	11	12 PJ2-Netherlands Antilles thru Dec 25	13	14	15 3D2/r-Rotuma thru Jan 20
16 Namibia V51VV Lebanon OD5/UA4WX H --ARLD046 11-8-07	17 T88-Palau Thru Dec 22 <hr/> P40CG-Aruba Thru Dec 31	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29 JD1BMH- Ogasawara thru Jan 4
30	31  STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT					

## Contests

December 2007

- 1-2 ARRL 160 Meter Contest, CW; TARA RTTY Melee; Top Operators Activity Contest (TAC), CW; Bruce Kelley Memorial 1929 QSO Party, CW  
8-9 ARRL 10 Meter Contest; 28 MHz SWL Contest; PSK31 Death Match, PSK31 and PSK63; Russian 160-Meter Contest, CW & SSB; Croatian CW Contest; Bruce Kelley Memorial 1929 QSO Party  
13-17 OK DX RTTY Contest; NA Meteor Scatter Contest; Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint; Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party

26-Jan 6 RAC Winter Contest, CW & Phone; Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge, CW; DARC Christmas Contest, CW & SSB; ARRL Straight Key Night; Worked All Britain Christmas Party, all modes

The weather outside is frightful, but in the shack it's delightful! Keep warm -- Oh for those old tube rigs! For more info see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

73, *Dan K744U*

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**November 17 exam session** at Salem Presbyterian-- 3 attendees... Congrats to Jerry Shipp upg to Extra, Bernard Gross upg to General

### Sweepstakes....

Once again, the wonderful Oh-Ky-In team managed to work a sweep in the November SSB sweepstakes. We finally worked our last section of BC about noon on Sunday after many hours and tries for the harder sections. Thanks to all who operated: Bob WA6EZV, Dick WB4SUV, Brian K4BRI, Emily K4MLE, Phil KG8AP, Eric N8YC, Bruce N8BV, Dale KC8HQS, and Mike AC4XS -- great job!

Thanks, 73 - *Brian K4BRI*

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## OH-KY-IN FUNDRAISING – CASH RAFFLE

And the winners are.... Not just yet!!!

The drawing for the OH-KY-IN CASH RAFFLE will be held at the next club meeting on Tuesday, December 4th. Come out and join us for the annual club Christmas/Pizza party as well as the election of club officers for 2008. Remember, first prize is \$200 CASH. The second prize is \$75 CASH and the third prize is \$25 CASH. And, there are prizes for ticket sellers as well. \$25 gift certificates from R&L Electronics go to both the seller of the first prize ticket and to the seller of the most raffle tickets. Of course you do not have to be present to win!

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Raffle tickets are still available from the following club members; KB8MYC, KC8HQS, KC8VQU, KG8AP, N8BV, N8WRZ, and W8IOA. Of course they are also still available at R&L Electronics and will be available prior to the drawing at the meeting. Donation, \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

**ATTENTION TICKET SELLERS: If you will not be able to attend the December 4th meeting, please let me know so that I can get with you to close out your ticket sales prior to the drawing.**

Please help support your club by purchasing these raffle tickets. Your club thanks you and at the same time you could be a lucky winner!!

--- YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY ---

73, ..... *Bruce N8BV*

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#### 2007 Field Day Results

The results are in! OH-KY-IN placed 4th in our class and section this year, with a score of 5,132. I would like to thank everyone who participated and helped out with the operation this year, and I look forward to it again next year!

73, *Nathan KASMT1*

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#### Remember packet radio? It may still live ....

USPacket.org is happy to announce our **National Packet Radio Registry**.

This is a registry for US Packet operators who would like to exchange Packet mail with other radio hams.

To register your packet address with the NPRR, send a personal Packet message to:

NPRR @ N5PVL.#STX.TX.USA.NA

Any message title will do... "Register" would be OK.

You should include the following information in the message text:

Your name ( or what you like to go by )

Your location ( City, State )

After the message is received at N5PVL BBS, the information will be posted at USPacket, and distributed in NPRR bulletins on the Packet network.

To recap: For a registration to go through, it must be sent as a personal email through the Packet network, and it should include your name and location.

USPacket: <http://www.uspacket.org>

*Charles Brabham N5PVL*

posted as a story on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com), read 11-27-07

### **Weaver's Words -- Need a Longer Belt?**

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- AM Privileges -- Under attack?
- BPL and Related Issues.
- ARRL Committee Studying Field Organization.
- Director - Vice Director Elections Ahead.
- A Poll - Your Input, Please
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First and foremost, I hope you each had a great Thanksgiving. It was a pleasant day in SW Ohio. I hope yours was at least as nice.

### **+++ International Humanitarian Award +++**

Nominations are still open for the 2007 ARRL International Humanitarian Award. The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. If you know of a ham who has provided extraordinary service to others and this service has involved Amateur Radio on an International basis, please submit a nomination by December 31 to ARRL International Humanitarian Award, 225 Main St. Newington, CT 06111. Details of the award are at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/humanitarian.html>.

### **+++ AM Privileges -- Under Attack? +++**

Definitely not!

A few members contacted me with questions about the possible impact on US hams of a bandplan adopted by Region 2 of the International Amateur Radio Union -- IARU. The answer to the question is that the Region 2 bandplan has no impact on US hams.

For background, the IARU is the International organization of national Amateur Radio societies from around the world. These societies include the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) and the ARRL. Region 2 of the IARU covers the Western hemisphere. IARU cannot issue legally-binding rules or regulations.

There are three regions in the IARU. Each of the regions has a voluntary bandplan. The Region 1 and Region 3 bandplans preceded the Region 2 plan. IARU Region 2 held a conference a few weeks ago. Among other actions, it adopted its new recommended bandplan during this conference.

It is critical to understand that this recommended bandplan has absolutely no relevance to countries such as Canada and the US which have federal agencies (*e.g.* the FCC) that define and regulate Amateur Radio bands. In addition, IARU bandplans are merely recommendations to amateurs in countries that do not have such government agencies. There is no force of law behind the voluntary bandplans.

The concern of some amateurs seems to be that the FCC will adopt the Region 2 bandplan; thereby reducing the US's frequency allocation for AM. One writer from the GLD said the FCC has previously adopted a number of practices recommended by the IARU. To this moment, he has not responded to my request to identify just which IARU recommended actions were picked up and adopted by the Commission.

Similarly, a writer from outside the GLD has accused IARU President Larry Price W4RA of a written attempt to manipulate International Treaty to reduce AM privileges. To date, he too, has not responded to my request for a reference to the source of his accusation.

Finally, *CQ Magazine* has jumped into the fray by accusing ARRL of using the recent IARU Conference to further regulation by bandwidth. I enjoy reading *CQ*; however, as much as I enjoy reading it I equally strongly assure you that its editor has gotten caught up in bad journalism. The basis for the editorial appears merely to be ARRL's publicly-acknowledged support of regulation by bandwidth and the fact that the Region 2 bandplan specified bandwidths. This logic is similar to claiming  $1 + 1 = 6$ .

The fact is that ARRL did not participate in developing this bandplan.

We had no representation on the bandplan committee. Could it be that in reality, the plan was developed in

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its present form because the delegates who drafted it believe this is the way it should be and that there was no dastardly conspiracy after all? Or is it too hard to believe in this day of ever-present conspiracy theories is it too much to expect that some things are done in a fully responsible manner?

The bottom line to this small flurry of concern by some AM colleagues is that the Region 2 bandplan represents nothing to worry about. The IARU has no impact on US FCC regulations . . . the FCC has no apparent intent to act against AM in the foreseeable future . . . the ARRL has no thought of recommending the FCC take action against AM . . . and I will vote against any effort to get ARRL to recommend action against AM.

My recommendation to AM operators is to relax and enjoy your favorite form of Amateur Radio . . . for a long time.

#### +++ **BPL and Related Issues** +++

You will recall that the ARRL has brought suit against the FCC in Federal Court in the District of Columbia. Although BPL is listed as the prime issue in the suit, it is far from the only issue. The issue that is at least equal to BPL is FCC's ruling that give Part 15 devices (including BPL) precedence over licensed radio services such as Amateur Radio under some circumstances. Part 15 devices are not licensed and have previously been allowed to radiate signals only provided they did not cause interference to licensed services. ARRL's day in court was a couple of weeks ago. We don't expect to hear anything from the judges for up to six months. If we win, we expect the Court to direct the FCC to review its decisions concerning BPL. In this situation, we would expect FCC to develop BPL regulations that are more realistic and consistent with the historic action of the Commission. It is not a guarantee either that we will win or that our expectation will be fulfilled if we win.

Still on the topic of BPL, we may be seeing the early stages of its novelty wearing off. The FCC reported there has been a sharp decline in the number of homes using BPL for the past year. Consistent with this observation, Duke Energy announced it will not expand its current use of BPL. Duke also said it has no plans to discontinue BPL in present markets such as Cincinnati.

The final comment on BPL is that the new installation for the Lansing MI area is reported to use a "non-interfering" version of BPL. The BPL provider has worked with the ARRL laboratory in developing its system.

#### +++ **ARRL Committee Studying Field Organization** +++

Many of you may be aware that the Programs & Services Committee of the ARRL Board has been tasked with studying the governance of the Field Service organization. As a member of this Committee, I can say that we are reviewing the present design and operation of Field Services to see if changes or improvements should be made.

As one phase of the Committee's search for information, a survey was taken of the 73 Section Managers in ARRL. Similarly, Board members and officers were surveyed.

Nothing in the study has been predetermined. The study has not been set-up to obtain pre-designated conclusions and actions. All aspects of the field organization are being reviewed.

#### +++ **Director - Vice Director Elections Ahead** +++ print size reduced to 9-point to save space

Elections for the Great Lakes Division Director and Vice Director will be held next year. Even though the call for nominations will not be made until July and August, it is not too early for members to consider making a run for either of these offices.

As usual, I encourage eligible members to run for office. I especially encourage members who are dissatisfied with the way I have been performing the duties of the director to toss their hats in the ring.

Similarly, I encourage people who feel they can perform the duties of the Vice Director to run for this office.

ARRL is a democratic organization. I firmly believe that members who do not run for office or do not vote in ARRL elections have no right to complain about decisions elected officials make. Although the topic at this moment is the election of directors and vice directors, I hold the same opinion regarding the election of section managers.

The following excerpt from the ARRL By-Laws addresses most aspects of elections for Director and Vice Director. I thought everyone should have the opportunity to become aware of this important information.

"17. Each director shall keep himself informed as to conditions and activities in his territorial division and as to the needs and desires of the members therein in order that he may faithfully and intelligently represent the true interests of such members. He shall attend all meetings of the Board. At least 14 days prior to each annual meeting of the Board of Directors each director is encouraged to file with the Secretary a written report on the status of the affairs of the League in his division, together with a statement of his recommendations as to any actions required for the effective administration of the objectives and affairs of the League.

"18. In the July and August issues of *QST*, the Secretary shall solicit nominations for the office of Director in each division in which the term of the incumbent is to expire on the subsequent January 1, in a notice that shall include the name of the incumbent. On any date between the appearance of the first solicitation for same in *QST* and noon Eastern Time on the second Friday of August of any election year, any Full member of such division may request official nominating petition forms. To constitute a valid nomination, the original copy of such an official nominating petition form as provided by the Secretary must name a Full member of the division as a candidate for Director; must be signed by ten or more Full members of the division; must be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate attesting to his eligibility, willingness to run, and willingness to assume the office if elected; and must be filed with the Secretary no later than noon Eastern Time on the third Friday of August of that year. Only original documents shall be accepted by the Secretary, and he is not authorized to accept facsimiles of any kind. The Secretary shall immediately acknowledge the receipt of nominations to the candidate, and shall forward the nominations to the Ethics and Elections Committee.

"19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any nominee who may be ineligible to election and the name of any who may withdraw by written communication. The remaining names shall be listed on a ballot, in alphabetical order. If there be but one eligible nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee shall declare him elected without balloting by the membership. If there be more than one eligible nominee, then on or before October 1 of each year the Secretary shall send by mail to every person who on the tenth day of September of that year was a full member of the League in the divisions in which elections are being held, a ballot listing the candidates for director in his division, and a return envelope, soliciting a vote for one name. The ballot shall contain a copy of By-Laws 18 and 20.

"20. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall appoint a committee of three tellers including at least one director and shall arrange to have a certified public accountant present to certify the results of the balloting; but any member of the League who shall deliver to the Secretary on or before the first day of October of election year a written petition signed by at least ten full members of a division, stating their desire that he witness the counting by the committee of tellers of the ballots from that division, shall be permitted to do so and shall be accorded reasonable opportunity to satisfy himself of the correctness of the count reported by the committee. Ballots, to be counted, shall reach the mailing address established for their return no later than noon Eastern Time on the third Friday of November of election year. No outer envelopes marked as containing ballots shall be opened until the meeting of the committee of tellers held for the purpose of counting the ballots. The committee of tellers shall meet at the headquarters office of the League as soon thereafter as possible and in the presence of each other shall open the envelopes containing ballots and shall count the vote, after first eliminating the ballot of anyone disqualified from voting. They shall forthwith prepare and sign in the name of the Ethics and Elections Committee a report of the results of the vote, declaring duly elected as new directors the candidate in each division receiving the greatest number of votes therein; and they shall turn over all their records and ballots to the Secretary for presentation at the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors."

In addition to other considerations, a candidate for director or vice director must have been a licensed amateur and a full member of ARRL for four continuous years. Licensing and membership must continue throughout the elected term of a successful candidate.

+++ **A Poll - Your Input, Please** +++

*The ARRL Letter* is published weekly throughout the year with only a couple of exceptions. This past week (Thanksgiving) is one of the exceptions to this regular publication schedule. There is no *ARRL Letter* during Thanksgiving week. One of our GLD members feels rather strongly about this.

What I want to learn is how you feel about interruptions of this type in the publication schedule. To make it easy to express your general opinion, please send an e-mail to me and include two pieces of information. These are the number (listed below) that expresses your feeling about this issue and your call sign.

The number: Please use one of the following three numbers to express your opinion --

3 - Drop other things at HQ to get the *ARRL Letter* out every week – no exceptions.

2 - I'd prefer the *Letter* comes out every week, but occasional lapses are no big deal.

1 - I really don't care if an occasional week is missed.

Don't forget to add your call sign. Also, if you wish to discuss your choice, feel free to add the discussion below your numeric vote. Please send to [k8je@arrl.org]. Thanks.

+++ **Tentative Travel Schedule** +++

Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim

Dec 8: Programs & Services Committee, Newington, CT - Jim  
2008

Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee, Houston, TX - Jim

Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Houston, TX - Gary & Jim

Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim

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**VE exam opportunities**

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

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

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

**Wed. Dec 5:** 6:30 PM at Verity Lodge, Miami University-Middletown. Early arrival recommended. Advance registration consists of completed NVEC 605, copies of current license and valid CSCEs, and check (\$14) made payable to Dial Radio Club. Please enclose a note stating class of license you will be attempting. Advance registrations should be mailed to: David Williamson KD8W, 5766 Trenton-Franklin Road, Middletown OH 45042, and must arrive no later than Monday, December 3. Please include your telephone number on your check. More from David Williamson KD8W (513=424-5819) or Carl Morgan K8CM (513=727-3456)

**Tues. Dec 11:** 6:30 PM at Blue Ash Recreation Ctr, 4343 Cooper Rd. Contact: Gary WX8S, 513=474-0287 or [Osborne@fuse.net].

**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.

## What's coming in December 2007

Tue, Dec 4	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: Elections for 2008, cash raffle draw, pizza
Wed, Dec 5	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925
Fri, Dec 7		Pearl Harbor Day
Sat, Dec 8	10:00 AM	Oh-Ky-In monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park (talk-in to start on 146.67)
	10 AM-4 PM	R&L Electronics Customer Appreciation Day
Tue, Dec 12	7:30 PM	Technical Committee meeting, location TBA
Wed, Dec 15	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQ5, 146.925
Wed, Dec 19	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
Sat, Dec 22		Winter Solstice
Tue, Dec 25		Christmas Day
Wed, Dec 26	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR Boxing Day (Canada & UK); Kwanzaa begins
Tue, Jan 1		New Year's Day
Wed, Jan 2	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925
Fri, Jan 4	8:00 PM	Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot
Tue, Jan 8	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: To Be Announced (still being worked on at deadline)

**Advice from Riley Hollingsworth** posted Thu Oct 25, 2007 on [MVARBB@febo.com]

1. Be proud of what you have and let your feelings be known. Let the public know what you are, what Amateur Radio is, and why it's valuable. Let your feelings be known to Congress, to the FCC, to the media, to your states and to emergency agencies. Sprint does. AT&T does. Motorola does.
2. Operate as if the whole world is listening. It is!
3. Take nothing for granted. Bill Gates can't, and you can't either.
4. You're at a crossroads now. An old Chinese philosopher (or my grandmother--I can never remember which!) said, "Be careful what you wish for. You may get it." Seize the moment, and make this your finest hour. Ham radio has been at a crossroads before and has thrived. Continue that tradition.
5. Make sure that, on your watch, Amateur Radio never becomes obsolete.
6. Teach the new licensees all you know. We've needed numbers for a long time. Respect this wonderful legacy known as Amateur Radio that our mentors and Elmers gave us. Every time you key the mike or hit the key, think about what a legacy you were given and your duty to pass it on.
7. Enjoy ham radio. Celebrate it. But realize it comes with responsibility. Every gift of lasting value always does.
8. Stay away from arrogant, negative operators who know all the answers. They just haven't thought of all the questions. Encourage them to take their anger and hate to the Internet. Every minute they are on the Internet is a minute they aren't on Amateur Radio.
9. Never allow Amateur Radio to become the audio version of The Jerry Springer Show.
10. You may not always agree with the League, and that's fine. But I'm standing here before you tonight talking about enforcement because they never gave up. Take care of the one voice you have. You must never doubt that a small group of dedicated people can change the world. They just did.

