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From the President

Hello everybody! Thanks to all those who came out to the OH-KY-IN Field Day. Whether you worked a station or came for the picnic on Saturday, we appreciate you being there. Field Day is nothing without PARTICIPATION.

Same with other functions in the club. Don't be shy! If you would like to participate in something the club is doing, just ask! You don't need to announce it. Talk to me at the meeting or send me an email. Just as a reminder, the club is looking for a Treasurer for next year. Rick KD4PYR continues to do a great job and I know it will be tough to fill his shoes, but I believe in this club.

Also, get on the repeaters if you get a chance. The club spends good money on repeaters and I hate to hear just time announcements.

I hope to see you at the July club meeting!

73, Dale KC8H2S

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will take place **Tuesday, July 3, 2007** (starting at 7:30 PM) at the Salem Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Westwood. Brian K4BRI will conduct a surprise program!

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati, go north west on Glenway Ave. to Boudinot Ave. (approximately 4 miles; at Walt Sweeney Ford on right). Turn slight right on to Boudinot. After approximately 1 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, Tom NQ8A

* **ARRL Annual Report:** The ARRL's 2006 Annual Report has been published.

Highlighting the "Hello" Campaign and other major events in 2006, the report contains information about all of the activities of the ARRL headquarters staff throughout the year as well as summaries by ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN, and CEO David Sumner K1ZZ. According to ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts W1AGP, "The Annual Report is not only useful for showing members the strength of the organization, but it is

also a valuable tool in presentations to major public officials. At times they may know little about Amateur Radio, but when they see the quality of the annual report, even before they open it up, they know this is an organization to be taken very seriously. It is indeed a national association and very active. That gets their attention quickly." The 2006 Annual Report is available in both printed format and also on the ARRL Web site.

http://www.arrl.org/announce/annualreport/2006/Annual_Report_2006_web.pdf

--The ARRL Letter, Vol 26 #25, June 22, 2007

Minutes for the General Membership meeting, Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Dale KC8HQ5 called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 29 members in attendance.

Guests – Eric Simon (KC8NMP, former member – *Ye Ed*)

Upgrades – W8IOA to General, KC8IVR to General

Health and Welfare - None

The brag session heard from Sam KJ8K about his 52nd anniversary

Meeting program started at 7:34, heard all about Field Day plans by Nathan KA3MTT

Break from 8:08 to 8:22

Dale thanked Tom NG8A for running the hospitality table.

A motion was made to accept the printed minutes from May by WB4SUV, seconded by KC8VQU – motion passed.

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT reported we currently have 105 members.

Treasurer – Rick KD4PYR was not present – financial reports will be acquired. We still need a treasurer!

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Technical committee - Brian K4BRI reported that all the repeaters seem fine. Committee will meet at the 146.925 repeater site to adjust the repeater, and to work with the north remote.

Equipment manager – Mike KC8YTJ and David KC8YOM were not present

ARDF & Foxhunting –The blind ARDF hunt at Dayton had 2 competitors and some others – was a great time and went very well. Field Day ARDF on Sunday morning – Regular foxhunt will be Saturday.

Library – Jim KC8PRY reports everything is normal

Tech Talk - Bruce N8BV reported that Emily is NCS next

Historian – Dale got a lot of material from N8RVR.

Dale KC8HQ5 reported that the web site was updated for the ARDF stuff and ARDF USA.com link

Liaison – not present

Old business –

Awards were presented to those present. DX mailings are caught up. T shirts are available.

New business -

WA6EZV has some stamps from DX mailings – showed them around

Field Day this year will be dedicated to Dana WA8M

Karen has announced to the club that she is donating all of Dana's equipment to the club – what a fantastic opportunity.

The random member drawing, currently at \$5, was Tim McGill KD8EAL, who was not present

Split the pot of \$23.50 was won by Jim KC8PRY. Also, some Oh-Ky-In coffee cups were awards

Motion to adjourn the meeting by KA3MTT - seconded by KC8VQU

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian DeYoung K4BR1*, Recording Secretary

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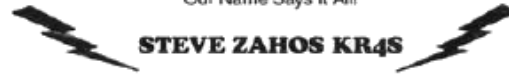
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The **official OH-KY-IN club T-Shirts** are still available for sale. The shirts were certainly a hit at the last meeting and at Field Day! The new t-shirt is still light blue in color and sports the OH-KY-IN club logo on front as well as the club callsign just above the logo. A picture of the shirt can be found on the club website at www.ohkyin.org.

The cost is \$10 for Medium or Large, \$11 for XL, \$12 for XXL and \$13 for XXXL. We almost sold out of shirts at the June meeting so another order is being placed this week so that they will be available for pick up at Field Day or at the July club meeting.

Help support your club and look cool at the same time. The profit from these shirts will go directly to the club treasury! In the event you can not make it to the July club meeting and you'd still like to purchase a shirt, please contact me by telephone or by email.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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DX Extras

July 2007

Wow, how fast a month goes! As normal the sun spot numbers are really low and so is propagation. This should still not stop you from getting on the low bands as there is always something out there to work. Thanks to all those who took time to participate in our annual Field Day operation. A special thanks to all the GOTA operators. As a side comment, I am still always amazed at just how efficient a dipole is on 40 or 80 meters. It's not expensive and it provides a cheap way to get on HF and start working for that W.A.S. Award. Speaking of the W.A.S award: Here is an interesting site you can use for arranging those cards. The site is called "The K3UK worked All Staes Interactive Sked Page". The site is [www.obriensweb.com /was/was.php](http://www.obriensweb.com/was/was.php). If you are following the DX lists you should know:

1. Rick NE8Z will be operational from Minami Torishima from July 23 to August 2nd.
2. The Kyoto Club will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the JARL from July 30th to August 5th as V60YAQ – Micronesia. Check www.ja3yaq.ampr.org/v6/ for more information.
3. There will be a DXpedition to Burundi (9U0A) from Sept.27 to Oct 9.
4. Look for Susan W7KFI in about two weeks operation CW around 36 Khz from the bottom of the band from Johnston Island.

Some offerings posted in the last ARRL DX Bulletin include:

(Note: Reprint from *ARRL DX Bulletin*)

TUNISIA, 3V. Matt DD9HK is QRV from Scout station 3V8SS in Monastir until July 5 mostly on SSB. QSL via DD9HK.

ALGERIA, 7X. A group of operators will be QRV as 7U5CI from Cavallo Island, IOTA AF-104, from June 23 to 28. This will be the first time this IOTA has been on the air.

IRELAND, EI. Look for EI/M0HSW/p, EI/M0TJH/p and EI/G3ZAY/p to be QRV from Inishbofin Island, IOTA EU-121, from June 25 to 27. They will then be active from Inishmore Island, IOTA EU-006, from June 27 to 29. Weather permitting, they may try to be active from the Blasket Islands, IOTA EU-007, on June 30. QSL to home calls.

OGASAWARA ISLANDS, JD1. Japan's Geographical Survey Institute has renamed the island of Iwo Jima to Iwo To, the original name given by the local inhabitants. Jima and To both mean island in Japanese. Iwo To is one of the three Volcano Islands.

FRANZ JOSEF ISLAND, R1FJ. Gene is QRV as R1FJT and has been active on 30 meters between 2040 and 2120z. QSL via UA4RC.

You Snooze You Loose:

3B7SP - Agalera. The team finally made it to the island and went QRV on June 13th. 9X0VB was active from Rwanda.

Till next month GUD DX and 73, *Bob WA6EBU*

Contests

July 2007

1-5 Canada Day Contest, CW & Phone; MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint

7-8 Classic DX Contest; DL DX RTTY Contest RTTY & PSK; DARC 10 Meter Digital "Corona" Contest; Venezuelan Independence Day Contest, CW & SSB; QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint, CW; Original QRP Contest, CW

- 13-16 IARU HF World Championship; CO QSO Party, Phone, CW & Digital; FISTS Summer Sprint, CW
- 21-22 NA RTTY QSO Party; CQ WW VHF Contest; Digital Modes Club RTTY Contest; CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush, CW
- 28-29 Flight of the Bumblebees, CW; RSGB Islands-On-The-Air Contest, CW & SSB

If you have anything left in the tank after Field Day...At least these can be run in the A/C. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K744U*

Weaver's Words-- and the Livin' is Easy

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++ New Club Help ++

Our HQ staff has nearly completed a total revamp of information for clubs. Included in this is a new, easier method for providing and updating information needed to maintain ARRL affiliation, a new draft club constitution and a revised club kit. These can be accessed at the following addresses: www.arrl.org/club, <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/constitution.html> and <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/club-kit/club-kit.pdf>.

Speaking of ARRL affiliation, it is very helpful for affiliated clubs to keep their information up-to-date as officers and as ARRL membership information change. The new, friendlier on-line update form makes it quite simple to stay current.

++ K8BP Receives May QST Cover Plaque Award ++

Congratulations to Clarke Cooper K8BP of Fruitport, MI who has been named winner of the Cover Plaque for the May issue of *QST*. His winning article was "A Super Duper Five Band Portable Antenna." Clarke is scheduled to receive the award at the GRAHAMfest this fall. Winners of *QST* Cover Plaque awards are chosen by vote of ARRL members. Voting is done on the Members Only web area.

++ Preparing for next ITU treaty meeting ++

ARRL CEO Dave Sumner K1ZZ, former Board President Larry Price W4RU were in Geneva, Switzerland the week of June 11 working on preparations for the 2007 national Telecommunications Union (ITU) treaty conference. The conference will be held this fall. Price is a former Board President and is the current President of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

The official US Department of State delegation to the conference (WRC07) will include ARRL Chief Technical Officer Paul Rinaldo W4RI and Jon Siverling WB3ERA of the ARRL Technical Relations Office. Amateur Radio has gained additional frequencies or as been the recipient of decisions to reduce QRM on frequencies through recent ITU Treaty conferences. The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is developing strategies to continue this trend.

++ Bonehead letters from Congressmen's Aides ++

A few of you have received what I call bonehead letters in reply to the letters you wrote supporting HR 462. The letters thanked you for writing about some Copyright Fee issue or anything other than HR 462.

I call these bonehead letters. These are canned letters that were printed out by a busy aide who failed to read the letter to which they were attempting to respond.

A common conclusion you may reach is that writing to the Congressman was a waste of time. I'm here to say this is far from the truth. How can I say this with a straight face?

Remember that I asked you to send copies of your letters to Dave K1ZZ or, later Janet Worthington of Chwatco . . . and me. If you did this, your effort wasn't wasted regardless of the reaction you received to it. Here's why.

First of all, purely and simply, writing to Congressmen works. One letter may not work, but depending on the issue, as few as a dozen letters will get the Congressman's attention.

Second, letters that are followed up in Washington by our lobbyist really get a Congressman's attention. When a lobbyist walks into a Congressman's office to educate him/her on a bill, they carry the copies of all the letters they received that were sent to the Congressman. Even if an aide miscataloged letters received from constituents, the lobbyist has the names and addresses of the writers. This information corrects any misinformation the aide has, and opens the door for the lobbyist to tell our story, face to face.

What you constituents have done in writing, is to put your faces on the legislation -- faces of voters -- faces that have opinions and wishes. Faces of people the Congressman wants to vote for him in his next election.

When the cause we promote has no partisan political baggage hanging onto it, there is high likelihood the Congressman will be inclined to support this cause. Issues ARRL selects to support or oppose do not have partisan political baggage associated with them.

The bottom line is that your letter (give it 1 point) plus a copy of your letter (give it another 1 point) plus the face-to-face use of your letter by our lobbyist (still another 1 point) all add to 6 points of leverage with the Congressman.

We don't expect a Congressman to reply to your letter by saying he/she will support the bill. We don't even expect the Congressman to see your initial letter. What we expect is that your letter will open the door to the Congressman's office in DC to our lobbyist who will carry the final part of the battle.

Keep on writing. You and your action are the key to the success of our lobbying effort. We can compete in the world of Washington with your help. Without your help, we are dead in the water. We don't have the finances to compete the other way. Unlike us as individuals, ARRL is prohibited by IRS rule from making monetary gifts, anyway. Copies of your letters should go to [janet.worthington@Chwatco.com] and me at [k8je@arrrl.org].

++ Excellent Reply to Bonehead Letters ++

William "Pat" Hartlage NA4NA received a bonehead letter in response to his letter on HR 462. He knew the letter was sent by an aide who was probably pressed for time and became a little careless. Pat decided to attempt to educate the aide -- and the Congressman -- by sending the following letter. It is a good one. He offers it as a starting draft for any of you who have had a similar experience. Please modify the letter and send it to your Congressman when the situation warrants. Pat's letter is:

"Congressman (name),

"I appreciate your office giving me a reply to my (date of your first letter) message regarding HR 462, the "Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act." Unfortunately the response your staffer prepared, which is included below, was unrelated to the issue I wrote you about.

"Let me add that I understand the number, range and complexity of issues your staff handles far surpasses anything I experienced, and mistakes happen.

"Would you please reread my original message? It provides detailed arguments as to why a comprehensive study of broadband over power line (BPL) technology is needed. Rather than repeating the arguments here let me observe in summary that the current FCC policy makers appear to have started with a conclusion before getting all the facts regarding BPL and have ignored longstanding communications policy and law regarding harmful interference to licensed services from some BPL operations.

"Best wishes,"

(Your signature)

(Your name and address)

Although Pat's letter obviously relates to HR 462, it can easily be modified to apply to any of the legislative we will promote or oppose.

Thanks, Pat.

++ ARRL Annual Report ++

A few GLD members have asked when the Annual Report for 2006 will be available. The answer is, now. You may view the report on the web by going to <http://www.arrl.org/announce/annualreport/>.

The hard-copy report will be available later.

++ LOTW Server Upgraded ++

The server for Logbook of the World (LoTW) has been updated. As some of you may know, the upgrade was accomplished recently by taking Logbook out of service for a couple days.

The main benefits of the upgrade are faster processing and increased storage. An upgraded operating system and relational database software (RDMS) make the improved operation possible. The increase in storage took a system that was using nearly 90% of its available storage to where it uses only about 45% of the storage.

++ Son of HR 462 goes to US Senate ++

I am very pleased to be able to announce that Sen. Mark Pryor of Arkansas has sponsored a companion bill to HR 462 that is in the US House. The Senate version of the bill has been numbered S.1629.

Do not write about the Senate bill, yet. The time for this will come later. We'll let you know when.

Until the time comes, if you haven't written to your US Representative to support HR 462, please do. We continue to do better every day, but we are far short of demonstrating the true strength of Amateur Radio to our Representatives.

If you need any of the information I previously sent to you, please let me know. I'll be happy to resend it. The main thing is for every member -- and their friends -- to write to their US Representatives.

++ More BPL Comes to Michigan -- and? ++

A California company has partnered with Consumer Energy of Central Michigan to provide BPL. The ultimate goal is to move BPL nationwide. The Michigan installation should not cause problems to amateur frequencies. Watchful waiting is the word for the day.

The coming system is scheduled to use Kaicom equipment and operate on 2-34 MHz. A review of the equipment by Ed Hare W1RFI, the ARRL Lab Manager, shows it contains notching so it can avoid QRMing all ham frequencies.

Of course, proper operation of the equipment will be needed to avoid QRMing ham frequencies.

When improperly operated, the equipment can cause interference. However, in the spirit of watchful waiting, anyone who believes they are experiencing BPL QRM should be doubly cautious to avoid making unsupported complaints against the system. We need to avoid damaging our own credibility.

As Dave Sumner K1ZZ said, we must not "put ourselves in the position of the neighbor who complains about RFI when the tower goes up but before the transmitter is connected."

A story regarding the Michigan expansion is at <http://sev.prnewswire.com/computer-electronics/20070613/NYW08013062007-1.html>.

Of course, SM Dale Williams WA8EFK and his crew of BPL watchers in the Lansing area are already on the job, prepared to work with Consumer Energy to monitor the new system as it develops. The local BPL oversight committee will coordinate closely with W1RFI through its operation.

++ Updated General Class Study Book ++

The new, updated ARRL General Class License Manual is available from HQ and, probably, local retailers. It is designed around the exam question pool that becomes effective July 1.

++ Division Convention ++

Don't forget the Great Lakes Division Convention on September 22 in Cleveland. This is the day before the Cleveland Hamfest. The Convention features interesting and informative seminars on several aspects of Amateur Radio topics. These are given by top-notch hams in the respective areas. ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN will speak at the Convention dinner on Saturday evening. At other times, he will be available for casual discussion. Watch for further information.

++ Tentative Travel Schedule ++

Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary
Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL - Jim
Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
Oct 8: Portage County ARS, Kent, OH - Jim
Oct 16: Branch Co. ARC, Coldwater, MI - Jim
Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
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Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim

73, *Jim K8JE*

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JULY 2007 OHIO SECTION NEWS

(July Hamfests, May Traffic counts and the Ohio Section Cabinet listing are at the end of Joanne's column. Traffic count stayed on the Ohio Section webpage.)

SUMMER!! Is finally here. You could have fooled me. Temperatures have been at summer level here in our section of Ohio for the past few weeks. Actually several days have topped the 90 degree mark. BUT, Summer is here now and so goes the summer activities.

Field Day hopefully was a successful one for all the Ohio Section Clubs that participated in one of the most popular events every year. Let me know how your club celebrated Field Day.

Our new Section Traffic Manager reports that effective immediately, all traffic reports for the Ohio Section should be submitted to him, John Tipka W8UL. In particular, all Local Net Reports. This has been the most asked question to me, now here is the official answer.

The 2007 Dayton Hamvention is now history. Now we look forward to the 2007 ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention to be held in Independence, Ohio, September 22nd. Mark your calendar and start making plans to attend this event.

Your Club should have received the *Ohio Section Journal*, Summer 2007, edition. You will find complete details about the Great Lakes Division Convention on page 11.

Also it isn't too early to mark your calendar for the Ohio Section Conference to be held September 15th at the State Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg.

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Don't forget the Ohio QSO Party scheduled for August 25-26 this year. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event.

There are many Hamfests still ahead. Support your Local Clubs as the members dedicate their time to making their event a success. We have the NOARSFEST in Wellington July 14; Van Wert Hamfest July 22 and the Portage Hamfair July 29 in Randolph. YOU can make these events successful. The Portage Hamfair will include VE Exam Testing starting at 9 AM.

The Mount Vernon ARC planned Field Day to be held at the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross this year. The plan was to show the local officials what they could do under difficult conditions, running a generator to power their equipment etc. With the Sunspot Cycle low this year, to say it could be a challenge was mild language for all participating in this Field Day event .

The 20/9 Amateur Radio Club planned to hold Field Day at Lake Milton State Park. Many members planned on going out to the Park and spending the entire weekend there. Members are planning a Fox Hunt to be held with the Club Picnic July 14th at Lake Milton State Park. Many events are still to come for this group such as the Mike Hartzell Motorcycle Run July 8.

The Van Wert ARC members have a very busy summer ahead of them. They certainly have a full calendar. Bike Tour (sounds like fun) VW Holiday at Home; set up in the Museum plus the Parade, the Van Wert Hamfest, the regular monthly meetings, and all the other events too numerous to mention here. This group remains a very "busy" Club.

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club members had quite a trip to Dayton this year. A tour bus sponsored by the Pioneer ARC to the Hamvention was involved in an accident on the way to the Hamfest. A stalled car in front started a chain reaction with the bus taking both front and back damage from semi trucks. The most seriously hurt person on the bus was the bus driver who had to be cut from the wreckage. "Hams" riding the bus had to use the emergency exits (windows), to get out of the bus. The Dayton Hamvention committee members heard of the accident, dispatched a RTA bus to the scene to get the passengers so they could continue their trip to the Hamvention, at no cost to the passengers. For more details on this accident go to the web site

<http://www.starkham.com/news.php> (This information from the Massillon ARC Newsletter the *FEEDBACK*) .

Hamvention 2007 had great weather, a good turn out, and that spells SUCCESS! Volunteers worked really hard to make Hamvention another huge success this year. Now, on to the planning for the next BIG HAMVENTION 2008!

Central Ohio ARES remains active with Field Day, the 46th Annual Tour of the Scioto River Valley, The UA (Upper Arlington) Memorial Day 5 Miler, and on and on goes this groups event schedule. It goes to show you, you can "train for a disaster" and have "fun" doing it.

I have been receiving some reports about Club Officers not filing the ANNUAL REPORT FORM. This can place your Club on the inactive list. You don't want this to happen, so make sure you file this form asap.

Well that's it for this time around. Remember , if you want your Club spotlighted in the Monthly Ohio Section News, you should get your Club information to me by the 10th, no later than the 12th, of the month.

So, until I see you somewhere, sometime, when you least expect it.

Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ30*. ACC Ohio Section

OHIO SECTION JULY HAMFESTS:

(14) Saturday; NOARSFEST, of the Northern Ohio ARS; For more information, visit www.noars.net or contact [tporner161@oh.rr.com] . At the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Wellington. (22) Sunday; Van Wert ARC Hamfest : for more information, visit www.w8fy.org or contact Louie Thomas, WD8LLO, at 419-238-2812. At

the Van Wert County Fairgrounds in Van Wert. (29) Sunday: Portage Hamfair 2007; sponsored by the Portage County ARES; for more information, visit www.hamfair.com or contact Joanne Solak KJ3O [kj3o@arrl.net]. At the Portage County Fairgrounds in Randolph.

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SM: Joe Phillips K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see *QST* page 16 or on the Web at <www.iarc.ws/ohio>; ASM-NE: Bob Winston W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: John Haungs W8STX, Cincinnati; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Frank Piper, K18GW Pickerington; ACC: Joanne Solak KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Scott Yonally N8SY, Mansfield; OOC: Rick Swain KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner WB8TMF, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

Foxes in nice weather

The June foxhunt was held on a beautiful summer day, the 9th, so Emily and I decided to get a bit tricky. We took two transmitters and programmed them identically, so they sounded just the same, but made them alternate back and forth, so it would appear that there was a single transmitter going on and off. Then we took the transmitters to both sides of the Purple People Bridge, one in Kentucky, and one in Ohio, and we waited anxiously for the hounds. It turned out to be a great idea and a tough hunt, and of course, we got called some really nice names :)

Dick WB4SUV and Janie won, followed by Bob WA6EZV -- sorry I cannot find the exact stats at this time. They will be posted later.

Join us next month - it is always a good time and we welcome newcomers and anyone who just wants to see what we do.

73, *Brian K4BR1*

Another Hamfest &c.

July 2007

July 14, Indianapolis IN Hamfest at Camp Sertoma, 2316 S German Church Rd. Indoor & outdoor fleas, forums, VE sessions 9-11 AM nearby (shuttle provided). Talk-in 146.76. Advance \$6, gate \$8, tables \$15. Info: Bob Blake N9FIM, 317=261-6658, [bob9fim@aol.com], www.indyhamfest.com

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

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.

==> ARRL Membership Numbers on the Rise

With now close to 152,000 members, the ARRL is going, and growing, strong. ARRL Customer Service Manager Amy Hurtado KB1NXO says the "ARRL is a viable, up-to-date organization that every ham should be a part of." Hurtado credits the rise in membership in part to the FCC rule changes earlier this year that eliminated Morse code testing for the General and Amateur Extra license classes. "Since more people were upgrading their licenses as a result of there being no Morse code requirement, we were successfully able to show them the benefits of being an ARRL member," she said.

One of the many benefits of ARRL membership, Hurtado said, is the monthly subscription to *QST*, the official journal of the ARRL. Other benefits of ARRL membership include a *QST/QEX/NCJ* index search on the ARRL

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Web site; operating awards; outgoing QSL service; access to the Technical Information Service; available ham radio equipment insurance program and more. Members can also get an *arrl.net* e-mail address through the ARRL e-mail forwarding service.

Hurtado went on to say that new, renewing and lapsed members can join the ARRL in many ways. "About 40-50 percent of membership enrollment is online. We also have people join after taking a licensing exam, by calling us on the phone, by answering a direct mail package or by joining up at their local hamfest."

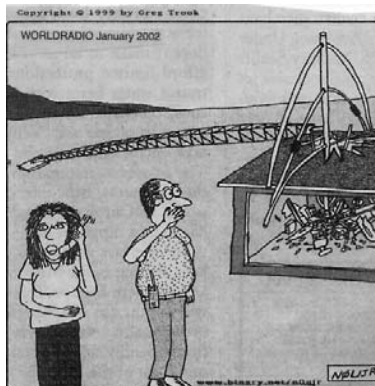
If you are interested in joining the ARRL or renewing your present membership, please see the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/join>.

*** FCC Commissioner Gets Presidential Bid to Continue; Awaits Confirmation**

President George W. Bush has announced his intention to nominate Deborah Taylor Tate to a full term as a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission. Tate is serving out the remainder of the term of former FCC Chairman Michael Powell. Current FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said of Bush's announcement, "If confirmed, I look forward to continuing to work closely with Commissioner Tate. She has served admirably at the Commission for the past year and a half, and I appreciate her continued dedication to public service. Debi brings important insight to the Commission, including her distinguished career as a leader in state government. Her thoughtfulness, dedication, and leadership have made Debi an invaluable member of the Commission." Among her many responsibilities, Tate serves as Chair of both the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Universal Service Joint Board) and the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations.


*** ARRL E-Mail Usage Going Strong:** One of the many benefits of ARRL membership is the ARRL e-mail forwarding service, first offered in February 1999. This service allows ARRL members to set up an *arrl.net* alias e-mail address. When e-mail is sent you at your *arrl.net* address, it is forwarded to an e-mail address you have designated. According to ARRL Information Services Manager Don Durand, approximately 45 percent of ARRL members take advantage of the e-mail forwarding service. "Using the figures from Wednesday, June 20, we had 876,993 connection attempts and 148,400 actual e-mail deliveries," Durand said. "The difference of 728,593 represents spam that was trapped and not delivered to our members." Durand said the numbers show the e-mail filters do a "pretty good job eliminating spam. Using a combination of filtering software, as well as holding in-bound messages to the accepted standards of transmittal, we are able to remove approximately 90-95 percent of all spam before it reaches a user's inbox."

-- 3 articles above from *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 26 #25, June 22, 2007



"I'm afraid Howard won't be contesting today ... due to some rather 'attenuating circumstances' at the ham shack ..."

What's coming in July

- Sun 1 Canada Day, eh?
- Tue 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: A surprise! from Brian K4BRI
- Wed 4 Independence Day 
- 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.67
- Fri 6 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 10 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA
- Wed 11 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.67
- Sat 14 10:00 AM Oh-Ky-In monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park
Talk-in to start 146.67 (may move to Jul 21 to miss Indy fest)
- Wed 18 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.67
- Wed 25 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.67
- Wed Aug 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.67
- Fri Aug 3 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 Aug 7 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: To be announced (again)

That's Using Your Web

Jay Harrison KC0CNB of the Benton County Radio Operators in Arkansas reports that attendance for their hamfest increased substantially because of an informative website and other marketing efforts by the club.

ARRL Hamfest listings on the web and in *QST* include web URL so that readers can be directed to more information than can be provided in the listing. Jay's club had success by providing detailed information about the hamfest.

-- *ARRL Club News* for June 2007

==> ElectroMagnetic Capability Committee meets at ARRL HQ

The ElectroMagnetic Compatibility Committee (EMC), an ARRL Standing Committee, met at ARRL Headquarters in Newington this week. Committee Chairman Dennis Bodson W4PWF, ARRL Roanoke Division Director, said the group came together to discuss the Committee's goals and objectives. They also discussed presenting an EMC forum at the Dayton Hamvention in 2008, as well as ElectroMagnetic Compatibility forum as it relates to auto-mobiles.

"We provide hams with information on how they might minimize their situations to ElectroMagnetic Compatibility.

We serve as the conduit to receive reports for Committee action and respond back," Bodson said.

Bodson said the Committee has numerous goals, including monitoring the development of ElectroMagnetic Capability; assessing the impact of ElectroMagnetic Capability on the Amateur Radio Service; informing the ARRL Board of Directors about the Committee's activities, and making recommendations to the Board for further action

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OH-KY-IN 2007 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair
Education Chair Ev Giglio KC8JR
PIO Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Q-Fiver Susie Scott N8CGM, Editor
Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
Special Publications Jo Haltermon KD4PYS
John M Hugentober Sr Memorial CW Proficiency Award
Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
WebMeister Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
Equipment Mgr Harry Davis WA8LOJ
TVI/RFI Dick Arnett WB4SUV, Chair
Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Silent Key Bruce Vanselow N8BV, Chair
ARPSC Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM

QCEN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
WARN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
Repeater Control Ops Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Librarian James E. Keely KC8PRY
Field Day Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair
Hamfest Coordinator Phil Smith KG8AP
Slow Scan TV Net Mgr Harry Davis WA8LOJ
Fox Hunters Co-Chairs Dick Arnett WB4SUV
Bob Frey WA6EZV
Robotics Chair open
DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC
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Life Members Kenneth E Wolf N8WYC
John W Hughes AI4DA

concerning ElectroMagnetic Compatibility if necessary.

Committee members have certain areas of expertise, Bodson said. Jody Boucher WA1ZBL is an electric-utility RFI troubleshooter. Ron McConnell W2IOL and Steve Jackson KZ1X work with digital subscriber lines (DSL). Mark Steffka WW8MS deals with automotive EMC. Steve Strauss NY3B is an expert concerning home-phone networking and Part 15 issues. Ron Hranac N0IVN handles cable television issue. Cortland Richmond KA5S is an EMC consultant. Other members of the committee are ARRL Laboratory Engineer Mike Gruber W1MG and ARRL Honorary Vice President Hugh Turnbull W3ABC, member emeritus of the EMC Committee.

-- *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 26 #24, June 15, 2007

News of members and students in recent classes, & Field Day

Field Day 2007 was a great success this year. With 34 in attendance, we had a great time and we couldn't complain at all about the weather. All of the stations posted some fantastic scores:

SSB Station: 1014 contacts CW Station: 300 contacts
6 Meter Station: 15 contacts GOTA Station: 100 contacts

We were able to accumulate a large list of bonus points as well. As of the writing of this article, I don't have a formal score tabulated as of yet, but will definitely have it for the next newsletter.

The dinner Saturday evening was wonderful and the midnight steak dinner was even better!

I want to personally thank EVERYONE who helped in any way with the success of this year's operation.

We dedicated this year's operation to the memory of Dana Laurie WA8M, who passed away earlier this spring. We held a moment of silence in his memory at the steak dinner at midnight, which he always enjoyed.

If it's been awhile since you've been at Field Day, or you haven't been to one yet, mark your calendar for the last full weekend in June next year. I guarantee you'll mark every year after -- it truly is a great time.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

Copy deadline for August issue: Friday, July 27

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