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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)

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From the President

I hope your Hamvention experience was enjoyable. If you weren't able to go, it was a nice show.

We announced at the May club meeting that club members now have access to Echolink codes on the 146.925 repeater. This enables club members to open a connection to other Echolink nodes. If you haven't had a chance, give it a try. You can look at the list of the stations currently online by going to <http://echolink.ohkyin.org>. Please remember to not share repeater codes with non-club members or say what they are on the air.

As always, the repeaters are there for the members and non-members. Thanks to Brian K4BRI and Bob WA6EZV for their continuous work on the repeaters.

Lastly, we are still looking for a club treasurer for next year. Rick KD4PYR is willing to tutor that person. If you are interested, please contact me. Thanks to Rick for your hard work!

See you at the June club meeting!

73,

Dale KC8H2S

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will take place **Tuesday, June 5, 2007** (starting at 7:30 PM) at the Salem Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Westwood. The program will be Field Day, conducted by Nathan KA3MTT.

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*

Minutes for the General Membership meeting, Tuesday May 1, 2007

Dale KC8HQ5 called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No guests in attendance, no upgrades.

Health and Welfare – Dana WA8M passed away April 13th. Carol WA8YL got her award presented to her.

The brag session heard about the Blind ARDF at Dayton; article on the ARRL web site

Meeting program started at 7:40, heard from ARTIMIS from Susan Springer and Tim Schoch

Break from 8:22 to 8:40

Dale thanked Tom NG8A for running the hospitality table.

A motion was made to accept the printed minutes from January by Fred K9OHE, seconded by John W9JRB – motion passed.

Membership chair Nathan KA3MTT not present, currently have 103 members.

Treasurer Rick KD4PYR was not present – financial reports passed around.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Technical committee - Brian K4BRI reported that all the repeaters seem fine. Echolink codes were passed out to those who are interested. No tech meeting this month. Still hopeful for a climb soon for 146.67.

Awards banquet was discussed – another nice year and we like that place.

Equipment managers Mike KC8YTJ and David KC8YOM were not present

Classes are almost over – test session on May 12.

ARDF & Foxhunting – Phil KG8AP hid in March, Brian K4BRI won. The blind ARDF hunt at Dayton was mentioned – we would like some help from the club. No foxhunt scheduled this month.

Field Day – We are getting shelters from Judd N8RVR.

Library – Jim KC8PRY reports everything is normal

Tech Talk - Bruce N8BV reported that Emily K4MLE is NCS next

Historian – Dale KC8HQS is continuing to go through the older *Q-Fivers*.

Dale KC8HQS reported that the web site is going well.

Liaison – Pete KC8BZM reported that they still need people for the Flying Pig. QCEN meeting moved to the 2nd Friday because of Dayton Hamvention. He also reported on ARPSC and the Weather net.

Old business –

Discussed that we are not doing Dayton.

Asked for help from members for the Blind ARDF

New business -

Discussed club hats and shirts – there is interest

The random member drawing, currently at \$50, was Dave N8NUX, and he was present!

Split the pot of \$16.50 was won by Bruce N8BV

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dick WB4SUV – seconded by John KC8VQU

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian DeYoung K4BR1*, Recording Secretary

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Care for an amusing project? Take a look at the **Strange Antenna Challenge**

(http://www.n0ew.org/k0s/k0s_2007/k0s_2007.php), sponsored by Erik N0EW and Dwayne WB5PLJ. I'm sure the creative minds of my readers will find this amusing and stimulating. (Thanks, Tad K7RA)

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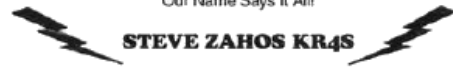
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Field Day 2007

Field Day will be held the weekend of June 24 and 25 at Mitchell Memorial Forest in Cleves OH. The contest will begin at 2 PM on Saturday and end at 2 PM on Sunday. The object of Field Day

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is to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

We will operate a CW station, a SSB station, a 6-meter station, and a GOTA station this year. Setup for the event will begin at approximately 2 PM on Friday, June 22. We can use all the help we can get on Friday. After most is done, we will be going to Wild Mike's for dinner, and then back to the park.

This year we will be networking our logging software and have the ability to "chat" in between stations. This proves to be a fun time heckling one another when the activity seems to slack off on a station.

You don't have to be a seasoned operator to join in on the fun. There will be plenty of operators needed and I would like to get as many people out as possible. If you haven't been to Field Day in awhile, make a commitment to yourself and come out – I guarantee you'll look forward to it again next year.

We will have demonstrations of APRS, ATV, and SSTV, as well as a satellite QSO (hopefully). Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have and if you need directions to the park, you can find those at www.ohkyin.org

73, *Nathan K3MT7*

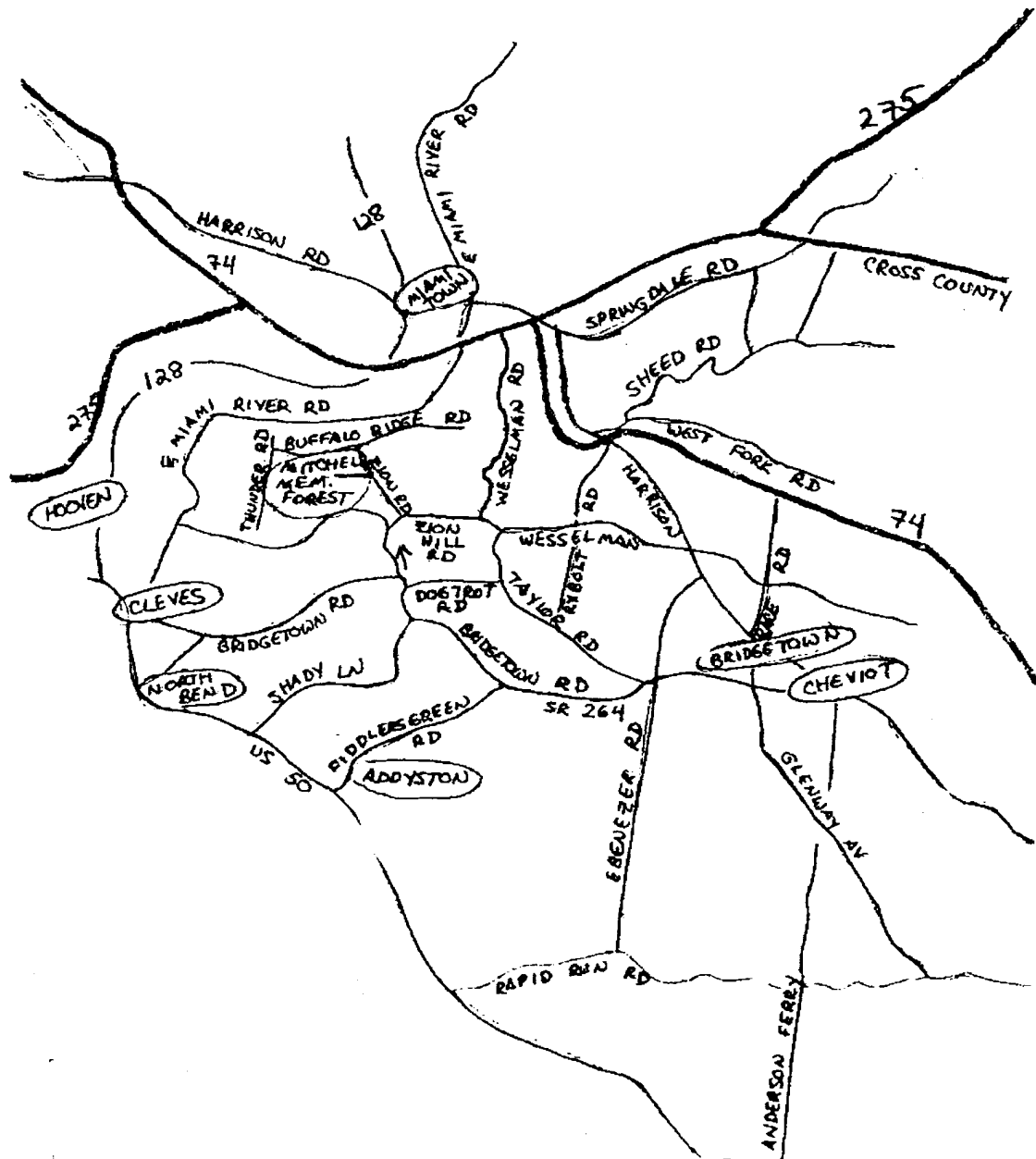
Still speaking of Field Day, need memory keyer & a few more items ...

I am looking for a memory keyer that we would be able to use for the weekend of Field Day. The radio that we will be using has a CW filter in it, but no keyer. If anyone would be able to help with this, it would be very much appreciated. Also, we will need tables, chairs, and lamps for the operating stations. Please e-mail me if you are able to help out with any of these items.

73, *Nathan K3MT7*



The finest three security personnel from OHKYIN in Cincinnati...he!!he!!
They want us back next year... The vendors said that, we all did a very good job!!!
From left, Billy Zapf N8WRZ, John Baird W9JRB, Jim Baird W8IOA
Photo by Dale KC8HQS at Dayton Hamvention



Season pass for Hamilton Co Parks \$5 (recommended), day pass \$2 each. One or the other is required. Buy at park entrance.

DX Extras

June 2007

It's been an interesting year considering we are at the bottom on sun spot cycle 23, or if you prefer the start of cycle 24. Aves, Island, Montenegro, Spratly (twice), Swain Island, and Scarborough Reef have all come and gone. That's a pretty hefty list of DX and it's not over yet. In the next few months look for:

A2 – Botswana scheduled for July 5 to 20

2B6DX – Agalera Island June 6 to June 18

YJ – Vanuatu July 13 to 21

8Q7 – Maldives Oct??

Next Year: Ducie Island is being planned for next February and expect more to be added.

Summer Time: This is not usually high HF activity time for most of us. But it's a good time to tune up your antennas. Consider a new inverted V or Dipole for 30M, 40M or 80M. Also consider modifying the shack to handle a new mode such as PSK31, Slow Scan TV, RTTY, Packet, whatever. You've got all summer.

Never been on HF! Don't know what all the knobs do? Well guess what, Field Day is on the way and you can take the opportunity to get all your questions answered and even practice a bit, by scheduling to operate for an hour or two on one of the stations.

Until next Month GUD DX, *Bob WA6E3V*

Contests

June 2007

2-3 AL QSO Party, SSB & CW; SEANET DX Contest, CW, SSB & Digital; IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW; Look Around in the Field Contest, CW & SSB

9-11 ARRL June VHF QSO Party; ANARTS WW RTTY & Digital Contest; Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB; Portugal Day Contest, SSB; Grupo Argentino de CW WWSA CW DX Contest; Bill Windle QSO Party, CW, First Class Operator's Club (FOC)

16-17 Kids Day Operating Event, 1800Z-2400Z Jun 16; WV QSO Party, CW & SSB; All-Asian DX Contest, CW; SMIRK QSO Party, CW & Phone; Quebec QSO Party, CW, Digital & Voice; Summer Meteor Scatter Contest, FSK441; Spanish Islands Contest, CW & SSB, RTTY

23-24 ARRL Field Day; His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB; QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day, 1800Z Jun 23-2100Z Jun 24. Follows ARRL Field Day rules. See www.qrparci.org for more information.

Get warmed up for Field Day. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K744U*

Morse: new support for a popular old mode

Morse may no longer be a licensing requirement in most nations, but the mode is very much alive and well. In fact it's gaining favor with more and more hams as witnessed by the large number of clubs that are springing to life dedicated to preserving that very basic mode. The latest of these is the Pro C-W Club based in Romania.

The Pro C-W Club is the brainchild of Vasile Giurgiu YO6EX. The organization is dedicated to the preservation and encouragement of the art of CW communications. There are two classes of membership and hams the world over are welcome to join.

No website yet, but more information and the dues structure is available from Vasile Giurgiu YO6EX, SIBIU-1, RO-550450, Romania. (YO6EX)

Amateur Radio Newsline, May 18, 2007

Weaver's Words -- June is Bustin' Out

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++ Your Help, Please

Within just a few days, all members will receive a request to write to your US Representative in support of a bill designed to protect Amateur Radio frequencies from interference. This request will include LACs and LAAs as well as all other members.

I will send a draft letter for you to modify or to use as it is. To learn who this should be sent to, go to the Members Only site of www.arrl.org. When this site opens, the name and address of your US Representative will appear on the left side of the screen. The names and addresses of your US Senators will also appear; however, please do not write to them at this time. It is too soon to contact them. Please limber your writing hand and be ready to write. I'll include further information along with the draft letter.

++ Updated Graphics

By now, everyone who reads *QST* with at least one eye open has seen the tremendous upgrading in graphic appearance this journal has undergone. The changes began a few months ago with a rather major change. They have continued on a lesser scale.

In addition to the positive changes in *QST*, the WAS and 5-Band WAS certificates have also been modernized. The new look should definitely have greater appeal to all of us -- young or old -- who like to collect and show our wallpaper.

Already have a WAS or 5-Band WAS, but would like to have the new look? You may order a new one based upon your existing record, or why not earn a new award?

++ Legislative Action Update

I thought it would be interesting to many of you to have a full update on the Legislative Action Program (LAP) in our Division. The LAP is the program the Board enacted to help influence Federal legislation that affects Amateur Radio. We still have plenty of room for interested appointees in several districts.

Where do we stand with appointing at least two Legislative Action Assistants (LAAs) in each Congressional District and for each US senator? Here is the run down:

Kentucky --

Districts 1, 2 & 5 = Two LAAs, each.

District 6 = One LAA. We need a volunteer, please contact me for information [k8je@arrl.org].

District 3 = None. We need volunteers, please contact me. *The 2-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, June 2007 page 9*

We also need a volunteer to coordinate the activities in Kentucky. This volunteer will be the Kentucky Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) and will report to Division. Please contact me.

Michigan (just for info – *Ye Ed*)--

State LAC = Bob "Scotty" Wright KB8APS, [kb8aps@arrl.net].

District 3 = Three LAAs -- fully staffed.

Districts 1 & 7 = Two LAAs, each.

Districts 2, 5 & 9 = One LAA each. We need additional volunteers. Please contact Scotty for information.

The 9 remaining Districts = There are no volunteers. Please volunteer to help with this critical task in these Districts. Contact Scotty, please.

Ohio --

State LAC = Brent Stover WD8PNZ, [wd8pnz@arrl.net].

District 1 & 3 = Three LAAs -- fully staffed.

Districts 6, 8 & 17 -- Two LAAs, each.

Districts 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 & 16 -- One LAA each. We need additional volunteers. Please contact Brent for information.

The seven remaining Districts = There are no volunteers. Please volunteer to help with this critical task in these Districts. Please contact Brent.

To put all of this in perspective, we have made considerable progress during the short time the LAP has been active. Obviously we need to do more if we are to come close to accomplishing the great amount of good that is our potential.

This brings me to a perplexing situation. Wherever I go, members unanimously tell me they want Federal legislation that permits erecting antennas where they are now prohibited, they want our frequencies to be protected from an FCC giveaway to commercial interests, they want the FCC rule that give unlicensed Part 15 transmission the right to QRM licensed services reversed and they want more recognition for the tremendous public service we perform.

My question is, "With seemingly everyone eager to get these bills passed, why has it been so difficult to recruit the volunteers we need to help us get these jobs done?"

As the old saying goes, we either are part of the solution or part of the problem. I realize that many hams already devote most of their time to voluntary, appointment positions in ARRL. Most members are not doing this, though. If you are among the "most," please become part of the solution and join the Legislative Action Program.

Nearly any amateur who can talk in front of the local ham group, who can read and who is willing to work as a member of a team has the ability and skills to serve as an LAA.

Some of you may have noticed I did not mention the Division Legislative Action Chair (DLAC). Val Rose N8EXV has had a change in his employment and is on a leave of absence. Until he sorts his situation out, please contact your State LAC or me with any questions or comments.

++ MetLife Promotion

Most of us will receive literature from MetLife promoting insurance. I thought I'd let you know how this works. First, let me assure you ARRL is not selling your personal information to outside organizations.

What happens is that MetLife has signed a very secure privacy agreement with ARRL that permits them, and them only, to use the mailing information we provide. MetLife is prohibited from providing it to anyone else. If they violate this contractual agreement, MetLife will suffer serious legal penalties.

Why does ARRL allow these mailings to occur? The money we get from this mailing and from any policy action resulting from it goes to support your organization. This is money we don't need to get from you

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members.

It is totally up to you whether you buy insurance from MetLife. It also is totally up to you whether you receive any possible future promotions such as this from additional companies. If you choose, you may opt out by advising ARRL HQ that you do not wish to have your information released for secure promotional purposes of this type.

If you choose to purchase insurance from MetLife, you will be dealing with a solid, long-established company and you will help ARRL a little, in addition. The decision is entirely yours.

→ **Late insert - Opt Out Information**

Several of you are disturbed over the very controlled release of your names and addresses to MetLife so it can promote its insurance products to you at a special price. I can understand this. It may be interesting for you to know that you could always have opted out of allowing ARRL to disclose your names and addresses even under the strict conditions the League demands of MetLife and US Bank. The information was -- and is -- on the ARRL web site.

Having said this, I believe the opt-out information should have been made more highly visible than it has been made. I'm sorry I had not thought of this, previously. The best I can do, at this time, is to let everyone know about it, now.

To opt out of receiving all future hard copy mail from companies outside of ARRL (e.g. MetLife, US Bank or the like), you should send an e-mail to: [circulation@arrl.org]

If you wish to "opt out of all non-ARRL commercial mailings," you can simply say this. Your file will be marked appropriately to keep your name and address off of hard copy mailing lists.

You who don't mind receiving infrequent, carefully-screened mailings from companies that are contractually-prevented from distributing your information further don't need do anything. For what it is worth, I have not opted out. I do not plan to opt out.

Once again, the decision (to opt out or not to opt out) is totally yours. I merely want to put the information that allows you to follow through with your decision in your hands.

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++ **GLD Scholarship Winners**

Winners of ARRL Foundation scholarships were announced on Friday at the Dayton Hamvention(r). Fifty nine scholarships were awarded in values ranging from \$2,500 to \$500. The winners were from all 15 ARRL Divisions. Winners from the Great Lakes Division area:

Michael Volz W8KAR, East Lansing, MI -- The Earl I. Anderson Scholarship, \$1,250. As directed by the donor, applicants for this scholarship must be a licensed radio amateur, live in Florida, Illinois, Indiana or Michigan, be enrolled in an Electrical Engineering or related program and be an ARRL member.

Timothy Little W8LBO, St. Louis, MI -- The Zachary Taylor Stevens Scholarship, \$750. As directed by the donor, applicants for this scholarship must hold a Technician class or higher license, live in the 8th Call Area and be enrolled in an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university or technical school.

Congratulations to Michael and Timothy!

The ARRL Foundation awards scholarships annually. Applications are solicited via *QST*, the *ARRL Letter*, the ARRL web site and, usually, *Weaver's Words*.

++ **Code Proficiency Pilot Field Test**

The field study of the Code Proficiency Program begins in June as I reported in the last issue of *Words*.

The encoded text has been received as has the decoded written text. These have been distributed to the VE teams that will conduct the pilot testing. There is no charge for this testing. Eight code speeds of 5 through 40 wpm, in steps of 5 wpm, are offered. Keep your eyes on your local club newsletters and special e-mail announcements for further details.

Now that developing Morse code proficiency is totally a matter of personal choice, why not challenge yourself to learn this "old" modern method of communicating?

The Code Proficiency program is totally unrelated to FCC licensing. It also is available only at the four test locations in the Great Lakes Division.

++ Data Communication

If you don't use data communication, you might want to give it a try. One of the easiest and most readily gratifying ways to go is PSK-31.

Check it out. Go to www.arrl.org and search for PSK31. You will find excellent introductory articles as well as information on ARRL's *Digital Handbook*.

++ ARRL Membership Growing

Membership in ARRL has hit its highest level in recent years. At the end of April, 150,895 hams belonged to the League. This exceeds the membership of 148,329 at the conclusion of April 2006. This represents a 1.7% increase in membership over the year.

There are about 655,000 FCC licensees. Current amateur licenses have durations of 10 years. A review of statistics suggests only about one-half (less than 330,000) of all licensees are active or even alive.

Based upon this statistical assumption, approximately 45% of active amateurs belong to ARRL.

++ It Was Nice to See You

Thanks to the many of you who stopped by the Great Lakes Division booth at the Hamvention(r). I enjoyed talking with everyone. I apologize to you who came by the booth when I was gone.

++ No Results from Poll, Yet

I've not yet been able to review the answers many of you sent me in response to the poll I distributed. I'll share the results when I have these.

++ Tentative Travel Schedule

Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe MI - Jim

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 16: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati 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

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

Tnx, 73, *Jim K8JE*

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Ohio Section June 2007 news: **Always Remember Hamvention Is Ohio's Big Treasure**

The eyes of our amateur radio community were on Dayton in May. The 56th Dayton Hamvention, like the

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others before it, is always sure to be a part of all radio amateurs dreams. Dayton gives you the chance to meet many ARRL officials whom you do not get the chance to meet much , if any, of the time. There is the Great Lakes Division Reception Area where, I'm sure, you met meet many friends and made new ones. I had planned to be a part of Ham-vention this year -- especially since the theme in 2007 was all about clubs. But plans have a way of changing , and mine had to be changed. I do hope all of you had a wonderful time at Dayton, found lots of goodies, met lots of friends, and came away with lots of good information . Hope you found the ARRL Expo 2007 a showcase to remember. I can't wait to get all the NEWS about the entire weekend!

I was very glad to hear that Amateur Radio Operators played such an important part in the Kansas Twister in Greens-burg May 5 & 6th weekend. The town lost so much that weekend. A team of amateur radio volunteers arrived in the town Saturday morning and set up communications.

Effective May 14, the United States Post Office raised the rate of first class mailing from 39 cents to 41 cents. This is another reason to utilize the internet for sending news bulletins to members and all others on your mailing lists.

Remember Field Day coming up June 23 & 24. Some clubs treat Field Day like a "contest event" and others use it as an emergency communications exercise, and others use it as "both". Still, it is an all around "social gathering" no matter which way you call it. There is always the good food you seem to "find" at most Field Day sites each year. Remember you still have time to order your Field Day tee-shirts and pins for those participating in your club's Field Day event.

As usual I want to remind you to check with your secretary and make sure the annual report form has been filed with Headquarters. I want to congratulate those clubs that have been keeping current with their SSC renewals also. Check and make sure I am on your club mailing list, it makes renewals so much easier if I receive your bulletins and can just "sign off" for renewals since I have all the information I need to renew your status.

I guess everyone is enjoying the beautiful warm weather and making their plans for this year's Dayton because news has been scarce and the Club Spotlight information just hasn't arrived here. I waited a couple of extra days but "nothing" and I know I have several Clubs sending me their information. So those of you who want to be Spotlited here in the Section News, get your information to me by the 10th of June for the July Section News.

Well, I guess that's it for this time around. Hope Dayton was a success for all of you! Remember, sometime, somewhere , when you least expect it, I will be seein' YOU. Until then, Enjoy your Freedom and God Bless our TROOPS! Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ30* , ACC OHIO

Ohio Section June **Hamfests**: see article following

Ohio Section cabinet listing: 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 KI8GW, Pickerington; ACC: Joanne Solak KJ30, 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.

Hamfests &c.

June 2007

Sat June 9 14th Annual Fulton Co ARC Hamfest at Roth Family Park, 131 Hill Ave, Tedrow OH. 8 AM-1 PM. Fleas, VE exams. \$3 donation requested. Talk-in : 147.195. Info: Lindsay K8LI, 419=822-4382, [webmaster@k8bxq.org], www.k8bxq.org

Sat June 16 17th Annual Milford ARC Hamfest at Eastside Christian Church, 5874 Montclair Blvd, Milford OH. 8 AM-2 PM. Commercial vendors, fleas, VE exams at 9 AM (walk-ins welcome, bring ID),

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fox hunt (register at 10 AM, contact Donna KC8KIA on arrival), hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing at end of Hamfest. Lots of parking, refreshments. Adm: \$5, under 12 free, tailgating \$1 regardless of spaces needed, inside tables \$5 (re-quires adm ticket: for tables call Chris KB8SNH, 513=351-2776, [kb8snh@fuse.net]. Talk-in: 147.345+. Info: Jim WB8RRR, 513=831-6255, [wb8rrr@arrl.net], www.w8mrc.com

ARRL approved as 2007 Combined Federal Campaign participant: The ARRL has once again been approved as a participant in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) <<http://www.opm.gov/cfc/>> for 2007. Similar to the United Way, the CFC encourages contributions from federal government civilian employees, US Postal Service workers and members of the military on behalf of various organizations. By designating the League as the donation's recipient, contributors can support ARRL's efforts to represent its members and all radio amateurs. Last year the CFC attracted more than \$22,400 in contributions to the League. The consider the League when designating CFC donation recipients. To select the ARRL to receive all or part of your payroll deduction, designate organization 10099 (this is a new identifying number!) when completing the 2007 CFC donor form. Donations to ARRL can be designated for Diamond Club contributions, the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund or the ARRL Education & Technology Program. Or, donors may make unrestricted contributions to the League. One important note: Since the CFC does not provide the ARRL with the names of individual donors, the ARRL Development Office would appreciate a copy of the donor form to ensure that each contribution is applied according to the donor's wishes and the contribution or pledge can be properly acknowledged. *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 26 # 21, May 25, 2007

What's coming in June 2007

Fri 1	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 5	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in West- wood-Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: Field Day
Wed 6	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, 146.67, NCS Emily K4MLE
Sat 9	10:00 AM	Oh-Ky-In Monthly Fox Hunt, hounds start at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
Wed 13	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, 146.67, NCS Dale KC8HQS
Thu 14		Flag Day
Sun 17		Father's Day
Wed 20	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
Thu 21		Summer begins
Fri 22	2:00 PM	Field Day set-up begins at Mitchell Memorial Forest (see pages 6 & 7)
Sat 23	2:00 PM	Field Day operation begins
Sun 24	2:00 PM	Field Day operation ends
Wed 27	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI
Tue 3	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in West- wood-Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: wait & see!

OH-KY-IN 2007 Committee Appointments

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 Bob Frey WA6EZV
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DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC
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Life Members Kenneth E Wolf N8WYC
 John W Hughes AI4DA

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 Turkeyfoot Rd. Registration 6 PM. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. Contact: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.255

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

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

Sorry, no News of Members this time; none of us won anything at Dayton!

More DX * ITU okays Montenegro, Serbia call sign prefix agreement: Although it became a country -- and a DXCC entity -- in its own right last June, Montenegro has not had an Amateur Radio call sign block to call its own until this month. According to *The Daily DX*, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) did not want to give Montenegro an entirely new prefix, so it required the states of Montenegro and Serbia to agree upon one or two prefixes from the five (4N, 4O, YT, YU and YZ) assigned to the former Serbia-Montenegro. An agreement was reached May 11, and the ITU now lists 4O (that's "four Oscar") as Montenegro's prefix. This means Montenegro stations may use 4O0 through 4O9, while Serbia stations will continue to use YT and YU prefixes for all call districts, 0 through 9. The ITU has taken back the former 4N and YZ prefixes for future reassignment. The ITU reportedly wants the two nations to complete the transition to new call sign blocks as soon as possible. *The Daily DX* Editor Bernie McClenny W3UR recommends that DXers update their logging software carefully to reflect the changes.

Copy deadline for July issue is Field Day weekend!

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