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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 by the time this month’s edition of *The Q-Fiver* is published, the snow will be melting and we will have a glimpse at spring.

With all the new and upgraded hams on the air waves this month I hope to get on HF a little more often. If you are an experienced HF’er I encourage you to get on the bands and welcome those that are just starting out. Hopefully, now that Morse code isn’t a requirement to get on HF any longer, this will spotlight certain issues plaguing our bands. BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) is an issue in some cities and we can’t let it take over our frequencies. Also, it seems like HF is fairly dead if there isn’t a contest on. Maybe we’ll get some more ragchewers on there to make the frequencies more lively.

Just as a reminder, OH-KY-IN will be hosting our spring session of classes beginning Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 PM at the Salem Presbyterian Church (same location as our meetings).

73, Dale *KC8H2S*

Next meeting

The next club meeting of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will feature Band Plans and Deer Island DXpedition. That club meeting will take place **Tuesday, March 6, 2007** (starting at 7:30 P.M.) at the Salem Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Westwood.

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati, go 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 *W8SA*

Minutes of General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In ARS, February 6, 2007

Meeting was postponed until February 13 due to bad weather and unsafe driving conditions.

Respectfully submitted – *Brian DeYoung K4BR1*, Recording Secretary

Minutes of General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In ARS, February 13, 2007

Meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and unsafe driving conditions.

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Ham radio classes

→ Morse code no longer required for any amateur radio license!! ←

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will offer ham radio license classes in the Cincinnati, Ohio area scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, March 15, 2007 at 7 PM.

Classes are now forming for all levels of amateur radio license, Technician through Extra. Classes will be held every Thursday evening for eight weeks at the Salem Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Mozart and Higbee in Westwood (behind the White Castle Restaurant at Harrison and Boudinot).

At the conclusion of the eight week course, participants will be given an FCC license examination on Saturday, May 12, 2007, at the same location.

These classes are open to persons of any age and no prior experience is necessary. To register, or for additional information, call 513-353-5858. Email inquiries to [classes@ohkyin.org] or visit the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society on the World Wide Web at www.ohkyin.org.

Total active individual licences as of Jan 1 2007

Nov 23,610 Tech/+ 322,966 Gen 131,160 Adv 69,591 Extra 108,205

-- from Feb 2007 Tusco ARC *QRM*, who didn't credit a source

How many Hams in a State?

Well, that depends on which State (or Territory) you are asking about. Our own state of Ohio has about 28,198 licenced Amateurs. Our neighbours to the north in Michigan number about 20,167. California leads the count with 91,118, while the Virgin Islands have only 237. Could this be why you have to work a little harder for a VI contact than a west coast one? It has been said "everything is big in Texas", but they rate a distant second place with 43,072, just ahead of Florida's 38,163. To round out the top 5 we have New York with 28,293 and Ohio in the very close 5th position. These numbers were good on January 23, 2007, so we may have moved up a notch or three by the time you read this. On that date the total number of hams in the USA was 655,359.

--*TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon*, February 2007 (likely source is FCC, but Ye Ed went there and couldn't find figures anything like this)


Tally brrrr? Nope!

February 10 foxhunt was called off, according to Bob WA6EZV, on the air an hour before the scheduled start. Near-zero temperatures played a significant role. -- *Ye Ed*

Morse code for cell phones

The information below was taken from the *ARRL Contesters Rate Sheet* dated January 10, 2007. I thought that it might be interesting for those of you who have cellular phones. 73, *Bruce N8BV*

To really impress your friends, and keep CW alive in the bargain, you need Morse Code ring tones for your phone! You can even get the phone to send the call of the person calling with a little trickery. For the Motorola Q phones and possibly others, try <http://tinyurl.com/yjnljk>. (Thanks, Lynn N7CFO)



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The top 10 reasons to try Morse code

are listed in a one-page article by Rick Lindquist N1RL, ARRL Sr News Editor, on the 3rd page of the New Opportunities & Welcome to the fascinating world of HF radio insert, in the March QST. Please go there and read it. Ye Ed may ask for permission to reprint the list at a considerably later date.

Weaver's words for Valentine's Day

Code testing for licensing

Like it or not, testing for Morse code proficiency to obtain General and Extra Class licenses ended February 23. This is the date by which all amateurs interested in the future of Amateur Radio need to come together to welcome new licensees and upgrades. We all need to show interest in the "new" ones and mentor them to be good hams. To fail to do this could prove very troublesome to our great radio service.

Who did it?

Which early amateur-engineer-inventor working to develop motor cars for a bicycle company joined Henry Ford in a battle over a faulty patent for gasoline-powered motor car? Answer below.

HQ organization changes, continued from last issue.

In the last issue of my Words, I discussed primarily how recent organizational changes at HQ impacted Dave Patton NN1N and the DXCC program formerly managed by Wayne Mills. In this issue, I will address the impact of the changes largely on the Field & Education Services organization headed by Dave Patton NN1N. I discussed the easiest change first.

In essence the Membership Services Department (F&ES) and the Membership Services Department (MSD) were essentially rolled into one department that has been named the Membership & Volunteer

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Programs Department (MVP). In doing this, our Regulatory Services specialist who had previously reported in through F&ES has been shifted over to report directly to CEO Dave Sumner. This tidies things a little because Dave clearly has the lead at HQ in developing regulatory strategy and relaying regulatory actions by FCC, the ITU and other groups to ARRL members.

Two additional changes in the old F&ES Department are underway. First, more attention is being given to developing educational materials. You who have seen the new Technician License manual and one or two additional new teaching aids have already seen how this new emphasis is working out. There is much more to come.

The second change is the addition of a new position as EmComm Director. The duties of the new director have been described in the National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC) Report that was ratified by the Board in January. The EmComm Director is to develop the emergency communication skills possessed by ARES members and organizations throughout the country into the finest EmComm organization in the world for meeting the needs of large-area disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. We want to be the best and to be perceived as being the best -- no exception. Local ARES groups remain very capable of managing local situations.

Ohio LAC appointed

Brent Stover WD8PNZ of Maumee, Ohio has been appointed Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) for the State of Ohio. Brent follows Jim Ashman W8ASH who retired from the position late last year because of personal reasons. Brent has been Legislative Action Assistant (LAA) serving the Ohio Ninth Congressional District. His first task is to develop the Ohio Teams of Legislative Action Assistants in each Congressional District in Ohio. If you are interested in learning more about this program and how you can protect the Amateur Radio Community by making as many as about three visits to a local office of your District US Representative, please contact Brent at [WD8PNZ@arrl.net].

Red Cross modifies position

In a letter to Red Cross officials throughout the country, Jack McGuire, Interim President and CEO and Kate Forbes, National Chair of Volunteers for the American National Red Cross have changed their former stand concerning background checks for all Red Cross volunteers.

The revised position is:

"- A new consent form will be developed that eliminates all references to credit checks and mode of living.

"- The Red Cross will not run future credit checks or mode of living checks on anyone who has signed the previous consent form. The Red Cross will consider that consent form null and void as to the credit check and mode of living authorizations, and promises not to conduct credit check on individuals unless we obtain a second consent form from them authorizing those checks. Mode of living checks will not be conducted under any circumstances.

"- In an effort to establish and maintain consistency across the organization, Jane Gilbert, Senior Vice President, Service Area Support, will convene a working group to establish an ongoing credit check policy that will define which positions require a credit check in the future and how to evaluate credit checks for those positions."

I applaud the Red Cross for recognizing the demand to sign the previous, inclusive background check authorization was inappropriate. I previously notified the Cincinnati Red Cross Chapter I authorize a criminal background check on myself. As soon as the reformatted authorization form that limits the requested background checking to a criminal check becomes available, I will sign it.

As of the date this issue of Words is being released, there has been no public statement by the Red Cross concerning the change in background checking. Similarly, the promised reformatted background checking release form has not yet been issued.*Weaver's words continues on page 9*

DX Extras

March 2007

WOW! Where to start? It's been a great month for DX with more to come. In case you missed it there were a lot of great opportunities to work some rare DX this past month. Just for the record, DX0JP -- Spratly, XU7XRO -- Cambodia, J20MM -- Djibouti, YW0DX -- Aves Island, and 3B9/G3TXF -- Rodriguez, all made an appearance in February. Not too bad for the bottom of the sunspot cycle.

March and April are promising more of the same.

Spratly – Yes, another operation is scheduled for March 9th to March 20th. Info at

<http://island.geocities.jp/layang9m4sdx/>

Swains Island -- Scheduled for March 29th to April 21st. Expect this one to draw a lot of attention.

Scarborough Reef, April 20th to 30th -- Check <http://www.bs7h.com/> for info. This will be a tough one to work as the world needs it. Me included.

Also look for operations from Mongolia, Mali, Brunei, and Crozet in March and April.

Found this on the dxpub website: If only it was always true.

Suggestions for DX Pile-ups..... by Uncle DX

1. The DX station operators are in charge of any pile-up.
2. The DX station should make and adhere to their operating rules quietly and respectfully.
3. The DX station should use, when appropriate, call areas and areas of the world for better accuracy, rate and order.
4. The DX station should use split operation and spread stations out, keeping in mind others not in the pile-ups. A must.
5. The DX station should give their call sign at least every 10 minutes and maintain a pattern especially when ending a QSO.
6. The DX station should create a rhythm or timing which maintains a good rate and allows the pile-up to call at the right time.
7. The operators in the pile-up, if not sure of a QSO, should dupe and the DX operator continue not wasting time commenting.
8. The DX station should work those who will create the fastest rate, at least at first, then make an effort to work the weaker stations.
9. No one should lecture on the air.
10. Everyone should always require and give full calls.
11. Know and practice the gray line.
12. Know the equipment being operated such as the split button, audio levels, keying wave form, etc.
13. NEVER be a "KC Cop"...never.
14. Operators giving spots on a DX Cluster should insure their accuracy!
15. Keep away from personal, political, and religious comment any time on the air and/or the DX Cluster. Keep all comments in the true spirit of ham radio whereby ALL ARE EQUAL.

16. Don't rush when giving your call when the DX station is standing by, especially on CW. Time will be lost trying to obtain ALL of the call sign.
 17. Don't call the DX station constantly. Get in the rhythm.
 18. Let the last station complete his QSO.
 19. Use only the power it takes and figure out what that is!
 20. Figure out the DX operator's operating practice for greater success.
- Wishing everyone the best of luck on the rare ones.
Till next month, 73. *Bob WA6EJY*

PS. All of Uncle DX's suggestions sound like those offered by John Hugentober Sr N8FU (SK) when he was writing the *Q-Fiver* DX column. *-Ye Ed*

*** DXCC Desk approves operations for DXCC credit:** The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved these operations for DXCC credit: VU7LD -- Lakshadweep Islands, operation December 1-30, 2006; VU7RG -- Lakshadweep Islands, operation January 14-26, 2007; ZL9BSJ/P -- Auckland and Campbell Island, operation of September 12, 2006; 5A7A -- Libya, operation November 15-30, 2006; YU6AO -- Montenegro, operation effective June 28, 2006. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program.
*** We stand corrected!** In *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 26, No 05, February 2, 2007, the news brief "DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit" contained incorrect information. DXCC credit for VU7LD -- Lakshadweep Islands covers December 1-30, 2006, operation (see above item).
The ARRL Letter, Vol 26 #9, February 9, 2007

Contests

March 2007

- 3-6 ARRL International DX Contest, Phone; DARC 10-Meter Digital "Corona", Digital modes; Ukraine RTTY Championship; Spartan Sprint, CW
- 10-12 RSGB Commonwealth Contest, CW; WI QSO Party, Phone & CW; OK QSO Party, Phone, CW & Digital; ID QSO Party, CW, Phone & Digital; NA RTTY Sprint; EA PSK31 Contest; AGCW QRP Contest, CW
- 17-18 Russian DX Contest, CW & SSB; VA QSO Party, Phone, CW & Digital; 10-10 Mobile Contest, all modes; CLARA and Family 2007 HF Contest, Phone & CW; 9KCC Contest, CW & SSB; BARTG Spring RTTY Contest
- 24-26 CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB; EU EME Contest, CW & SSB

March is a quiet month, but there are a few nice contests. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
73, *Dan K74AV*

The rest of **Weaver's words**

Who did it?

The amateur-engineer-inventor was none other than good old Hiram Percy Maxim, himself. The Pope Company for which Maxim had worked had bought an 1877, all-inclusive and very cloudy patent that included engine, drive train and vehicle. Maxim thought the patent was worthless. A long patent battle was brought against Pope by a "grumpy little man" as Maxim described him. This battle finally resulted in the patent being discarded. Being a highly honest and open man, Maxim doubtlessly contributed to this ultimate decision through his testimony in the case. The "grumpy little man" was Henry Ford.

Flap over DXpedition to Libya

Recently, an item appeared on the Internet that stated operators in the 5A7A DXpedition (Libya) refused to work Israeli amateurs. This item created a bit of a flap as might be expected. The actual situation is a little different than appeared in the Internet item. It is another example of the rancor between some Arab nations and Israel. The Libyan government issued a license for the 5A7A operation only on the condition the hams would not QSO Israelis. As disgusting as this is, there is nothing new about it. It also has not been solely an Arab-Israel issue. Over the years, countries other than Arabian have issued similar prohibitions for contacts with different of the world's countries. The practice, at least during later years, has mostly regarded Arab nations and Israel.

The choice that faced the German group that sponsored the 5A7A DXpedition was to accept the restriction against Israeli hams, or to cancel the operation. Apparently some members of the DXpedition chose not to go; others opted to go. Regardless, the prohibition against contacting Israeli amateurs came from the Libyan government, not from the hams. I will not get into a discussion of whether the DXpedition should have been held or been cancelled. This latter discussion is far beyond the realm of Amateur Radio.

Today's pun

"Two aerials meet on a roof, fall in love, get married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was brilliant." (Received from daughter WD8BMK. She obviously has too much time on her hands! Hi!)

The future of NTS

Once again, the ARRL Board of Directors has acted in support of the National Traffic System (NTS). Contrary to some NTS operators who believe ARRL is attempting to kill NTS, the Board unanimously approved the report of its National Emergency Response Preparedness Committee that endorsed NTS. The facts are that NTS can serve as a valuable source of training as well as of moving longer haul traffic during disasters. Equally obvious is that the character of NTS is changing and is likely to continue to change. It is not and increasingly will cease to be your grandfather's NTS.

Glitch in March QST

"One small glitch did sneak into the (March *QST*, ed.) issue. In the review of the improved IC-7800, a software glitch caused the wrong table to be inserted on page 63. It duplicates information contained in the table on page 62 rather than conveying additional information as intended. If any members comment to you about it, please point them to the corrected version that is already on the Web site at

<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/prodrev/>.

"73, Dave K1ZZ"

BPL in Cass County, Michigan

Midwest Energy Cooperative has announced it will install a BPL system for its customers. As Dave Sumner K1ZZ reports, this is not expected to pose a problem of interference with Amateur Radio operation. Midwest is working with IBEC which is one of the BPL providers that is using a "new generation" of BPL equipment. It is a form of BPL that is strongly notched for amateur frequencies. Midwest and apparently most other electric distributors who are entering the BPL market recently seem to have gotten the message

that ARRL will fight interfering systems tooth and toenail and are trying to be good corporate citizens.

If you wish to see the Midwest announcement, go to

<http://www.teammidwest.com/information/BPLwaitlist.htm>.

Final note: Welcome to HF

The March issue of *QST* is on its way to the Post Office as I write. This issue contains an insert that provides condensed versions of much of the information amateurs with new HF privileges are likely to need. I encourage VE Team members and all hams who are involved in mentoring, recruiting and welcoming newbies and upgrades to review the insert to see the information it contains that will help new people.

Tentative travel schedule for K8JE

Mar 12: West Chester ARA, West Chester, OH.

Mar 15: Bellbrook ARC Dinner Meeting, Waynesville, OH.

Mar 18: Toledo Hamfest, Toledo.

Mar 31: Elizabethtown (KY) Hamfest.

Apr 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.

Apr 21: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.

Apr 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.

May 10: IARK, Howell, MI.

May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.

Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI.

Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.

Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.

Aug 4: I.C.A.R.E. Hamfest, Hale, MI.

Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL.

Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI.

Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.

Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.

Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.

Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH.

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

73, *Jim K8JE*

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Hamfests &c.

March 2007

- 3 Sullivan IN Hamfest, sponsored by Dugger ARC at 4-H Fairgrounds, 8 AM until last person leaves! Electronics flea market, forums, VE sessions. Talk-in: 146.775 (136.5 Hz). \$5 door. Info: Tony Hudson W9PDQ, 618=586-5015, [w9pdq@arrl.net], duggerarc.org/hamfest.htm
- 18 52nd Toledo Hamfest/Computer Fair, sponsored by Toledo Mobile Radio Assn at Lucas Co Recreation Ctr, 2901 Key St. New & used radio & computer equipment & supplies, major ham gear vendors. Talk-in: 147.27. \$6. Info: Brian Harrington WD8MXR, 419=385-5624, [bharrington@meduohio.edu], www.tmrahamradio.org
- 31 4th Annual Columbus IN Hamfest, sponsored by Columbus ARC at 4-H Fairgrounds Community Bldg, 750 W 200 S (SR 11). 8 AM-2 PM, VE sessions at 11 AM. Talk-in 146.79 (100 Hz).

\$4.50 advance, \$5 door. Info: Marion Winterberg WD9HTN, 812=342-4670, [carc_in@yahoo.com], www.qsl.net/carc

28th Annual Elizabethtown KY Hamfest, sponsored by Lincoln Trail ARC at Pritchard Community Ctr, 404 S Mulberry St. ARRL forum, VE sessions. Talk-in: 146.98. \$4 advance, \$5 door. Info: Archie Mack AF4EB, 270=351-6159, [amack@bbtel.com], www.qsl.net/ltarc/index.html

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

3d Wednesday Feb and April: DIAL Radio Club at Rm 110, Johnston Hall, Miami U Middletown. Register 6 PM, exam 7 PM. Walk-ins on space-available basis. Map to exam site and/or NCVEC Form 605 available from [k8cm@ar1.net] for SASE. Advance registration consists of completed NCVEC Form 605, copies of current licence if any and valid CSCEs and \$14 check payable to DIAL Radio Club. Please include note stating class of licence you wish to attempt. Mail advance registrations to: David Williamson KD8W, 5766 Trenton-Franklin Rd, Middletown OH 45042. Pre-registration must arrive at least 2 days before exam. Please include your telephone number on your check. Special exam accommodations must be requested 2 weeks prior to test date. More info: David Williamson KD8W, 513=424-5819.

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

ARLB009 Section Manager election results announced (February 21, 2007)

One new ARRL Section Manager has been elected, while 8 incumbent SMs have retained their seats. New terms for all successful candidates begin April 1. Contested elections took place in two ARRL sections, and ballots were counted and verified February 20 by Membership and Volunteer Programs staff members at ARRL Headquarters.

In Kentucky, Jim Brooks KY4Z, of Cox's Creek outpolled former SM Bill Uschan K4MIS, 426 to 105. Brooks will succeed John Meyers NB4K, who has been Kentucky's SM since 2001. Meyers did not run for re-election. Brooks, a ham for 20 years, says he wants to build on Meyers' achievements. Brooks has served in various leadership positions in his local club. Since 2004, he has been the ARRL Kentucky Section Public Information Coordinator. He is trained in ARES, enjoys working DX, serves as an ARRL Volunteer Examiner and is a registered instructor.

8< snip.....

March OH Section News

SPRING!! Where are you????? I really was beginning to believe the Groundhog and was really wishing for an early Spring as he predicted? Well, 14 inches of snow doesn't seem like any indication of Spring anytime soon. BUT I must remember.....this is OHIO!!

VALENTINE'S DAY and the chocolates and flowers..hope it was a happy time for all.

Now on with the Section News.

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As in Weaver's Words, Like it or not, testing for Morse Code proficiency to obtain a General and Extra Class license ended February 23rd, 2007! This was the date by which all amateurs interested in the future of Amateur Radio need to come together to welcome new licensees and upgrades. We all need to show interest in the new licensees and help them become "good" hams. Testing for Morse Code will no longer be required for any amateur radio license!!

Have you heard of Craig's List? Craigslist – w – features free classified advertisements and forums sorted by various topics. If you are looking to reach people in your own community and tell them about your Club and amateur radio, then Craigslist is a great way to do just that. You can announce club meetings, classes and other activities your Club is participating in and when

Do you have a really good Field Day recipe? One that you could have published (best recipe) in *QST*? The recipe must be original..it can't be one published in a cookbook. AND if you are really interested in submitting your FD recipe..contact your Club contact person who is receiving the ARRL Club newsletter for details. (*The ARRL Club News* is published on the first Wednesday of each month by the American Radio Relay League).

Congratulations to the Highland ARA for 25 years affiliation with the ARRL!!!

2007 Weather Spotter Training has begun. Check with your local EC/DEC/Local Club/ARES group for further information when training is planned for your area.

The 20/9 ARC was honored by guest speaker Jim Weaver, K8JE, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director. His presentation explained the new ruling on no-code, new CW privileges that the FCC has given Techs. Etc. The meeting was enjoyed by all in attendance.

MARCH SPOTLIGHT CLUB OF THE MONTH is OH-KY-IN A.R.S.

The OH-KY-IN VHF Society was formed in 1960 by a few amateur radio operators who became friends by meeting socially to talk ham radio. It was natural that the subject of organization would evolve, thus the start of OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society.

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society is a diverse club with many interests. OH-KY-IN A.R.S. has been an ARRL Special Services Club since 1990 and was an ARRL Affiliated club for many years before that.

The OH-KY-IN A.R.S. activities include:

OH-KY-IN Hamfest

OH-KY-IN A.R.S. sponsors its own annual Hamfest. Their past events were well attended by hams and non-hams from all over the region

Hosting ham radio classes and exams.

OH-KY-IN A.R.S. hosts classes and exams in the Spring and Fall every year.

Four Repeaters; three on 2 meters and one on 70 cm.

Their 4 Repeaters (146.670, 146.925, 146.625 & 442.775) are strategically located throughout the Greater Cincinnati area. The 146.670 repeater system has 2 remote sites, one to the Northwest of Cincinnati, the other to the South.

Annual participation in ARRL Field Day

For 2006, OH-KY-IN operated 2A with 28 participants for a total of 1,575 contacts.

Monthly Fox Hunts and ARDF

OH-KY-IN's monthly Fox Hunts have a loyal group of participants. OH-KY-IN members have achieved local, national & international success with both Fox Hunting and ARDF. OH-KY-IN hosted the US ARDF championships in 2003.

A weekly net called "Tech Talk"

OH-KY-IN conducts a net every Wednesday evening on 146.670. The purpose of the net is to offer a discussion of possible solutions to any technical, procedural or operational questions or problems of the net participants.

Public Service Communications

OH-KY-IN has assisted with the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in Cincinnati for many years. OH-KY-IN has provided communications for Goodwill with the Scouting for Food and Clothing Drive, Cincinnati's St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Harvest Home Parade for many years
Annual Participation in ARRL Sweepstakes

OH-KY-IN participates each year in the ARRL Sweepstakes contest each November. They have achieved a "Sweep" in nearly every Sweepstakes contest they have participated in.

The Club provides technical workshops for the construction of equipment. It has an extensive library of books for the use of their members. The list goes on. Truly this Club is a Special Service Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OH-KY-IN A.R.S. SPOTLIGHT CLUB OF THE MONTH!

If you wish to see your Club to be Spotlight Club of the Month, just contact me and we will get your Club on the list!

Remember to support your local Hamfests! Support your local Club by paying the annual membership dues when they are due. And most of all invite a friend to a Club meeting, if they are not a "ham" perhaps a club meeting would get them interested enough to get their amateur radio license. More and more I hear of clubs holding a dinner meeting or breakfast meeting a couple times a year, some have a social hour just before the meeting. There are so many ways to attract new members. If you have tried a "special way" to bring in new members and it "worked" share the information with me and I will share it with clubs throughout Ohio. One of the most popular ideas among amateur radio clubs is "break" between the Business meeting and the "program" or discussion time when coffee and donuts are offered. By far, this is the most popular, but, I am sure there are others.

FILE THAT ANNUAL REPORT FORM! I will never stop reminding you of this. KEEP your CLUB INFORMATION CURRENT with the ARRL.

If you have information for the Ohio Section Monthly News get it to me by the 10th of each month so that I can reach my deadline for the column. Are you doing anything special? Are you featuring a Special Event Station? Who did you have for a guest speaker? Share the NEWS! Make sure I am on your mailing list and make sure I receive your Club Newsletter. It makes my "job" easier when it comes to your Club review. Don't think I don't read them. I sure do. Every one of them! So check now, am I on your mailing list/E-mail list, Newsletter list? For those of you who send me your Club information on a regular basis many "thanks" -- it is appreciated

A "lot of you" responded to MY WORDS in the last Ohio Section Monthly. I was really surprised that so many of you carry the same "concerns" with Club Members "going their separate ways" and forming new groups. Some of you say "it is like hamfests" First you have the "Old established Hamfests" and before long it seems that there are more and more hamfests AND before long there aren't enough "hams" to go to ALL the hamfests and attendance falls off and the hamfests begin to go by the wayside.. I realize this is a common problem throughout the Country. I have been in touch with other ACCs throughout our country and this is a common "thing" among amateurs, clubs and ARES/RACES groups. A Club in the Southern part of our Section first asked me about this situation with club members leaving and starting their own group. After "thinking" about all this and taking all the "opinions" you have sent me into consideration, I offer this advice..The ARRL needs Clubs. Clubs are the backbone of the ARRL (which is the National Association for Amateur Radio), and Clubs are very important to our Emergency Operating System using ARES and RACES in case of an emergency. There is "room" for all radio amateurs, for all Clubs. At this time in our "troubled world" we should all be pulling together for the "good" of Amateur Radio not pulling it in other directions. Many ARES groups and RACES groups are finding it "difficult" for some reason to "work together. This group doesn't want to "work" with that group and on and on. The Ohio Section has

a great "PLAN" for Amateur Radio Emergency Groups . The Ohio Section has a great "PLAN" for Amateur Radio Clubs" Communicate...Participate. If you have a group in your club who seems to be pulling away from the original group, communicate! It seems so hard sometimes for groups to communicate. Instead of going off and organizing a new group..they should discuss their "feelings" wants and needs with Club Officers. Nothing "good" ever comes from "keeping secrets," it can only "breed" discontent. COMMUNICATE, that is what amateur radio is all about, communications. The ARRL always welcomes new Club affiliation. All Clubs should work together for the "good of amateur radio" I have received a "potpourri "of ideas about this ever-growing problem.

Once I "digest" the many pages of solutions I will share MY WORDS with all of you.

Until then, remember, sometime, somewhere, I will be seeing you!

BEST 73, *Joanne Solak KJ30*, ACC - Ohio.

OHIO SECTION MARCH HAMFEST

Sunday (18) TMRA Hamfest and Computer Show - For more info see: <http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

or contact Brian J. Harrington, WD8MXR at phone: 419-535-6594 or Email:[bharrington@meduohio.edu];

Hamfest location: Lucas County Recreation Center.

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Nick Pittner WB8TMF, West Jefferson.

What's coming in March

Wed Feb 28 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.67

Fri 2 7:30 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot

Tue 6 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-
Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Band Plans, and 2006 Oh-Ky-In DXpedition to Deer Island ME

Wed 7 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Carol WA8YL, 146.67

Sat 10 10:00 AM Oh-Ky-In Monthly Fox Hunt, hounds start at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to
start on 146.67

Sun 11 Daylight Savings Time begins

Tue 13 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA

Wed 14 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.67

Thu 15 6:00 PM Hamfest Committee meeting, Salem Presbyterian Church

7:00 PM Theory classes begin, Salem Presbyterian Church

Fri 16 7:30 PM Queen City Emergency Net at Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown

Sat 17 St Patrick's Day

Wed 21 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA

Spring begins

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OH-KY-IN 2006-7 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
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John W Hughes AI4DA

Wed 21 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
Spring begins
Thu 22 7:00 PM Theory classes, Salem Presbyterian Church
Tue 27 7:30 PM Board of Directors' meeting, Salem Presbyterian Church
Wed 28 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.67
Thu 29 7:00 PM Theory classes, Salem Presbyterian Church
Sun Apr 1 April Fools' Day, Palm Sunday
Mon Apr 2 Passover, first seder
Tue Apr 3 Passover
7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-
Cheviot behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Computer interface to radios by Richard Pestinger KC8RP

News of members and students in recent classes

You'll have noticed, ACC Coordinator Joanne KJ3O made US her Spotlight Club of the Month!
There wasn't room for any more copy than appeared; come to a club meeting or check into Tech Talk
sometime to find out what else goes on.
Speaking of which, DUES ARE CERTAINLY DUE!!! If you don't renew by the end of March you lose a
lot – your Q-Fiver and your autodial, to mention only two. Talk to membership chair Nathan KA3MTT
(address and phone on mast page) or download a membership form from www.ohkyin.org. Please tend to this
if you haven't!

Condolences to Tusco ARC in eastern Ohio, whose editor Dave Lomady WD8CKK died unexpectedly recently.

Copy deadline for April issue is Friday, March 16, 2007

St Urho's Day in Finnish-speaking communities – no parade for us to work (Hi!)

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The OH-KY-IN A.R.S. presents

AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

MORSE CODE

NOT REQUIRED !

TECHNICIAN-GENERAL-EXTRA

Begin Thursday, March 15th

Western Hills Area

Salem Presbyterian Church

For More Information

Call:

513-353-5858

or

E-MAIL:

classes@ohkyin.org

Exam: Saturday, May 12th