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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...**

Thanks for a GREAT 2008 Field Day! We hit a speed bump with the rain around 4 PM on Saturday but rebounded very nicely. Thanks to John KC8VQU for the excellent food! Thanks to Nathan KA3MTT for coordinating this event again!

Also, thanks to the following members who worked our beer booth at Red White & Blue Ash: Mark, KD8IMC, Brian K4BRI and Margie, John KC8VQU, Bruce N8BV, and myself (Dale KC8HQS). We were very successful with this event and look forward to next year. We will have more details at the August club meeting. Bruce N8BV is the Fundraising Chair and coordinated this event! Thanks to Bruce & great job to all!

The OH-KY-IN club picnic will be Saturday, August 16 starting at 12 noon @ Mitchell Memorial Forest! We hold our picnic just up the hill from the lake. We are looking for volunteers to bring charcoal & lighter fluid, utensils & condiments. Please attend the club meeting to signup. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can send me an email to [kc8hqs@fuse.net]. Thanks!

Finally, I want to give another big THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered this past couple months. It has been a busy summer and we appreciate ALL of your help!

See you at the August club meeting!

73, Dale KC8HQS

## **Next meeting**

The August 5 Oh-Ky-In program will be a presentation on the history of radio in our area, specifically WRK / W8H. WRK was one of the first broadcast stations and was located in Hamilton, Ohio and operated by the Doran brothers. There was recently a special event station operated from this site. Kevin Jones W8KJ will present the program, titled "Hamilton's First Radio Station". Please join us for this fascinating look at radio history and review of vintage gear!

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati, go northwest on Glenway Ave. to Boudinot Ave. (approximately 4 miles; at Walt Sweeney Ford on right). Turn slight right on to Boudinot. After approximately 1 1/2 miles turn left on to Mozart (before the White Castle). The church is on the right. Please come in under the stairs.

More info can be found at: <http://www.ohkyin.org>. Visitors always welcome!

73, Gary KB8MYC

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### **Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

Dale KC8HQ5 called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No guests – 18 members attending.

Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare - none

Brag session - nothing

The program was about a brief discussion on radios and radio selection

No Break

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Motion was made to accept the printed minutes by John KC8VQU, seconded by Bob WB8JHT – motion passed.

Membership - Nathan KA3MTT not present - we are at 99 members for 2008

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not present.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Tech committee - Brian K4BRI took reports that 67.0 has noise and .625 sounded weak.

Equipment manager – Brian KC8FJN was not present

Bruce N8BV reported that the Fundraising committee still has hats and shirts, and we will participate in the Red, White and Blue Ash – we need 6 people minimum, more people from 5-10:30 PM

Bruce N8BV reported we would like another regular net control for tech talk – 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Liaisons - Pete KC8BZM reported about WARN, ARPSC meetings – also their FT-897 raffle

Racers – Our next race will be July 29<sup>th</sup> – please come out

Old business -

Reminder about the club picnic Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at noon

New business -

The random member drawing was won by Ben KC8ZLF, not present, Split the pot of \$15 was won by Eric N8YC

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

### **Dayton area ham is named Southwest Ohio Assistant Section Manager**

Dave Coons WT8W of New Carlisle (near Dayton) is a CW specialist (25 WPM), held many Dayton ARA offices including president and for several summers has been an instructor at Handi-Hams camps. He also once served the ARRL as Great Lakes Division Director.

Now Dave will continue his service to the ARRL as the new Assistant Section Manager for Southwest Ohio. He was appointed Thursday, July 17 by Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE. Dave replaces the late John Haungs W8STX (SK) who died May 10. SM Phillips said Dave was one of nine SW Ohio candidates for the position.

As ASM, Dave will represent the Section Manager through out a 16 county area and write an SW Ohio Happenings column in the *Ohio Section Journal*.

Beside his CW credits and DARA offices, Dave has worked on several Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> committees and is a former member of Air Force MARS.

It was 1996 when Dave was appointed Great Lakes Division Vice-Director replacing George Race WB8BGY, who had just become Division Director.

In 1997, Dave was elected Vice Director for a full term. Three months after that term began, the elected Director resigned and Dave served almost the entire two year term as Division Director.

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## Radio's Plus

Joe Davidson KB8SBN

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He was first licensed as a novice in 1963, a year later upgraded to General class, Advanced Extra in the 80s. His original call was WA8IGD. He and his wife Rita have been married 56 years and have three children. Two boys are both hams -- David Michael Coons is KB8EKD and Christopher Allen Coons, who holds his dad's original call, WA8IGD.

Dave is a member of Huber Heights ARC and the Clark County

ARC. He continues to be active in CW, through the ARRL bulletins, and PSK modes.

The following counties are in the Southwest Ohio area -- Adams, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Clermont, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren. Major cities in this geographical area are; Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Hamilton, Fairfield, Middletown, Sidney and Hillsboro.

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ARRL Ohio Section Section Manager: Joseph J. Phillips K8QOE k8qoe@arrl.org

### **Fund raiser a big success!!!**

A very big THANK YOU to the following people for helping out on July 4 at Red White & Blue Ash: Mark KD8IMC (brand new member), John KC8VQU, Brian K4BRI & Margie, Dale KC8HQS, Bruce N8BV.

This was certainly a very fun and worthwhile event. Yes, it did rain off and on but the crowd was still there. Shooter Jennings, 38 Special & Charlie Daniels Band was just super! And, the fireworks, they were super as well!! DaleKC8HQS will send a separate report on the proceeds to the club from just our tip jars - WOW! I will report at the next club meeting the amount of our 12% keep from the cash box from working our beer booth.

Also, from the event, since we did put up the OH-KY-IN banners and sported our club shirts and/or hats, there were several questions about ham radio in general as well as questions about when we will be offering our next classes, both entry level and upgrade. We need to work on setting a date for the classes real soon!

Everyone above who worked the event earlier today agreed that we WILL do this again next year. With additional manpower, 4-5 more people, we COULD work the beer booth AND a soft drink booth. Once you hear the total increase in the club treasury from this event, you will probably agree that we should look into this possibility. And, remember that I mentioned previously that there are other events like this one (Riverfest, etc.) that we can also work if we can get enough manpower to do it. Stay tuned.

Once again, THANK YOU!!!!!! It was a lot of fun and rather interesting at times. Plenty of stories to be heard I'm sure!

YOUR club fund raising committee chairman is looking forward to more events like this. If you have additional fund raising activity possibility ideas, I am looking forward to hearing from you. Don't hesitate to give me a call or email.

73, ..... *Bruce N8BV* n8bv@juno.com or 513.251.1555

The **GLD web site** is totally revised and updated! You are invited to go to <http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org> to get a look at what webmeister Gary Osborne W8XS has done.

The web site and how we plan to use it will continue to evolve. If you have suggestions of features you would like to see on the site, please let me know [k8je@arrl.org]. Keep in mind that this is a Division site. The three Section web sites will continue to provide most of the coverage of Section information.

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Thanks to W8XS for the fine work; work he has only just begun.  
73, *Jim Weaver K8QE*, Director ARRL Great Lakes Division

**Clips from ARRL DX News**, issues 27-31 in reverse order, for August. Nathan KA3MTT expects to return with DX Spots in September

Bulletins made possible with information provided by QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, DXNL, Contest Corral from *QST* and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites, many others! Thanks to all.

**BALEARIC ISLANDS EA6.** Andre LX1FX is expected to be active from Menorca Island (EU-004) between July 22 and August 15, and possibly one week longer. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters as well as 70, 144 and 432 MHz. Modes will be CW, SSB, as well JT6 via MS.

**SVALBARD JW.** Niels OZ8KR will be active as JW/OZ8KR from August 12 to 17. Activity will be on 20 meters using SSB. He likes the frequencies 14220 and 14260 kHz. QSL via his home call sign.

**GUAM KH2.** Operators Hiroshi JJ1CCE, Shima JH3AAZ, Koji JK7TKE and Hiroshi K6IAA will be active August 2 and 3. Look for operators to sign as KH2/home call with the exception of K6IAA/KH2. Activity will be holiday style operation. QSL via each operator's home call sign, by the bureau or direct.

**CRETE SV9.** Dimitris SV1JB will be QRV as SV9/SV1JB from Kokini Hani (MIA MGC-005, WLOTA LH-1400), between July 21 and August 7. Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the bureau.

**ASCENSION ISLAND ZD8.** Bob VP8LP will be active as ZD8LP on August 15 and 16 and September 14. Bob will be using a vertical antenna and intends to be very active on 40 through 10 meters as propagation permits. QSL direct to his home call sign only.

**KENYA 5Z4.** Antonio IK8VRH will be active as 5Z4/IK8VRH from Malindi during the month of August. Operations will be from the Coast Province North Group (AF-040) from August 15 to 17 and the Coast Province South Group (AF-067) from August 20 to 22. Enrico 5Z4ES will be with him. Activity will be on 40, 20 and 17 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY.

**HONG KONG VR2.** The Hong Kong Amateur Radio DX Association will use the special call sign VR2008O during the Olympic Games on 40 through 6 meters with SSB, RTTY and PSK31 until August 31. QSL direct only to VR2XMT Charlie Ho, P.O. Box 900, Fanling Post Office, Hong Kong. Have a look at the QSL on [www.qrz.com/vr2008o](http://www.qrz.com/vr2008o).

**GHANA 9G.** Stefan DL5XX plans to be active during his free time as 9G5MM until August 10. Activity will be on all bands using CW. QSL via DL5XX.

**SOUTH COOK ISLANDS E51.** Bill N7OU will be QRV as E51NOU between September 15 and October 11. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using low power and CW only. QSL via N7OU.

**IRAN EP.** Yuki JH1NBN is currently active as EP3BN. His length of stay is unknown (listed July 17). QSL via his home call sign.

**MAYOTTE FH.** Alain F6BFH will be active as FH/F6BFH until August 9. Activity will be on all bands, CW and SSB, but he will pay particular attention to the lower bands.

**UGANDA 5X.** Nick G3RWF is QRV as 5X1NH from Fort Portal in Western Uganda until August 15 (listed June 26). QSL via G3RWF.

**MALAWI 7Q.** Harry G0JMU is QRV as 7Q7HB and is here for an indefinite period of time (listed June 26). He is active using mostly RTTY and PSK31. QSL direct via G0IAS.

**APPROVED FOR DXCC:** 5X4X 2008 operation.

## Contests

August 2008

2-4 160-28 50 TARA Grid Dip Contest; Nat'l Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend; 10-10 Summer Phone QSO Party; European HF Championship; 222+ ARRL UHF Contest; NA QSO Party, CW; SARL HF DX Contest

9-10 Worked All Europe Contest, CW; MD-DC QSO Party; ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

16-17 SARTG WW RTTY Contest; Keymen's Club of Japan Contest; Russian District Award Contest; Silent Key Memorial Sprint, CW; North American QSO Party, SSB

23-24 HI QSO Party; OH QSO Party

30-31 YO DX Contest; ALARA Contest;; SCC RTTY Championship

Hot summer Contests. Beat the heat in your cool shack. For more info see *QST*, *CQ*, or

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K7AAU*

## August 2008 Section News

By Joanne Solak KJ3O, Ohio Affiliated Clubs Coordinator  
(Editor's note - there are four hamfests this month. These are listed, along with the Ohio Section cabinet listing, at the end of this column.)

Field Day is history. Did your club do anything new? It is an event that offers a lot of excitement in the amateur community. Lots of clubs run the event as a contest, others run it as a test of amateur radio emergency skills, but I think all in all everyone participating has FUN!

Now on to the next event. Here in the Ohio Section the next event is, of course, the Ohio QSO party. The date is the 4th weekend of August (not the 5th weekend) the 23rd and 24th. To be exact. The sponsor (of course) is the Mad River ARC. So mark your calendar for the 23rd and the 24th of August and join the fun. The Portage ARC Club members have been very busy not only with the Field Day event but with their annual Portage Hamfair. This year marks their 22nd year. Lots of vendors have already reserved their tables and the fleamarket is looking good.

The July 12th Noarsfest was a good show. Lots of fleamarket (out in the heat) but enjoying it none the less. The vendors inside were a lot more comfortable and enjoyed the event. They are working on next year's event as this goes to print.

The Van Wert ARC who sponsor the Van Wert Hamfest was very busy getting the last minute strings tied to their great event.

The 20/9 ARC members are planning their big Pancake and Sausage Breakfast event to be held September 27th. The date for their annual picnic was July 19th at Lake Milton State Park..

Field Day at the Mt Vernon ARC was a "roaring success" said Don Russell W8PEN, editor of the Club Newsletter. ( I really like the change in the Newsletter header) They had a record CW contact total, record contact total, and record total score! Great!

The Massillon ARC has been really active with their public service events. This year's Hall of Fame Festival scheduled for the weekend of July 27th through August 2nd. They will be assisting with both the Community Parade and the Timken Grand Parade. Members of the Club provided mutual aid communications assistance to the Summit County ARES by participating in the 2008 Tour de Cure Ride.

Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service has been very busy with all the events in their area. Field Day, OSU Spring Football Game. (Communications Support for the American Red Cross First Aid Service Corps), 2008 Susan Komen Race for the Cure, just to name a couple.

>From the *ARRL Letter* July 3rd, Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH said good-bye to the FCC as he retired and began his life as a private citizen July 3rd this year.

The Buckeye Belles have lost a YL who was very active in the Belles, Carol Hugentober WA8YL. In her honor the Belles made a gift contribution in her name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. Carol was also an active member of Oh-Ky-In ARS, serving as corresponding secretary for many years.

An Ohio Section Welcome to Dave Coons WT8W for his appointment as ASM for the Southwest Ohio area. Dave takes over for John Haungs W8STX (SK).

Mark your calendar for the 20th of September 2008. The Portage ARC will be sponsoring a Special Event Station from the Ravenna Balloon-a-fair! The Special Event Call Sign is K8B. More about this event in the next Ohio Section News.

Well, that's it for this month. Keep those e-mails and newsletters coming my way. Thanks to all for the many picnic invitations, and so I will say remember, sometime, somewhere, I will be seeing YOU!

Until then: Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ30*, ACC Ohio

#### OHIO SECTION AUGUST HAMFESTS:

Saturday (2) Columbus Hamfest and Electronic Show; Voice of Aladdin ARC; For more information, Contact <kb8kpi@arrl.net>; at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus.

Saturday (9) NWOARC in Lima; for more information E-mail: kc0jdt@yahoo.com; at 2395 St. Johns Road, Lima.

Sunday (17) 51st Annual Warren Hamfest; Warren ARA; for more information, visit <www.w8vtd.org> or write <kc8ral@yahoo.com>; at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds.

Sunday (24) Cambridge ARA; For more information, E-mail, n8mwk@arrl.net; at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, Cambridge.

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#### **Weaver's words-- 2008 is half over already!**

[As always, reply only to [k8je@arrl.org.]

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+++ **July Board meeting** +++

The July meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors is over without providing any major surprises. Much of

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the action involved the League web site, the Section organization and a National Convention at the Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> for 2009.

As a result of the meeting, the ARRL web site will be totally reworked. The goal is to make it much more user friendly, to add many new features and generally to increase its value to members. The web site project is expected to take about two years to complete. Some improvements have already resulted from early discussions with the site development company.

A two-year review of the Field Organization (FO) was completed at the meeting. This review involved evaluating three surveys taken of the 73 Section Managers. The surveys obtained the SMs' opinions and suggestions of FO operation and organization.

The Board decided to keep SM terms in office just as they have been and to continue the practice of SMs appointing Section Government Liaisons and Section Emergency Coordinators.

Also related to SMs, the Board directed staff to develop a nomination package that describes the duties of SMs and lists resources available to them. This package will be given to persons who submit a nomination petition to run for the Section Manager post.

Moving to the Official Observer program, the Board instructed staff to implement an online system for OOs to file reports with HQ. When put into place, these reports will be reviewed by staff to determine if any apparent pattern develops regarding poor operating practice or rules violation.

The Board also addressed a recently-developed concern over publication of contest and DX logging information. It instructed staff to adopt a rule that would disallow QSOs of stations that publish log information in sufficient detail as to permit construction of information needed to obtain credit for a QSO.

Finally, for you who need to have a challenge to meet, the Board established the Triple-Play Award.

Winning this award will require working WAS -- one using voice, another using CW and the third using digital modes. Each of the 150 QSOs required to achieve the award must be processed by LoTW. The rules and beginning date of the award will be announced by staff at a later date.

#### +++ **Special study** +++

Potentially of great importance, the Board voted to establish an *ad hoc* study committee to review Part 97 of the rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. This study is to determine if there are changes in FCC rules that would promote wideband digital modes and at the same time minimize potential interference to narrowband modes.

#### +++ **Awards** +++

ARRL Laboratory Supervisor Ed Hare W1RFI received the prestigious Technical Merit Award for his exceptional work in quantifying and measuring interference caused by poorly-designed BPL systems. Ed is the first person to receive this award in the past several years. The award is open to staff and non-staff, alike.

Ed's work was far greater than would be expected of someone who was "doing their job" that the Board decided his exceptional effort should be recognized.

ARRL offers a variety of awards to recognize extraordinary contributions of amateurs to the ham community. Other awards approved at the meeting are:

The 2007 Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award for public relations was given to Walter Palmer W4ALT, Delaware.

The 2007 Hiram Percy Maxim Award was given to the young amateur who best exemplifies the characteristics of H. P. Maxim W1AW. It was given to Jim Fagan KE7IDC, Assistant SM for Youth in Arizona.

The Doug DeMaw W1FB Technical Excellence Award for 2007 was given to John Stanley K4ERO of Georgia.

The Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award for 2007 was given to Doug Loughmiller W5BL of Texas.

The ARRL Technical Innovation Award for 2007 was given to Dave Bernstein AA6YQ of Massachusetts.

+++ **Division Web Site** +++

Thanks to the fine effort of our new Webmeister, Gary Osborne W8XS, the Great Lakes Division web site has a new look. It also has a few new features that we will begin to use in the near future.

There appeared to be incompatibilities between the site and the programs a few members are using to access it. These incompatibilities are displayed as overlaps. If you are still experiencing a problem in viewing the site, please let Gary know [osborne@fuse.net]. He is working to correct this issue.

+++ **You asked** +++

A couple of amateurs have asked the reason US non-members are not given the same use of Logbook of The World (LoTW) as is given to members. I've given incorrect answers to this question in the past, so let me correct the record.

There is no prohibition against US non-members using Logbook.

LoTW is the computer program ARRL developed to allow amateurs to confirm QSOs for credit toward operating awards without investing the expense and time in exchanging QSLs. LoTW differs from other online QSL services in that it is the only program that maintains the high degree of security DXers demand for the DXCC program.

All amateurs may enter QSOs into LoTW. All amateurs may use Logbook to match QSOs for awards credits provided two criteria are met. The first is that the award must be linked to LoTW. This involves developing an interface between Logbook and the award program.

The second requirement is that the applicant must be eligible to receive the award. This requirement is dictated by the rules of the award and is unrelated to Logbook.

At present, DXCC and WAS are the only awards serviced by Logbook. We are working to expand the awards that can be serviced through it.

Only ARRL members and foreign non-members are eligible to obtain DXCC and WAS. US non-members are not eligible to obtain these awards. Therefore, with US non-members have no reason to use Logbook.

It is the long-standing rules of the two awards serviced through LoTW that prevent US non-members from using the program, not the rules governing Logbook. If awards that do not require ARRL membership become linked with Logbook, US non-members will be able to use this program to confirm QSOs provided they are eligible to receive these awards.

+++ **Legislative contacts** +++

Many of you probably recall that the ARRL Legislative Action Program is divided basically into two phases -- visits to home offices and writing letters. You, the ARRL members, have been asked to write letters in the past. For the first time, Legislative Action Assistant teams in the Division will spring into action to call on our US Representatives and US Senators in their home offices for the first time.

Division Legislative Action Coordinator John Meyers NB4K has distributed guidelines for our LAA teams to use in lobbying our Federal legislators asking their support of S1629 or HB463. These US Senate and House bills would require the FCC to give detailed reports to Congress on the interference capacity of BPL to Amateur Radio operations and measures needed to avoid interfering. In visiting the lawmakers, the LAA teams will also introduce them to Amateur Radio and its crucial value in emergencies.

We continue to need member volunteers to carry the message in several Congressional districts in Michigan and Ohio. Anyone interested in becoming a member of an LAA team should contact Brent Stover WD8PNZ [wd8pnz@arrl.net] for Ohio or Lou Gembolis KG8NKI [lgembolis@chartermi.net] for information.

+++ **Division convention** +++

Organizations in the Great Lakes Division that are interested in hosting the next Great Lakes Division Convention are requested to let me know of this interest. E-mail me at [k8je@arrl.org]. The convention

would occur in 2009.

To host the next GLD convention, please understand that we will need a facility that will hold 150-200 attendees, and include facilities for a dinner and rooms for seminars and attendees. During recent years, GLD Conventions have been associated with hamfests that attract attendance of about 1,800. The convention has been held the day before the hamfest.

+++ **Ohio QSO party** +++

The 2008 Ohio QSO Party will be from 1600Z - 0400Z, August 23. Operation will be on the non-WARC band from 10M-80M using CW and SSB. For the rules and list of prizes, go to [www.oqp.us/](http://www.oqp.us/).

As is true of most contests, OQP is in the mood in which it will graciously consider adding new sponsors to its list of awards.

+++ **Michigan QSO party** +++

Speaking of QSO parties, results of the Michigan QSO Party held April 19 are posted at [www.miqp.org/](http://www.miqp.org/).

+++ **Scholarships awarded** +++

The Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) has awarded 55 scholarships to Amateur Radio operator applicants. Five of the scholarships went to three recipients from the Great Lakes Division. They are: Michael Volz W2NRL, East Lansing, MI -- The Rose Ellen Bill Memorial Scholarship of \$2,000 and a Radio Club of American Scholarship of \$1,000.

Stephen M. Sciarini KC8IDJ, Dover, OH -- A QCWA Silent Key Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 and the Robert E. True Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000.

Jacob Wagner KD8CDC, Rocky River, OH -- A 10-10 International Net Scholarship of \$1,000.

Congratulations to the recipients!

FAR consists of approximately 50 Amateur Radio organizations in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. It is an affiliate of ARRL.

+++ **What to do?** +++

A glance at the Tentative Schedule below shows I plan to be in Flint, MI on August 15 and in nearby Lapeer, MI on August 17. Although it is generally considered to be nice to have a day off, I will welcome any suggestions on how I can be of service to amateurs in the general Flint area on Saturday. If anyone knows of an activity that would be useful for me to attend, please let me know.

+++ **A Board meeting surprise** +++

One pleasant although relatively minor surprise I received at the Board meeting are lists of the standings of Board members and staff in DXCC entities and the DXCC Challenge. If nothing else, this listing shows that the Board and staff are active on-the-air.

At the top of the list for DXCC is Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG with 369 entities. Topping the DXCC Challenge list is Second Vice President Rick Roderick K5UR with a score of 3092. I fell in at tenth place in the Board/staff Challenge list with 1359 points and nineteenth place in entities with 313. I obviously have a long way to go.

+++ **Tentative schedule** +++

1 Aug: Massillon (OH) RC - Jim

Noon 8 Aug: Nominations close for Director/Vice Director election

10 Aug: Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lawrenceburg - Jim, John

15 Aug: Genesee County RC, 75th Anniversary, Flint, MI - Jim

17 Aug: Ham & Computer Swap, Lapeer, MI - Jim

13 Sep: OH Section Conf, Columbus - Jim, Gary

21 Sep: Cincinnati Hamfest - Jim, Gary, John

23 Sep-1 Oct: Director/Vice Director ballots mailed

7 Oct: OH-KY-IN ARS (Cincinnati) ARRL Night - Jim, John

12 Oct: Michigan State Convention, Kalamazoo - Jim  
28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference  
21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted  
22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results  
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1 Jan: (Noon) Newly elected/re-elected Director and Vice Director replace the present Director and Vice Director.

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE*, Director ARRL Great Lakes Division  
5065 Bethany Rd. Mason, OH 45040 E-mail: [k8je@arrl.org]; Tel.: 513=459-0142  
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**Field Day 2008** came and went very quickly this year, and I want to personally thank everyone in our group who helped make it happen.

We operated as 2A from Mitchell Memorial Forest in Cleves, OH. We also had a 6 meter station and a GOTA station.

We began setting up shelters on Friday afternoon, with most of the setup beginning Saturday morning.

Thanks to our Education Committee Chairman, Gary KB8MYC, for the idea of teaching our students how to build a 2 meter J-pole.

We had a great dinner at 6 PM on Saturday, and that was followed up by a midnight steak dinner which was complete with sauteed onions, mushrooms, and shrimp. What a feast that was!

Thanks to everyone who came out and made it all possible. We made about 360 contacts on CW, approximately 840 on SSB, 15 on 6 meters and 29 on the GOTA station.

We had a tremendous storm come through the area Saturday afternoon that produced sideways rain for about an hour or so. We were literally hanging onto the frames of the shelters so they wouldn't take to the sky!

We are looking forward to next year and maybe some better weather!

73, OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society – *Nathan KASMT7* on the ARRL Soapbox



A view up the tower



Ace photog Ben KC8ZLF made some contacts too



Not sure if this was before or after midnight feast

<http://s280.photobucket.com/albums/kk188/Kc8zlf/OHKYIN/> is where the photos still are, fortunately. Please go there if you haven't already; you can see them ALL in COLOUR! Thanks very much, Ben! – *Ye Ed*

*The 2-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, August 2008 page 12*



SB voices at night, K4BRI & Read The Jacket



CW, of course – KA3MTT



Beams did have to go up ...

**Ohio Section makes web site address easier to remember (Late news: July 30)**

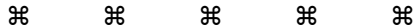
There is a new web site address for the Ohio Section effective immediately. The new address is [www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org).

"This makes the official web site for the Ohio Section easier to remember than the old one," said Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE. Phillips suggested that all Ohio ARRL members who have the Ohio Section "Bookmark" or in a "Favorites" list, make the change by editing the Bookmark or Favorite Places to [www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org) immediately. If you use the old address, you will be redirected to the new web address.

The change, Phillips added, means we had to change webmasters. Jeff Slattery N8SUZ of Athens will take charge of the site. It will be maintained in Athens instead of Mansfield where the IARC club had maintained the site for thee eight years since its birth

"All Ohio ARRL members owe the Mansfield club a big thank you for establishing the site and maintaining it all these years for no charge," SM Phillips said. The official thank you letter to the Mansfield club is now posted on the new web site. The letter especially cites Scott Yonally N8SY, who established the web site shortly after being appointed Ohio ARRL Public Information Coordinator, and Phil Nichols KD8FGV, who modernized the site last year.

**Please remember, the new web address for the Ohio Section is [www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org).**



**What's coming in August 2008**

Fri Aug 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 Aug 5 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in West-Wood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle  
Program: Hamilton's first radio station, conducted by Kevin Jones W8KJ (re-scheduled from July)

Wed Aug 6 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925

Sat Aug 9 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park  
Talk-in to start on 146.67

Tue Aug 12 7:30 PM Technical committee meeting, if needed; TBA, if so

Wed Aug 13 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925

Fri Aug 15 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 720 Sycamore St downtown

Sat Aug 16 12 noon Oh-Ky-In Annual Picnic, Mitchell Memorial Forest, Cleves OH (FD site)

Wed Aug 20 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925  
Tue Aug 26 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location TBA  
Wed Aug 27 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR, 146.925

Mon Sep 1

Labor Day



Tue Sep 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in West-wood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle  
Program: 'Twill be announced ....

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### VE exam opportunities

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat each month:** Cincinnati-Hartwell, sponsored by GCARA, at Hartwell Presbyterian Church. Register 8:30 AM; walk-ins only! All licence classes. Info: Dale Pritchett KC8HJL, 513=769-0789.

**2d Mon each month:** Edgewood KY, sponsored by NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkey- foot Rd. Register 6 PM. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. Info: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.255.

**In all cases** exams require 2 IDs (preferably one with photo). Bring original as well as photocopy of current licence, any CSCE, pen or pencil. Current exam fee is \$14.

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### Hamfests &c.

**August 2008**

Aug 2 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus OH Hamfest sponsored by Voice of Aladdin ARC at Aladdin Shrine Ctr, 3850 Steltzer Rd., 8 AM-1 PM. Lectures, VE sessions. Talk-in: 147.24. \$4 advance, \$5 door. Tables: free. Info: James Morton KB8KPJ, 614=846-7790, [kb8kjp@arrl.net], [aladdinshrine.org/hamfest.htm](http://aladdinshrine.org/hamfest.htm)

9 Lima OH Hamfest sponsored by Northwest Ohio ARC at Fair Radio Sales Grounds, 2395 St Johns Rd. Public from 8 AM. Vendors, Phil's Ham Radio Store, VE sessions at 10:30 AM. Talk-in: 146.67. \$5. Info: Gary Clements K8FRS c/o Fair Radio Sales, 419=227-6573, [kc0jdt@yahoo.com], [www.nwoarc.info/hamfest.shtml](http://www.nwoarc.info/hamfest.shtml)

10 Central KY Hamfest sponsored by Bluegrass ARS at Am Legion Post #34, 725 W Broadway (US 62), Lawrenceburg KY. 8 AM-2 PM. ARRL forum, KY ARES forum, Silent Auction, VE sessions at 1 PM (walk-ins OK). Talk-in: 146.76, 145.39. \$5 advance, \$6 door. Info: Jeanie Dalton-Pugh KB8QLC, 859=619-8164, [kb8qlc@arrl.net], [www.BluegrassARS.org](http://www.BluegrassARS.org)

17 Lafayette IN 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamfest, sponsored by Tippecanoe ARA at Tippecanoe Fairgrounds, Home Ed Bldg, 1401 Teal Rd (SR 25). 8 AM-2 PM. VE sessions. Talk-in: 147.135 (88.5 Hz). \$5. Info: John Parker AB9LE, 765=446-7747, [ab9le@arrl.net], [w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm](http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm)

51<sup>st</sup> Annual Cortland OH Hamfest sponsored by Warren ARA at Trumbull Co Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Hull Rd. 6 AM-2 PM. All indoor vendors, VE sessions (register at 9 AM, exams art 9:30), handicapped parking. Talk-in: 146.97. \$6. Info: Emily Wells KC8RAL, 330=394-3560, [kc8ral@yahoo.com], [kc8pvb.com](http://kc8pvb.com)

23 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tailgaters Hamfest, Osgood IN, sponsored by Ripley Co ARC at Ripley Co 4H Fairgrounds, 524 Beech St. Set-up 7 AM, public 8 AM-4 PM. VE sessions at 11 AM. Talk-in: 441.775, 147.54. \$3. Tables \$3. Info: Delbert Felix WY9L, 812=689-3161, [wy9l.thebigdog@gmail.com], [www.441775.com](http://www.441775.com)

Spencer IN Hamfest, co-sponsored by Owen Co ARA & Bloomington ARC at Owen Co Fairgrounds, 300 S East St. 7 AM-2 PM. Fleas, tailgating (free space) vendors, forums, foxhunt, VE sessions at 1 PM, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.985 (136.5 Hz). \$5. Info: Katie Smith K9INU, 812=829-2140, [k9inu@arrl.net] or John Maassen K9FK, 812=336-2311, [k9fk@arrl.net], [www.bloomingtonradio.org](http://www.bloomingtonradio.org)

**OH-KY-IN 2008 Committee Appointments**

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair  
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Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair  
PIO Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
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Fox Hunters Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
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TVI/RFI Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV

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Field Day Chair Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT  
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Silent Key Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
K8SCH QSL Mgr Gerry Weimer KD8ASL  
Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC  
John W. Hughes AI4DA

24 Cambridge OH Hamfest & Computer Show, sponsored by Cambridge ARA at Pritchard  
Laughlin Civic Ctr, 7033 Glenn Hwy. Set-up 7 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. Fleas, free tailgating with paid  
admission, VE sessions at noon (all classes), handicapped accessible, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.85 (91.5  
Hz). \$5. Info: Russ Ellis N8MWK, 740=439-6610, [n8mwk@arrl.net], *w8vp.org*

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**ITU standard assists rescue workers to notify victim's next of kin; Global mobile phone directory  
code for use in emergencies**

Geneva, 23 July 2008 - Emergency workers searching for next-of-kin contact information for an injured  
person now have a globally recognized way of doing so, thanks to a new standard from ITU.  
By simply prefixing the Arabic numerals 01, 02, 03, and so on to a nominated contact, such as "01father",  
"02wife" or "03husband" written in any script in the mobile telephone directory, will help emergency work-  
ers in any part of the world identify contacts in order of priority and notify them.

Full story at their website, [http://www.itu.int/newsroom/press\\_releases/2008/21.html](http://www.itu.int/newsroom/press_releases/2008/21.html)

forwarded by Alice Tyler KC8OKL, Editor, Genesee Radio Amateurs newsltr

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**News of members or students in recent classes**

I would like to thank Mike Eilers AC4XS for a donation made to OH-KY-IN in memory of Carol  
Hugentober WA8YL. She will be deeply missed, and I want to thank Mike for his wonderful  
donation.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

*Copy deadline for September 2-Fiver is early!  
Friday, August 15, 2008*