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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...

The Holidays are upon us again and that also means dues are due. I apologize for the delay in getting the 2009 Application out. You can find the OH-KY-IN application at

<http://join.ohkyin.org> or <http://renew.ohkyin.org>. Thanks!

2009 ARRL Sweepstakes is over. I hear we missed a "sweep" by one section. It was fun nonetheless and thanks to everybody that participated in this event. Thanks to Brian K4BRI for volunteering his location once again!

I am looking for volunteers for the Awards Committee and the Audit Committee. If you're interested in either one of these this year, please contact me at [kc8hqs@fuse.net].

Don't forget about the December club meeting. It's our annual Christmas Party and we'll have the usual Pizza and soft drinks provided by the club.

Merry Christmas, & see you at the December club meeting!

73, Dale KC8HQS

Next meeting

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 the ground floor entrance, under the stairs.

December's meeting will be on the second day of the month, Tuesday, December 2, at 7:30 PM.

The program will consist of review of nominees for 2009 board and officers, followed by the election of same. Oh-Ky-In's annual Christmas party featuring pizza and soft drinks follows

that.

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

73, Gary KB8MJC

Minutes for the General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, November 4, 2008

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Guests present – 17 members attending.

New / Upgrades to license – none

Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare – none

Brag session – antenna workshop

The program was about Satellite antennas that we built/bought

10 minute Break

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available

Membership - Nathan KA3MTT not present – currently at 101 members for 2008

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not present, financial reports emailed

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Fox hunting – Dick WB4SUV hid in the last hunt

Tech committee - Brian K4BRI will meet again at the 146.670 site next Tuesday

Equipment manager – Brian KC8FJN gave the equipment list to Dale

Education committee – classes over, exam on the 15th – need VEs

NKy test had 11 applications, good passing rate – 10 students in the class – good job, Rick!

1 day class at Red Cross building this Saturday

Bruce N8BV reported that the Fundraising committee still has hats and shirts.

Bruce N8BV reported we would like another regular net control for tech talk – 2nd or 4th Wednesday

Web Site – Dale talked about the web site updates.

Nominating committee – reported that the current board will serve again, all in their current capacity except for K4BRI would like to not be recording secretary. Nominations closed.

Racers –Next race is in December – more info coming

Old business -

Sweepstakes at K4BRI

New business -

Thanksgiving parade

December meeting – pizza as usual? Yes – N8BV will handle

The random member drawing was won by Gary KB8MYC, who was present and received \$10

Split the pot of \$13 was won by Brian K4BRI

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

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It's not too early to **renew your membership** in the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society. To print an application for 2009, simply go to: <http://join.ohkyin.org> and you can download and print our new membership application.

If you still have the e-mail I sent on Mon, Nov. 24, please hit Reply to that e-mail and you can enter any updated information in the fields listed below in that e-mail (address, callsign, etc.) if you need to. You can also supply additional comments if needed. Once you type in the information in the fields, simply hit "Send".

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to another successful year with OH-KY-IN, and I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

73, *Nathan Ciuffo KA3MTT*

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Fall Education Update

The fall round of classes are all wrapped up. In all we can say it was a great success. Our General and Extra classes had a total of 8 students, The one day Technician class was taught to 14 students. A huge THANK YOU goes out to our instructors, Brian DeYoung K4BRI, general class; Fred Schneider K9OHE, extra class; and Tom Delaney W8WTD and Kitty Hevener WB8TDA assisting me with the technician class.

Our fall exams were also a huge success with 9 exams given, 3 general and 6 technician, with all 9 passing with flying colors.

Also a huge thanks and job well done goes out to Rick Haltermon KD4PYR. Rick, through an opportunity from the Boone County Parks, taught a 4 week technician class in Northern Kentucky. Once again our VE team stepped up to the plate and held an exam session for this group.

I think it is safe to say the OH-KY-IN, along with our education partner QCEN, has led the charge in Amateur radio in Cincinnati this year. I am looking forward to expanding our education efforts in 2009. We hope to continue our traditional education roles and also expand into other areas to help grow and education the hams we help get licensed.

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

A couple of scenes from the one-day technician class taught at the Red Cross facility in Blue Ash on Nov 8



Radio's Plus
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Hamfests & c. December 2008 – couldn't find any!

DX Spots - December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 YS1-EI Salvador thru Dec 28	4 VU-India thru Dec 7	5 KH8-Am. Samoa thru Dec 9 KC4AAA- Antarctica Thru Jan 5	6
7 FK-New Caledonia thru Dec 8	8	9	10 FT5WO- Crozet I. thru Dec 31	11	12	13 KP4- Puerto Rico thru Dec 14
14	15 TR50R- Gabon thru Jan 15 XU7- Cambodia	16	17	18	19	20
21 CN89NY- Morocco thru Jan 3	22	23	24	25 	26 OP0LE- Antarctica thru Feb 15	27
28 JD1- Ogasawara Thru Jan 2	29	30	31 			

**OPERATIONS
APPROVED
FOR DXCC
CREDIT.**

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
 Bhutan
 A52AM,
 operation from March 20 through September 26, 2007;
 Andaman and Nicobar
 Islands
 VU4MY,
 operation from October 24 through November 3, 2008;
 and Lakshadweep
 Islands
 VU7NRO,
 operation from October 24 through November 3, 2008.
 -- ARLD 048
 DX News,
 Nov. 20,
 2008

Contests

December 2008

- 4 Top Band Sprint, CW
- 5-7 ARRL 160m Contest, CW; TARA RTTY M  lee; Top Operators Activity contest, CW
- 11-15 NA Meteor Scatter Contest
- 13-14 ARRL 10m Contest; 28 MHz SWL Contest, all modes; PSK Death Match; Russian 160m Contest; Croatian CW Contest; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW
- 20 OK DX RTTY Contest
- 20-4 Jan Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party, CW & SSB
- 21 Holiday Homebrew Sprint, CW
- 26 DARC Christmas Contest, all mode
- 27 RAC Winter Contest, all mode
- 27-28 Stew Perry Top Band Challenge, CW; Original QRP Contest, CW; 070 Club QRP DX Scramble, Digital

Merry Christmas! I hope Santa brings you a huge antenna, or at least a few juicy multipliers for the December contest of your choice. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, *Dan K74AU*

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Field Day results listed at ARRL

The long list of Field Day results at arrl.org are in order of score, from a high of 33.664 points to a low of 2 points, in 2401 results. Breakdown by categories will be in the December *QST*, due in your mailbox quite soon. Oh-Ky-In, K8SCH, checks in at #330 in the overall list, with 4166 points, 1216 QSOs and 24 participants, and at #89 in 2A. Field Day Chair Nathan KA3MTT reported on the Oh-Ky-In reflector on Nov. 12 that Mitchell Memorial Forest has been reserved for Field Day 2009.

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Ohio Section December 2008 news

by Affiliated Clubs Coordinator Joanne Solak KJ3O

Hard to believe the Holiday Season is already here--seems like the Holidays come earlier each year!

Between getting ready to entertain family and friends and finishing up gift shopping, don't forget one of the greatest sources of gifts is the ARRL. Check out all the "goodies" available on line from Headquarters, and if you know a "ham" could use a really great gift, get them membership in the ARRL. One of the benefits of being a member of ARRL is the magazine *QST*. So, for that special gift, or last minute gift, consider a gift of membership in the ARRL!

Well, 'Tis the season to be jolly! Did you work the November Sweepstakes? Just think of all the contests to come in just a few months. The New Year will bring with it many chances to contest. Not to mention all the ARES activities, the many Hamfests, Auctions, and just plain old fun enjoying amateur radio.

You know, the Ohio Section is blessed by many amateur radio operators. We have a wonderful Ohio Section Cabinet with many capable people. We have a Section Manager who shows his leadership at every turn. Many amateurs, too many to count, have stepped up to the plate and taken on huge responsibilities as Ohio Section Volunteers. We have one of the BEST SECTIONS in the Country. And, in 2009 we have a win, win situation with all of us working together for the same cause...To make the Ohio Section number one!

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Many Clubs have announced plans for their Christmas Parties. Have fun as you celebrate the Holiday Season. Thank You to those who have invited Larry WD8MPV and myself to join you in your celebration. A final reminder for the year, File the Annual Report form as you make officer changes to your club leadership rosters.

AND, it is that time of year again. Club Dues are due. Please continue to support your Club by paying your membership dues on time.

The Spotlight Club of the month column is still alive and well. If you would like to have your Club featured in the Spotlight, contact me by the 10th of the month with all the information about your Club. For instance, when it was founded, by whom, special events and activities your Club is famous for, how many members, contests, etc.

Remember to visit the Ohio Section Web Site often for the latest happening within the Section.

HYPERLINK <http://www.arrlohio.org> *www.arrlohio.org* will get you in. Enjoy! (*Ye Ed N8CGM* sez it might be wise to go to this website by Internet Explorer. Other browsers may not work well there for you.) It has been a busy year for the Ohio Section. There is not many days left in the year 2008 so we must make the best of them. At this time I would like to "thank" all those of you for your continued support in what I do in the Ohio Section. I appreciate all the Newsletters, E-Mails and just plain good wishes from time to time.

Thank You for the many invitations to the picnics, parties, club meetings, and hamfests. We have met a lot of great "hams" throughout this year and plan on seeing many of you in the coming year.

As a parting reminder, The Ohio Section Cabinet has 12 members. These members are listed on the back page of every issue of the *Ohio Section Journal* and on our Ohio Section web site in case you need to contact any of us.

The *Ohio Section Journal* also has a list of Amateur Radio Exams in Ohio, which is compiled and edited by Bob Johnson K3RC

CONGRATULATIONS to all the New Ohio Section Clubs that have affiliated with the ARRL and to all the many Ohio Section Clubs that have celebrated many years of ARRL Affiliation.

Well, that's it for this month and this year. May you and Yours have a very Happy, Blessed Holiday Season. From me and mine to you and yours, until sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU....

VERY BEST 73 *Joanne Solak KJ30*, ACC Ohio Section

OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:

SM: Joe Phillips K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see *QST* page 16 or on the Web at <www.arrlohio.org>; ASM-NE: Bob Winston W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: Dave Coons WT8W, New Carlisle; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Jack Sovik KB8WPZ, Austintown; ACC: Joanne Solak KJ30, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner WB8TMF, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

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Weaver's Words -- Election Results Special (reply to [k8je@arrl.org])

+++ **KI4LA is re-elected Vice Director** +++

To ensure as many members as possible have heard the news, incumbent Vice Director, Gary Johnston KI4LA of Edgewood, KY has been re-elected to his post for another three years in a very close, 3-candidate race.

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In addition to Gary, the candidates were former Kentucky Section Manager and current Division Legislative Action Chairman John D. Meyers NB4K of Butler, KY and current Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator Dan Romanchik KB6NU of Ann Arbor, MI. Voting in this election ended at noon, November 21. The results of the vote count as reported on the ARRL web site were:

Gary Johnston, KI4LA = 1218 Dan Romanchik = 1205 John Meyers = 1155

Upon learning of the election results, I sent the following message by e-mail to the three candidates:

"Gentlemen,

"Congratulations to Vice Director Johnston for his re-election victory in the just-completed election (the counting machine is still warm as I write this). I look forward to the assistance of Vice Director Johnston during the coming three years as together we strive to further the interests of Amateur Radio, the ARRL and the Great Lakes Division. Congratulations also to Dan and John on their strong campaigns.

"Thanks to the three of you for the deep interest you demonstrated in the ARRL electoral process. It is through spirited competition such as you displayed that ARRL is assured of competent leadership in coming years. I feel confident that each of you will continue your leadership support of the League regardless of the precise form this will take.

"73,"

Thanks to each Division member who voted in the just-completed election. It is votes of members such as you that select each of the 15 directors on the ARRL Board of Directors. The directors determine ARRL policy. Vice directors perform services to support their respective divisions as requested by their director and fill-in for the director as necessary.

Directors and vice directors serve terms three years in length. The terms begin at noon on January 1 following the election. One-third of the 15 directors and their associated vice directors are elected each year on a staggered basis. Director and vice director elections for the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern and Roanoke Divisions will be held in 2009.

Section Managers including Joe Phillips K8QOE (OH), Dale Williams WA8EFK (MI) and Jim in contrast serve for terms of two years.

73, Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director ARRL Great Lakes Division

Previous Weaver's Words – It's nearly turkey time (Reply to [k8je@arrl.org])

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+++ **IBM enters BPL picture** +++

As you may know, IBM has signed on to help International Broadband Electric Communications (IBEC) spread BPL throughout rural areas in several states. Admittedly, this came as somewhat of a surprise; however, it is not necessarily a bad surprise. Keep in mind that Amateur Radio's fight is not with BPL, *per se*. Our fight is against interference caused by poorly designed and operated forms of BPL. So far, the BPL systems used by IBEC do not operate on frequencies used by Amateur Radio.

IBM's arrival on the BPL scene has emphasized one thing. This is the potential value of ARRL's recent court victory over FCC and its ill-conceived rules for BPL. These rules would have given unlicensed devices supremacy over licensed operations in many instances.

As to the economic viability of BPL in truly rural America we can only wait and see. It would be great if IBM can come up with a commercially-useful system. What happens on the business side of the project is IBM's and IBEC's problem.

+++ **Your ARRL dues at work for you** +++

Recently, ARRL staff noticed the FCC had granted an experimental license to Digital Aurora Radio Technologies (DART) to operate experimental station WE2XRH in three ranges in the HF frequency spectrum. Transmissions from WE2XRH were to be as powerful as 100 kW and to result in an effective radiated power (ERP) of 660 kW. The station location would be in Delta Junction, Alaska.

Testing in the HF spectrum would not necessarily cause problems for Amateur Radio. However, when it was realized that DART had been granted the right to transmit in the upper 100 kHz (7.2-7.3 kHz) of the ham 40M band, the planned activity took on a different tone. The 7.0 kHz-7.3 kHz band is clearly assigned in the US to the Amateur Radio service as sole user. Something was terribly wrong.

ARRL swung into action and petitioned FCC to correct its error by revoking DART's privileges on 40. Happily, FCC quickly corrected the error and moved the DART operations out of the band. No amateur frequencies are threatened by DART's planned tests.

+++ **Results of poll on SOU and RC background checking** +++

In the last issue of Words, I outlined the current status of the expired Red Cross-ARRL Statement of Understanding (SOU; formerly MOU).

I also briefly reviewed the situation regarding the background checking demands being made by Red Cross. Finally, I asked you to go to the Great Lakes Division web site and participate in a single question opinion poll on the topic.

The question asked in the poll was: "Do you favor ARRL signing a new Statement of Understanding with American Red Cross (RC) before RC drops its demand that amateurs agree to submit to credit checks and manner of living checks? Criminal checks will remain."

The results of the 273 responses to the poll are:

Yes = 13 or 5% of respondents (pursue a new SOU without regard to the status of RC background checking demands).

No = 260 or 95% of respondents (do not pursue a new SOU before the background checking demands are changed).

Thanks to the members who participated. You provided me with useful information.

+++ **SW Ohio Digital Symposium** +++

The annual Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposia provide considerable information into operating digital modes in a manner that is useful to the digi-enlightened as well as those of us who are less knowledgeable in these modes. It is essentially inevitable that digital operation will become increasingly used in Amateur Radio, just as it was inevitable that SSB would come to be the principal form of voice communications vs. AM on HF.

Whether one enjoys phone, RTTY or CW, the use of digital modes will become increasingly popular in the future. This could be in the form of digital phone, PSK 31, Winlink 2K, D-link or other successful modes.

The 23rd annual symposium will be held in Thesken Hall on the Miami University Middletown Campus, Middletown, OH on January 10, 2009. Papers to be presented at the symposium are solicited. Topics are wide ranging, from "how-to" articles concerning digital modes, to construction projects for transceivers. A sampling of what was presented last year is on the web at <http://www.swohdigi.org>. Please contact Jay Slough K4ZLE (gungho@embarqmail.com) with topics you would like to present or to see presented, as well as general comments.

+++ **String of dits QRM solved** +++

In a perfect example of inter- and intra-organization cooperation, the source of a continuous string of dits transmitted on the 40 meter band was located and resolved. The offending signal was reported to HQ by an amateur in North Carolina one recent morning. This brought the crew into action.

The folks at HQ contacted the FCC's HFDFing station and requested the general location of the transmission if the staff there could spare the time. The report came back that it was coming from a suburb of Columbus, OH.

Ohio Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swaim KK8O was notified of the problem and volunteered to tackle the task of locating the source and getting it turned off. Unfortunately, no one in the vicinity of the transmitting site was able to hear the dits the rest of this first day. The next morning the signal was readily heard throughout the area.

Rick contacted Ohio Assistant Section Manager, Bill Carpenter AA8EY for assistance. Bill lives in the area from which the signal was coming. Together, Bill and Rick in their respective cars found the source of the dits and were able to turn the transmitter off.

No one knows for certain what caused the transmissions. However, the owner of the station had left the transmitter on when he left for work. He operated CW and uses a set of paddles with a keyer. No one -- except the pet cat -- was at home when the long series of dits were transmitted. This leaves everyone involved believing the cat somehow pushed against the paddle to activate the transmitter.

With the only suspect in this case being the cat, does this make it a possible feline felon? Will we soon have FE1INE join K9DOG on the bands?

+++ **QSL Bureau web site changed** +++

Our 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau Manager, Jay Slough K4ZLE, has been doing a tremendous job since he accepted appointment to this position. Not only has he been managing the Bureau, but he took over care and feeding of its web site. Being Manager is a big job, itself. Doing both tasks is . . . well . . . too much. A change was appropriate.

Effective immediately, Great Lakes Division Webmeister Gary Osborne W8XS has accepted responsibility for maintaining the Bureau's web site. The site has been moved to <http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org/gldburo.html>. If you do not store this link, simply go to the Great Lakes Division web site <http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org/index.htm>, click on Links in the header bar and click on 8th Call QSL Bureau on the link page. Gary and Jay will work together to keep the site as up-to-date as practical.

If you have questions concerning DX cards that come in through the Bureau you will find a list of Letter Managers and their contact information on the site. You will also find hints and rules concerning use of the Bureau there as well.

Thanks to Jay and Gary for making this change. Thanks to Jay for iron-manning the two tasks up to this time.

While I'm at it, I would like to give a big thank you to each of the Letter Managers who work so hard with Jay to make the 8th Area buro a huge success.

One of the biggest issues I see from my contact with amateurs who express dissatisfaction with the Bureau is that they generally have no understanding how the Bureau works and what they need to do to use it effectively. I encourage all amateurs who DX, whether new or seasoned, to review the rules and guidelines of Bureau operation that are found on or linked to the 8th Area QSL Bureau site. These discussions provide a good summary of what us individual DXers need to do to receive cards through the Bureau, and what the Bureau workers can be expected to do to make your cards available for you to obtain.

The Bureau operates in much the same way as most phases of life. You need to put something into it to get something out of it. In this instance, each DXer needs to provide self-addressed envelopes and postage to the correct person at the Bureau to receive QSLs from the Bureau.

+++ **Is ARRL worth the dues?** +++

I occasionally hear complaints that the annual dues for ARRL are simply too high. Obviously, as much as I'd like to be able to vote in favor of reducing them to \$10 or \$15 per year, I don't agree with the complaint. When one considers what each member receives for the \$39 typical dues, the price is fairly low. Let's take a look at this.

I've subscribed (*i.e.* paid for the magazine) to *CQ Magazine* for many years. It's a nice magazine. The guys and gals associated with it put on a few on-air activities and publish a few items to help make Amateur Radio more interesting. I generally support what is done by the *CQ* gang; however, when I compare what the *CQ* \$36 annual subscription rate with the annual ARRL dues of \$39, it is like comparing a small piece of mint candy with Forrest Gump's box of chocolates. There is no comparison.

With ARRL, one does not subscribe to *QST*. Instead we receive it as one of the benefits of membership. What we do is join ARRL, the organization -- an organization that represents Amateur Radio in the legislative and regulatory processes at the state, federal and international levels; an organization that fights against attacks on Amateur Radio frequencies and rights by non-government organizations, and fights for the rights and success of our great service; an organization that provides technical consultation and evaluation of amateur and non-amateur equipment; and organization that helps us learn to develop the skills to build certain of our own equipment; an organization that developed and supports the most effective, nationwide Amateur Radio emergency communications service available; an organization that developed and sponsors the most coveted Amateur Radio on-air awards in existence; and an organization that publishes some of the best electronics manuals and handbooks, and how-to books in the field today.

In my opinion, membership in ARRL is a steal at a mere \$39 per year.

Tentative Schedule:

- 21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted
 - 22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results
 - 22 Nov: Administration & Finance Committee, Newington, CT - Jim
- 2009
- 1 Jan: (Noon) New terms of Director and Vice Director begin
 - 10 Jan: SW Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, Middletown, OH - Jim
- 73, *Jim K8JE*

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Solar Cycle 24 at last?

Here is a bit of good news from NASA:

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/07nov_signsoflife.htm

posted to Oh-Ky-In reflector on Nov 12 on behalf of Scott Uhler KD8IMX

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Life is short! Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss slowly! Love truly,
Laugh uncontrollably.. And never regret anything that made you smile.
--Barb Moore, Oklahoma Jubilee Chorus in a SING post sometime

— SHORT SKIP —

WARNING: If you're planning a trip to Europe leave your Ni-Cad batteries at home. A recent EU (European Union) directive is in force throughout Europe prohibiting the importation and use of Ni-Cads due to their environmental hazard. So take your handheld, but leave your Ni-Cads at home, thus saving you a fine and a possible very unpleasant situation.

Can our own E P A be far behind ?

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

From The Newsdesk of K8MAT.

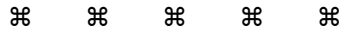
Everyone; you may want to check your Checking Account Statements and Credit Card Bills. There is a new Scam going around that will bill your accounts \$ 9.85. Its a Company called Ingvercom out of Elizabethtown, PA.

When you call the Phone Number its had been Disconnected. You are asked to call your Bank and tell them that this is a non--authorized charge to your card.

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CAN YOU HELP ?

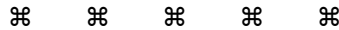
Once again net control operators are needed for the OH-KY-IN TechTalk net. The current list of regular net control operators and substitutes are listed below.

Most of you know that TechTalk meets every Wednesday evening at 9 PM on the 146.925 (-) repeater. If you would like to take a turn at being a net control operator for the net, please let me know. Any of the regular net controls would certainly appreciate a night off now and then. Or, I would be happy to add you to the list of substitute net control operators who are available when the regularly scheduled net control is unavailable, possibly even at the last minute.

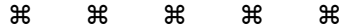
The preamble used for the net is available at www.TechTalk.OhKyIn.org

Regulars:		Subs:
1st Wednesday	KC8HQS	KA3MTT
2nd Wednesday	K4BRI	KB8JVK
3rd Wednesday	KB8ROA	KI4PJK
4th Wednesday	K4BRI	NG8A
5th Wednesday	KD4PYR	AC4XS

If you'd be available to be added to the list, please contact me at 513=251-1555 or by email at [n8bv@juno.com] or on the OH-KY-IN repeaters. 73, *Bruce W8BV*, TechTalk Net Manager



* **WorldRadio to Cease Print Publication:** In a joint statement, *WorldRadio* Publisher Armond Noble N6WR, and *CQ* Publisher Dick Ross K2MGA, announced that *WorldRadio* magazine will no longer be published as a print magazine. According to the announcement, CQ Communications Inc has acquired *WorldRadio* and plans to continue it as an online publication on CQ's Web site. *WorldRadio* subscribers will have their subscriptions transferred to *CQ* magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized. --*The ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 #45, Friday, November 14, 2008



* **Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Appointed Assistant Director:** On October 25, ARRL Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar N3LLR announced that he had appointed Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH, former Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, an Assistant Director for the Atlantic Division; Hollingsworth retired from the FCC earlier this year. Assistant Directors are personal appointees of Directors who are chosen to aid in the normal routine of administering the Division; they usually have knowledge or expertise in a certain area concerning Amateur Radio. There are currently nine Assistant Directors in the Atlantic Division. --*ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 #44, Nov 7, 2008

What's coming in Oh-Ky-In in December 2008

- Tue Dec 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Elect officers and board for 2009, Christmas party
- Wed Dec 3 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.925
- Fri Dec 5 8:00 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps at Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot
- Sat Dec 6 00AM-12M Skywarn Recognition Day – see below
- Tue Dec 9 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting, if needed, location TBA
- Wed Dec 10 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
- Sun Dec 21 Hanukkah begins at sunset
- Sat Dec 12 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
- Wed Dec 16 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
- Fri Dec 18 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown
- Sun Dec 21 Winter begins
Hanukkah begins at sunset
- Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve
9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
- Thu Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Fri Dec 26 Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day in Canada & UK-allied nations
- Tue Dec 29 7:30 PM Board of Directors' Meeting, location varies
- Wed Dec 31 New Year's Eve
9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR, 146.925
- Thu Jan 1 2009 New Year's Day
- Tue Jan 6 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: To be determined

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George Wilson W4OYI SK

To all amateur radio operators and friends of the ARRL,

I am sorry to report the passing of a very good friend. George Wilson W4OYI of Owensboro, KY passed away today (Nov 25) suddenly but peacefully. George had served as the KY SCM and SEC, GL Division Director and Vice Director, President and Vice-President of the ARRL. He was a very strong support of the League and enjoyed traffic handling on KYN. Arrangements are pending.

Thanks, Steve Morgan W4NHO (forwarded to Miami Valley Amateur Radio Bulletin Board & then to oh-ky-in)

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Skywarn Recognition Day, Dec. 6

For 364 days of the year, volunteer Amateur Radio operators, often called "hams," affiliated with the NWS' Skywarn program provide the National Weather Service with critical, visual confirmation of major weather events. But one day a year, ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, and the NWS join together in recognizing all the Skywarn volunteers and light up the radio waves just for the fun of it.

