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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**

We're about half way to spring... I wonder if we'll get the snow we have had the past couple years. Only time will tell...

We had an interesting program for the January club meeting. If you missed it, I gave a presentation on how to renew your ham radio license online. You can access an Adobe Acrobat version via our website @ [www.ohkyin.org](http://www.ohkyin.org).

Don't forget the Tech Talk Net on Wednesday nights @ 9 PM on the 146.925 repeater. Tune in, check-in and let us know you're listening to the NewsLine tape.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please don't forget to renew your club membership for 2008. Thanks!

See you at the February club meeting!

73, *Dale KC8HQS*

### **Next meeting**

February's topic will be **Member Input Night**. This will provide important information for future club activities and meetings. We need as many people as possible to attend!

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 enter the building through the doors beneath the front steps.

More info can be found at: <http://www.ohkyin.org>.

Visitors always welcome!

73, *Gary KB8MJC*

### **Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, January 8, 2008**

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No guests in attendance, 15 members attending.

Health and Welfare – heard of the passing of Phil KG8AP's father, and Otto AA8KK's condition – still hanging in there!

Brag session heard a bit about the Fantasy Football league – more coming on those stats.

The program was given by Dale KC8HQS about online license renewals.

Break from 8:03 to 8:25 PM

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

A motion was made to accept the printed minutes from December by Fred K9OHE, seconded by Harry KM4CS – motion carried.

Nathan KA3MTT was not present – currently 52 members for 2008.

Kevin K14PJK was not present, but Rick KD4PYR was -- reports were passed around. Some new categories were explained. Rick also volunteered to help Kevin with some forms – thanks! All around thank you to Rick.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Brian K4BRI reported nothing new for the tech committee – no meeting in January.

Mike KC8YOM and David KC8YTJ not here for equipment managers

Classes and Exams – will start in the spring – Gary KB8MYC would like to be on the committee – thanks!

Bruce N8BV reported that the Fundraising committee still has hats and shirts – raffle raised >\$300; thanks!

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for Tech Talk

Pete KC8BZM reported for liaisons, that the Red Cross will hold their normal meeting at the chapterhouse.

The Flying Pig marathon will be on May 4 – mark your calendars.

Old business – Gene N8KOJ asked about interest in CDs – it was explained.

New business -

The Audit Committee has the following volunteers – Fred K9OHE, Harry WA8LOJ, Gene N8KOJ

The Awards Committee needs members!

The random member drawing was Howard WB8QOH – not present – would have been \$40

Split the pot of \$12 was won by Jim W8IOA.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

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Many hams might like to check out this link.....

***www.haminfo.com***

Talk about one place to find all of your amateur related websites and more! It's pretty neat!!!!

73, ..... *Bruce N8BV*

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#### **+ Longtime EC/DEC NB4K Retires in Northern Kentucky**

John D. Meyers NB4K, of Butler, Kentucky, is retiring after 27 years in ARES. In 1980, Jake McHendrix WD4PBF (SK), asked Meyers to be the EC for Kenton County, Kentucky. Two years later, he became District EC for District 7 in the state, comprised of eight and then nine counties in northern Kentucky.

John also served as Section Mgr for Kentucky until recently.

In 1978, Meyers started the Northern Kentucky Emergency Net (NKEN) as part of the Northern Kentucky Amateur Radio Club's special interest group. The only training at that time was the weekly net and the annual ARRL SET. There were no formal training requirements. The net was involved in many emergencies over the years: the tornado of 1986, the blizzard of 1996 and Falmouth flooding in 1997.

During these events, DEC Meyers had the only working Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for amateur radio emergency operation in Kentucky, which is updated annually and is still used today.

There was a silver lining to the clouds that brought heavy flooding to Northern Kentucky in 1997. Ham radio's role in providing emergency communication resulted in a windfall for the hams in Northern Kentucky courtesy of AT&T. The corporation spent \$100,000 to set up a VHF repeater, a UHF repeater,

antennas, and a "shack" with air conditioning and heating at one of its cellular telephone sites. The NKARC agreed to cover the electricity and phone bills. Meyers spent many hours in negotiations with AT&T to secure this donation.

In 2004, Meyers met with the ECs of each of the counties in District 7 to form the Kentucky District 7 Amateur Radio Emergency Team, Inc. (KD7ARET), which then received \$30,000 in donations. Their donor's page can be found on the club's Web site: <http://www.ky7et.org/>. The organization has 88 members.

The emphasis of the organization is on FEMA and ARRL/ARES training:

All ECs and AECs have completed ARRL EC-001, EC-002 and EC-003. Twenty-eight members have completed Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training and 30 members are licensed in Basic First Aid. Two members, including Meyers, have passed more than fifty of the FEMA IS courses each.

District 7 now has nine counties with VHF/UHF dual cross band radios, antennas and power supplies at facilities. Three have HF communication. Two of the four hospitals in Northern Kentucky have the same station set-ups as does the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

The work goes on, but there comes a time to pass the wand to the younger generation, and December 31 was Meyers' last day as DEC. Brian Clark W4SOU succeeds Meyers, who will be working closely with the Emergency Manager for Pendleton County as a consultant and part of the EOC staff. "It has been my pleasure to lead and be part of the ARES operation in District 7," said Meyers.

From *ARES E-itr* for Jan 10, 2008, provided by ARRL

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## DX Spots for February 2008 — from Nathan KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UN/4J9M-Kazakhstan thru Feb 3 ----- 3Y0E-Bouvet Is. Thru Feb 14	H44V-Solomon IsI thru Feb 19 ----- OJ1ABOA-Antarctica Thru Feb 29	J20MB-Djibouti thru Mar 31		VP5-Turks & Caicos thru Feb 6	1 T88-Palau thru Feb 3 ----- S21XJ-Bangladesh thru Feb 21	2 JSUAP-Guinea Bissau thru Apr 15 ----- SW25C-Senegal thru Apr 15
3 Approved for DXCC credit: Chad T18PK, 2007 & current 2008 ops Syria YK9SV 2007	4 T9K-Cocos IsI thru Feb 16	5	6	7	8	9
10 Revillagigedo 6E4LM, XF4YK & XF4YW 2007 St Barthelmy FJ/OH2AM 2007 Rep of Congo 1N6X 2007	11 VP4DX-Ducie Island thru Feb 22 ----- C56YK-Gambia thru Mar 5	12 T32-East Kiribati thru Feb 26 ----- CN2XW-Morocco thru Feb 23	13 PZ-Surinam thru Feb 18 ----- JD1-Ogasawara thru Feb 28	14 	15 V63-Micronesia thru Feb 26 ----- KH2-Guam Thru Feb 17	16
17 Rep of Congo 1N9Z 2007 --ARLD004 DX News, Jan 17, 2008 Iraq Y19QX current op at the time	18	19	20	21	22 8R1PW-Guyana thru Feb 29	23 5X1NH-Uganda thru Mar 22
24 --ARLD005 DX News, Jan 24, 2008	25	26 VP8-Falkland IsI thru Mar 13	27	28 V4-SI Kitts & Nevis thru Mar 7	29	

## Contests

February 2008

- 2-3 MN QSO Party; VT QSO Party; FYBO Winter QRP Field Day, RST and temperature in the exchange! (no kidding); 10-10 Winter Phone contest; XE International RTTY Contest; YL-OM Contest, CW
- 3 NA Sprint, CW; QRP Winter Fireside Sprint, SSB
- 5 Spartan Sprint
- 9-11 Asia-Pacific Sprint CW; FISTS CW Winter Sprint; NH QSO Party; LA QSO Party; NNY QSO Party; BC QSO Challenge; RGSB 1.8 MHz Contest; OMISS QSO Party; PACC contest (Dutch); YL-OM Contest, SSB; EU EME contest; FM Simplex Contest; Classic Exchange
- 11-15 School Roundup
- 16-17 ARRL DX contest, CW; AM QSO Party
- 23-24 CQC Winter Contest; CQ WW 160 m Contest, SSB; UBA Contest; REF Contest; MS QSO Party; NA QSO Party, Digital; NC QSO Party; High Speed CW Contest

Wow -- a lot of contests! Hope for cold weather so the significant other won't mind your contesting 24/7. Have fun. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

73, *Dan K74AV*

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### New HF operators -- things to do

If you haven't had the pleasure of listening to the signal from an antique radio, tune in some of the signals in the Classic Exchange phone contest Feb. 9-11. --*ARRL Contest Rate Sheet* for Jan 23, 2008

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### February 2008 Section news

By *Joanne Solak KJ3O*, Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Ohio Section

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !! It just seems like I wished everyone Happy Holidays! And here we are with February staring us in the face.

Hope you are all rested up from all the Holiday activities. The plans and goals for Clubs here in the Ohio Section are exciting to say the least. There are a lot of ambitious Club Members just waiting for the many opportunities to enjoy amateur radio. I have been reading all my e-mail newsletters and messages, plus the many newsletters I receive hard copy, and most of the Clubs are getting ready for a very busy year. This I am glad to know. I hope this new year 2008 will find all Ohio Section Clubs successful in all their events. If any of you have any ideas for club meeting topics, share them with me so I can pass them along in the Ohio Section News. I am always asked the question about "club program topics" for meetings.

Presentations and demonstrations are always a good thing as are guest speakers, but we need more input from YOU and what you include in your club meetings as a program.

One thing I have noticed particularly about clubs is that many more are "holding" annual awards and recognition nights for their members. This way you can recognize the hard work and accomplishments of your members and the Club. If your club does not have these special events, then I suggest you add it to your club calendar this year. Remember to support as many hamfests this year as you can. Some hamfests are the only fundraisers for many clubs and they need your support.

I have several hamfests listed on my schedule already . I am glad to see so many VE test sessions scheduled with the hamfests.

Don't forget, a new year brings with it Club Membership dues! Most clubs have the yearly membership dues payable the first of the year. Check with your Club treasurer and make sure your dues are paid. While you are checking to see if you paid you Club Membership dues, have you paid your ARRL dues?

Here are some really active Ohio Section Clubs who have included me on their e-mail newsletters....The Coshocton County ARA , Mount Vernon ARC, Grant ARC, Greater Cincinnati ARA, NOARS, Cambridge, Mahoning Valley, PCARS, COARES, Massillon ARC, 20/9ARC, TSRAC, Grant ARC, and many more. Keep me on your mailing/e-mail list and keep me informed about your club happenings.

The Buckeye Belles are looking for nominations for the Founders Award. It is an award that goes to a Belle who best exemplifies what it is to be a Belle. It is called The Buckeye Belles Founders Award. To nominate a Belle for the Founders Award, you need to send the information about the Belle to [HYPERLINK "mailto:kc4iyd@yahoo.com"](mailto:kc4iyd@yahoo.com) [kc4iyd@yahoo.com] or call Nancy Rabel Hall KC4IYD at 440=327-0334 by March 31.

SPOTLIGHT CLUB OF THE MONTH CONTINUES!! Send me your Club info by the 10th of the month to get considered for Spotlight Club of the Month. All I need is the "history" of your club. How it got started, when it was formed, why was it formed, how many members, things like that. Not hard at all. List any accomplishments, awards etc your club has received. Just get the info to me by the deadline. Remember to file the ANNUAL REPORT FORM! This form keeps ARRL Headquarters and the Ohio Section officials who need information about your Club current. If the need arises for any of us to contact you, we have the data.

There is a lot of information in the January 2008 *Ohio Section News*. Make sure you see that months' news. It details how to do about most anything your club needs to do concerning updating your club records with ARRL and the Ohio Section.

One last thing before I end this month's Section News; It is up to Club Officers to encourage all members to get involved in some aspect of the club events. All members have their "own specialty". Some would make good "net controls" for your ARES /RACES training nets, some like contests, some are good organizers for your hamfest, flea market etc, Everyone has something they can contribute to the club. Find out what this "specialty" is of theirs by passing around a questionnaire at your next club meeting asking in which area of club activities would they like to become involved. Once you have this information, you can steer each club member to where he/she would be the most valuable. Try it and let me know how it works out for your club.

Well that's it for this time around with the Ohio Section News. Keep the newsletters coming my way and remember, sometime , somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

Until then, Best 73,

*Joanne Solak KJ30*, ACC Ohio Section

#### **Ohio Section February hamfests:**

Sunday (3) WINTER HAMFEST 2008; Northern Ohio ARS; For more information, visit [www.noars.net](http://www.noars.net) or e-mail [winterhamfest2008@noars.net]. Located at Gargus Hall, Lorain.

Sunday (10) MID-WINTER HAMFEST, Mansfield; For more information, visit [www.iarc.ws](http://www.iarc.ws) or E-mail [metal07man@yahoo.com]. Located at the Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield.

#### **Ohio Section Cabinet listing:**

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ASM-NE: Bob Winston W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central:

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### **Weaver's Words -- A new year, a new beginning!**

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

- New Year's Resolution.
- Section VHF/UHF Nets.
- SM Elections.
- Board and EC Minutes, and Annual Reports Available.
- *Cartoons by Gil* Reprinted.
- Tentative Schedule.
- Regulation by Bandwidth.
- Frequency Coordinators Council, Inc.
- Happy nn\*th Anniversary.
- *200 Meters & Down* Index Available.
- Just a No-Coder

### **+++ New Year's Resolution +++**

How about getting back a little more to the Golden Rule for our New Year's Resolution? Even those among us who do a decent job of living The Rule can probably do a little better. Certainly, we all have heard amateurs who do not live The Rule. Some of us may even know one or more of these folks. Maybe we can help them do a better job of observing The Rule?

The resolution I propose is:

"I will treat my fellow ham with courtesy, understanding and patience whether I am on the air or meet them in-person."

### **+++ Regulation by Bandwidth +++**

By now you've probably heard there is a petition before the FCC that I understand would bring a form of Regulation by Bandwidth to the US. Before anyone jumps to the wrong conclusion, this petition was neither developed nor is it supported by ARRL.

How can I be sure of this? I would have had to vote on a motion to develop or to support the proposal. This had not happened and is not scheduled to happen at our Board meeting next week. (*This post was sent out Jan 8. - Ye Ed*)

So far as Regulation by Bandwidth is concerned, I've made the following statement in a number of ways, but I will make it as a straight forward promise to you. I will not vote in favor of a motion to support Regulation by Bandwidth until the time comes that its provisions are thoroughly understood by you and you support the idea.

Regardless, of my personal conclusion, I do not believe regulating by bandwidth offers sufficient benefit at this time to warrant supporting it.

One additional item is that I continue and will continue to support the availability of all now-legal modes of amateur operation. If the mode is legal today, I will continue to support its availability for amateur use.

### **+++ National Frequency Coordinators Council, Inc. +++**

I recently received a notice titled the "National Frequency Coordinators Council, Inc. (NFCC) Announces Reformation." Being unfamiliar with the NFCC, I asked what it is. You, too, may be interested to learn that I found there appear to be two (2) NFCCs.

The original NFCC is an organization open to frequency coordinators from throughout the US. Its purpose is to help facilitate communication between local coordinator organizations and the FCC.

This organization was founded in 2006. It has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ARRL.

Its web site is at <http://www.arrl.org/nfcc/index.htm>.

Based upon the press release I received, the newer NFCC seems to claim to be a reincarnation of the original NFCC. The problem is that the original NFCC has never gone away. This raises questions about the legitimacy of the reincarnated NFCC. The new organization does not have an MOU with the ARRL. I learned one additional point. The original group is the National Frequency Coordinators' Council, Inc., uses the word coordinators in the possessive plural and the new group uses it in the plural, only.

Details, details.

+++ **SM Elections?** +++

You can put this in the "I have no proof of what I say, but I'll keep saying it anyway" category. Someone who obviously doesn't know what he/she is talking about is spreading the rumor that the Board of Directors has decided to do away with electing Section Managers. Instead, they would supposedly be appointed by the Directors.

This rumor is not true.

As is true of many false rumors, there is a glimmer of fact in this one. The fact is that last July the Programs & Services Committee (P&S) of the Board was charged with conducting a study of all aspects of how ARRL Sections are administered (governed). I'm on the P&S Committee. In doing this study, it is necessary to all options for how SMs should be selected.

As the first step in the study, P&S sent questionnaires to each of the 71 Section Managers, the officers and members of the Board and a couple of additional folks. I can assure everyone that P&S entered this study with no preconceived conclusions.

We received good cooperation from the SMs and others who received our questionnaire. Very frankly, they provided more information than we could manage by the coming January Board meeting. Therefore, the study will most likely be extended at least until July. Nonetheless, it is possible to report certain aspects of the study to the Board in January in an interim report.

Regarding the rumored coming change to appointing Section Managers, what I can say is that this rumor is simply false.

+++ **Happy nn\*th Anniversary** +++

\*nn = any number.

No sooner had the last issue of *Words* begun to arrive in in-boxes than I was informed of clubs in the GLD that are older than the 75 years I mentioned. Try these on for "size:"

- The Cambridge (Ohio) ARA, W8VP, is 94 years old this December. It has been affiliated with ARRL since February 1946.

- The Mahoning Valley ARA (Youngstown, OH) is 89 years old. As I understand, the group has records that show it to have been the first ARRL Affiliated Club in Ohio -- since 83 years ago. The club call is W8QLY.

Congratulations CARA and MVARA for their being able to remain so active and to maintain interest for so many years. Thanks, too, for your support of the ARRL.

If I've missed listing a club that has reached or is reaching a particularly notable age, let me know.

+++ **Board and EC Minutes, and Annual Reports Available** +++

Board members and officers of ARRL occasionally are asked how members (and non-members) can see copies of the minutes of Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings, as well as Annual Reports of the corporation. These have been available online for a considerable length of time.

To access the minutes and Annual Reports, go to the ARRL web site and click on the ARRL Info link and then General Information. The window that opens next contains links to the Annual Reports, Board Meeting Minutes/Reports and Articles of Association and Bylaws. The EC is an extension of the Board; therefore, EC meeting reports are filed with the Board minutes.

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In other words, information so many people keep trying to tell you and others is being kept secret by the League is fully public. All one needs to see it is access to the Internet.

+++ **200 Meters & Down Index Available** +++

The book "200 Meters & Down" is probably the best early history of wireless radio in general, and particularly on Amateur Radio that exists. Written in 1936 by Clinton B. DeSoto, the book is a must for anyone who wants to learn how our great radio service and wireless developed, and how hams played such an integral roles in advancing the art from its inception through the mid-'30s. DeSoto W1DCB wrote the *QST* article that led to establishing the ARRL DXCC program.

The book was published without an index and has been "index free" ever since. An index to it has recently been prepared and can be found at [www.arrl.org/?artid=7897](http://www.arrl.org/?artid=7897). The book is still available.

+++ **Cartoons by Gil Reprinted** +++

For about 40 years, issues of *QST* carried whimsical cartoons by Philip "Gil" Gildersleeve W1CJD. As one would imagine, the cartoons were about Amateur Radio and radio amateurs.

A few copies of a collection of Gil's cartoons were available to bidders during the recent ARRL online Auction. They went like the proverbial hot cakes. Since the Auction, HQ received many requests for the book. Because of this, the book, "Gil: A collection of cartoons from *QST*" has been reprinted. It is available for \$15.95. See [www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=0364](http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=0364).

+++ **Just a No-Coder** +++

If one stops and thinks about this phrase, it becomes immediately apparent it is not one of praise. The question is, just what value does the phrase bring to any conversation? The blood-thirsty Romans might have used a similar phrase -- "just a Christian" or "just a slave" --back when the Caesars forced slaves and others to fight (and die) in the coliseum.

Think about it -- "just a no-coder."

Do you suppose that decades ago old-time hams referred to new licensees who jumped into continuous wave (not spark gap) transmitting as being "only CW ops?" Or do you think the CW gang referred to operators who used the new AM mode as "just AMers?" Or when SSB first began Donald-ducking on the frequencies, do you suppose CW and AM ops thought of them as "just SSBers?"

It is the "just" or "only" or whatever other demeaning qualifier that is objectionable to me. The fact that the FCC no longer requires aspiring hams to pass a CW test is simply a fact of life. This fact of life does not justify ridiculing others. Rules, of one type or another, change all the time.

The important thing is that the operator has a valid Amateur Radio license and operates legally and courteously. My observation has been that amateurs who received their licenses without needing to pass a Morse test are no worse or no better than we who took Morse exams. The reverse is equally true.

Newer licensees are typically not the hams who hog the frequency ("Get off this frequency. We've been holding our net at this time and on this frequency for over 25 years.") Similarly, they are typically not the hams who sit on a DX station and transmit a series of dits . . . for 30 minutes or longer. It has been my observation that these and other LIDisms are usually performed by us good-ole boys -- we who passed 13 or even 20 wpm code tests.

Code proficiency does not a good amateur make.

Let's stop labeling our fellow amateurs with demeaning terms. They are as much hams as we are. They have as much right to use the frequencies allowed by their licenses as we have with our licenses.

+++ **Tentative Schedule** +++

2008 (January events are past, deleted by Ye Ed)

Feb 10: Mansfield OH, Hamfest - Jim & Gary

Mar 5: Miami Valley ARA Meeting

Mar 20: Bellbrook ARC Dinner

Apr 2: Lake County ARC, Painesville OH - Jim  
Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim  
Apr 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM  
May 16-18: Dayton Hamvention(TM) - Gary & Jim  
Jul *QST* 'til noon Aug 8: Nominations for Director/Vice Director are open.  
Jul 10: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown OH - Jim  
Jul 17-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington CT - Jim & Gary  
Jul 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM  
Sep 21: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati OH - Jim.  
Sep 23-Oct 1: Ballots for Director/Vice Director mailed.  
Oct 28: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM  
Nov 21, noon: Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted.  
Nov 22 by end of day: Candidates notified of election results.

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Jan 1, noon: Current terms end for GLD Director/Vice Director. Newly elected/re-elected Director/Vice Director terms begin.

73, *Jim*

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### **Hamfests &c.**

### **February & early March 2008**

Feb 3 Annual Winter HAM Fest at Gargus Hall, 1965 Ridge Rd, Lorain OH, sponsored by Northern OH ARS. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-1 PM. Free pancake & sausage breakfast included with \$6 admission ticket. Talk-in: 146.7. Info: John Schaaf K8JWS, 216=696-5709, [winterhamfest2008@noars.net], [www.noars.net](http://www.noars.net)

Feb 23 "Cabin Fever Hamfest" at Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St, LaPorte IN, sponsored by LaPorte ARC. 7 AM-1 PM. Refreshments. \$5 admission. Talk-in: 146.61 (131.8 Hz), 146.52. info: James Jesko KB9MAS, 219=325-0043, [jjj1@skyyenet.net], [www.k9jsi.org](http://www.k9jsi.org)

Mar 1 Sullivan IN Hamfest at Co 4-H Fairgrounds, E Washington St, sponsored by Dugger ARC. 8 AM "until the last person leaves!" Electronics, fleas, tailgating, 3960 meeting, ARRL forum, VE sessions (9 AM), refreshments. \$5 admission includes 1 inside table, under 12 free. Talk-in: 146.775 (136.5 Hz). Info: Tony Hudson W9PDQ, 618=586-5015, [w9pdq@arrl.net], [www.kc9ak.org/hamfest.html](http://www.kc9ak.org/hamfest.html)

32d Annual Cave City KY Hamfest at Cave City Convention Ctr, 502 Mammoth Cave St, sponsored by Mammoth Cave ARC. From 7:30 AM CST. Tailgating, 3960 meeting, ARRL forum, VE sessions (9 AM CST), free coffee before VE sessions. \$6 admission. Talk-in: 146.94. Info: Larry Brumett KN4IV, 270=651-2363, [lbrumett@glasgow-ky.com], [www.geocities.com/ky4x2000](http://www.geocities.com/ky4x2000)

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

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current licence, any CSCE, pen or pencil. Current exam fee is \$14.

=>An examination session in Technician, General and Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator's License will be conducted on: **Wednesday evening, February 13, 2008**, at 6:30PM in the Verity Lodge, Miami University-Middletown, Middletown OH.

Doors open for registration at 6 PM. Please plan to arrive early as all registration activities must be completed by 7 PM.

Applicants must furnish the original and one photocopy of their current license (if any), original and one photocopy of any certificates of successful completion of examination (CSCE) they may hold, positive (photo) identification, social security (TIN) or Licensee ID number (FRN), and the test fee of \$14. NCVEC Form 605, Application for License, will be available at the test site. Advance registrations are recommended but not required ... walk-ins accepted on a "space available" basis. Map to exam site and/or NCVEC 605 form available from K8CM for SASE. (Request electronic copy from [K8CM@arrl.net]) Advance registration consists of a completed NCVEC 605, copies of your current license and valid CSCEs, and a check (\$14) made payable to the Dial Radio Club. Please enclose a note stating the class of license you will be attempting. Advance registrations should be mailed to: Carl Morgan, 3715 Rosedale Road, Middletown OH, 45042, and must arrive no later than Monday, February 11. Please include your telephone number on your check.

Special examination accommodations must be requested at least two weeks prior to the test date.

Additional information may be obtained from Carl Morgan K8CM, 513-727-3456.

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#### **ARLB002 ARRL Board meeting in Houston, Texas**

The ARRL Board of Directors held their Annual January meeting January 18-19 in Houston, Texas. One of the first items on the agenda was the election of ARRL officers, as well as members of the Executive, Administration and Finance, and Programs and Services Committees.

All officers were re-elected to another two-year term without opposition: Joel Harrison W5ZN, ARRL President; Kay Craigie N3KN, First Vice President; Rick Roderick K5UR, Vice President; Rod Stafford W6ROD, International Affairs Vice President; David Sumner K1ZZ, Secretary, and James McCobb Jr K1LU, Treasurer.

As ARRL President, Harrison also serves as Chairman of the Executive Committee; its members are Directors that are elected by their fellow Board members. The Executive Committee members for 2008 are Coy Day N5OK, West Gulf; George Isely W9GIG, Central; Tom Frenaye K1KI, New England; Bill Edgar N3LLR, Atlantic, and Henry Leggette WD4Q, Delta.

Members of the Administration and Finance Committee and Programs and Services Committee are appointed by the ARRL President.

The Administration and Finance Committee members for 2008 are Chairman Jim Fenstermaker K9JF, Northwestern; Jim Weaver K8JE, Great Lakes; Jay Bellows K0QB, Great Lakes; Dennis Bodson W4PWF, Roanoke; Brian Milesosky N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain, and Cliff Ahrens K0CA, Midwest.

Members of the Programs and Services Committee for 2008 are Chairman Bruce Frahm K0BJ, Midwest; Greg Sarratt W4OZK, Southeastern; Dick Norton N6AA, Southwestern; Frank Fallon N2FF, Hudson; Bob Vallio W6RGG, Pacific, and Howard Huntington K9KM, Central.

Three members were also selected to sit on the Ethics and Elections Committee: Coy Day N5OK; Frank Fallon N2FF, and Greg Sarratt W4OZK. Members of this committee are Directors not up for re-election in

2008. Per the ARRL By-Laws, this committee applies guidelines for ethical conduct by ARRL officials, determines eligibility of candidates for Director and Vice Director, certifies a nominee's eligibility to fill a Vice Director vacancy and supervises the balloting for Director and Vice Director. Further details on the 2008 Annual Meeting will soon be available on the ARRL Web site and in the April 2008 issue of *QST*.

### What's coming in February 2008

Wed Jan 30	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, 146.925 <b>NCS badly needed!</b> Contact Bruce N8BV
Fri, Feb 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 Feb 5	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: Member Input Night: Please come & help plan the rest of 2008!
Wed, Feb 6	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925 Ash Wednesday
Thu, Feb 7		Chinese New Year (Year of the Rat)
Sat, Feb 9	10:00 AM	Oh-Ky-In monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park (talk-in to start on 146.67)
Tue, Feb 12		Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (traditional)
Wed, Feb 13	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
Thu, Feb 14		Valentine's Day
Fri, Feb 15	7:30 PM	Queen City Emergency Net at Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
Mon, Feb 18		Presidents' Day, legal holiday
Wed, Feb 20	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
Thu, Feb 22		George Washington's Birthday (traditional)
Sun, Feb 24		Flag Day (Mexico)
Wed, Feb 27	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR, 146.925
Fri, Feb 29		Leap Year Day
Tue, Mar 4		Primary Election in Ohio
	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: To be determined

### ==> Motorola completes tender offer for Yaesu's parent company

On Wednesday, January 16, Motorola announced that its subsidiary, MI, Inc, has successfully completed its tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard, parent company of Yaesu. The tender offer period expired on January 15 with approximately 5.4 million shares tendered and accepted. On November 5, 2007, Motorola launched the tender offer, in cooperation with Tokogiken (a privately held Japanese company controlled by Vertex Standard's president and CEO Jun Hasegawa) with the intention of forming a joint venture to develop and sell Vertex Standard products and develop select Motorola products. All regulatory clearances required for the completion of the transaction have been obtained. Starting on January 22, Motorola will have a total ownership stake of approximately 78% of Vertex Standard on a fully diluted basis (excluding certain stock acquisition rights that are scheduled to be cancelled), following the settlement of the tender offer for approximately 12 billion Yen (almost \$112 million US dollars) in cash. Through a subsequent restructuring process, Motorola will own 80% of Vertex Standard, while Tokogiken will retain a 20% stake. – *ARRL Letter* Vol 27 #2, Jan 18, 2008

## OH-KY-IN 2007 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair  
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair  
Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair  
Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair  
PIO Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
*Q-Fiver* Editor Susie Scott N8CGM  
Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS  
Fox Hunters Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
John M Hugentober Sr Memorial CW Proficiency Award  
Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair  
WebMeister Dale Vanselow KC8HQS  
Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
Fundraising Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
TVI/RFI Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
Silent Key Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV

ARPSC Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM  
QCEN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM  
WARN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM  
Repeater Control Ops Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
Librarian James E. Keely KC8PRY  
Field Day Chair Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT  
Special Publications Jo Haltermon KD4PYS  
Equipment Mgrs Mike Hornsby KC8YOM  
David Hornsby KC8YTJ  
DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC  
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K8SCH QSL Mgr Gerry Weimer KD8ASL  
Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC  
John W. Hughes AI4DA

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## News of members and students in recent classes

Otto Bielefeld AA8KK is reported to still be on the mend.

**Not from a member ...** *fwd from Miami Valley Amateur Radio BB on Jan 11, to our reflector by N8BV*  
Greetings,

I am creating a Web page for amateur radio license plates. I'm trying to work all U.S. States and Canadian provinces.

The URL to the page is [www.wb4aej.com/was\\_plates](http://www.wb4aej.com/was_plates). You can upload a photo of your plate to [www.wb4aej.com/was\\_plates/upload.php](http://www.wb4aej.com/was_plates/upload.php) if you'd like to add yours to the collection.

Also, I'm working a Web project for ham radio sites. I need good, full quality and unedited photos of ham radio towers (preferably at least 4.1 megapixels and unedited). If you could spare a photo of your tower, please upload it at [www.wb4aej.com/antennas](http://www.wb4aej.com/antennas). If you could include the call sign of the tower's owner in the filename, it would help.

I'll gladly share my work with anyone that provides me with a tower photograph that I use.

73, *Fred W. Atkinson III* WB4AEJ Marietta GA

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*Copy deadline for March issue is  
Friday, February 22, 2008*



This with a Feb 1 deadline for action arrived as the other pages were printing -- Ye Ed

Subject: **ARRL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

From: "ARRL OH Section" <memberlist@www.arrl.org>

Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 10:51:01 -0500 (EST)

**CAN WE FIND OHIO HAM SCHOLARS TO FILL THESE SLOTS?**

>From Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE

I am challenging all Ohio hams to see if we can find successful applicants from Ohio for these scholarships. Please read the short note below.

ARRL Chief Development Officer **Mary Hobart K1MMH** has announced

The upcoming February 1 deadline for applications for the ARRL Foundation Scholarships. Please help spread this reminder as you correspond with ARRL members and Amateur Radio operators in the state.

The Deadline for ARRL Foundation scholarship applications is February 1, 2008. The Foundation has added four new scholarships for 2008. Up to 60 scholarships will be awarded in May. All the information about the ARRL Scholarships for FCC-licensed radio amateurs, including descriptions, application forms and instructions can be found on the web at <www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen>.

That's it. Seek these Ohio scholars out. Thank you.

*Joe K820E*

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ARRL Ohio Section

Section Manager: Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE

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If you haven't already renewed your **OH-KY-IN membership**, now is the time. We have many activities to offer such as fox-hunting, licensing classes, contesting, Field Day, etc. Also, you can renew your ARRL membership through the club, and OH-KY-IN benefits from that as well. For every ARRL renewal, the club gets to keep \$2 of the dues. For every NEW or 2-year lapsed membership to the ARRL, OH-KY-IN gets to keep \$15 !

Some of the services ARRL offers are:

- \* <<http://www.arrl.org/services.html#qst#qst>> *QST*, Your Monthly Membership Journal
- \* Members-Only <<http://www.arrl.org/services.html#mo#mo>> Web Access
- \* Technical Information <http://www.arrl.org/services.html#tis#tis> Service (TIS)
- \* Ham Radio <http://www.arrl.org/services.html#insurance#insurance> Equipment Insurance
- \* Outgoing <http://www.arrl.org/services.html#qsl-service#qsl-service> QSL Service
- \* ARRL Field <http://www.arrl.org/services.html#field#field> Organization
- \* Operating Awards <http://www.arrl.org/services.html#awards#awards>
- \* And More! <http://www.arrl.org/services.html#more#more>

You can download the renewal form at: <http://www.ohkyin.org/ohkyin-app-2008.pdf>

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or e-mail. I look forward to a successful 2008 for OH-KY-IN !!

73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT*

Membership Chair  
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SB SPACE ARL ARLS001 January 22, 2008

ARLS001 **ARISS Team Looking for Ground Stations**

Do you want to be part of the international network of ground stations that help support Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) operations?



ARISS is looking to add numerous ground stations capable of relaying ISS Amateur Radio sessions with schools and also serve as back-up communications relays should they be needed.

Locations all over the world will be considered, but the greatest need for stations is in Central America, South America, Falkland Islands, Western Australia, Canada and Alaska. The following are guidelines for stations wanting to be considered:

- \* Third Party agreement with United States or waiver from their telecom agency
- \* Ability to speak and understand English
- \* Minimal horizon obstructions
- \* 24/7 access and availability of station
- \* Operator(s) willing to support scheduled contacts at various times
- \* Phone patch
- \* AZ/EL tracking satellite system, preferably an auto tracking system with the capability for manual override
- \* Multi-element Yagis for 2 meters and 70 cm (circular polarization preferred)
- \* Pre-amps
- \* Transmit output greater than 70 W
- \* Note: If you can specify your station's EIRP and receive sensitivity (thereby taking into account cable losses, pre-amps and antenna gain), it would be greatly appreciated.

Stations that can support the following will be given special consideration, but these items are not required:

- \* Auto Doppler adjustment of frequencies
- \* Ability to speak and understand languages other than English
- \* 1.2 and 2.4 GHz satellite hardware
- \* Packet
- \* SSTV
- \* Digital ATV
- \* Redundant power system
- \* High-speed Internet

If you or your club would like to be considered for selection as one of the new ARISS ground stations, send an e-mail to ARISS at [[ARISS-telebridge@amsat.org](mailto:ARISS-telebridge@amsat.org)] with details about your station and contact information.

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