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"You're Q5" = "Your signal is perfectly readable." (ARRL Handbook, 52d ed. 1975)

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From the President...

Hey everybody.

I hope your Santa brought all the latest ham radio goods to your shack this year.

Please welcome our 2008 Officers & Board of Directors. Thanks again to the 2007 Officers & Board of Directors and especially to Rick KD4PYR. He was club Treasurer for 5 years and has done a superb job.

If you missed the December meeting/Christmas Party, we had a lot of good pizza, refreshments & door prizes. Thanks to those that brought extras for attendees to enjoy.

As always during this time of year, I'm looking for a few volunteers. If you would be interested in being on the Awards Committee or the Audit Committee please give me a call @ 513=295-2592. Responsibilities of these committees are not too time consuming. I will be asking for volunteers at the January club meeting, which brings me to my next point...

Please remember that the January 2008 club meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday due to New Year's Day being on the 1st Tuesday. Same time & place as usual.

Don't forget to renew your club membership and/or your ARRL membership at the next club meeting. Plenty of applications will be available. Use the following address for a club membership application: <http://membership-app.ohkyin.org/>

Lastly, I want to thank everybody that bought and/or sold tickets for the OH-KY-IN Cash Raffle.

This activities has helped the club immensely. Thanks for your support!

See you at the club meeting!

73, Dale KC8HQS

Next meeting

Club president Dale KC8HQS will conduct the January program, a "Tutorial on renewing your license on-line".

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati, go north west on Glenway Ave. to Boudinot Ave. (approximately 4 miles; at Walt Sweeney Ford on right). Turn slight right on to Boudinot.

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 KB8MYC*

Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In A.R.S., December 4, 2007

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 27 members in attendance.

Guests – the Schipps, and Gary

Upgrades - none

Health and Welfare – Dale gave an update for Carol WA8YL – at Drake, but going back to Lebanon

Brag session – Jim W8IOA and John W9JRB in *Enquirer* display

Dale thanked Tom NG8A for running the hospitality table.

Minutes – correct – the last split the pot was \$30, not \$35 -- motion was made to accept the printed minutes from November by Fred K9OHE, seconded by Tom NG8A – motion passed.

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT reporting we are accepting 2008 dues, and also ARRL renewals

Treasurer – Rick KD4PYR passed reports around.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Technical committee - Brian K4BRI reported that all the repeaters are working. No meeting scheduled

Equipment managers – Mike KC8YTJ and David KC8YOM not here

Classes – 3 out of 4 passed exams – thanks to the VEs !!!

Fundraising – Still have hats and shirts. Raffle Today! Thanks to R&L, and all those who sold and bought

ARDF & Foxhunting – No hunt this month

Library – Jim KC8PRY was not present

Tech Talk – Check ins are up! Please check in, we need questions

Web site - Dale KC8HQS, nothing new for the web site

Liaison – Pete KC8BZM, not present

Old business –

Sweeps report – also FD site reserved

New business -

Elections were unanimous, no one opposed

President Dale KC8HQS

Vice-president Gary KB8MYC

Corresponding Sec Phil KG8AP

Recording Sec Brian K4BRI

Treasurer Kevin KI4PJK

Directors Brian KC8FJN, Nathan KA3MTT, Bruce N8BV

The random member drawing, currently at \$35 (not 30), was Edwin K8VVSJ, who was not present

No split the pot due to the Christmas pizza dinner – prizes drawn.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ev KC8JR - seconded by John KC8VQU

Meeting was adjourned for pizza at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary


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1st 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.

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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==> DXCC desk announces new entity

The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of December 14, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

8< big snip *ARRL Letter* Vol 26 #50, 12-21-07

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OPERATING TIP from *Contester's Rate Sheet* 12-26-07, by Ward N0AX

Don't forget that contesting is a cacophony of cooperation. In the heat of battle, we still must share the same bands in a modicum of rapprochement. Be charitable to the other guy or gal and liberal with the benefit of the doubt. Bite your tongue (or hold those fingers) when emotions threaten to get the best of you. We really can all get along if we try.

DX Spots for January 2008 – by Nathan KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9H3HW-Malta Thru Jan 5 CU2-Azores thru Jan 3 GJ/MJ-Jersey - Jan 6	3D2/R - Rotuma Thru Jan 31 5Z4/DL7UCX - Kenya thru Jan 12	1 	2 HB0-Lichtenstein thru Jan 9 HS0ZEI-Thailand thru Jan 20	3	4	5 PZ5YV-Surinam Thru Jan 15
6	7	8 HI-Dominican Republic thru 1-26	9 FO/m-Marquesas thru Jan 22	10 KH0-Mariana Islands thru 1-14 J5C-Guinea Bissau thru Jan 21	11	12
13 5H1CM-Tanzania thru Jan 24 Y53-EI Salvador thru Jan 27	14 EA8-Canary Islands thru Jan 26	15 HC8-Galapagos Isl thru Jan 28 JSUAP-Guinea Bissau thru Apr 15	16	17	18 JW6RHA-Svalbard thru Jan 24	19
20	21 8Q7AK - Maldives Thru Feb 2 XU7ADI-Cambodia thru Feb 29	22	23	24	25	26 TA2RC-Turkey Thru Jan 27
27 VP8DJF-South Georgia thru Feb 28	28	29	30	31	New prefix for Bosnia- Herzegovina: E7A-E7Z	

Contests

January 2008

- 1 ARRL Straight Key Night; New Years Snowball Contest; SARTG New Year RTTY Contest, Scandinavian; AGCW Happy New Year Contest
- 5-6 ARRL RTTY Roundup; Kids Day, Phone; EUCW 160 Meter Contest, CW
- 12-17 NA QSO Party, CW; DARC 10-meter Contest, CW/SSB; NAQCC Monthly Straight Key Sprint; Midwinter Contest, CW/SSB; Worked All Britain Top Band Phone Contest; Hunting Lions in the Air, CW/Phone; 070 PSKFest, sponsored by the Penn-Ohio DX Society (PODXS)
- 19-20 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes; NA QSO Party, Phone; HA DX Contest, CW; LZ Open Championship, CW; International United Teenager Contest, CW/SSB; UK DX RTTY Contest
- 26-27 CQ WW 160-Meter Contest, CW; BARTG RTTY Sprint; REF French Contest, CW; UBA Contest, Phone, Belgium; Winter Field Day, all modes; YLISSB QSO Party, SSB; Classic Exchange, CW

Happy 2008! May your hamming be bright. For more information see *QST*, or

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/jan.html>

73, *Dan K744V*

January 2008 OH Section News -- Happy New Year 2008!

As I write my first column for the New Year 2008, we are experiencing blizzard conditions. So far we have 10 inches of snow with some places registering a foot of snow due to the blowing and drifting. I would say Winter has arrived!

I hope all of you enjoyed the Holiday Season and "Santa" was good to you!

Hope you all enjoyed your Holiday Parties. Again "thanks" for the invitations to some of your Holiday Parties, they were really "fun". It is so nice getting together with old friends and making some new friends along the way!

A new year, a new Annual Report Form. Make sure your secretary files the NEW annual report form. You must file this most important form yearly!. It lets us keep your club information current. Once your club is ARRL Affiliated, it remains affiliated. However, a club can be listed as active or inactive. To keep your club on the active list you must complete and submit an Annual Report Form each year. Your club's status will be changed to inactive should two (2) years go by without the ARRL receiving your annual report form. Your club can return to active status at any time by simply completing and submitting an Annual Report Form.

Your Club can update its record anytime important information changes, such as change of Officers, address, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, meeting times and places etc. Information concerning your club that changes should be registered with the ARRL as soon as possible. Keep your club information current so that League Officials and prospective members can reach you.

Updating your club records is as simple as following the update link on the ARRL Affiliated Club web page: HYPERLINK www.arrl.org/club. You can update your SSC Club information by just visiting the SSC Page at: HYPERLINK <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd7/index.html>

If you have any questions about Clubs, you can direct them to HYPERLINK clubs@arrl.org or you can just call or contact me in the Ohio Section. All my current information is listed on the Ohio Section Cabinet Section of the *OSJ*.

Hint Hint----Check out the January issue of *QST*! It is the annual Vintage Issue of *QST*! Check out the NEW features.

Did you get a chance to “work” the 10 meter contest ? The 160 meter contest in December? If so, let me know how you scored!

The Spotlight Club of the Month continues. Send me your club (history) information by the tenth (10th) of the month, no later than the 12th of the month for publication. Any questions about the Spotlight column, contact me.

If you wish to share some information about your club activities, just get the information to me and I will get it in the Ohio Section News. Make sure you follow the guidelines and submit the information by 10th of the month.

Keep those newsletters coming my way. As I said before, I read them all and will share some of the club information on the monthly section news.

You can find all the 2007 Field Day results in the December 2007 edition of *QST*. You can also view them online.

Please support your local amateur radio club by paying your Club membership dues on time. Also volunteer your time when volunteers are needed for a club event. If there is a hamfest in your area, support the club/clubs who “put it on”. We all know any club event takes a lot of time and work to make it successful. Plus, the fellowship of amateur radio is a real plus when all members work together for the good of amateur radio and, of course, clubs!

By reading the many newsletters I receive in a month, I have found the following; All clubs have their ups and downs. Thankfully, most clubs have more ups than downs. Involvement of the club membership is very important. It is up to Club Officers to encourage all members to get involved in some aspect of the events of the club. All amateur radio operators have their own “specialty”. Some are contesters, some are good net control operators, some are really good at organizing events, and on and on. It is up to the club Officers to find out each members “specialty”. Think about it! Would your club membership have joined the club if they had not wanted to get involved? At your next club meeting pass out a questionnaire asking in which area of club activities and amateur radio are they interested? Everyone can contribute some kind of talent or talents. Hopefully after reviewing the questionnaires, you can plan club activities that include all members who will be glad to get involved in an event that will hold their interest. In other words, something for everyone during 2008 should make for a more active membership and in turn a more active amateur radio club.

REMEMBER, as you renew your annual Club membership dues, renew your ARRL membership dues . As you enter the New Year 2008, remember to take nothing for granted. Enjoy amateur radio , but realize that it comes with responsibility. Amateur radio is a gift so treat it like one. Respect your League Officials and Club Officers. Remember they are volunteers . Encourage their efforts. Be grateful they have stepped forward and are willing to “make a difference” in amateur radio. Here in the Ohio Section you will find the Ohio Section Cabinet listed on the back page of the Ohio Section Journal. This Cabinet , under the direction and leadership of our ARRL Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips K8QOE, is the Ohio Section Leaders If you need any information from any of these Cabinet Members, feel free to contact them. Their contact information is listed with their name and office. The Ohio Section Cabinet is a fantastic group in the Best Section in the Nation, to quote Scott Yonally N8YE.

Did you know that Public Service and emergency communications are the only documented and viable measurements of the use of amateur radio we have today? Frank Piper KI8GW ,SEC Ohio Section says if you are not signed up with a local ARES group make it a New Years resolution to join ARES . What gets

the attention of the FCC is how many hours are spent by dedicated communicators who use their equipment and frequencies to provide service to the public. Remember, "when all else fails, there is amateur radio". Make 2008 the year you Volunteer. What does this have to do with Clubs? I would like all Ohio Section Affiliated Clubs to support an ARES group. With all clubs supporting ARES groups, the use of amateur radio in the Public Service and emergency service should prosper and ARES membership will grow. Better for the Ohio Section, Better for the Country, and most of all better for amateur radio. Well, guess that's it for this time around with the Ohio Section News. Enjoy the New Year 2008! Keep those newsletters coming my way. But remember, sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing you!
Until then Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ30*, ACC Ohio

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the OH-KY-IN CASH RAFFLE !!!

The official ticket drawing was held at the December Christmas/Pizza Party meeting at the Salem Presbyterian Church.

1st Prize: \$200 Donna Vanselow N8HXO
2nd Prize: \$75 Bob Cooke W8JSO
3rd Prize: \$25 Terry Zehnder

\$25 R&L Electronics gift certificate for selling the 1st Prize winning ticket: Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
\$25 R&L Electronics gift certificate for selling the most tickets: Dale Vanselow KC8HQS

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the raffle!! Without the clubs' board and membership support, including the ticket sellers, the ticket buyers and to those who donated to cover the ticket printing cost, as well as to R&L Electronics for their donation of gift certificates, the raffle could not have been successful without you! Still again, THANKS!!!

73, *Bruce N8BV*
OH-KY-IN Fund Raising Committee Chairman

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Weaver's words -- A wrapping we will go. Sent Mon, 10 Dec 2007

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

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+++ **A Poll - I Heard You** +++

In the last issue, I asked for your opinions concerning the publication schedule of the *ARRL Letter*. Here is what you told me:

- 180 said, "I really don't care if an occasional week is missed."
- 97 said, "I'd prefer the *Letter* comes out every week, but occasional lapses are no big deal."
- 12 said, "Drop other things at HQ to get the *ARRL Letter* out every week -- no exceptions."

I appreciate the wishes expressed by each responder. Based upon the responses I believe there is no justification for me to push HQ to expand the publication schedule.

FYI, each issue of the *ARRL Letter* contains the following statement: "*The ARRL Letter* is published Fridays, 50 times each year, by the American Radio Relay League: ARRL--the National Association for Amateur Radio, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111; tel 860=594-0200; fax 860=594-0259; <<http://www.arrl.org>>. Joel Harrison W5ZN, President."

Because Thanksgiving is always on Thursday, there is no *Letter* each Thanksgiving week. This year, a second exception to publication will be Christmas week. This will still leave us with 51 weeks of publication of the *Letter* this year. Depending on personnel schedules at HQ, one more issue could be skipped and we would still have the promised 50 issues for 2007. Watch the *ARRL Letter* for any details. Thanks to everyone who answered the poll. I appreciate your input. I'm sorry I didn't have time to acknowledge each vote personally.

+++ **Region 2 Band plan -- Skepticism persists** +++

To set the stage for the following discussion, you need to know that some AM operators believe the new IARU Region 2 voluntary band plan will cost them operating privileges. This is true even though the plan is strictly voluntary and the fact that FCC regulations clearly take precedent over any voluntary band plan. Some of these operators accuse ARRL, a member of Region 2 of manipulating the new Region 2 plan in an effort toward abolishing AM and getting Regulation by Bandwidth adopted in the US.

I do not intend to get into a point-counterpoint discussion of this issue; however, I will expand the explanation I put in the last issue of *Words*. The bottom line still is precisely what I said the last time. ARRL was not involved in developing the Region 2 voluntary band plan, and the new Region 2 band plan has absolutely no relevance to US amateurs.

Fact: The committee I loosely referred to as the band plan committee is properly named the Region 2 HF Committee. This is the group that developed the new voluntary band plan. There was no ARRL involvement with the HF Committee.

Fact: As stated in the Region 2, conference news release, "A new Region 2 band plan for 160--10 meters was adopted, effective January 1, 2008. The new plan is modeled on one adopted previously by IARU Region 1, with regional differences taken into account."

The Region 1 voluntary plan was developed in 2005. It became effective January 2006. This voluntary band plan has had no impact on operations in the US. ARRL is not a member of IARU Region 1 and has no vote in its meetings.

After developing its new voluntary band plan, the Region 2 HF Committee submitted its new voluntary band plan to the Region 2 B/C Committee. This committee forwarded the proposed plan to the plenary session where it was adopted. ARRL Chief Technical Officer Paul Rinaldo W4RI was secretary to the B committee. He had no vote in its proceedings and merely recorded the Committee's activities. I assure you that when the Region 2 voluntary band plan becomes effective January 1, 2008, it will have no effect on US operations -- AM or otherwise. Any changes in operation by US operators will come only if they, themselves, choose to make changes.

As your Director, I repeat that I will actively oppose any effort to curtail AM operating privileges for US amateurs. No such proposal has been introduced by ARRL in the five years I've been on the Board, and I do not expect any one to be forwarded in the future. The fact is that ARRL has been and continues to support any mode of operation that is legal in the US and the operators who use these modes -- AM included. Now, you know the rest of the story.

For another discussion, see www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/12/07/100/?nc=1.

+++ **Section HF Nets** +++

The following lists HF Section nets in the Great Lakes Division (GLD). Feel free to join one or more of these nets. If you are new to net operation, the best thing to do is to listen until you are familiar with general net practice -- then check in. Net Control will be happy to help anyone learn to become a top-notch operator.

In Kentucky:

KEN - Kentucky Emergency Net; Monday, 3972.5 kHz, 1930 ET.

KYN - Kentucky CW Net; daily, 3596 kHz, 2000 ET.

KSN - Kentucky Slow CW Net; daily, 3579 kHz, 2200 ET daily.

In Michigan:

MACS - Michigan Amateur Communications System; Mon-Sat, 3953 kHz 1100 ET.

MIARPSC - Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps; Sunday, 3932 kHz, 17:00 ET.

UPN - Upper Peninsula Net; Sun-Sat, 3920 KHz, 17:00 ET; Sunday 3921 kHz, 12:00 ET.

MITN - Michigan Traffic Net; Sun-Sat, 3952 kHz, 1800 ET.

QMN - Michigan Net; Sun-Fri, 3563 kHz, 1830 & 2200 ET.

WSSBN - Wolverine Single Sideband Net, 3932 kHz, 1900 ET.

UP-ARES - UP ARES Net; Friday, 3932 kHz, 1930 ET.

GLETN - Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net; Sun-Sat, 3932 kHz, 2030 ET.

In Ohio

BNE - Buckeye (Early); Daily, 3577 kHz, 1845 ET.

BNL - Buckeye (Late); Daily, 3577 kHz, 2200 ET.

OSN - Ohio Slow Net; Daily, 3535 kHz, 1810ET.

OSSBN - Ohio Single Side-Band Net; Daily, 3972.5 kHz, 1030 1615 & 1845 ET.

Both Michigan and Ohio are developing digital networks that are in differing states of completion. Anyone interested in these should contact SM Dale Williams WA8EFK [wa8efk@arrl.org] for Michigan and SM Joe Phillips K8QOE [k8qoe@arrl.org] for Ohio.

+++ **ARRL Offers Customizable Awards** +++

ARRL HQ has just announced the availability of awards that can be purchased to give to special amateurs. The awards are modestly priced and can be personalized for the recipient. These are suitable to give to a club Amateur of the Year or other award recipient. Go to www.barkerstores.com/arrl and click on Custom

Awards. The current selection is somewhat limited. Expect it to be expanded as time goes by.

+++ **Congratulations to our Vice Director** +++

Unknown to most members is the fact that GLD Vice Director, Gary Johnston KI4LA, is a history buff. Not only is he a member of the ARRL Board's Historical Committee, but he is the President of the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington KY. The museum re-opened December 1 after being closed for 8 months for a \$2+ million expansion and remodeling. Among his other duties, Gary was primarily responsible for obtaining funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky that made this possible.

Great job, Gary

+++ **Happy 75th Anniversary** +++

I was fortunate to have been able to join SM Dale Williams WA8EFK and ARRL CEO Dave Sumner K1ZZ to take part in the December 1 celebration of the Motor City Radio Club's (W8MRM) 75th Anniversary. It was a great evening with members and guests filling the banquet room at a major restaurant. I was particularly impressed with the high number (14) of past presidents who participated in the evening in spite of bad travel weather.

Similarly, the Hiawatha ARA (K8LOD) in Marquette, MI, also recently celebrated reaching the 75th Anniversary mile post.

Congratulations to each club. Each is strong and active. Each is an ARRL Affiliated Club. This is a great achievement.

+++ **Call Signs Issued** +++

The FCC is issuing KJ4A** 2X3 call signs. The most recent call I've seen for Kentucky is KJ4AUJ. The poor fellow's last name is Weaver. No relation to me, though. KD8HHZ is the most advanced 8-call reported to date. This call was issued to a ham in Saginaw.

Calls that are more alphabetically advanced certainly have been issued. These have not yet been included in reports I typically see. Even without having seen the latest calls, my original call of WA8COA definitely demonstrates I am an old timer.

+++ **Sunny Future** +++

I've never been known for having great insight into the future. The best I can do is to look at events of the past and present, and attempt to anticipate how any trends apparent from these might be used to predict what will come in the days ahead. My take on the future of Amateur Radio during the next several years is that it will grow in significance and importance to the public.

What is the basis for this belief? Here are a few observations that lead me to this conclusion:

1. State and local EMA directors and the Salvation Army (SATERN) have come to credit amateurs publicly with the emergency relief work we are doing.
2. Amateurs are becoming increasingly skilled in providing high-quality emergency communications support to served agencies.
3. There is a modest growth in Amateur Radio licensing in recent months.
4. Youngsters are becoming interested in hamming when it is presented to them properly.

How do these observations fit together? As we continue to make strong, favorable impressions on EMA and Salvation Army, they will talk even more about us. Still more agencies might even begin to talk of our aid to them. This good press will interest still more people in learning what hamming is and how it works. Some of these people will become amateurs.

Regarding youngsters, they too will be impacted by the positive press.

This will be particularly true of youngsters who attend schools that feature ARRL's "Big Project" Amateur Radio program. Big Project schools already have shown that youngsters still buy in to Amateur Radio when they are shown its relevance to today's life.

+++ Tentative Travel Schedule +++

A note to program and hamfest/swap schedulers: Gary and I are beginning to look toward the 2008 year to schedule trips. If you would like for either of us to visit your hamfest/swap, meeting or celebration, please let us know as soon as possible. We already have a few requests, some from clubs that we have visited regularly. We are always happy to revisit old friends; however, we also need to visit different places when this is possible. Because of this, I am delaying scheduling additional meetings until after January 1. This will give me an opportunity to view any additional requests before adding visits to my schedule.

As one final point, the cost of gasoline is hitting our travels just as it is yours. Please consider having two or more clubs join together to host Gary or me at a combined meeting. Doing this will help us spend your dues money more efficiently.

I wish you each Happy Hanukkah and Holy Ramadan (I'm a little late), and a very Merry Christmas filled with love and joy. All the best in 2008.

Our tentative schedule and significant Great Lakes Division events so far for 2008 are:

Jan 12: Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH - Jim

Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee, Houston, TX - Jim

Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Houston, TX - Gary & Jim

Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim

Jul *QST*: To noon, Aug 8: Nominations for Director/Vice Director are open.

Sep 23-Oct 1: Ballots for Director/Vice Director mailed.

Nov 21, noon: Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted.

Nov 22 by end of day: Candidates notified of election results electronically.

2009

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

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

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Hamfests &c.

January 2008

Jan 12, Middletown OH SW OH Digital & Technical Symposium (22d Annual), sponsored by Dial ARC, at Miami University Middletown, Thesken Hall, 4200 E University Blvd. Free! Doors open at 7:30 AM for registration, presentations start at 8 AM and continue to 4:30 PM. Features include digital and technical pre- sentations, hands-on interactions between presenters and attendees, and an ARRL forum. No fleas – this is a technical conference/seminar only. Talk-in 146.61. Contact Jay Slough K4ZLE, 2554 Hamilton Rd, Lebanon OH 45036, 513=934-0235, [k4zle@arrl.net], www.swohdigi.org

Jan 20, Nelsonville OH Sunday Creek AR Federation 12th Annual Hamfest at Tri-County Career Ctr, 15676 SR 691. Set-up 7 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. Amateur radio and electronics equipment, vendors, VE sessions, special guest ARRL Asst Section Mgr Connie Hamilton N8IO, refreshments. Talk-in: 147.15. Admission \$6. Info: Jeramy Duncan KC8QDQ, 5000 Angel Ridge Rd, Athens OH 45701, 740=593-3451, [kc8qdq@hughes.net]

Jan 20, Strasburg OH Tusco ARC 18th Annual Hamfest at Wallick Auction House, 965 N Wooster Ave. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. Vendors, dealers, free parking. Talk-in: 146.73 (71.9 Hz). Admission \$5. Info: Gary Green K8WFN, 32210 Norris Rd, Tippecanoe OH 44699, 740=922-4454, [k8wfn@tusco.net], or [tuscofest08@ hotmail.com], noard.com/tuscoarc.htm

What's coming in January 2008

Wed Jan 2 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925
Fri Jan 4 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps meets at Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr; pls park in Bd of Educ lot
Tue Jan 8 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Tutorial on renewing your license on-line, by Dale KC8HQS
Wed Jan 9 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.925
Sat Jan 12 10:00 AM Oh-Ky-In monthly fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park (talk-in to start on 146.67)
Wed, Jan 16 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
Fri, Jan 18 7:30 PM Queen City Emergency Net at Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
Wed, Jan 23 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
Wed, Jan 30 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR, 146.925
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: Still to be determined
Wed, Feb 6 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925

Dues! Local & ARRL

With 2008 already upon us, 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 Ciulfo K4SM77* Membership Chairman

