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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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- > e-mailed to [n8cgm@arrl.net]

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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

Field Day is finally here (June 28th & 29th)! OH-KY-IN will be in the same spot as in years past (Mitchell Memorial Forest in Cleves). The picnic dinner is open to everybody. Stop by around 6 PM Saturday to enjoy grilled hot dogs, burgers, etc. Thanks to John KC8VQU for being Field Day Chef this year! Also, most important, thanks to Nathan KA3MTT for overseeing this important event. We cannot thank him enough! I hope to see you out there this year.

Don't forget about Red, White & Blue Ash on Independence Day! OH-KY-IN is working the beer booth and the club makes money from this event. We still need a few volunteers! This is a MAJOR event for the club so let's make it successful. This event will take place at the Blue Ash Sports Center (11540 Grooms Road, Blue Ash) and will feature LIVE entertainment such as 38 Special & Charlie Daniels Band. Attendance is FREE and the more the booth makes, the more the club makes! To volunteer, contact Bruce N8BV @ 513=251-1555 or [n8bv@juno.com]. Thanks to everybody who helped dismantle WA8YL's tower! The ground crew consisted of: Mike AC4XS, Dennis KB8JVK, Sam KJ8K, Gene N8KOJ, Gerry KD8ASL, Bruce N8BV & Dale KC8HQS. A big thanks to Dick WB4SUV & Brian K4BRI for climbing!

Finally, thanks to Bob Mayne N8OWB for his gracious donation of his Kenwood HF station and accessories. His donation will prove to be a very valuable asset to the club in the future.

See you at the July club meeting!

73, *Dale KC8HQS*

Next meeting

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

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

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

73, *Gary KB8MJC*

Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Dale KC8HQ5 called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 guest – KD8IOQ Mike - 28 members attending. Also two class attendees present – Dennis KD8ILY and Scott KD8ILX

Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare - Carol WA8YL passed away May 22. John Haungs W8STX also passed away.

Otto AA8KK is back in the hospital – wish him well

Brag session - nothing

The program was about Field Day, by Nathan KA3MTT

Break from 8:18 – 8:39 PM

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Motion was made to accept the printed minutes by KC8VQS, seconded by K9OHE – motion passed.

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT reported we are at 92 for 2008 – membership list will be forthcoming

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK passed reports around.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Tech committee -- Brian K4BRI reported we met at his (old) residence to inventory club equipment. Also he asked for help in taking down Carol WA8YL's tower next Tuesday.

Equipment manager – Brian KC8FJN was not present

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

Bruce N8BV reported we would like another regular net control for Tech Talk – 1st or 4th Wednesday

Liaisons - Pete KC8BZM was not present

Racers – Our next race will be July 29 – please come out

Old business -

Nathan KA3MTT reported that EchoLink will be working on 146.67 – soon – it is in the works

New business -

KA8KLP Walt Harris passed away

N8OWB Bob, donated equipment to the club – thank you!

Club picnic? Yes. Sign up sheet passed around – Aug 16 at noon

The random member drawing was Tim KD8ILT

Split the pot of \$23 was won by Jim W8IOA

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted -- *Brian DeYoung K4BR9*, Recording Secretary

VE exam opportunities

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

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

New Extra question pool as of July 1?

There were new study guides for Extra seen at Dayton – Ye Ed isn't finding any other proof.

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Amateur Radio Call Signs recently issued

Dist Grp C: Tech Grp B: Gen Grp A: Extra

4 KJ4DZX long gone! AJ4HU
8 KD8INL long gone! AC8BL
9 KC9NQJ long gone! AB9RH

-- *Worldradio*, July 2008

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Radio's Plus
Joe Davidson KB8SB
11641 Colthar Dr
Bethel OH 45106-9669
513=752-9570
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==> **ARRL WELCOMES YAESU**

AS PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD WEBSITE

The ARRL welcomes Yaesu as principal sponsor of the Logbook of The World (LoTW)

<<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>> Web site. LoTW is a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world; when both participants in a QSO submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit. With almost 21,000 amateurs registered on LoTW, more than 170 million QSO records have been entered into the five year old system, resulting in more than 13.4 million QSL records.

"Yaesu is absolutely delighted to be the Principal Sponsor supporting the extremely popular ARRL Logbook of The World Web site," said Yaesu's Executive Vice President for Amateur Radio Sales and Marketing Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV. "It provides Yaesu with an opportunity to serve the Amateur Radio community. We hope LoTW users will note our support and judge this action for what it is intended to be -- a 'Thank You' to the thousands of avid DXers and other active operators worldwide." In return for its sponsorship of the LoTW Web site, Yaesu will receive promotional consideration in QST and on the LoTW Web site. >8 - *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 #22, June 6, 2008

One lap of the flea market

Veterans (survivors?) of the Dayton Hamvention^R Flea Market have often wondered just how much walking it really takes to see every parking lot booth. Doug W9WI made a rough estimate of the distance by pacing off the width of a space. (He calculated 8 feet, about 2.4m) and used the map printed in the program to count the spaces. "Allowing for the aisles between the rows and allowing 8 ft to turn around at the end of each row, I arrived at 3.81 miles (about 6 km) as the distance of one lap of the flea market. This does not count the walk from the bus to the lot, nor does it include the distance spent backtracking to that thing you really needed and which sold before you got there, nor going to the porta-potty and back, nor hauling that rotor or plate transformer to the UPS Store." Funny thing - knowing how far it is doesn't make my feet feel any better at all! Dan WD8AAU suggests packing an extra pair of dry socks in a plastic bag as an instant refresher for those tired tootsies. "Priceless!" he opines.

-- *ARRL Contest Update* (new title) for May 28, 2008

Field Day Educational Activity de *Nathan KASMTT*, Field Day Chair

Thanks to Gary KB8MYC, we have our Educational Activity planned for OH-KY-IN's Field Day this year! The Educational Committee will teach how to build a copper J-pole antenna for 2 meters. I would strongly encourage any of the newcomers to the club/hobby to be present for this learning experience. Once the antenna is completed, you will get it ready for on-air use, and test it making 2 meter contacts for QSO points! Then, all of the participants who built the antenna will have their name entered in a drawing. One lucky participant will win the antenna, and you can take it home and use it as your 2-meter base antenna!

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No newly-OKed DXCC operations this time.

DX Spots for July '08 – de KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PJ6- Netherland Antilles Jul 1 thru Jul 7 ----- 7Y46ND- Algeria Jul 1 thru Jul 30	VK9X- Christmas Isl Jul 1 thru Jul 31 ----- ZS8T- Marion Isl Jul 1 thru 2009	1	2 VP5-Turks & Caicos thru Jul 12	3 YN2KDJ- Nicaragua thru Jul 14	4 	5
6 HBOQQ- Lichtenstein thru Jul 9	7	8 PJ7-St Maarten thru Jul 10	9 VP-St Pierre & Miquelon thru Jul 14 ----- TK-Corsica thru Aug 3	10 PJ2-Neth Antilles thru Jul 16	11 OJ0-Market Reef thru Jul 14 	12 D4C-Cape Verde thru Jul 13 ----- JT1KAA- Mongolia thru Jul 13
13	14	15 HB0- Lichtenstein thru Jul 19 ----- VR-Hong Kong thru Aug 31	16 C9- Mozambiqu e thru Jul 30	17 TF-Iceland thru Aug 5 	18	19 CU2-Azores thru Jul 26
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 CU3-Azores thru Aug 1 ----- CN2DX- Morocco thru Aug 8
27	28	29	30	31		

Contests

July 2008



- 1 Canada Day, CW & Phone
- 4-5 MI QRP Sprint, CW; Venezuelan Independence Day Contest, Phone & CW; DL DX RTTY Contest; DARC 10 m Digital Corona Contest
- 11-12 IARU HF Work Championship, Phone & CW; FISTS Summer Sprint, CW; West Coast Regional Challenge, Phone & CW; QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint, CW
- 19-20 Russian Radio Team Championship, Phone & CW
 - DMC RTTY Sprint
 - Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint, CW
 - NA RTTY QSO Contest
 - CQ WW VHF Contest
 - CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush, CW
- 26-27 IOTA Contest, Phone & CW; Flight of the Bumblebees, CW

Recover from Field Day-- by contesting. For more see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
73, *Dan K744U*

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ARRL PR chief asks for help to start HD radio broadcasting

To Ohio Section Hams:

Here is an interesting idea which some radio engineers in Ohio can contribute greatly to the promotion of ham radio. I am reprinting here the entire message sent by ARRL Public Information Chief, Allen Pitts W1AGP, to the Public Relations Reflector. I hope one or more talented Ohio ham radio operators can be a part of all this.

Joe Phillips K820E Ohio Section Manager

To the Public Relations Committee of the ARRL

OK...this is a call for 3 volunteers.

I am looking for 3 hams who are also broadcast radio type engineers.

I thought of a perfect topic to add to the website. HD radio broadcasting. This indeed is a new technology to most people and listeners to radio stations hear that their station recently changed and is "now HD" but don't have a clue what that actually is about. They know HD on television, but on radio???

Of course I also am looking for a "hook" into Amateur Radio training and experience!

So... I ask if you would like to work with others in developing a page for the technology blog website about HD radio. What is it? How does it work? What does it mean to the listener? Audio clips of "normal" and of "HD" to make comparison would be nice.

The goal is to develop 3-5 paragraphs explaining it, two sound clips for comparison, and, if possible, some pictures (spectrum? Hams at work in a studio?).

I would like to have it to be ready go up by the end of July. Let me know by email to [Apitts@arrl.org] if you would like to be part of this.

Once I get some volunteers, we'll pick 3 and go. If you send in and are NOT picked -- rest assured I have your name on a list here for other things as they come up.

Allen G Pitts, WIAGP Media & PR Manager ARRL - the national association for Amateur Radio
225 Main St. Newington CT 06111 860=594-0328 [apitts@arrl.org]
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Net Control Stations Needed

Net control operators are needed for TechTalk. There are openings for the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Of course TechTalk meets every Wednesday evening at 9 PM on the 146.925 (-) repeater. Postitions for substitute net control operators are also needed.

Substitute operators could be called upon ahead of schedule or at the last minute when one of the regular net controls is not available. The TechTalk net is not a difficult net to run. The preamble for the net is available at: techtalk.ohkyin.org. This preamble outlines just how the net operates, from the opening to the closing and everything in between.

As net manager, I'd like to again thank the net control operators that have been doing this month after month after month for quite some time, as well as to a couple of substitutes that have filled in recently, and also to the substitute operators who stand by just in case they are needed.

If you'd like to take a turn as net control, please let me know by telephone or email.

Thank You!!

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

CQ Field Day!

Reminder: FIELD DAY is 28-29 June, this weekend already!

And preparations are well under way, especially for the annual event **picnic** at the OH-KY-IN Field Day site, Mitchell Memorial Forest, Saturday, 28 June.

Start time for the picnic is the usual 6 PM and we will be providing the burgers, metts, bratts, dogs, and all the fixins including all the necessary condiments, snacks, pop and water. What we need help with are covered dishes such as beans and others, salads, desserts etc. etc. We already have someone bringing a pasta salad and a watermelon. Please bring your family, friends and significant others and anyone else you'd like to show what Field Day is all about!

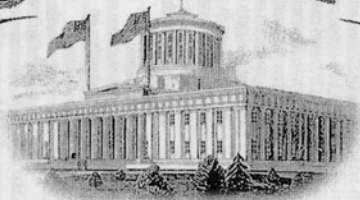
I want to thank John Phelps KC8VQU for taking care of the picnic this year in my absence. If there are any questions regarding the picnic, please feel free to call him as listed in the club directory or email at [johnphelps@fuse.net].

Thanks! *Eric N8YC*

==> World Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) championships fast approaching

Have you ever thought about competing on the world stage? ARRL Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) Coordinator Joe Moell K0OV reports that there are some openings available to compete for the USA this September at the ARDF World Championships in Korea. "All of this year's USA gold medalists plus those from last year and other competitors who did well have been offered positions on ARDF Team USA for the 14th ARDF World Championships," he said. "Many are unable to go this year for a variety of reasons, so at this time there is at least one opening remaining in every category except M50 (males age 50-59). This makes it possible for relatively inexperienced radio-orientees to join the team. It is also possible to attend as a non-competing visitor, but all visitors must be listed on the national team roster." >8 For the rest of the article pls go to *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 #24, June 20, 2008

In the name and by the Authority of
THE STATE OF OHIO



Ted Strickland
Governor of said State
hereby officially recognizes

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS' APPRECIATION DAY in OHIO

Amateur radio operators play a vital role in emergency communications preparedness plans for the nation, state and local government agencies; and

Ohio has more than twenty-eight thousand (28,000) licensed amateur radio operators many of whom have provided valuable public assistance through emergency radio communications on a local, statewide, national and international basis in times of need, and

Amateur radio operators donate their equipment, time and expertise in providing public service and emergency communications free of charge, and

June 28 2008 has been designated as amateur radio Field Day for emergency communications preparedness exercises,

THEREFORE, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor of Ohio, recognize **June 28, 2008** as **AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS' APPRECIATION DAY** in Ohio in recognition of the importance of the amateur radio operators' role in preparing for public service and emergency communications and this important emergency preparedness service.

ON THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE,
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT.

Ted Strickland

Ted Strickland
Governor



INVITATION TO WEBINAR: Red Cross Background Checking (Reply only to [k8je@arrl.org].)

As mentioned in the most recent e-mail to you, the next Webinar will be Tuesday, July 1 from 9-10 PM.

The topic is -- **Update on Red Cross Background Checks** --

To register for the Webinar go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/839406365>

System Requirements:

PC-based attendees -

Required: Windows® 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, and Vista.

Macintosh®-based attendees -

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4 (Tiger®) or newer.

After you have registered for the Webinar, you will receive full instructions by e-mail on entering it next Tuesday evening.

A presentation will be made. A question and answer period will follow.

As host Director Bill Edgar says, "This webinar will also permit attendees to listen to the webinar over their computer speakers without the need to dial into a long distance teleconferencing center." Telephoning into the Webinar long distance center can also be done.

To date, the Red Cross has provided a vague reply to ARRL's concerns over RC's all-encompassing demands for authority to perform background checks. Until this letter is clarified by RC, we assume their viewpoint has not changed. Of course, no one associated with the ARRL Board of Directors or staff has attempted or will attempt to tell amateurs what to do regarding the RC requirements. The coming Webinar will fill you in on the current status of the background check demands as well as of ARRL's effort to obtain a new MOU/SOU to replace the one RC allowed to expire.

We can also discuss exactly what RC as well as ARRL is risking regarding the background check issue. RC, for example, has lost over 95% of its volunteers nationwide since it issued its demand they be given permission to undertake far-reaching background checks.

The Webinar is a joint operation of Director Edgar (Atlantic Division), Director Henry Leggette (Delta Division), Director Bob Vallio (Pacific Division) and me.

Tnx, 73, *Jim K8JE*

Jim Weaver K8JE, Director ARRL Great Lakes Division

Weaver's Words -- Post Webinar Special Edition [As always, reply only to[k8je@arrl.org].]

This is a short "special edition." The principal purpose for this edition is to request feedback from GLD members who were able to participate in the Webinar this past Saturday (June 14). Your opinion of the Webinar format for conferencing within our Division is very important to me.

If you participated in the Webinar, did you like the format? Did you dislike the format? Do you believe that discussions with questions and answers such as on Saturday would be useful? Not useful? Do you vote "I think we ought to hold Webinars" or do you vote "Do not hold Webinars?"

Please send your comments to [k8je@arrl.org]. Please place the subject WEBINAR COMMENT in the subject line of the e-mail message.

Tnx for your help. I hope to be able to piggy-back on future Webinars in the near future -- and to be able to give you greater advance notice of these.

73, TNX, *Jim*

- Webinar test.

- You asked.

+++ Webinar test +++

I will appreciate it if you who had the opportunity to take part in last Saturday's (June 14) Webinar test will let me know your impression of it.

In particular, do you believe it is a viable method to use to hold on-line and telephone conferences within our Great Lakes Division? Was the form of the conference useful to you? Do you believe it would be useful to other members of the Division?

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Please send your comments to [k8je@arrl.org].

I apologize for the short timing I gave in notifying you of the Webinar. I became aware of it only several hours before I forwarded notice of it to you.

I want to thank Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar N3LLR for allowing us to piggyback on his Webinar. I believe we will have another opportunity or two to join him in future Webinars before we need to make the decision about buying into this same system for our Division.

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

A few members asked what is going on that such a fuss is being made over D-Star when it is obviously a product of ICOM and is not open to other equipment makers. They are concerned we should not promote communication systems when the sales only benefit a monopoly.

The answer to this question is fairly simple. D-Star is not a monopoly. It is open for all manufacturers to use.

This digital form of communication was developed through a grant from the Japanese government. The developers were the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) and ICOM. Once developed, ICOM chose to manufacture gear using this technology. ICOM and JARL have offered the system to other manufacturers; however, none of the others have chosen to use D-Star ... to this date.

Because of its capabilities, development of D-Star systems has been pursued with vigor by ARES^R in some Sections of the country. There are hot-spots of great interest in other Sections. D-Star supports voice, digital and other modes.

The fact that ICOM is the only manufacturer that is selling D-Star gear is not necessarily surprising. One marketing strategy of corporations in response to a new, breakthrough product is to wait to enter the market until they are sure the market will support a second manufacturer. Until this has been demonstrated, they wait rather than invest money in products and advertising. I believe we are in the waiting period at this time.

The fact that ICOM currently is the only manufacturer of D-Star equipment is not because ICOM has a monopoly. The D-Star technology is readily available to others to use in making equipment -- when they want to use it.

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

NOTE: Beginning with this month, appearances made by John Meyers NB4K in his capacity as the Division Legislation Action Chair will be listed in the Tentative Schedule.

29-30 Jun: Field Day - Jim

10 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown - Jim, John

11-13 Jul: Michigan Summer Outing, Lupton (TBD) - Jim, John

17 Jul: A&F Meeting, Newington - Jim

18-19 Jul: Board Meeting, Newington - Jim, Gary

22 Jul: Quarterly GLD Teleconference

1 Aug: Massillon (OH) RC - Jim

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

10 Aug: Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lawrenceburg - Jim

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

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

21 Sep: Cincinnati Hamfest - Jim, Gary

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

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

12 Oct: Michigan State Convention, Kalamazoo - Jim

28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference

21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted

22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results

2009

1 Jan: (Noon) Newly elected/re-elected Director and Vice Director replace the present Director and Vice Director.

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

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ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is! Members - The Reason ARRL Is!

OH Section news for July was not yet available at issue assembly time.

FUNDRAISING

Your OH-KY-IN Fundraising Committee is hard at work and again we need your help. As mentioned previously, we will be working a beer booth at Red, White & Blue Ash on Friday, July 4th. Dale & I will start operations at 1pm and stay until the end, but we still need volunteers for later in the day and into the evening. Red, White & Blue Ash of course is held in Blue Ash. It is at the Blue Ash Sports Center on Grooms Road and is FREE to the public. This event includes National Entertainment, Family Fun area, Food, Drinks, and the Biggest & Best Fireworks in the Tri-State area! The entertainment this year will be Shooter Jennings, 38 Special and Charlie Daniels Band. For more event information go to *blueash.com*.

The more volunteers we have for the beer booth the better. Why not bring the family out for the entertainment and help the club at the same time. Remember, the club gets 12% of gross sales from working this booth! If you have family or friends who would like to help, that would be great too. If we have enough manpower we could work it in shifts. Time is running out, please contact me as soon as possible. I'd like to see us make this an annual event.

There are similar events that we can work also, but let's get this one under our belt first and then we can talk about the others for next year. Last minute details will be discussed at the July meeting, just 3 days prior to the event. Thanks once again for helping YOUR CLUB with fundraising!!

My contact information is 513=251-1555 or [n8bv@juno.com]. Or feel free to call me on any of the club's repeaters.

73, Bruce N8BV

Gear for sale:

Kenwood TS50S, excellent condition, works gud, great CW rig!! \$ 300.00

Yaesu FT7100 2/440 Mobile/base, VHF/UHF, TNC Built in For APRS, also excellent condition, works well. \$ 225.00

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Hygain 18AVS 80-10 Meter HF Vertical Antenna works great, worked 22 out of 40 zones & 73 DX countries in one of the DX contests with it. \$ 80.00
 MFJ CW Keyer/Reader, brand new, never used. \$ 75.00
 MFJ Sound Card Interface for PSK31, other digital modes, never been used, brand new. \$ 75.00
 75 feet of RG8U Coax Cable. \$ Make offer.
 Getting out of hobby due to personal reasons. Please call at 937=890-8027.
 73, Jim Andrews W8JWA [landrews001@woh.rr.com]

Hamfests &c.

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12 Indianapolis IN Communications & Technology Expo sponsored by Indianapolis Hamfest Assn at Camp Sertoma, 2316 S German Church Rd. 6 AM-3 PM. Fleas inside & out, forums, VE sessions 9-11 AM (at nearby location; shuttle service provided). Talk-in: 146.76. \$6 advance, \$8 door. Info: Bob Blake N9FIM, 317=261-6658, [bob9fim@att.net], www.indyhamfest.com

NOARSFEST 2008, 44th Anniv Hamfest & Computer Show sponsored by Northern Ohio ARS at Lorain Co Fairgrounds, Rte 18, Wellington OH. Public 8 AM-noon. Lots of fleas, indoor vendors, computer & Amateur Radio sales, Special Event station, ladies' events. Talk-in: 146.70. \$6. Info: John Schaaf K8JWS, 216=696-5709, [noarsfest2008@noars.net], www.noars.net. Grab 3 or more of your friends and ride together to the hamfest. You all can split the cost of the gas, and NOARS will give you a \$1 discount on each paid admission (must have 4 or more) in your vehicle!

20 Van Wert OH Hamfest sponsored by Van Wert ARC at Van Wert Co Fairgrounds, 1055 S Washington St (US 127 S). Talk-in: 146.85. \$5. Info: Stephen Kouts WA8WKF, [skouts@bright.net], www.w8fy.org

27 Portage OH Hamfair, sponsored by Portage ARC at Portage Co Fairgrounds, 4215 Fairgrounds Rd (SR 44). Public 8 AM-3 PM. Lots of fleas (\$5/space), indoor vendors, computers, electronics, ARRL officials & forums, VE sessions, QSL card checking, unlimited free parking, breakfast & lunch on grounds. Talk-in: 145.39. \$5 advance, \$6 door. Info: Joanne Solak KJ3O, 330=274-8240, [kj3o@arrl.net], www.portagearc.org

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With all the focus on technology in contesting, it's only natural that the story will be immortalized in song. I have a modest example here...

Robots In the Night

Rearranged from Sinatra's original by Dr Beldar (with inspiration from KX9X & NIND)

Robots in the night exchanging packets	Up to the moment
Tuning through the night what were the chances	When they made their QSO
They'd fill each other's logs	Little did they know
Before the 'test was through?	Points were just an ACK away
Something in their spots was so inviting	A channel changing scan away and
The RF to their amps was so exciting	One call timed just right to place the headers
The multiplier list	In the decoder's sights, without bit errors
Showed they were needed Q's.	Their checksums came out right
Robots in the night, two lonely stations	For robots in the night.
Sending beacons through the night	73, <i>Ward NOAX</i>

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The new music video from [The Ham Band](#) is now available for free download! When you visit the site, place it in your shopping cart - the cost is zero dollars - and it's available in several qualities to suit your

Internet connectivity. Use the email address [lissa@lissa.dk] and password *lissa* to view it. (Thanks, Andrew OZ1ZJ and Lissa) -- *ARRL Contest Update* for May 28, 2008

What's coming the end of June and rest of July

Fri Jun 27 2 PM Set-up begins for Field Day at Mitchell Memorial Forest
(see map in June issue)

Sat Jun 28 2 PM Field Day officially begins!

6 PM Oh-Ky-In Field Day picnic, near operating site at Mitchell Memorial Forest

Sun Jun 29 2 PM Field Day officially ends

Tue Jul 1 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle



Program: Hamilton's first radio station, conducted by Kevin Jones W8KJ

Canada Day

Wed Jul 2 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925

Fri Jul 4 8:00 PM US Independence Day

Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co
Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377
Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot



1-10:30 PM Red, White & Blue Ash, Blue Ash Sports Ctr on Grooms Rd

Tue Jul 8 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA

Wed Jul 9 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.925

Sat Jul 12 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park
Talk-in to start on 146.67

Wed Jul 16 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925

Fri Jul 18 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 720 Sycamore St downtown

Tue Jul 22 7:30 PM Oh-Ky-In Board of Directors meeting, location TBA

Wed Jul 23 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925

Wed Jul 30 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Rick KD4PYR, 146.925

Fri Aug 1 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot

Tue Aug 5 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle

Program: To be determined

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Ameritron AL-80A for sale (10 meter mod has been done)

Description: Ameritron AL-80a 1KW Output, 160-15, 10 possible with mod.
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