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From the President

Hey.

Update on the 1 Day Class/exam session... The exams were very successful and we had a 100% pass rating. Thanks to the VEs that came out to help!

Field Day is right around the corner (June 28th & 29th) and OH-KY-IN will be in the same spot as in years past (Mitchell Memorial Forest in Cleves). The June club meeting will feature information about Field Day and how you can get involved. Let's be more competitive this year! Pick up the mic and make those contacts!

The following Friday after Field Day, OH-KY-IN will need volunteers to work the beer booth at Red, White & Blue Ash. This Independence Day 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].

See you at the June club meeting!

73, Dale KC8HQS

Next meeting

In the June program, Nathan KA3MTT will present our plans for ARRL Field Day. Plan to attend to see what is in store for this year and to help us begin the sign up process.

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

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

Visitors always welcome!

73, Gary KB8MYC

Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, May 6th, 2008

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 guest – KC8IVR Mike, previous member - 24 members attending.

No new licensees, no upgrades – proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare - nothing

Brag session – Brian, K4BRI became a grandfather – Laurie Haltermon KF4YWG graduated *summa cum laude* from Thomas More.

The program was swap meet – held after the regular meeting

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Motion was made to accept the printed minutes by Gene NU8U, seconded by Mike KC8IVR – motion passed.

Membership - Nathan KA3MTT not present - we are currently at 90 members for 2008

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK was not present, reports were passed around. CD dates now listed on the financial reports – Gene N8KOJ questioned the rates for the CDs

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Brian, K4BRI reported nothing new for the tech committee – there will be a meeting this month at Brian K4BRI's to inventory and package club equipment.

Classes and Exams – we had 10 in the class, and 12 at the exam session – everyone did great – all passed.

Motion made to send half of the proceeds to QCEN (\$25) with a nice letter, by Bruce N8BV – Stephen KC8VQS seconded – passed. Rick KD4PYR offered to help assemble.

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

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for Tech Talk

The Awards Dinner was at Nick and Tom's, April 8th

Liaisons - Pete KC8BZM was not present

Racers – 3 racers participated – it was fun

Old business -

Mentioned Field Day and had a signup sheet

New business -

Carol WA8YL's tower still needs to come down – more information to come – we need helpers

Ed K8VSJ's dentist needs some antenna help

The random member drawing was Brian K4BRI who was present – was \$60 – thanks!

Split the pot of \$19 was won by Dale KC8HQS.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

***Field Day * 2008**

Field Day will be held the weekend of June 28 and 29 at Mitchell Memorial Forest in Cleves OH.

The contest will begin at 2 PM on Saturday and end at 2 PM on Sunday. The object of Field Day

is to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

We will operate a CW station, a SSB station, a 6-meter station, and a GOTA station this year.

Setup for the event will begin at approximately 2 PM on Friday, June 27. We can use all the help we can get on Friday. After most is done, we will go to Wild Mike's for dinner, and then back to the park.

You don't have to be a seasoned operator to join in on the fun. There will be plenty of operators needed and I would like to get as many people out as possible. If you haven't been to Field Day

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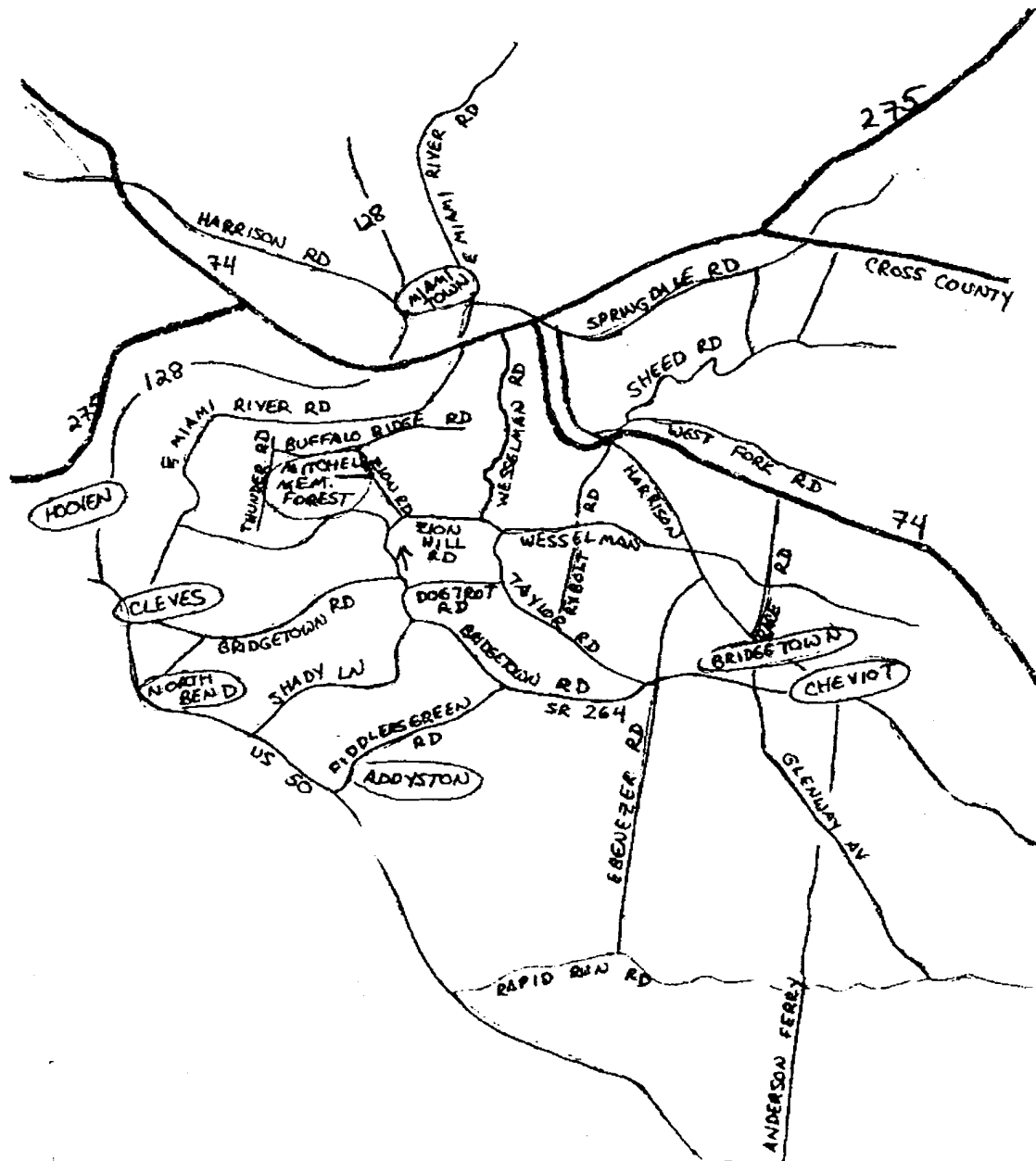
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in a while, make a commitment to yourself and come out – I guarantee that you'll look forward to it again next year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. If you need directions to the park, you can find those at www.ohkyin.org. If you haven't access to the Web, please see the map on the following page.

Featuring Bob W8JSO & Brad WD9HDZ in minor roles
 See pg 6 for what's under pictures – sorry! -- Ye Ed
 ==> **FCC'S HOLLINGSWORTH SET TO RETIRE IN JULY**

Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth has announced plans to retire from the FCC later this year. "My intention," Hollingsworth told the ARRL, "is to head out in July, assuming the results of the second round of the PAVE PAWS/440 repeater monitoring in California present no complications. It has been a privilege to work with and for the Amateur Radio licensees and the land mobile frequency coordinators. I am extremely fortunate to work for two wonderful groups of people: saying, "There Those at headquarters in the Enforcement Bureau, and for the Amateur Radio operators." Hollingsworth had planned to retire earlier this year, but changed his mind, "There[were] several issues on the table that I want[ed] to continue to work through with the amateur community." 8< from ARRL Ltr, V27 #20, 5-23-08

73, *Nathan KASMT7*



Map to Mitchell Memorial Forest. Season pass for Hamilton Co Parks \$5 (recommended), day pass \$2 each. One or the other is required. Buy at park entrance.

From p5 → Delta Kings show at Deer Park HS, Crawford Auditorium. June 13 at 8 PM, June 14 at 2 & 8 PM

Clips from ARRL DX news in KA3MTT's temporary absence, **end of May & June 2008**

It's hoped **DX Spots** will be back in July

GERMANY DA. Special event station DM152ZYA is QRV until the end of 2008 in celebration of the 50 years of the German four engine plane 152. Activity is on 80 to 2 meters, including 70 cm, using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via DJ7AL.

PRINCE EDWARD AND MARION ISLAND ZS8. Petrus ZS6GCM will be QRV as ZS8T from Marion Island, IOTA AS-021, until the end of March 2009. QSL via LZ3HI.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Afghanistan YA/LY1Y, operations in 2006 and 2007.

Above from *ARLD019 DX news*, May 1, 2008

KENYA 5Z. Steffen 5Z4DX will be QRV from Shanzu Beach from May 14 to June 11. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL direct.

CZECH REPUBLIC OK. Members of the Radio Club Dobruska are QRV as OL1908D until May 31 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the railway system to the City of Dobruska. Activity is on all bands and modes, including V/UHF. QSL via OK1KT.

Above from *ARLD020 DX news*, May 8, 2008

FIJI 3D2. Eddie VK4AN and Rajiv VK4FRAJ will be QRV as 3D2A from May 17 to 31. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. They will also have a 6 meter beacon on 50105 kHz. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ WPX CW contest. QSL via VK4AN.

UGANDA 5X. Franz DC7NF is QRV as 5X7FN until the end of June. Activity is mainly on 40 and 20 meters using SSB and generally around 1700 to 2100z. QSL to home call.

RWANDA 9X. Rich WA3FPK is QRV as 9X0A for about three weeks. Activity is in his spare time and mainly on 20 meters using SSB. QSL via KA1CRP.

CHINA BY. Look for special event stations BT1OB, BT1OJ, BT1OH, BT1OY and BT1ON to be QRV from May 18 to September 17 in celebration of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The last letter of each callsign corresponds to the color in Chinese of each of the rings of the Olympic flag. QSL via BA4EG.

MOZAMBIQUE C9. Rodrigo C91R is QRV until August 1. QSL via CT1BXT.

CHAD TT. Duarte CT1CPP is QRV as TT9/homecall for about one year. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

Above from *ARLD021 DX news*, May 15, 2008

*** Notes from the DXCC Desk:** ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore NC1L reports that the 2008 TI9KK DXpedition to Cocos Island <<http://www.ti9kk.dh8wr.com>> has been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk <dxcc@arrl.org> to have your DXCC record updated," Moore said.

From *ARRL Letter* Vol 27 #20, May 23, 2008

Contests

June 2008

- 7-8 SEANET Contest, all mode; IARU Region I Field Day, CW; PVRC Reunion; AL QSO Party; Digital Pentathlon, PSK
- 14-15 ARRL June VHF QSO Party; Portugal Day, Phone; ANARTS RTTY WW Contest; GACW WWSA CW DX Contest; WV QSO Party; Digital Pentathlon, MFSK; Asia-Pacific Sprint, Phone
- 17 Spanish Island Contest
- 21-22 All Asian DX Contest, CW; SMIRK QSO Party; Digital Pentathlon, Olivia; Kid's Day,

25 Bavarian Contest Club QSO Party

28-29 **ARRL Field Day**; QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day; His Majesty, King of Spain, Contest, Phone; Digital Pentathlon, Heilschreiber

OK, there are some other contests, but June is **FIELD DAY**. Get your baked beans and bug spray ready. Mitchell Memorial Forest will hum with activity. For more see *QST*, *CQ*, or

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

73, *Dan K744U*

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Even if you're a triple-shot espresso buff, take a week or so to cut back on your caffeine consumption before tackling a 48-hour contest. That way, once in the contest, small amounts of caffeine in sodas or coffee or energy drinks will have a much greater effect. Save the boost for when you really need it. -- *SARRL Contest Rate Sheet* for 4-30-08

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* **Notes from the ARRL Contest Desk:** ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko KX9X has announced that, after receiving numerous requests, he has started a contest blog called Notes from the Contest Branch. "I have just returned from my very first trip to Dayton in 26 years of being licensed. It was a great experience. I'm glad I was able to help answer some of your questions and listen to your suggestions -- and yes, even some constructive criticism. One of the suggestions bandied about was an official Contest Branch blog. Your wish is my command." >8 *snip* View the new ARRL Contest Branch blog, as well as other ARRL blogs, on the ARRL blog page <<http://www.arrl.org/blog>>. Kutzko can be reached via e-mail [kx9x@arrl.org]. --*The ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 Vol #20, Friday, May 23, 2008

June 2008 OH Section news

THINK FIELD DAY! June 28 and 29. Get your publicity out there to all the local newspapers, radio stations etc. Get the information into the local schools. Get those invitations out to the officials you wish to invite to your Field Day event. Now is the time to get it done! Right now! If you haven't already done so, order your Field Day supplies from ARRL Headquarters. Get your field day chairman to tie up loose ends so that when the day arrives, your group is ready and waiting to "get on the air"! This event is one of the greatest ways to introduce the public to amateur radio . Publicity is the name of the game. Remember to let me know what your group did for Field Day and what Officials attended your event.

There is an eight (8) page insert in June *QST* - ARRL Field Day Cookbook- it tells you how to have a successful Field Day...read all about it and tell your fellow club members to read it as well.

The annual Dayton Hamvention^R celebrated its 57th show this year. The many forums, inside exhibit spaces, and outdoor flea market . This is Dayton! Did you get the chance to visit ARRL Expo 2008? Did you win one of the prizes? Share the experience!

It is with great sadness, we of the Ohio Section report the death of John Haungs W8STX. John was an Assistant Ohio Section Manager from 1982-1988 and again from 1990- until the present time. He was the Ohio Section Manager from 1988 - 1990. Larry WD8MPV, and myself, KJ3O, both served during his terms of office. There will be a Special Amateur Radio Memorial Service for John Haungs W8STX (SK) Tuesday, June 17at 7 PMat the Christ Church of Glendale. He will be missed!

CLUB NEWS

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club has been busy with their club schedule for 2008. The program for May was Radio Controlled aircraft and amphibian water craft. The program was presented by club member Rich Ross, KA8ZQH. Their Field Day plans are well underway and many of the members planned to attend the Dayton Hamvention^R.

The 20/9 Amateur Radio Club is busy with Field Day plans also. They have a work party planned to meet at their Field Day site to get it all ready for the event. They have their club picnic in July and corn roast in August and the Fair on Labor Day with special event stations planned for each of these events. This club believes in the "group effort". Works for them!

The Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service worked the communications for the May 17th Race for the Cure, a very important event for the group. COARES has been associated with the Tour of the Scioto River Valley - 4000 avid bicyclists riding 110 miles each day over Mothers Day weekend.. They watch for riders in trouble whether it be mechanical or some kind of injury. They summon immediate help and provide many kinds of services too many to mention here. Good job!

The Portage Amateur Radio Club members are busy planning Field Day and their annual hamfest, The Portage Hamfair! Their event will be July 27th. The group remains busy with many projects including antenna work shops, many ARES projects and upcoming Special event stations to be announced later this summer.

Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club has been busy with antenna workshops, social events, breakfasts, tornado drills, Field Day etc. and they are thinking about a 440 net on their 440 repeater.

The Warren Amateur Radio Association, the Alliance Amateur Radio Club, the Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association, the Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship; all remain active with their various activities. .

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service is sponsoring a new contest this Fall. The contest is named the Ohio State Parks on the Air. The goal of the contest is to get stations operating at as many of Ohio's State Parks as possible. You can find complete information about the contest at <http://parks.portcars.org>
DID YOU KNOW there are more than a dozen Amateur Radio satellites presently in orbit with more on the way?

The W1HQ snake finally has a name...Hamaconda with a call sign of H1SS. Read all about it in the *ARRL Letter* Vol 27 No 19 May 16-08

Did you file the ANNUAL REPORT FORM? According to ARRL club records many of you have not done so. Do you want your club to settle into the "inactive status" do you want your members to miss out on some important information your group could have if you remain active? Keep your Club information current with filing the 2008 annual report form NOW!

Well, that's it for this time around. Keep those newsletters and bulletins coming my way. AND remember, sometime when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU! Until then,

Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ30*, Ohio Section ACC

Weaver's words -- June is bustin' out (same title as this time last yr)

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

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- Hamvention^R is over for another year.
- Director candidacies announced.

+++ **Red Cross: Good news; not-so-good news** +++

The good news: As announced in the ARES forum at the Hamvention^R, National Red Cross (RC) sent a letter to ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN saying it will limit its demand for background checks of ham volunteers to criminal background checks only. RC said it is directing *Mybackgroundcheck.com*

To remove the demands that volunteers agree to having credit and mode of living checks done. This letter seemingly meets the requests made by ARRL when it protested RC's demand that all volunteers agree to having widespread background checks (criminal, credit, manner of living) performed. The not-so-good news is that aspects of the letter are confusing if not contradictory. This includes the discussion of the changes in wording RC says it will make. The fact that RC did not involve ARRL in a dialogue to resolve the issue doubtlessly contributed to the confusion that still exists. The League continues to attempt to open communication with RC to clear the issues. In the meantime, there still is no Memo/Statement of Understanding (SOU) between RC and ARRL. The previous SOU expired at the end of 2007 when RC failed to respond to our offer to begin discussions to develop a new SOU.

The RC letter offers promise for resolving the issues between RC and ARRL, but it does not resolve them. ARRL remains eager to join in discussions with RC to help relieve the concerns of both parties.

+++ **Another blow to BPL** +++

In spite of the unabashed hype the FCC continues to give BPL, the effort to use power lines to connect consumers to the internet just isn't doing very well. The latest example of BPL's frailty as a consumer product is the announcement that the Current Group is selling the system it has been building in Dallas to the Oncor Electric Delivery Company. Oncor emphasized it is not in the entertainment or telecommunications business and that it does not want to get into these. The company will use the system solely to control the distribution of electricity to its customers. Electric power companies have routinely used signals transmitted over their power lines to manage the flow of electricity through distribution systems. Power companies are becoming deeply involved in developing Smart Grids that will enable consumers to become much more efficient in using electricity.

The BPL system that was being built in Dallas had previously been touted as the largest system in the world for delivering broadband to businesses and homes. As we all know, nothing is small in Texas. I suppose this includes failures.

+++ **FCC to raise vanity call fee?** +++

On May 8, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) designed to increase fees for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. The Commission proposes to raise the fee to \$12.30. This is a \$.60 increase over the current fee of \$11.70. As is true of regular call sign licenses, vanity call licenses are good for 10 years. Vanity call fees have varied from a high of \$50.00 to the current low of \$11.70. The FCC expects to receive about 15,000 vanity call applications during the coming fiscal year.

+++ **A brief poll** +++

I've received a few letters from a non-GLD member who is highly concerned over a practice that is common particularly during Contest and DX operation. This is the apparent practice of many operators routinely to give signal reports of 59 or 599 rather than give reports that "accurately" depict the received signal. The writer of the letters contends this is a dishonest practice and that ARRL not only condones this dishonesty but also encourages it. He is so concerned over this practice that he wants ARRL to outlaw it. I'd like to know how you feel about this concern.

My question to you is simple. Do you believe ARRL should ban the practice of automatically giving 59 and 599 signal reports?

If you believe the practice should be banned, send me an E-mail with YES in the subject line. In addition, if you believe the practice should be banned, tell me in the body of the message how you suggest ARRL could enforce this ban. A ban is not useful if cannot be enforced.

If you do not believe the practice should be banned, send an E-mail with NO in the subject line. There is no need to explain this vote.

+++ **Practicing what I preach** +++

Most of you may remember seeing my pleas for help with the ARRL Legislative Action Program. In addition to asking you occasionally to write letters to your US Senators or Representative, I've asked you to volunteer to make infrequent visits to their home offices.

Being a person who believes I should practice what I preach, I accepted an opportunity to do essentially what I've asked you to do. The difference is that Ohio SM Joe Phillips K8QOE asked me to call on my Ohio State senator. This was a request I could not refuse.

My request to meet with the Senator was readily granted. Rather than wait until he was back home, I met with him in his office in the Statehouse in Columbus.

Typical of what I have suggested you would experience, the senator was very personable. He was attentive during our conversation and sincerely appreciated that I drove from the Cincinnati area to meet in his office.

Not so typical of what one might expect in meeting with US senators and representatives, my meeting lasted for 45 minutes. This was 45 minutes of friendly, interesting and relaxed discussion. Most important, the discussion provided valuable and welcomed insight to the senator.

Thanks to Ohio SM Phillips for allowing me to participate in this Section project.

+++ **John Haungs W8STX** +++

Former Ohio SM John P. Haungs W8STX died on May 10 while working in his garden in Springdale (Cincinnati), OH. John was Assistant SM to Ohio SM Joe Phillips K8QOE as well as Special Assistant to me as the Great Lakes Division Director. John was also a long-time officer of the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association, a former officer of ARES and a leader in many additional amateur organizations in Ohio.

In addition to being a major force in Amateur Radio, John was a kind and just man -- and a good friend. John's funeral was May 16. Because so many of his friends had firm commitments at the Hamvention^R for this date, Ohio SM Joe Phillips K8QOE has arranged a special memorial service for Amateur Radio operators on June 17.

+++ **Conducting business via Amateur Radio** +++

I recently commented on the acceptability of using Amateur Radio to support commercial activity during certain forms of emergency. Bruce Moyer KI8GR reminds me of an additional type of business activity that is legal for hams to practice on a daily basis. This involves using Amateur Radio to purchase personal items.

First, let me point out that the FCC did not change its rule against using ham radio for pecuniary interest. Instead, the Commission clarified what is and what isn't financial interest as regards hamming.

Examples of the clarification are two people talking by radio (simplex or by repeater) to order a pizza or to pass along a list of items to be bought on the way home do not represent prohibited activities.

On the other hand, it would not be permissible for a pizza shop to take orders directly off the air with a rig set up in the shop.

+++ **FD statistics obtainable** +++

In response to an inquiry from a member, Director Tom Frenaye K1KI of the New England Division wrote the following concerning the availability of data from Field Day operation:

"Field Day results are posted (on the ARRL web site, 'JE) in a format that can be downloaded and imported into a database. These are at: http://www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/scores.html?con_id=133,

"I just downloaded the 2007 results, imported them into MS Excel, and calculated a couple of totals:

"Entries - 2333 FD groups Participants - 34,933 QSOs - 1,214,113 "Wow . . .!"

If you ever want to fiddle around with FD numbers, you know where to get them. There are two require-

ments for obtaining this information. First, the person who will obtain it must be an ARRL member. Second, this member must sign up to access the Members Only page of the League web site. There is no charge to do this.

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

Evan K9SQG wants to know: "Why does the FCC give complete latitude to the illegal CBers, illegal linear amplifier builders and sellers including Ebay, while putting ham operators under the legal microscope and letting any and every commercial interest infringe upon the ham bands?"

Good question. However, it is one that only the FCC can answer. I will try to add a little perspective, though. Please understand I am not in any way attempting to defend the FCC.

Regarding illegal equipment, the Commission does take action against these. The fact is that the problem is so large as compared with the policing power of FCC that it cannot hope to prevent this illegal activity totally.

As to infringement on ham bands, one needs to recognize that much of our band space is allocated to us on a secondary or shared basis. In these cases we must learn to enjoy the frequencies that are open to our use while not interfering with others that share the bands. The decision to have us share the bands with others can come from the FCC or the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) through International treaty. The type of sharing we experience on our bands with US government communication is largely because of the FCC and its intra-government counterpart. The type of sharing we see in the 75M band results from the ITU through international government treaty.

To be honest, we have not experienced the loss of much of our spectrum though having it reassigned by the FCC to another service. This occurred with part of the 220 MHz band. It is always a possibility with other frequencies. However, these losses have been offset with the acquisition of the 5, 10, 18 and 24 MHz bands.

The bottom line on this is that some non-amateur transmissions in the amateur bands are there legally because of band-sharing. Other non-amateur transmissions are fully illegal.

+++ **ARRL eligible for Combined Federal Campaign gifts** +++

"I am pleased to report that ARRL has received official notification from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management that ARRL has once again qualified to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. For 2008 the code for donors to use in designating contributions to ARRL is 10099.

"Since the Combined Federal Campaign was first suggested by Vice Director Woolweaver several years ago, ARRL has been the recipient of thousands of dollars in contributions from federal employees who are radio amateurs. Pledges have been made by these donors to Spectrum Defense, Education, W1AW and the Diamond Club."

>From Mary Hobart K1MMH

+++ **Federal Non-Profit rules changed** +++

(As reported in the Monthly Michigan Monthly News Summary)

"Hank N8XX calls the following to our attention: "The IRS has new rules for charitable organizations...it would appear that ALL 501c3 organizations must file a 990-N, or more complicated 990 or 990-EZ regardless of income level or asset amounts. 'Details are at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>.

'A very important point on that page is: Late Filing or Failure To File the e-Postcard. If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard.

'However, an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns -- Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the

organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. So, you're not financially penalized for not filing, except that after three years the organization loses its non profit status, which could affect contributions.

'73 de N8XX"

+++ **Hamvention is over for another year** +++

There is less than a year to before the 2009 Dayton Hamvention^R. I don't know about others who attended the 2008 Hamvention^R, but I had a ball. Nearly all of my time was spent in the ARRL Expo area talking with fellow amateurs from the Great Lakes Division. As usual, the weekend experienced its allotment of rain, but this didn't seem to dampen the spirits of being in Dayton.

My congratulations to the Dayton ARA and the Dayton Hamvention^R Committee for another great event. The Hamvention^R, indeed, is the largest hamfest in the world regardless of the yardstick one uses to measure it.

+++ **Congratulations to MARA** +++

I congratulate and thank the Mound ARA, Miamisburg, OH for becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club. I was very pleased to present the club with the Certificate of Affiliation at its May meeting.

+++ **Director candidacies announced** +++

Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) Dan Romanchik KB6NU announced his intended candidacy for Great Lakes Division director at the Hamvention^R. Dan has served Michigan Section clubs well as ACC.

I will be a candidate for re-election to the directorship also. I welcome Dan as a competent competitor. As I've said repeatedly, competition for ARRL elected positions is good for the organization.

Good luck, Dan. I promise to compete in a friendly, fair manner.

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

30 May: Dixie Heights HS ARC (KY), Present Certificate of Affiliation - SM Brooks, Gary, Jim

21 Jun: Milford (OH) Hamfest - Jim

29-30 Jun: Field Day - Jim

Jul QST-noon 8 Aug: Nominations open for Director/Vice Director

10 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown - Jim

11-13 Jul: Michigan Summer Outing, Lupton – Jim (Attempting to arrange)

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

10 Aug: Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lawrenceburg – Jim

15 Aug: Genesee County RC, 75th Anniv., 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

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

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Hamfests&c. June 2008

21 18th Annual Milford OH ARC Hamfest sponsored by Milford ARC at Eastside Christian Church, 5874 Montclair Blvd. Commercial vendors, tailgating for \$1 regardless of number of spaces needed, VE exams at 9 AM (walk-ins welcome, bring ID). Talk-in: 147.345. \$5 admission. Tables \$5 plus admission; talk to Chris KB8SNH, 513=351-2776, [kb8snh@fuse.net]. Info: Jim Linn WB8RRR, 513=831-6255, [wb8rrr@arrl.net], www.w8mrc.com


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.

What's coming in June 2008

Tue Jun 3	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle Program: Field Day, conducted by Nathan KA3MTT
Wed Jun 4	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925
Fri Jun 6	8:00 PM	Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot Anniversary of D-Day, Allied invasion of Europe in 1944
Tue Jun 10	7:30 PM	Technical Committee meeting, location TBA
Wed Jun 11	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.925
Sat Jun 14		Flag Day 
	10:00 AM	Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds start from Mt Storm Park. Talk-in to start on 146.67
Tue Jun 17	7:00 PM	GCARA Hall of Fame memorial service for John P Haungs W8STX (SK) at Christ Church, Glendale
Wed Jun 18	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
Fri Jun 20	8:00 PM	QCEN meeting, Red Cross HQ, 720 Sycamore St, downtown
Sat Jun 21		Summer Solstice
Tue Jun 24	7:30 PM	Board of Directors meeting, location TBA
Fri Jun 27	2:00 PM	Field Day set-up begins at Mitchell Memorial Forest
Sat Jun 28-	2:00 PM	Field Day! See article & map, pp 5-6
Sun Jun 29	2:00 PM	
Tue Jul 1	7:30 PM	Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle



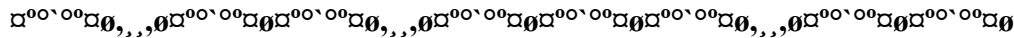
Program: Still to be determined

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OH-KY-IN 2008 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
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K8SCH QSL Mgr Gerry Weimer KD8ASL
Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
John W. Hughes AI4DA



News of members and students in recent classes

HUGENTOBER, Carol A. (nee Schuch) WA8YL (SK), earlier K8DHK. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 30, 1941. Beloved wife of the late John M Hugentober Sr (N8FU SK). Carol and John Sr were among the early, if not founding, members of Oh-Ky-In ARS and resided in Green Twp. Carol served as one of Oh-Ky-In's officers for years. She was also active in the Young Ladies' Radio League, the Buckeye Belles and ARRL Ohio Section.



Dear mother of Melody (late Dave) Curtsinger KA8LAB & John M (Tracy) Hugentober Jr W8CSK. Devoted grandma of Andrea and Shelby. Dear sister of Dorothy (Ray) Smith. Also survived by 3 nieces, 2 great nieces and 1 great nephew. Died May 22, 2008 at age 66.

Graveside services were at Bridgetown Cemetery Tuesday, May 27. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 8041 Hosbrook Rd., Suite 422, Cincinnati OH 45236 or the charity of one's choice.



*Copy deadline for July issue is Friday, June 20
because next meeting is July 1*

