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Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at Salem Presbyterian Church (corner Mozart & Higbee) behind the Harrison-Boudinot White Castle, in Westwood-Cheviot. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

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(kyoo fye ver) Q: A scale of amateur radio signal readability progressing from 1 (unreadable) to 5 (perfectly readable). "You're Q5" = "Your signal is perfectly readable." (ARRL Handbook, 52d ed. 1975)

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From the President

Hey.

I think OH-KY-IN's first ever 1 Day Technician Class was a success. This was a joint venture with QCEN & WARN. Turnout was good and the students seemed to be very interested. As I write this, we have already heard of 1 student who passed the Technician exam. Congratulations to those who are new to the hobby. Thanks to the volunteers for giving demos or teaching a segment.

The weather is getting warmer which means Hamvention and Field Day (my personal favorites) are right around the corner. Please support these exciting activities.

See you at the May club meeting!

73, *Dale KC8H2S*

Next meeting

The May meeting program will be "Swap Meet Night". Bring any of those old items you don't want to carry to Dayton, and sell or trade them! Everyone is encouraged to bring their ham related items. Remember, the more items we have the more fun it will be.

Looking ahead to June, 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 as usual.

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, April 1st, 2008

Dale KC8HQ5 called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No guests in attendance - 16 members attending.

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

Health and Welfare – Nathan KA3MTT's father diagnosed with cancer – we wish them all the best

Brag session did not hear anything

The program was ARPSC by Don Ferneding and Packet by Greg Zack.

Break from 8:29 PM to 8:41 PM

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Motion was made to accept the printed minutes by Gerry KD8ASL, seconded by Gene NU8U – motion passed.

Membership - Nathan KA3MTT not present - we are currently at 87 members for 2008.

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK was not present, reports were passed around.

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Brian K4BRI reported nothing new for the tech committee – there will be a meeting next month.

Mike KC8YOM and David KC8YTJ not here for equipment managers.

Classes and Exams – Gary KB8MYC announced that we are hosting a 1 day Tech class on April 19th, exam on the 26th.

Bruce N8BV reported that the Fundraising committee still has hats and shirts, and we will be participating in the Red, White and Blue Ash

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for Tech Talk

The Audit committee met – books were ok and balanced, some receipts are still needed – thanks very much to Gene N8KOJ, Fred K9OHE and Harry WA8LOJ.

The Awards committee announced that the dinner will be at Nick and Tom's, April 8th at 7 PM.

Pete KC8BZM reported for liaisons – WARN meeting on April 4th, QCEN on April 18th

Racers – The OhKyIn Racers will meet at Competition Racing in Lawrenceburg every fifth Tuesday, April is next

Old business - None

New business -

Rick KD4PYR said thanks for all the good wishes

Gene N8KOJ reminded everyone he still checks cards for DXCC, WAS and VUCC

It was asked if there is any interest for a table at Hamvention - no

The random member drawing winner was Lynn WD8JAW, who was not present – would have been \$55.

Split the pot of \$18 was won by Gerry KD8ASL.

Next meeting will be a swap meet.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*

Oh-Ky-In fund raising

Club shirts & hats will once again be available at club meetings. Shirts are still available in sizes L, XL, XXL and XXXL for a price of \$10-\$13. Hats are \$12. Show your support of the club by wearing your shirt & hat at events such as; Meetings, Classes, Exams, Field Day, Competition Racing, Hamfests, Club Picnic, Red White & Blue Ash or anywhere else you think you might run into other amateurs.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: The club will need several volunteers for Red, White & Blue Ash on Friday, July 4th. We will be working the beer booth. Please contact me if you would like to help with this very worthwhile event. More information will be available at the upcoming meeting.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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The **2008 OH-KY-IN Awards Dinner** was Tuesday, April 8 at Nick & Tom's Restaurant in Green Township. If you weren't able to make it, we missed you. Congratulations to our 2007 OH-KY-IN Ham of the Year ...Bruce Vanselow N8BV We appreciate all that he has done for the club this past year! Bruce is the only second-time Ham of the Year; he first received the honour in 1988.

Thanks as well to our 2007 Meritorious Service Award winners: Bob Frey WA6EZV & Rick Haltermon KD4PYR Both have given consistent, exceptional service to the club for quite a few years.

Thanks Bob & Rick!
Congratulations also to those who took home certificates acknowledging club activities they helped with in 2007! The list of those who were present to claim their wallpaper is fairly long, but eclipsed by the list of those who'll get theirs at a future club meeting.
Thanks for a great 2007!
73, Dale **KC8HQS**

And, The Wallpaper List, not in alphabetical order:
Rick Haltermon KD4PYR: Treasurer, Thanksgiving Day Parade, TechTalk NCS, Field Day, VE Team, Awards
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Committee; Jocelyn E. Haltermon KD4PYS: Awards Committee, Special Publications; Emily DeYoung K4MLE: Director, TechTalk NCS, Fantasy Football; Dallas R. Vanselow KC8HQS: President, TechTalk NCS, Fund Raising Committee, Silent Key Committee, Field Day, Tech Committee, Fantasy Football, Web Master, *Q-Fiver* Columnist, Historian, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Bruce D. Vanselow N8BV: Director, TechTalk Net Manager, Fund Raising Committee Chair, Silent Key Committee Chair, Field Day, PIO, Tech Committee, Sweepstakes, VE Team, Education Committee, Audit Committee, Repeater Control Operator Manager, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Dennis J. Fox KB8ROA: TechTalk NCS; Brian C. DeYoung K4BRI: Recording Secretary, VE Coordinator, TechTalk NCS, Tech Committee Chair, Awards Committee, Repeater Control Operator, Fantasy Football, Thanksgiving Day Parade, Education Committee, Field Day, Picnic Chairman, Fox Hunter, Nominating Committee; James E. Weaver K8JE: *Q-Fiver* Columnist; Frederick R. Schneider K9OHE: Education Committee; Thomas F. McGill, Sr. NG8A: Vice President, Hospitality Table, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller, Tech Committee, VE Team; MDennis J. Marvin KB8JVK: Thanksgiving Day Parade Co-Coordinator, TechTalk NCS; Gene T. McCoy N8KOJ: ARRL Card Checker, Field Day, Audit Committee Chair, VE Team, exceptional support of Cash Raffle; Robert A. Frey WA6EZV: ARRL Card Checker, Field Day, Tech Committee, Repeater Control Operator, Thanksgiving Day Parade, *Q-Fiver* Columnist, K8SCH QSL Card Manager, VE Team; John T. Phelps Jr. KC8VQU: Field Day, Fund Raising Committee, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Philip L. Smith KG8AP Corresponding Secretary, Tech Committee, Education Committee, Field Day, Fox Hunter, Nominating Committee, Sweepstakes, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Ernest W. Howard Jr. W8EH: Fox Hunter; Nathan R. Ciufo KA3MTT: Director, Field Day Chair, Membership Chair, Fantasy Football Coordinator, *Q-Fiver* Columnist, VE Team, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Peter J. Feichtner KC8BZM: WARN Representative, APRSC Representative, QCEN Representative, Thanksgiving Day Parade; Michael C. Hornsby KC8YOM: Equipment Manager Co-Chair; David M. Hornsby KC8YTJ: Equipment Manager Co-Chair; Lynn G. Ernst WD8JAW: Thanksgiving Day Parade; Harry E. Davis WA8LOJ: Audit Committee, Thanksgiving Day Parade; Lauren K. Haltermon KF4YWG: Thanksgiving Day Parade; Chris J. Thiessen KI4BOR: Thanksgiving Day Parade; Kevin C. Wiesner N8VRF: Thanksgiving Day Parade; Michael D. Eilers AC4XS: Field Day, Sweepstakes; John W. Hughes AI4DA: Life Member; Brian C Fulmer KC8FJN: Tech Committee; Angie C. Weyman KG4IBL: Fantasy Football; Kevin W. Moeller KI4PJK: Field Day, Fantasy Football; Susan E G Scott N8CGM: *Q-Fiver* Editor, Field Day; Bradford E. Scott WD9HDZ: Field Day; Harry L. Riggs, Jr. KM4CS: Field Day, VE Team; Sam L. Grider KJ8K: VE Team, Field Day; John P. Donnelly KY4JD: Education Committee; Gary W. Coffey KB8MYC: Field Day, Education Committee, Fantasy Football, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; John R. Baird W9JRB: Field Day, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Bradford A. McConahay N8QQ: Fantasy Football; William R. Zapf N8WRZ: Field Day, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Kenneth E Wolf N8WYC: Life Member; Robert W Cooke W8JSO: VE Team; Jerome L. Brefeld W8BUN: Field Day, VE Team; James E. Keely KC8PRY: Librarian; Nicole Ciufo: Fantasy Football; Tony Tribble: Field Day; Steven P. Fath W8NYC: Field Day; Daniel J. Curtin KF4AV: *Q-Fiver* Columnist; James R. Baird W8IOA: Field Day, Cash Raffle Ticket Seller; Michael T. Brooksbank, Sr. KC8IVR: Field Day; Steven E. Brown KD8CUI: Field Day; Reid McCormick: Field Day; Richard D. Arnett WB4SUV: Field Day, Fox Hunter, Fox Hunter Co-Chair, Sweepstakes, Tech Committee, TVI/RFI Chair; Robert J. Kreimer WB8JHT: Field Day, Sweepstakes; Russell B. Hines WB8ZCC: VE Team; Gerald J. Weimer KD8ASL: Field Day, Sweepstakes, K8SCH QSL Card Manager; Jonathan S. Jennings KI4NEE: Field Day; Tracy Jennings KI4NRF: Field Day; Evaristo A. Giglio KC8JR: Education Committee Chair; Carol A. Hugentober WA8YL: Fantasy Football; Matthew Robbins: Field Day; Tony Zapf: Field Day; Lelia Baird: Field Day; Debra McConahay: Fantasy Football; Elaine M. Howard: Fox Hunter



Pig from TMRA Amateur Radio Beacon, date uncertain

Gahan Wilson cartoon in March 31 *New Yorker* caption competition: Guy with semaphore flags standing on couch in psychiatrist's office:
 "Great! Next week, we'll work on your fear of Morse code."
 --non-winning caption submitted by Thomas Brennan, Garrison NY (not found at qrz.com)

DX Spots May 2008 –de KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FS-Saint Martin thru 5-4 ----- ZA-Albania thru 5-3	FM- Martinique thru 5-8 ----- 9N7WU- Nepal thru 5-5	ZF2GU- Cayman Islands thru 5-14	TF7- Iceland 5-1 thru 5-8 ----- ZS8-Marion Isl 5-1 thru ?	1 5B-Cyprus thru 5-6 ----- TO3EME- Fr. Guiana thru 5-7	2 ZD8N- Ascension Isl thru 5-13	3 TK7C- Corsica thru 5-10 ----- A52TL- Bhutan thru 5-30
4	5 HP4- Panama thru 5-10 ----- HB0- Lichtenstein thru 5-12	6 P40ZB- Aruba thru 5-16	7 JT- Mongolia thru 5-18	8	9 KH2-Guam thru 5-11	10 ZL7M- Chatham Isl thru 5-11
11	12	13	14	15 3V8SS- Tunisia thru 5-26	16	17 3D2A-Fiji thru 5-31
18	19 V63DX- Micronesia thru 5-24	20	21 8P9TS- Barbados thru 6-1	22	23	24 OH0-Aland Island thru 6-6
25 	26 	27 XX9-Macao thru 5-29 ----- T32XG- E. Kiribati Thru 6-3	28	29 ZB2- Gibraltar thru 6-1	30	31 SV5- Dodecanese Thru 6-7

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit: Western Sahara, S05A, 2007 operation (ARLD014, 3-27-08); Wake Island, G4GIR/KH9, 2007 operation (ARLD015, 4-3-08); Uganda, 5X1NH, 2007 operation; Burundi, 9UXEV, 2008 operation; Saudi Arabia, HZ1PS; Western Sahara, S05A, 2007 operation; and Syria, YK9G, 2008 operation (ARLD017, 4-17-08)

Contests

May 2008

- 3-4 MARAC Contest, CW & SSB; 10-10 Spring CW & Digital Contest; IN QSO Party; New England QSO Party; 7th Area QSO Party; Portuguese Navy Day; ARI International Contest; Radio Club of America QSO Party
- 9-11 NV QSO Party; Armed Forces Test; FISTS Spring Sprint; CQ-M International DX Contest; 2GHz and Up WW Contest; 50 MHz Spring Sprint; EU EME Contest
- 17-18 His Majesty The King of Spain Contest; Baltic Contest; All-America Contest; EU PSK DX Contest
- 24-25 CQ WW WPX Contest; QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint; MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint
- 31-June 1 Bill Windle QSO Party; Kids Roundup

Time to warm up for Field Day, or put up some new antennas. For more info see *QST*, *CQ*, <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
73, *Dan K74AV*

Weaver's words -- Dayton Hamvention Upon Us (Tnx K8JE for covering numerous points! *Ye Ed*)
[As always, reply only to k8je@arrl.org.]

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+++ **FCC must review BPL rules.** +++

In a decision released April 25, a three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia directs the FCC to reconsider rules it made concerning technical rules for the operation of Broadband over Powerlines (BPL). This ruling came as a result of the lawsuit ARRL brought against the Commission. The case is identified as No. 06-1343. This decision is nearly as much as we could have wanted, and is a victory for ARRL and Amateur Radio.

What is the practical meaning of this decision? It means that the FCC must reconsider its technical rulings concerning BPL and the technical bases for these rulings, and the level of interference that should be allowed. It also means that the Commission must make data it says it uses in reaching conclusions to all interested parties to review. In essence, FCC cannot hide data as it had done in issuing BPL regulations. We don't know the final cost of the suit, yet, but the Board had allocated \$300,000 for it. This should indicate the great importance my 14 fellow directors and I placed on the suit. The effort and expense the Board authorized was made possible by members who contributed to the relevant ARRL fund drives over the last few years.

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Without these contributions the League would not have had funds available to wage a suit, let alone to wage the quality of action that proved good enough to win most of the points we made in our argument. Does this put a little different perspective on the "please donate" pleas Mary Hobart N1MMH has been sending to each of us? Our money served a valued, precedent-setting purpose. Thanks to you who contributed.

+++ **Ohio amateur sounds the alarm!** +++

On March 25, Geauga ARA President Eric Bartholomew KF8YK sent me an e-mail warning that an Ohio university had submitted a request asking the FCC to assign five frequency pairs in the 420-430 MHz band to it. He pointed out that the higher frequency of each pair was in the Amateur Band and not legally available for commercial assignment. The following is an abbreviated summary of how his warning very likely saved the university and the ARRL (*i.e.* you) a significant amount of money, effort and hassle.

After re-reading the relevant portion of Part 97 of the FCC regulations, I initially thought Eric's assessment was not correct. To be certain, I forwarded his memo to ARRL President Harrison W5ZN, CEO Sumner K1ZZ and Chief Counsel Imlay W3KD to obtain expert review. K1ZZ and W3KD promptly confirmed Eric's assessment. My problem was that I did not read FCC's commercial radio rules -- Part 30 in this instance -- which apply in this situation.

Our unanimous view was that ARRL should voice a formal objection to the frequency assignment request to the FCC even though its denial should have been automatic. Even as the ink on this formal objection was drying, the FCC granted the university's request for the frequencies. The FCC in essence violated its own rules -- again.

Counsel Imlay tossed our objection into the round file even before its final in-house review was completed. In its place, a formal request for review was sent to the Commission in its place.

Concurrent with submitting the petition for review to the FCC, General Counsel Imlay notified the university administration of the problem. Its spokesman immediately offered to withdraw the request and to modify it by resubmitting it to cover frequencies that are consistent with FCC rules. In turn, ARRL agreed to withdraw our petition for review as soon as the university's revised petition was submitted. The problem had been the result of an error by a consulting firm.

Arguments over frequency assignments typically cover long periods of time and eat many thousands of dollars. In this instance though, everyone acted promptly in good faith to avoid a potential, major and costly problem. All this was accomplished thanks to the watchfulness and action of KF8YK, and to the capability of ARRL that he called on to resolve the problem.

Thanks, again, Eric. Good eyes! Thanks, also, to General Counsel Imlay for knowing the appropriate prompt action to take with the right people.

+++ **Hamvention travel advisory** +++

"Finally, after . . . 6 weeks, the construction info is now on the Hamvention^R web page," wrote Robert Lunsford KB8UEY of the Hamvention^R Committee. The information has been posted at <http://www.hamvention.org/hv2008/media/trafficnews.html>. The information provides valuable tips on avoiding difficulties that could result from highway construction near the 2008 Hamvention. You will recall the Hamvention^R Committee is expecting a bumper crop of Ohio "orange barrel" State flowers to be in full-bloom at Hamvention^R time.

If you will be driving or riding shotgun to the Hamvention^R, you will want to review the information Bob has prepared. Navigating the final several miles to HARA will be much easier if you have studied his suggestions.

Bob added, "As always if anyone has any Talk-In related questions they can email me at [talkin@hamvention.org]."

+++ **ARRL at the Hamvention^R** +++

ARRL Expo --

The 2008 offering of the Hamvention^R promises to be another fine example of one of the world's greatest Amateur Radio festivals. As part of the annual event, the ARRL will present another edition of the ARRL EXPO. The EXPO has been so successful its previous two years that many vendors ask to have their booths placed near it to benefit from the high level of traffic it receives from hams from throughout the US and overseas.

Read *QST* and watch ARRL web announcements to learn of the many features that will be available at the EXPO this year.

The ARRL EXPO is at the same location as in 2006 and 2007. It promises to be even better than before. Great Lakes Division --

As was true last year, the Great Lakes Division will have a booth for members and appointees to stop by, rest a few minutes if they wish and talk with Division and Section leaders who are likely to be there.

Drop by to say hello, to ask questions, to make suggestions or simply to see the faces.

+++ **From the Great Lake Division Legislative Action Chairman** +++

Since assuming the role of Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chairman I have been bringing myself up to speed on fulfilling the position. Now that I have a couple of months under my belt we are beginning to move, again.

First and foremost I am very happy to announce that Louis A. Gembolis KG8NK of Ishpeming MI has accepted appointment as Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) for Michigan. In this position, he will coordinate the activities of Legislative Action Assistants (LAA) in the Legislative Action Program (LAP) in Michigan. Lou is president of the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, AEC of Marquette County, Official Observer and MARS operator AAR5AD. He also directs over 100 amateurs in communicating for a major, annual dogsled race in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

What is the ARRL Legislative Action Program (LAP), you ask? It is a grass roots program that makes it possible for ARRL members to promote and protect Amateur Radio through coordinated, legitimate political action at the Federal government level. Federal Legislators frequently vote based upon their understanding of the wishes of their constituents. As a constituent, your opinion is important to them. Members who would like to learn more about the LAP are invited to contact me at [nb4k@arrl.org] or Director Weaver at [k8je@arrl.org].

73, *John D. Meyers WB4K*, Great Lake Division Legislative Action Chairman

+++ **Michigan QSO Party** +++

The annual Michigan QSO Party is April 19, 1200 to 2400 EDT (1600Z Saturday April 19 until 0400Z Sunday April 20) The major objective is to work as many stations possible in as many Michigan counties as possible. Details are at <http://www.miqp.org>.

Current information on who will be/is operating and other information about participating stations is available through the Michigan QSO Party reflector -- <http://www.miqp.org/Reflector.htm>.

+++ **Ohio State Parks contest** +++

Here is an interesting, new contest. The Portage County (OH) ARS is sponsoring the very first Ohio State Park on the Air Contest. The contest will be Saturday, September 6, 2008 from noon to 8 p.m. EDT (1600Z to 2400Z). The contest is open to all amateurs from their base, portable or mobile stations and from inside or outside an Ohio State Park.

This contest presents an opportunity to visit and enjoy Ohio's parks. Information on them and their features is available at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/default/tabid/80/Default.aspx>.

Full information on the contest is available at <http://parks.portcars.org> or from the contest chairman,

Chuck K8CMP at k8cmp@portcars.org. *The 2-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, May 2008 page 10*

+++ **What's your opinion?** +++

This is the sixth year I've stressed that I would like to know what about ARRL or Amateur Radio bothers or confuses you, or what you think could be done better. Over the months, asked a number of questions that were answered by many of you. Your answers provided guidance to me in reaching positions I have taken on issues studied by my 14 best friends and me on the ARRL Board of Directors. I would like to have your help again.

What I would like you to do is to tell me which single issue regarding ARRL and its activities you feel has not been explained to your satisfaction or that in some other manner concern you. This doesn't need to be a complaint, but is the single point that confuses you the most, makes the least sense to you, bothers you the most or however you view it.

Please send your top-choice issue to me by e-mail. Please also be brief in doing this. As much as I may like to receive full discussions from you, there simply aren't enough of me to deal with anything that approaches the size of a *Funk & Wagnall's Dictionary*. If I need more information on your top-choice issue, I'll ask.

Be certain to include your name and call. Send your single, top-choice issue to [k8je@arrl.org]. In addition to getting an answer from me, you just may plant a seed that may grow into action at HQ.

+++ **Radios On-Line, offline** +++

Effective April 30, the ARRL Radios On-Line person-to-person want-ad site will go the way of the telegram. Declining use as well as abuse by a few hams caused the demise of this ARRL program intended to assist hams sell equipment.

+++ **Passing commercial traffic** +++

"Is it legal, and if so when, to handle business traffic during emergencies?"

This is a frequent question by amateurs. The question partly comes about as a result of changes made by FCC in Part 97 in December 2006.

The changes dropped reference to Emergency Communications Declarations (ECD) by the FCC. The result of this change is that the FCC no longer declares when an emergency exists and, therefore, when amateurs may deviate from FCC Amateur Radio rules to protect the public.

The bottom line is that other clauses in Part 97 allow amateurs to deviate from standard Amateur Radio practices when legitimate emergencies warrant such actions. Provided the purpose of businesslike communication is to protect life and property during an emergency, hams should have no fear of being threatened with enforcement action.

+++ **Hamvention^R forums announced** +++

The list of forums at the Dayton Hamvention^R has been released by the Hamvention^R Committee. To see the list, go to <http://www.hamvention.org/hv2008/forums/index.html>.

+++ **Do you want to be GLD Director or Vice Director?** +++

If you think you would like to become the Director or Vice Director for the Great Lakes Division, you probably already know that Gary's and my seats will be up for election this summer (see Tentative Schedule, below). The July *QST* will contain details of the requirements for these positions as well as instructions for obtaining, completing and submitting nomination forms to become a candidate.

These (non-paying) jobs are steady, involve a significant amount of travel and require one to be attached to a computer by a strong umbilical cord. I personally find that meeting many fellow amateurs is more than ample reward for the time and effort.

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

30 Apr: Meet on Ohio antenna bill (Columbus) – Jim

(I am a volunteer in the Ohio Section organization in this action.)

7 May: Mound ARA - present Certificate of Affiliation - SM Phillips, Jim
 15 May: ARRL Donor Reception, Dayton - Jim
 16 May: Hamvention^R, Dayton - Jim, Gary
 17 May: Hamvention^R, Dayton - Jim, Gary
 Meet with Legislative Action staff, Dayton - Jim
 18 May: Hamvention^R, Dayton - Jim, Gary
 Hamvention^R Awards Dinner, Dayton - Jim, Gary
 30 May: Dixie Heights HS ARC (KY), Present Certificate of Affiliation - SM Brooks, Gary, Jim
 21 Jun: Milford (OH) Hamfest - Jim
 28-29 Jun: Field Day - Jim
 Jul QST-noon 8 Aug: Nominations open for Director/Vice Director
 10 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown - Jim
 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
 21 Sep: Cincinnati Hamfest - Jim
 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/Vice Director replace current Director/Vice Director.
 73, *Jim Weaver K8JE*, Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division
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Hamfests &c.

May 2008

3 Madisonville KY 8th Annual Hamfest sponsored by Hopkins Co ARA at Hopkins Co Emergency Mgmt Bldg, 130 N Franklin St. 8 AM-noon. Ham Station will be there; tailgating. Talk-in: 146.61 (100 Hz). Free! Info: Michael Walker KI4UBL, 270=821-5998 or 270=836-0552, [ki4ubl@yahoo.com], www.wb4jrp.net/hamfest_flyer.htm
 16-18 57th Dayton OH Hamvention^R sponsored by Dayton ARA at Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Spgs Rd, Trotwood. Fri 8 AM-6 PM, Sat 8 AM-5 PM, Sun 8 AM-1 PM. 2008 theme, "Amateur Radio + People = Fellowship". Exhibitors/vendors, acres of fleas, forums, ARRL Expo (bookstore, live presentations, meet staff & volunteers, DXCC card checking, Youth exhibit, lots more), Special Event Station, VE exams Friday at 2:30 PM, Saturday at 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM. Talk-in: 146.94, 146.64, 223.94, 442.1. Advance \$20 (R&L, Debco), gate \$25, good all 3 days. Info: 937=276-6934, [info@hamvention.org], www.hamvention.org *The 2-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, May 2008 page 12*

Dayton Yellow Barrels Report

To all amateur radio operators attending May's Dayton Hamvention^R:

All hams, especially those who live in Ohio, are well aware of the Yellow Barrel Plague which infects Ohio's highways and byways this time of year. The Dayton Hamvention^R committee is warning everyone that the 2008 Show may become a traffic nightmare if you do not have the right traffic route information. The most recent word at *Q-Fiver* deadline was that Needmore Rd would be down to one lane in each direction.

Thus the Committee has on its web site the alternate routes and possible tie up traffic problems to make your Hamvention^R experience as much an enjoyable one as always.

Check now and check often, between now and May 16th --Hamvention^R's first day, the following URL to avoid traffic tie ups: <http://www.hamvention.org/hv2008/media/trafficnews.html>.

And enjoy the show!

73, Joe K820E, OH SM

What's coming in May 2008

Fri May 2 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, May 6 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in
Westwood-Cheviot behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Swap Meet Night
Primary election in IN: members living there pls vote before meeting

Wed, May 7 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Emily K4MLE, 146.925

Thu, May 10-
Sun, May 11 US ARDF Championship in Bastrop State Park TX
pls visit <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2008/03/05/10003/>
Mother's Day

Tue, May 13 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting, location TBA

Wed, May 14 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.925

Fri, May 16-
Sun, May 18 Dayton Hamvention^R (see Hamfests)

Sat, May 17 Armed Forces Day

Mon, May 19 Victoria Day, Canada

Tue, May 20 Kentucky primary; KY members pls vote!

Wed, May 21 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925

Mon, May 26 Memorial Day (observed)

Wed, May 28 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925

Fri, May 30 Memorial Day (traditional)

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



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. *The 2-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, May 2008 page 13*

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.

VE exams at **Dayton** Friday at 2:30 PM, Saturday at 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM. Bring all documents you'll need. Exams will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. No pre-registration is available, unless special testing accommodation is required (large print exams will be available at the regular test sessions). There is no fee for these exams.

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Go mow the yard! Spring is a good time of year to play "**Hide the Ground Radials**". If the thought of trenches in the sod raises the blood pressure of you or your spouse, here's a time-tested, no-digging procedure. Get out the mower, sharpen its blade, and cut the grass as short as possible. Yes, that short! Scalp it! Then lay out the radials and hold them down against the crew-cut blades with short U-shaped pieces of wire placed every couple of feet or so along the radial. (Cheap iron wire will do nicely and rusts away fairly quickly.) In a couple of weeks the grass will have completely covered the radials and you'll never trip over them or hit them with the mower! The grass will continue to work the wire down until it hits the soil. Grass clippings and earthworm activity will contrive to bury it.

ARRL Contest Rate Sheet, April 16, 2008

***QST* contributing editor H. Ward Silver N0AX named Hamvention^R "Amateur of the Year"**

The 2008 Dayton Hamvention^R Awards Committee has named *QST* Contributing Editor and author H. Ward Silver N0AX as its 2008 Amateur of the Year. The committee said Silver's "books and teaching materials have helped many become hams." Tom McDermott N5EG will receive Hamvention's Technical Achievement Award to recognize his technical contributions that helped digital ham radio expand. Emery McClendon KB9IBW was named the recipient of the Special Achievement Award for starting Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day (ARMAD) in 2003 as a way for Amateur Radio to express support and appreciation for our service men and women. The winners will be feted at a dinner held May 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton.

Silver, an ARRL Life Member, was first licensed at age 17 in 1972 as WN0GQP, and upgraded to Amateur Extra and changed his call sign to N0AX in 1976. A contester and DXer, he is on the DXCC Honor Roll. Silver's award nomination cited his "many contributions, including *Ham Radio for Dummies*, his first effort to show that becoming a ham does not have to be a difficult challenge. His additional books, magazine articles and his 'Hands On Radio' column in *QST* have all helped many hams develop their knowledge and skills." Silver was awarded the ARRL's Bill Orr W6SAI Technical Writing Award in 2003. He is also the editor of the ARRL's *Contester's Rate Sheet* and the ARRL Antenna Design Course. Silver has also written feature articles and product reviews for *QST* and compiles *QST*'s "Contest Corral" column.

Silver, who lives on Vashon Island near Seattle, Washington, worked closely with community leaders and the Vashon-Maury Island Radio Club (W7VMI) to provide effective emergency communications. According to the awards committee, radio club members, along with the fire district and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), have created one of the "best local communications systems in the state of Washington."

Calling it "really, really nice and a complete honor" to be named Amateur of the Year, Silver told the ARRL that "It's a humbling experience to even be nominated, much less be chosen. To whomever is responsible for the nomination and to the Hamvention^R Committee, thank you. Receiving the award would be impossible without readers, colleagues, mentors and friends -- so it's just as much for them as it is for me. Being recognized will keep my fires lit to go on producing, strive for better accuracy and clarity and figure out how to make it all be fun, too. I'll just try to act like I deserve it -- most of the time." >8 *snip*

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OH-KY-IN 2007 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
 Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
 Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair
 Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair
 PIO Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Q-Fiver Editor Susie Scott N8CGM
 Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
 Fox Hunters Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV
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 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
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 Librarian James E. Keely KC8PRY
 Field Day Chair Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT
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 Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
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News of members & students in recent classes

On the mend from various surgeries

Bob Frey WA6EZV Bill Zapf N8WRZ

Successful students

Tom Reid, a student in the one-day class, passed his Technician exam on April 20
 12 sat for exams on April 26, all were successful: 10 Technicians, 1 General, 1 Extra
 Jaymie Hall Aaron McKnight David Klosterman
 Dewey Saylor Dennis McGrath Andrew Cornell
 Joyce Turner Clifford Garstka Mark Pankratz
 Wayne Schwegel William Krause Timothy Keyes

... and a grand-harmonic!

Brian K4BRI is so delighted to be a first-time grandfather that he couldn't remember to indicate who got what on the exams. Olivia, the DeYoungs' third daughter, had Spencer Noah, 8 lb 9 oz, 21.5 inches.

Members in print ...

I'm finally getting caught up on some reading. Looking at the April edition of *QST*, it sure is good to see a local ham get some ink. Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, a fellow OH-KY-IN A.R.S. member, explains in Hints & Kinks how he planned ahead for his ham shack while his new house was being built.

Congratulations Nathan!! 73, *Bruce N8BV*

KY ham published. Kudos to Robert Kluck N4IJS for getting an article he's written on Linux published in the May/June issue of *QEX* magazine (look for it on page 25). Robert's article details how to run Linux under the Windows OS.

He is a member of the Northern Kentucky Amateur Radio Club (info courtesy of the *NKARC Feedline*) as well as Oh-Ky-In. *QEX* magazine is the ARRL's "forum for communications experimenters.

--to reflector by *Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT*

Bob Doolan KB8HFN, an Oh-Ky-In member in years past, in a photo on the front page of the *Enquirer* Local section on Tues, April 29. The 91-year-old Air Force veteran told of some of his experiences as a POW in World War II in the accompanying article. – spotted by *Ye Ed*

Final copy deadline for the June 2-Fiver is Friday, May 23, since June meeting is June 3