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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...

At the November meeting, we will accept Nominations from the floor for the 2009 Officers & Board positions. If you are interested in nominating a person at the meeting, please ask that person beforehand. Thanks to Paul KD8JDF & Jerry KD8ASL for helping on the Nominating Committee this year.

ARRL Sweepstakes is coming up... ARRL CW Sweepstakes is first full weekend in November (November 1-3, 2008) & ARRL Phone Sweepstakes is the third full weekend in November (November 15-17, 2008). Both begin 2100 UTC Saturday and end 0300 UTC Monday.

Sweepstakes is a lot of fun. There's always that section that has the weakest signal and we manage to work them hours before the end. What a thrill! Sign up sheets for the phone portion will be available at the November Club meeting. Contact Brian if you can't make it to the meeting but would like to participate. Thanks to Brian K4BRI for volunteering his location once again for this club event.

OH-KY-IN & QCEN are teaming up again for another 1 Day Technician Class. The class will be held @ the Blue Ash office of the American Red Cross, 10870 Kenwood Road. Registrations are still coming in. If you have been waiting to get your ham license, I recommend you sign up now! It's an exciting time to get involved in the hobby! Call 513=382-3979 or email [classes@ohkyin.org] for more info!

An exam session for all license classes will be held at Salem Presbyterian Church in Westwood the following Saturday, November 15th beginning @ 12 Noon. We will need VEs for this exam. If you are a VE and can help out, please stop by. For information on the exam session, email [exams@ohkyin.org].

Happy (belated) Halloween & see you at the November club meeting!

73, Dale KC8#25

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Next meeting

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 go **upstairs**, as our usual meeting room is a polling place. It's to be hoped that **you** voted before you came to the members' meeting! Tues Nov 4 is the day, at 7:30 PM November is when nominations for the coming club year take place. Our nominating committee

has been hard at work; please come help firm up the slate for 2009 officers and board. The recent satellite antenna construction project will also be reviewed.

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

73, Gary KB8MYC

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Minutes, Members' Meeting of Oh-Ky-In ARS, Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Dale KC8HQ5 called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions followed; there were 31 present, with 2 of the speakers as guests (Joe K8QOE and John NB4K).

Health and Welfare: Dale said that Ted Wilson K8TCR's wife had died. It was mentioned that Otto AA8KK became SK after the last club meeting (notice in current *Q-Fiver*).

Brag: Harry WA8LOJ bragged that on October 4 he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Program: Gary KB8MYC turned it over to the ARRL officials present. Great Lakes Division Director Jim K8JE went first.

Jim deals with administrative matters, Section Manager Joe K8QOE makes the policies work.

Gene N8KOJ asked Jim about 40m phone; Jim replied that the FCC decides about that. There's also more than phone on 40m. Jim said there's a study proposed to look at the FCC regulations and get operating pleasantries in line for frequency users.

The ARRL actually keeps us on the air. BPL was supposed to deal with the abilities of incidental Part 15 devices to interfere, which some do. The FCC must review this under the basis of its own rules, which it violated. The suit cost over \$200K (could have cost \$100K more), and FCC must pay \$20K for copies and other needed printed material in the bench trial that decided this.

Amateur radio needs to develop a good presence in both Houses of Congress.

Section Manager Joe K8QOE handed out a few copies of the *Ohio Section Journal* before he began to speak.

5 Assistant Section Managers (by geographical area) assist Joe as part of the OH Section staff. The newly appointed SEC is working on linkages already. A lot of future traffic will be composed of long lists; digital stations will be needed to handle these. New blood is needed in the administrative ranks! The Technical Coordinator also operates a Speakers' Bureau.

Official Observer keeps no records. Most hams would far rather have an advisory OO note than a visit or letter from FCC enforcement.

Bruce N8BV asked why the recent Section Emergency Test seemed to be such a big secret, with little or no publicity? Joe admitted it got past him too, perhaps because of all the Hurricane Ike leftovers.

Joe commented, as a civilian, that a new controller on .88 will make it easier to air announcements that are not specifically club related. It's hoped this will happen by mid-November. Jim W8OUU will serve as contact for the GCARA repeaters.

Jim asked if Oh-Ky-In has experienced interference with its repeaters, as some other clubs have. Dale KC8HQ5 said there was a jammer on Tech Talk last week who was ignored, and eventually gave up.

John NB4K then asked how many had written a Congressman in support of legislation; only 2 had.

He also said that the office of Homeland Security has declared ham radio as the back-up for FEMA. In general, SE Ohio and Michigan need to write their Congressmen and Senators more. John requested copies of such letters written.

Jim K8JE said Congressional staffs tend to cross-reference people who write as ARRL members. An important point: as few as 10 letters on a non-partisan issue is enough to get support for it as a logical worthy cause.

Dale thanked the speakers and announced a 10-minute break, during which split-the-pot tickets and soda will be sold.

Radio's Plus
Joe Davidson KB8SBN
11641 Colthar Dr
Bethel OH 45106-9669
513=752-9570

Business meeting convened at 8:58 PM.

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for staffing the hospitality table. (Note doesn't translate) moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as published in the current *Q-Fiver*, Gerry KD8ASL second, motion carried.

Dale announced the current membership total as 101; Nathan KA3MTT, membership chair, was not present.

Treasurer Kevin KI4PJK was able to attend, and passed out copies of the treasurer's report. One of the club's certificates of deposit has matured, and he found a good rate on a new one.

Bruce N8BV had no new Silent Key reports (welcome news! – *Ye Ed*). John NB4K asked Bruce if he contacts ARRL re SKs; Bruce does.

Next fox hunt will be this Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10 AM.

Brian K4BRI was not present to give the technical report. Dale summarized that last night Joe KB8SBN came to .67 to help with some technical issues and remove hum.

Equipment manager Brian KC8FJN has condensed 3 lists down to one, and needs to go to one more site to finish the inventory. It's hoped that publication of the list is not far off.

Gary KB8MYC reported for the education committee that 6 General students and 2 Extra students are now in the class, with exams set for Nov. 15. The next one-day Technician class will be Nov. 8; like the last one except that it will be in Blue Ash. He hopes to be able to teach some theory. There are 3 on the list for that class already. Rick KD4PYR is teaching 4 Wednesday classes in Oct. at 7 PM to 10 students at the old parks office in Burlington. VEs will be needed for the Oct 29 class (their exam). The Nov. 15 exam will be here at the church and will need VEs also.

Joe K8QOE asked how the one-day classes have gone, because the Fairfield Chief of Police is interested in one. Dale replied that this is our second.

Bruce N8BV noted that there are no new fundraising activities; T-shirts and hats continue. Red White & Blue Ash is likely to continue as such an activity.

Bruce thanked those on the recent Tech Talk who ignored the jammer. Tom NG8A volunteered to do Tech Talk on Oct 29.

Dale reported that he has re-vamped the club website and made it a bit different.

No liaison reports, Pete KC8BZM was not present.

Nominations: Gerry KD8ASL volunteered to join that committee with Paul KD8JDF. They will need to contact the current board.

Dale reported that the Oh-Ky-In Racers will meet again on Dec. 30.

Old business – Dale reported that the items on eBay sold and made money, except for one item which lost \$.29. Four items moved: Vertex VXR5K, old 440 machine, old Spectrum for .625, 2m power amp: total \$474.76.

New business – Phone sweepstakes will be at Brian K4BRI's Nov. 15-17. Brian may work CW sweepstakes. Sign-up sheet at Nov. meeting.

Gary brought some fliers on a homebrew satellite antenna. There will be a workshop here at the church on Oct. 20 to build one for about \$10.

Attendance prize of \$5 went to Dennis KD8ILY, who was present. Split-the-pot of \$20 was won by Sam KJ8K.

Dale thanked Susie N8CGM for taking minutes in Brian K4BRI's absence.

Ted WB8VNV moved to adjourn at 9:21 PM, Jim W8JRB second, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Susie Scott N8CGM*, Acting Recording Secretary

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This is a special message on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

If you're interested in being an OH-KY-IN officer or director for 2009, please let me know. Nominations are being accepted for all positions (President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Directors). The only requirement is to be a paid OH-KY-IN member and a current ARRL member.

We'll also accept nominations from the floor at the November club meeting (Tuesday, November 4th @ 7:30 PM). NOTE: We will be upstairs for the November meeting due to our normal meeting spot being a polling place.

I appreciate the 2008 Officers & Board of Directors for serving this year and I look forward to working with you next year.

73, Dale KC872S [kc8hqs@fuse.net] 513=939-2592

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Amateur radio clubs offer 1 day class

Have you thought about becoming an amateur radio operator but just have not had the time? Did you know that Morse code is no longer required for **any** amateur radio license?

Registration is now open for a 1 day ham radio license class in the Cincinnati, Ohio area scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2008. This course will prepare you for the Technician Class, entry level, amateur radio license examination. This 1 day class will be held at the Blue Ash office of the American Red Cross, 10870 Kenwood Road. Amateur radio license examinations will be given the following Saturday, November 15, 12 noon, at the Salem Presbyterian Church in Westwood.

Classroom instruction with plenty of opportunity for questions will cover all of the main topics needed to pass the Technician exam.

Demonstrations, hands on experiences and interaction with local hams will help participants better understand what amateur radio is all about.

This 1 day amateur radio course is being given by the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society in cooperation with the Queen City Emergency Net.

For more information call 513=382-3979. Email inquiries to [classes@ohkyin.org]. Registration deadline is November 1, **but can be extended!**

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Though you don't have to know Morse code for a ham license...

I just read an article about a website dedicated to learning and practicing Morse Code. Check out www.lcwo.net. You can save personal settings, scores, and stats.

73, Nathan KA3MTT (posted on Oh-Ky-In reflector Oct 24)

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E-mails Asking for Personal Information Are Not from ARRL (Oct 17, 2008) -- We have received several reports from ARRL members with arrl.net e-mail accounts who have recently been contacted via e-mail asking for personal information, such as user names and passwords. Please be assured that these e-mails are fraudulent attempts at "phishing" and did not originate from ARRL. According to ARRL Information Technology Manager Don Durand, "This is a very crude attempt at phishing, using an easily determined spoof of the originating/return address. There is never a time when we would ask via mass e-mail for user names and passwords of arrl.net users. There is simply no need to ever do so." If you receive an e-mail asking for personal information and it looks like it originated from ARRL, please do not respond, just delete it."

-- Allen Pitts W1AGP, in charge of ARRL PR, to ARRL PR reflector

DX Spots – November, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
P29NI- Papua New Guinea thru Nov 3	P40ZB- Aruba thru Nov 6 3B8- Mauritius thru Nov 9	A35-Tonga thru Nov 9 A43DLH- Oman thru Nov 11	GU- Guernsey thru Nov 2 YJ-Vanuatu thru Nov 6	FT5YI- Antarctica thru Dec 15		1 9H3YL- Malta thru Nov 8 ZA-Albania thru Nov 9
2	3	4	5 XV- Vietnam thru Nov 13	6 XU7- Cambodia thru Nov 11 VU3NLF- India thru ...	7 9K2HN- Kuwait thru Nov 17 J3-Grenada thru Nov 25	8 A5100A- Bhutan thru Nov 17 AH0BT- Marian Isl ...
9 K6Y-Guam thru Nov 12 S79UH- Seychelles thru Nov 14	10	11	12 A35-Tonga thru Nov 16	13	14	15 6W2SC- Senegal thru Mar 9 J5UAP-G. Bissau thru ...
16	17	18	19	20 T31DX- Central Kiribati thru Nov 30	21 3D2YA-Fiji thru Nov 27	22 9J3A- Zambia thru Dec 2 T8-Palau thru Dec 3
23	24	25 PZ5TT- Suriname thru Dec 1 J3-Grenada thru Dec 9	26 8Q7SC- Maldives thru Dec 10	27 	28	29 S2- Bangladesh thru Dec 4
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OPERA- TIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT.

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
 Timor-Leste 4W6R, 2008 operation;
 Iran EP3BN, 2008 operation;
 Nepal 9N7BN, 2007 operation;
 Republic of the Congo TN5SN, current operation commencing October 2008; and
 Republic of the Congo TN5MM, current operation commencing October 2008
 -- *ARLD044*, Oct 23, 2008

Contests

November 2008

1-4 ARRL CW Sweepstakes; IPA Contest, SSB & CW; Ukraine DX Contest, SSB & CW; Radio Club of America QSO Party, Phone; Collegiate ARC Competition, CW; High Speed Club CW Contest; DARC (German) 10 m Digital corona contest

8-9 Worked All Europe Digital DX Contest; JA International DX contest, CW; OK-OM DX Contest, SSB; KY QSO Party, SSB & CW; CQ Western Electric, all modes

15-17 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes; ARRL EME Contest; JT (Mongolia) 50th Anniversary Contest, SSB & CW; LZ DX Contest, SSB & CW; Collegiate ARC Competition, SSB; RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest; PSK63 QSO Party,

29-30 CQ WW CW

Sweeps and CQ WW. Contesters are in heaven! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, Dan K744U

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Weaver's words - Sunspots, where are you? (posted Oct 14)

- Balloting in progress for Vice Director
- Red Cross is demanding Intellectual Property agreements
- GLD member in October *QST*
- Pennsylvania is 29th state to pass antenna support bill
- First call for SW Ohio Digital Symposium
- Tentative schedule
- *QST* Cover Plaque winner from Ohio
- Poll re Red Cross deleted
- JOTA was Oct 18-19 (altered)
- Humanitarian Award nominations invited
- Online Call Sign history database

+++ **Balloting in progress for Vice Director** +++

Voting for Vice Director for the Great Lakes Division is in progress. Most Division members appear to have received their ballots; however, some may still be waiting for the US Postal Service to deliver theirs. Remember, the ballots were mailed by Bulk Mail. Times required for delivery of it are erratic.

If you do not receive a ballot by October 31, I encourage you to telephone Dave Sumner at 1-860-594-0303 or e-mail him at [k1zz@arrl.org] to request a replacement ballot be sent to you by First Class mail. Ballots must be received by noon on November 21.

Please review the candidates' backgrounds and vote. Be certain to place your ballot inside the "ballot" envelope and seal this in turn in the mailing envelope provided with your ballot. Ballots are to be mailed to the League's accounting firm, not to Headquarters.

What is the duty of the Vice Director? Article 5 of the ARRL governing documents specifies that the Vice Director has the power of "succession" (to become Director) in the event the Director becomes unable to serve. Otherwise, the Vice Director assists the Director (of the President) as requested and agreed.

+++ ***QST* Cover Plaque winner from Ohio** +++

Great Lakes Division amateur Jim Weit KI8BV of Sandusky OH has been named winner of the Cover Plaque Award for September *QST*. His winning article was titled "An All Band HF Dipole Antenna." Sincere congratulations to Jim for his fine article and the award. *QST* Cover Plaque Awards consist of a

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plaque of the front plate of the issue in which the winning article appeared. Winners are determined by vote of the membership.

+++ **Red Cross is demanding Intellectual Property agreements** +++

Red Cross appears to be expanding its legal agreement demands. This time, a few chapters in Ohio are demanding radio amateur volunteers to sign away their rights to intellectual property developed while a Red Cross volunteer. The local chapters say this is another requirement of American Red Cross at the national level.

Signing away ones intellectual rights -- rights to inventions or written "product" any of us develop -- is a potentially serious action. Many of us sign intellectual property agreements with employers. They pay us and deserve to receive the rewards of inventions we develop at work and in some instances when we are not at work. But signing away our ownership rights for innovations we develop just because we operate a radio to help our community in an emergency? This seems to be going just a bit overboard.

If you are asked to sign an intellectual rights agreement, I encourage you to evaluate the agreement thoroughly before you sign it. Having it reviewed by an attorney either on your personal behalf or the behalf of your ARES unit or club would be a good idea. Depending on the wording of the agreement the agreement just might require you to surrender the rights to a "better mousetrap" over to Red Cross if you happen to develop one.

ARRL does not recommend you refuse to sign an intellectual property agreement with the RC. What we suggest is that you review carefully a request by anyone to sign your rights over to them. Personally, I would graciously decline to sign any of my rights away if doing this is not in my families' or my own best interest.

+++ **A brief poll regarding Red Cross** +++

The poll closed on Oct 24. Too late for this publication!

+++ **GLD member in October QST** +++

Tom Shaver KC8NJK was pictured receiving the Lansing MI, Hometown Hero Award on behalf of the Ingham (MI) County ARPSC. Tom is ECC of Ingham County, MI. The award was given in appreciation of ARPSC's work following a series of tornadoes and torrential rains in the area.

Jamboree on the Air -- for Scouts -- took place the weekend of Oct 18-19 (Ye Ed altered K8JE's original words on this.)

This year, JOTA celebrated its 51st anniversary. The on-air jamboree followed a 48 hour schedule beginning 0000 local time on Saturday, October 18, continuing through 2400 local time on Sunday, October 19. Nearly 500,000 Scouts worldwide were expected to operate on SSB, CW and digital -- particularly, PSK-31 -- this year.

Full information on JOTA 2008 can be found at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/10/13/10385/?nc=1>.

+++ **Pennsylvania is 29th state to pass antenna support bill** +++

On Wednesday, October 8, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell (D) signed into law a bill that guarantees radio amateurs the right to erect antenna support structures. Ohio members are requested to be ready to support Ohio House Bill No.563 which will place FCC Rule PRB-1 into Ohio law. This bill will require all government agencies in the state to allow amateurs to erect antenna support structure regardless of any current local, township or county ordinances.

What is an antenna support structure? If you haven't guessed, this is a "tower"; however, do not call them towers to non-hams. Non-amateurs automatically think of cell towers when someone refers to a tower.

Ohio hams, please contact Ohio SM Joe Phillips K8QOE [k8qoe@arrl.org] to learn how you can support

passage of Ohio HB 563. Working together, the job can be done. The law is non-partisan, costs nothing and merely puts into Ohio statutes the FCC rule that is already accepted as Ohio. The difference is that by putting PRB-1 into actual print in Ohio law, its existence cannot be "accidentally" overlooked by local officials who prefer to ignore it, now.

+++ **Humanitarian Award nominations invited** +++

Nominations are open for the 2008 ARRL International Humanitarian Award. The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. The League established the annual prize to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster. The award is described in greater detail at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/humanitarian.html>.

+++ **First call for SW Ohio Digital Symposium** +++

This is the first call for the 23rd Annual Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium. The symposium will again be held in Thesken Hall of the Miami University Middletown Campus, Middletown OH. The date is January 10, 2009.

Papers to be presented at the symposium are solicited. Topics are wide ranging, from "how-to" articles concerning digital modes, to construction projects for transceivers. A sampling of what was presented last year is on the web at <http://www.swohdigi.org>. Please send your ideas and suggestions to K4ZLE, [k4zle@embarqmail.com].

The SW Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium is the 2nd longest running amateur radio technical symposium in the United States. The event is free, except for a nominal cost for an optional catered lunch.

+++ **Online Call Sign history database** +++

The U.S. Amateur Radio Call Sign History Restoration Project is the product of Michael Carroll N4MC of Woodbridge, Virginia. His Operation CQ is to encourage development of a true database of the history of Amateur Radio call signs. Michael requests your help in this project.

Operation CQ is all about assembling information so that any one of us could go to it, search on a legitimate call sign and find who held it when. Now that FCC is re-issuing call signs after previous holders of them have given them up, wouldn't it be interesting to do this? Who was the first person to hold WA8COA or K8PGL or whatever, during what years and with what license classes?

Ideally, wouldn't it be nice to find out who used license 2HT way back when?

For Michael's database to be able to do this, a lot of additional information -- history -- needs to be entered into his database. This is where you come in. Go to the www.vanityhq.com web site to enter your call sign history. In addition to entering information for call signs and their holders, one can look up call sign history that has already been provided. If you have information on friends or relatives who are SKs, you can enter this as well.

Check with Michael at [n4mc@arrl.net] if you have any questions or comments for him.

Tentative Schedule:

28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference

2 Nov: Grant Hamfest, Georgetown, OH - Jim

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

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

22 Nov: Administration & Finance Committee, Newington, CT - Jim

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1 Jan: (Noon) New terms of Director and Vice Director begin

10 Jan: SW Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, Miamisburg, OH - Jim

73, *Jim K8JE*

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Ohio Section news

November 2008

(Ohio Cabinet listing is at the end of this issue. For Hamfests, see *Hamfests & c.*)

By Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Joanne Solak KJ3O

Hardly seems possible November and the Holidays are just around the corner. But it is true! It sure has been on the cool side around Northeast Ohio. In fact, this AM the temp at 6 AM was only 28 degrees.

There was a "hard frost" with a thin layer of ice on the farm animals' drinking supply.

My two Alaskan Malamutes did not mind a bit. They were cozy outside their igloo (dog house) lying in the straw. So much for cool nights and mornings. Hope you have all your plants inside for the cooler months. If they are still outside, you may not have them much longer.

Have you "had" the latest go round with the upper respiratory infections and so on-----? Larry WD8MPV and I have had our share (a gift from the G Kids) and it isn't fun at all!

Did you VOTE for VICE DIRECTOR and promptly send your ballot to ARRL Headquarters? If you did not---do it NOW! (If you didn't receive your ballot, see *Weaver's words* & call ARRL HQ for a new one.)

Time for many Clubs to hold their annual election of Officers for the coming year. If you do have your Club election, send the Officer changes to the ARRL by filing the ANNUAL REPORT FORM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MOUNT VERNON ARC. This Club celebrated 50 years' affiliation with the ARRL! So, the Club members all got together at a party and picnic in celebration of this most special event, making it an all night affair, September 27th and 28th. They had a special event station set up using the Club Call K8EEN. They had a "celebration 50 year cake" which was in the form of a Collins KW-2 mobile unit from 1957 vintage (50 years ago). Great Job!

The Triple States Radio Amateur Club, Inc., has decided to publish the *ARNB* (Club Newsletter) quarterly.

This same decision, I am told, has been made by many Clubs. This decision has been made due to the rising cost of postage for mailing the NL. So most Club members, if you can, sign up for the Newsletter to be sent electronically to you by your Club Newsletter Editor.

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club was busy with their Safety Break early in October and the October 26th MARC Hamfest. The announcement of their newsletter, the *Feedback*, winning 2nd place in the Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter contest was really a reason for Gary Kline WC8W, editor, to celebrate.

CONGRATULATIONS to the GRANT ARC for taking first place in the Newsletter Contest with their Newsletter the *News Unwired*.

The *Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter*, Cleveland Chapter One QCWA won third place in the newsletter contest.

The Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, K8KRG, members are busy with their weekly nets, repeater upkeep, memberships, website, newsletters, the Nomination committee for election of officers, their meetings and much more.

Remember the Fall Season is the time for Schools to be back in session and time for the colorful falling leaves. Drive Safely. Take your time.

The 20/9 Amateur Radio Club has lost a dear friend. They sadly informed me of one of their "family" club members, Don Stoddard KI8SS is a silent key (SK). His passing was September 30, 2008. Sadly missed and never forgotten by all who knew him.

Thank You all for the Newsletters, E-mails, letters, phone calls, invitations to your autumn festivals, (apple butter making time) and lots more. Keep the NLs coming.

The Holiday Season is just around the corner. A very busy time for all of us. Don't forget the *Ohio Section Journal* deadline is November 7th. If you wish to contribute (write) an article for the *Journal* send your article to Section Manager, Joe Phillips K8QOE, HYPERLINK mailto:k8qoe@arrl.org [k8qoe@arrl.org], make sure it reaches him a week ahead of the deadline.

Well, that's it for this time around. Enjoy the beautiful autumn season. And always remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU! Until then,
Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ3O*, ACC Ohio

OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:

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Hamfests & c.

November 2008

8 15th Annual Georgetown OH Hamfest, sponsored by Grant ARC, at ABCEOI Bldg, 406 W Plum St. Set-up Fri 5-10 PM, Sat 5:30 AM; public 8 AM-3 PM. VE exams at 10 AM (please be on time if you wish an exam!), charity auction at 11:30 AM. Indoor vendor & flea market tables free but advance registration required. Prize drawings throughout the day, great food served all day. \$2, advance tickets available. Talk-in 146.73 (162.2 hz). Info: Rodney Crawford WD8CTX, [wd9ctx@juno.com], www.garcOhio.net

15-16 IN State Convention, as well as 36th Annual Ft Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo, sponsored by Allen Co AR Technical Society, at Allen Co War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave, corner of Coliseum Blvd. Doors open for setup Fri eve& Sat AM; public Sat 9 AM-4 PM, Sun 9 AM-3 PM. Over 750 commercial & flea mkt tables; new & used radio, computer & general electronics items; vendors; several intl ham equipment mfgs; many forums & meetings; VE sessions Sat 9 AM to 12 noon; parking \$4. Talk-in 146.88. \$6 for both days or \$4 for just Sun, at door only, under 12 free if accompanied by adult. Info: James Boyer KB9IH, 260=579-2196, [chairman@fortwaynehmfest.com], www.fortwaynehmfest.com

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

Sat, Nov. 15: Cincinnati-Westwood, sponsored by Oh-Ky-In ARS, at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee behind the Boudinot-Harrison White Castle. 12 noon. Walk-ins accepted. Info: Brian DeYoung K4BRI, 859=635-3095. Talk-in 146.67 or 146.925.

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 November 2008

- Sun Nov 2 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Tue Nov 4 **Election Day**
7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church
Mozart & Higbee behind Harrison-Boudinot
White Castle in Westwood
Program: 2009 Nominations, review of satellite antenna building
- Wed Nov 5 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQ5, 146.925
- Thu Nov 6 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Nov 7 8:00 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps at Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot
- Sat Nov 8 8 AM-4 PM All-day Technician theory class at Red Cross office in Blue Ash(see pg 6
10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
- Tue Nov 11 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting, if needed
Veterans' Day
- Wed Nov 12 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
- Thu Nov 13 7:00 PM Last amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Sat Nov 15 12:00 N VE exams at at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Wed Nov 19 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
- Fri Nov 21 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown
- Tue Nov 25 7:30 PM Board of Directors' Meeting, location varies
- Wed Nov 26 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925



- Thu Nov 27 **Thanksgiving Day**
- Tue Dec 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Elect officers and board for 2009, Christmas party

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Operating tip

Acknowledging a QSO is important, particularly in short, intense contests like the North American Sprint. Even though you're in a hurry to get to that next QSO, be SURE to positively acknowledge the transmitting station's information. If you don't, the QSO might not be logged, leaving you with a NIL (not-in-log) penalty. On CW, sending a single "dit" is often lost in the noise or under other callers. "R" or "TU" is much better at a very small cost of time.

From Oct 1 08 ARRL Contest Update

Odd dits and bits

If arthritis or some other pain-inducing condition makes sending CW a literal pain in the wrist, you could try removable **semi-cast wrist supports**, available at pharmacies that will restrict painful motion. These use hook-and-loop fabric fasteners for the best fit. Bowling gloves and wrist supports could also do the job. (Thanks, Herb KV4FZ) From *ARRL Contest Update*, Oct 15, 2008 Ward Silver N0AX, ed.

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If you need to access www.arrloho.org, it's best to use the Microsoft Explorer browser.

Ye Ed tried to go there more than once using her normal Mozilla browser, and found that many pages would not display. Use of Explorer corrected that.

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Major Lesson Learned in Hurricane Ike Cleanup, in Harrison Co IN & Other Places: Have a way to operate for days (not just hours) on emergency power! -- *ARES E-Newsletter*, Oct 17, 2008

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News of members: excessive space for Ye Ed's other life

Sweet Adelines Intl Webcast

Susie Scott N8CGM and members of Cincinnati Sound Chorus (previously members of Queen City and 7Hills Choruses which merged to form CSC), 2007 Region 4 chorus champions, will compete in this year's Sweet Adelines Intl Contest. Those who wish to see the Sweet Adelines contest from Hawai'i may sign up to do so here:

<http://www.sweetadelineintl.org/webcast.cfm> The Webcast is free, and is funded solely by donations, which will be gratefully accepted. Suggested amounts:

\$20.00 for audio only listeners, \$35.00 for one day of audio and video

\$75.00 and up for more than one day of audio and video

Or send a check to SAI headquarters. The address is:

Sweet Adelines International, P.O. Box 470168, Tulsa OK 74147 Attn: Webcast Donation

You may also donate securely on line when you sign up for the webcast. ***Donations made to Sweet**

Adelines are tax deductible and qualify for matching gifts.

Sweet Adelines is using Windows Media Player from Microsoft to deliver programming to you. You will need to get the Windows Media Player installed on your machine if you do not have it already. The player is free. Go to the following Web site to download Windows Media Player,

<http://www.windowsmedia.com/download>. The player is available for both Windows and Mac.

It is a good idea to test the player prior to the convention Webcast. When testing, if a small window pops up and you hear audio, you already have the player. If your browser warns you that you don't have a necessary plug-in or helper application, then you will need to download the Windows Media Player.

Basic Troubleshooting

If you are unable to receive audio or video content from www.sweetadelineintl.org, there could be a network problem with your receiving computer, a network congestion problem from the Internet itself, or a technical problem with www.sweetadelineintl.org receiving the feed from the source and redistributing it on the Internet. If you are experiencing technical difficulty with your media player, confirm that the latest version of the player is installed.

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Contest days & times: add 5 hours to Hawai'i time for Cincinnati time

Wed 11/5: Quartet semis, 10:45 AM-9:45 PM in HI, starts 3:45 PM EST

Thu 11/6: Chorus semis, 10:45 AM-7:45 PM in HI CSC competes 12:18in HI

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