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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...

Another month gone. It just doesn't seem like summer should be almost over yet.

The club picnic was Saturday, August 16th. Turnout was light but we had a good time nonetheless. Thanks to John KC8VQU for grilling for us again!

We need to appoint a nominating committee for 2009 Officers & Board of Directors. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know. As usual, we will accept nominations from the floor at the November club meeting and elections will be at the December meeting.

See you at the September club meeting!

73, Dale KC8HQS

Next meeting

Brian K4BRI will show us his QRP rig he recently built and has been taking on backpacking journeys. It went with him on a jaunt over the weekend of Aug 23-24. This is the rig that was recently featured on the cover of *QST*. Please come out and see this really awesome little rig! 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, August 5th, 2008

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included our program – W8KJ, KC8CKW and Mitchell – 16 members attending.

New / Upgrades to license – Paul Jordan passed his Tech, John KC8VQU passed General – great job guys!

Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare - Rick KD4PYR doing better after second eye surgery

John Baird W9JRB moved to hospice care at Mercy – not doing well with his cancer fight

Brag session - Brian K4BRI bragged that he worked over 40 QRP contacts on his homebrew transceiver

The program, by Kevin Jones W8KJ, was about the history of radio in Hamilton, OH

10 minute Break

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Motion was made to accept the printed minutes by Sam KJ8K, seconded by Pete KC8BZM – motion passed.

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Membership - Nathan KA3MTT announced that we are at 100 members for 2008 – also he has the directory finished and has copies.

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not present, financial reports passed around

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Tech committee - Brian K4BRI announced a tech meeting at 146.67 site next Tuesday, 7 PM to work on the repeater and replace cables

Equipment manager – Brian KC8FJN said he is working on the sheet and it will be ready soon

Field Day 2008 – Nathan KA3MTT reported the results – 904 SSB contacts, 15 6m, 29 GOTA and 312

CW – total claimed score was 3,056 – was a great Field Day except for the storms, as usual.

Bruce N8BV reported that the Fundraising committee still has hats and shirts. The Red, White and Blue

Ash event netted the club \$658 from sales and \$130 from tips – thanks to all who helped out!

Bruce N8BV reported we would like another regular net control for tech talk – 2nd or 4th Wednesday

Liaisons - Pete KC8BZM reported about WARN, ARPSC meetings – also their FT-897 raffle. Several drills will be happening shortly.

Racers – Raced in July, 4 racers there – great time! Next race is in September.

Old business -

Reminder about the club picnic Aug 16th at noon – still need some items

Jim Keely KC8PRY had some surgery and has limited mobility

New business -

Discussed the State Parks on the Air, and the Ohio QSO party

Pete KC8BZM discussed the Tri-State medical reserve corps

Winner of the random member drawing was Bob WB8JHT, who was present and received \$15. Split the pot of \$13 was won by Dale KC8HQS

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted – *Brian DeYoung K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

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Fund raising

Here is a final report on Red White & Blue Ash. At the August club meeting, a total of \$788.94 was turned over to the club treasury from our participation. Thanks again to those of you who worked the event, you can be sure I'll be calling on you next year!

Our take from the cash drawer was \$658.03. The club provided 36 man hours. This comes to \$18.22 per man, per hour and that is not including the tip jar money! If I include the tip money of \$130.91, it then becomes a total of \$21.91 per man, per hour for this event. Not too shabby!!!!

All of us who worked the event can't wait until next year.

Don't forget that I have club shirts and hats still available for those who want one.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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It looks very much as if there's interest in another **Fantasy Football League** for OH-KY-IN this year. For those of you who have never played in a Fantasy Football League, it is much easier than it seems. If you're not playing because you never have before, give it a shot! It's a lot of fun.

We will have the draft on the 146.925 repeater just as we have in the past.

Those expressing interest are K4BRI, K4MLE, KC8HQS, KB8MYC, N8QQ, WB8ZCC, KG4IBL, KD8JDF, KA3MTT & KI4PJK.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

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The OH-KY-IN A.R.S. presents

AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

MORSE CODE NOT REQUIRED !

UPGRADE TO

GENERAL OR EXTRA

Begin Thursday, September 11

Western Hills Area

Salem Presbyterian Church

For More Information

Call:

513-382-3979

or

E-MAIL: classes@ohkyin.org

Exam: Saturday, November 15th

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Radio's Plus

Joe Davidson KB8SBN

11641 Colthar Dr

Bethel OH 45106-9669

513=752-9570

DX Spots September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZX8T – Marion Island thru May-09	1 V31HC- Belize thru 9-15	2	3 XU7YYY- Cambodia thru 9-8 ----- P41USA-Aruba thru 9-12	4 PJ2- Netherland Antilles thru 9-18	5 ZK3- Tokelau thru 9-26	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 JW4LN- Svalbard thru 9-18	13
14	15 E51NOU- S Cook Isl thru 10-11	16	17	18	19	20 5R8- Madagascar thru 9-25 ----- FR/G- Glorioso Isl
21 CN2IPA- Morocco thru 10-5	22	23 A25- Botswana thru 10-6	24	25	26 V4-St Kitts and Nevis thru 10-3	27
28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 5x4x operations in Uganda, 2007-present, are now approved for DXCC credit. E-mail [dxcc@arrl.org] to have records updated. <i>ARRL Ltr</i> V27#32, Aug 15, 2008 </div>			

Nathan KA3MTT assembles DX Spots when he isn't called away on some important errand --

Contests

September 2008

- 1-2 Labor Day Sprint, CW
6-7 All Asia Contest, SSB; Russian Radio RTTY WW; IARU Region I Field Day, SSB; **Ohio State Parks On the Air, all modes**; North American Sprint, CW; DARC Digital 10m Corona, CW; TN QSO Party, all modes
12-13 070 Club 80 Meter Autumn Sprint, CW; WAE DX Contest, SSB; Arkansas QSO Party, all modes; ARRL September VHF QSO Party, all modes; Second-Class Operators Sprint, CW; North American Sprint, SSB
18-21 YLRL Howdy Days, CW & SSB; ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest; ARRL EME Contest; Colorado QSO Party, all modes; Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW; South Carolina QSO Party, all modes; Washington State Salmon Run, all modes; SE DX Club 50th Anniversary, all modes; QCWA Fall QSO Party, all modes; Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint, CW; Classic Exchange, Phone; Fall VHF Sprint, all modes
25 BCC QSO Party, CW & SSB
27-28 CQ WW RTTY Contest; CIS DX Contest, CW & Digital modes X X; Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB; Texas QSO Party, all modes
30 222 Fall VHF Sprint, all modes; Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint, CW
No more Olympics, but..Happy Contesting. For more see *QST*, *CQ* or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
73, *Dan K744U*

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After some discussion, there was no general agreement to field an Oh-Ky-In effort for **Ohio State Parks on the Air** on Sept 6. However, that will not prevent individuals or small bands of individuals from doing so. – *Ye Ed*, after e-mail consultation with El Pres KC8HQ5

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Help Promote These Bills!

US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in its BPL Decision. The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation. This means the FCC doesn't have to retract BPL, just that they need to redefine it. So, where does that leave us, the Amateur population? Needing some type of legislation before the FCC can change or make any new rules.

Senate Bill (S-1629): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007. A bill to request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband Internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR) cosponsor Sen. Michael Crapo [R-ID]. Also, House of Representatives (H.R. 462): Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007 To request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines. Sponsor Rep. Mike Ross [D-AR] and cosponsors Rep. John Barrow [D-GA], Rep. Roscoe Bartlett [R-MD], Rep. Baron Hill [D-IN], Rep. Steve Israel [D-NY], Rep. Ron Lewis

[R-KY], Rep. Michael McNulty [D-NY], Rep. Tim Murphy [R-PA], Rep. Sue Myrick [R-NC], Rep. Ronald Paul [R-TX], Rep. Collin Peterson [D-MN], Rep. David Price [D-NC], Rep. Bart Stupak [D-MI], Rep. Timothy Walberg [R-MI].

People who think members of Congress or the House of Representatives pay little or no attention to constituent mail, are plain wrong. Concise, well-thought-out personal letters are one of the most effective ways Americans have of influencing lawmakers. But, members of Congress and the House of Representatives get hundreds of letters and emails every day. Whether you choose to use the Postal Service or email, here are some tips that will help your letter have impact. Most of the time, we as Amateurs write our Senators or House of Representatives complaining that a certain Act or Bill will not be good for Amateur Radio. But this time we all need to write and let our Representatives know that we would like them to support these bills, and that we appreciate the fact that they are looking into the future of the service of Amateur Radio. If you're not sure who to write, then go to the League's web site (<http://www.arrl.org>) click on Members Only and a new page will pop up with the listings of the Congressmen/Congresswomen, Senators and House of Representatives in your District.

There is also a sample letter there that is already written for you. Copy and paste it into an email and fill in the appropriate places with the Representative's name, then the place with your name and information in the proper places. We must make sure we can congratulate as well as complain. Remembering that no matter what way we do it, we must do it with respect to them and in confidence. Here are some examples for writing a Senator or Congressman/Congresswoman.

It's usually best to send letters to the Representative from your local Congressional District or the Senators from your state. Your vote helps elect them -- or not -- and that fact alone carries a lot of weight.

73, *John D. Meyers WB4K*, Legislative Action Coordinator, Great Lakes Division

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==> 5th annual National Preparedness Month coming in September

The US Department of Homeland Security announced in July that more than 1200 national, regional, state and local businesses and organizations -- including several Amateur Radio groups -- have pledged their support and joined the 2008 National Preparedness Month Coalition <<http://www.ready.gov/america/npm08/intro.html>>. Sponsored by the department's "Ready" campaign, National Preparedness Month helps to raise awareness and promote action by Americans, businesses and communities on emergency preparedness. >8snip

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Technical Web Site of the Week - The [RF Cafe](#) Web site has a great selection of handy calculators, tables and references along with RF industry and science news articles. This is a good site to add to your list of bookmarks
(Thanks, Bob W6TR)

ARRL Contest Update, Aug 6, 2008

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Hamfests & c.

September 2008

6 Gr Louisville KY Hamfest at Paroquet Springs Conference Ctr, 395 Paroquet Springs Dr, Shepherdsville KY, sponsored by Gr Louisville Hamfest Assn. 8 AM-2 PM. Forums (ARRL & EmComm), VE sessions (register at 8 AM, exams from 9 AM-12 noon, fee \$10 cash only). \$7 (too late to request advance tickets). Talk-in: 146.7 (79.7 Hz). Info: Gr Louisville Hamfest Assn, [GLHA08@Louisville-Hamfest.com], LouisvilleHamfest.com

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7 66th Annual Findlay OH Hamfest at Hancock Co Fairgrounds, 1017 E Sandusky St, sponsored by Findlay RC. Set-up 6:30 AM, public 8 AM. Fleas. \$6. Talk-in: 146.97. Info: Bill Gaines AD8P, 419=369-4400, [hamfest@findlayradioclub.org], www.findlaywireless.com

13 Central KY ARS Hamfest at Madison Co Fairgrounds, Hwy 52E, Richmond KY, sponsored by Central KY ARS. (Note on website: previous location too small!) 8 AM-3 PM. Vendors, free tailgating with paid admission, educational demonstrations, VE sessions at 1 PM, fellowship. \$6. Talk-in: 145.37 (192.8 Hz). Info: Mike Rogers KE4ISW, 859=624-9156, [ke4isw@arrl.net], www.qsl.net/ckars/hamfest/

20 Hazard KY Annual Swapfest at Wendell Ford Airport (Civil Air Patrol Bldg), Regional Airport Rd (KY 15), sponsored by KY Mountains ARC. Swapfest. \$5. Talk-in: 146.67 (103.5 Hz). Info: Jon Farler K4AVX, 606=476-9662, [k4avx@arrl.net], www.k4avx.net/hf.pdf

21 72d Anniversary GCARA Hamfest at Diamond Oaks CDC, 63475 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati OH, sponsored by Gr Cincinnati ARA. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. Good food, free parking, fleas, commercial vendors, VE exams at 9 AM (walk-ins welcome), hidden transmitter hunt at 9 AM, ARRL forum at 11 AM, 1936 Net at noon. Inside air conditioned. \$6. Talk-in from 6 AM: 145.37, alternate 146.88. Info: Tom Denham K8VOE, 513=779-3951, [k8voe@arrl.net], www.gcara.org

28 34th Cleveland OH Hamfest & Computer Show at Cuyahoga Co Fairgrounds. 164 Eastland Rd, Berea OH, sponsored by Hamfest Assn of Cleveland. 8 AM-2 PM. Hamfest/Computer Show, fleas, ARRL forum, VE sessions at 2 PM sharp in Berea Rm (under Berea Library, 7 Berea Commons), walk-ins welcome, refreshments. E-mail for info & tables retired due to incredible Spam levels! Info call 800=CLE-FEST, or visit www.hac.org website & click appropriately.

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ARLB012 New Idaho and North Dakota Section Managers to Take Office October 1

On August 19, members of the ARRL's Membership and Volunteer Programs Department counted ballots for contested Section Manager races in Idaho and Western New York. Section Managers serve two year terms.

In Idaho, Edward Stuckey AI7H of Post Falls was elected Section Manager of Idaho with 155 votes; Chuck Robertson KX7ID of Nampa received 150 votes. Stuckey will be stepping into the office that has been held by Doug Rich W7DVR of Boise since the fall 2003. Rich decided not to run for another term of office. Stuckey, licensed since 1957, is a member of ARES/RACES organizations. He is currently active in the Kootenai Amateur Radio Society in Coeur d'Alene of which he is a past president. In Western New York, current Section Manager Scott Bauer W2LC of Baldwinsville was re-elected with 639 votes; challenger Kevin Romer KC2MLC of Trumansburg received 273 votes. Bauer has served as Western New York Section manager since 2000. He is active in many areas of Amateur Radio including the National Traffic System, ARES and SKYWARN, and serves as a volunteer examiner.

The ARRL North Dakota Section will also get a new Section Manager come October 1. Lynn Nelson W0CQ of Minot will be taking over from Kent Olson KA0LDG. Olson, who has served as Section Manager since 2001, did not run for another term of office.

The following incumbent ARRL Section Managers did not face opposition and were declared elected for the next two year terms of office beginning October 1, 2008: Betsey Doane K1EIC (Connecticut); Skip Jackson KS0J (Minnesota); **Joe Phillips K8QOE (Ohio)**; John Thomason WB5SYT (Oklahoma); Roberto Jimenez KP4AC (Puerto Rico); Sherri Brower W4STB (Southern Florida), and John Ellis NP2B (US Virgin Islands).

New Wyoming Section Manager Appointed

Lee Anne Allen WY7DTW of Devils Tower has been appointed Section Manager of the Wyoming Section to complete the term of office that has been held by Chris Pritchard WX7B of Green River. Pritchard is

moving out of the Section to take a new job. The present term of office continues through March 31, 2009. Dave Patton NN1N, Manager of the Membership and Volunteer Programs Department, made the Section Manager appointment effective August 15 in consultation with Rocky Mountain Division Director Brian Milesosky N5ZGT. Allen has been the Assistant Section Manager for Wyoming since the first of the year; she also serves as a local ARRL Emergency Coordinator. Allen served as the Wyoming Public Information Coordinator (PIC) for almost three years until earlier this year.

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Ohio Section Conference Sept 13 Features new SEC, Pizza Lunch

The new Section Emergency Coordinator, Jack Sovik KB8WPZ (named Aug 26), will be one of the featured speakers at the September 13 Ohio Section Conference which also features the famous PIZZA LUNCH -- Ohio's big ham radio social event.

The Section Conference, open to all Ohio hams, begins at 9 AM at the State Fire Academy east of Reynoldsburg on old US 40.

Beside the PIZZA LUNCH and the new SEC, the Conference also features the awards -- the 18th annual Ohio Newsletter Contest awards as well as the naming of the newest honored Ohio ham receiving the Allan Severson AB8P (SK) Memorial award.

Below is a complete list of a tentative agenda for the Conference. But you can make suggestions by contacting the Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips K8QOE, quickly.

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 NEW SEC FEATURED ATTRACTION

Here is the tentative agenda for the conference. BUT IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A TOPIC, CALL ME IMMEDIATELY at 513=874-0006.

9 AM Welcome/update of Section changes --SM Joe Phillips K8QOE

9:30 ARES Meet the new SEC, Jack Sovik KB8WPZ

9:45 Division/ARRL matters --Director Jim Weaver K8JE

10:15 BREAK

10:30 Official Observers --OOC Rick Swain KK8O

11:00 Open Q & A Session --ALL IN ATTENDANCE

11:15 Newsletter awards --PIC Emily Wells KC8RAL

11:45 PIZZA LUNCH

12:45 PM Severson Award --SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE

1:00 Ohio House Bill 563 --Nick Pittner WB8TMF

1:30 OSSBN --ASM Connie Hamilton, N8IO

2:00 BREAK

2:15 OPEN Q & A --ALL IN ATTENDANCE

2:30 Technical presentation --TC Tom Holmes, N8ZM

3:00 Parade of Emergency Vans --ECs w/ Emergency Vans

3:15 Wrap-up/Visit Vans --SM Joe Phillips K8QOE

FOUR QUICK NOTES ABOUT THE SECTION CONFERENCE

ONE - if you have an item of interest you would like to present at the conference OR you have an idea for a Conference topic you would like us to cover -- call me **immediately** at 513=874-0006. This is why we call this a tentative agenda.

TWO - the PIZZA LUNCH is the social event of the year. Great time for all of us to exchange ideas on what others are doing across Ohio.

This is the can't miss event of the day.

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THREE - The State Fire Academy has adequate parking and does not have the security limitations of our old facility. We still start at 9 AM though, and I suggest you try to be on time and not miss anything.

FOUR - For the second straight year, The Ohio State University Buckeyes are playing an away game (they're in LA) during Section Conference.

Thank you Coach Tressel. No football traffic in Columbus during Section Conference this year.

Joe Phillips K8QOE, ARRL Ohio Section Manager [k8qoe@arrl.org]

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FOR SALE: TS 480 SAT, like new with optional mobile carry bracket. Used in non-smoking environment and not used mobile. Asking \$850.00 shipped and insured to CONUS (that's Continental US for those who've never been associated with the military) ONLY.

I can be reached at: [n8kyx@arrl.net]. This is posted on behalf of Rick Slone.

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Jack Sovik KB8WPZ is the new SEC for Ohio

A Youngstown newspaper executive who has long time experience in Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will be the new Section Emergency Coordinator for Ohio.

The DEC for District Five, Jack Sovik KB8WPZ, becomes SEC on September 1, Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE, has announced today (Aug 26). Hams and particular members of ARES will have two opportunities by mid-September to meet the new SEC. He will chair the ARRL Forum at the Findlay Hamfest on Sept 7 and be featured speaker at the OH Section Conference in Reynoldsburg on Sept 13. Jack succeeds SEC Frank Piper KI8GW, of Pickerington. Frank announced his resignation a month ago because his job requires he go back to school, plus he has new duties after recently being elevated to be Grand Knight of his Knights of Columbus unit.

District 4 ARES report for Aug, as KI8GW leaves SEC office

Clermont County:

The Clermont group provided teams of persons to assist the Clermont County Sheriff's office during the County Fair. Our role was to provide extra sets of eyes for the Sheriff's Office and to assist them and the public as required. We communicated any disturbances, *i.e.* fighting, or persons causing a problem to our net control that was stationed with a county dispatcher in the communications trailer. We also provided support to the public by providing directions, or assisting them in locating vehicles and lost family members.

Clinton County:

2 Activations by National Weather Service (5.21 hrs)

Hamilton County:

Lots of work with RMRS and the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Health Boards. Rebuilding the county VHF hospital net frequency and equipment.

Assigning ARES people to POD's in their local community. Now have our second 220MHz repeater on the air (224.000)p1123.0, also a new packet digi coming to the area high profile, high power. Assisting Hamilton, Butler Counties work up a multi-county exercise to be played out August.

DEC notes for District 4:

Hours were directed toward Meetings with local Arc's, EMA pre-drill meetings, ARES meetings and working on 3 repeaters systems 145.370 remote receivers and link transmitters audio cleared up, Clermont Co WOBO 224.000 repeater returned from 223.960, mounted in a rack assembly with the 145.770 digipeater and 144.770 remote receiver for 145.370 with the UHF link on 445.

D-Stargateway server-bogging down due to multiple problems, CPU too slow for new G2 software, not

enough RAM to support G2 and the programs running, Red Hat has to be changed out to CentOS 5.2, current SQL files backed up from old system and restored on new system, correct programming errors on the D-Star controller, new 160 GB hard drive system and start installing all the new software including the G2 latest updates.

Working on my own comms trailer in case it is needed for hurricane response.

73 de *Bob N5TUW* DEC District 4

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==> FCC to raise vanity callsign fees

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30 <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-08-182A1.pdf>.

The fee will increase 30 days after notice of the increase is published in the *Federal Register* <<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>>; no date has yet been set for publication. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 12 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 to a high of \$50. The FCC said it anticipates some 15,000 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" -- or applications -- during Fiscal Year 2009, collecting \$184,734 in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal two years ago. Those holding "personalized" call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS and clicking on the "New Users Register" link <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>>. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

League members should visit the "ARRL Member Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/memberlicenseinstructions.html>>, while the "Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page covers general renewal procedures for nonmembers <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/licenseinstructions.html>>. There is additional information on the "ARRL VEC's FCC License Renewals and ARRL License Expiration Notices" page <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/renewals.html>>.

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the "ARRL Amateur Application Filing FAQ" Web page. The FCC's forms page also offers the required forms <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/application-filing-faq.html>>.

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Conversation

Time for a little summer fun – how about a minor “repurposing” of The Hollies’ major hit of long ago, *Bus Stop*?

Broad Band, downloaded from The Hollies’ *Bus Stop* by Dr Beldar
Dial up, slow rate, she’s mad, I say Please share my connection.
Broad band, Web flows, she stays, love grows Sharing my connection.
All that summer we enjoyed it High speed surfing on-line
That connection, we employed it By August, she was mine.
Over lattes I would let her log in at the shop We’d check the auction sites to see what we had bought
Many times we bid as though we were both quite insane Soon my domain and hers are going to be the same.
That’s the way the whole thing started Silly but it’s true
Linkin’ up a sweet romance with Wireless 802.
Cappucino, chocolate melting Low security now.
Nice to think how that connection Led me to a vow.
Over lattes I would let her log in at the shop We’d check the auction sites to see what we had bought
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73, *Ward NOAX* in *ARRL Contest Update*, August 6, 2008

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What’s happening in September

- Mon Sep 1 Labor Day 
- Tue Sep 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Brian K4BRI will show off and tell about the QRP rig he built
- Wed Sep 3 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.925
- Fri Sep 5 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
- Tue Sep 9 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting, if needed, location TBA
- Wed Sep 10 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
- Thu Sep 11 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Tue Sep 16 Mexican Independence Day 
- Wed Sep 17 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dennis KB8ROA, 146.925
- Thu Sep 18 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
- Fri Sep 19 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown
- Sun Sep 21 8-2 GCARA Hamfest (see *Hamfests*)

Tue Sep 23 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, location varies
 Wed Sep 24 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI, 146.925
 Thu Sep 25 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
 Wed Oct 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS, 146.925
 Thu Oct 2 7:00 PM Amateur radio theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
 Fri Oct 3 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
 Tue Oct 7 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
 Program: ARRL Night

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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.

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

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News of members and students in recent classes

Condolences

John Baird W9JRB became a silent key Wednesday, August 6 at about 8:20AM. John, who was a rather active member of Oh-Ky-In, will certainly be missed! Viewing was in Cleves on Friday evening, August 8; services in Cleves Saturday morning, August 9. Oh-Ky-In's condolences are extended to his family and friends.

Congratulations



Bob W8JSO & Richard L. Pestinger KC8RP, GCARA pres

The GCARA picnic was July 23 at the Blue Ash Rec Center. It was well known that the Kenwood TS-130SE had been used by Paul Flaughter W8VEL (SK) and that his son Paul KB8ANY donated the radio to be the door prize at the picnic. I feel most fortunate to have won it.
 73, *Bob Cooke W8JSO*

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
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Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
John W. Hughes AI4DA

Elmers needed for Paul KD8JDF

Paul Jordan, now KD8JDF (new licence & call!)
4484 Mayhew Ave, Apt 1
Cincinnati, OH 45238
Phone: 513=921-3732

Paul is blind and got his licensing through Handyhams in Minnesota.

I am about the only ham he actually knows in Cincy. He is running some kind of multi band VHF/UHF rig with a stubby. He lives in a condo. I'll be sending him one of my 5/8 mag mount antennas for 146.xx soon.

He could use someone to drop in on him to look over what he has and make suggestions... That should include arrangements with one or more people for transportation to meetings. According to KA3MTT he already joined Oh-Ky-In before he received his licence. He's been receiving a text copy of the *Q-Fiver* like the one I get for the past few months.

I would consider it as a personal favor if someone would first call him, then to visit to lend whatever help might be appropriate to get him started.

73, *Rob K8CO*

The more I see of people, the more I prefer being with my computer.

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==> Station manager explains NN3SI's silence

ARRL has received numerous e-mails asking for information on why NN3SI <<http://americanhistory.si.edu/events/programdetail.cfm?newskey=48>>, the Amateur Radio station at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History (NMAH) was closed after more than 32 years of operation <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/07/30/10231/?nc=1>>. According to Hal Wallace, NN3SI Station Manager and Associate Curator for the Museum's electricity collections, there will be no appropriate place to house the station once the Museum reopens this fall after undergoing an extensive renovation.>8 Wallace said that the station's license is valid until 2013 and its equipment will go into storage.

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Copy deadline for October 2-Fiver is Friday, September 26