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Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at the St. Bernard Recreation Hall (**NEW LOCATION!**), 120 Washington Ave. (corner Washington & Tower Aves) in St. Bernard, just east of Vine St. 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...

ARRL Sweepstakes 2009 was a lot of fun. If you missed it, I hope you can get a chance to participate with us next year. Thanks to Eric N8YC for hosting this year! Our annual Christmas meeting is coming up on Tuesday December 1st and I hope to see you there. We will have pizza and refreshments for club members and their guests, and we'll have elections for club officers and board of directors. We do have a **new meeting spot**... The St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) located at 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard. If you need directions on the night of the meeting, please have a radio handy the night of the meeting for talk-in. We'll be listening in on 146.67 or 146.925. Remember the PL of 123 Hz. Finally, thanks for a great 3 years as President. I'll continue to be very active in the club so you'll still see me around.

Hope everybody had a good Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

73, *Dale KC8HZS*

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Next meeting

Program for the December meeting will be the election of board of directors and officers, followed by the usual December pizza and refreshments.

The meeting's at a completely different place now and henceforth: St. Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard. The building is at the corner of Washington and Tower Aves, just east of Vine Street in St. Bernard. The entrance is on Washington Ave. If you were unable to attend the November meeting and didn't get the flier with map, you need only turn to page 4.

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

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Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, November 3, 2009

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dale mentioned to everyone about the new meeting location, effective in December.

Guests included Dick Fey from the Tech class – 25 members attending.

New / Upgrades to license – Eric KD8MEM got his Tech

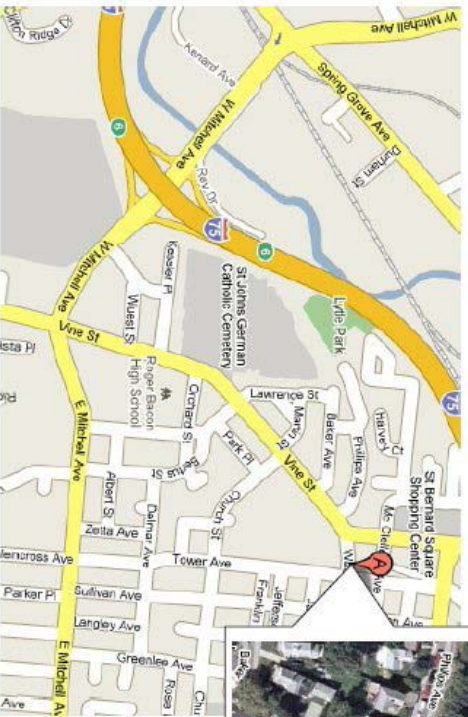
Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare – Taylor KC9KQV's wife passed – Ray W8LKX is still fighting

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NEW OH-KY-IN MEETING LOCATION

Effective Tuesday, December 1st, 2009, the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will be meeting at 120 Washington Ave in St. Bernard, Ohio.



**St. Bernard Recreation Hall @ the corner of
Washington & Tower Ave's.**

***Thanks to Jerry K8AUBG
for his help with this!***

Directions: The St. Bernard Recreation Hall is easily accessible from Exit 6 off I-75. Turn off the exit on to W. Mitchell Ave (turn right if you were Northbound on 75, left if you were southbound). Turn left on to Vine Street and proceed up the hill. Turn right on Washington Avenue and the building is on the left, at the corner of Washington Avenue & Tower Avenue. The entrance is on Washington. Parking is available on street or behind the building.

Brag session – none

Program: ARRL Sweepstakes

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Dale asked for any corrections to the minutes – Motion to accept by Fred K9OHE, seconded by John KC8VQU, passed

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT not here - current count is 105

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not here, reports emailed

Tech committee – Brian K4BRI reported that all 3 repeaters are on the air, nothing else new

Education committee – Gary KB8MYC reported that general classes are finished, Extra still has 2 weeks, and the one day Tech class had 5 students. Exams in KY had 16 people, still need VEs for our exam on Nov 14th.

Fundraising - Bruce N8BV reported that he has hats and shirts - \$10 apiece

Tech Talk - Bruce N8BV reported all is well – Please check in – we know you are listening

Nominating committee – Sam KJ8K, Harry WA8LOJ and Gene N8KOJ announced candidates for 2010...

Gary KB8MYC for president, Brian KC8FJN for vice-president, Dale KC8HQS for recording secretary, Phil KG8AP for corresponding secretary, Bob KD8JRR for treasurer. Candidates for director include Nathan KA3MTT, Bruce N8BV, Harry WA8LOJ and Jim W8JRB.

Old business -

New business – We need an amplifier and microphone for meetings – the new place has them.

The random member drawing winner was Ben KC8ZLF, who was not present and would have received \$10

Split the pot of \$21 was won by Bruce N8BV

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*

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Radio's Plus

Joe Davidson KB8SBN
11641 Colthar Dr.
Bethel OH 45106-9669
513=752-9570

OH-KY-IN FALL APPAREL SALE

ALL SHIRTS NOW \$10

(Regardless of size)

Sizes Available: L XL XXL XXXL

HATS NOW \$10

Available at club meetings or call N8BV @ 513=251-1555

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Holiday card seen at *Zazzle.com* in mid-Oct: Beware of Fat Men Bearing Gifts

DX Spots - December 2009 from KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 K2V-Virgin Islands thru 12-14 	3 XU7UFT-Cambodia thru 12-8 	4 VP2V-Br Virgin Is thru 12-16 	5
6 VP9-Bermuda thru 12-12 ----- E51PMR-S. Cook Isl thru 12-13	7	8	9	10 C5-Gambia thru 12-31 	11	12 T70A-San Marino thru 12-14 
13	14 9V-Singapore thru 12-17 	15	16	17 KH6-Hawaii thru 1-6 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25 	26
27	28 5R8HX-Madagascar thru 1-3 	29	30 VY1-Canada thru 1-4 	31 		

Merry Christmas, DXers, from the DXCC Bureau!

OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operations are approved for DXCC credit: Conway Reef, 3D20CR and 3D2CV, 2009 operations; Midway Island, K4M, 2009 operation. --ARLDX43 *DX News* 10-29-09

OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operations are approved for DXCC credit: Chagos Island, VQ9JC, current operation. This operation was previously rejected as a shipboard operation. DXCC exchanged correspondence with the operator and determined that this operation was actually land-based, thereby satisfying the conditions of DXCC Rule 8; Timor-Leste, 4W6AL, 2009 operation; Afghanistan, T6AG, current operation. --ARLDX44 *DX News* 11-5-09

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Iraq, YI9TM, current operation. --ARLDX45 *DX News* 11-12-09

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Contests

December 2009

- 3-5 ARRL 160 meter Contest, CW; Top Band Sprint, CW; ARRL EME Contest; Top Operators Activity Contest; TARA RTTY Melee
- 12-13 ARRL Ten Meter Contest, SSB & CW; NA VHF WSJT Contest, Digital; 28 MHz SWL Contest, SSB & CW; PSK Death Match, Digital; Russian 160 Meter Contest, SSB & CW; Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint, Digital; Croatian CW Contest; UBA Winter Contest; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW
- 19-20 Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint, CW; OK DX RTTY Contest; RAC Winter Contest, SSB & CW; Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party, SSB & CW
- 26-27 Stew Perry Top Band Challenge, CW; RAEM Contest, CW; DARC Christmas Contest; 070 Club QRP DX Scramble, Digital; SD QSO Party (late correction)
- Jan 1 ARRL Straight Key Night

For more see *QST*, *CQ* or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K74AU*

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Greetings!

I am proud to announce that the Oh-Ky-In ARS completed the **2009 ARRL Annual SSB Sweepstakes** at my QTH earlier today (Sun, Nov 22) with the honor of the sweep going to Mike Eilers AC4XS. It came down to NLI, SC, and DE with the latter becoming the elusive challenge this year.

Thanks to the following:

Mike Eilers AC4XS	Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT	Dick Arnett WB4SUV
Brian DeYoung K4BRI	Phil Smith KG8AP	Gary Coffey KB8MYC
Bruce Vanselow N8BV	Dale Vanselow KC8HQS	

Dick kicked off the event at contest start, and throughout the night there was always one station or another we thought was going to be the one we may not get. But one by one, we got them all! It is always a lottery, so to speak, which section that will give us a run for the money, and Delaware became a surprise this year. Just when Mike had to get going, and as I was going to give up and try later today, Mike heard the DE station we tried and tried a couple of hours earlier, and he got 'em! Kudos to Mike and his persistence -- we have the Sweep!

Thanks also to Mick Cook KD8IOQ for stopping by with a friend curious about amateur radio, and Dennis Fox KB8ROA and daughter Ellie who joined us Saturday night for wings and camaraderie as the Sweeps tempo was going into full gear. Everyone had a great time!

Stats: Claimed Score: 21,920 Contacts: 137

Sweep Obtained: 1753Z/1253L Sunday

Thanks to ALL!

73, *Eric N8YC*



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Bison herd plus antenna radial field equals QRT! This equation was discovered by K7WA/7 during the CW weekend of Sweepstakes while operating portable from Yellowstone Ntl Park. (Photo by K7WA) from *ARRL Contest Update*, Nov 25, 2009



As the holidays approach...

It's that time of year again! I can't believe how quickly 2009 has gone so far. It seems like we were all just talking about the THOUGHTS of Dayton and Field Day this year.

With the holidays approaching, I have a great stocking stuffer idea for everyone's spouses -- how about a membership renewal to OH-KY-IN?

Here's the link for the membership application: <http://join.ohkyin.org/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT*

6323 Cinnamon Ridge Drive Burlington, KY 41005 859.760.9262 [membership@ohkyin.org]

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VE exam opportunities

Examinations for all license classes will be conducted on **Wednesday, December 2, 2009** at 6:30 PM in the Verity Lodge at Miami University - Middletown, Middletown, OH.

Doors will open for registration at 6 PM. Please plan to arrive early as all registration activities must be completed by 7 PM.

NCVEC Form 605, Application for License, will be available at the test site. Map to exam site and/or NCVEC Form 605 available from K8CM for SASE. (Request electronic copy from [k8cm@arrl.net])

It's too late to request special examination accommodations.

Additional information may be obtained from Carl Morgan, 513=727-3456. Talk-in will be available on W8BLV/R; 146.610 (-600) and 77 Hz PL.

Exam **Sat, Dec 12, 8 AM** at R&L Electronics to start Customer Appreciation Day! Info 513=868-6399

1st Sat each month: Cincinnati-Hartwell OH, sponsored by CRA, 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 Hilltop Church of Christ, 5300 Taylor Mill Rd, Taylor Mill KY 41015 (new site). Park in back, pls enter thru basement. Register 6 PM. Pre-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. 2009 exam fee, where levied, is \$15.

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Wanted - A few good fists

We have had considerable interest in folks wanting to learn cw. After discussion among various club members, it seems most feel a weekly net would be a great way to do this. It could be a short directed net, maybe 15 minutes or so.

I am looking to recruit a few individuals who would be interested in being a net control and sending some cw for us to learn. Details are still being worked out but I would like to get an idea as to who would be interested in helping out. Drop me an e-mail or call if you're interested.

Thanks

73, Gary KB8MYC

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Depiction, Inc., makers of the Depiction mapping software that was featured in the November *QST*, is offering **free webinars** for Amateur Radio Operators every Thursday. The webinars are hosted by David Friedman, KE7GOY, and Depiction's Kim Buike, a retired U.S. Navy Captain and active Red Cross volunteer. David and Kim will show how to employ Depiction before and during emergencies to enhance planning and response capabilities, and demonstrate David's use of the software in response to disasters around the country. For more information, visit www.depiction.com/webinars/amateur-radio.

The current plan is to continue them at the same time, 1 PM EST, each week into January. We've got a calendar up at <http://www.depiction.com/webinars/amateur-radio/calendar>

You can also find more information at <http://www.depiction.com/webinars/amateur-radio>.

Thanks for your time (and space),

Timothy Goddard Marketing Manager Depiction, Inc. Depiction.com

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National Weather Service/ARRL SKYWARN Recognition Day: December 5

The 11th annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) will take place this year on Saturday, December 5.

Radio amateurs will operate from many National Weather Service (NWS) offices around the United States.

The purpose of the event is to recognize Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform during times of severe weather and to strengthen the bond between radio amateurs and their local National Weather Service office. The event is co-sponsored by the American Radio Relay League and the National Weather Service.

Traditionally, hams have assisted the National Weather Service during times of severe weather by providing real-time reports of severe events and storm evolution. The assistance that radio amateurs provide to the NWS throughout the year is invaluable.

SKYWARN Recognition Day this year will be held from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC on Saturday, December 5, 2009. (That means the event officially begins on Friday evening in the United States). To learn more, check the [NOAA Web site](#). -- Steve Ewald, WV1X, Supervisor, Field Organization Team

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Web Site of the Week - Jim CN2R/W7EJ has added an interesting new capability to his online [log viewing page](#). Jim has harnessed the power of Google Earth to visualize the path of any QSO in any CN2R log. From the home page, click "Logbook" to open a search page for individual QSOs. You can view contest QSOs by the hour, band, 1st/2nd day on a Google Earth globe. Popup QSO audio snippets are still available by clicking on any call with a yellow background in a logbook lookup or a contest log.

WORD TO THE WISE

Assistance - often confused with its English cousin, "assistance", the radiosport version only applies to receiving information from the spotting networks. It has nothing to do with whether your significant other brings you a sandwich or a friend climbs the tower to free up a frozen rotator. Read the rules for your

category of entry and try to follow them in both spirit and letter.

-- Both from *ARRL Contest Update*, Nov 25, 2009

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Technical hints from *ARRL Contest Update*, Nov 25, 2009

>How to keep tubes of "Super Glue" from solidifying between uses? Richard KN7SFZ contributes the simple trick of simply storing them upside down to keep air away from the glue's "outbound" surface.

Keeping the glue cold in a refrigerator also helps.

>Just the thing for a holiday gift - it's the various configurations of [Leatherman](#) tools. Your editor (Ward N0AX) carries a Leatherman Squirt (except through airport security) for its functional pliers, wire stripper, blisteringly sharp knife (don't ask me how I verified this) and assorted screwdrivers. Others swear by (rather than at – *Ye Ed.* WD9HDZ swears by his) the Juice S2 and Wave models. Whatever your fancy in a multiply-useful gadget, you NEED one!

Technical Web Site of the Week - Specifications for tower sections and hardware are fairly easy to find, but what about anchoring hardware? Tom N4NW discovered that all of the [Chance anchor information](#) can be found online. No need to guess!

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Articles plucked from qrz.com

Announcing Railroad Depots on the Air

Most of us have heard of Islands on the Air and the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society. These organizations promote the activation and operation of Islands and Lighthouses, respectively. It is in that spirit of activity that Railroad Depots on the Air, RRDOTA, was formed.

Railroad depots were once the focus of a community. Our organization seeks to recognize the former importance of these structures, as well as provide interesting operating events. Many people live within short distance of a current or past railroad depot, so there are many opportunities for community events, public setups, or just setting in the parking lot with a mobile rig.

For more information, please visit <http://w0jrm.homelinux.net/rrdota/index.php>. If you'd like to keep informed of upcoming activations and operating events, we have an email list. You can find a link to it on the right-side menu of our webpage.

73! W0JRM

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OSCAR-11 heard again!

OSCAR-11, built by the University of Surrey's Spacecraft Engineering Research Group, ceased operating in 2008 after 24 years service. Now its signals have been heard again on 145.826 MHz FM.

In a posting on the AMSAT Bulletin Board **Clive G3CWV** writes:

I have received two reports from **Keith N4ZQ** (EL88ob) that he has heard UO-11 on 19 November at 13:33 - 13:43, and on 22 November at 13:02 UTC.

He has sent me a WAV file of the second pass. Unfortunately, it's a very low elevation pass, and probably will be difficult to decode, as it contains a lot of noise. However it's definitely UO-11.

I'll be interested in receiving any other reports.

The frequency is 145.826 MHz. Mode is FM.

Further details are on my (Clive's) OLD website <http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/clivew>

There is an audio clip to help identify the satellite.

Please e-mail me via the AMSAT reflector.

73, G3TUT

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New Ham Radio antenna installed on the ISS

ARISS US Hardware Manager **Lou McFadin, W5DID** says that all the teamwork and effort to expand the ARISS amateur radio station aboard the ISS were successful this weekend when the new dual band 2m/70CM antenna was installed on the outside of ESA's Columbus module.

Lou congratulated the team, "This is an example of what can be achieved by volunteer hams working closely with a space agency. This antenna project was funded entirely by **AMSAT-NA** and volunteers who built the antennas for both an ESA experiment and for ARISS. I am very proud of all the teamwork and effort that has gone into this project."

The new ARISS antenna is very similar to the antennas already on the Russian service module. Once the antennas are in place the ARISS team will be working to bring amateur radio to the Columbus module. In conclusion Lou noted the tremendous contribution from ESA for the experiment, the launch and the EVA making this expansion of amateur radio aboard the ISS possible.

Source: AMSAT News Service (ANS)

Watch highlights from the second spacewalk during which the Amateur Radio antenna was installed

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/nov...led_on_iss.htm

AMSAT-NA <http://www.amsat.org/>

AMSAT Bulletin Board AMSAT-BB <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/tools/maillist/>

AMSAT Twitter: <http://twitter.com/AMSAT>

AMSAT-UK <http://www.uk.amsat.org/>

Posted by G4TUT

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Hamfests &c. December 2009

NO HAMFESTS in the Tri-State area in December! Elsewhere, yes, but not here! See www.arl.org/hamfests. You might need to make a road trip of it if you wish to attend one at this time of year.

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OH Region news

Ye Ed is unable to reach the OH section website at time of issue assembly.

However, she **does** recall that Club Coordinator Joanne Solak KJ3O mentioned Oh-Ky-In in November for the theory exams that were to be run, following the classes which always get a good mention. ANY club's classes & exams! Not to mention other activities, of which there were a flock!

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FCC Looks to Revise, Clarify Vanity Call Sign Rules

On Wednesday, November 25, the FCC issued a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* -- [WT Docket No. 09-209](#) -- seeking to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules to clarify certain rules and codify existing procedures governing the vanity call sign system, as well as revise certain rules applicable to club stations.

According to the FCC, almost 80,000 licensees have replaced their sequentially issued Amateur Radio call signs with a vanity call sign since the program began in 1996. When the program began, the Commission established what they called "the broad outlines" of the vanity call sign system, concluding that call signs generally should not be available for reassignment for two years following the death of a licensee, or expiration or termination of the license for that call sign. In doing so, the Commission made exceptions for former holders of the call sign, close relatives of a deceased former holder and club stations of which a deceased former holder was a member.

The Commission did not, however, specify all of the procedures governing the vanity call sign system, but indicated that the procedures "would be set out in the *Public Notices* announcing 'starting gates' for the

groups receiving initial priority and that the procedures would be adjusted from gate to gate as experience dictated." The procedures announced in the *Public Notices* announcing the gates are still in effect, but they are not set forth in the Commission's Rules. The *NPRM* states that the FCC "now believe[s] that certain provisions should be codified in our rules, and others added, so that the vanity call sign system will be fair, equitable and transparent to all amateur service licensees. The Commission also decided in the *Vanity Report and Order* [issued in 1996] to resume issuing new club station licenses. We believe that certain rule changes to the club station licensing rules may be appropriate."

Availability of Call Signs Assigned to Stations of Deceased Licensees

Normally, the call sign of a deceased amateur is unavailable to the vanity call sign system for two years after the license expires or is canceled. With the *NPRM*, the FCC wants to clarify the process by which such call signs become available for reassignment.

In order for a vanity call sign to be assigned to an amateur, the call sign must be assignable at the time the application is processed. Even if a licensee is deceased, the call sign is not available if the license is still active in the FCC database. When the FCC receives what they call "proper documentation of the licensee's passing" (a signed request for license cancellation accompanied by a copy of a death certificate, an obituary or data from the Social Security Death Index [SSDI] that shows the date of death), they then cancel the license as of the licensee's date of death.

"We propose to amend our rules to codify these procedures by adding a new paragraph to [Section 97.21](#)," the *NPRM* states; currently, the procedure for canceling a license due to the grantee's death is [outlined on the FCC's Web site](#), but is not codified in their rules. "We believe that this will make our cancellation process more equitable and transparent, and facilitate the availability of desirable call signs," according to the *NPRM*.

The FCC calls their rules "ambiguous" concerning call signs that become available for reassignment "as to whether the waiting period runs from the date of death or the date that the Commission cancels the license in light of the licensee's death." As such, they are proposing to amend the rules "to clarify that a license that is canceled due to the licensee's death is deemed to have been canceled as of the date of death, regardless of when the licensing database is updated to reflect the licensee's death."

But according to the FCC, this "can create an arguably inequitable situation. We often receive a request from an unrelated person to cancel the license of a licensee who died more than two years earlier, and a vanity application from the same person requesting the deceased's call sign." The Commission stated in the *NPRM* that since the cancellation request is not usually processed before the application requesting the call sign is received, only the applicant knows that the deceased's call sign is about to be available for reassignment.

The FCC proposes to modify their processes to ensure that the deceased's call sign is unavailable to the vanity call sign system for at least 30 days after the staff updates the licensing database to reflect the licensee's death. "Specifically, we propose to amend the rules to provide that the call sign shown on a license that is canceled due to the death of a licensee more than two years earlier remain[s] unavailable to the vanity call sign system for 30 days following the date the staff takes action to cancel the license. Providing a short period after we process a cancellation request would allow the assignability of a desirable call sign to become known, and would provide an opportunity for other licensees to apply for the call sign. This would further the major concern expressed by the Amateur Service community that the vanity call sign system be fair."

8< snip –entire story from *The ARRL Letter*, 11-25-09

The comment period for WT Docket No. 09-209 will extend for 60 days after it is published in the *Federal Register*. Historically, items appear in the *Federal Register* approximately 7-10 days after they appear on

the FCC Web site. Reply comments can be made up to 75 days after publication in the *Federal Register*. Information on how to make comments can be found in the [NPRM](#). –entire story from ARRL Letter



Happy
Holidays

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Dues are due!



Nothing like mixed messages, is there!



Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society Calendar

December 2009 — www.ohkyin.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Club Mtg 7:30 PM St Bernard Rec Hall, 1 st time; Pgm: Elections & pizza	2 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: KC8HQ5	3	4	5
6	7	8 Tech cmte meeting 7 PM (if needed) location TBA	9 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: K4BRI	10	11	12 Fox Hunt 10 AM starting at Mt Storm Park; 146.67 rptr
13	14	15	16 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: KB8ROA		18 <i>Q-Fiver</i> copy deadline: pls send to n8cgm@arrl.net	19
20	21	22 Board mtg 7:30 PM Location TBA	23 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: KC8FJN	24	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: KD4PYR	31 New Year's Eve		



**Cincinnati Sound
Chorus
Proudly Presents:**

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year??

**Saturday, December 12, 2009
2:00 PM**

**Greaves Concert Auditorium
Northern Kentucky University
Alexandria Pike
Highland Heights, KY**



See website, *CincinnatiSound.org*, for ticket options
513=554-2648 chorus voice mail

General seating \$15 ea Afterglow \$ 15 each
(snacks & non-alcoholic beverages)

**Cincinnati Sound Chorus Show Tickets
PO Box 42843, Cincinnati OH 45242**

Include SASE if you order by mail, please
Part of show proceeds will be donated to
Cincinnati Vocal & Performing Arts Ctr Project

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OH-KY-IN 2009 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
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News of members and students in recent classes

Oh-Ky-In's condolences to **Taylor Valentine KC9KQV**, whose wife died just after the last *Q-Fiver* issue came out.

Successful N KY students:

KJ4QDG Jordon C Kelley, Technician KJ4QDH Michael R. Skeen, Technician
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VE exam on Sat., Nov 14 had 10 applicants, 6 of whom passed to achieve licences. Brian K4BRI was having Internet access trouble; if names are missing, it's because he wasn't able to send them. List next time, one would hope?



The officers, Board and appointees of Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society
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