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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...

Stay tuned for information about the 2009 awards dinner. A date will be announced at the February club meeting or soon after.

The Education committee is about to be doing some exciting things in the near future. We are looking at holding some workshops on building things. Spring classes dates have been announced (see info on pages 5 and 7). I'm looking forward to another session of our One Day Technician class (which has been very successful) and our first ever Weekend General class. If you have been looking to upgrade to General this is your chance to get it in a weekend! Thanks to all of our teachers for making this successful & special thanks to QCEN for partnering with us! See you at the February club meeting!

73, Dale KC8H2S

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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 come in the ground floor entrance, under the stairs. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Jay Adick K8CJY will be the featured speaker for our February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3. His topic will be digital television

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

73, Gary KB8M4C

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Minutes

General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Dale KC8HQ5 called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Guests present – 21 members attending.

New / Upgrades to license – none

Proceeded to self-introductions.

Health and Welfare – Shirley KJ8X passed, Jared Frey grandson of Bob Frey passed

Brag session – nothing

The program was about VHF and UHF hamming, presented by Rick KD4PYR

10 minute Break

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table.

Minutes of the last meeting, published in *Q-Fiver* by Susie N8CGM– no corrections, Sam KJ8K motion to accept, John WD8NMV seconded

Membership - Nathan KA3MTT not present – Taking applications for 2009, 2008 topped at 101 members

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK passed out financial reports, reported that 1 CD will be due soon and we need to check out rates

Bruce N8B, reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Tech committee - Brian K4BRI reported about the state of 146.670, 146.925 and 146.625 – and APRS

No meeting scheduled for January

Education committee – Gary KB8MYC said there will be a meeting next Tuesday for plans for spring classes – 7 PM at the church

Bruce N8BV reported no updates for the Fundraising committee.

Tech Talk - Bruce N8BV reported Dale is iffey for Wednesday – still need net controls

Liaison – Pete KC8BZM reported QCEN has a regular meeting on the 16th, WARN training is coming up, ARPSC has a meeting February 6th, and mentioned the MRC, the Medical Reserve Corps

Audit committee will meet in February

Awards committee – looking for volunteers!

Racers – Raced in December, 7 racers, was lots of fun

Old business - none brought up

New business -

Status of the church? No news

Upcoming hamfests

New ARRL flag – thanks Joe – we need a pole

The random member drawing winner was Sam KJ8K who was present and received \$10

Split the pot of \$20 was won by Dale KC8HQS

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

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Final stats for 2008: Just a bit of good news to share...

The best source for Amateur Radio stats I know of is *www.ah0a.org*. This is the place to which I point media looking for hard numbers.

At our management meeting this morning (Jan. 5) I learned that (matching end of year figures):

The ARRL grew by 1100 members

There was approximately a 1.2% growth in hams in the USA

And (happiest for me) there are 28,066 new US hams in 2008.

To those people and groups who were active in promotions, classes, exams and teaching – **ya dun gud!**

73, Allen G Pitts W1AGP, Media & PR Manager, ARRL

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"Barack Obama said his first act as president will be to pardon Aretha Franklin's hat." --Jay Leno

Late Night Monologues for Wed, Jan 21 from a humour series Ye Ed subscribes to

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AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

1 DAY TECHNICIAN - SATURDAY,
MARCH 21st

WEEKEND GENERAL-SATURDAY &
SUNDAY, MARCH 21st & 22nd

in

WESTERN HILLS

For more information:

513-382-3979



or

classes@ohkyin.org

EXAM: MARCH 28th at 12 NOON

**Morse code in no longer required for any
amateur radio license!**

February 2009 DX Spots

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FR-Reunion thru Feb 13	2	3 5H1DF-Tanzania thru Feb 13	4 PJ-St Maarten thru Feb 11 FS-St Martin thru Feb 11	5	6	7 P29ZAD-Papua New Guinea thru Feb 27
8	9 OR3AX, OR4AX-Antarctica thru Mar 10	10  10	11 3D2-Fiji thru Feb 16 D4C-Cape Verde thru Feb 22	12 KP5-Desecheo thru Feb 26	13	14 A35HA-Tonga thru Feb 21
15 HR8-Honduras thru Feb 25	16	17 T2-Tuvalu thru Mar 2	18	19	20 VP2V-British Virgin Islands thru Feb 24	21
22 S79JF-Seychelles thru Mar 6	23	24 SV9-Crete thru Mar 17	25 VP2M-Montserrat thru Mar 7	26 FH-Mayotte thru Mar 5	27	28
						Jan 31 VP8DLQ-Falkland Islands thru Mar 7

73, from *Nathan KA3MTT*

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Afghanistan T61AA, the license for this operation has been updated. Anyone having this operation rejected recently can send an email to [dxcc@arrl.org] to be placed on the list for an update.

--ARLD001 *DX news*, Jan 8, 2009

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Contests February 2009

- 1-3 QRP Winter Fireside SSB Sprint; Spartan Sprint, CW
7-8 VT QSO Party; 10-10 Winter Phone QSO Party; WW Peace Messenger Cities, CW & SSB; Black Sea Cup International, CW & SSB; MN QSO Party; FYBO Winter QRP Field Day, CW & SSB; BC QSO Challenge, all modes; NM QSO Party; XE International RTTY Contest; FM VHF Simplex Contest; NA sprint, CW
9-13 School Club Roundup, all modes
13-15 Valentine's Day Sprint, Digital; YL-OM Contest (of course!), SSB; *CQ* WW RTTY WPX; NNY QSO Party; NH QSO Party; Asia Pacific Sprint, CW; Dutch PACC Contest, CW & SSB; LA QSO Party; OMISS QSO Party, SSB; FISTS CW Winter Sprints; RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW; NA Sprint, SSB
15-16 Classic Exchange, SSB
21-22 ARRL DX Contest, CW; AM QSO Party; REF Contest, SSB
27-28 Russian WW PSK Contest; UBA Contest, CW; MS QSO Party; NA QSO Party, Digital
28-Mar 1 *CQ* WW 160 Meter SSB Contest; CQC Winter QSO Party

Wow, so short a month, so many contests (36 by Ye Ed's count)!. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K7AAU*

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Classes & Workshops

The education committee is kicking off 2009 with some **big** plans.

First, our spring classes will be on March 20 & 21. On Saturday the 20th we will again offer our One Day Technician class. This will be our third time offering this class; we have always had great attendance and results.

An exciting addition this spring will be a weekend general class. This class will be held on Saturday and Sunday March 20 & 21. This will be a great way for techs who want to upgrade, but cannot sit for the traditional 6 week class, to complete the class. Both classes will be held at the Salem Presbyterian Church location.

As with last year's classes, these classes will be conducted in conjunction with QCEN. This has proven to be a great partnership for all!

Our spring VE session will be on Saturday, March 28 at noon at the church.

We are also looking to run some workshop-style classes. These will run a range of topics from beginner level to advanced. Some will be single night classes and some may have multiple sessions. Some of the topics being looked at are:

Antenna building (VHF, UHF, & HF)	Cable building and connector soldering
HF station setup and antenna tuner usage	Basic soldering techniques
Satellite operation	Digital mode operation
Kit building	

I am asking everyone to let me know what workshops you would like to participate in. We want to open these to everyone, including non members. A schedule of these will be coming out shortly. To be successful, your participation is needed. Please give me your ideas! Also, if you would like to teach a

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workshop, let me know! Thanks to those who have provided feedback!!

I am checking the interest of a CW class/net. Please give me input if you would be interested in learning or refreshing yourself on CW. This can be done either in a workshop or in an over the air net
Please give me your thoughts.

73, *Gary KB8MYC*, OHKYIN Education Committee

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Greetings!

I hope the new year is treating everyone well, and you are all staying warm.

Every year, people make tons of "New Year's Resolutions", ranging from dieting, to eating better, to spending your money wiser. One of my resolutions this year is to get on the air more, both on our repeaters, as well as HF. My CW activity has definitely decreased, and I have absolutely no excuses. Even my activity in digital modes has decreased. My resolution is going to be trying to make at least one QSO per day, regardless of the mode.

With the new year, comes time for **your renewal with OH-KY-IN**. This is one step that helps towards a resolution of participation in this great hobby of ours. Think about all of the time and effort you put into getting into the hobby, then think about the money, small amounts or large, that you spent on equipment. Participation is one of the best ways to get a "return on your investment".

Please consider either renewing your membership or joining OH-KY-IN if you're not already a member. You can download the membership application at: <http://renew.ohkin.org>
or: <http://join.ohkyin.org>

You can mail your application to my address listed below. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with everyone in OH-KY-IN in the new year!

73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT*, OH-KY-IN Membership Chair

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ARLB006 Michael J. Copps Named Acting FCC Chairman

On Thursday, January 22, President Barack Obama named current FCC Commissioner Michael Copps as Acting Chairman of the Commission. Last week, sources close to the President mentioned Julius Genachowski would be nominated as Chairman. Copps will serve as Acting Chairman until a new Commissioner/Chairman is confirmed.

"I am honored to be designated as Acting Chairman of the FCC," Copps said in a statement released by the FCC. "I thank President Obama for his confidence in me and for this opportunity to serve. I know that I have a truly gifted and terrific team to work with. I pledge every effort I am capable of to help steer the Commission through its current transition to new leadership."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner K1ZZ congratulated Copps on his appointment. "Whenever we have sought a meeting with him or his staff, his door has always been open to us," he said.

Currently serving a second term as FCC Commissioner, Copps began his first term with the Commission in 2001. Before his appointment to the FCC, he served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Del-

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opment at the US Department of Commerce, where he was previously Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Basic Industries. Copps came to Washington in 1970, joining the staff of Senator Ernest Hollings (D-SC) and served for more than a decade as his Chief of Staff. He has also held positions at a Fortune 500 company and at a major trade association. Before coming to Washington, Copps was a professor of American history at Loyola University of the South. He received a BA from Wofford College and earned a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Upon being sworn for his second term as FCC Commissioner in 2006, Copps said that "The last four and a half years have been tremendously transformative for the world of telecommunications and the media. The future holds even greater challenge. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on the Commission, with the Congress and with all the other stakeholders to help bring the most advanced, accessible and cost-effective communications system in the world to all American consumers."

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ARLB008, Jan 26: Laura L. Smith named to Amateur Radio enforcement role

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.

A 1990 graduate of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Smith began her legal career with the FCC, working in the Mass Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. She also served as Deputy Division Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. Smith is currently licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1998, Smith left the FCC to become Executive Director of Governmental Affairs for the Industrial Telecommunications Association (ITA), now Enterprise Wireless Alliance. In that role, she monitored FCC and legislative proceedings and participated in all regulatory proceedings relevant to the private wireless industry. In 2001, Smith became ITA's President and Chief Executive Officer. While in that position, she was instrumental in the formation of the Consensus Group, a group of public safety and private wireless entities responsible for drafting the "Consensus Plan," a proposed resolution for interference in the 800 MHz band; this was adopted by the FCC in 2004.

Smith returns to the FCC after serving Of Counsel with the Maryland law firm of Shulman Rogers. While there, she dealt with telecommunications matters and provided counsel to numerous entities in the private radio and public safety communities. Smith has served as an industry consultant and written columns for a variety of trade publications including *Mobile Radio Technology Magazine* and *The Private Wireless Magazine*.

In an October 2008 letter to then-FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN urged Martin to name a successor to Hollingsworth: "The appointment of a replacement Special Counsel in this position is of critical importance to the Amateur Radio Service, as the delay in finalizing the appointment stands to undermine in very short order an exceptionally successful and low-cost program of enforcement in the Amateur Service."

Calling the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program "spectacularly successful," Harrison reminded Martin of the "long period in the late 1980s and 1990s during which the Commission was essentially uninvolved in enforcement in the Amateur Service. The Amateur Service, consisting of some 680,000 licensees of the Commission, is in essence a self-regulating service; however, due to the shared frequency allocations in the Service and the long distance propagation of amateur communications, a very few rule violators can cause severe disruption in the Service. On the other hand, even a minimal Commission presence has a very strong deterrent value."

When Hollingsworth was appointed as Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Harrison said that Hollingsworth "established a visible presence in the Service and very quickly, and with very little investment of Commission resources, using little more than the awareness of an enforcement presence, created strong deterrence against rule violations."

Upon learning of Smith's move to the Amateur Radio enforcement role, Harrison remarked that he was "very pleased to see the Commission move forward with the hiring of a new Special Counsel responsible for enforcement of the Amateur Radio Service rules," said Harrison.

"Ever since Riley Hollingsworth announced his retirement, we have met with the Enforcement Chief numerous times and corresponded with FCC Chairman Martin to ensure this position remains intact at FCC. The Commission acknowledges the self-regulating environment we maintain, but also understands that we need their assistance occasionally to resolve a few situations. They have continually reassured us that this is an important matter for them, and Ms Smith's hiring confirms that."

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Update on tower legislation (posted Fri, Jan 2, 2009): **New year, same objective**

From the Ohio Section of the ARRL, Happy New Year to all Ohio ham radio operators. The work to put National PRB-1 antenna and tower language into Ohio law continues. It has been a couple of months since the last update because the election of a new Ohio General Assembly needed to be evaluated.

A new project manager for the Ohio effort was appointed -- Steve Katz N8WL of Granville. Steve, Ohio State Government Liaison, Nick Pittner K8NAP and the Ohio Section Manager will meet throughout January in doing this evaluating.

The old bill -- House Bill 563 -- will be reintroduced with possibly a new number. As soon as it hits the legislative hopper, we will announce the number.

Many of you wrote about information in 2008 and these letters are on file. When plans are formulated on proceeding in 2009, you will be contacted by the Project Manager or the SGL. Thank you for your patience.

When we started this in 2006, we knew it would take a few years. Making changes in the law and working through the political system always takes time and patience.

Happy New Year and everyone have a safe and prosperous 2009.

Joe Phillips K8QOE, Ohio Section Manager

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"White House decorators are busy right now peeling the glow-in-the-dark stars off the ceiling in the presidential bedroom." --Jimmy Kimmel in *Late Night Monologues*, right about Inauguration Day

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New HF operators - things to do

If you haven't yet tried Top Band (160 meters) thinking there's no way your antenna can be effective on that band, think again! Clip on some extra wire, change your feed line length, fiddle with that antenna tuner and be amazed at what Top Band is like during a contest. There's no better time to start working on that 160 meter WAS.

Operating tip

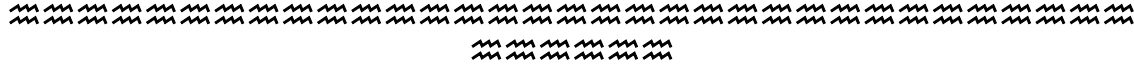
You can't have a new year without a resolution, so resolve to make 2009 the year in which you learn a new trick--operating or technical. I'll bet you're already on the way to making that happen!

--from Jan 21 *ARRL Contest Update*

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"All power corrupts, but we need the electricity." (possibly not Burke, yet to be verified) from Ted Randall in note to PR reflector, 12-13.08

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Weather spotters

Greene County EMA will be hosting a Weather Spotters class given by the National Weather Service on February 9, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Media Room at 541 Ledbetter Rd. Xenia. There is no cost for this class and no registration is needed.

Rhonda McLain, Greene County Emergency Management, 937=562-5130

If Greene Co is doing a Weather Spotters class already, the other counties shouldn't be too far behind

– Ye Ed



DTV Antennas

The information below was taken from the FCC website by Bruce N8BV.

Outreach Toolkit - Article: DTV and Antennas

Millions of households depend on the use of indoor or outdoor broadcast antennas to receive analog television signals from local broadcast stations. It is important to know that antennas are also needed to receive digital television signals from local broadcast stations. While the country will complete its transition from analog to digital broadcasting for full-power broadcast stations on February 17, 2009, TV viewers can enjoy the benefits of digital broadcast television today.

Digital television (DTV) offers the opportunity for improved picture and sound quality and new programming choices. If you have one or more analog televisions that receives free, over-the-air television programming with a rooftop antenna or “rabbit ears” on the set, you will need a “digital-to-analog converter box” (which converts digital broadcast signals to analog for viewing on your analog set) in order to continue to watch programming from full-power broadcast stations. If you have a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner), you are already prepared for the DTV transition. If you receive your local broadcast stations through a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV, you are also already prepared for the DTV transition.

You should be aware that if you use a digital-to-analog converter box, you will still need to use an antenna to receive DTV signals. It is also important to know that if your television currently receives good quality reception on analog channels 2-51 with a broadcast antenna, it should be able to receive digital television signals, including high definition television (HDTV) signals, with the same broadcast antenna. You do not need to purchase a “DTV antenna” or an “HDTV antenna” to receive DTV or HDTV signals.

Testing Your Existing Antenna

Prior to making any changes to your current antenna or antenna system, you should check to see if your current antenna will receive the digital signals being broadcast in your area. To do that, connect your existing antenna to either a digital television or a digital-to-analog converter box connected to an analog TV. Make sure your TV is set up to receive over-the-air broadcasts (as opposed to being connected to a paid provider, such as a cable or satellite TV company). When using a digital-to-analog converter box, make sure you have it properly connected to your antenna and to your analog TV. You must also tune your analog TV to either channel 3 or 4. You should then perform a “channel scan,” in which your digital-to-analog converter box or digital TV will automatically check to see which stations it can receive. You can access the channel scan feature through the "set up" or "menu" button your remote control. You should refer to the owner's manual and any set up guides of your digital-to-analog converter box or digital television for detailed instructions on connections and operation of your device, including how to perform a channel scan. You should also perform a channel scan periodically to check whether additional digital

channels have become available. In many cases, this is all you need to do watch digital television broadcasts.

Help With Reception Problems

If you are experiencing reception problems, the following information and tips may help improve your reception for digital broadcasts.

Adjust Your Antenna

Small adjustments to your antenna can make a big difference in the number of digital channels you can receive. If you have an indoor antenna, try elevating it and moving it closer to an exterior wall of your home. After adjusting your antenna, perform another channel scan to see if your reception is improved. While adjusting your antenna, it may be helpful to access the “signal strength meter” on your digital-to-analog converter box or digital television to determine whether your adjustments are improving the signals’ strength. The signal strength meter is usually accessed through the menu feature on your remote control. Refer to the owner’s manual of your device for instructions on how to access its signal strength meter. Remember to do another channel scan after you have adjusted your antenna.

It is also important to know that television stations broadcasting in digital use both the VHF band (channels 2-13) and UHF band (channels 14-51). Many indoor antennas use “rabbit ears” for the VHF band and a “loop” or “bow-tie” antenna for the UHF band. Make sure you are using an antenna that covers both the VHF and UHF bands and have connected it properly.

If You are Still Having Difficulty

Until February 17, 2009, some stations will be operating at reduced power levels. If you are not receiving certain digital TV stations, this does not necessarily mean there is a problem with your antenna or digital-to-analog converter box or digital television. Check with the TV station to find out whether they are planning changes that will improve reception.

When an analog TV signal is weak or receives interference, static, snow, and distortion will often appear on the screen. Digital broadcasting will provide a clear picture; however, if the signal falls below a certain minimum strength, the picture can disappear. This “cliff effect” means that if you watch analog TV stations that have static and distortion, you may have to adjust or upgrade your antenna system.

Simple indoor antennas provide minimal performance that may not be suitable for your location. If you are unable to obtain satisfactory reception with your current indoor antenna, you may wish to obtain an indoor antenna that includes features for better reception of UHF signals and/or an amplifier to boost the received signal (often referred to as an active indoor antenna).

Generally, an outdoor antenna will get better reception than an indoor antenna. However, the performance of outdoor antennas can degrade over time due to exposure to the weather. If you are having problems, check for loose or corroded wiring, broken antenna elements and that the antenna is pointed in the right direction.

If you decide to replace or upgrade your indoor or outdoor antenna, many types are available from electronics retail stores at a variety of prices. Websites such as www.antennaweb.org provide information on the locations of broadcast towers and the types of outdoor antennas appropriate for the stations you wish to receive. If you need assistance with upgrading your antenna system, check with a local antenna retailer or antenna installer. For more tips that may help to improve your reception for digital broadcasts, go to www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/dtvantennas.html.

For more information about the DTV transition, go to www.dtv.gov or contact the FCC by e-mailing dtvinfo@fcc.gov; calling 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) or by TTY at 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322).

Last reviewed/updated on 11/14/08

For comments or questions pertaining to the DTV transition, please e-mail [DTVinfo@fcc.gov]

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==> **LoTW reaches new milestone: 200 million QSOs**

On January 16, Vic Kean Jr K1LT of Carroll, Ohio, uploaded four years' worth of logs -- about 25,000 QSOs -- to ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw>>. Somewhere in that batch, the LoTW counter crossed the 2 million mark. To celebrate Kean's submission of the 200 millionth QSO, the ARRL has awarded him lifetime free LoTW credits and free ARRL Awards as he qualifies for them. "When I uploaded all of my contest logs since moving to my current location," Kean said, "I was really surprised at the number of the contacts that were immediately confirmed -- about 30 percent -- especially DXpeditions. I've been very laggard about responding to QSLs that I get. The last batch I did was by printing some card stock on a laser printer."

Kean, who mainly enjoys operating CW on 160 meters, said that he enjoys what he calls "success at contesting through technological superiority," as opposed to superior operating ability. "In other words," he said, "I work at improving my station with technology, and then test those improvements in a contest. I attempt to achieve awards by trying to get into one of the 'Top 10 boxes' in the contest results. Somewhere I have a Worked All States certificate from my youthful days. I worked about 160 countries but never got around to submitting any cards for DXCC." Kean said that he still intends to try and get at least one QSL card from every country.

"Even though we knew that Logbook of The World would explode in its popularity, 201 million QSOs in roughly the first five years of its existence show that LoTW's concept and ideas have worked beyond our expectations," said ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Department Manager Dave Patton NN1N.

"Vic's log contributes not only to the bottom line, but to the overall embrace of the technology and further bolsters our commitment to continue to improve and expand the system."

Kean said that he believes Amateur Radio will certainly continue to change as time goes on, "but I don't expect the hobby to ever completely go away. With cognitive radio coming, there is plenty of opportunity to experiment, even by just writing software. In the long run, I think the rules of spectrum allocation will change, but hopefully the change will benefit people in general, rather than corporations. If so, there will still be a role for communications experimenters. Man versus the ionosphere will still be interesting, no matter what the spectrum rules are."

When asked if he would encourage other hams to try Logbook of The World, Kean was enthusiastic: "If someone asked me about Logbook, I would tell them, 'Don't worry about it. Logbook of The World works, and it seems to be enjoying much greater popularity than you know.' At least, that's what I just found out!"

--*The ARRL Letter* Vol 28 #3 (Fri, Jan 23, 2009)

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What's coming in February

- Tue Feb 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: Jay Adick K8CJY will speak on digital television
- Wed Feb 4 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri Feb 6 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 Feb 10 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA
- Wed Feb 11 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Thu Feb 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Sat Feb 14 St Valentine's Day
- 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
- Mon Feb 16 Presidents' Day (George Washington & Abraham Lincoln) observed
- Wed Feb 18 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- Fri Feb 20 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown
- Sun Feb 22 George Washington's Birthday
- Tue Feb 24 7:30 PM Board of Directors' meeting, location varies
- Wed Feb 25 Ash Wednesday
- 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Tue Mar 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle
Program: To be announced

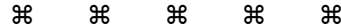
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VE exam opportunities

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. 2009 exam fee is to be \$15 (*ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 #44, Nov 7).



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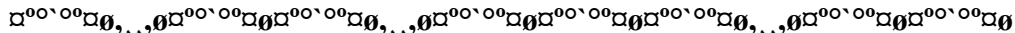
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- 1 NOARS Annual Winter HAMfest at Gargus Hall, 1965 N Ridge Rd, Lorain OH, 8 AM-noon. Pancake & sausage breakfast included at no extra charge with \$6 admission ticket. Fleas, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.7. Info: Darlene Ohman KA8VTS, 216=398-8858, [dohman@att.net], www.noars.net
- 15 Mansfield OH MidWinter Hamfest & Computer Show sponsored by InterCity ARC at Richland Co Fairgrounds, 750 N Home Rd, 7 AM-3 PM. Advance \$5, door \$6. Fleas, seminars/presentations, VE exams at 1 PM. Talk-in: 146.94 (71.9 Hz). Info: Dean Wrasse KB8MG, 419=589-2415, [metal07man@yahoo.com], www.w8we.org

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OH-KY-IN 2009 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	ARPSC Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
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Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair	Repeater Control Ops Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
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Fundraising Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV	Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
TVI/RFI Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV	John W. Hughes AI4DA



News of members

SK

Shirley Riestenberg KJ8K, an Oh-Ky-In member practically forever (except not lately), died December 29 at age 88, leaving a whole flock of family. Bill Simpson KI4QJ says Shirley was one of Oh-Ky-In's original Volunteer Examiners. The club's sincere condolences to her family

SK Otto Bielefeld AA8KK made the Feb *QST*'s Silent Keys list

On the mend

Eric Neiheisel N8YC, recovering from a hip replacement in mid-December

Callsign mis-stated

Eric Frey's call is KD8JRP, not KD8JRF



*Copy deadline for March issue is Wednesday, February 18
(another short run to members' mtg on March 3)*

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