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<http://www.ohkyin.org>

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...

The date for the 2009 Awards Dinner has been set -- Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Location will be the same as last year; Nick & Tom's Restaurant in Green Township. We'll begin with dinner @ 7 PM and presentation of awards will follow, including the 2008 OH-KY-IN Ham Of The Year. Nick & Tom's offers a variety of great tasting food at affordable prices. RSVP is not necessary. See you there!

Interested in helping with the One Day Tech. or Weekend General class? Let us know! The Education committee is always looking for help. We'll be needing some demonstration equipment for both of the classes. Class dates are: Tech – Sat. March 21 / General – Sat. & Sun, March 21 & 22. Contact Gary KB8MYC @ 513=382-3979 for more information on the classes or if you would like to help.

See you at the March 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.

Club member Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT will present "Biography of an Unknown Ham." More info can be found at: <http://www.ohkyin.org>. Visitors are always welcome!

73, Gary KB8MYC

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## Minutes

**General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

Meeting was cancelled due to heavy snow and hazardous road conditions.

Respectfully submitted, Brian deYoung K4BRI, Recording Secretary

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How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

I have an Alpha Delta DX-A antenna **for sale**. It is brand new, in the package. This is a twin sloper for 40 meters through 160 meters. I think it is about 158 feet long. These are currently selling for \$89 at R&L, I'll take \$45 for it. Give me an email [kb8myc@fuse.net] or call at 513=382-3979

*Gary KB8MYC* posted to Oh-Ky-In reflector Sun, Feb 15 (*therefore subject to prior sale*)

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Just wanted to pass along an interesting website that deals with **Solar Cycle 24**. It has tons of interesting information, and great features. [www.solarcycle24.com](http://www.solarcycle24.com) conducted by VE3EN, first opened by him in 2006

73, *Nathan KASMT7* posted to Oh-Ky-In Reflector Sat, Jan 31

He also wrote:

I have a 26 inch **Sharp television set, remote and Entertainment Center** for sale. The TV works great, and the entertainment center is a nice solid wood unit. Not the "Sauder" type units. It is 50 inches long and 4 feet tall.

It has glass doors on the right side, and 2 small cupboards on the bottom along with shelving. If anyone is interested, I can send a picture and you can make an offer.

posted to Oh-Ky-In reflector on/about Feb 15 (*therefore subject to prior sale*)

73, *Nathan KASMT7*

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The club will again work a beer booth at **Red White & Blue Ash**. Those of us who worked at the booth last year had one heck of a good time. And we intend to do it again. We took turns working so that we could all get a chance to go over and check out the live bands and check out the rest of the event.

As I understand it, the layout this year will be different from last year so, at this point, I do not know where our booth will be. The event is held in Blue Ash (of course) on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will be on a Saturday.

More information will be available as the event date gets closer. Please stay tuned.

73, ..... *Bruce N8BV*

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[WorldRadio magazine](#) is now on-line in PDF format. WorldRadio readers will feel right at home, with many of the same columnists now in electronic format. More Web publishing is happening--if you haven't seen the new [on-line HAM-MAG](#), give it a try! Subscriptions are free and the first couple of issues have been entertaining, with a nice combination of short articles on a variety of subjects, including operating and things to build. Merci beaucoup to both *CQ* and *HAM-MAG*! You likely need at least Acrobat 7.1 to read WorldRadio; issue #1 runs to 40 pages. – ARRL Contest Update, Feb 4, 2009

## **VE exam opportunities**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat each month:** Cincinnati-Hartwell, sponsored by GCARA, at Hartwell Presbyterian Church.

Register 8:30 AM; walk-ins only! All licence classes. Info: Dale Pritchett KC8HJL, 513=769-0789.

**2d Mon each month:** Edgewood KY, sponsored by NKARA, at Turkeyfoot Middle School, 3230 Turkey-foot Rd. Register 6 PM. Follow the signs. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted. Info: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.255.

**Sat Mar 28:** classes-ending exams co-sponsored by Oh-Ky-In & QCEN at Salem Presb Church,

Westwood, at 12 noon. All license classes, walk-ins accepted. Info: Brian deYoung K4BRI, 859=635-3095 or Gary Coffey KB8MYC, 513=382-3979. Talk-in: 146.67

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**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 \$15 (*ARRL Letter*, Vol 27 #44, Nov 7).

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## Hamfests & c.

**March 2009**

Sat Mar 7 33d Annual Cave City KY Hamfest, sponsored by Mammoth Cave ARC, at Cave City Convention Ctr, 502 Mammoth Cave St. Opens 7:30 AM. Talk-in: 146.94. \$6 door Seminars, tailgating, VE exams, 3960 LID meeting. Info: Larry Brumett KN4IV, 270=651-2363, [lbrumett@glasgow-ky-com], [www.geocitites.com/ky4x2000](http://www.geocitites.com/ky4x2000)

Sat Mar 14 Terre Haute IN Hamfest, sponsored by Wabash Valley ARA at Terre Haute Armory, 3614 Maple Ave (new location). 8 AM-1 PM. Talk-in: 146.685 (151.4 Hz). \$5 gate, 12 & under free. Indoor event, tailgating OK. Breakfast & lunch available. Dealers, vendors, fleas, VE exams. Info: Ginger Downing WB9ZHC, 812=243-9052, [wb9zhc@verizon.net], [www.w9uuu.org](http://www.w9uuu.org)

Sun Mar 15 54<sup>th</sup> Toledo Hamfest/Computer Fair sponsored by Toledo Mobile Radio Assn at Lucas Co Recreation Ctr, 2901 Key St., Maumee. 8 AM-2 PM. Talk-in: 147.27. \$6 door. All indoors: dealers, fleas, new & used radio & computer gear & supplies, ample free parking. Handicapped accessible. Info: Brian Harrington WD8MXR, 419=385-5624, [brian.harrington@utoledo.edu], [www.tmrahamradio.org](http://www.tmrahamradio.org)

Sat Mar 28 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus IN Hamfest, sponsored by Columbus ARC at Bartholomew Co 4-H Fairgrounds Community Bldg, 750 W Co Rd 200 S (SR 11). 8 AM-2 PM. Talk-in: 146.79 (100 Hz). \$4.50 advance, \$5 door. Fleas indoors, VE exams at 11 AM (walk-ins OK). Food available. Info: Marion Winterberg WD9HTN, 812=342-4670, [carc\_in@bcremc.net], [www.qsl.net/carc](http://www.qsl.net/carc)

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## Amateur radio classes

1-day Technician – Saturday, March 21

Weekend General – Saturday & Sunday, March 21-22

In Western Hills

A co-production of Oh-Ky-In ARS and Queen City Emergency Net

For more information, please call 513=382-3979 or e-mail [classes@ohkyin.org]

Exam, Saturday, March 28, 12 noon at Salem Presbyterian Church, Westwood

Morse code is no longer required for any amateur radio license!

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## Radio's Plus

Joe Davidson KB8SBN

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## Commemorative special event stations that go with DX Spots

SCOTLAND, GM. Members from the Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC are QRV as GB250RB until December 31, 2009 in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of Scottish poet Robert Burns. QSL via operators' instructions -- *DX Bulletin 4*, Jan 29, 2009

ITALY, I. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's Nobel Prize in Physics, special event station IY1GM is QRV until March 31. QSL via IK1UGX. – *DX Bulletin 7*, Feb 19, 2009

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## DX Spots - March 2009 de Nathan, KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 V25TK- Antigua thru 3-12 ----- C6A- Bahamas thru 3-7	2 H4-Temotu thru 3-16	3	4 V63- Micronesia thru 3-11 ----- VP-St Pierre and Miguelon thru 3-9	5 CT3- Madeira thru 3-19	6 ZL7T- Chatham I. thru 3-11	7 S2- Bangladesh thru 3-12
8	9	10 V2-Antigua thru 3-19 ----- FT5XS- Kerguelen I thru 4-15	11 V73- Marshall Is thru 3-14 ----- D4-Cape Verde thru 3-14 ----- 5X1NH- thru 5-11	12 J38- Grenada thru 3-26	13	14 T88-Palau thru 3-16 ----- VK9AA- Cocos Keeling thru 3-27
15 VK9N- Norfolk I thru 3-22	16	17 NH0AA, KH2-Guam thru 3-19	18	19 4K0CW- Azerbaijan thru 3-25	20	21 E5-South Cook Isl thru 4-4
22 VK9GMW- Mellish Reef thru 4-6 ----- FG- Guadeloupe thru 4-11	23	24 VK9LA-Lord Howe I thru 4-3	25 YJ0AAC- Vanuatu thru 4-1 ----- J6-St Lucia thru 4-2	26	27	28 GT4BRS- Isle of Man thru 4-4
29	30 PJ2- Netherlands Antilles thru 4-11	31 EA8-Canary Is thru 4-5				

## Operations approved for DXCC credit

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit: Bhutan, A5100A, 2008 operation; Afghanistan, T6EE, Additional documentation has been received to include 2006 and 2007 operations. If you had a QSO rejected for these dates send a note to dxccarrl.org to be placed on the list for an update; Republic of the Congo, TN5SN, current operation effective October 2008; Chad, TT8HA, operations for 2007 and 2008; Chad, TT8SK, operations for 2008 and 2009; Albania, ZA/F4DTO, 2008 operation; and Albania, ZA0/I0SNY, ZA0/I8LWK, ZA0/I8YGZ, ZA0/IK2AQZ and ZA0/IK7JWX, operations in 2008.

– *DX Bulletin 5*, Feb 5, 2009

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Chad, TT8JT, 2008 operation. – *DX Bulletin 6*, Feb 12, 2009

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ARRL DX bulletins are made possible with information provided by NC1L, QRZ DX, the *OPDX Bulletin*, *DXNL*, *425 DX News*, *The Daily DX*, Contest Corral from *QST*, the ARRL Contest Calendar & WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

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## Contests

March 2009

- Feb 27-1 CQ WW 160 meter SSB Contest; UBA contest, CW; MS QSO Party; NA QSO Party, CVQC Winter QSO Party
- 1-2 High Speed CW Contest; NC QSO Party; DARC Digital Corona Contest
- 7-8 ARRL International DX Contest; Ukraine Open RTTY Championship
- 14-15 Heavy Metal Rally, CW & SSB; RSGB Commonwealth Contest, CW; AGCW QRP Contest, CW; EA PSK31 Contest; ID QSO Party; NA RTTY Sprint; WI QSO Party
- 21-22 10-10 Mobile QSO Party, all modes; Russian QSO Party, all modes; ND QSO Party; VA QSO Party; OK QSO Party; BARTG Spring RTTY; 9KCC Contest, CW & SSB; QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint, CW
- 28-29 EU EME Contest, CW & SSB; CQ WPX SSB Contest

**NB:** QSO Parties are usually all modes.

March in with a roar of contests. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

73, *Dan K7AAV*

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## TechTalk on Simplex

You read it right! We did operate TechTalk on simplex. Here is the scenario:

High winds. Lots of power outages. About 45 minutes before TechTalk is to start I happen to notice that the .925 repeater is not working. A minute or two later I am informed that my scheduled Net Control is without power and will not be able to run the net. I did some checking and found that the power is out at the .925 site, that is why it isn't working. Hopefully the power will come back on before net time. It didn't.

So, now what does the Net Manager do? The .67 repeater is our backup. Wow, it has power and is operating. But, our current setup at that site has us receiving on the antenna way up high but transmitting on an antenna just above ground level. Obviously there won't be many folks able to hear the net that way!

I'm now thinking, I sure hope the power comes back on at .925. Net time is getting very close. Still no power. I quickly determine that I'm going to have to be Net Control. Decision time, where am I going to hold the net?

I made the decision that most stations looking for the net will be on .925. So that is where I am going to

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have to call the net. Simplex on 146.925. I did some quick thinking, I wanted to cover all bases and try to get as many stations checked into the net as possible. Luckily I happen to have many radios and antennas. I started to set things up. I set up high power transmitters on both 146.925 and 146.670 simplex. I'm thinking, I need to listen on .67 also in case stations go there looking for the net since that is our backup plan. I needed the .67 simplex transmitter so that stations could hear me respond to their call on that repeater – remember, the .67 repeater transmit antenna is at ground level. I responded to them on simplex so that they could hear me. I also happened to think about those stations who might have their memory channel set up for the nets normal operation but might possibly not be able to change those settings quickly. So, I listened on the .67 repeater input as well, and picked up a couple of check-ins that way. We did it !! Calling the net on .925 simplex worked rather well as I called for relays often and listened on the other frequencies. One interesting note is that of the 12 or so check-ins that I got on various frequencies, many of the stations that are regular check-ins were not there. My guess is that maybe their electric power was out also. Oh yes, I even played the Newline report – yes, on simplex. You see, I didn't cancel the TechTalk net due to the weather like I had mentioned in a message sent to the club email reflector previously. And I didn't cancel the net due to a power outage either. I just had to come up with a work-around for the problem at hand. And I proved that simplex operations can and do work as well. Thanks to everyone who worked with me on the net that evening and took the time to check in and let the net know that you were there. Although things got rather frustrating at times that night, I did have a lot of fun!

I hope to hear you on the next TechTalk net. Of course the net meets every Wednesday at 9 PM on the 146.925(-) repeater. Or maybe 146.925 simplex if we have to. Like I said, TechTalk meets EVERY Wednesday!

73, ..... *Bruce N8BV* TechTalk Net Manager

Note: Since I had made mention of the current 67 repeater operation above, I thought I'd pass along that I do have a tower climber scheduled to check out our antenna and the jumper that goes from the hardline to the antenna. With a little bit of luck that will happen in the next couple of weeks. So, although .67 is not working well right now, the OH-KY-IN Tech Committee is working hard trying to get it back to the operation and coverage we knew previously. Please stand by!!

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### Weaver's Words -- Time for the March Hare

(Reply only to k8je@arrl.org.)

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- Should It be "Our Way or No Way"?
- The ARRL A-1 Operators Club                              - Wouff Hong at the National Convention & Hamvention
- International Amateur Radio Union happenings      - More Triple Play Winners
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- Tentative Travel Schedule

### +++ Library Section Dedicated to Memory of W4OYI +++

The Owensboro (Kentucky) Amateur Radio Club in cooperation with ARRL and the Daviess County Kentucky Public Library has dedicated a section of Amateur Radio books to the memory of former Great Lakes Division Director and ARRL President George Wilson III (W4OYI, SK). The dedication was made on February 17. Wilson was a highly respected resident of Owensboro.

George Wilson is the only member of the Great Lakes Division to have become president of the ARRL. Division Legislative Action Chairman and former Kentucky SM John Meyers NB4K and I were privileged



to represent the League and the Division at the dedication.

+++ **Swedish Amateurs become more Accessible** +++

QSOs with Swedish amateurs should become more frequent beginning 1 April when Sweden expands its 40 meter band to 7.0 to 7.2 MHz. This change follows the opening earlier this year of 6M (50-52 MHz) to normal amateur use. Swedish amateurs can use up to 200 w. output power on 6. The change in 6M operation in Sweden means amateurs there will no longer need to obtain a special license at extra cost for this band.

The addition of the 100 kHz segment to the 40M band brings Sweden into line with International Telecommunications Union (ITU) action in 2003. At this time, ITU delegations approved moving all international broadcasting out of the 7.1-7.2 MHz segment and to allocate 7.0-7.2 MHz only to Amateur Radio use. Expansion of the international 40M band by the ITU was in response to work by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

The ITU action; however, does not require any country to give additional privileges to amateurs. The decision to give more frequencies on 40 M to its amateurs is up to each country.

+++ **Should It be "Our Way or No Way"?** +++

In this country we have generally been raised with the thought that we should be independent thinkers.

"Think out of the box," is a very popular admonition given to us. This is just another way of saying, "Don't follow one another like a flock of geese walking from one location to another."

Individualism is great. Pushing the sides of the envelope to see what we can accomplish by developing a new "paradigm" offers many benefits. Without individual thinking, we would not have electricity, the light bulb, telecommunications and so many other inventions that were developed by Edison, the Maxims and many others who were not tied to the world of their "today."

However, there are times when following the leader is the best way to go. Fighting this truism is a sign of impracticality. There are times when letting go of the detail we have learned is good and accepting different differing detail is preferable under the circumstances.

For example, we who matured our message handling skills using National Traffic System (NTS) procedures might think this is the only way to handle traffic. This isn't true. The military, government and other emergency support agencies have their own message handling systems. Although the NTS way is good, it isn't the only way. Depending upon the total situation, it might not even be the best way. (If you are still reading this, you know I haven't been struck by lightning . . .yet!)

As it says in the Bible, 'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's.'

Applying this wisdom to message traffic, we might say, "Put into Emergency Management Agency format the traffic which is EMA's and into ARRL NTS format the traffic which is NTS's."

The bottom line is that when we provide communications service to a served agency (EMA, Salvation Army, Red Cross), we should follow their requests provided they are legal, ethical and moral. The discipline and skill we gained through learning to use the NTS message system will provide the discipline and skill we need to communicate using any procedures preferred by EMA, SA, RC or other agency.

We need to avoid offering our service only to place irrelevant restrictions on the manner in which we will provide the service.

+++ **Triple Play Award and Logbook** +++

First, let me correct an error in my comment last month about the early winners of the Triple Play Award.

The call sign given for Jeffrey Wheeler, winner of the second Award earned, was incorrect. His correct call is W7JW, not W7JIO. Sorry, Jeffrey.

My Triple Play comment brought a question. To summarize, the question is, "Why has ARRL initiated the new, Triple Play Award (ed., Available only through Logbook of the World.) but still requires paper QSL cards to be submitted for the VHF/UHF Century Club Award?"

This is a good question. On the surface, initiating a new award that requires confirmation only by LoTW, but not allowing LoTW to be used for VUCC doesn't make sense -- on the surface, this is.

Below the surface, the answer and the logic are quite simple. Resolving the issue is more complex. It involves programming. LoTW simply was not set up to service VHF/UHF Century Club.

For the Triple Play, the only thing that was needed was to tweak the existing WAS portion of Logbook to add the new award. In the case of VUCC, the programming hurdle is much greater.

Marrying VUCC with LoTW is a definite objective of the ARRL officers, senior staff and each of us 15 Directors. The fact, though, is that the project to complete the redo of the ARRL web site has much more precedence. The VUCC-LoTW project must wait for now.

+++ **Wouff Hong at the National Convention-Hamvention** +++

Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams WA8EFK was quick to provide a little history lesson on The Royal Order of the Wouff Hong. I noted last month that the script SM Phillips uses for the Wouff Hong was first used at the second annual ARRL Michigan State Convention in Flint on February 11, 1923. I added, "This probably wasn't the first exemplification of the Wouff Hong, but it had to be among the earlier ones."

Dale nicely pointed out that records prove the 1923 presentation of the Wouff Hong was the first time it was offered anywhere.

This original script will be presented at the ARRL National Convention-Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> on Saturday night at 11.

+++ **International Amateur Radio Union happenings** +++

On 10 February 2009 the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) counted ballots in its regular election for new officers and on accepting two additional national societies into membership. When the counting was finished, IARU had elected new officers and accepted two new national societies into membership.

Timothy S. Ellam VE6SH/G4HUA of Canada was elected the new president. He succeeds Larry Price W4RA who retired from the position. Ole Garpestad LA2RR was chosen Vice President. Terms of office for IARU President and Vice President in the IARU are five years.

The election involved voting by 73 member societies. The societies cast votes (aye or nay) or abstentions in each of the four ballots. Fifty seven affirmative votes were required for adoption. Each proposal was approved without dissent.

Upon being elected IARU President, Mr. Ellam said: "I am very honoured to have been elected as President of IARU and look forward to working with all three Regions and the Member-Societies during my term in office. We no doubt will face many issues in the run up to the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-11), but I look forward to working as a team to meet the challenges ahead. (Courtesy IARU.) While ranking officer of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Ellam was a guest at ARRL Board meetings. He is a very knowledgeable amateur.

+++ **The ARRL A-1 Operator Club** +++

One of the relatively unheralded awards given by ARRL is the A-1 Operator Award. This Award recognizes good personal operating and good equipment operation. It is an award each of us who take Amateur Radio reasonably seriously should want to achieve.

Before I get jumped on by someone who has the mistaken idea this award is for CW ops, only, let me say this is not correct. It is open for ops using any mode available and on any band assigned to amateur use.

One unique feature of the A-1 Operator Award is that the recipient must be nominated by two amateurs

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who already hold it. In most instances, the recipient of the award does not even know they have been nominated. A-1 Operators are eligible to receive a nice lapel pin that identifies them as members of the club.

Information about the A-1 Operator Club is available at [www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/](http://www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/). Members of the Club are listed at [www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/roster](http://www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/roster). Rules the procedure for nominating amateurs to the club are at [www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/a1v11.html#who](http://www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/a1v11.html#who).

As of January 30, 2009, there are 5,252 members of the A-1 Operator Club. Why not double check your operating procedure against Club Requirements? One never knows when two Club members will hear or work you and nominate you to join the Club.

+++ **More Triple Play Winners** +++

Additions to the Triple Play Award roster since my last e-letter are Ernest S. Jurusik W8DCH, Columbus, OH; James F. Tullis W8CZN, Hudson, OH; Robert A. Daniels K8KWT, Kentwood, MI; James D. Main N8FV, Muskegon, MI; John S. Comella N8AA, Hamilton, OH; Daniel N. Hardy N8VV, Newcomerstown, OH; Eric Kindig W8EJK, Sidney, OH; Mad River Radio Club W8MAD, Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett K8CC, Ypsilanti, MI; D. Douglas Friend WB8TLI, Troy, OH; John A. Wulf K4FT, Crab Orchard, KY. 2/20/09

+++ **W1AW CW Transmission on 160 M changes Frequency** +++

Beginning March 9, ARRL's W1AW will shift its CW transmission on 160 M to 1802.5 KHz. This move is to help avoid interference with increasing activity that is developing near the 1817.5 kHz frequency previously.

+++ **And, in Miami the Winner is . . .** +++

Ohio SM Joe Phillips K8QOE is a theatre aficionado and well he should be. He taught theatre at Princeton High School in Springdale, OH for many years. This was a very good program.

Since retiring from his teaching duties, he has continued his love affair with the stage by following movies and the legitimate stage whenever his schedule permits. Included in his activities is putting together his best estimate of the winners at the annual Academy Awards. He has just issued his list for 2009.

Anyone who follows the Academy Awards to any degree might wish to make a note of Joe's selections and compare them with the actual winners. Why? If he is pretty well on target, one could congratulate him for his great insight. If he is well off target, a good razzing might be in order.

K8QOE's Academy Award predictions for 2009 are:

Best pix: Slumdog Millionaire

Best actor: Mickey Rourke for The Wrestler

Best actress: Kate Winslet for The Reader

Best supporting actress: Marisa Tomei for The Wrestler

Best supporting actor: Heath Ledger for The Dark Knight

Best director: Danny Boyle for Slumdog Millionaire

Best original screen play: Dustin Lance Black for Milk

Best adapted screen play: Simon Beaufoy for Slumdog Millionaire (adapted from the book Q&A)

Best cinematography: Anthony Dod Mantle for Slumdog Millionaire

Best foreign film: Israel for Waltz With Besir

(Awards will have been announced **well** before this issue reaches its readers. —*Ye Ed*)

+++ **Division Travel Philosophy** +++

The past two years generally saw Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA and I travel together to most hamfests/swaps and other events in the Division. This was logical. Because of the way we did this, the two of us were able to travel nearly as inexpensively as if only one of us had made the individual trips.

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The disadvantage of following the general plan of traveling together is that time constraints on each of us made it impractical to visit several areas of the Division that we could have visited by travelling separately.

This year we are changing our plan for travel. Gary and I will typically go to different hamfests and, much of the time, we will have another member of the Division Cabinet join us. We believe this will allow us to bring more ARRL representatives to more areas of the Division while enabling us to live within the Division budget.

The two cabinet members who most often can be expected to join Gary and me are Jay Slough K4ZLE and John Meyers NB4K. Jay will be able to discuss the operation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Region Incoming QSL Bureau that he manages. John, as Division Legislative Action Chairman, will be able to share the operation of the ARRL Legislative Action Program directly with members.

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

The tentative travel schedule (through June) for Great Lakes Division officers and chairpersons is shown below. This schedule will be expanded to additional months in future issues of Words. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA and I, Division Legislative Action Chairman John Meyers NB4K and 8<sup>th</sup> Area ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough K4ZLE will join in some of our trips to discuss the programs they head.

This year, we are working especially hard to optimize the value members receive from our travel. Gary and I may not appear together at a number of hamfests. In addition, instead of being at the "same old" hamfests as in the past, we may visit hamfests in parts of the Division that have not been covered during recent years.

If you would like any of us to consider visiting your hamfest/swap, meeting or event, please contact me at [k8je@arrl.org].

**Date.....Event.....Division Representative(s)**

- 7 Mar: Cave City, KY; Mammoth Cave ARC -- Gary. John (?)
- 14 Mar: Marshall, MI; SMARS & Marshall HS club -- Jim & John
- 15 Mar: Toledo, OH; Toledo Mobile AR -- Jim & John
- 10 Mar: Waynesville, OH, Bellbrook ARC dinner -- Jim
- 28 Mar: Reynoldsburg, OH; Section ARES Conference -- Gary. Jim (?)
- 19 Apr: Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls ARC -- Jim & Gary
- 26 Apr: Athens, OH; Athens Co. ARA -- Jim & Gary
- 15-17 May: Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> -- Jim, Gary & John
- 6 Jun: Olive Hill, KY; Little Sandy RC -- Gary
- 6 Jun: Grand Rapids, MI; Independent Repeater Assoc. -- Jim & John
- 7 Jun: Chelsea, MI; Chelsea ARC -- Jim & John
- 20 Jun: Midland, MI; Midland ARC -- Jim and Jay
- 21 Jun: Monroe, MI; Monroe Co. RCA -- Jim and Jay
- 26 Jul: Randolph, OH -- Portage ARC -- Jim

NOTE: Please apply to have your hamfest/swap sanctioned well in advance of the date it will be held. The sooner it is sanctioned as an ARRL event, the sooner it will appear on the listing of hamfests and conventions on the ARRL web site. This will provide more publicity for the event.

73, *Jim*

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Ohio Section News for March '09 was not available at paste-up deadline. -- *Ye Ed*

**Korea Unveils Stamp Celebrating ARDF:** Korea has issued a postage stamp commemorating the 2008 Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) World Championships. The ARDF World Championships, held in Korea and hosted by the Korean Amateur Radio League, were September 2-7, 2008. More than 450 participants from 28 countries came to Korea to compete. Upon issuance of the stamp, Korea said it hoped that the "World Championships will provide a momentum to stimulate public interest and participation in Amateur Radio."



ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell K0OV said that Team USA had their best showing ever at the 2008 World Championships: "We had four Top 10 finishes in the two days of fox-finding competition, first with 2 meter AM signals, and then with 80 meter CW signals. ARRL's team faced more than 300 of the planet's best foxtailers that represented 24 other national Amateur Radio societies." ARDF combines Amateur Radio skills with the map and compass skills of orienteering in a timed race where individual competitors navigate through diverse wooded terrain while searching for radio transmitters. The rules of the sport and international competitions are organized by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). See the stamp left:

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### What's coming in March

- Tue Mar 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle  
Program: Club member Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT, "Biography of an Unknown Ham"
- Wed Mar 4 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri Mar 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
- Sun Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time begins
- Tue Mar 10 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA
- Wed Mar 11 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Sat Mar 14 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
- Tue Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Wed Mar 18 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- Fri Mar 20 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St downtown  
Spring begins
- Sat Mar 21 8 AM-4 PM One Day Technician Class and First Day of Weekend General Class, Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, Westwood
- Sun Mar 22 8 AM-4 PM Second Day of Weekend General Class
- Tue Mar 24 7:30 PM Board of Directors' meeting, location varies
- Wed Mar 25 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Wed Apr 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Dale KC8HQS

Fri Apr 3 8:00 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps at Hamilton Co Commu-  
nications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot  
Tue Apr 7 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in West-  
wood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle  
Program: To be announced

### **Ohio net changes time, frequency**

The Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN) on Wednesday, February 18, will change from winter operations -- with a new frequency and time. This only affects the evening schedule -- morning sessions and mid-afternoon sessions of OSSBN which did not make winter changes will continue to remain as always.

The evening session of the OSSBN will be 6:30 PM on the normal frequency of 3972.5 MHz.

The evening session had changed during winter operations due to propagation problems. This announcement was made today (Feb 17) by OSSBN Net Manager, Ron West N8OD. NM West said, when conditions warrant it, the OSSBN evening session will return to its regular time.

OSSBN, the Ohio traffic net of record, operates three times daily. The other sessions are at 10:30 AM and at 4:15 PM on the regular 3972.5 MHz frequency.

### **A Paid Non-Political Advertisement ...**

ARRL members may have seen the little “Stray” article on page 82 of the March *QST*, congratulating member Jerry Spring VE6CNU of Calgary AB on the publication of his ham radio humor book, *Hogwash for Hamsters*, by Trafford Publishing of Victoria BC.

Jerry says he isn't thrilled with Trafford's merchandising of his book, and the relatively high shipping cost asked. He offered to send Ye Ed a copy of the book for \$15 postpaid on receipt of a personal check. He also asked if she'd noise this around among friends, associates etc. so he might be able to sell more books.

Jerry is Jerome L. Spring at 206 Hampstead Pl NW, Calgary AB T3A 5J2, Canada. First class postage for an ounce to Canada is \$.72, to be \$.75 after May 11. E-mails are [ve6cnu@arrl.net] or [jspring@telus.net].

“I bought 50 of the books for myself,” Jerry wrote on e-mail. There were over 1000 hits on the webpage in less than 3 months, but I sold very few in comparison to what I should have... I myself wouldn't pay their (Trafford's) ridiculous shipping costs.” Jerry did pay \$12.50 shipping for the batch.

**John Kanzius K3TUP**, of Erie PA passed away February 18 in Florida from pneumonia. He was 64. Kanzius was best known for his research into finding a cure for cancer using radio waves, specifically 13.56 MHz.

In 1966 at age 22, Kanzius came to Erie to work for JET Broadcasting. After 24 years as a broadcast engineer, he was appointed vice president and general manager of the company in 1980. After retiring, Kanzius was diagnosed with leukemia in 2002. He summarized his chemotherapy in a February 2008 article in *QST* as "Hoping we kill the cancer before we kill the person" <<http://p1k.arrl.org/cgi-bin/topdf.cgi?id=109317&pub=qst>>. 8< snip ... -- ARRL Newsletter, Vol 28 #7, Feb 20, 2009

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