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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...

Thanks to everybody who made it to the 2009 OH-KY-IN Awards Dinner on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to everybody who took home awards and especially to Gary KB8MYC as he is the **2008 OH-KY-IN Ham of the Year**. I also want to sincerely thank Susie N8CGM for volunteering to take the minutes at a couple club meetings a few months ago.

Be looking for more information on Workshops coming up! I know Gary KB8MYC has some topics in mind. If you'll be at the Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> this year, I hope to see you up there. This year's Hamvention<sup>R</sup> will be May

15-17. I will be listening to the output of the 146.925 or 146.67 repeaters and I encourage other club members to do so as well.

See you at the May club meeting!

73, Dale KC8H2S

## Next meeting

Due to a last minute work commitment, our presenter for May had to cancel. Hopefully we can get this program rescheduled soon. With that being said, we are currently working on a program. Stay tuned to our repeaters for the announcement!

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 onto Mozart (just 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.

73, Gary KB8MYC

**WORD TO THE WISE:** Ethics - according to [Contest University](#) instructor and WPX Contest Director, Randy K5ZD, "It's what you do when no one is watching." 'Nuff said.--ARRL Contest Update for April 15, 2009, Ward Smith N0AX, ed.

## **Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, April 7, 2009**

Dale KC8HQS, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests included Kitty WB8TDA, Roger KA8JFL, Bob KD8KQM – 31 members attending.

New / Upgrades to license – Bob KD8KQM, Bob Crouch, Bob Miller

Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare – none

Brag session – Thanks to Jim W8JRB for 300 ohm feedline

Program: Nathan KA3MTT presented 'Diary of an Unknown Ham'

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC and Bob Crouch for running the hospitality table.

Minutes of the last meeting, no corrections – Eric KC8NMP move to accept, Ted WB8VNV second

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT reported that the current count is 87 – Still taking applications for 2009

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not here - passed financial reports around

Audit – Gerry KD8ASL, Sam KJ8K and Harry WA8LOJ presented the audit committee report in writing – thanks guys!

Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Tech Committee – Brian reported on the climb at the 146.67 site, hopefully identified the problem as the antenna, and a new one is on the way. Hope to get it up soon. .925 and .625 amplifiers swapped – hopefully better performance from .925 for now

Education committee – Gary KB8MYC reported that classes and exams are done, all went great

Bruce N8BV reported that we have a booth again at the Red, White and Blue Ash on July 4th

Tech Talk - Bruce N8BV reported we still need net controls – please!!!

Field Day – Nathan reminded us of the dates, June 27-28, and we plan on putting up a balloon supported antenna for the SSB station this year.

Awards committee – Banquet will be Apr 14 at 7 PM at Nick and Tom's

Old business -

Otto AA8KK's antenna still needs to come down – looking for volunteers

New business -

Was asked if the club is doing anything at Dayton this year? No

The random member drawing was Bob WB8W, who was not present and would have received \$20

Split the pot of \$34 was won by Bob W8JSO

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BR1*

## **Education**

After taking a month off to catch our breath, the education committee will begin our workshops again. We are working on a calendar of events and hope to have it ready for the club meeting.

Also, we love suggestions for classes and workshops; please send us anything you would like to see or learn more about!!!

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

## Radio's Plus

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with staff amateurs Brad WD9HDZ & Bob W8JSO

Here's a neat game called "[Time Engineers](#)" for your technically-minded youth in which kids travel through time to solve various engineering problems of the day with appropriate materials and techniques. (from [Embedded System Design](#), April 2009)

Listed in *ARRL Contest Update* by Ward Silver N0AX, issue of April 15, 2009

"Time Engineers" was created by the Engineering Dept at Valparaiso U, Valparaiso IN.

The home edition (single user) costs \$19.95; editions for more users are correspondingly pricier. Web site is [http://www.software-kids.com/html/time\\_engineers.html](http://www.software-kids.com/html/time_engineers.html); a video may be seen in any of 3 systems (Windows Media, Apple Quicktime or Adobe Flash, in high or low (recommended for dial-up connections) definition.

### Fiberglass!

Tim K3HX has discovered that solid fiberglass rods are being sold at farm supply stores very inexpensively. The fencing section of his local Tractor Supply Company stocks 4' x 3/8" rods with one end pointed - possibly for electric fencing. These might come in handy for antenna building, so keep your eyes open for another source of Good Stuff!

Speaking of fiberglass, fiberglass structural tubing will do nicely as a base insulator for towers as reported by Jim W6RMK. McMaster Carr ([www.mcmaster.com](http://www.mcmaster.com)) sells it in shippable lengths if it's not available conveniently in your location. Cut three pieces 6" or a foot long, bolt it up, and you're done. A standard carbide blade for wood will cut the stuff, but the blade will dull pretty fast (glass is really hard, so it wears the cutting edges), so get a cheap one and just throw it away. Good ventilation, dust mask, and gloves are important while cutting to avoid the fiberglass dust. In *ARRL Contest Update* for April 09 in "Technical Topics & Info"

### ==> California teen is 2009 Goldfarb Scholarship recipient

In April, the ARRL Foundation Board of Directors <<http://www.arrl.org>> voted unanimously to award the prestigious William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship for the 7<sup>th</sup> time to Dean LaBarba KI6CUX of Long Beach, California. LaBarba will graduate from Woodrow Wilson High School this year with a GPA of 4.0. According to ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart K1MMH, upon graduation, LaBarba will more than meet the course requirements with 50 hours of honors and Advanced Placement credits.

--*ARRL Letter* Vol 28 #15, April 15, 2009

## DX Spots - May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 T70A-San Marino thru 5-3 <hr/> 3D2-Fiji thru 5-8 <hr/> C21TI-Nauru thru May 17	2 JD1-Ogasawara thru 5-12
3	4 ZD8KR-Ascension thru 5-11	5 YJ0KS-Vanuatu thru 5-7	6	7	8 V-E Day <hr/> World Red Cross Day	9 B1Z-China thru 5-10
10  Mother's Day	11 V6-Micronesia thru 5-16 <hr/> TK-Corsica thru 6-11	12	13	14	15	16 5H1-Tanzania thru 6-2 <hr/> ZK2V-Niue thru 6-20
17 YS1G-EI Salvador thru 5-23 <hr/> Armed Forces Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29	30
31						

de Nathan KA3MTT Sorry, no new DXCC entities this time!

## Contests

May 2009

- 2-3 10-10 Spring CW & Digital Contest; EU EME Contest; MARAC CW & SSB contest; Microwave Spring Sprint; 7<sup>th</sup> Area QSO Party; IN QSO Party; Radio Club of America QSO Party; ARI International DX contest; New England QSO Party; 2GHz and up WW contest
- 9-10 Armed Forces Communications Test; CQ-M International DX contest; Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest; FISTS Spring Sprint, CW; NV QSO Party; 50 MHz Spring Sprint
- 16-17 EU PSK DX Contest; All America Contest, CW; His Majesty, the King of Spain, Contest, CW; Baltic Contest, CW & SSB; Worked All Britain, phone
- 23 Bill Windle QSO Party, CW
- 25-26 CQ WW WPX, CW; EU EME contest; MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint
- 30-31 Kids Roundup; QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint, CW

Spring, when a young man's fancy turns to...contests! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, Dan K74AU

+++**What does ARRL do for Me? 1**+++ from *Weaver's words* posted March 30, 2009, by Jim K8JE  
Members and non-members alike have occasionally asked me what ARRL does for them that the beneficiary doesn't need to pay extra to get. It seemed to them that nearly everything the League does for members requires them to pay extra to obtain. The prevailing attitude among non-members also seems to be that unless they DX or contest, ARRL membership offers nothing to them.

Once one knows the facts, it is obvious that neither of these contentions is correct. With this issue of *Words* I begin a series of discussions of what ARRL really does. In these discussions you will learn which member benefits have fees associated with them and which member benefits are not associated with fees. First, let me give a brief listing of services provided by ARRL. After doing this, I'll expand on one item that I believe is of interest to many members. The listing is below. No fees are charged to take advantage of the services marked "(n/c):"

- *QST*, Your Monthly Membership Journal
- Members-Only Web Access (n/c)
- Technical Information Service (TIS) (n/c)
- Outgoing QSL Service
- ARRL Field Organization including ARES® and several additional, important services(n/c)
- Operating Awards
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in Washington, DC to the FCC and Congress (n/c)
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in International Government Treaty negotiations. (n/c)
- A Regulatory Information Branch that provides information on FCC and regulatory questions; problems with antenna, tower and zoning restrictions; and reciprocal licensing procedures (n/c)
- Volunteer Counsel Program (n/c)
- Volunteer Examiner Coordinator program (n/c)
- Registered Amateur Radio Instructor program (n/c)
- W1AW broadcast bulletins and code practice (n/c)
- Preferred subscription rates for *QEX*, the ARRL Forum for Communications Experimenters

- Discounts on Continuing Education Program courses.

This listing is generally available at [www.arrl.org/benefits.html#awards](http://www.arrl.org/benefits.html#awards).

It is a fact that a number of what I consider the superficial services provided by ARRL, require the recipient to pay a few cents to several dollars. In most instances the fees are to pay for certificates and optional plaques -- the well-known and hard-sought "wallpaper" with which so many of us paper our shack walls. Look through the list of services for which fees are not assessed. These very importantly include the tough work ARRL does. As I will discuss later, these services relate to keeping our amateur frequency allocations, obtaining new frequencies, protecting our frequencies from invasion by interfering individuals or services, protecting amateurs' rights to pursue the Amateur Radio Service and generally protecting the value of the Amateur Radio license.

I ask you, first, to review the frequencies you use during your personal operating. The basic fact is: None of us would have use of these frequencies if it was not for ARRL. There is no charge by ARRL for the services that resulted in obtaining these frequencies.

### **Weaver's words – Spring Is Here**

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### **+++ ARRL Convention at the Hamvention +++**

The 2009 ARRL National Convention at the Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> will be Friday through Sunday, May 15 through 17. The Hamvention<sup>R</sup> is the greatest ham radio show on earth. As always, it will showcase nearly every product and service available to radio amateurs. Attendees are expected to include most of the world's leaders in essentially every aspect of Amateur Radio. Always a great event, the Hamvention<sup>R</sup> holds even more significance when it and the ARRL National Convention are combined.

Great Lakes Division involvement --

This year there is a particularly interesting forum and an especially useful display that many Division members will doubtlessly want to patronize. These are the ARES<sup>R</sup> forum and the ARRL Legislative Agenda booth.

ARES<sup>R</sup> Forum: The forum title, "The Maturing of ARES<sup>R</sup> in this decade of 911 and Katrina," can only suggest the significance of the discussions it will generate. Mark Hamvention Meeting Room 3 at 2:30 PM Saturday on your calendar. Be there to see the exciting and challenging changes that will happen to ARES<sup>R</sup> in coming years. As Ohio SM Joe Phillips K8QOE has said, "This isn't our grandfather's ARES<sup>R</sup>." We amateurs have always prided ourselves with the thought that we are on hand to pick up the pieces when all other forms of communication fail. Those who attend this ARES<sup>R</sup> forum will get a good view into what is needed if we are to continue to meet this self-portrait into the future.

The forum panelists will be: Charles Miller AE4UX, Section Emergency Coordinator for South Carolina; Southeast Division Director Greg Sarratt W4OZK and Rob Macedo KD1CY, Director of Operations for the VoIP Hurricane Net. Director Sarratt was Alabama Section Manager at the time of Hurricane Katrina. He was a major organizer of the post-Katrina Amateur Radio relief operation. Ohio SEC Jack Sovik KB8WPZ of Youngstown OH will moderate the forum that he organized.

Legislative Agenda at Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup>: This will be the first year for an ARRL Legislative Agenda booth at the Hamvention<sup>R</sup>. It will be located in the ARRL section. Along with myself, NB4K, there will be many other Division Legislative Action Chairmen, Coordinators and Assistants. We have had nine of the



15 Division Directors also say they would be looking forwards to the information given out and taken in at this booth for further education in the Divisions. This is not just a Great Lakes Division endeavor but a coordinated agenda among the many Divisions.

We will have handouts and information for those not yet familiar with our agenda along with folks who will be able to answer any of your questions. Stop by and see us as we will be looking forward to seeing you.

73, John D. Meyers NB4K

Great Lakes Legislative Action Chairman

+++ **Scholarship Winners in the Division** +++

The ARRL Foundation has announced scholarship winners for 2009. Of the 52 scholarships awarded, six went to amateurs in the Great Lakes Division. Division recipients are:

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association Scholarship - \$100; Thomas Fielitz KC8YAK, Smiths Creek MI.

The K2TEO Martin J. Green, Sr. Memorial Scholarship - \$1000; Jacob Wagner KD8CDC, Rocky River OH (2d year recipient, grandson of a Buckeye Belle)

The David W. Misek, N8NPX Memorial Scholarship - \$1500; Janet Ruminski KC8WGT, Beavercreek Oh

The Thomas W. Porter W8KYZ Scholarship Honoring Michael Daugherty W8LSE - \$1000; Robert Garfield W8BOB, Cincinnati OH

The YASME Foundation Scholarship - \$2000; Kathryn Ankenbauer KD8AHA, Portage MI, & Andrea Hill KD8FJS, Bellefontaine OH

Congratulations to the winners. All the best to them in their studies.

+++ **Telephone numbers** +++

Several recent situations have come up that suggest many of us overlook keeping our contact information up-to-date with ARRL. Most often, this involves not updating telephone numbers when new numbers are obtained or when one retires. At other times, e-mail addresses and even street addresses may go for years without being kept current.

Overlooking keeping data up-to-date by clubs usually happens when new officers are elected. It is surprising that officers for some very active clubs that are proud to say they are affiliated with ARRL have failed to update their information annually are really years out of date.

Members can update their addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses by going to Members Only on the ARRL web site. Club updating is done on the Club page of the web site. If you need help, let me know or, for clubs, contact your Section Affiliated Club Coordinator.

Speaking of telephone numbers, members who have stored my telephone number may not have noticed it has recently changed. The number to use in reaching me at home is 513=459-1661. This number now appears in *QST*.

Incidentally, mailing addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of Vice Director Johnston KI4LA and me are always on p. 15 of *QST*.

The counterpart information for SMs Joe Phillips K8QOE, Dale Williams WA8EFK and Jim Brooks KY4Z are always on p. 16. We may be "shakers," but we aren't "movers" when it comes to these two pages.

+++ **What does ARRL do for me?** 2+++

Last month I began this series of discussions on the benefits members receive from membership in ARRL. (printed just before this *Weaver's words* in this issue – Ye Ed) I provided a simple listing of services and noted which were available with no fee associated with them. I also referred to a number of the best-known services (e.g. DXCC, contest) as being superficial. By superficial I mean they are great activities that provide many of us with needed relaxation and a lot of fun (admittedly, with a little frustration at times), but they don't do much of earthshaking consequence for Amateur Radio or the public.

ARRL is the only ham radio organization in this country that can mount a sustained, full-scale effort to achieve the regulatory and legislative action Amateur Radio deserves. Through this effort, Amateur Radio, and you and I, benefit.

What other ham organization in the US could have brought a successful lawsuit against the FCC in Federal Court? None.

However, because of ARRL, the FCC has been prevented from putting an ill-conceived regulation into effect. A US Court has required FCC to suspend implementing it and to go back to the drawing board. The Commission is required to follow its own operating rules in developing a new regulation, provided it wants to develop a new regulation.

ARRL successfully showed the Court the Commission ignored its own rules when it paid no attention to relevant data it had received in developing rulemaking. The resulting rule would give unlicensed transmitters dominance over licensed transmitters. In other words, Part 15 unlicensed devices could interfere with license radio services (including Amateur Radio). The most notable Part 15 device at this time is BPL.

When one considers only BPL, if you operate from 160 through 2 meters, you have benefited from the League's fight to keep Part 15 devices, including BPL, to operate free of interference to ham operations. Next month I'll feature another aspect of something ARRL "Does for Me."

+++ **DTV Presentation Still Available** +++

I've received e-mail that praised the Alliance (OH) ARC's switch-to-DTV PowerPoint presentation. If your club plans a similar presentation, feel free to contact Frank Sanor WA8WHP, [wa8whp@arrl.net] to obtain a free copy.

+++ **Time for Antenna Work Is Nearly Over** +++

It is my unfortunate duty to remind everyone the time to install and repair antennas has nearly passed for our part of the world. The next opportunity to ensure the value of this work will not come again until early winter.

The Law of Mass Inclemency clearly states that the worse the weather when antenna work is done, the better the antenna will perform. Conversely, the less uncomfortable the weather when this work is performed, the less well the antenna will perform.

+++ **Fred Jones WA4SWF** +++

On May 2, Fred retires as Lawrence County, Kentucky EC after 35 years. I don't typically become involved in recognizing work done in individual ARRL Sections. The Section Managers take care of this quite adequately. I'm making an exception in this instance because the person involved is an exceptional individual and has performed exceptional service for ARRL and Amateur Radio that goes beyond the Kentucky state line.

Fred, thanks for your tremendous work and the outstanding effort you have devoted since before you became EC until now. Knowing you and your devotion to our great service, you will remain in an active role in Amateur Radio for many years to come.

Congratulations and thanks.

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

The following is the travel schedule for Division staff for the coming weeks. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnson KI4LA, Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers NB4K and 8<sup>th</sup> Area QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough K4ZLE will visit the events shown below.

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

SCHEDULE

2 May: Louisa, KY Hamfest – Jim

8 May: Miami County ARC, Troy, OH -- Jim  
11 May: Northern KY ARC -- Gary  
15-17 May: Hamvention<sup>R</sup>/ARRL National Conv. -- Gary, John, Jim  
6 Jun: Grand Rapids, MI; Independent Rept Assoc. 'fest -- John, Jim  
6 Jun: Olive Hill, KY; Little Sandy RC -- Gary  
7 Jun: Chelsea, MI; Chelsea ARC 'fest -- John, Jim  
20 Jun: Midland, MI; Midland ARC 'fest -- Jay, Jim  
21 Jun: Monroe, MI; Monroe Co. RCA 'fest-- Jay, Jim  
9 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA Meeting -- Jim  
16 Jul: A&F Committee meeting, Newington -- Jim  
17-18 Jul: ARRL Board meeting, Newington -- Gary, Jim  
26 Jul: Randolph, OH -- Portage ARC 'fest -- John, 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 begin to receive publicity in the listing of ham-fests on the ARRL web site. It is not too early to submit your 2010 'fest for sanctioning. Doing this will assist Vice Director Johnston and me develop a travel schedule that includes early 2010.

73, *Jim*

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## Ohio Section News May 2009

By Affiliated Clubs Coordinator Joanne Solak KJ30

HAPPY SPRING! I hope you all had a Blessed Easter. The weather was beautiful, at least pleasant. April showers bring May flowers and some of my neighbors are busy planting their vegetable gardens this week. Warmer temperatures are welcomed across the State.

This is Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> month and the site of the 2009 ARRL National Convention. It is Friday, May 15 to Sunday, May 17.

Along with Spring comes the busy schedule of all Ohio Section Clubs. Many Clubs are seeking volunteers for the many Public Service events in their areas. Please volunteer! It takes the Club membership to keep a Club in "top shape" during this very busy time of year. More and more event organizers are "finding out" just how helpful amateur radio operators are to their event and thus more club members are asked to participate in more events each year. The main thing is ASK your club membership to help out in these events. Sometimes if you don't ask, members won't volunteer. Remember, one of the reasons amateur radio exists is to provide a service to the public.

With Memorial Day just ahead there will be many scheduled parades and many amateurs will be asked to assist with communications. VOLUNTEER!

Do you have your Field Day event organized as yet? Better get with it. June is just around the corner and sometimes it is difficult to find a good public site for your Field Day. Choose your Field Day Chair wisely. Find someone who has the get-go, lots of time to spare, is a good coordinator, then appoint them the coordinator. Sounds like a great idea to me.

The official 2009 ARRL Field Day Web Page is up and running at HYPERLINK <http://www.ARRL.com> www.ARRL.com. This page includes a summary of available resources, with links to Field Day forms and rules, logos and reference links. Field Day is the largest on-the-air operating event and is held on June 27 and 28.

We are waiting for a proclamation from Governor Strickland proclaiming Field Day 2009, as Amateur Radio Appreciation Day. I have not heard anything about it yet, but I guess these things take time and are not released until near the date of the event and in this case the Field Day date, according to Nick Pittner K8NAP, State Government Liaison.

Reports are that Hamfest attendance has been up. Plan to attend as many hamfests as you can. Support the club or clubs sponsoring the hamfest.

I was delighted to receive the *DELARA NEWS* from the Delaware Amateur Radio Association. The Skywarn/weather training session in Delaware had a great attendance by the DELARA hams and ARES members. 12 members of the ARES group signed up to "work" the Kids Safety Scenes event. I am sure a good time will be had by all and lots of information will be obtained again this year by all participating. Club President, Tim Trombley K8TAT has been doing some of those warm weather chores outside which included planting a vegetable garden. Tim says the Field Day site has already been taken care of and the Field Day planning committee will be organized at the May Club meeting. Don Miller KB8SIA is the E.C. in Delaware County and has an active ARES group.

The Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club has been very busy with Kenyon College's "Earth Day Challenge" providing communications for the event. The Club along with the Salvation Army are sponsoring a Ham Radio Class again this year. They have an ARES Sunday Night Net at 9 PM on the K8EEN repeater. They meet every Wednesday at the local Wendy's for dinner and every second Saturday of the month for breakfast. A very busy group. I always enjoy Don Russell's (W8PEN) column in the newsletter. He is always busy with something to do with antennas. Very interesting!

The Queen City group have been busy planning for the Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> and the flea market booth they plan to have at the event. They have also been busy with Public Service events. The Alliance Club members have been busy with their Field Day plans and the Fox Hunt preparations. I always enjoying the Club newsletter, the *Zero Beat*.

The Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service has entered their busy season once more. The Spring OSU Game marked the beginning of football season for the Scarlet and Gray. COARES provides communication for this event. The group also participates in the Scioto River Valley mighty tour. And then there is Race for the Cure, and the list goes on for this very active group under the direction of Kal Dworkin KA8RLC , EC Franklin County.

I was very pleased to receive the West Park Radiops *LOG*. Their club membership is holding steady like most clubs these days. They will be participating in the North Olmsted All Scouts activity again this year. The word is the West Park group just might start up a two meter net in the near future. They will let us know when!

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club held what may have been their last safety break. Only time will tell. Could there be more events like this for them...stay tuned to the Club Newsletter "*Feedback*" for further information. The Club was scheduled to provide communications for the Multiple Sclerosis Society Annual Walk again this year. This Club is a very busy club and a very well known Club in the Ohio Section.

The Portage ARC members have been busy with Portage Hamfair 2009 plans. Their hamfest is July 26 at the Randolph , Portage County Fairgrounds. This Club is also well known throughout the Ohio Section. They actively participate in many Public Service Events during the year. There are many changes planned for the group this year and the Portage Hamfair is just the beginning.

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association has been really busy with plans for the Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup>. That says it all!

The Buckeye Belles will share booth #234 with the YLRL at the Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> on May 15-17.

There will be a YL forum at 10:30 AM Sunday in Room 3. More at the Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup>!

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The Spotlight Club of the Month is still available. If you would like your Club in the Spotlight some Month, just get the information to me before the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Check out the Ohio Section Web page at HYPERLINK "<http://www.arrloho.org>" <http://www.arrloho.org>  
The Web Master is Jeff Slattery N8SUZ, and he does a fantastic "job" on the Web Page.

Thank You for all the e-mails and newsletters. I do prefer "hard copy" when possible but whatever works for you works for me.

FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT FORM!!! Many Clubs have chosen, or simply forgot to send in their annual report form the last two years. Guess What? Their Club is now on the INACTIVE list of clubs.

PLEASE check with the club secretary and make sure your Club does not end up on the inactive list for not filing up-to-date information with the ARRL.

If you are not already a member of the ARRL, Join Now! There is no better time than now to become a member of the ARRL. One of the benefits of Membership is their banner monthly publication, *QST*. It is the source for news and information on any topic that's part of or relates to amateur radio. The ARRL supports legislation that preserves and protects access to existing amateur radio frequencies as a natural resource for your enjoyment. The benefits go on and on. There is a members-only web service. Technical information service, operating awards, contests and more.

Support your local Club. Pay your club membership dues. Volunteer for Club events. Enjoy amateur radio. Well, that's it for this time around. Enjoy the Spring Season! And remember, sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU! Until then,

Best 73, *Joanne Solak KJ3O*, ACC Ohio Section

**OHIO MAY HAMFESTS** - And, of course, there's just one hamfest in May for the Ohio Section. The Dayton Hamvention<sup>R</sup> - May 15-17 - is the most important ham radio gathering on this planet. Added attraction for 2009 Hamvention<sup>R</sup> is that it is the site of the 2009 ARRL National Convention. Check your club to see if there is space available on any bus trip to Hamvention<sup>R</sup> they may be sponsoring.

#### **OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:**

SM: Joe Phillips K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see *QST* page 16 or on the Web at <[www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org)>; ASM-NE: Bob Winston W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: Dave Coons WT8W, New Carlisle; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Jack Sovik KB8WPZ, Austintown; ACC: Joanne Solak KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner K8NAP, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

#### **Hamfests &c. May 2009**

See also OH Section News above. Hamvention<sup>R</sup> website where the answers to most of your queries, especially about forums, are: [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org)

If you aren't able to attend, you might want to check in at [wa5kub.com](http://wa5kub.com) for coverage from his helmet cam.

Until the Hamvention<sup>R</sup> starts, this site will be showing slides of last year's Hamvention<sup>R</sup> set-up etc.

#### **Stuff for sale**

1. First item we have is a complete station (minus the antenna): Yaesu FT-757GX 10-160 meters + WARC HF Transceiver, with the FP-757HD Heavy Duty power supply and the FC-757AT External Automatic Antenna Tuner. Also included is the original hand mic (MH-1) and a QSYer (number keypad to "jump"

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directly to frequencies). All of these items, except the QSYer, include the original packing, manuals & a service manual for the transceiver. All items are in good working condition and extremely taken care of. Asking \$700...

2. Second item is a Yaesu FT-901D 10-160 meters All Mode HF Transceiver. Item was last turned on about 2 months ago and worked perfectly once warmed up. The manual & service manual are included. This item has a mod to improve receiver sensitivity. Asking \$200...

3. Third item is a Heathkit SA-2040 Antenna Tuner. This item has also been quite cared for and works great. An original instruction sheet is included. Asking \$250...

4. Fourth item is a Drake TV-3300-LP Low Pass Filter for TVI. Good condition... Asking \$25... That's it for the radio equipment...

I also have 3 boxes of Sphinx tractor feed paper -- 1000 sheets each. These are free to whomever is interested.

Interested? Email me at [kc8hqs@fuse.net] or call 513=295-2592.

73, *Dale KC8HQS*

### **TV digitalitis; or, What converter box to buy for coming all-digital TV**

One of the highly rated ones is the LG Zenith DTT901 Digital TV Converter Box.

The Insignia NS-DXA1 is the same LG box at Best Buy.

I understand that Radio Shack has the same box under another name.

They all seem to run about \$59.95 or so.

73, *Fred W8LLY* on RF Carrier reflector

### **VE exam opportunities**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat each month:** Cincinnati-Hartwell OH, 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, [ab8sh@fuse.net]. Talk-in 147.255.

**2d Thu each month except December:** Milford OH, sponsored by Milford ARC at Faith Church, 5910 Price Rd. Register 6 PM. Info: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032 [ab8sh@fuse.net].

The DARA VE Team will hold an amateur radio license exam session on **Wednesday, May 6**, 7:00 PM at the DARA clubhouse in Huber Heights. Details are at <http://www.exams.microenh.com/>

**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).

### **What's coming in May 2009**

Fri May 1 8:00 PM Hamilton Co Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps at Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in BdOfEduc lot

Sun May 3 0:Dark:30 11<sup>th</sup> Flying Pig Marathon

Sun May 3- Sat May 9 Be Kind to Animals Week

Tue May 5 7:30 PM Club meeting at Salem Presbyterian Church, Mozart & Higbee in Westwood behind Harrison-Boudinot White Castle

Program: Scheduled one called off due to spkr's work, listen to repeaters

Wed May 6 9:00 PM Tech Talk 146.925, NCS Dale KC8HQ

Sat May 9 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to

