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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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- > telephoned to 513=385-5201 any time (answerer takes up to 4 min dictation)
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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

Winter seems right around the corner, and Elections for club officers and Board of Directors for 2010 will be at the December club meeting (December 1st). Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November club meeting. Remember to ask the person before you nominate them. Also, as some of you may have heard, we have been pursuing a new meeting place. Our first option didn't work out so we went to plan B. Effective, December 1st, 2009, OH-KY-IN club meetings will be at the new meeting location: St. Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard. The building is at the corner of Washington Ave & Tower Ave, just east of Vine Street in St. Bernard. The entrance is on Washington Ave. A flyer will be available at the club meeting with a map to the new location. If you will be unable to make it to the November club meeting and would like a flyer, you can email me at kc8hqs@fuse.net.

Hope you are planning on participating in Sweepstakes this year... We'll have last minute info at the club meeting.

See you there!

73, Dale *KC8HQS*

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Next meeting

In addition to nominations for next year's officers and Board, Brian K4BRI & Eric N8YC will give an overview of the club's plans for the upcoming ARRL sweepstakes competition. We will do both the CW & the phone contests.

To get to the meeting from downtown Cincinnati (for the LAST time at Salem Presbyterian Church), 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 upstairs entrance, up the stairs, due to the election held on our meeting date. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

Directions to the NEW meeting place, St. Bernard Recreation Hall, will be in the December *Q-Fiver*.

73, Gary *KB8M4C*

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Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society Oct. 6, 2009

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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No Guests present – 24 members attending.

New / Upgrades to license – none

Proceeded to the self introductions

Health and Welfare – none

Brag session – Congrats to Gene N8KOJ for receiving his 5B DXCC

Program: ARRL night, Jim Weaver K8JE gave a nice presentation on amateur radio and international treaties

Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC and Bob KD8JRR for running the hospitality table.

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT not here - current count is 105

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not here, reports emailed

Silent Key – Bruce N8BV reported nothing new for the silent key committee.

Tech committee – Brian K4BRI reported the 146.67 antenna is showing a fault at the top of the hardline.

It will have to be investigated and possibly cut out the very top part, put a new hardline connector and jumper to fix completely. More to come on that. 146.925 is playing well and the audio sounds nice.

146.625 repeater has been repaired and after pickup, it will be tested and placed back on the air.

Education committee – Gary KB8MYC reported that classes are in full swing – Extra, General and the Ky tech classes have all begun, with the Technician one day on Oct 31st. VE exams on Oct 29th in KY and on Nov 14th at the church, please contact K4BRI if you can help – we need VEs

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

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

Nominating committee – Sam KJ8K, Harry WA8LOJ and Gene N8KOJ have contacted people and have found volunteers for all positions. Nominations will be announced next meeting. The floor will be open for nominations and they will close after that.

Sweepstakes – CW will be the first full weekend in November at K4BRI's, and SSB is the third full weekend in November at N8YC's. Please contact either person if you would like to participate.

Old business -

New business – Question was raised if we want to have our usual pizza party in December - Yes.

The random member drawing winner was Ed K8VSJ, who was not present and would have received \$5.

Split the pot of \$17 was won by Jerry W8BUN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*

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Just a reminder that the OH-KY-IN **1 Day Class** for the Technician amateur radio license will be held THIS SATURDAY, Halloween. We have several signed up already but it is not too late to register. Please pass this information on to other hams and to anyone that might be interested in getting their entry level amateur radio license. This 1 Day class will be held 8AM – 4PM at the Salem Presbyterian Church on the west side of Cincinnati.

For more information or to sign up, send email to [classes@ohkyin.org] or call 513=382-3979.

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ARPSC Raffle – still time to enter!

This year's Hamilton County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps Raffle prize is a Yaesu FT-857-D mobile transceiver: The latest model in the series (comes *with DSP--formerly optional*).

You can still buy tickets for the ARPSC Raffle (\$2 each, or 3 tickets for \$5), BUT **Time Is Running Out!!** The Raffle closes on November 6, and the winning ticket will be drawn that evening at the regular ARPSC meeting.

While I'll likely miss the next OH-KY-IN meeting (and the chance to sell you your tickets), MANY OTHER ARPSC members also participate in OH-KY-IN, so you can check with them about buying tickets for this year's Raffle.

OR, *please feel free to call or email me (see sig.) and I will arrange to get your tickets to you.*

(OR, contact Hep Schockley K8OP, raffle, or any of the many ARPSC members who have tickets to sell.)

DON'T MISS your chance to own what they're calling the

"WORLD'S SMALLEST HF/VHF/UHF MOBILE TRANSCEIVER"!

73, *Ted Morris WB8VMU* (tmorris@fuse.net) 513=731-3451 H 513=519-4877 C

P.S. ARPSC meets the first Friday of every month at 8:00PM, in the Hamilton County Communications Center's conference room. This is located at 2377 Civic Center Dr., just off Hamilton Avenue (US 127) south of I-275.

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In celebration of the Worked All Zone award program's 75th anniversary, <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/>> CQ magazine is announcing a limited-term "**Diamond Jubilee WAZ**" award. A special certificate will be issued to amateurs who make contacts in all 40 CQ Zones of the World between November 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. Certificates will be numbered but there will be no endorsements. Confirmations will not be required. Full details are available on the CQ Web site or in the October issue of CQ

73, *Nathan KA3MT7*

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Radio's Plus

Joe Davidson KB8SBN
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OH-KY-IN FALL APPAREL SALE ALL SHIRTS NOW \$10

(Regardless of size)

Sizes Available: L XL XXL XXXL

HATS NOW \$10

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

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VE exam opportunities

1st Sat each month: Cincinnati-Hartwell OH, sponsored by CRA, at Hartwell Presbyterian Church.

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


2d Mon each month: Edgewood KY, sponsored by NKARA, at Hilltop Church of Christ, 5300 Taylor Mill Rd, Taylor Mill KY 41015 (new site). Park in back, pls enter thru basement. Register 6 PM. Pre-Talk-in 147.255.

2d Thu each month except December: Milford OH, sponsored by Milford ARC at Faith Church, 5910 Price Rd. Register 6 PM. Walk-ins OK. No exam fee at Milford exams! Theirs are now from Laurel. Info: Barbara Stewart KA8AXY, 513=625-8651 [wsteward@fuse.net].

Sat Nov 14: License exams following Oh-Ky-In theory classes at Salem Presbyterian Church, corner Mozart & Higbee, Westwood-Cincinnati OH. 12 noon. Info: Brian deYoung K4BRI, 859=635-3095.

In all cases exams require 2 IDs (preferably one with photo). Bring original as well as photocopy of current licence, any CSCE, pen or pencil. 2009 exam fee, where levied, is \$15.

DX Spots for November 2009 – de KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FK-New Caledonia thru 11-11 ----- 4X-Israel thru 11-5	2 P29NI- Papua New Guina thru 11-9	3 VP2M- Montserrat thru 11-15	4 XV4- Vietnam thru 11-17	5	6	7 6W- Senegal thru 11-16
8	9	10	11 5W0MR- Samoa thru 11-18	12	13 D68F- Comoros thru 11-23 ----- 9G5TT- Ghana thru 11-27	14 VP8BUH- Falkland Isl thru 11-21
15	16	17	18	19 FK-New Caledonia thru 11-23 ----- A31A- Tonga thru 12-1	20	21 VK9XX- Christmas Isl thru 12-5
22	23 A25NW- Boswana thru 12-1 ----- TX3A- Chesterfield Isl thru 12-6	24 V31PT- Belize thru 12-6	25	26 V26K- Antigua thru 12-1 	27	28
29	30					

OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operations are approved for DXCC credit: Nigeria, 5N0EME, 2009 operation; Nigeria, 5N00CH, current operation (logs in LoTW); and Angola, D2QMN, current operation. –ARLDX40 *DX News*, Oct 8, 2009

The following operation is also approved for DXCC credit: FT5GA, Glorioso Island - 2009
Operation. -ARLDX41 *DX News*, Oct 20, 2009

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Contests November 2009

7-8 ARRL EME Contest, all modes; ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW; Ukraine DX Contest, SSB & CW; IPA Contest, SSB & CW; Radio Club of America QSO Party, SSB; Collegiate ARC Championship, CW; High Speed Club CW Contest; DARC 10m Digital "Corona" Contest

14-15 WAE DX contest; JA International DX Contest, SSB; OK-OM DX Contest, CW; KY QSO Party; CQ Western Electric, all modes; FOC Bill Windle QSO Party; Homebrew and Oldtime Contest, CW

21-22 ARRL November Sweepstakes, SSB; Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB; LZ DX Contest, SSB & CW; Mongolian DX contest; RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW

28-29 *CQ WW CW*

Sweeps, *CQ WW*, and more! November is Contest month. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, *Dan K744U*

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Hamilton County is in need of an **Emergency Coordinator (EC) for ARES**. The Emergency Coordinator is the primary point-of-contact between the amateur radio community at-large and key "served agencies" such as county emergency management, and other agencies served by amateur radio (now and in the future!)

Of particular interest is that Cincinnati and Hamilton County is currently planning a radio room for the city/county EMA facility which should have up to 4 amateur radio "operating positions" and numerous antennas to support those... HF<-->UHF. The project manager is an active amateur radio operator and a Cincinnati firefighter.

What the EC role IS NOT:

- the "presiding officer" for ARPSC. ARPSC has recently reorganized into a more traditional "club format" with President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. The EC should expect to work with ARPSC (and other Hamilton County clubs) and keep information flowing both directions, but the EC does not manage ARPSC or its activities, finances, meetings, or nets.

- a job for "only a retired guy". Ham radio is a hobby, and takes a backseat to your paying job, family, etc. Being the EC doesn't change that.

- a commitment to attend every club meeting around, every month. It would be nice if you got to some of them yearly, but that's all. Clubs have other business to attend to.

- a "puppet" for the DEC. I will be happy to send you my "manifesto" on taking the DEC role -- and the main theme is...the DEC is an administrative job, not the manager of ARES programs. The EC manages ARES programs!

- an expectation that you will have to take on more responsibilities beyond the county in the future.

What the EC role IS:

- a job for someone who can speak and appear as professionally as his/her potential audience, which could be a room of veteran public safety professionals.

- an opportunity to steer amateur radio emergency communication practices in the direction that you feel they need to go.

- a chance to work with Red Cross, SkyWARN, and RACES groups since, hopefully, we're all pulling in the same direction.

- a gateway to taking on more responsibilities beyond the county, if you choose.

Previous experience is not required. (Here's your proof -- I have none as an EC.) Membership in any group or club does not positively or negatively impact your standing.

You must be a Hamilton County resident and hold any license class above Novice. That's it.

For the credibility of amateur radio as a unified provider of "emcomm", we need to appoint someone to this role.

Please contact me any time to discuss the "job" and/or to recommend someone (including yourself) for this appointment.

-73- de N8TFD/Steve Lewis

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WEAVER'S WORDS -- Watch for Goblins (Reply to ki8je@arrl.org)

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+++ **FCC Clarifies Part 97.113 Regarding Drills** +++

FCC Issued Public Notice DA 09-2259 on October 20 to resolve the confusion concerning 47CFR97.113 of its rules governing Amateur Radio. There are two aspects of this Public Notice as I see it. The first is that the wording of 47 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 97.113 says precisely what the FCC has said it says all along. In today's phraseology, "read my lips."

The second aspect of the Public Notice adds a new wrinkle to the issue. This is simply that FCC recognizes there may be individual instances when it may be appropriate for employees with Amateur Radio licenses to use Amateur Radio to communicate on behalf of their employers during drills. The critical learning here is that these instances relate to government-sponsored drills and the use of employee ham operators is to be cleared on a case-by-case basis through a waiver process the Commission has instituted.

In other words, one does not decide a day or two before a drill that employee amateurs can be used or that the employer-employee relationship is OK to operate on a continuing basis.

Everything stated in "Words" last month as well as everything stated in the position statement we ARRL Directors issued about the commercialization of Amateur Radio applies today as much as it did 20 years ago. The only difference between what we discussed is FCC's addition of the waiver process for occasional government-sponsored drills.

The bottom line as this Director sees it is:

- Under no circumstances may Amateur Radio operators conduct communication via Amateur Radio on behalf of their employers on a continuing basis. As just one example, an Emergency Management Director may not use Amateur Radio to communicate with employees who are licensed amateurs in the conduct of the routine business of the emergency management department. Regular conduct of weather training nets by employees of the NWS or an EM Department as part of their duties would appear to represent another form of prohibited activity. Period, end of discussion per the FCC Public Notice.

- Any use of Amateur Radio by an employer to communicate with employees occur during individual, government-sponsored drills and only then if prior waiver for this communication has been obtained in

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writing from the FCC. The drill may not be repeated without repeating the waiver process. In addition, the drill may not be a continuing operation. Again, period, end of discussion per the FCC Public Notice. To beat a dead horse, FCC rules regarding this issue have not changed for many years. As proof of this, all one needs to do is to read the Public Notice http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2259A1.pdf and Part 97.113. Focusing on the current issue, Part 97.113 reads:

"(a) No amateur station shall transmit:

"(2) Communications for hire or for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised;

"(3) Communications in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. Amateur operators may, however, notify other amateur operators of the availability for sale or trade of apparatus normally used in an amateur station, provided that such activity is not conducted on a regular basis;

"(5) Communications, on a regular basis, which could reasonably be furnished alternatively through other radio services."

Whether you or I agree with an FCC rule does not change the fact that it is the current rule with full, legal status. It applies regardless of any well-meaning rationalization anyone may try to use to justify ignoring it. While I'm in the opinion-offering mood, let me suggest that the FCC has done everything it can do to get Amateur Radio and us out of a thorny, community relations, rock-and-hard-spot with served agencies. Giving copies of Part 97.113, the new FCC Public Notice and the ARRL Commercialization of Amateur Radio discussion should give any sincere manager at a served agency a clear understanding of what can and cannot be done using Amateur Radio. Add to this a discussion by a knowledgeable member of your ARES, club or other ham group on how you can fit in to emergency plans and the picture of how you can assist our communities should come into focus.

Instead of telling an agency, we do what you want, try saying, "Federal regulations do not permit us to do exactly what you have requested, but here is what we can do to help . . ." Discussing the situation openly and honestly should then be useful.

Keep in mind that this discussion relates to drills. The FCC rules (47CFR97.403) still also state "No provision of these rules prevents the use by an amateur station of any means of radiocommunication at its disposal to provide essential communication needs in connection with the immediate safety of human life and immediate protection of property when normal communication systems are not available." Training for such an eventuality by employees of served agencies must be done following FCC rules, however.

FCC rules and regulations are published for anyone to study. Don't have a copy? You can go to <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=&words=fcc+&SearchWords.x=13&SearchWords.y=8>.

They are also posted on the web at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/news/part97/>.

Incidentally, "except as otherwise provided in these rules" in (2), above, refers to the ruling that allows operators of WIAW and certain other stations to be paid for transmitting material such as relevant news bulletins, propagation information, code practice on the ham bands to amateurs.

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+++ **Publicity for Amateur Radio** +++

A recent poll on the ARRL web site asked visitors to it if they were familiar with the league's new training course, PR-101. The result was that only about 10% of those who took the poll said they knew anything about this course. This is an unfortunate statistic.

PR-101 is a series of lessons on CD that covers the how's, why's and what's of getting print or broadcast media coverage for services we hams provide to the public and for Amateur Radio activities.

I've lost count of the number of times members have asked why ham public safety and public service events fail to receive coverage by the news media. PR-101 provides amateurs with the knowledge needed to get this coverage.

PR-101 was put together under the guidance of ARRL Media Relations Director Allen Pitts WIAGP to provide us gals and guys in the field with the tools we need to promote hamming locally. To be honest, hams indeed have a problem getting the press coverage our works deserve. We can sit back and complain about this problem or we can act to do something to correct it as have many of our fellow amateurs. If you, too, wish to become part of the solution, please contact Allen at [apitts@arrl.org] and ask what you can do to improve press coverage in your community. For information about PR-101, specifically, go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/15/10817/?nc=1>.

PR-101 is a must-read for club Public Information Officers (PIOs) and anyone else interested in getting good publicity for Amateur Radio. Your club doesn't have a PIO? It should. Nearly wherever there is an active PIO knowledgeable in how to obtain publicity, ham radio receives it.

+++ **ARRL to FCC: 'tain't so McGee** +++

In a filing with the FCC, the IBEC corporation provided technical data showing that the general electrical noise floor in the US has risen considerably. The point of the submission was that any ambient noise added by BPL and similar systems was relatively negligible -- justifying radiation from BPL. ARRL recently filed comments that strongly rebut the IBEC argument.

Studies done by ARRL's Ed Hare WIRFI totally demonstrated the incompetence of the investigative approach used by IBEC. Using more sophisticated and accepted methodology, the ARRL study clearly supports the continued validity of data previously provided earlier by such organizations as the United Nations' International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and NATO.

+++ **Region 3 IARU Conference ends** +++

Region 3 of the International Amateur Radio Union held its triennial conference in Christchurch, New Zealand October 12-16. Major actions taken by the delegates included affirming obtaining allocation of an amateur 500 kHz band during WRC-12. The conference also firmly stated its dedication to strengthening its protection of amateur frequencies against intruders by strengthening the Region 3 Intruder Watch. Ten member national societies sent delegates. Three more were represented by proxy. ARRL represents amateurs in US territories and possessions in the Region III. These include American Samoa (KH8) and Guam (KH2).

The conference accepted the invitation of the Vietnam ARC to hold its 15th Triennial Conference in Ho Chi Minh City in 2012.

+++ **Hamfest Sponsors, You Own Part of the Agreement** +++

ARRL is happy to sanction qualified hamfests as "ARRL Hamfests." The benefit to clubs and the hamfests they sponsor is free publicity in QST and on the ARRL web site. Free gift certificates usable to purchase ARRL publications are also given to use as prizes.

In return, hamfests that are sanctioned agree to a quid pro quo deal for ARRL. In return, ARRL hamfests agree to ". . . make space available for an ARRL display, and those ARRL hamfests which include formal speaking programs will schedule time for an ARRL meeting if so requested by the Director or another elected League official."

In my opinion, mutual courtesy between ARRL and the hamfest sponsors should include each one promoting the appearance of an ARRL official at a sanctioned hamfest when this appearance is known sufficiently in advance. This is precisely the reason behind the Travel Schedule published at the end of each of these issues of Words.

I hope that hamfest committees that do not plan formal speaking programs will still make time available for an ARRL Forum provided that space is available for it and the time is requested. Additionally, sanctioned hamfests "shall make every effort to use the ARRL diamond . . . on the front of all advertising and program materials."

Obviously, a sanctioned hamfest can promote itself as being an ARRL Hamfest. This is encouraged, in fact.

For the complete rules regarding sanctioning of hamfests and conventions, please see <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/rules.html>.

+++ **Humanitarian Award: Nominations Wanted** +++

The ARRL Humanitarian Award is given to individual or groups of amateurs that provide outstanding work in areas of international humanism and the furtherance of world peace. Nominations for this award are open through December 31.

Information on the award and submitting nominations for it are at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/humanitarian.html>.

+++ **Canadian Mobiles must become Hands Free** +++

According to an alert from the Radio Amateurs of Canada (the Canadian National organization), a new law in the Province of Ontario requires all two-way radios in nearly all vehicles on Canadian roadways to be hands free. The requirement applies to all commercial, CB and amateur equipment. The only exception to the rule is gear in emergency response vehicles.

We can only assume at this time that the law applies to vehicles operated by visitors from the US as well as Canadian amateurs. The new law became effective October 26. Tickets for infractions will begin to be issued effective February 1.

+++ **Great Lakes Division in Print** +++

Page 20 of the November 2009 *QST* was nearly taken over by Great Lakes Division clubs. The left column covers a needed antenna replacement at the Bluegrass Amateur Radio Service club station in Lexington KY. In the lower right, there is a nice "art" photo of antennas and a hot-air balloon above Findlay Radio Club antennas in Findlay OH.

A technical article by Mike Bryce WB8VGE begins on p. 35. The North Lawrence OH amateur wrote "A Universal Frequency Calibrator." Nice article.

In addition, John Davis WA8YXM of Davison MI and Kevin Taylor KD8TAY of Loudonville OH each had a letter-to-the-editor published. Finally, Bill Jones K8CU (ex-NS8T) of Westerville OH and Arnie Hayward NS8T of Coldwater MI were featured in a Stray that involved their mutual interest in NS8T.

Did I miss anyone?

+++ **The 2010 Handbook -- Wow!** +++

I received my copy of the *2010 Handbook* today, October 19. All I can say is it is quite an improvement over an already-leading publication. It is billed as "The BIGGEST Handbook EVER!" I think this is self-evident!

It is packed, 32 chapters plus a CD of the entire book, plus an Advertisers Index and useful ads, plus a topic index, plus a project index, plus much more. Having cut my ham radio teeth on the *1957 Handbook*, I can assure you this isn't your grandfather's or even your father's (maybe not even your son's or daughter's) *Handbook*.

My copy is hardbound in a nice-looking blue with gold embossed type cover. Soft back covers are also available.

Did I say that many smaller countries of the world use the *ARRL Handbook* as their bible for radio communications and RF engineering? Well, they do, and a look at the 2010 edition will immediately show you why. It is complete, practical and easy to understand.

For an introductory period the hard cover and the soft cover editions are \$49.95 plus shipping. After the introductory period, the hard cover edition will return to its regular \$59.95.

+++ **Travel & Hamfest Schedule** +++

Beginning this month, all hamfests/swaps sanctioned by ARRL will be included in the monthly Travel and Hamfest Schedule. Typically, hamfests will be listed three months in advance. Events that will be attended by a Division representative will be noted. Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers NB4K and 8th Area QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough K4ZLE may join Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA and me on selected visits.

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

2009

7 Nov: Georgetown OH Hamfest, Grant ARC -- Gary

10-12 Nov: Newington, CT, A&F Meeting -- Jim

6 Dec: Mt. Clemens, MI, L'Anse Cruise ARC Swap

2010

8 Jan: Dayton, OH, Dayton ARA Meeting -- Jim

13-14 Jan: Newington, CT, A&F Meeting -- Jim

15-17 Jan: Newington, CT, ARRL Board Mtg. -- Gary & Jim

17 Jan: Hazel Park, MI, Hazel Park ARC Hamfest

17 Jan: Nelsonville, OH, Sunday Creek AR Fed. Hamfest

31 Jan: Strasburg, OH, TUSCO ARC Hamfest

14 Feb: Mansfield, OH, Hamfest, Inter-City ARC -- Jim

21 Feb: Livonia, MI, Swap n Shop

6 Mar: Cave City, KY, Mammoth Cave ARC Hamfest

14-16 May: Dayton Hamvention(r), Dayton ARA -- Gary, Jim

8 Jul: Youngstown, OH, MVARA Meeting -- Jim

NOTE: Thanks to clubs that have already had their 2010 hamfests sanctioned by ARRL. Don't know who these are? Check out the Great Lakes Division hamfest schedules at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html> for 2010 to find them.

73, Jim Weaver K8JE, Director ARRL Great Lakes Division

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+++ Division Award Winners +++

Major awards are presented to deserving members in the Great Lakes Division on alternate years. The growing tradition of presenting these awards at the GLD conventions was continued in Findlay on September 12. The awards and winning nominations are:

The George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI, Award -- Presented to James "Mike" Wagoner KB4VKS of Covington, KY for continued lifetime excellence as a radio amateur as a role model and helper for other amateurs. In his service to other amateurs and the public he exemplified the spirit of former GLD Director and ARRL President George Wilson III W4OYI.

The Amateur of the Year Award -- Presented to James J. Aylward KC8PD of Ravenna OH for outstanding contribution to Amateur Radio.

DX Achievement Award -- Presented to Tedd Mirgliotta KB8NW of Strongsville OH for his exemplary record of lifetime achievement in promoting DX operations, and for dedicating his time, talents and service to the art and science of Amateur Radio.

The Young Radio Amateur of the Year Award: Presented to Joseph J. Lipa N8OY of Saline MI. The award was in recognition demonstrating the spirit of Amateur Radio through guiding other young people into Amateur Radio and through his accomplishments in academic, extracurricular and community life. Joe comes from a ham family.

A Director's award for Outstanding Achievement was presented to Thomas J. Mansfield, Jr. KG4TND of Lexington, Kentucky for outstanding achievement in managing an ARES unit in the face of external difficulties. A Vice Director's award was presented to Bill Kelsey N8ET for his effort in organizing the Symposium.

Congratulations to the award recipients. Thanks to Scott Yonally N8SY for his fine job of designing and printing the award certificates.

My thanks to Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA for his job as Symposium chair.

--From *Weaver's words* posted Oct 3, 2009 *Pumpkin, pumpkin*

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MARC NEWSLETTER

IRCs: Out with the Old, In with the New

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It is now time to start dumping your old International Reply Coupons (IRCs): The "[Beijing Model No 2](#)" must be redeemed before December 31, 2009.

According to [The Daily DX](#) editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, many QSL managers are now only accepting the new [Nairobi Model IRC](#), so he advises that it is now time to start getting rid of the old IRCs and not get stuck with any! The [new IRC](#), available in the US since September 10 and elsewhere since July, costs \$2.10 each in the US. For those in the US who will be exchanging the old version of IRCs for new ones, [USPS Bulletin #22267](#) advises postal workers to tell customers "to exchange IRCs that expire on December 31, 2009 for the new IRC version (Item 330800) or for other postage stamps. Retail associates (RAs) can exchange unused US-issued IRCs for \$0.01 less than the value of the IRC. (The amount to exchange is the printed price of the IRC along with any additional postage affixed minus one penny.)"

The Nairobi Model was designed by Rob Van Goor, a graphic artist from the *Luxembourg Post*. It was selected from among 10 designs presented by Universal Postal Union member countries. Van Goor interpreted the theme of the contest -- "The Postage Stamp: A Vehicle for Exchange" -- by depicting the world being cradled by a hand and the perforated outline of a postage stamp. For more information on IRCs, see the July and September 2006 issues of *QST* (page 86).



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The Nairobi Model IRC is now available at US post offices. It will expire in 2013. Ω

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear – not absence of fear.” –Mark Twain, GCARA cipher exercise in *Mike & Key* for July 2009



Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society Calendar

November 2009



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 End Daylight Savings Time	2	3 Election Day Club Mtg 7:30 PM at Salem Presb Church Nominations, ARRL Sweeps	4 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: KC8HQ5	5	6	7 next Sat: Fox Hunt 10 A, starts Mt Storm Pk, 146.67 rptr
8	9	10 Tech Cmte mtg? Location TBA 7 PM	11 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: K4BRI Veterans Day	12	13	14 VE Exams 12 N Salem Presb Church
15	16	17	18 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: KB8ROA	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rptr NCS: KC8JFN	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	1 Club Mtg 7:30 PM at new location St Bernard Rec Hall, 120 Washington Av Pgm: Election & pizza	2	3	4	5



Cincinnati Sound Chorus Proudly Presents:

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

Saturday, December 12, 2009
2:00 PM
Greaves Concert Auditorium
Northern Kentucky University
Alexandria Pike
Highland Heights, KY

Also Featuring Gateway Vocal Express





See website, CincinnatiSound.org, for ticket options or to order
513=554-2648 chorus voice mail
General seating 2 for \$25 by Nov 1,
\$15 ea Nov 2 or after
Afterglow \$ 15 each (snacks & non-alcoholic beverages)
Cincinnati Sound Chorus Show Tickets
PO Box 42843, Cincinnati OH 45242
Include SASE if you order by mail, please
Part of show proceeds will be donated to
Cincinnati Vocal & Performing Arts Ctr Project

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News of members and students in recent classes

The classes are just ending as this issue is assembled; it's hoped there'll be news of those who pass their exams that are coming up shortly for the next issue. After the flood of sad member news last time, it's almost a relief not to have any of that this month.

Could you use a loving house pet?

In the wake of a story on the evening news, it looks as if the number of cats available for adoption has just skyrocketed again, with the confiscation of the 70 (!) that one of Cincinnati's crazy cat ladies had collected – many of whom need medical attention. On the same topic, WD9HDZ & I returned from vacation on Aug. 7 to find 5 small kittens lurking under one of the evergreens by our garage. No mother in sight, then or ever. With the hawks flying, we both thought it best to get the little ones under cover – which led to us fostering them.



Cali (F) Tori (F), back of Stripe's head Tiger (F) Stripe (M) Jimmy (M)

They're all very affectionate & healthy, had their 2d shots but are still a little young (just over 3 months) to be spayed or neutered. All are syndactyl (3 toes per paw). Vet's best guess is mom's exposure to some chemical during gestation. They'll always need to have their claws clipped – de-clawing is **not at all** recommended. They do climb pretty well, even with fewer claws than normal. They're also a bit small for their age. If you'd care to take one or more of these special little cats into your family, please call for an appointment. The 4 adult cats who didn't give their consent for fostering wish you'd do that soon. My phone number's on the mast page. – *Ye Ed*

Copy deadline for December issue is Friday, November 20.