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From the President...

At the time of this writing, it's nearing September and fall seems to be right around the corner. Sweepstakes and CQWW are coming up. Same as years past, OH-KY-IN will be participating in Sweepstakes and we look forward to a good contest. I hope you got some time to work the Ohio QSO party on Saturday, August 22nd.

Also, we are starting up classes again in just a couple weeks. If your are interested in getting your license or upgrading, look for more info in this issue or call Gary at 513=382-3979.

I apologize for the lack of an August meeting. (The church suffered some water damage.) We'll be meeting at the same place as usual, Salem Presbyterian Church in Westwood.

73, Dale KC8HQS

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Next meeting

We are going to try the August meeting again. Ryan Collier KB8PMY will give a presentation on MARS.

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

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Minutes for General Membership meeting, Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society, Tue July 7, 2009

Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests included Don WD8IDJ and Jim KG4DSG, both new to the Cincinnati area – 32 members attending. New / Upgrades to license – Bob W8KZJ upgraded to General. Proceeded to the self introductions. Health and Welfare – Jim KB5W passed, also remembered Joe K8QOE. Brag session – Angie KG4IBL, daughter of Brian K4BRI, had a baby boy Zachary Beckett. Program: Brian K4BRI and Dick WB4SUV talked about foxhunting. Dale thanked Gary KB8MYC for running the hospitality table. Minutes of the last meeting, no corrections, Sam KJ8K moved to accept, Jerry KB8UBG second– passed.

Membership – Nathan KA3MTT reported the current count is 101 – Nathan has applications for OhKyIn and ARRL.

Treasurer - Kevin KI4PJK not here - passed financial reports around.

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

Tech committee – Brian K4BRI reported the 146.670 and 146.925 CTCSS switch is completed.

The finals are being replaced at 146.625 and hopefully that will be back on the air soon.

Equipment – Brian KC8FJN reported there were 2 chairs left over from field day – they are garbage.

Brian also asked if you have equipment, please contact/email him so he can update the list

Education committee – Gary KB8MYC reported that we are planning for fall classes, Tech/General/Extra

Also, Rick KD4PYR will hold classes in Boone County again

Fundraising - Bruce N8BV reported that it rained, rained and rained more at Red, White and Blue Ash. We had a booth and had good participation but of course sales were way down – more to follow.

Tech Talk - Bruce N8BV reported all is well – thanks to the newer net controls!

Field Day – Nathan KA3MTT talked about Field Day – weather was hot and dry, participation was great!

Thanks to all who helped out – there were many! Preliminary numbers show a score of about 2600 with 400 CW, 378 SSB, 31 6m, and 45 GOTA contacts. The park is reserved again for 2010. Thanks for everything Nathan!

Web – Dale KC8HQS reported that he added Field Day pictures and will be adding more

Liaison – Pete KC8BZM reported that QCEN will hold their picnic instead of their regular meeting on Saturday July 18. ARPSC meeting is the first Friday of the month, and they are holding a raffle for a FT-857D

WARN nets are on 146.880 – please check in with severe reports only, otherwise monitor

Old business -

New business – Ripley CO hamfest in Osgood IN coming up (Sat Aug 22 at 4H Fairgrounds, via ARRL, added by N8CGM)

Fred K9OHE has a friend wanting to give away a C-band satellite dish – he has contact info

The random member drawing winner was Jim W8JRB, who was present and received \$5

Split the pot of \$30 was won by Eric KC8NMP

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary

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Minutes for General Membership meeting Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society Tue Aug 4, 2009

Due to water damage at Salem Presbyterian Church, the August Oh-Ky-In meeting was not held, and no minutes were taken.

Respectfully submitted - *Brian K4BRI*, Recording Secretary



Thanks to everybody who came out to Field Day this year; whether you made contacts, ate food, helped setup/tear down or any combination of those or more, we appreciate it! Speaking of food... Thanks to John KC8VQU for cooking again! Everything was delicious.

Thanks to Phil KG8AP & Harry KM4CS for the use of their generators again.

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Also, thanks to Nathan KA3MTT for coordinating another great Field Day for us! He put in a lot of time to make it what it is.

I don't know who was responsible for the weather this year but Nathan did a great job on that too.

Thanks again everybody!

73, *Dale KC8H2S*

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I would also like to take an opportunity to thank everyone who came out and helped in any way with Field Day this year. We had a great amount of participation, and MANY new people out there, which is great to see!

I appreciate all of your time and efforts this year.

To be honest, Dick WB4SUV has truly made Field Day what it is for OH-KY-IN. I appreciate everything he has taught me and I am grateful for his past experience.

As for the weather...we always said Carol WA8YL (now SK) ordered the weather for us. I like to believe she had something to do with that for us this year!

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

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I have reserved Mitchell Memorial Forest for OH-KY-IN already for Field Day, 2010. Only difference is they are now charging \$25 a night for the use of the park. It will cost the club \$50 for 2010.

I also announced that I will step down from the Chairman position for a while. I'm ready for a little bit of a break and will certainly help out the next chairman as much as I can.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT*

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Opinion: Field Day - What It Really Is

The debate is always the same: "It's a contest!" argues half of all Field Day operators. "No, it's an emergency preparedness event," counters the other half. And so, back and forth it goes, year after year. I finally decided what Field Day is.

Field Day clubs happily announce their procurement of a 50 foot communications van from their OEM, and reserve the sheltered pavilion on the ocean with rest rooms and BBQ grills. Their planning meetings start in January, a full six months ahead of the event.

This is not realistic for an actual emergency. I live in south Florida, prone to disaster. When a communication crisis hits here, hams don't operate from pavilions, 50 foot air conditioned vans or even tents. Many end up in their own houses without commercial power nor outdoor antennas, which are blown down.

If you want to practice your skills as a disaster communicator, then you need to participate in the annual SET ([Simulated Emergency Test](#)), a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on their emergency-communications capability while interacting with NTS nets.

Back to Field Day: Planners consider who is going to bring the chili, what software should be used for logging and what call sign would bring the most prestige. Does this sound like planning for an emergency? No.

So Field Day must be a contest, right? Wrong. Even the most serious contest and Field Day operators admit that they are just out there to have fun. The camaraderie generated by getting the club and their families together to socialize is the main objective. Competition is not a priority.

So what is Field Day, really? Field Day is our annual public relations event. Your PIO should be the most important player. He/she should be inviting local and county officials like the *(concluded on page 7)*

DX Spots de Nathan KA3MTT - September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 FO-Austral Is thru 9-14 ----- 9H3DZ-Malta thru 9-14	5
6 3D2G-Fiji thru 9-7	7 JW1SYL- Svalbard thru 9-11	8 T2G-Tuvalu thru 9-14 ----- P41USA- Aruba thru 9-17 ----- 5B-Cyprus thru 9-22	9	10 CT8-Azores thru 9-22 ----- HL9QST- South Korea thru 11-13	11	12
13	14	15 3D2G-Fiji thru 9-16	16 TK-Corsica thru 10-3	17 T30G-W. Kiribati thru 9-23	18 ZK2BJ-Niue thru 9-25 ----- ZL7- Chatham Isl thru 0-30	19
20	21	22 TO7RJ- Mayotte thru 10-21	23 3A-Monaco thru 9-30	24 3D2G-Fiji thru 9-27 ----- FP-St Pierre & Miquelon thru 9-27 ----- PJ2-Neth Ant thru 10-7	25	26 PJ5-St Maarten thru 10-1
27 J79ZG- Dominica thru 10-15	28 TX5SPA- Austral Isl thru 10-12	29	30			

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WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

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Contests

September 2009

- 5-7 CO QSO Party; TN QSO Party; Russian RTTY WW; IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB; Labor Day Sprint, CW
- 11-13 Ohio State Parks on the Air, all modes; AR QSO Party; WAE DX Contest, SSB; ARRL September VHF QSO Party, all mode; Second-class Operator Sprint, CW; QRP ARCI VHF contest, all modes; NA Sprint, CW
- 19-21 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest, all modes; WA State Salmon Run, all modes; SC QSO Party. all modes; Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint, digital; QCWA Fall QSO Party, all Modes; CIS RTTY party; Classic Exchange, CW; Fall VHF Sprint, 144 MHz all modes
- 22-29 TX QSO Party, all modes; CQ WW RTTY Contest; Classic Exchange, Phone; Fall VHF Sprint, 222 MHz all modes; Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint, CW; Scandinavian Activity Contest

Fall is contest time. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K744U*

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(Opinion: Field Day concluded from page 5)

Emergency Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief, County Sheriff, hospital administrators, CERT leaders, and representatives from ARES/RACES groups. The media should be invited. So should the public. Prepare press kits, exhibits and hands-on projects for the kids in attendance. And be prepared to deal with the public as much as you do with your food menu. Have a Tour Guide on hand, and an Information Table, easy-to-understand handouts, and well-spoken representatives to discuss our contributions to the community.

We wonder why we heroes are so unsung. It's our own fault. We have to take advantage of the two days a year on Field Day when we can really blow our own horn - to let the public know we are here, what we do and why we do it. - de Warren Rothberg W4WR, former ARRL New Hampshire Section Manager and New England Division Vice Director in *ARES E-letter* for Aug 19 2009

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The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will be rather busy as it presents **amateur radio classes** in the Greater Cincinnati area during the upcoming fall session. Whether you would like to get your first license, or to upgrade your current license, the schedule below has opportunities for both.

Technician: Northern Kentucky 4 weeks Starts Thursday, October 1st .
and Westwood 1 Day Class Saturday, October 31st .

General: Westwood 4 weeks Starts Thursday, October 1st .

Extra: Westwood 10 weeks Starts Thursday, September 10th .

For more information about the classes, send email to classes@ohkyin.org or call 513=382-3979.

Amateur Radio License Examinations will be given in Northern Kentucky on Thursday, October 29th and in Westwood on Saturday, November 14th .

For more information about the exam sessions, send email to exam@ohkyin.org or call 859=635-3095.

This year's beer booth at **Red White & Blue Ash** was nowhere near as busy as last year's. It rained, it rained and then it still rained some more. Just prior to Gretchen Wilson taking stage, the rain actually stopped for a little bit and the crowd seemed to thicken some. Once it became fireworks time, the rain came back again. We still had fun though. Great fireworks show!

Thanks to the following for your time helping out at the booth:

KC8VQU John KC8HQ3 Dale WB8VNV Ted KELLI and ANNA N8BV Bruce

Thanks again to all. We'll all be looking forward to the event again next year!

73,Bruce N8BV

...On July 10th, 1 day less than a week after the event, I received our check. Although the check this year is much smaller than that of last year due to the rain, I will bring the check to the club meeting in August to turn over to the club treasurer. (Make that Sept; there was no Aug meeting! – *Ye Ed.*) Oh yeah, the amount, \$72.79. Thanks again to those who worked the event this year! We'll be looking forward to Red White & Blue Ash in 2010.

73,Bruce N8BV

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→New Section Manager appointed in Ohio

Frank Piper KI8GW of Pickerington has been appointed Section Manager of the ARRL Ohio Section. He will serve the balance of the term of Joe Phillips K8QOE; Phillips passed away on June 20

<<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/06/22/10901/?nc=1>>.

Piper has moved up the ranks in ARES leadership positions by first serving as Emergency Coordinator from 2002-2003 and then as District Emergency Coordinator from 2003-2006. He was promoted to Section Emergency Coordinator, serving in that position until 2008. Piper has also served as an Official Emergency Station in the ARRL Field Organization since 1997.

According to the Rules and Regulations of the Field Organization, when a vacancy in the office of Section Manager occurs between elections, the position is filled by appointment. Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton NN1N, in consultation with Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE, made the appointment effective July 7. His term of appointment continues through September 30, 2010. --Excerpt from the July 10, 2009 *ARRL Letter* Vol 28 #27

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Ohio Section Notes for September 2009

Hi everyone!

I have 4 items to bring to everyone's attention this month.

1.) I have some ASM announcements to make. The first is that Bill Carpenter AA8EY -- ASM from Westerville -- is resigning after nearly 6 years as ASM for the Central Ohio area. Bill needs to focus on things at home, and has said he does not have the time to give the ASM job the attention it needs.

I have known Bill since 1995, when I attended my first Central Ohio ARES meeting for the Columbus Marathon, and Bill was the EC. I had never met a kinder man before in my life, and someone who I have tried to pattern myself after, both as an Amateur Radio operator, and as a human being. I have reluctantly accepted his resignation, but understand that he needs time for himself and his wife Mary, N8OAM. Bill was the recipient of the Al Severson award in 2007, and before becoming ASM, was the EC for Franklin County, and the busiest ARES group in the Ohio Section for 8 years prior.

Which leads me to Bill's successor for the ASM -- Central Ohio position, and that goes to Steve Katz N8WL of Granville, Ohio. Steve has been DEC for Ohio ARES District 7 since June 26, 2007. Prior to

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that, Steve was EC for Licking County, and also holds the appointment of Local Government Liaison. Steve is currently the Project lead for Ohio HB 212, with the aid of Section Government Liaison, Nick Pittner K8NAP.

Please join me in congratulating Bill AA8EY for his many years of service to the Ohio Section, and to Steve on his new responsibilities.

2.) A new ASM is coming on board in a new role for the Ohio Section -- that of ASM -- Section Webmaster. For several years the Ohio Section website has been a secondary responsibility of either a club or an Ohio Section appointee. I have placed the sole responsibility of the Section website to one person -- Scott Yonally N8SY of Mansfield, Ohio. Scott will oversee the website, server location, and domains for this important part of the Ohio Section. Scott was Public Information Coordinator for the Ohio Section for many years, mentoring under Joe Phillips K8QOE (SK).

Please join me in welcoming Scott back into the Ohio Section Cabinet.

3.) The Ohio Section Conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th at the State Fire Academy, 8895 East Main Street, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The conference will start at 9:00am. The tentative agenda at this time is:

9:00am -- 9:30am: Conference Opens -- Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions / Opening Remarks / Ste of the Section: Frank Piper KI8GW/SM

9:30am -- 9:45am: Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver K8JE

9:45am -- 10:15am: Section Government Updates -- Nick Pittner K8NAP/SGL

10:15am-10:45am: Official Observer reports, Rick Swain KK8O/OOC

11:00am- 11:30am: Section Traffic Reports -- John Tipka W8UL/STM

11:30am-Noon: ARES Updates -- Jack Sovik KB8WPZ/SEC

Noon -- 1:15pm: PIZZA LUNCH

1:15pm-1:45pm -- Developing Club Websites -- Scott Yonally N8SY/Section Webmaster

1:45pm-2:00pm -- Section Newsletter Awards -- Emily Wells KC8RAL/PIC

2:00pm -- 2:30pm -- The Al Severson Award Presentation

2:30pm-3:00pm -- Closing Remarks / Comments / Meet with Cabinet Members

3:00pm -- Conference ends

4.) Updates on Ohio House Bills that affect Amateur Radio -- HB212 (Amateur Radio Antenna Structures) is now in the Public Service and Homeland Security committee. Earlier this week SGL Nick Pittner K8NAP, Steve Katz N8WL, and I made a visit with Senator Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) about sponsoring a similar bill in the State Senate. We'll have more details as thing progress.

HB 261 & 262 (Talking/Texting while driving) has not made any progress in the House since their introduction on August 4th . SGL Pittner will be keeping close tabs on these bills, and keeping us advised of their progress.

That's all for now. See you in September in Reynoldsburg!

73, *Frank J. Piper KI8GW* -- Ohio Section Manager

Now here's the **monthly club report** from Accredited Club Coordinator, Joanne Solak NJ3O:

The Ohio Section has been actively moving forward under the direction of our new Ohio Section Manager, Frank Piper KI8GW. Frank has been appointed to serve the balance of the term of Joe Phillips K8QOE (SK) who passed away on June 20th . Frank's term of appointment continues through September 30th, 2010. The Fall Season is just around the corner and school will be starting in a couple weeks. But there are lots of Public Service events yet to come for many clubs. Fall Festivals , County Fairs etc offer ideal times to put Amateur Radio on display for the Public.

For instance, most of the newsletters I receive from Clubs have been filled with Special Event Stations, Celebrations and Public Service events.

BUT right now I would like to call your attention to the following information that could have a great impact on all of us Amateur Radio Operators living in Ohio...This could effect us like nothing else could. In other words, get us where it hurts. Read On!

House Bill 261 was introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives to revise bills that would prohibit the text messaging or typing on a keyboard, such as your laptop, while driving a vehicle. Then there is House Bill 262 right behind that would PROHIBIT talking on a mobile communications radio and make it a secondary traffic offense. This could affect us as amateur radio operators in that there is no exclusions for amateur radio as the introduced bill is written. Nick Pittner K8NAP, Ohio Section Govt Liaison will be working on a game plan on how to approach this problem by working with the legislators to be sure the interests of Amateur Radio Operators are protected. And do not forget House Bill 212 , antenna regulation. These are very important Bills which could HURT us amateur radio operators. Keep up on information pertaining to these Bills and the Ohio Sections efforts to protect all amateurs.

There are lots of changes coming up for the Ohio Section. Make sure you always check out the Section News available on our Section WebSite for the latest updates We, the Ohio Section Cabinet, are going to strive to keep the Ohio Section moving forward in ways that will make Joe Phillips K8QOE (SK) proud! Don't forget the Ohio Section Conference scheduled for Saturday, September 19th . The location will be the State Fire Marshall Office 8895 E. Main St. in Reynoldsburg . You can contact Ohio Section Manager, Frank Piper KI8GW, for further information about this most important event.

Bill Carpenter AA8EY, ASM Central Ohio has decided to resign his position at this time. Thank You, Bill, for the many years of service to the Ohio Section. Congratulations for a job well done and Best Wishes for the future wherever it leads you.

Welcome Back to the Ohio Section Cabinet, N8SY Scott Yonally of Mansfield, who is now our new Ohio Section WebMaster.

There are many Hamfests and Club events listed throughout the rest of the year. Volunteer to help with these events and if you are unable to lend a hand, at least attend and show your support to Club Members and other Clubs involved.

This has been a very busy summer for ARRL affiliated clubs in the Ohio Section.

The Mt Vernon Club had a very successful pass rate from their Tech classes. Also members report that the Red Cross had a Tornado SET the morning of Field Day which all involved learned valuable lessons. They are planning to "work" the Ohio QSO party contest. And then there is Don Russell W8PEN and his Rotatable Dipole. He has many chances coming up this year to demonstrate how it works for contesting. I can't wait to hear all about his adventures with it.

XWARN has really been busy and moves on with the Old Fashioned Days Parade and the US Air Force Marathon. Public Service events provides many hours of training for the members of the Club.

The Greater Cincinnati ARA has been very active with many Club events. The next big one is their Greater Cincinnati Hamfest September 20th . Their annual picnic is a biggie for the Club also. Members look forward to this annual event.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service members have been very busy with Club Site renovations. The hard work is really paying off as the Club Site takes form. Members and invited guests enjoyed their annual Club picnic. The Ohio State Parks On The Air contest is the next event planned by the group.

The Scioto Valley ARC has a Special Event in the future. They will be celebrating their 50 Year anniversary October 10th . Everyone is looking forward to this Celebration.

Public Service events are plentiful throughout the Ohio Section. These are perfect training events for ARES

groups. I would like to see all Ohio Section Clubs supporting an active ARES group.

The Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service, as usual, remains active with Public Service Events. Balloon & Tunes, Pelotonia Bike Tour, and the Spirit of Columbus Half Marathon, just for starters. Kal Dworkin KA8RLC is the ARRL EC for Franklin County and does a great job of leading his group forward.

Delaware Amateur Radio Association remains active with plans for The Horse Parade and the Veterans Day Parade still to come.

The Portage Amateur Radio Club remains active with Club projects and Public Service events. The Portage Hamfair 09 was a complete success. The weather was nice and the crowd larger than last year. The group is already planning Hamfair 2010.

W8VTD, The Warren Amateur Radio Association had a real nice day for their Hamfest. However it was a "little warm" around the edges. I am sure it was a successful event for them ! AND 13 members of this Club "worked" the Packard Special Event and all agree it was a great success..

Grant Amateur Radio Club celebrates its year with their annual picnic.

The West Park Radiops group remains active as usual with lots more plans for events in the future.

The Mahoning Valley group has a special event also, their annual MVARA picnic where a good time is in the offing for all those members and guests attending. The club members had a good time with the National Night-Out Crime Prevention Parade. This was a really good Public Service Event for the Group

The Ottawa County ARC had the pleasure of providing communications through their 2-meter repeater for GOBA as they went through their area.

The Milford Club Members are busy with VE amateur radio exams and are in the middle of planning their annual Club Picnic as well as other events still to come in the future.

The Massillon ARC members are celebrating their 75th Birthday. Yes, 75 years as an ARRL Affiliated Club. Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE will present the club with a plaque for this great event.

If you have members in your Club who are not ARRL members, or have not been a member during the past two years, ask them to join the ARRL. Your Club will be able to keep \$15 from each new membership and \$2 for each membership renewal through your Club. Remind them that their membership dues includes a subscription to *QST*.

AND I do hope YOUR CLUB has not received a notice of "inactive status". I have sent notices out to those of you who are on the brink of this status if you do not file the ANNUAL REPORT FORM ASAP. If your Club slips into inactive status, your club will **lose** all ARRL Benefits of affiliation. Check with your Club Secretary to make sure your Club information has been updated to the ARRL by filing this most important ANNUAL REPORT FORM!..

Keep the Newsletters and e-mails coming. If you would like to have your club featured in our Ohio Section Monthly News, get the information to me no later than the 12th of the month to get it published in the current news.

Well that's it for this time around. Just remember, sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

Best 73, *Joanne Solak K930*, ACC Ohio Section

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140th Hiram Percy Maxim Birthday Celebration September 2-9

ARRL members with ARRL appointments, elected volunteers, ARRL Life members, VEs, AECs & QSL bureau workers who are ARRL members may sign /140 during this period. Any band or mode, any station ONCE per band & mode. For details see page 20, September *QST*.

2009 ARRL Great Lakes Division Symposium Announcement

The ARRL Great Lakes Division Symposium will be held in Findlay, Ohio on Saturday, September 12, 2009 - the day before the Findlay Hamfest. The Symposium is being sponsored by the Findlay Radio Club, and is open to anyone interested in attending. Admission is free.

The Symposium will be held at The Findlay Center for Technology and Development, 1700 Fostoria Ave., Findlay, Ohio. Talk-in will be on the Findlay repeater (147.15/75). The center has a large meeting facility that we are able to use for the Symposium.

The Symposium is intended to be an opportunity for hams to get together, and exchange ideas and information. This year's event will have an emphasis on providing information for the "relatively" new Amateur Radio Operator by giving an overview of some of the many different aspects of our hobby. We also hope that hams of all levels will attend to share their experiences. There will also be an emphasis on Elmering -- attracting people to our hobby and keeping them interested in it.

The Symposium will open at 8 AM with registration from 8 -- 9 AM. During registration, attendees will be able to sign up for a box lunch (\$5) that will be brought to the site at lunch hour, and also buy tickets for the chicken bar-be-que (\$10) that will be held that evening at the Fairgrounds -- the site of the Findlay Hamfest.

Sessions will be 1 hour each starting at 9 AM. Each one hour time slot will include time for the presenter to set up, give the presentation, answer questions, and have time at the end of the hour for a quick break before the next session starts. That means each speaker will have about 40 - 45 minutes for the presentation, 10 minutes for questions, and 10 minutes for a break while the next speaker gets set up. The first session will be the ARRL session -- find out what the League is up to, what they can do for you, and what you can do for the League.

The second session promises to be one of the highlights of the Symposium. Tony England W0ORE -- former Astronaut and now Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan - will talk about experimenting with Amateur Radio -- particularly as a teen -- and how it helped lead to a career as a geophysicist, Antarctic and Arctic scientist, astronaut, and professor. It should be a very interesting and entertaining hour.

Other presentations during the day will include talks on club activities, RACES, Boys Scouts and Amateur Radio, Contesting, QRP (by G3RJV), getting Started with VHF Experimenting (by KK7B), homebrewing, antennas, and more. During the lunch hour, we hope to be able to have a few demos outside.

The final hour will be something a bit different -- a "Hints and Kinks" hour. This will be an audience participation hour. Bring your questions, answers, projects, ideas, hints, whatever; and share them with the group. I just attended a boating event where they did something like this and called it the "Gadget Hour." Everybody shared their favorite gadget (or idea) on their boat, and the amount of useful information that came out in that hour was incredible. It should be very interesting to see what sort of ideas/questions come out of a group of hams attending a Symposium.

Information will be posted on the Findlay Radio Club web page at www.findlayradioclub.org. As information becomes available, I will post abstracts of the presentations and speaker background information.

To help the Findlay club with planning, if you plan to attend, please send a brief e-mail to N8ET at n8et@arrl.net so the club can get an idea how many to expect on September 12. If you don't get the e-mail sent off -- don't let that keep you away. Show up anyway!

Hope to see a lot of you there -- If you know a new ham, please encourage them to attend -- especially the younger crowd. We need new young faces in Amateur Radio!

73 -- *Bill N8ET*

Weaver's words – Summertime posted July 29, edited on grounds of time & space (*Ye Ed*)

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+++ **Monthly OO Activity Report** +++

For many years, FCC did not provide feedback to ARRL on Official Observer reports it received. This has changed. Because of legal constraints, the feedback isn't very detailed, but it is being given.

In June there were a total of 692 Official Observers (OOs) in the US. During June, ARRL received 10 recommendations for hams to begin the process to become OOs. OOs are still needed in parts of the Great Lakes Division as well as the country. If you are interested in becoming an OO, please contact your Section Manager, your Official Observer Coordinator or another League official.

A few of the situations OOs reported in June include:

- Complaints about activities on or near 14.275 MHz; especially about the language used.
- Reports from . . . Michigan regarding unlicensed hunters using 2 meter simplex frequencies. Information has been forwarded to the FCC.
- Reports of boot-legged calls.
- A report of "numbers stations" (Spanish speaking stations transmitting numbers) on 30 meters. Another report was of transmissions of 5 letter code groups.

No official actions were added to the FCC listing during June; however, several reports were handled off the record. Summaries of many FCC actions can be found

at <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/AmateurActions/Welcome.html>.

The June report concluded, "As always, we thank you all for your time and efforts involved with the Official Observer program and we invite you to let us know of problems you hear on the air and possible resolutions through your regular monthly reports and e-mails."

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+++ **H.R. 2160 Support** +++

There is good news on the legislative front. H.R. 2160, the first step toward overriding anti-antenna codes, covenants and restrictions (CC&Rs) continues to receive new co-sponsors. With the US House planning to begin its summer break in early August, we now can number Rep. Don Young of Alaska as the 19th co-sponsor.

Our drive to gain still more co-sponsors continues. If you have not yet sent a letter to your US representative to encourage him/her to support H.R. 2160, please do this **very** soon. A boilerplate letter can be obtained at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/12/10818>. Click on sample letter in paragraph three.

Copy and save the letter. Once it is in your computer memory, modify it to personalize it for yourself. The name and address of your US Representative can be found at the Members Only page of the ARRL web site. The name and address appears on the opening screen of Members Only.



Once you have printed and signed the letter, please send it or a signed copy of it to John Chwat, Chwat & Co., 625 Slaters Ln., Suite 103, Alexandria, VA 22314. John heads our congressional contact service. He will combine your letter with others going to your congressman and hand-deliver them to him. This will ensure the letters will receive the greatest attention possible.

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+++ **Ohio State Parks on the Air** +++

The Portage County (OH) ARS (PCARS) is sponsoring the Ohio State Parks on the Air operating event again. The second running of this contest will be from noon to 8 PM, EDT on Saturday, September 12. The objective is to put as many Ohio state parks on the air and to work as many of the parks as possible.

Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society Calendar
www.ohkyin.org **September 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Club Mtg 7:30 PM Salem Presb Church; Pgm Ryan Collier KB8PMY on MARS	2 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rpt NCS: KC8HQ5	3	4	5
6	7  Labor Day	8	9 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rpt NCS: K4BRI	10 Extra theory class begins at 7 PM Salem Presb Church	11  Patriots Day	12 Fox Hunt 10 AM starting at Mt Storm Park; 146.67 rpt
13	14	15	16 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rpt NCS: KB8ROA	17 Extra theory class 7 PM at Salem Presb Church	18 Q-Fiver copy deadline: pls send to n8cgm@arrl.net	19
20	21	22 Board mtg 7:30 PM Location TBA	23 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rpt NCS: KC8FEN	24 Extra theory class 7 PM at Salem Presb Church	25	26
27	28	29	30 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rpt NCS: KD4PYR	Oct 1 Extra theory class 7 PM at Salem Presb Church	2	3
4	5	6 Club Mtg 7:30 PM Salem Presb Church; Pgm ARRL Night, Jim K8JE	7 Tech Talk 9 PM 146.925 rpt NCS: KC8HQ5	8 Extra theory class 7 PM at Salem Presb Church	9	10 Fox Hunt 10 AM starting at Mt Storm Park; 146.67 rpt

"Be yourself. Everyone else is taken." From a SING digest in August 09

OH-KY-IN 2009 Committee Appointments

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Prizes and awards are given for top finishers! Non-park stations in Ohio as well as outside of Ohio can also compete.

Complete information, including rules, forms and FAQs are at <http://parks.portcars.org> or contact the contest chair, Chuck, W8PT at [w8pt@portcars.org]. Check the web site for updates as the contest nears.

In case you wish to consider taking the family along or staying overnight, Information on park facilities is on Ohio Department of Natural Resources web site <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/default/tabid/80/Default.aspx>.

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Hamfests &c. September 2009 pls see "Convention & Hamfest Calendar" in Sep *QST* for details

12 Gr Louisvl KY Hamfest at Paroquet Spgs Conv Ctr, 9A-2P. Talk-in 146.7 (79.7 Hz). \$6 adv, \$7 door. VE sessions 9A-12N (\$10 cash only), much more. Info: www.LouisvilleHamfest.com

Gt Lks Div Symposium, Findlay OH Ctr for Bus & Technology. 9A-5P. VE sessions, much more. Talk-in 147.15. Free! KI4LA, K8JE, NB4K present. Info: www.w8ft.org

13 67th Ann Findlay OH Hamfest, Hancock Co Fairgrounds, 8A-2P. See yesterday's Symposium for VE exams. \$6. KI4LA, K8JE, NB4K present Info: www.findlayradioclub.org

20 Gr Cinti OH Hamfest at Diamond Oaks CDC, 8A-3P. VE sessions 9A, much more. Talk-in 146.88, 145.37 \$6. Info: www.gcara.com

27 35th Cleveland OH Hamfest/Computer Show at Cuyahoga Co Fairgrounds, Berea, 8A-2P. Talk-in 146.73 (110.9 Hz). VE sessions 2P sharp at Berea Publ Library, more. \$6. Info: www.hac.org

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 Steward KA8AXY, 513=625-8651 [wsteward@fuse.net].

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.

