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# THE Q-FIVER



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PL tone of 123 Hz required for access as of 6-1-09 APRS: K8SCH-10 Edgewood WIDE, on 144.39

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**Regular monthly meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at the St. Bernard Recreation Hall (NEW LOCATION!), 120 Washington Ave. (corner Washington & Tower Aves) in St. Bernard, just east of Vine St. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

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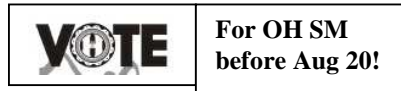
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(kyoo fye ver) Q: A scale of amateur radio signal readability progressing from 1 (unreadable) to 5 (perfectly readable). "You're Q5" = "Your signal is perfectly readable." (ARRL Handbook, 52d ed. 1975)

## August 2010 Volume 50 Number 7

### August words

The heat of summer is upon us! I hope everyone is able to stay in the air conditioned shack to weather out the heat. Along with the weather, things are heating up here in the club, lots of activity going on in July.

First, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help out at both the St. Bernard Community Festival and also the Red White & Blue Ash event. We had a great showing at both events with plenty of help. As most already know, the Blue Ash event is a fund raising event for us. A huge thanks goes to Bruce N8BV for organizing this event, which raised a substantial amount of money for our club. I am sure Bruce will report of that event.

Our Field Day event was a success as always. Thanks to Eric N8YC and all those who helped set up and tear down. We kept the stations busy most of the time and made a lot of contacts. Dinner as always was great, thanks to Chef John. A great job by everyone involved.

I have enjoyed seeing everyone at our meetings. Attendance at the meetings continues to grow (isn't it nice to have an air conditioned meeting place, thanks Jerry & Cindy!). Brian KC8FJN has done a great job setting some interesting presentations. If anyone has a particular topic that you would like to see in a program, let Brian know. He can always use more ideas.

Until next time, everyone stay as cool as possible and I hope to hear you on the air.

73, Gary KB8MYC

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### Next meeting

Ladies and gentlemen,

This would normally be the time to announce the program for the coming members' meeting on Tuesday, August 3 at 7:30 PM at the now-usual location (see mast page opposite). The AMSAT representatives scheduled for July were able to come after all. At this point, August looks as if it may be a surprise!

73 Brian KC8FJN

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### Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Recording Secretary Dale KC8HQS called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) proceeded by the Pledge of Allegiance. 32 in attendance.

Proceeded to self introductions.

Health and welfare: Larry KD8MX was in the hospital for a short time. He was at the meeting so we are glad that he's OK.

Gayle N8SVA broke her hip, is resting at Our Lady of the Woods and should be home soon.

Nathan KA3MTT's wife Nicole is at St. Elizabeth hospital. Get well soon!

Meeting program: Steve K8UD & Gerd WB8IFM gave a fantastic program on AMSAT.

Break was at 9:12 PM & was 15 minutes long.

Dale thanked Cindy KB8WEI for working the hospitality table.

Dale KC8HQS asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the June 2010 club meeting. Larry KD8MX moved to accept. Dave N8NUX seconded. Motion was carried.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT not able to be here but reported via email that membership was at 101.

Treasurer: Bob KD8JRR was not able to be here.

Silent key: Bruce N8BV still has some items from Ray Lamb W8LKX's estate. Send an email to [n8bv@juno.com](mailto:n8bv@juno.com) for info on what's left.

Technical Committee: Brian K4BRI reported .625 is down. Took some equipment from there for other stuff. .925 is back on the air thanks to Russ, Gary & Brian Fulmer. The torch has been passed on... Russ WB8ZCC officially assumes the role of Technical Committee Chair. Thanks to Brian K4BRI for his years of hard work!

Awards/Anniversary Committee: Brian K4BRI was presented with 2009 OH-KY-IN Ham of the Year.

Also, awards were passed out to others who helped the club in 2009. Thanks to everybody who helped the club last year and so far this year.

Equipment manager: Brian KC8FJN is on vacation.

Fundraising: Red, White & Blue Ash was on July, 4 and was a huge success... for us and the whole event.

We picked up almost \$300 in tips. Thanks to Jerry KB8UBG, Ted WB8VNV, John KC8TPN, Brandy (John's girlfriend), Dale KC8HQS, Kelli (Dale's sister) & Bruce N8BV!

TechTalk report: TechTalk was off the air for a couple weeks due to the transmitter being on the fritz at 925. Due to a technicality, AR Newsline could not be played on .67. The net resumes on 7/7/2010 at the usual time of 9 PM on 146.925 with Dale KC8HQS as NCS for that week.

Field Day: Fun as always! Contacts were a bit low at the SSB station but CW stopped at 500. Good job by all participants and we look forward to next year!

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The attendance prize winner was Ed Sulek WD8NNB who was not present and would have won \$45. The attendance prize will roll to \$50 for August.

Split the pot was \$26 and was won by John KC8VQU.

Russ WB8ZCC motioned to accept, Eric KC8NMP seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*

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### **OH-KY-IN TechTalk Net now on the 146.67 repeater**

The OH-KY-IN TechTalk net has moved to the club's 146.67 repeater, where it was years ago.

Only the frequency has changed. TechTalk starts at 9 PM on Wednesday's. Please bring your technical, procedural or operational questions to the net and its participants will attempt to provide an answer. As usual, after any questions and announcements are through, the weekly Amateur Radio Newsline Report will be played.

Even if you are just listening, please take the opportunity to check in. It sure does make the net control station feel more like a job well done when there are a lot of check-ins! Since we are now

meeting on a different repeater, your check-in will also help to let the OH-KY-IN Technical Committee know a bit better the coverage area of the repeater since several changes have been made on 67. We now have a new antenna, new duplexers and have had the hardline repaired. Soon we will be installing a new Arcom controller. That having been said, when you check in, please indicate your location as well as if you are mobile, handheld, or base station. Thanks for your cooperation. Please do join us. TechTalk, 9 PM, Wednesdays 146.67 (-) repeater, PL 123.

73, ..... *Bruce N8BV* TechTalk Net Manager  
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### **ARLB019 Vanity Call Sign Fees to Decrease August 17**

On July 19, the Federal Communications Commission announced via the *Federal Register* that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will decrease 10 cents, from \$13.40 to \$13.30. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making August 17, 2010, the first day the new fee is in effect.

In FY2010, the FCC expects to grant 14,800 vanity call signs, bringing in \$196,840 from the vanity call sign program. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to lower the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The notice in the July 19, 2010 edition of the *Federal Register* -- entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2010; Final Rule" -- includes all FCC regulatory fees; these fees are expected to recover a total of \$336,712,213 during FY2010, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

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### **Oh-Ky-In Summer Apparel Sale! SHIRTS NOW \$10**

**Sizes available: a few L, just 1 XL**

**HATS STILL \$10 (more of those left)**

**Available at club meetings or**

**call Bruce N8BV at 513=251-1555**

<p><b>Radio's Plus</b> <b>Joe Davidson KB8SBN</b> <b>11641 Colthar Drive</b> <b>Bethel OH 45106-9669</b> <b>513=752-9570</b></p>
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### **Editorial: Apology for mis-collating July hard copies**

Good Members,

You may have noticed an unfamiliar postmark on your July *Q-Fivers*. This is because they were finished up *en route* to Philadelphia for the Barbershop Harmony Society Intl Contest, & sort of in haste on account of that. I've since noticed that I appear to have printed the center pages backward, reversing Pgs 7 and 10.

**DUH!!** It's hoped that didn't create massive problems for any to many of you, since I also ran out of staples. USPS no longer allows ANYTHING but spine staples, & may change its mind about them in the fairly near future.

Sorry about that --

33/73 *Susie N8CGM Ye Ed*

# DX Spots - August 2010 de KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PJ7-St Maarten thru 8-13 ----- KH2-Guam thru 8-7	2	3 S79DB- Seychelles thru 8-14 	4	5	6	7 Slow DX weekend? Good opportunity to check out your feedlines!
8 KH0- Mariana Isl thru 8-14 	9	10 XU7ATM- Cambodia thru 8-17 	11	12 XV2LC- Vietnam thru 9-10 	13 OX1JA- Greenland thru 8-16 	14
15	16 A25- Botswana thru 8-19 	17	18	19	20	21 OJ0-Market Reef thru 8- 22 
22	23	24	25	26	27 YJ0- Vanuatu thru 9-2 	28
29 When's the last time you dusted the shack? 	30	31				

**OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT.** The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Crozet Island, FT5WO, for the period from December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009. If QSOs were rejected for this operation, send an email to <dxcc@arrl.org> with the date of your submission. From ARLD026 & ARLD027 *DX Bulletins* for July 1 & 8, 2010

Weekly bulletins are made possible with information provided by NC1L, *The Daily DX*, *The Weekly DX*, the *OPDX Bulletin*, DXNL, "Contest Corral" from *QST*, the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all & to the ARRL for releasing the Bulletins.

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## Contests

August 2010

- 1 EU HF Championship, SSB & CW; South Africa DX Contest, SSB
- 6-8 NA QSO Party, CW; Ten-ten Summer Phone QSO Party; TARA Grid Dip Contest, Digital; Modes; Straight Key Weekend Sprint; ARRL UHF Contest, 432MHz and up
- 11 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 14-15 ARRL Rookie Roundup, 50 MHz SSB; Worked All Europe, CW; Japan Keyman's Club Contest, CW; MD-DC QSO Party; Feld-Hell Monthly, Digital
- 21-22 Silent Key Memorial Sprint, CW; NA QSO Party; NJ QSO Party; SARTG WW RTTY; Russian District Award Contest, SSB & CW
- 28-29 OH QSO Party; HI QSO Party, all modes, plenty of laughs; YO DX contest, SSB & CW; KS QSO Party; ALARA Contest; SCC RTTY Championship; South Africa DX Contest, SSB

It's hot out! Hope your shack has AC. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

73, *Dan K74AV*

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## CQ Ohio Stations! (posted on e-mail & the club reflector July 24)

The Ohio QSO Party (OhQP) is just 5 weeks away, and the excitement is already building. Stations from across Ohio are making their plans to be on the air for one of the premier state QSO parties. Small stations from Ohio can make hundreds of QSOs during the short 12 hour event. Get on and call "CQ Ohio QSO Party" and run the pileups! We hope you will join us to make this the best event yet - our goal is to get fixed operations on from every county this year. If you are planning on being on, please let everyone know by posting your county of operation on the "Planned Operations" website at <http://ohqp.org/plannedOpsEntry.html>

For those who don't know what the OhQP is all about, it's a fun time for Ohio stations to be on the air and be the hunted station, or "DX". People from around the world are seeking out Ohio stations in this event, which is a nice change from most operating events. The OhQP occurs on Saturday August 28, 2010 from local noon to local midnight. In the basic QSO exchange, Ohio stations send a consecutive serial number + county, and non-Ohioans (who can only work Ohio) send a consecutive serial number and state/province/DX. Suggested frequencies are: CW: 3545, 7045, 14,045, 21,045, 28,045 kHz; SSB 3825, 7200, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz. Don't be shy - try calling CQ in addition to searching and pouncing. Remember, the world is tuning the bands looking for Ohio stations - your CQs will be answered! Full details and an OhQP operating guide can be found on the official website at: [www.ohqp.org/](http://www.ohqp.org/).

This is a great event for a club activity or a training ground for new(er) hams. QSO rates are as high or higher than Field Day, and there's virtually no QRM in this event. Round up the club and have some fun. If you are in the mood to enjoy the great Ohio countryside, try operating portable or mobile from a rare

county. Remember, the ultimate goal is to just get on the air and have some fun!

73 and we hope to hear you on the air,

*Kenny K2KW* Ohio QSO Party PR Coordinator <kenny.k2kw@gmail.com>

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### **Another coming contest: Get Your Feet Wet CW event**

Taken from *WorldRadio*.

Mark your calendar for the 2010 "Get Your Feet Wet" CW event which begins 0000 UTC on Friday, September 10 and goes to 0000 UTC September 13. The event is sponsored by FISTS, but any licensed operator can enter.

Operators new to CW -- even if you have had a license a long time -- and experienced brass pounders are all encouraged to participate.

No programmable keyers, code readers, or computer assistance in sending and receiving code are allowed -- just human powered CW from straight keys, cooties, iambics and human powered keyers.

For more detailed rules and even downloadable log sheets, go to: <http://www.FISTS.org> on the Web and check under the activities heading Get Your Feet Wet Weekend (<http://www.fists.org/getfeetwet.html>).

Certificates will be awarded to the top three scorers in each category. This is a fun event!

73, *Nathan KA3MZZ*

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### **Breaking News: FCC Okays Employee Participation in Emergency Drills** *Posted Thursday, July 15*

Moving with unaccustomed speed, the FCC adopted a Report and Order on July 14, allowing hams who are employed by both government agencies and non-government agencies such as hospitals, to participate in emergency and disaster drills on behalf of their employers. The ruling was based on a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, WP-10-72, issued this past March, in response to petitions arising from a strict interpretation by the FCC's Enforcement Bureau of the prohibition on amateurs communicating on behalf of their employers. The decision came just more than a month after the reply comment deadline.

The ruling added a new paragraph to Section 97.113(a)(3) of the FCC rules, which reads as follows:

(i) A station licensee or control station operator may participate on behalf of an employer in an emergency preparedness or disaster readiness test or drill, limited to the duration and scope of such test or drill, and operational testing immediately prior to such test or drill. Tests or drills that are not government-sponsored are limited to a total time of one hour per week; except that no more than twice in any calendar year, they may be conducted for a period not to exceed 72 hours.

There is no specific effective date given in the Report and Order, so it will presumably become effective upon publication in the *Federal Register*. The complete text of the report and order may be accessed online at < [http://www.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2010/db0714/FCC-10-124A1.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2010/db0714/FCC-10-124A1.pdf) >.

-- *WorldRadio*

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### **From Section Manager's desk:**

With Field Day 2010 now come and gone, I can sit back and do a little relaxing for the Fourth of July weekend. I had the privilege of touring the Ohio Section, visiting quite a few Field Day sites, and meeting the dedicated Amateur Radio operators and their families. I came across one club, W8CBF, who had no



less than fifteen kids, ages 16 to 10, all licensed, who were operating Field Day, while the parents kicked back and enjoyed watching their children having fun with Ham Radio! Now THAT'S the way to bring youth into this hobby!

Thanks to all who sent a radiogram to my station during Field Day. As in the practice of K8QOE(SK), I will be posting those who sent radiograms on the Ohio Section website [www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org). Be looking for this in the next several days.

**New Assistant Section Manager Appointed:** It seems like forever since we have had an Assistant Section Manager in the SW Ohio region. I am pleased to announce that Fred Stone W8LLY of Bellbrook OH is now the ASM for the SW Ohio Region, bordered by the counties of Darke, Miami, Champaign, Clark, Green, Fayette, Highland, and Adams.

Fred is the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Greene County, as well as Assistant District Emergency Coordinator for Ohio ARES District 3. Fred is also a member of many Amateur Radio Clubs in his area.

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My travelling itinerary is as follows (subject to change):

July 20: Warren Amateur Radio Assoc. - Club meeting

August 7: Columbus Hamfest

August 8: Dayton ARA Picnic

August 14: Central Ohio Repeater Assoc. Meeting

August 15: Warren Amateur Radio Assoc. Hamfest

August 22: Cambridge Amateur Radio Assoc. Hamfest

73, ~~Frank~~ *Pipez* ~~KJ8GW~~, OH Section Manager

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The OH-KY-IN beer booth at yesterday's **Red White & Blue Ash** (*this posted July 5*) was a great success! A preliminary report is that we will likely double (or more) our income from our 2008 event. Of course the 2009 event didn't fare very well since it rained all day.

No rain this year but it was hot hot HOT! We were really busy too.

Somewhere around 8:30 PM or so we were told that all of the other beer booths were sold out. And, at about 9 PM, we were sold out also. We were so darn busy that I don't believe any of us had a chance to check out YES or PETER FRAMPTON. The fireworks as usual were great.

It will likely be a week or so before our check arrives. All I can say right now is WOW. Our tip jars alone netted \$287.

A BIG THANK YOU to our very hard workers, we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. That thank you goes to the following:

Jerry KB8UBG Dale KC8HQS John KC8TPN Kelli (Dale's Sister)

Brandy (John's Girlfriend) Bruce N8BV Ted WB8VNV

73, ..... ~~Bruce~~ *N8BV*

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**Weaver's Words -- Knee High by the 4th of July** (*posted July 2*) [Reply to k8je@arrl.org]

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+++ **Field Day: Gone for another Year** +++

I've received many reports of very successful Field Day operations from throughout the Division. I was also privileged to be able to visit several others on FD Saturday. Regardless of the size of operation,

these fun activities serve as valuable tools toward tuning our responses to real emergency situations when these occur. Several clubs signed up new members thanks to FD. At least one club held VE licensing exams the morning of FD and introduced the successful new hams to on-air operation later in the day. Many of the operations in the Division obtained great community press.

Among these, several hosted state and local dignitaries who got to see for the first time just part of what Amateur Radio can do "when all else fails." At least one county sheriff told a reporter who covered his visit that he had added the local amateur group to his disaster planning as a result of its demonstration.

Well done, gang!

+++ **ARRL Board Met in July** +++

The second yearly meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors for 2010 was July 16 and 17 in Windsor, CT. Windsor, as is true of Newington, is a suburb of Hartford. Committee meetings took place on July 15. I am privileged to serve on the Administration and Finance Committee. Of course, I greatly appreciate the confidence you have showed in me by making me Great Lakes Division Director.

Please send any suggestions you may have for the Board to consider, toward the end of 2010. Keep in mind that the Board primarily establishes policy, although as individual directors we also can input into non-policy activities.

*2011 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board will be in mid-January. -- Ye Ed*

+++ **Having a Hamfest Sanctioned is a Two-Way Street** +++

Most hamfests or swaps of which I am aware apply to be sanctioned by ARRL. This is a very nice and appropriate action to take. It gets special mention of the event in *QST*, automatically has nice door prizes sent to the hamfest committee and lets the committee choose from among a variety of free handouts to offer hams and would-be hams who attend. This is good, but this is not all that is involved in the agreement between the hamfest committee and ARRL that leads to receiving ARRL sanctioning.

Sanctioning involves a two-way agreement -- an agreement that ARRL will take certain actions that benefit the hamfest committee and an agreement that the hamfest committee will take certain actions that will benefit ARRL. From time to time, the actions to be agreed change as technology and the situation related to hamfests change. Just as candidates for a license exam should be certain study the current study guide and not assume a guide from three or even one years ago is up-to-date, so too, hamfest committee members should not assume the agreement for sanctioning that existed in the past is still valid. As is true in the business world, one should read an agreement before signing it.

The main points of the actions hamfest committees agree to take when they apply to have their hamfest sanctioned can be found at [http://www.arrl.org/files/file/convhf\\_final.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/convhf_final.pdf) The document this link leads to is the ARRL Convention and Hamfest Planner. Although primarily a guide of suggestions for holding successful conventions and hamfests, this guide also discusses the actions hamfest committees agree to take in exchange to have their even sanctioned. These discussions most particularly are on p. 16 and again on pp. 22-24.

Applying to have a hamfest or convention sanctioned is done using the online form at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>. The first step in the approval process for these applications is a review in the Membership & Volunteer Programs (MVP) department at HQ. After MVP review, the applications are forwarded to the division Director for approval. Because this process is conducted via the Internet, most applications to have hamfests sanctioned makes the rounds from receipt at HQ to final approval in about three days.

The sanctioning process is lengthened when it involves a convention. In these instances, the ARRL Executive Committee is added to the approval circuit. The EC typically meets once each month.

Depending on when the application is received, as long as eight weeks may be needed for final approval of a convention.

If there are questions about sanctioning an event, please feel free to contact me - <k8je@arrl.org>.

+++ **Ohio Section Manager Election Looms** +++

Ohio members should be aware that they will receive a ballot for the Ohio Section Manager (SM) in the coming week or two. This is an opportunity for members to determine who they wish to lead ARRL Field Activities in the Section. There are two candidates for SM for the coming two years. These are Tom Sly WB8LCD of Kent and Frank Piper KI8GW of Pickerington. Tom is very active in the Portage County ARS. Frank is the current Ohio SM, having been appointed to the position to complete the term of former SM Joe Phillips K8QOE (SK).

A short statement from each candidate will accompany the ballot. In addition, each candidate has a web site that provides further information they believe relevant to the election and SM position.

Ballots will be mailed using the ARRL non-profit mailing permit. Please do not misconstrue these for junk mail. Please, also, exercise your privilege as an ARRL member to vote for the candidate of your choice for SM. This is a very important position that is responsible for ARES<sup>TM</sup> management, state legislative action effort, supporting affiliated clubs and additional activities at the state level.

Good luck, gentlemen.

[To be valid, ballots must be received at ARRL HQ **no later than Friday, August 20, 2010 (4 PM)**] copied from actual ballot. *In cases of multi-ARRL-member families, all the small sealed red-printed envelopes for the household may be enclosed in the large reply envelope. All members must be included in the return adrs, & be sure to apply sufficient postage! – Ye Ed*

+++ **2009 Annual Report is Available** +++

The ARRL Annual Report for 2009 is available. To review it on line go to <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/ARRL%20Annual%20Report%20for%202009.pdf>.

The report shows that ARRL membership and its legislative activity increased during the year. Thanks to a significant extent to the generosity of our members and deceased members, the League, is on a sound financial footing.

+++ **Ohio State Parks On the Air** +++

At least, many the Ohio State parks will be on the air this coming September 11. This is the date chosen by the Portage County (OH) ARS (PCARS) for its third annual Ohio State Parks On the Air Contest. The day is Saturday and the time is from 12 noon to 8 PM -- 1600Z to 2400Z. The object is to set up portable amateur stations in as many Ohio State Parks as possible and for stations not at parks to work as many park stations as they can.

Ohio and non-Ohio amateurs can compete for a variety of awards using the usual amateur bands of 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters. For further information, go to <http://parks.portcars.org>.

If you plan to operate portable from a park, it will be a good idea to discuss your plans with the park administrator ahead of time.

+++ **QSO Parties Scheduled** +++

Well, I did it again. I goofed. This time in my haste I reported an incorrect time range for the Ohio QSO Party. It is actually from 1600Z August 28 to 0400Z August 29. The Kentucky QSO Party, as reported previously, is from 1400Z November 13 to 0200Z November 14. My old friend Hank N8XX took great glee in correcting me. Tnx Henry.

+++ **ECAC Committee Staffed** +++

ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN has announced the members of the new Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (ECAC). This Committee was established by the Board of Directors in January. Michigan SM Dale Williams WA8EFK was nominated to the Committee by your Director and was named its Chairman by President Craigie. There is one Committee member from each of the 15 ARRL Divisions

as well as an additional member who represents the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). RAC is the Canadian national Amateur Radio organization.

**++SWODXA Operated as W1AW/8 in IARU 'test July 10-11++** *deleted because it's past – Ye Ed*

**+++ Felon Hams: Sticky Issues +++**

Members contact me every now and then about hams who are convicted felons. They are concerned that the ARRL allows these amateurs to hold elected office in a local club, or to belong to ARRL. The initial comment usually leads to a statement that the League should not allow people with serious criminal records to participate in activities associated with it.

Although the concerns expressed are understandable, we need to remember that the US Constitution and our laws mostly treat persons who have completed punishment for crimes as having paid their debt to society. With exception, these people are not expected to be at continual jeopardy of further penalty for the same crime.

In Amateur Radio life, the result is that the FCC permits many felons to retain their amateur licenses. The Commission determines on a case-by-case basis who among these will lose their licenses. At least until the Commission takes a license from someone, there is little or nothing ARRL can do to refuse membership or to bar them from holding position or membership in a group.

If action is to be taken to keep any amateur out of a position of authority in a local club, it needs to be taken by local amateurs. It is they who select members to be officers and to fill appointed positions in their clubs. If a member has already been elected or appointed to a club position, the club constitution and by-laws nearly always provide the means for removing them from the position. This provision may simply be a reference to the use of parliamentary procedures including *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Similarly, if local amateurs believe a licensee should be stripped of a ham license, send the FCC all information considered relevant to having the license revoked.

To sum up, ARRL is not an omnipotent organization that is allowed to override Constitutional rights. This leaves us as individuals in the position in which we need to remain vigilant to protect others and ourselves, but not to act as vigilantes in accomplishing this. Use the law and generally accepted social processes in the manner they are intended to be used whenever it becomes necessary to protect the rights of ourselves and others.

**+++ Tentative Travel, Hamfest and Activity Schedule +++**

Hamfests in the following list have received ARRL sanctioning as of press time. Hamfests and other events for which a Great Lakes Division representative is scheduled to attend are identified with the representative's name. The schedule can be expected to be fine-tuned from time to time.

Please patronize ARRL-sanctioned hamfests. Hamfests, conventions, symposia and similar events sponsored by ARRL-affiliated clubs may be eligible to be sanctioned by the League. For information on sponsoring and sanctioning a hamfest or convention, go to [www.arrl.org/hamfest-sponsor-support](http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-sponsor-support).. To have your hamfest sanctioned, go to <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application> to apply on line. Please have your event sanctioned **soon**. Two hamfests have already been sanctioned for 2011.

Support our Division hamfests and swaps: *past end of Sept will be listed later – Ye Ed*

28 Jul: Directors webinar - Jim

6 Aug: Summit Co. (OH) ARES, `Akron, OH - Jim

7 Aug: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI

7 Aug: Voice of Aladdin ARC, Columbus, OH - Jim

8 Aug: Seaway Trunk Swap, Port Huron, MI

15 Aug: Warren ARA Hamfest, Cortland, OH

15 Aug: Central KY Hamfest, Lawrenceburg, KY - Jim, John

15 Aug: Lapeer Swap & Shop, Lapeer, MI *The Q Fivez, Oh Ky In ARS, August 2010 page 12*

21 Aug: SARA Inside/Outside Trunk Sale, Owosso, MI  
 22 Aug: Cambridge Hamfest, Cambridge, OH  
 25 Aug: Directors webinar - Jim  
 26 Aug: Summit Co. ARES Mtg., Akron, OH - Jim  
 11 Sep: Greater Louisville 'fest, Shepherdsville, KY  
 11 Sep: GRAHam fest, Wyoming, MI  
 12 Sep: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim, John  
 18 Sep: Central KY ARES Hamfest, Richmond, KY - Jim, John  
 19 Sep: Greater Cincinnati ARA Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim  
 19 Sep: Adrian ARC Hamfest, Adrian, MI  
 22 Sep: Directors webinar - Jim  
 26 Sep: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim, John  
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A reminder that the **2010 Boy Scouts Jamboree** is taking place at Fort AP Hill in Virginia from July 26 until August 4. 43,000 Scouts & leaders are reported present, with merit badges & license exams to be afoot there. Info from Walt Palmer W4ALT & website below.

Keep an ear out for K2BSA <http://www.nsj2010ham.com/>  
 Info via *ARRL PR Digest* for July 26, 2010 & website above

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### What's coming in August 2010

- Tue Aug 3 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
Program: To be announced
- Wed Aug 4 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri Aug 6 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc  
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot
- Tue Aug 10 7 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA
- Wed Aug 11 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Sat Aug 14 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to  
start on 146.67 rptr
- Wed Aug 18 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- Fri Aug 20 4:00 PM Ballots for OH SM due at ARRL HQ – **PLEASE DO VOTE!**  
8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, **new** Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av,  
Evanston
- Tue Aug 24 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location varies
- Wed Aug 25 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian KC8JFN
- Wed Sep 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri Sep 3 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc  
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot
- Tue Sep 7 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
Program: To be announced

## Field Day Thanks *(posted to club reflector July 2)*

Hello to all!

I went right from out of town to Field Day and then right back out of town again immediately after and forgot to get my thanks out to all who came out and did a wonderful job at this year's event. Once again, Oh-Ky-In teamwork came together and resulted in another annual weekend of great operating, fun, food and camaraderie. Where it is the ARRL contest that's the reason for us being there, there is one support function, one known as Chef John (KC8VQU) I offer the greatest thanks for a fantastic job on the food and cold drinks throughout the entire weekend...as well as maintaining the 6M station and Solar Contacts!

Thanks John!

It was a great plus this year to have a VERY comfortable mobile home to use as the SSB station, provided by a friend of Jerry and Cindy KB8UBG/KB8WEI who was so gracious to set it up for us. In the usual heat and humidity of Field Day weekend, you could tell which shelter was the most popular- one which became an oasis hangout! Thanks to Brian K4BRI for heading up the station operation.

Thanks to Phil KG8AP and son Ben KC8ZLF for setting up and maintaining the GOTA station/PIO tent with Mick KD8IOQ, providing equipment for PSK-31 demo operation. Thanks to the Smith Duo for also bringing out the center field generator and keeping it running!

Bruce N8BV took care of all the NTS traffic, W1AW bulletin and media contacts as PIO and once again, thanks for one of the most important jobs in the Club.

In the last couple of years, we have seen a shift from the SSB station being our star in volume of contacts to the CW station stealing the show. Thanks to Nathan KA3MTT and company, CW was the star which topped at 500 contacts! Thanks, Harry KM4CS for the generator! It worked out great since the mobile home had its own generator, we could use yours solely for CW.

As usual we always run into a couple of technical snags, and thanks to Dick WB4SUV, Bob WA6EZV, and Brian K4BRI, SSB rotator and dipole problems were nixed with no impact to getting us on the air on time. This weekend I will be compiling all the results, logs, supporting info etc to submit our scoring package up to ARRL. Even though I have been involved in Oh-Ky-In's Field Day since 1993, this is the first time I was actually **in charge** of the event and thanks to the hard work of everyone, things went pretty smoothly. However, I am always open to comments and suggestions to use in putting next year together, so don't hesitate to get those thoughts to me.

And finally, and most importantly, thanks to all who came out to help us operate the stations and setup/teardown. Field Day is all about teamwork and we always have it here at Oh-Ky-In.

Reservations have been secured with the Park Board for 2011, so planning for next year is already on the way.

Thanks to All!

*Eric N8YC*

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## Hamfests &c.

**August 2010**

7 Aladdin Shrine Ctr Hamfest at 3850 Stelzer Rd. Columbus OH, near Easton Ctr. 8 AM-2 PM.  
Air-conditioned. Tickets \$5, available at Hall Electronics, Universal Radio or at the gate on

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## **OH-KY-IN 2010 Committee Appointments**

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Chair  
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Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair  
Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair  
PIO Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
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TVI/RFI Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV

ARPSC Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM  
QCEN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM  
WARN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM  
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Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC  
John W. Hughes AI4DA

day of fest. VE exams (registration begins at 9 AM), free parking, door prizes (grand prize a dual band HT), refreshments, free fleas & indoor spaces with pd admission. Info: Barry Mertz KC8SXG, <kc8sxg@arrl.net>, [www.aladdinshrine.org](http://www.aladdinshrine.org)

15 Lawrenceburg KY Hamfest sponsored by Bluegrass ARS at Am Legion Post #34, 745 N. Broadway. 8 AM-3 PM. Advance \$5, door \$6. Talk-in: 145.39, 146.76. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams at 11 AM. Info: Jeanie Dalton KB8QLC, 859=619-8164, <jeanie@insightbb.com>, [www.BluegrassARS.com](http://www.BluegrassARS.com)

Cortland OH Hamfest sponsored by Warren ARA at Trumbull Co Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Hull Rd. 8 AM-2 PM. Tickets \$6 Talk-in: 146.97. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE exams at 10 AM. Info: Jackie Williams, KD8DNE, 440=636-2806, <kd8dne@yahoo.com>, [www.w8vtd.org](http://www.w8vtd.org)

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Lafayette IN Hamfest sponsored by Tippecanoe ARA at Tippecanoe Fairgrounds Home Ec Bldg, 1401 Teal Rd. 8 AM-2 PM. Tickets \$5. Talk-in: 147.135 (88.5 Hz). Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, VE exams at 12 noon onsite (walk-ins OK). Info: John Parker AB9LE, <ab9le@arrl.net>, [w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm](http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm)

21 LaPorte IN Hamfest sponsored by Porter Co ARC at All States Radio Complex, Rt 35 & Schultz Rd. Set-up 6 AM; public 8 AM-3 PM. Tickets \$3. Talk-in: 146.775 (131.8 Hz). Dealers, fleas, refreshments, tailgating. Info: Matt Lasayko KC9KUD, 219=916-4907, <mlasayko@verizon.net>, [www.pcarc.net](http://www.pcarc.net)

Osgood IN 3d Annual Tailgaters Hamfest sponsored by Ripley Co ARC at Ripley Co 4-H Fairgrounds, 524 Beech St. 8 AM-2 PM. Tickets \$4. Talk-in: 441.775, 147.52. Fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating. Info: Delbert Felix WY9L, <wy9l.thebigdog@gmail.com>, [www.rcarc.ripleycounty.net](http://www.rcarc.ripleycounty.net)

Cambridge OH Hamfest & Computer Show sponsored by Cambridge ARA at Pritchard Laughlin Civic Ctr, 7033 Glenn Hwy. 8 AM-Noon. Tickets \$5. Talk-in: 146.85 (91.5 Hz). Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE exams at 11 AM (all classes, walk-ins OK), ARRL forum at 9 AM. Info: Mary Rhodes-Ellis KD8EIR, 740=439-6610, <radicalrhodes@yahoo.com>, [www.w8vp.org](http://www.w8vp.org)

28 Spencer IN Hamfest co-sponsored by Owen Co ARA & Bloomington ARC at Owen Co Fairgrounds, 300 S East St. 7 AM-2 PM. Tickets \$5. Talk-in: 146.985 (136.5 Hz). Dealers, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams. Info: Bob Poortinga K9SQL, 812=323-4060, <k9sql@arrl.net>

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