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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, 120 Washington Ave. (corner Washington & Tower Aves) in St. Bernard, just east of Vine St. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

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

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Another Year Comes To A Close

It's hard to believe, but 2010 is quickly growing to a close. I want to thank every one for their help in the past 12 months in helping to make our club a success. We have had some great meeting programs this year and have seen growth in our monthly attendance.

As we approach 2011, I like to reiterate that our group, like any organization, is only as strong as its members. I would like to challenge all of us to help grow our club. We have some of the area's best when it comes to amateur radio. There is no facet of the hobby in which we do not have a member who's highly talented. I want to challenge each of us to share these interests with our fellow club members, other area hams, and those interested in coming into the hobby.

Consider setting up or conducting a meeting program on your favorite topic, offer to host a workshop or focus group, or offer to Elmer other hams in the topic.

One thing I have learned in chairing the education committee over the past three years is, there are always people out there wanting to learn. If you offer the opportunity for other hams to learn, they **will** respond. Reach out, it's rewarding.

From my family to yours, we wish you the happiest holiday season and wishes for a prosperous new year.

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

Ladies and gentlemen,

Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 2011 will take place at the members' meeting, Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 PM at the now-usual location (see mast page opposite).

73 *Bzian KC8FJN*

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Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, November 02, 2010

President Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 20 in attendance.

Proceeded to self introductions.

Health and Welfare: None

Brag Session: None

Meeting program(s): Tech. Committee Chairman Russ WB8ZCC discussed repeater usage and such with us. Russ WB8ZCC reported that he repaired another Vertex repeater and it was installed at 146.925 Monday, Oct. 25, 2010.

Sam KJ8K read the slate of 2011 Officers & Board of Directors.

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President: Gary Coffey KB8MYC
Vice-President: Brian Fulmer KC8FJN
Corresponding Secretary: Phil Smith KG8AP
Recording Secretary: Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
Treasurer: Fred Schneider K9OHE
Directors: Bruce N8BV & Jim W8JRB

2011 dues now being accepted! You can download a membership application at www.ohkyin.org. If clicking the link for it doesn't work, then go to Membership tab. Thanks!
73 Nathan KA3MTT Membership Chair

Nominations from the floor: Bruce N8BV nominated Russ WB8ZCC & Jerry KB8UBG for directors. Larry KD8MX moved to close the nominations from the floor. Brian KC8FJN seconded. Nominations from the floor were closed.

Gary KB8MYC mentioned that we will have a follow up report from the DX adventure team as a meeting program at a future club meeting.

Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the November 2010 club meeting. There were none.

Eric KC8NMP moved to accept. Jerry KB8UBG seconded.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT reported we have 102 members. It's that time of the year again! Don't forget to renew your club membership. OH-KY-IN can also take your applications to renew your ARRL membership. Also, if you want to join the League, we can take those too! Thanks!

Treasurer: Acting Treasurer Gary KB8MYC had a report available.

Equipment manager: Brian KC8FJN has an updated equipment list available.

Education Committee: Gary KB8MYC reported 8 people in the General upgrade class. 1 Day Tech. Class on Nov. 13th 8 AM – 4 PM at the new Red Cross Building on Dana Ave.

Awards Committee (2009): We had some leftover awards which were handed out. Ted WB8VNV did a fine job on our paper award this year which is a commemorative QSL card.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Harry WA8LOJ mentioned the Georgetown Hamfest is this Saturday, Nov. 6th.
2. Jerry KB8UBG reported we are renewed for another year at our meeting location. It is a FANTASTIC location!

Split the pot was \$15 and was won by Harry WA8LOJ.

Gary KB8MYC won the clock donated by John KC8VQU.

The attendance prize winner was Brian KC8FJN who was present and won \$65. The attendance prize will be \$5 for December.

Russ WB8ZCC moved to adjourn, Jim W8JRB seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dale KC8HQS

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Many Thanks!

I was totally surprised to receive the beautiful memento and card sent by the Oh-Ky-IN ARS. I am extremely grateful to all and it is nice to know one has friends. Hard to believe that it was over 30 years ago that I joined OH-KY-IN VHF hi hi.

If ever any of you plan to come south for a visit, please drop us a line. We would love to have visitors and show you the town. Look for me at the Dayton Hamvention™ if not earlier.

Sorry I do not have everyone's email address so that I can say thanks. Please pass this along. (Done! - Ye Ed)

See you all on the air. DX from "4" land is a bit different. Helps to have a "6" call. 73 and again many thanks de WA6EZV, Bob.



Ohio Section Notes for November, 2010 (just missed Nov issue -- *YeEd*)

From the Section Manager's Desk:

October turned out to be one whirlwind month! And I'm not just speaking about the weather. The Ohio Section Conference, held on October 16th, was well attended with 80+ attendees. Amateur Radio Operators from all over the state came to Columbus to hear great speakers, diverse topics, and share a great lunch! Photos of the event can be found on the Ohio Section Website www.arrloho.org.

John W. Tipka W8UL, outgoing Section Traffic Manager, was the 17th recipient of the Severson Award for his contributions over the years to the Ohio Section National Traffic System, and his work with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Congratulations John!!!

We also presented our annual Amateur Radio Newsletter Contest Winners. Congratulations to the following:

1st place; *DELARA Newsletter*, Delaware Amateur Radio Association; Editor: Stan Broadway N8BHL

2nd Place: *Wave Bender*, Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club; Editor: Jane Avnet K8JAA

3rd Place: the *Zero Beat*, Alliance Amateur Radio Club; Editor: John Myers KD8NQ

One of the topics at the Conference was a presentation by State Government Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP, who covered the current status of Senate Bill 218 and House Bill 212, which cover Antenna legislation in Ohio. A few weeks ago I sent out a notice from Nick of how everyone should help with calls and letters to their representatives. We have one more tool of you to use as the legislative year comes to a close.

Nick has prepared letters to both Ohio Senate President Bill Harris and House Speaker Armond Budish on the passage of these bills. You will find the letters in the Quick Links of the Ohio Section website www.arrloho.org. Please take the time to use these templates to send a message to both the Senate President and House Speaker on this important matter. **snip >8**

73 *Frank K98GW* OH SM

2 out-takes from *Interim ACC Scott Yonally N8SY's Oct column*

8< snip I want to now switch frequencies for a moment and personally thank Joanne Solak KJ3O for her many, many years of service as the Affiliated Clubs Coordinator for the Ohio Section. If you haven't heard by now, she has decided to retire. We will definitely miss her! *Contd on pg 7, right under Contests*

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**Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN 11641 Colthar Drive
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Very quick blips from December QST, pgs 12& 70

The ARRL VEC office coordinated the first-ever VE session from Antarctica via video teleconference.

Story on pp 60-61. Reprinted by permission of the American Radio Relay League

Complete Field Day 2010 scores also in December *QST*. **K8SCH/KG8AP** are on pg 70, farthest-left column. 1294 QSOs, 2 stations, 25 participants, 5148 points.











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Operations approved for DXCC credit.

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit: Guinea-Bissau, J5NAR, 2010 operation. *ARLDX 046*, Nov 4, 2010. Uganda, 5X0CW, 2010 operation; Angola, D2QV, 2010 operation. *ARLDX 048*, Nov 18, 2010

Weekly bulletins made possible with information provided by IK1QBT, NC1L, Z21BB, *The Daily DX*, *QRZ DX*, the *OPDX Bulletin*, DXNL, "Contest Corral" from *QST* and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all, & to the ARRL for sending the weekly bulletins out to us all.

DX Spots - December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6W-Senegal thru 12-7 	2 ZL7-Chatham Is thru 12-9 	3 9Q500N-DR Congo thru 12-13 	4
5 J6-St Lucia thru 12-13 ----- VK9NN- Norfolk I thru 12-19	6 CY0-Sable I thru 12-13 	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 TG9- Guatemala thru 1-13 	17	18
19 9L-Sierra Leone thru 1-7 	20	21 H40-Temotu thru 1-23 	22	23	24 JD16LY- Ogasawara thru 1-3 	25 
26	27	28	29	30 JD1BMH- Ogasawara thru 1-8 	31 	

Contests

December 2010

- 2-4 ARRL 160 Meter Contest , CW; Top Band Sprint, CW; Top Operators Activity Contest (TAC) , CW; TARA RTTY Mêlée; Bruce Kelly Memorial 1929 QSO Party , CW
- 7-8 Spartan Sprint, CW; CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 11-12 ARRL 10 Meter Contest, SSB & CW; 28 MHz SWL Contest; PSK31 Death Match , PSK31 and PSK63; UBA Winter Contest, all modes; Straight Key Winter Sprint, CW; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW
- 16 Russian 160-Meter Contest , CW & SSB
- 19-20 ARRL Rookie Roundup; Croatian CW Contest; OK DX RTTY Contest; RAC Winter Contest , CW & Phone; Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint; Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party; Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge , CW; Run for the Bacon, CW
- 22 SKCC Straight Key Sprint
- 26-27 DARC Christmas Contest , CW & SSB; RAEM Contest, CW; SD QSO Party, SSB & CW; ARRL Straight Key Night

Let it snow, but in the shack it's warm-, especially for the OTs with those old tube rigs! For more info see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests> , Merry Christmas to all!

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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concl from pg 5

She has been the standard for ACCs around the country. Many of her ideas were utilized in the programs that we have now for Special Service Clubs, Affiliated Clubs and how ACCs function today. She will be missed

I'm now switching frequencies again and now focusing on the Ohio Section & ARES Conference that we had this past month. It was very well attended and a lot of fun for all. I can't thank the presenters enough for their efforts in making this THE best conference yet. So, to John N8GOU; Matt W8DEC; Rick KK8O; Art WA8RMC and Tom, WB8LCD, my hat is off to all of you gentlemen for a very fine job: "well done." Did you get to attend? If not, you really need to mark off your calendar for next October for the 2011 session. You won't regret it snip>8.

73, *Scott N8SY*, Interim ACC

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Ohio Section Notes for December, 2010

From the SM's Desk

Once again, I wish to recognize our three newest members of the Ohio Section Cabinet: Affiliated Club Coordinator E. Michael McCardel KC8YLD of Danville; Technical Coordinator Jim Yoder W8ERW of Tiffin; and Assistant Section Manager (Central Ohio) Fritz Tender WD8E of Hebron. They succeed outgoing ACC Joanne Solak KJ3O, TC Tom Holmes NZ8M, and ASM Steve Katz, N8WL respectively. My many thanks to all the outgoing cabinet members for the combined years of support to Amateur Radio and the Ohio Section! Also many thanks to ASM Webmaster Scott Yonally N8SY, who has been Interim ACC for most of this year, filling in for Joanne while she and her husband rebuilt their home after a tragic fire.

Special Service Clubs... Are you missing?

The ARRL is constantly working to bring the new website up to speed. One of the latest items brought to my attention is the number of Special Service Clubs (SSC) in the Ohio Section. At the time of writing

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these notes, the following clubs are the only clubs in the Ohio Section to have Special Service Club Status, according to the ARRL Club Listings:

Cambridge ARA	OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Massillon ARC	Milford ARC
Portage County Amateur Radio Service Inc	Mahoning Valley ARA

Before the website switch earlier this year, I would swear we had more SSCs than these. If you club has held an SSC, but is not listed above, please contact ACC E. Mike McCardel KC8YLD at <kc8yld@arrl.net> ASAP, so we can get these records caught up. Copy me in on these e-mails as well. E. Mike and I will work to help get the database current. Thanks in advance to help us on this project. Not sure what a Special Service Club is? What are the benefits of being an ARRL Affiliated Club? Visit www.arrl.org, and visit "Clubs". There you find what ARRL Affiliated Clubs and Special Service Clubs may receive.

Ohio antenna legislation status

According to State Government Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP, we still await word if there will be a "lame duck" session in the State House, which may include our House Bill 212 and Senate Bill 218. These Bills, if passed into law, would require reasonable allowances for Amateur Radio antennas on personal property within municipalities (basically a State adoption of Federal Code PRB-1). According to SGL Pittner, if these bills die in committee before the end of this year, we will have to have them reintroduced after the beginning of 2011. We understand we have the support to get these bills re-introduced. However, we will need much more support from volunteers to keep these Bills moving. Once SLG Pittner determines what the game plan will be, we will put out a call for help ASAP.

Need speakers for your meeting?

With 2011 just around the corner, clubs will be planning their meeting schedules, topics, etc. Keep in mind that I and the Ohio Section cabinet are available for speaking and/or promoting ARRL nights. If you require a speaker, e-mail me direct at <ki8gw@arrl.org>, and we can work out the details for topic, dates, etc.

Hamfest coordinators: please note!

For ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests, the ARRL no longer sends a bundle of literature for your Hamfests. You will instead receive a letter and e-mail from Gail Iannone describing how you can obtain materials, many of them free. Please take advantage of this as soon as you get your Sanctioned Hamfest acceptance letter. Also, if your Hamfest is ARRL Sanctioned, please try to coordinate an ARRL forum. I or the other Cabinet members can attend, and help answer any questions for your attendees in person. Please try to let us know early, so we can plan our travel schedules.

One last item from my desk:

From the Piper Family, a blessed upcoming Holiday Season!
And now onto the ACC notes, by Interim ACC Scott Yonally N8SY:

Hi Gang,

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble.. Have you had your fill of turkey yet? Boy, I sure have. My family has a lot to be thankful for this year. Our jobs, our church and especially our health. We have been blessed.

Well, now that we have the turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, gravy, three bean casserole, salad, mashed potatoes, corn and finally the pumpkin pie all consumed, we can actually start celebrating what this very special American day is supposed to be all about, giving "Thanks" for being in the greatest country in the entire world!

The Holidays are just around the corner. Have you started your list yet? If not, how's about considering a

membership to your local club, or ARRL. In a giving mood? How's about giving a gift of membership to a person that might not be able to afford it this year. Even though things are starting to look up in the employment arena, Ohio still has a very high unemployment rate. Thinking that a membership might not be appropriate? How's about giving a family in need some gifts of food or clothing. This would be a fantastic club function. Adopt a family. Have your members donate items as a club project. There's lots of ways to "help" if you just think about it. This is the Season of Giving!

Now, switching frequencies on you, I want to welcome you to your new Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, E. Mike McCardel KC8YLD. E. Mike hails from Danville. It's a very small town just east of Mt. Vernon. E. Mike is very active, joining the ARRL and the Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club (MVARC) a number of years ago. He has served as Mt Vernon Amateur Radio Club's (MVARC) President and served on many committees within the club as well. He is currently serving as the liaison for their VE team.

E. Mike is also very active with Skywarn and special activities. He assists with the teaching of MVARC's Technician preparation class, and has mentored others in obtaining their General and Extra Class tickets. He serves as Communications Director for Kenyon College's Earth Day Marathon, coordinating hams from four different clubs in assisting with this growing event's race day communication needs. He is a regular contributor to MVARC's newsletter *CQ*. E. Mike enjoys contesting, APRS, collecting QSL cards, traffic handling and experimenting. He serves as a net control for the Knox County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and holds membership also with the InterCity Amateur Radio Club (IARC) and the OSSBN. He was appointed as a PIO by the late Joe Philips K8QOE (SK). E. Mike claims that he enjoys sharing his hobby as much as he enjoys operating. His other interests include astronomy, map collecting and baseball research. We welcome E. Mike aboard!!

Switching frequencies again. As my last reminder of the year, be sure to have your newsletter editors and webmasters check to see that they have the **correct web address** for the Ohio website. You'll find it at: <http://www.arrloho.org> The Section website has an area with listings for both local ARES and club net data listed on it. The list was growing, but I haven't received any new club information for some time now. I'm sure that I don't have all the clubs that have websites, meetings and activities yet. It won't be complete without your input. Don't forget that we also have a Section Calendar on our website as well. Just fill out the form and it will get posted. What a great way to advertise your special event or club meeting. The best thing about all of this is that it is FREE!! Don't forget to set your browser's favorites for the new Great Lakes website as well; you'll find it at: <http://arrl-greatlakes.org>.

Now, sliding down the band a few kcs, here are a few highlights from newsletters from around the state.

>From the *Watts Happenin'* Newsletter – Wayne County ARC. They have some issues to discuss and overcome on their Christmas Tree project for their area.

>From *DELARA News* – Delaware County. They have a meeting planned with one of their club members that's really flying high. His "special" project is the restoration of a "B-17" bomber. Now that's something different for a club presentation. They also have some elections of officers to take care of this month. Hey guys, don't forget to let the new ACC know of your election results!

>From PCARS – Portage County. They are coming into their fifth year of existence. Congratulations! We wish them many more to come! They have their new clubhouse in operation, and they are working on a "special" Christmas gift of giving with the "Center of Hope." They are encouraging all of their members to bring donations of food / financial donations to help the Center of Hope out! This is fantastic!!

Welp, that's going to do it for this month. Please don't forget to pay your dues to your local club and don't forget to keep your ARRL membership active as well. Club Officers - make sure that you keep the information about your club up-to-date with the League and the ACC. as well

And now putting the rig in "standby" I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement this past year that I have been your "interim" A.C.C.. I now pass the microphone over to E. Mike KC8YLD,

who will be reporting to you starting next month.

73 (88 to the ladies in the group) □ *Scott N8SY* – Interim A.C.C. signing off and going QRT..

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Weaver's words-- Jingle, Jingle

[Reply to k8je@arrl.org]

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+++ Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas +++

I wish each of you and your families a very happy Hanukah and merry Christmas. I hope you have a very joyful and holy season.

+++ They went Phishing +++

If you received or receive an E-mail identified "Mailbox Manager Report! Attention: American Radio Relay League Email User!" Ignore it.

It is **not** from ARRL HQ and has nothing to do with any changeover in ARRL websites. It represents a Phish for information you do not want to disclose to the sender (whoever this is). Sent by a Worm program that infected an innocent, unprotected host computer (maybe yours?).

+++ How to Raise Money for Your Club +++

Michigan ACC Scott Bicknell WIBIC reminds me to mention that ARRL Affiliated Clubs can receive money from most ARRL members without costing them a penny and with only minimal effort. This can be done simply by paying ARRL dues through an ARRL Affiliated Club. Affiliated clubs can retain \$15 of each new ARRL membership made through it and \$2 of each ARRL membership renewed through the club. This is just one of the benefits to clubs that affiliate with ARRL.

The membership commission program should be an excellent way for a club to add to its treasury while strengthening Amateur Radio at the same time. Each new ARRL member strengthens the ability of the League to promote and to defend Amateur Radio. Encouraging amateurs to become ARRL members is a function that local clubs are highly suited to perform -- and they gain \$15 for each of these new members they recruit. Similarly, taking ARRL renewals from club members should be a very simple, easy-to-perform service that will also benefit the club.

To learn about the benefits of being an ARRL Affiliated Club, go to <http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits>. Information on the club commission program is found by clicking on the Club Commission Program. To obtain the forms to process Club Commissions and memberships paid through clubs go to <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/rebate.pdf>.

+++ Nominations Open for Dayton Hamvention™ Awards +++

Nominations are open for 2011 Dayton Hamvention™ Awards. In the words of Hamvention Awards Committee Chair Frank Beafore WS8B, the awards are the "Academy Awards of Hamvention™." New in 2010, the Hamvention™ Awards Committee introduced a new award --The Club of the Year -- with great success: Beafore stated "Because of the number of great clubs nominated and their big contributions to the growth of ham radio, we elected to make this award a permanent addition to the Hamvention™ Awards event." The four Hamvention™ awards therefore now are: The Amateur of the Year Award -- given to the special person who has made a long term commitment to the advancement of Amateur Radio, the Technical Excellence Award -- given to the person who has made an outstanding technical advancement in the field of Amateur Radio, the Special Achievement Award -- given to honor

someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Amateur Radio and the Club of the Year Award -- given to recognize the accomplishments, activities and public service of an Amateur Radio club.

Recipients of the awards are selected by the Awards Committee, based partially upon the information received, not the number of nominations submitted.

Documentation of achievements of nominees is beneficial. Magazine articles, newsletters, newspaper clippings, videos are examples of documentary evidence that will support a candidate's accomplishments.

Materials submitted with nominations become the property of Hamvention™ and cannot be returned. Nominations may be sent via e-mail (please scan all supporting documents and send them as attachments) or US Mail to Hamvention Awards, PO Box 964, Dayton, OH 45401-0964. Nomination forms for both the individual awards and the club award are available in PDF format at

<http://www.hamvention.org/awards.php#nominations>. If you send a nomination by E-mail, the Awards Committee asks you to put your name in the subject line of the message

+++ **New Amateurs Listed** +++

Certain Affiliated Club officers may access listing of newly-licensed amateurs in their areas from the ARRL website. This is done by going to <http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits> and clicking on the New Amateur Reports for Clubs link near the bottom of the list of Affiliated Club benefits. Lists may be seen, downloaded and printed as comma-separated or tab-separated formats. The HTML format is not yet available

+++ **A&F Meeting Notes** +++

The ARRL Administration and Finance Committee (A&F) met at League HQ in Newington, CT on Saturday, November 20 for an intense discussion of many topics. These ranged from government-mandated business issues to changes in communications between Staff and the Board and the status of the new website project. Results of this and other committee meetings will be reported to the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting for action.

+++ **Great Lakes Division Election this Coming Fall** +++

The tri-annual election for Director and Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division will take place this coming fall. Even so, now is a good time for GLD members to begin to look around to see if they know of amateurs who they believe should be nominated for one of these positions. Eligibility requirements for Director and Vice Director candidates are stated in the ARRL Articles of Association as follows:

"Article 11:

"No person shall be eligible for the office of Director, Vice Director, President, Vice President, or Treasurer who has not been a Full member of the League for at least four continuous years immediately preceding nomination and throughout the subsequent term of office, nor shall any person be eligible who has not held continuously during that period a valid authorization as a radio amateur in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the United States. No person shall simultaneously hold the office of President or Vice President and Director. No person shall be eligible for, or hold, the office of Director, Vice Director, President or Vice President whose business connections are of such nature that his or her influence in the affairs of the League could be used for his or her private benefit or would materially conflict with the activities or affairs of the League. The primary test of eligibility under this portion of the Article shall be full compliance with the Articles, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the League relating to ethics, elections and conflicts of interest."

Directors and Vice Directors are elected to terms of three years each. Director-Vice Director elections occur in five Divisions on a rotating basis each year.

Watch for a call for nominations in the July and August, 2011 issues of *QST*. Vote counting will occur next November and winning candidates will take their positions at noon on January 1, 2012.

+++ **Further Results of the Recent Division Survey** +++

The following are a few more of the results of the recent Great Lakes Division Survey.

To the question concerning a possible new 470 kHz band, 37% stated no interest of operating on this band, 29% would get on after commercial equipment becomes available, 15% would be among the first to get on and 17% said they do not have sufficient space for an antenna for the band.

A good majority (61%) of respondents knew that the ITU is an arm of the United Nations that holds periodic meetings of world governments to develop and oversee international telecommunications treaties. The counterpart question to the one about ITU was correctly answered by 59% who said IARU is an International coordinating organization of National Amateur Radio Societies.

Seventy five percent said they know who their ARRL Director and Section Manager are, and are familiar with the tasks these elected officials perform.

Of those who took the survey, 70% voted in the last elections. Incidentally, the Board is reviewing means through which voting can become simplified and one hopes will gain additional membership participation. To a question similar to the one on 470 kHz, 43% expressed no interest in operating on 60 M, 36% do not now operate on 60 but will likely get on the band provided planned FCC rules changes for it are adopted and 12% currently operate on the band and expect to use it more. Four percent use the band now and would probably not increase their usage if the FCC proposals are activated.

There were a number of interesting and useful comments made to the questions that were asked, as well as on different topics. I greatly appreciate the time and thought that were put into taking the survey.

There are more to come. In the meantime, feel free to E-mail or telephone me if you would like to discuss your likes, dislikes and suggestions.

To see the results of the survey in greater detail, go to the Great Lakes Division website at <http://arrl-greatlakes.org>. The answers and comments are posted here.

+++ **Engineer Volunteers offer Free Advice to Radio Amateurs** +++

Several years ago, the ARRL established an appointment for engineers who are willing to provide initial, free advice to amateurs with engineering issues related to Amateur Radio. These Volunteer Consulting Engineers (VCEs) are available to help hams address structural requirements set forth in local zoning authorities.

An up-to-date list of VCEs in the Great Lakes Division can be found on the GLD website -- www.arrl-greatlakes.org. Click on the Staff icon at the left of the home page and then on Volunteer Consulting Engineers to reach the lists.

Engineers who would like to consider becoming a VCE are invited to click on the To Become A Volunteer Consulting Engineer link at the bottom of the right-hand column of the VCE list. Here, one can review details of this position and apply for an appointment if they choose.

+++ **This Month's Final** +++

It is no secret that the new ARRL website has had a rough time at birth. The status at this time, to continue the analogy, is that its head and shoulders have been delivered and the hips can be seen. The birth is nearly complete.

Completing the birthing process will not mean the end of work on the new site. Actually, it will continue to evolve over time. What the completion of the process will mean is that work on the site will be turned over completely to the ARRL IT group and ARRL staff. If one uses the site reasonably often, it becomes obvious that there are a number of tweaks and modifications needed to make its functioning more

intuitive and ham friendly. For one thing, there are a few instances when a website user should be directed to click on a link to accomplish an action only to be taken to a different page where the instruction, again, is to click on a second link to accomplish the same action.

What is good to see is that in the short time since management of the project was shifted to our CEO, and the ARRL IT group became involved more deeply in the project, much progress has been made.

Incidentally, if you run into a problem or an it-doesn't-make-sense-to-me situation with the new site tell HQ about it. Go to the very bottom left of the home page and click on the Contact ARRL link. In the space for a message, please describe the situation briefly, but in sufficient detail to allow another person to know what you experienced and where you experienced it. By this I mean tell what the problem is, where it is (the URLs involved), what you were trying to do and any message errors you received. Address the message to Website Support.

+++ 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.

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. To have your hamfest sanctioned, go to <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application> to apply on line. Hamfests are already being sanctioned for 2012!. Please be sure to read the requirements for having an event sanctioned before submitting a request.

Hamfest Chairs, please remember to order your free handouts that are available from ARRL. These handouts are to be displayed on the ARRL table you provide. These replace the box of assorted goodies HQ previously sent automatically. The reason for the change is to allow you to select only the materials you believe will be of value and interest to your attendees.

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5 Dec: LCARC Swap/Hamfest, Harrison Twp., MI

2011 Happy New Year!

16 Jan: 45th Hazel Park Hamfest, Hazel Park, MI – Jim *16 Jan: SCARF Hamfest, Nelsonville, OH

20 Jan: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT – Jim 21-22 Jan: ARRL Board Meeting, CT - Gary, Jim

30 Jan: Tusco ARC Hamfest, Strasburg, OH *Driving conditions permitting.

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE*, Director ARRL Great Lakes Division 5065 Bethany Rd. Mason, OH 45040

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VE exam opportunities

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

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

2d Mon each month: Edgewood KY, sponsored by NKARA, at Hilltop Church of Christ, 5300 Taylor Mill Rd, Taylor Mill KY 41015. Park in back, pls enter thru basement. Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins accepted as space permits. Info: Lyle Hamilton AB8SH, 513=315-4032. Talk-in 147.22

Sat, Dec 11: HAMilton OH sponsored by Butler Co VHF Assn at R&L Electronics (Customer Appreciation Day), 1315 Maple Ave. 8 AM. Directions to store: 513=868-6399 . Exam info: Ted Wilson K8TCR, 513=868-7012, <twk8tr@fuse.net>. Talk-in 146.97 (PL 118.8).

In all cases, tests require 2 IDs (preferably at least one with photo). Bring with you the original, as well as photocopies, of current licence & CSCEs. \$15 is current ARRL/VEC exam fee where applicable; exact change, check or money order appreciated.

We have just concluded another round of successful education classes!



Our one-day technician class, co-sponsored by Queen City Emergency Net, was conducted at the Red Cross' new facility. We had 11 students for the class and enjoyed good interaction with all. A big thanks goes out to Tom Delany W8WTD and and Kitty Hevener WA8TDA for helping Fred K9OHE (shown at left) teach the class. Also, Brian K4BRI did a great job, as always, with the general class. He taught 9 students over the 4- week course. Thanks as well to Jerry Shipp KB8UBG for setting up the space for the general class.

We now look forward to spring, and our next round of classes. Help, including instructors, is always needed. Just let me know if you are interested in helping out. 73, *Gatz KB8MYC*, Education Chair

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Oh-Ky-In 2010 Clean Sweep!

To All, Mikey did it again! This year, the elusive culprit was SB and Team Mike(OP) AC4XS and Don (LOG) WD8IDJ completed the sweep at 1704Z/1204L on Sunday.

Stats as Follows:

Contacts- 118 Points- 18,880 Time Between First and Last Contacts- 12.79 Hours
 Start- 1600L Saturday, 20 Nov Finish- 1204L Sunday, 21 Nov
 Contacts by Band: 160M=0 80M=57 40M=20 20M=39 15M=2 10M=0
 Ops: Brian K4BRI+Margie Gary KB8MYC Gerry KD8ASL Dick WB4SUV
 Addison KJ4VCV Phil KG8AP Ben KC8ZLF John KC8VQU
 Mike AC4XS Don WD8IDJ Eric N8YC

I would like to thank all who participated. we had a great time! 73, *Eric N8YC*

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What's coming, or already came, in December 2010

- Wed Dec 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Nathan KA3MTT **Hanukkah begins**
- Fri Dec 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
- Sat Dec 4 SKYWARN Recognition Day sponsored by Ntl Weather Svc
- Tue Dec 7 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
 Program: Election of 2011 officers & board, pizza
- Wed Dec 8 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Sat Dec 11 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to
 start on 146.67 rptr
- Tue Dec 14 7 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA
- Wed Dec 15 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- Fri Dec 17 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, **new** Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston
- Wed Dec 22 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian KC8JFN
- Sat Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

OH-KY-IN 2010 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Chair
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair
Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair
PIO Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Q-Fiver Editor Susie Scott N8CGM
Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
Fox Hunters Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV
DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC
WebMeister Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Fundraising Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV
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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K8SCH QSL Mgr Gerry Weimer KD8ASL
Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
John W. Hughes AI4DA

Sun Dec 26 Boxing Day (British Commonwealth), First Day of Kwanzaa
Tue Dec 28 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location varies
Wed Dec 29 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rpt, NCS Rick KD4PYR
Fri Dec 31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Sat Jan 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Tue Jan 4 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: TBA

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News of members and students in recent classes

Sincere condolences to Bairds and kin

All, Today has been a very sad day for my wife and her family. My wife's dad, Daniel Kanoza, died of cancer this morning (Nov 29) at Hospice of Cincinnati. Thank you for your prayers during his last week or so.

73, *James Baird W8JRB* Member of OH-KY-IN & ARRL 513=226-5227

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Antenna weather

It's a well-known fact that antennas put up on bad weather days work the best. So, today (Dec 1) we've had perfect antenna weather. Let's go hang some dipoles! ;-) 73, *Russ WB8ZCC*

Reply: Tell you what...you let us know how it goes. 73, *Nathan KA3MZZ*

2d reply, from FL: Well it is only getting to 60 today. So guess that qualifies as a bad weather day. Think I will put up an 18M dipole today. Later *Bob WA6E2V*



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