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

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From the President...

Well, the first month of the year let us off pretty light. It was cold, but little snow. I hope everyone stayed warm and cozy in the shack and working some good winter DX. Those who braved the cold for the January meeting saw a great presentation and equipment demonstration by Bob Spratt N8TVU on D-STAR. It was very informative and I think everyone there received some good insight on the "new" mode of communications.

I want to challenge all club members to become more active in not only the club, but ham radio as a whole. We have seen, in the past couple years, an increase in new hams (as well as returning hams) joining our group and reaching out for assistance. Elmering has long been one of the staples in keeping ham radio strong and remains one of the best ways to make certain ham radio, as a hobby, continues to grow & flourish. I am challenging each one of us to reach out to help each other. I feel pretty assured in saying that, whatever your special interest is (HF, digital modes, ARDF, CW), there is someone else out there who would be interested in learning that skill. Make your interest known, offer to set up and/or host an interest group, and have some fun together. I guarantee there is a ham, either new or old, who is interested in the same things!

Have a safe & happy February!!

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

Good Day Everyone,

This is just a quick reminder that the **February 2 meeting** is going to be at the Artemis / ODOT District 8 bldg. The address is 508 W. Third Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, for those like me that are going to map quest & GPS the location. The tour & presentation is going to begin at 6 PM. I would like to make decent showing of OH-KY-IN members. They would like to get a headcount of members & family members who plan to show up, so if you have not emailed / called me, please do so. I am planning to let them know later this week (*this was posted Thu, Jan 21 - Ye Ed*) how many people plan to attend.

73, *Brian L. Fulmer KC8FJN*

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Oh-Ky-In ARS Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 05, 2010

Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Guests: Joe Eaton KD8MAB

New licenses and upgrades: Joe Eaton KD8MAB upgraded to General. Congratulations!

Proceeded to self introductions. 18 in attendance.

Health & Welfare: None

Meeting program: D-STAR presented by Bob Spratt N8TVU

Also a presentation about past meeting locations of the club by Dale KC8HQS.

Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes for December 2009 club meeting.

Harry KM4CS moved to accept, Fred K9OHE seconded. Motion was passed.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT not here but reported via email 73 members.

Treasurer: Kevin KI4PJK not here, Bob KD8JRR was present; need audit committee.

Silent key: Nothing new to report.

Technical Committee: All 3 repeaters running. .67 & .925 running in temporary situations. No meetings planned.

Equipment Manager: Nothing new to report.

Education committee: Need to determine where to have classes for Spring.

Tech Talk: Wednesdays @ 9 PM. Dale KC8HQS is NCS this week.

Website: Club calendars are available on the website. <http://www.ohkyin.org>

Old Business: None

New Business: Harry KM4CS talked about PRB-1 and antenna restrictions and covenants.

The attendance prize winner was Harry Davis WA8LOJ who was not present. He would have won \$20. The attendance prize will roll to \$25 for February.

Split the pot was \$11 and was won by Bruce N8BV.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*, Recording Secretary

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Solaks burnt out of house & home early in January

It is my sad duty to let everyone know that **Larry Solak (WD8MVP)**, and his wife **Joanne (KJ3O)** lost their home at 3 AM on January 12 to a house fire.

Joanne is the Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator, and provides the Ohio Section with club and section news every month. Larry is a former Section Emergency Coordinator for the Ohio Section. Please keep them and their family in your prayers. As more news comes forward, I will keep you posted.

Both are doing fine now (*msg posted Sun Jan 17*), and starting the process of rebuilding. Both were hospitalized with smoke inhalation. Joanne was released from the hospital about midweek, a few days after Larry. They are staying with friends while getting back on their feet. They have appreciated all of the kind words and prayers from everyone. I too have been touched by the many e-mails asking me of their status. Even though Ohio may be the largest Section in the ARRL, it's a small family when it comes to the caring and thinking of one of our own.

In the meantime, while Joanne is working to get her house back in order, I have appointed Section Webmaster Scott Yonally N8SY as the interim Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) for the Ohio Section. With his past experience as Public Information Coordinator, Scott is very

familiar with the clubs in the Ohio Section, and will hold this position until Joanne can come back on a "full time" basis to resume her normal duties.

73, *Frank Pipet KJ8GW*, OH Section Mgr

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OH-KY-IN SEASONAL APPAREL SALE

ALL SHIRTS NOW \$10

(Regardless of size)

Sizes Available: L XL XXL XXXL

HATS NOW \$10

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

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White House Names Ham as New Cybersecurity Coordinator



President Barack Obama greets his new White House Cyber Security Chief Howard A. Schmidt W7HAS in the Cross Hall of the White House. December 17, 2009. [Lawrence Jackson, official White House photo]

On December 22, President Barack Obama named Howard A. Schmidt W7HAS as the new White House Cybersecurity Coordinator. According to the White House, Schmidt -- an ARRL member -- is one of the world's leading authorities on computer security, with some 40 years of experience in government, business and law enforcement and "will have regular access to the President and serve as a key member of his National Security Staff. He will also work closely with his economic team to ensure that our cybersecurity efforts keep the Nation secure and prosperous."


In an exclusive interview with the ARRL, Schmidt said that he credits Amateur Radio with getting him involved with technology: "In high school, one of my friends was a ham and he got me interested in

shortwave radio, which in turn got me into building shortwave radios and equipment, many from Heathkit. As I got older, I took courses from NRI and Bell and Howell in electronics and built a number of projects, preparing me for my first ham radio ticket. I love technology, and it was Amateur Radio that caused me to build my first computer -- a Sinclair ZX-80 to use for EME calculations. I studied all about the OSCAR systems and would build equipment to monitor when they would pass within range of Arizona. Building these computers to support my ham radio hobby gave me the technical skills that I needed to start doing computer crime investigations and work on the early stages of computer forensics, in turn enabling me to start working on cybersecurity issues."

From *ARRL News*, Jan 7, 2010

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up." -Jesse Jackson

DX Spots - February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Cocos Is-thru 2-28 	2 J6-St Lucia thru 2-10 ----- - XR9JA-South Shetland Isl thru 2-27	3 E51-North Cook Isl thru 2-15 	4 N7I-Hawaii thru 2-10 	5 C6AWS- Bahamas thru 2-10 	6 H40-Temotu thru 2-19 
7 J5NAR- Guinea Bissau thru 2-13 	8	9 TX4T-French Polynesia thru 2-15 	10 5Z0H-Kenya thru 2-25 	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17 V31RR-Belize thru 2-23 ----- ZK3-Tokelau thru 3-10	18	19	20 VK9X- Christmas Isl thru 2-27 
21 S2- Bangladesh thru 2-25 	22 V88-Brunei thru 3-3 	23	24 SV5- Dodecanese thru 3-17 	25	26	27
28 VP2M- Montserrat thru 3-13 						

Sorry, no new operations approved for DXCC credit in the past month.

Radiosports: DX Magazine publishes 2009 most wanted results

The DX Magazine's "2009 Most Wanted Survey" has been posted on the publications Web site and printed in the January / February issue. The top five most sought after entities appear to be number five Yemen; number four Bouvet Island; number 3 Marion Island, number two Navassa Island. The number one most wanted country is North Korea.

The survey was conducted between September and October of 2009. The listing shows the top 100 World-Wide most wanted and also includes their 1998 comparison ranking for 2008. Its on line at dxpub.com/dx_news.html/ (DX Magazine) via *Amateur Radio Newline Report 1693* (Jan 22), via qrz.com

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Contests

February 2010

Jan 31- Feb 1 Classic Exchange, CW

6-8 VT QSO Party; MN QSO Party; BC QSO Party; DE QSO Party; NM QSO Party; North American Sprint, CW; XE International RTTY Contest; Black Sea Cup International, SSB & CW; 10-10 Winter Phone QSO Party; YLISSB QSO Party; QRP Fireside SSB Sprint; VHF School Roundup

12-14 LA QSO Party; NH QSO Party; OMISS QSO Party; YL-OM Contest, all mode; Valentine Sprint, digital modes; CQ WW RTTY WPX; Dutch PACC Contest; Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW; FISTS CW Winter sprint; Classic Exchange, phone

20-21 ARRL DX Contest; AM QSO Party; Feld-Hell Super Bowl Sprint, digital; FM Simplex Contest

26-28 MS QSO Party; REF contest; CQ WW 160 m SSB Contest; Russian PSK Contest; NA QSO Party, digital; CQC Winter QSO Party, SSB & CW

So many contests in the shortest month. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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ARRL Elects 15th President: Kay Craigie N3KN

As its first order of business at the 2010 Annual Meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors elected ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie N3KN, of Blacksburg, Virginia, as the organization's new President. She will take over the reins from outgoing President Joel Harrison W5ZN at the close of the Annual Meeting. In October, Harrison advised the Board that he would not seek re-election.



The elections at the Annual Meeting generated a ripple effect of vacancies within the ARRL hierarchy. The elevation of Craigie to the presidency led to Vice President Rick Roderick K5UR being elected First Vice President and Midwest Division Director Bruce Frahm K0BJ elected to the Vice President position. This created a vacancy in the Director position in the Midwest Division, so Vice Director Cliff Ahrens K0CA will take over as Director. Dakota Division Director Jay Bellows K0QB was elected International Vice President; Dakota Division Vice Director Greg Widin K0GW will move up to Director in that Division. ARRL

Technical Relations Manager Brennan Price N4QX was elected ARRL Chief Technology Officer. He replaces Paul Rinaldo W4RI who retired from the staff in 2008 but retained the officer title through the end of its two-year term.

One of Craigie's first items of business as League President will be to appoint new Vice Directors in both the Midwest and Dakota Divisions. "I'm excited about working with the new team of officers to carry out the Board's directives here in the US and internationally in cooperation with the IARU," she said after the election. "All the way back to the League's founding in 1914, Amateur Radio has always existed in a challenging environment. The League will continue meeting today's challenges so hams can continue to serve the public, explore technology and have fun on the bands."

First licensed in 1983, Craigie has been a Volunteer Examiner for more than 20 years, now working with the New River Valley Amateur Radio Club's team. In 1986, she became ARRL Section Manager for Eastern Pennsylvania, moving up to Atlantic Division Vice Director in 1990. Six years later, she became Atlantic Division Director; in 2000 she was elected Vice President and in 2006 First Vice President of the ARRL. She has served on all the standing committees of the ARRL Board of Directors and also worked on the League's Enforcement Task Force, the committee whose pressure finally resulted in the FCC's assigning Riley Hollingsworth to clean up the ham bands.

Craigie's first assignment as Vice President was to design what became the ARRL Education & Technology Program.

Later, she chaired the National Emergency Response Planning Committee, tasked with recommendations on the League's readiness at the national level to respond to extraordinary disasters. In 2009, she chaired the ad-hoc committee that produced [The Commercialization of Amateur Radio: The Rules, The Risks, The Issues](#). This document offers guidelines to assist radio amateurs and anyone wishing to utilize the capabilities of Amateur Radio in understanding the FCC Rules that prohibit communications in which the amateur has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer.

On the air, Craigie enjoys DXing -- that's what attracted her to ham radio in the first place -- award-hunting and contesting. She holds VUCC on 6 meters, 5BDXCC (endorsed for 12, 17 and 30 meters), the DXCC Challenge award, WAZ and WAE Class 1 CW. She enjoys digital modes such as RTTY and PSK31, as well as CW and phone. She is involved with SKYWARN through the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Craigie's husband, Carter N3AO, is a retired college professor. He has served as a Section Traffic Manager and as an ARES® Emergency Coordinator. He especially enjoys QRP and operating outdoors on the Appalachian Trail. He is also a SKYWARN volunteer. Their daughter Jenny Riffe KA3WVD also lives in Virginia with her husband and two children.

Further details on the 2010 Annual Meeting will soon be available on the ARRL Web site and in the April 2010 issue of *QST*. --ARRL Website, Mon Jan 18, 2010

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ARRL Contest Update Sees Circulation Milestone

The December 23 and January 6 issues of the [ARRL Contest Update](#) newsletter cracked another barrier with more than 25,000 subscribers. Containing material that goes beyond straight contest reporting, subscribers to the *Contest Update* find it full of all types of useful material. The newsletter -- available free to ARRL members and published every two weeks by e-mail or Web access -- got its start as a modest text-only bulletin in March 2002. Having expanded its coverage to topics of interest to any active ham, the newsletter's byline and mission became "News and Techniques for the Active Operator" in 2008 as it pioneered the ARRL's graphic newsletter format. A typical newsletter contains news and human interest



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stories, press releases about new products for hams, photos and links to multimedia content, an editorial segment, a big section of technical items that any ham can put to work -- and even a chuckle or two. You will also find contest results from your state's QSO party, as well as a calendar of upcoming contests and due dates for contest logs. Why not give the newsletter a try? Back issues are available [online](#). To sign up for free delivery, log in to the ARRL Web site with your call sign and password, then click "Member Data page" and "Modify membership data." At the bottom of the page, click the box next to "ARRL Contest Update (biweekly contest newsletter)" and you're ready to read! --ARRL Letter Jan 14, 2010

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<http://www.arrl.org/news/images/thumbs/11295.jpg> (link not working yet except for logo-- Ye Ed)

New ARRL Web Site Coming Soon!



(Jan 19, 2010) -- It's almost here! After more than two years of planning, designing and writing, the ARRL is anxiously awaiting the launch of the new ARRL Web site. We've been able to make the online experience easier for our members -- from the online store, to registering for a class, to finding a club -- plus we've created a new, enhanced member profile with many more options available. We've made improvements with you in mind, making sure that we've created the easiest, most enjoyable online experience possible. The new Web site will be available the first week of February.

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OK everyone here's a REALLY neat website to get some **CW practice**. It's cold, it's snowing (well, it has been, even if it's not doing so now), so there's no reason not to !!!

Let's get ready for Field Day! <http://lcwo.net>

73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT*

OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chair, Board of Directors, 859.760.9262, KA3MTT@ARRL.NET

Also pls see article on **CW Training Net** on page 12 -- *Ye Ed*

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Zen and the Art of Radiotelegraphy - the book

This book is the result of several years of experience in amateur radiotelegraphy. It suggests, for the first time, a learning methodology based on an integrated and multidisciplinary approach designed to accompany the apprentice from the first steps in ham radio all the way to a world-class proficiency in telegraphy.

The book introduces, ad-hoc tailored to amateur radio, techniques used successfully by competitive athletes, including extreme sports such as free diving, adapted to the difficult process of learning telegraphy.

You can download it here: <http://www.qsl.net/ik0ygy/enu/index.html>

73 de Carlo IK0YGY Posted on qrz.com 1.24.10

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Attention All Amateurs...



HF Frequencies for Haiti Return to Normal Use (Jan 24, 2010) --

Considering the improving communications situation in Haiti, Dr Cesar Pio Santos, HR2P, IARU Region 2 EMCOR, announced the release of HF frequencies, including 7.045 and 3.720 MHz, for normal use. "We thank the world radio amateur community for their support in keeping these frequencies clear during the past days." From *ARRL web page* on above date

ARLB002 Kent Olson KA0LDG Appointed Dakota Division Vice Director

In one of her first actions as ARRL President, Kay Craigie N3KN has appointed Dakota Division Assistant Director and former North Dakota Section Manager Kent Olson KA0LDG as the new Dakota Division Vice Director. The position became vacant when Dakota Division Director Jay Bellows KOQB was elected

International Affairs Vice President at the 2010 ARRL Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Vice Dir. Greg Widin K0GW moved into the Director position. *The Q-File, Oh-Ky-In ARS, Febtuazy 2010, page 9*
A native of North Dakota, Olson -- an ARRL Life Member -- was first licensed in 1981 while in high school; he earned his Amateur Extra license in 1997. Olson served as the North Dakota Section Manager from 2001-2008 where he told the ARRL that he had the opportunity to get to know hams throughout North Dakota.

"I am very excited and honored that ARRL President Kay Craigie chose me to fill the Dakota Division Vice Director position -- this has to be the best thing that has happened to me in ham radio," Olson told the ARRL. "It will be a pleasure to work with Dakota Division Director Greg Widin in representing the Dakota Division. I am fully committed to help in any way I can to promote the League, its policies and Amateur Radio as a whole."

While still in high school, Olson enlisted in the North Dakota Air National Guard (119th Wing) as a Munitions Systems Specialist. After basic training, he worked on guided missiles for the F-4 (Phantom II). After completing his degree at North Dakota State University, he was selected to become a Weapons Systems Officer (WSO) in the F-4 and became a commissioned officer. "I did that for a couple of years until the unit converted to the F-16 (Fighting Falcon). I then was able to go to pilot training and became an F-16 pilot in 1991. I have held a lot of positions in the Wing and am now the Vice Wing Commander with the rank of Colonel." He has more than 3100 hours in the cockpit.

When Olson flew the F-16, he had the unique opportunity to operate HF aeromobile and make quite a few contacts to hams around the world: "Talk about pileups. The F-16s we had were specifically modified with an HF radio, and occasionally I could make contacts while traveling cross country." Now that his unit has switched from the F-16 to the C-21, he said he doesn't get to do as much aeromobile as he would like, since his duties as Vice Wing Commander keep him fairly busy.

As the Dakota Division's ham population concentration is in Minnesota, Director Widin said he knows that members and ham radio events and needs span all three Sections: Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota: "I wanted someone who could help extend the ARRL presence across the Sections. Kent brings experience and an enthusiastic approach to the job. I'm glad we can add him to the Dakota Division team. Hams who know Kent have already been congratulating me on his appointment; Dakota Division members who don't yet know him will soon be congratulating themselves at getting such a competent and dedicated individual for Vice Director."

Olson is the past president of the Red River Radio Amateurs (RRRA), the largest Amateur Radio club in North Dakota. He is an ARRL Volunteer Examiner and an ARRL Certified Instructor. An active participant in SKYWARN, emergency communications and public service events in the area, Olson is a graduate of all three ARRL Emergency Communications courses. He helped craft a Fargo city ordinance that allows hams to erect antenna support structures.

Olson enjoys chasing DX and rag chewing: "I have a modest station and have worked the world with 100 W on either a vertical or dipole." He likes contesting "to give North Dakota out to those who need multipliers (and not really to set any world records)." ARRL Field Day, kit building and Jamboree on the Air round out his radio interests.

Olson has been married to his wife Lisa for 21 years; they have two boys -- Quinn, 13, and Ian, 9. Quinn got his Technician license last year through Boy Scouts; his call is KD0GWA. Olson is active with both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and is also involved with 4H Lego Robotics. The family enjoys everything from building with Legos to bike riding and other outdoor activities.

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Valentines Day **MidWinter Hamfest & Computer Show** sponsored by InterCity ARC at Richland Co Fairgrounds, 750 N Home Rd, Mansfield OH. Opens 7 AM. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, VE sessions (register at 1 PM, exams at 2 PM). Talk-in: 146.94 (71.9 Hz). Advance tix \$5, \$6 door. Info: Dean Wrasse KB8MG, 419=589-2415 (1-7 PM), [metal07man@yahoo.com], www.w8we.org/hamfest.htm

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Note: Made donations payable to "OH-KY-IN ARS" and mark them for 2010 ARDF Championships.

The 2010 US ARDF Championship committee is actively seeking **sponsors** to assist with defraying the expense of hosting this national event. It would be our privilege to add your name or logo to our event T-shirt and include you in our list of sponsors. Monetary contributions are deductible as contributions to a nonprofit, 501C3, organization. Should you decide to assist with this endeavor, please feel free to contact any member of the organizing committee.

Your contribution will help defray the cost of T-shirts, orienteering materials, awards, fees for use of venues, programs, refreshments, maps, etc.

We greatly appreciate your taking time to review this information and hope that you will join us in helping to host an event that competitors will always remember.

Final date for inclusion of your logo, or call sign on our Commemorative T-Shirt is April 15th.

Programs with our sponsors will go to print May 1st.

Please feel free to visit the official event website at <http://www.usardf2010.com> for more information.

Respectfully, Co Chairs

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ARLX003 Haiti Amateur Radio Frequency Update/Reciprocal Operating Clearance (posted Jan 25)

Considering the improving communications situation in Haiti, Dr Cesar Pio Santos HR2P, IARU Region 2 EMCOR, announced the release of HF frequencies, including 7.045 and 3.720 MHz, for normal use.

He states, "We thank the world radio amateur community for their support in keeping these frequencies clear during the past days."

In addition, CONATEL (the Haitian Telecomm regulator) has set up temporary offices and released a public notice. Amateurs wishing to operate in Haiti to assist with disaster relief need to contact CONATEL to get formal reciprocal operating clearance.

The text of the CONATEL public notice is as follows:

“The National Council of Telecommunications (CONATEL) hereby notifies the general public, and those particularly impacted, that following the widespread damage caused by the violent earthquake of January
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12, 2010, a satellite office of CONATEL was installed at Number 97 of the Avenue Panaméricaine in Pétion-Ville with the goal of assuring the continuity of its work. This arrangement will allow, among other things, better coordination for establishing a temporary emergency telecommunications network in Haiti. Consequently, all concerned are asked to contact CONATEL at the above mentioned address between 9 AM and 1 PM and throughout the day at the following telephone numbers: (you must dial the international calling code 011 and then the Haitian country code 509 first): 3454-0541, 2516-0000 or 3702-1414, or at these e-mail addresses: <techommunication@yahoo.fr> or <info@conatel.gouv.ht> before any use of telecommunications equipment or the spectrum resources.

We hope to avoid interference problems and possible conflicts between the incumbent operators established in Haiti and those who are newly operating in this unusual circumstance”.

The National Council of Telecommunications (CONATEL), while thanking the telecommunications service providers for all their efforts to keep their networks operational despite the widespread damage that has been noted, takes this opportunity to offer its sympathies to the families of the victims of the earthquake. Port-au-Prince, January 20, 2010, Montaigne Marcelin, Directeur Général.

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VE exam opportunities

1st Sat each month: Cincinnati-Hartwell OH, sponsored by CRA, at Hartwell Presbyterian Church. Register 8:30 AM; walk-ins only! All licence classes. Info: Dale Pritchett KC8HJL, 513=769-0789.

2d Mon each month: Edgewood KY, sponsored by NKARA, at Hilltop Church of Christ, 5300 Taylor Mill Rd, Taylor Mill KY 41015 (new site). Park in back, pls enter thru basement. Register 6 PM. 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. 2010 exam fee, where levied, is \$15.

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50th Anniversary Committee – we need one!

As you may know, it's OH-KY-IN's 50th year. I've got a couple things planned but am looking for more ideas and people to work with on how we can celebrate this year.

So if you have any ideas or if you are interested in participating in the OH-KY-IN 50th Anniversary Committee, email me at kc8hqs@fuse.net.

Thanks,

Dale KC8HQS Historian

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CW Training Net Is Coming

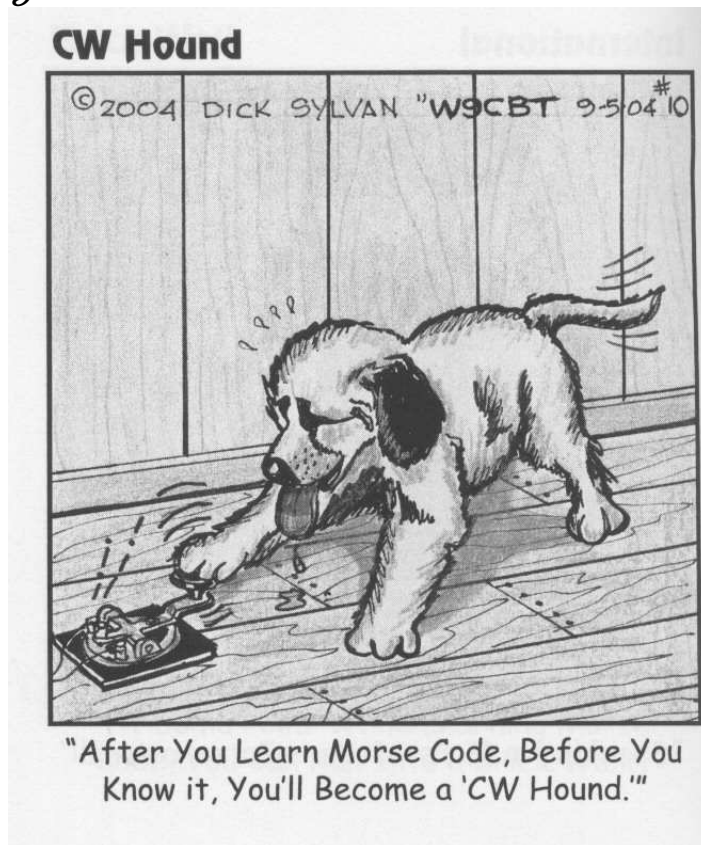
Many have expressed interest in learning (or in the case of people like me, relearning) code. Although code is no longer required for licensing, it still continues to be a very popular and efficient way to communicate. During these times of low sunspots, a lot of good contacts are being made via cw when the voice portions of the band are all but dead.

Starting Sunday February 21st, OH-KY-IN will sponsor a weekly training net for code. This net will run each Sunday at 7:00 PM on the 146.925 repeater. It will be a directed net, with

check-ins taken at the beginning. After check-ins & announcements, we will conduct a short training session. We will be utilizing the CW training course developed by the ARRL. The *The Q-Fiver, Oh-Ky-In ARS, February 2010, page 12* length of the lesson is expected to be 10 to 15 minutes.

Come on the air and join us!! CW is a fun and exciting way to enhance your radio fun. If you would be interested in helping out by taking a turn at net control, let me know. Net control is fun and is another great way to enhance your operator skills

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*



cartoon from HI HI – A Collection of Ham Radio Cartoons
by Dick Sylvan W9CBT

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Special Event: K8BF 5th Annual Freeze Your Acorns Off (FYAO) QRP Special Event Station. Sat, Feb 27, 1500-2300 UTC. Fred Fuller Park, Kent OH. Portage Co Amateur Radio Svc (PCARS). General areas of 15, 20, 40 & 80 meters, CW & SSB. Also Echolink thru the KC8RKV echolink node. Certificate avail-able – SASE to Al Atkins KB8VJL, 12433 Chamberlain Rd, Aurora OH, 44202. *World Radio Online*, Feb 2010, pg 35.

What's coming in February 2010

- Tue Feb 2 6:00 PM Club meeting is tour of Artemis/ODOT District 8 bldg, 508 W. Third St., Cincinnati, 45202. Call or e-mail Brian KC8FQN (see mast page) if you wish to attend & haven't said so already
Groundhog Day
- Wed Feb 3 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri Feb 5 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – park in Bd of Educ lot
- Wed Feb 10 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Sat Feb 13 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In Fox Hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
- Sun Feb 14 St Valentine's Day
- Mon Feb 15 Presidents' Day
- Wed Feb 17 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
Ash Wednesday
- Fri Feb 19 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
- Tue Feb 23 7:30 PM Board of Directors' meeting, location varies
- Wed Feb 24 9:00 PM Tech Talk 146.925, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Tue Mar 2 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St. Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program to be announced

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FCC-ConsumerNews: **Wireless Microphones**

Under a new FCC rule, anyone who uses a **wireless microphone** that operates in the **700 MHz Band** must **stop** operating their wireless microphone no later than June 12, 2010. All users of 700 MHz Band wireless microphones (and similar devices) - including theaters, churches, schools, conference centers, theme parks, and musicians -- will need to **retune** (where possible) or **replace** their wireless microphone equipment with other microphone devices no later than June 12, 2010. This action helps complete an important component of the DTV Transition by clearing the 700 MHz band to enable the rollout of communications services for public safety and the deployment of next generation 4G wireless devices for consumers.

For further information, please visit the website at www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones

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The Good Old Days

Spence, a 65-year old ham operator, has been in a coma for nearly 40 years, after receiving a severe electrical shock from a piece of home brew gear he was building. Fortunately, his son Dennis, also a ham operator, had never given up, & had taken exceptionally good care of him. The OM was even moved into the ham shack in the basement, with the hope that one day he might hear something that would awaken him. Of course, the rig was left on most of the time, but not even the rarest of DX stations enticed the poor man out of his slumber. Then one day Dennis came down into the shack with the mail. Mixed in with the bundle of ads & bills was a QSL card from the Canal Zone.

"Look Dad," says Dennis to his father. "A QSL from the Canal Zone! It's even got a 2 cent stamp!"

OH-KY-IN 2009 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee	Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	ARPSC Representative	Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
Volunteer Examiners	Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair	QCEN Representative	Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
Membership	Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair	WARN Representative	Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM
Education	Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair	Repeater Control Ops Mgr	Bruce Vanselow N8BV
PIO	Bruce Vanselow N8BV	Librarian	open
Q-Fiver Editor	Susie Scott N8CGM	Field Day Chair	Eric Neiheisel N8YC
Historian	Dale Vanselow KC8HQS	Special Publications	Jo Haltermon KD4PYS
Fox Hunters Chair	Dick Arnett WB4SUV	Equipment Mgr	Brian Fulmer KC8FJN
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WebMeister	Dale Vanselow KC8HQS	Silent Key Chair	Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Tech Talk Net Mgr	Bruce Vanselow N8BV	K8SCH QSL Mgr	Gerry Weimer KD8ASL
Fundraising Chair	Bruce Vanselow N8BV	Life Members	Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
TVI/RFI Chair	Dick Arnett WB4SUV		John W. Hughes AI4DA

Suddenly, Spence wakes from his coma, grabs the card & says, "It's about time! I paid a lot of money for that card!"

(reprinted with last-minute permission from *Hogwash for Hamsters: A Light-Hearted Look at the Hobby of Amateur Radio* by Jerry Spring VE6CNU)

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News of members and students in recent classes

Semi-historical note

Ye Ed discovered some old membership paperwork that fell off a stack of other papers recently. It was a list of those who joined Oh-Ky-In in April 2002. Among those listed was our new president, Gary KB8MYC. He lived in Cleves at the time.

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For those who made not have heard it, the **146.67** repeater **is back on the air**. Thanks to several days of hard work by Brian K4BRI and the donation of a Motorola repeater. the .67 machine is working the best it has in a long time. There is still work to be done at the top of the tower. There is a small section of hardline which needs to be replaced. Bruce N8BV is working with Channel 5 and the climbing crew to coordinate this as the weather permits. For those who may not be aware, then antenna for the .67 repeater is 646 feet in the air on the Channel 5 television tower in Clifton.

If you haven't tried 146.67 in while, get on the air and give it a try. In addition to making contacts, it will give our technical guys a chance to see how the coverage is. Please remember, a PL tone of 123 is required to access **all** OH-KY-IN repeaters.

Meet you on the air!

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

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If at first you don't succeed get new batteries.

From *Twisted Proverbs from Kids*, e-mail

Copy deadline for March Q-Fivez is Friday, Febzuary 19, 2010

(short month, & March mtg is Tue Mar 2)

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