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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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Summertime is upon us (and in a hurry too!!). It seems like just last week I was shoveling the drive.

May was a busy month. Hopefully all of you made the annual trip to Dayton. Even if you are not going to buy anything, it's worth the trip just to see old friends and be amazed at what is for sale in the flea market this time! Also, by the time you read this, the U.S. ARDF championships will have completed. *Kudos* go out to Bob Frey WA6EZV & Dick Arnett WB4SUV for the many hours of work they put into the project. It took more than a year to put this event together. It was no simple task to bring competitors from around the world to Cincinnati to compete, but the crew made it look simple!

June brings us to one of the club's biggest events, Field Day. I know Eric N8YC will have more details for us in the newsletter, as well as at the club meeting. As with any successful event, the planning began as soon as last year's event was done. There will be plenty of tasks needing completed all the way through the end of the event. If you can help out, please get with Eric, I am sure that he has a job for you! Even if you cannot help with planning or set up, make sure to schedule some time to stop by and visit (or even get on the air for a while. Due to the efforts of Jim Baird W8JRB, it looks like we will have quite a few visitors to this year's event. Take time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

Attendance has been encouraging at our club meetings and we have had some great programs. I would like to see everyone continuing to come out and enjoy the camaraderie which helps make ham radio the great hobby that it is. Until next month have a safe and happy summer and I hope to hear you on one of our great repeaters!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is once again time for me to advise you of the topic for the monthly meeting (June). There's only one logical choice for this month: **Field Day!** Eric N8YC, our Field Day chair, will review club needs & assignments for this very important annual event. Our meeting starts off the month for a change – it begins at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 1 at the now-usual location (see mast page opposite). But wait! There's more!

Don DuBon N6JRL & Dave Kalter KB8OCP, adult leaders of the Youth DX Adventure Group based in Dayton, plan to take a team of young operators to Costa Rica this July. They have a presentation on the group's trip last year when they won the 2009 CQWW SSB contest. A hat

will likely be passed to help the group get to Costa Rica. I look forward to seeing as many people as can come to our meeting.

73, *Brian KC8FJN*

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Oh-Ky-In club meeting minutes for Tuesday, May 04, 2010

Vice President Brian KC8FJN called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance. 31 in attendance.

Proceeded to self introductions.

New licenses and upgrades: Pat Maley got her ticket, is now KD8NWJ. Dennis KD8ILY upgraded to general. Congratulations!

Brag session: Dayton Hamvention^R is coming up soon, May 14, 15, 16. Milford Hamfest will be June 19th.

Meeting program: Duffy WB8NUT gave an excellent presentation on Using Digital Modes and Programs.

Break was at 8:25 & lasted 10 minutes.

Brian KC8FJN thanked Bob KD8JRR for working the hospitality table.

Brian KC8FJN asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the March 2010 club meeting. Harry KM4CS moved to accept, Fred K9OHE seconded. Motion was carried.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT not here but membership apps were available.

Treasurer: \$2,211 in checking. \$5,000 CD moved to Guardian Savings Bank.

Silent key: Bruce N8BV has a list of equipment from Ray Lamb W8LKX (SK)'s estate.

TechTalk report: *Amateur Radio Newslines* mentioned us and our 50th Anniversary! The hat was passed.

Your donations are appreciated!

Fundraising: We'll need volunteers for the beer booth at Red, White & Blue Ash on July 4th (Sunday).

Talk to Bruce N8BV about particulars.

Equipment manager: Brian KC8FJN still needs to stop by the repeater sites to make sure everything is inventoried correctly.

Website: Created a link for photos from the main page. Uploaded some club pictures. More will be uploaded soon.

50th Anniversary: Committee met on Friday, April 30th. 50th Anniversary celebration will be coupled with the Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 8th. More details soon.

Technical Committee: Tech. committee met. .67 controller to be replaced. Cavities at .67 to be replaced as well.

Field Day: Everything is a go... More details follow at the June club meeting.

Old Business: OH-KY-IN was asked to donate to the Miss USA contestant from St. Bernard. We donated \$50.

New Business: Harry KM4CS reminded everybody to write letters to Harry Waxman about covenants and restrictions.

The attendance prize winner was Robert Kluck N4IJS who was not present. He would have won \$35. The attendance prize will roll to \$40 for June.

Split the pot was \$25 and was won by Harry WA8LOJ.

Harry KM4CS moved to adjourn, John KC8VQU seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale Vanselow KC8YQS*, Recording Secretary

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The past is just a trail you leave behind you. -- Anonymous

With warm weather upon us, we will put the **CW Training Net** on hold for the summer months. We plan to be back in the fall with both beginner lessons and continuing practice. Until then, keep working on those CW skills!!!!!!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Plans continue to be made for this year's **Awards Dinner & 50th Anniversary celebration.**

When: Tuesday, June 8th, 2010 @ 7:30 PM.

Where: Golden Corral @ 3300 Parkcrest Drive, near the corner of Glenway Ave. & Parkcrest Drive in Western Hills.

All club members and their family and friends are invited. Cost is around \$11. If you are not interested in eating, you can still attend... just let the person at the register know you are there for the "radio club awards only". No RSVP is necessary.

I hope to see you there!

73, *Dale KC84QS*

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CINCINNATI **Delta Kings** Chorus
Barbershop Chorus

4 It's A Brand New World
Four newborns look at the world around them

Nursery

The latest musical comedy by the Irrepressible
Cincinnati Delta Kings Chorus
Father's Day Weekend
June 18th 8 PM & 19th 2 & 8 PM
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Garbage Bag as EmComm Asset

The garbage bag is the most overlooked yet most practical single item available in an emergency. Not only can it protect you and/or your equipment from a variety of climatic conditions, it facilitates carrying items ranging from your most expensive equipment to trash from an abandoned site.

Further, the typical garbage bag weighs less than an ounce, occupies little more room than a business envelope and costs pennies. From personal experience in the most inclement weather and most demanding situations, where I didn't have a garbage bag, I wished I had one, and, where I gave thanks for having had the prescience to have brought one along. In an emergency, after functioning communications equipment, nothing beats a garbage bag!

-- John Kountz KE6GFF/T6EE, CRO Laguna Bch Emergency Communications Team, Laguna Bch CA From *ARES E-Ltr* for May 19, 2010

Delta Kings show as usual features Bob W8JSO & Brad WD9HDZ in supporting roles

DX Spots June 2010 – de KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 ZK3X-Tokelau thru 6-6 	3 HB0- Liechtenstein thru 6-9 ----- T30XG-W Kiri- bati thru 6-10	4	5 8Q7TB- Maldives thru 6-26 
6 9V1-Singapore thru 6-28 	7	8 PJ7-Saint Maarten thru 6-12 ----- FS-St Martin thru 6-17	9 VP2MRT- Montserrat thru 6-19 	10 VQ5M-Turks & Caicos thru 6-17 ----- 5J0BV-San Andres thru 6-21	11 GU-Guernsey thru 6-17 	12 9H3-Malta thru 7-3 ----- VP2E-Anguilla thru 6-21 ----- 9H3BS-Malta thru 6-25
13	14	15	16	17	18 BW2-Taiwan thru 6-20 	19
20	21	22 HB0- Liechtenstein thru 6-27 	23	24	25	26 FIELD DAY WEEKEND 
27 FIELD DAY WEEKEND 	28 J8-St Vincent thru 7-5 	29	30	<p>OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Iraq YI9PSE, 2010 operation. <i>ARLD019 DX News</i>, May 13, 2010</p>		

Contests

June 2010

- 5-6 10-10 Open Season, digital; Digifest, digital; SEANET Contest, all modes; IARU Region I Field Day, CW; AL QSO Party; DARC 10m Contest, Digital
- 9 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 12-13 ARRL June VHF Sprints; GACW WWSA CW DX Contest; Portugal Day, SSB & CW; WFF Green Days, all modes; Bill Windle QSO Party, CW; Australian Shires Contest, SSB & CW; REF DDSM 6m Contest, SSB & CW; BARTG Sprint 75, Digital; WW QRP Contest, SSB & CW; WAB 50 MHz Phone contest
- 16 SARL Youth Day Sprint, SSB
- 19-20 Kids' Day; Spanish Island Contest; All-Asian DX Contest, CW; SMIRK QSO Party; WV QSO Party
- 26-27 *******ARRL Field Day*******
His Majesty, the King of Spain, Contest, Phone; Marconi Memorial HF contest, CW; QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day; SARL Digital Contest
- 28 10-10 Spirit of 76 QSO Party

It doesn't get better than Field Day. Go OH-KY-IN! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Other SM candidate Tom Sly WB8LCD's photo & statement ran in May 2010 Supplement

Frank J. Piper KI8GW: the ARRL Ohio Section Manager with Experience!



As your ARRL Section Manager for Ohio since July of 2009, I have worked hard to make sure all the Amateur Radio Operators of Ohio, regardless of ARRL membership, are represented to the ARRL, as well as our State legislation. Amateur Radio Operators are a rare type of volunteer, taking their love for the technology of Amateur Radio to the public in times of public service, and emergency need.

I work with a great staff of Assistant Section Managers and ARRL Field Organization leaders in the Ohio Section to make sure all of our programs are running in top order. Every question and concern from

Amateur Radio operators is given consideration and attention by me and my staff.

Please allow me to continue the work I have started for YOU, by electing me for another 2-year term as YOUR ARRL SECTION MANAGER!

About Me ..

I was born at the young age of zero in Lancaster, Ohio. I attended school in the Lancaster city school systems, and graduated from Lancaster High in 1981. During my school years, I was active in the Audio-Visual departments of the school libraries (is that surprising to you?), where I could thread a 16mm projector like no one's business (if you don't know what a 16mm projector is ... just nod your head and keep reading ...) I majored in Drafting and Design technology at the local vocational school. In 1980, I was introduced to computers by my friend, who was "compu-

ter-sitting” a TRS-80. I was hooked, and found my other true love, computer programming. Moving forward, I work for Diamond Power International, located in Lancaster. I have worked as a Draftsman, Designer (Mechanical and Electrical), Drafting Department Supervisor, and currently the Systems Programmer and CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) System Administrator. My Amateur Radio career started in 1995 when I finally got the Ham Radio fever after attending Dayton Hamvention[®] for many years prior (before interested in radios, I was buying computer parts). I earned my Technician license in May of 1995, and was granted the call sign of KB8ZUF. In the next 4 years I earned my Tech Plus, General, Advanced (and was granted the upgrade call of KI8GW), and finally earned Amateur Extra Class in June of 1999, after passing my 20-word per minute Morse Code exam in Lancaster, Ohio.

I became interested in Public Service communications when I was invited to help with the Columbus Marathon in late 1995. Since that event I became very active with the Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service, becoming an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Franklin County, and was then appointed Emergency Coordinator in 2002. During those years I was mentored by Bill Carpenter AA8EY, who taught me leadership and how to motivate volunteers. I held positions of Newsletter Editor, Public Service Events Coordinator (organizing over 80 public service events per year for the group) and Net Manager.

In Winter of 2003, I was appointed District Emergency Coordinator, overseeing Ohio ARES[®] District 7 (10 counties in Central Ohio), and in 2006 I was appointed Section Emergency Coordinator for the entire state of Ohio. I retired in August 2008, and then called “back into duty” as Section Manager in July of 2009, to fulfill the remainder of term left vacant by the death of then Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE the month prior.

I live in Pickerington, Ohio (Fairfield County) with my Wife of 23 years, Jackie (who is licensed as KC8ESO), and our 10 year-old Daughter, Hanna (who is still not sure about all this radio stuff).

My other activities are Church (Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Pastoral Council for Seton Parish in Pickerington), Knight of Columbus (Past Grand Knight, Council 11187, and Fourth Degree Sir Knight, Assembly 2900), and am also a First Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Shuri-Ryu Karate, having competed for many years from 1982 to 1994. I trained under Roger Monk of Logan, Bill Smith of Newark, and Woodrow Fairbanks of Cincinnati.

The Road Ahead ...

The question I have been getting, while making visits to clubs, is “Where do you see taking the Ohio Section in the next two years as Section Manager, if you win the election?”

Talk about one tough question. To help answer this, I ask that you come with me, and take a look at the last ten years in Amateur Radio (Feel free to imagine one of those “Scooby-Doo” wavy flashback effects here..)

Ten years ago at this time, we began seeing some of the most dramatic changes in Amateur Radio licensing. The FCC reduced the number of Amateur Radio license classes from five (Novice, Technician, General, Advanced, and Amateur Extra) to only three (our current classes of Technician, General and Amateur Extra), and began the elimination of Morse Code proficiency testing. For the first time, we started seeing people joining the ranks of Amateur Radio operators,

due to the elimination of licensing “hurdles”. We then found it more important to mentor these new Hams after they received their operating license, than before they took their tests. Then our country got a 1-2 punch in the gut in a few short years with September 11th, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina. Our entire focus of Amateur Radio operators drastically changed from routine public service to learning about FEMA standards, Incident Command Systems, EMA procedures, etc. We were being involved in state and local government meetings as the communication resource that would be available “when all else fails”. At this time, even more people were obtaining their Amateur Radio licenses, to be prepared in the event of natural and man-made disasters, as well as providing the public with the security of dependable auxiliary communications for their communities.

As these people join our ranks, we MUST be there for them, with open arms, clubs, and Emergency Communication groups, be it ARES, MARS, SATERN, SKYWARN or RACES, to take these people and share our knowledge and experience. Without continuing to build our foundations of people and skills, our beloved hobby will surely suffer, and our effectiveness as being the communications “when all else fails” will be reflected as well.

Clubs are the basic bricks in our foundation, be it either the club with hundreds of members, or the small town group who meets at the public library. I see clubs receiving support from an expanded Ohio Section Cabinet, with people whose leadership and skills will be a valuable aid in helping clubs be those mentors for our upcoming Amateur Radio operators, who at this time are not even aware of the adventure they are about to begin.

And in accomplishing this, I would call my next two-year term a success.

For more information, please visit my website at www.ki8gw.net.

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Spring education update

A successful session of classes and exams are behind us for the spring term. As in the past, we held a one day class for technician and a 4 week general class. Separate exam sessions were held for each of the courses. Attendance was good and, as usual, we had a good pass rate at our exams.

One change in our spring classes was our class fees. Due to the generosity of the American Red Cross & the City of St. Bernard, we were able to waive the usual class fee and offer the classes at no cost. The only cost to the students was their study book. Both organizations gave us class space at no cost, which allowed us to offer this as a free service to the ham community.

We are beginning work on a full slate of fall classes.

If you would like to help with planning, set-up or teaching of our classes, just drop me a note.

All help is greatly appreciated.

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*, Education Chair

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ARLB016 FCC Seeks Comments on Newly Proposed Rules posted May 19

In March, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed to amend Part 97 to facilitate the use of spread spectrum communications technologies by eliminating the requirement that amateur stations use automatic power control (APC) to reduce transmitter power when the station transmits a spread spectrum (SS) emission, and reducing the maximum transmitter power output when transmitting a SS emission (WT Docket No 10-62). *The 2 Fivez, Oh Ky In ARS, June 2010 page 9*

On May 14, a summary of the NPRM and the Order was published in the *Federal Register*; the FCC is seeking comments on the NPRM. Comments must be filed on or before June 14, 2010 (30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*); reply comments must be filed on or before June 28, 2010 (45 days after publication in the *Federal Register*).

Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 5 of the NPRM, available on the web at, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-38A1.pdf.

The Commission also attached an Order to the NPRM that makes certain non-substantive revisions to Part 97. According to the FCC, the rules are necessary to amend the Amateur Service rules or conform them to prior Commission decisions, enhancing the usefulness of the Amateur Service rules by making them conform with other Commission rules, thereby eliminating licensee confusion when applying the rules to Amateur Service operations. The new rules will take effect July 13, 2010.

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Amateur Radio Estate Sale of Ray Lamb W8LXX (SK) Cincinnati, OH

If interested in an item, please contact Bruce N8BV by phone or by email; 513=251-1555 or <n8bv@juno.com> Numbers missing indicate items sold since list first provided to *Q-Fiver*.

NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED !!!!! *Items read left to right, left to right except where too long*

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Yaesu FT 990 HF Transceiver w/MD 1 Desk Mic | 4. MFJ 1786 Super Hi-Q Loop remote control unit |
| 5. Ten-Tec 4229 Antenna Tuner | 6. MFJ 1704 Antenna Switch |
| 7. Yaesu G-800SDX Rotor Control Box | 8. Drake L4 HF Amplifier w/L4PS PS |
| 9. Charge About Regulated DC Power Supply 3a/5a | 10. Tandy MM5-10 |
| 11. Vibroplex 137947 CW Key w/ Carry Case | 12. Home Brew Keyer Control Box |
| 14. Henry Electronics RF Amp 2m 100w 5-20 w drive | |
| 15. RF Concepts RFC4-110 RF Amp 430-450 10 in/100 out | |
| 16. Drake TR 4 HF Transceiver w/MS4 Spkr/PS | 17. Home Brew Straight Key on board |
| 18. Staco RPS-4 Regulated 12V 4a PS | 19. Autotronic CW Key |
| 20. Bencher 130973 Keyer/Paddle | 21. Gentec 510U Dry Dummy Load 500W |
| 22. Drake MN2000 Tuner/Matching Network | 25. Indy 2000 Power Pack 2000 |
| 26. Mirage MP1 HF Watt Meter 2000W Max. | 27. Rigblaster Radio Computer Interface |
| 28. MFJ 482 Grandmaster Memory Keyer | 29. Daiwa CNA1001 Automatic Antenna Tuner |
| 30. Homebrew RF Amp Meter in box | 31. Drake AA10 2m Amp 1-1.8in=10 watts |
| 33. NC 4" Speaker in box | 34. AEA CP1 Computer Patch Interface |
| 35. Drake P75 Hybrid Phone Patch | 36. Micronta 12V PS |
| 37. Eico 430 Oscilloscope 60cycle 50w | 38. Heath Cantenna Dummy Load - No Oil |
| 39. Calrad 45-743 Variable PS 1.5a 60hz 55w | 40. Calrad 45-742 DC PS 3a |
| 41. RCA MI-13174 Coin Operated Radio AM/25m | 42. Mars SW-50 Pwr/Swr Meter |
| 43. Monarch FSN-3 | 44. Drake TR 4 HF Transceiver |
| 46. 2m Mag Mount Antenna | 47. MFJ 1278 TNC |
| 48. Hallicrafters HA1 T.O. Keyer | 49. Larsen LM150 2m antenna on LM-MM mount |
| 50. Micronta 22-124 13.8v PS | 51. Kenwood PS 430 PS |
| 52. Bencher Keyer/Paddle | |

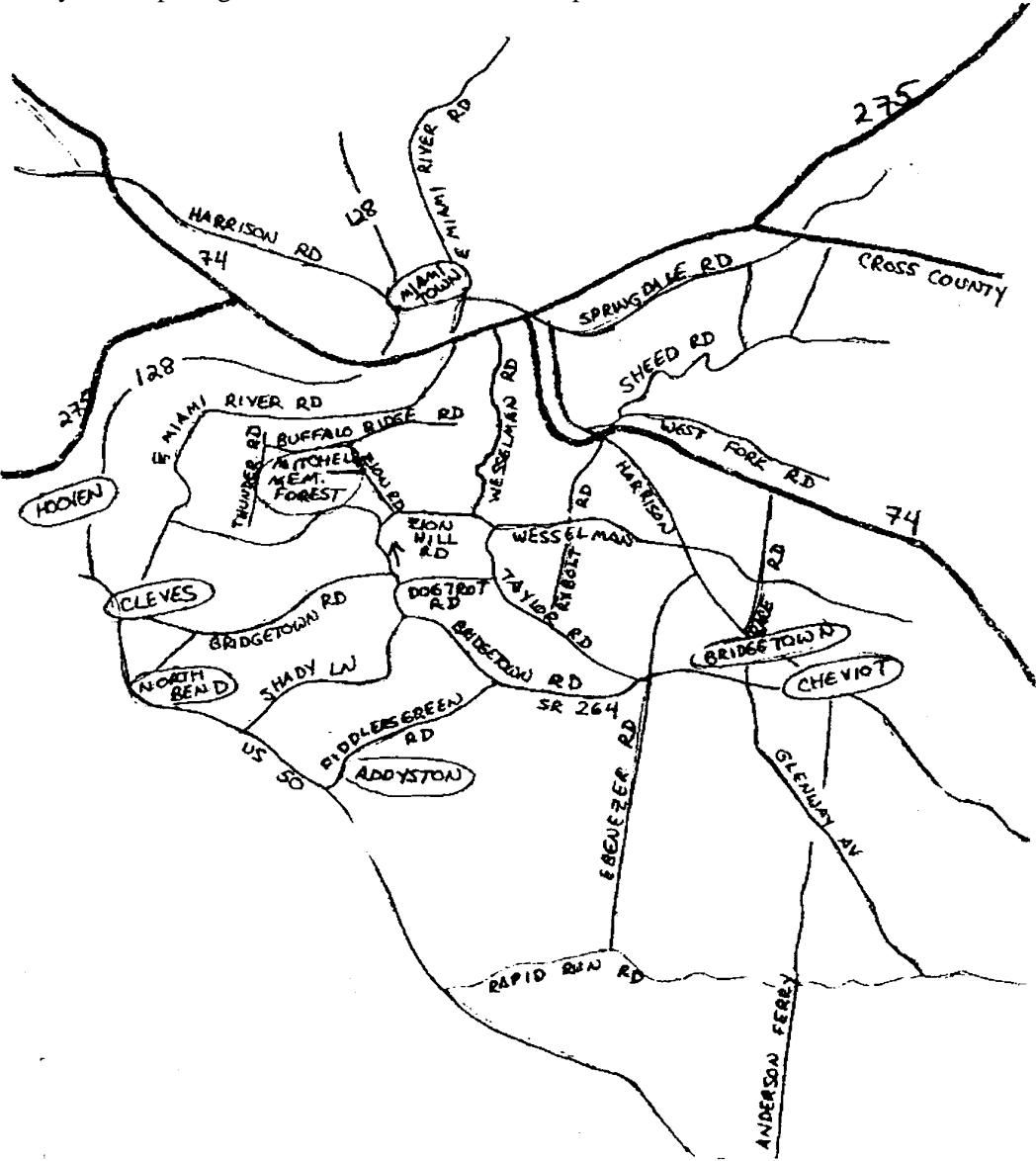
Tnx !!! *n8bv* 5/18/10

Handy conversion chart (which goes on for rather a ways)

1000 aches = 1 megahertz * Speed of tortoise breaking sound barrier = Mach Turtle
Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram * 1000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won Ton
Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower * 1 millionth mouthwash = 1 microscope

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Map to Mitchell Memorial Forest. Season pass for Hamilton Co Parks \$5 (recommended), day pass \$2 each. One or the other is required. Buy at park entrance, if you don't already have one, to save yourself postage for mail order or an extra trip.



Greetings!

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will proudly conduct its annual **ARRL Field Day** event on Saturday and Sunday, 26 and 27 June 2010 at the usual Mitchell Memorial Forest location. Set-up will be on Friday, 25 Jun starting at 2 PM. Please come on down to the park for a weekend full of amateur radio at its best! Field Day is a yearly ARRL Contest that starts at 2 PM Saturday and concludes at 2 PM Sunday.

We will operate four stations:

SSB Station, 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80M

CW Station, 20 and 40M

6 Meter Station

GOTA (Get on the Air Station)



We will also have demonstrations for our bonus points in Solar, Satellite/Digital/APRS and National Traffic System operations among others. If there is any amateur radio technology you would like to bring out to demonstrate, this is the perfect place!

Field Day is a fantastic event geared to veteran and beginning operators alike, and of all ages. Anyone, regardless of skills, is free to sign up for any station, and there is always someone available to help you along. The GOTA station is a great place for those interested in amateur radio (but not yet licensed) to get introduced to the fun of what most often becomes a lifelong hobby!

Come out and join us for a great time of fun, food and camaraderie. The annual Field Day Picnic will start at 6 PM Saturday with burgers and dogs cooked to perfection by Chef John. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to help build the feast. Most importantly, bring your family out to see what's going on. Everybody has a great time! Also, please feel free to pitch a tent and stay the whole weekend, if you like. A good number of us have been doing that for years. Nothing like the sound of QSOs and crickets!

I will have sign-up sheets available for all stations at the June members' meeting. If you would like to sign up but can't make the meeting, just contact me (*see committee appointments on last inside page ***) and I'll get you on the roster. For any comments, suggestions or information, please feel to contact me as well.

See you soon!

73, *Eric N8YC*, Field Day chair

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Field Day shelter needed

Hello Folks,

We're well on the way to Field Day 2010! I would like to ask if there is anyone who has access to a pop-up camper or something similar, to bring it out to the event for use as the SSB Station. The one that we used last year will probably not be available. Campers make great Field Day stations, so if anyone who can help us out, it will be greatly appreciated. Please advise me.

Thanks!

73, *Eric N8YC*

Children really brighten up a household - they never turn the lights off. (Ralph Bus)from *Strange*, Oct 25 2009

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Computer expert

I was having some computer problems the other day, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door whose bedroom looks like NASA's Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Eric clicked a couple of buttons and quickly solved the problem.

As he was walked away, I asked, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID-ten-T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An ID-ten-T error? What's that...in case I need to fix it again?"

Eric grinned, "Haven't you ever heard of an ID-ten-T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: ID10T

I used to **like** Eric, the rotten little kid.

(thanks Dick in Raleigh NC, from Bob Stoffel's *Funnies* series)

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Hamfests &c.

June 2010

19 20th Annual Milford OH Hamfest, sponsored by Milford ARC at Eastside Christian Church, 5874 Montclair Blvd. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. Talk-in 147.345. \$5. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE sessions 9 AM (walk-ins welcome). Info: Jim Linn WB8RRR, <wb8rrr@arrl.net>, 513=831-6255, www.w8mrc.com

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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 Kyn 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

2d Thu each month except March & December: Milford OH, sponsored by Milford ARC at Faith Church, 5910 Price Rd. Register 6 PM. Walk-ins OK. No exam fees at Milford; they use Laurel. Info: Barb Steward KA8AXY, 513=625-8651, <wsteward@fuse.net>

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 & CSEs. \$15 is current ARRL/VEC exam fee where applicable; exact change, check or money order appreciated.

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ARLB017 NCVEC Question Pool Committee Withdraws Four Questions (posted May 25)

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) announced the withdrawal of two questions from the Technician class pool and two questions from the Extra class pool.

Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) and Volunteer Examiners (VEs) must take action to remove these questions from use by July 1, 2010. Due to a rules change and pending action by the FCC, questions T2C02 and T2C03 from the July 2010 Technician Pool and questions E1C04 and E1C05 from the July 2008 Extra Pool may not be used in examinations after June 30.

The two Technician questions dealt with emergency communications and Section 97.113 of the FCC's rules governing Amateur Radio. In March, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), WP Docket No 10-72, that proposes to amend the rules to provide that, under certain limited conditions, Amateur Radio operators may transmit messages during emergency and disaster preparedness

drills, regardless of whether the operators are employees of entities participating in the drill.

"Adoption of the NPRM appears more likely than not, abolishing the temporary waiver [needed for government-sponsored emergency communication drills] (T2C02) and making T2C03 an invalid question," the QPC said in a statement appearing on the NCVEC Web site. "Therefore, we feel it is best to withdraw these two questions now to avoid the possible inclusion of invalid information in training material now being prepared."

The two Extra questions dealt with third party restrictions as defined in 97.109(e); the FCC has since deleted this rule, so the information is no longer applicable to the Amateur Service.

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Ohio Senate Bill 218 Passes On Ohio Senate Floor

Yesterday (posted May 14), during the May 12th session of the Ohio Senate, Ohio Senate Bill 218 (aka "PRB-1 for Ohio") passed by unanimous vote, and will move on for consideration in the Ohio House of Representatives.

This bill, which will require local municipalities to provide reasonable accommodations for Amateur Radio antennae, passed the Senate with a 32-0 vote for passage.

The next step is for the bill to be entered into the House of Representatives, combined with existing House Bill 212 in the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and voted upon before being sent to the Governor for signing into law. The bill will be entered into the House within the next 2 weeks.

State Government Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP said this is a great day for Amateur Radio in Ohio, and good news to have right before the Dayton Hamvention^R!


A video archive of the Senate session is now in the Ohio Senate website. Go to www.ohiosenate.gov, click on "Video Archive", "Session", "Session Video", and click the flash video for May 12th. Senate Bill 218 begins at the 35 minute mark. The testimony given by Senators Tim Schaffer and Tom Sawyer will make you proud to be a Ham Radio operator.

73, Frank Pipetz KJ8GW, Ohio SM

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What's coming in June 2010

- Tue Jun 1 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: Field Day, Eric N8YC; Youth DX Adventure Group, Don N6JRL & Dave KB8OCP
- Wed Jun 2 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri Jun 4 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 Jun 8 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location to be determined
- Wed Jun 9 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Sat Jun 12 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67 rptr

- Wed Jun 14 Flag Day 
9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- Fri Jun 18 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
- Sun Jun 20 Father's Day
- Tue Jun 22 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location varies
- Wed Jun 23 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Brian KC8JFN
- Fri Jun 25 ~2 PM Field Day set-up begins, Mitchell Memorial Forest (map pg 11)

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