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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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How some hams get to Dayton!

(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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May words from the Pres

Wow, May already, the year is moving by quickly. I want to start by thanking everyone who added to the great turnout for last month's meeting,. Brian K4BRI gave a great demo of PSK-31 equipment and software. In May we will be continuing this theme. I know Brian KC8FJN will have more information on that elsewhere in the newsletter.

Hopefully everyone has the spring cleaning done in the shack and has moved outside for those antenna projects we waited all winter to do. Remember, safety is the first concern. Make sure you have the proper tools and equipment before starting the job. Also, if you project involves tower work, a proper safety harness and lanyard are needed. NEVER climb a tower without being secured 100% of the time. Also never work on your tower alone, have help standing by in case it is needed. And don't forget the number one rule, avoid the power lines!!!

A couple of big events are right around the corner. First is the 2010 U.S. ARDF championships, of which OHKYIN is a sponsor. The event will be held May 21,22,&23 in the Oxford area. This is a high profile event for our club and plenty of help is needed. Contact WA6EZV or WB4SUV to help out. Also Field Day is just a little over a month away and preparations are in full swing. You can look forward to hearing more from Eric N8YC in the near future on this event.

With all that being said, take some time and get on the air. The HF bands are starting to come back to life and the 146.67 & 146.925 repeaters are working great. Get on the repeaters and make some contacts, that is why they are there!!

Until next month, 73 and good DX to you! *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is once again that time of the month; the time when I let you know what the topic is for the monthly meeting (May). This month we have our own WB8NUT Duffy, enlightening us with "Using Digital Modes and Programs - a non-technical guide to having fun with a computer and your radios". I am looking forward to seeing as many people as can come to our meeting.

73, *Bzian KC8FJN*

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Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec.

Center) preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance. 24 in attendance.

Proceeded to self introductions.

New licenses and upgrades: Not yet. Pat Maley was at the 1 Day Tech and is studying.
Meeting program: PSK-31 presented by Brian K4BRI & 2 History presentations. One in the *Q-Fiver* and the other on OH-KY-IN repeaters.
Business meeting started at 8:45 PM.
Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes for March 2010 club meeting. Eric KC8NMP motioned to accept as printed, John KC8VQU seconded.
Membership: Nathan KA3MTT not here but reported 93 members via email.
Treasurer: Nothing new to report.
Silent key: Ray Lamb W8LKX passed away Monday, March 29th, 2010.
Technical Committee: Tech. committee met. .67 controller to be replaced. Cavities at .625 to be replaced.
Equipment manager: Brian KC8FJN will be stopping by the repeater sites to make sure everything is inventoried correctly.
Education committee: 1 Day Tech class at the Red Cross building Downtown with 7 students. 8 students at the General Class at the St. Bernard Municipal building. Need VEs on April 29th @ 7PM at the St. Bernard Municipal Building.
Fundraising: Red, White & Blue Ash will be on Sunday, July 4th. New Location: The Duke Realty property at Reed Hartman & Glendale Milford Road.
Field Day: Planning has begun. Eric N8YC will chair that event.
Website: April Calendars online.
50th Anniversary committee: The committee met on Tuesday, March 16th. We'll meet again on Tuesday, April 13th, 2010 @ 7:30 PM at Bob KD8JRR and Louise KD8JRQ's QTH.
Old Business: Still looking for volunteers for the ARDF event. Send Bob an email @ wa6ezv@arrl.net if you're interested in helping.
New Business: Harry KM4CS talked about Covenants and restrictions. They are ridiculous... Contact your representatives... Check out the ARRL.org website for a form letter.
OH-KY-IN Band Plans were available at the meeting. They will be on the website.
The attendance prize winner was Ev Giglio KC8JR who was not present; he would have won \$30. The attendance prize will roll to \$35 for May.
Split the pot was \$20 and was won by Brian K4BRI.
John KC8VQU moved, Eric KC8NMP seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.
Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8QOS*, Recording Secretary

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Hams worldwide have been asked to keep 7.050 and 7.060 MHz clear for emergency communications in the wake of China's second major earthquake in a year, on April 13. According to the ARRL, the request came from the Chinese Radio Sports Association, which is coordinating ham radio activity in the relief efforts. Nearly 1200 people were killed by the 7.1-magnitude quake in Qinghai Province, another 10,000 were hurt and thousands of families were left homeless.

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OH-KY-IN in *QST*

Check the nice article and familiar names on page 73, May 2010 *QST* !
73, *Sam KJ8K*

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One-Day Ham Radio Class for Technician License

Study and get your Ham Radio Technician Class License right at Hamvention the same day!

When: Saturday 8 AM-4 PM

Where: Behind the Luso Tower in the East Hall

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This is a full day training class for the Technician Class Amateur Radio license.

STUDENTS MUST PRE-ENROLL PRIOR TO CLASS.

Upon enrollment, students will receive a course book, workbook and access to on-line pre-study materials.

Everything will be taught in class, along with several exciting demonstrations of amateur radio.

Exams will be conducted at the conclusion of class and a new Technician class license will be issued by the next day just in time to do some last minute radio shopping on Sunday!

Go to <http://www.hamclass.net/hamvclass.htm> for more details and enrollment information.

From HamVention® Yahoo group relayed by Dale KC8HQ5

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Oh-Ky-In Spring Apparel Sale!

ALL SHIRTS NOW \$10

(regardless of size)

Sizes available: L XL XXL XXL

HATS NOW ALSO \$10

Available at club meetings or

call Bruce N8BV at 513=251-1555

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<p>Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN 11641 Colthar Drive Bethel OH 45106-669 513=752-9570</p>

News story on WARN

WKRC was to air a story on the Weather Amateur Radio Network during the 5:30 show on Friday 4/9. A couple of weeks ago I did an interview with Michelle Boutillette at our net control point at WLW radio. That is what was to air We covered way too much to be included in a regular news story, and I know she wanted to include other information, so I'll have to see how it turns out after editing just like everyone else. Unfortunately I'll be at a track meet so will not be able to watch.

In any case, stories about WARN and the spotter program as a whole help raise awareness and interest. It's hoped you tuned in if you could.

73, Mike Nie W8VMX PIO, WARN

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ARRL Website finally up! (posted April 13)

All, Keep in mind that their nearly certainly will be glitches (misconnects) here and there with the new site. If you run into these, feel free to forward descriptions of the problems to me and I'll get these to the proper people at HQ.

Tnx, Jim Weaver K8JE, Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division

More ARRL Website comments

Finally... Looks great! Definitely an improvement! 73, Dale KC8HQ5

Check it out. www.arrl.org 73, Nathan Ciufo KA3MZZ

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A incidental comment by Ye Ed

You may recall Tasha, the calico tabby needing a home last issue? She was in luck! A neighbor of Sharon, the woman who advertised for a new home for her, took Tasha in.

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Humor must not professedly teach and it must not professedly preach, but it must do both if it would live forever. – Mark Twain

DX Spots - May 2010 de KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HI7-Dominican Rep. 5-1 thru 5-22 						1 S79-Seychelles thru 5-10 ----- ZF2CU-Cayman Isl thru 5-8
2 JD1-Ogasawara thru 5-14 	3	4	5	6	7 ISOR-Sardinia thru 5-15 	8
9	10	11	12 TK-Corsica thru 5-16 	13	14 Dayton Hamvention ® Weekend !!!	15 OH0-Aland Isl thru 5-28 
16	17	18 5W00X-Samoa thru 5-19 	19	20 VP5-Turks & Caicos thru 5-23 	21 VK9CLH-Lord Howe Isl thru 5-31 	22 T31X-Central Kiribati thru 6-1 
23 8Q7AT-Maldives thru 6-4 	24	25 JT9YW-Mongolia thru 6-2 	26	27	28 E4X-Palestine thru 6-6 	29
30	31					<i>The QFivet Apr 2010 pg 6</i>

A little DX note

MEXICO, XE. In celebration of the bicentennial of Mexico's independence and the centennial of the Mexican Revolution, Mexican stations may use the special prefix 4B throughout 2010. *ARLD014 DX news*, Apr 8

Sorry, no new **Approved for DXCC** this month. – *Ye Ed*
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Contests

May 2010

- 1-2 10-10 Spring Digital Contest; QRP-QRP Party, CW; MARAC CW & SSB contest; Microwave
- Spring Sprint; 7th Area QSO Party; IN QSO Party; Radio Club of America QSO Party; ARI International DX contest; New England QSO Party; 2GHz and up WW contest
- 8-9 Armed Forces Communications Test; CQ-M International DX contest; Portuguese Navy Day, SSB & CW; Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest; FISTS Spring Sprint, CW; NV QSO Party; 50 MHz Spring Sprint
- 15-16 EU PSK DX Contest; All America Contest, CW; Portuguese Navy Day , Digital; His Majesty, the King of Spain, Contest, CW; All America Contest, CW; Worked All Britain, phone
- 22-23 EU EME contest; Baltic Contest, SSB & CW
- 29-30 CQ WW WPX, CW; QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint, CW
- 31-June 1 MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint
- 30-31 Kids Roundup

Spring has sprung. Time for antenna work and contests! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Rotator and Control Needed for Field Day

Hello Folks!

We need a reliable and working rotator and control for our upcoming Field Day SSB station. If anyone has a spare that we could borrow for the event, please contact me. The ones we have are pretty much out of limits from many years of use.

Thanks!

73, *Eric N8YC*, Field Day chair

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Section Manager's notes (posted April 17)

The Ohio Section Journal, a quarterly publication for the Ohio Section about Ohio Section Hams, is now published for downloading on the Ohio Section Website, www.arrloho.org. There are a lot of great articles covering a wide area of topics. In this issue, you'll read of Antenna Legislation by SGL Nick Pittner K8NAP, along with articles by OOC Rick Swain KK8O; SEC Jack Sovik KB8WPZ; ASM articles by Connie Hamilton N8IO and Scott Yonally N8SY, as well as an inside look of ARRL headquarters by ASM Steve Katz N8WL.

This issue of the *OSJ* is the first issue being published by PIC Emily Wells KC8RAL. Emily has assumed the duties of the *OSJ* upon the retirement of ASM Ron Griffin N8AEH. Congratulations Emily!

The topic the past several weeks has been websites, both the ARRL and the Ohio Section Website.

Regarding the Ohio Section Website, ASM Webmaster Scott Yonally N8SY decided to give the website a "facelift" by streamlining the navigation to topics. It's a great improvement! Not too drastic so you don't get lost, but very effective. Stop over and check the site out when you go retrieve the Spring *OSJ*.

Now, let's talk about the new ARRL Website.... If you have not seen it yet, **please** visit www.arrl.org and take some time to navigate the whole site. VE session coordinators, PLEASE look over your VE sessions, and club presidents and club contacts, please look over your club information!!! This is critical to keep our information vital to the Amateur Radio operators of the section.

If you find something that is wrong with the content or functionality that the ARRL not aware of, please send an email to me <ki8gw@arrl.org>. If you are having general website problems, there is a "Having Trouble?" link at the bottom of most pages that will lead you to a "Contact Us" form that you can fill out to report the problem.

Over the past several weeks, ARRL HQ had Section Managers across the country testing the site for information content and functionality. There are still issues not resolved, (at this posting – *Ye Ed*) but the ARRL wanted to get this website out quickly. Just to let all of you know, I was unable to send Section e-mail until just a few days ago, so things are improving.

Yes, it looks nothing like the old site, and yes, it was easier to find things in the old site. But as we play with the site more, and explore its information, we'll become comfortable with it. I have determined that all of my issues fall under one large complaint of "who moved my cheese?" To help with that problem, if you look up at the top of the screen by where you log in, you'll see a favorites box; use it! It will store all of your favorite locations, and will make navigation much easier in the future, once you build that list up.

I see a lot of potential for the Ohio Section portion of the website, and I also like the "quazi-Facebook" function, where members can link to each other, and post profiles, and even pictures of themselves.

Go, explore, have fun, and report any problems with the new ARRL website! And thanks for being a Ham in the best Section of the ARRL!

73, *Frank Pipetz KJ8GW*, Ohio Section Manager

Out-take from March Clubs Report: OH-KY-IN is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. We congratulate them on their being around for 50 years. That's one heck of an accomplishment, and we salute them for that!! They have also begun offering Morse code lessons on Sunday nights as well. Check in on the CW net on the 146.925 repeater every Sunday evening at 7 PM.

The Salem Area Radio Association (SAARA) has a very nice article in their latest newsletter titled "Where Did All The Hams Go?" It is written by Bill McClaren KB8MNE. I actually read it twice to absorb all the information contained within this article. It does ask some rather interesting questions, and I really think you would want to read this article if you are a club officer. Connect to their website to read this article.

<http://www.qsl.net/saara/10-2q.pdf> (*Ye Ed* hopes this issue is still there.)

73 - *Scott N8SY*

Ohio Section News for May 2010 (new, posted Apr 28)

From the Section Manager's Desk:

Ohio PRB-1 Bill Status:

As of the last report, Senate Bill 218 is sitting on the Senate Floor, waiting on the Senate to show up and discuss it. For the past three weeks, SB 218 has been on the Senate Calendar, but we're not moving very fast.

House Bill 212, the partner bill in the House of Representatives, still sits in committee, having had its three readings. State Government Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP informed me as I was writing this, that Represen-

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tatives Stibelton and Okey are working to get this Bill voted out of Committee and moved to the House Floor, where hopefully it can get some feet and start moving.

We need to have people keep in contact with their State Senators and Representatives to keep these Bills in our legislators' minds. After July 1, when the House and Senate adjourn, we'll be required to start this process all over.

We drove the ball hard, it's near the green, and all we need to do is chip and putt, and it's in the hole! Let's not sit back and wait to see what happens. Keep in contact!

Special Event Station this weekend (May 2-3):

Assistant Section Manager Steve Katz N8WL (Central Ohio) informs me that The Central Ohio Operators Klub Extra-Novice (COOKEN) will host their second annual Special Event Station and Public Awareness Outing at Dawes Arboretum <http://www.dawesarb.org> between 1400-2000 GMT during their Arbor Day Celebration. They plan to operate on 40m SSB around 7180 KHz plus or minus QRM.

ARRL Website:

Please keep sending me the issues you are having with the new website. From your mouth to HQ's ear when you let me know. While I've been to club meetings and Hamfests recently, I have received many good and not-so-great opinions. I appreciate your honesty when speaking with me on this topic.

Dayton Hamvention^R:

May 14, 15, and 16... do I need to say more? I'll be out running around the ARRL Expo, and everywhere else. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

That's it for now... 73! *Frank Pipez KJ8GW* - Ohio Section Manager

Now onto the Affiliated Club Coordinators Report, by Acting ACC Scott Yonally N8SY:

Hi Gang,

Wow.. The weather is really weird this year. It's cold, then hot and then rainy and sunny all in just one day! I don't know about you, but I sure enjoyed our short term day of warm weather. I got a lot of those French things done around the house, you know, mow 'd lawn - cut'd grass. Hi.. Hi.. It seems like we beg for the grass to grow all winter long and when it comes time that it actually needs mowed, it's a chore. Oh well. Update on Joanne and Larry. I have spoken with Joanne and she tells me that they now have a build date for their home. It's been a slow process, but they are getting there. They are both doing just fine, but Joanne did tell me that it's no fun being out of your pets and the house that you loved for so many years. I can agree.

As I have reported so many times, the Ohio Section website continues to move forward. The latest change was to get everything compartmentalized so that it would be easier to find. Simply put, if it is an activity of the Ohio Section, that's where you'll find it. If it is something that is more for the Division, then you'll click on the Division tab. Anyway, you get the idea.

We've had a number of folks from around the Section send me additional information about their local and district nets to be added to the Ohio County Map. That's great!

Now, let's kick it up a notch, as Emeril would say... Let's not think small, let's look at this Ohio Map as a directory where not only nets are listed, but how about the various clubs in that county as well. We could list club information, contact information, website information and so on. Heck, we could even insert a request for **more** information that would email whomever your club contact person is. There are a lot of possibilities with this concept and I'm willing to try most anything!

I do request something from you, however. I need data. I know a lot of hams in the state, but please don't take for granted that I know everyone, including their email addresses and phone numbers. I need you to submit what you would like to do with all the information. Does your club have a logo? Send it to me and we can post that on the site as well.

Now don't forget that we also have a Section Calendar on our website too. 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!! Absolutely no cost to you.

Dayton will be coming up in the middle of May. I will be working the Legislative booth with many of my fellow hams, please stop by and say hi!

That's 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 A.C.C. as well!

73 - Scott N8SY

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Steve Lewis <n8tfd@one.net> provided a list of **Flying Pig** sign-ups as of Apr 9; some Oh-Ky-Ins were on the list to work at the Sunday, May 2 event:

Brian KC8FJN Tim KJ4HPG Lynn WD8JAW Francis N8PEE Rick KD4PYR Jim N8ZZW

Many others from other clubs have also signed up for the 12th annual event.

Bob W8JSO & Brad WD9HDZ plan to sing with the Delta Kings chorus at the Eden Park overlook for the runners, as the chorus has done for years.

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The **Amateur Radio Antenna Defense Foundation**, or ARADF, has just been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization's CFO, Marty N6VI announces, "Amateurs seeking to install antennas and support structures may jump through local regulatory hoops, sometimes paying significant fees in the process, only to be turned down or to be burdened with severe restrictions that preclude effective communication. Turning to the courts can be prohibitively costly for the ham, while cities have taxpayer-funded attorneys on staff, giving them the upper hand. The goal of ARADF is to help level the playing field with financial assistance that will allow deserving antenna lawsuits to go forward." ARADF will concentrate on lower-court cases and is supportive of but not affiliated with the American Radio Relay League. A Web site is being developed and should be online shortly. (Thanks, Dennis N6KI) from *ARRL Contest Update* for April 28, 2010

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Hamfests &c. May 2010

May 14-16 58th Annual Dayton Hamvention^R, sponsored by Dayton ARA at Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd (Trotwood). Doors open Fri 8 AM-6 PM, Sat 8 AM-5 PM, Sun 8 AM-1 PM. Theme: "Amateur Radio Clubs Worldwide: The Lifeline". Dealers, acres of fleas, handicap access, field checking of QSL cards, re-freshments, seminars & forums, tailgating, VE sessions at 2:30 PM Fri, 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM Sat (no pre-registration, no fee), a whole lot MORE!! Talk-in 146.94, 146.64, 223.94, 442.1. \$20 advance (Debco, R&L or by mail), \$25 door, valid all 3 days. 12 or younger free when accompanied by paying ticket holder.

Info: Lee Boeckerman W8LFB, 937=276-6930, <info@hamvention.org>, www.hamvention.org

May 23 South Bend IN Hamfest sponsored by Michiana ARC at Elks Club, 3535 E McKinley Ave. Set-up 5-8 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions. Talk-in: 147.33 (131.8 Hz). \$5 Info: Jack Styles N9TAG, 574=287-4408, <stylesjack1@hotmail.com>, community.michiana.org/marcsite

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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

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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

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>

2d Sat odd months except July: Hamilton (Butler Co), Butler Co VHF Assn at D Russell Lee Joint Vocational School Communications Ctr, 3603 Hamilton-Middletown Rd (Rt 4). Registration 8:30 AM, exams at 9 AM; walk-ins OK. All licence classes. Info: Ted Wilson K8TCR, 513=868-7012, <twk8tcr@fuse.net>. Talkin 146.97

Dayton too, of course, as above!

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.

ARRL Web Site: Find Your Way Around the New ARRL Web Site

By ARRL News Editor S. Khrystyne Keane K1SFA in ARRL Letter, April 22, 2010

When the new ARRL Web site launched on April 13, we received an overwhelming, enthusiastic response to it. But along with that, we have also received a few questions on how to find certain features on the new site. Click [here](#) for a quick guide to find some of the more popular features, such as the ARRL Periodical Archive Search and Logbook of The World, on the new ARRL Web site.



Have you forgotten your password? When you click on "Forgot Password?", you will be directed to a page that, upon verification, will grant you a temporary password. You can then change your password in the "Edit your Profile" section.

Have you forgotten your password? You can easily get a temporary password by clicking on the "[Forgot Password?](#)" link, located directly under the log-in box at the top of the page (see photo). You can either request a temporary password via e-mail (you must use the e-mail you originally used to register for the previous ARRL Web site), or you may retrieve a temporary password immediately by providing your user name (for hams, this is usually your call sign) and your ARRL member ID number (found on your *QST* mailing label). You must also provide either your call sign or your last name. Click [here](#) to receive a temporary password.

We have also received



The "Your Favorites" feature is a "bookmark" system for the ARRL Web site.

inquiries regarding the "Favorites" function on the new Web site. Once you successfully log in to the Web site, you will see a drop-down box that says "Your Favorites" right underneath your name (see photo). Go to any page on the new ARRL Web site. Would you like to find it in just one step? The "Your Favorites" feature will do just that! When you are on the desired page, just click on the "Your Favorites" drop-down menu, click "Add to Favorites" then click the "Go" button. Now you have stored that Web page as one of your favorites; each time you wish to go to that page, you can just access it

through the "Your Favorites" drop-down menu (see photo).



You can easily add pages from the ARRL Web site to "Your Favorites." Just go to the desired page, click the "Your Favorites" drop-down menu, then click "Add To Favorites" and then click on the "Go" button.


Of course, with a project as large as the new ARRL Web site, there are still some bugs to be worked out. Our IT Department is busy fixing them, so please know that we are trying to solve these problems as quickly as possible.

Member news not run in April...

Harry Riggs KM4CS is now an Extra!
Also, Brian deYoung K4BRI got married!

... because it happened after issue was printed
Brad WD9HDZ's barbershop chorus, the Delta Kings, placed 6th in Johnny Appleseed Distr contest in Cleveland with a new director.
Susie N8CGM's SweetAdelines chorus, Cincinnati Sound, placed 3d again in Region 4 contest in Covington.

What's happening in May 2010

- Sun May 2 7:00 PM CW training net on 146.925 repeater
- Tue May 4 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: Club member Duffy Beischel WB8NUT on "Using Digital Modes & Programs"
- Wed May 5 Mexican Independence Day 
9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri May 7 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 May 8 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on
146.67 rptr
- Sun May 9 Mother's Day
7:00 PM CW training net on 146.925 repeater
- Tue May 11 7:30 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location to be determined
- Wed May 12 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Fri-Sun 58th Annual Dayton Hamvention^R, see Hamfests &c. above
- May 14-16
- Sun May 16 7:00 PM CW training net on 146.925 repeater
- Wed May 12 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- Sat-Sun ARDF USA in Hueston Woods & Oxford Nature Preserve; get with either WA6EZV
May 21-23 or WB4SUV, both @arrl.net or visit <http://www.usardf2010.com>
- Fri May 21 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 820 Sycamore St
- Sun May 23 7:00 PM CW training net on 146.925 repeater
- Tue May 25 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location varies
- Wed May 26 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.925 rptr, NCS Brian KC8JFN
- Sun May 30 7:00 PM CW training net on 146.925 repeater

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Mon May 31

Memorial Day, observed



Tue Jun 1 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard

Program: to be announced



Ham Radio Is A Real Value

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By *Mike Hertz WA6AR*

As a kid in the '60s I hung around my father, WB6MNX, and his ham buddies. The talk in those days was pretty much similar to now, what features their new rig had. But one thing I now note is that each ham had but one rig, yep, just one rig. It was usually a HF rig, and it was used both in the house and in the car. Before the 2 meter revolution everyone, except for the few brave experimenters in the VHF regions, was on the HF bands. But why did most ops have only one rig? The answer is simple economics; radio equipment was expensive back then.

As a novice I would lust over the Heathkit "perfect" novice station, the DX-60B, HR-10 receiver and HG-10B VFO. Wow! 90 watts on CW or AM on 80, 40,

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(*cntd from right-hand box*) 20, 15 and 10 meters (In my Novice days we only had privileges on 80, 40 and 15 meter). But with a price tag of \$200 it was way out of reach for a lot of people, especially for a teenager.

Today ham radios are much cheaper and offer much more features than rigs available to Amateurs in the mid 1960s. I cannot comment on every ham's financial situation but when comparing selling prices, average salaries and technological features, Amateur Radio is a bargain today.

Let's take a look at the previously mentioned DX-60B, HR-10 and HG-10B station. In 1965 it cost about \$200, only offered two modes (AM and CW), took up an entire desktop and it generated enough heat to warm half the house.

Adjusted for inflation the "perfect" Heathkit novice station would cost \$1,323.00 today! Compared to entry level radios today that offer 100 watts on all Amateur bands, all modes (AM, FM, CW, SSB and digital), dual VFOs, general coverage receive and all sorts of bells and whistles, not to mention outstanding dynamic receivers and clean, stable transmitted signals, when adjusted for inflation, would have cost less than half the price of the 1965 model.

The Heathkit HW-101, an entry level SSB rig for many operators during the '60s and 70s, sold as a kit in 1971 for \$350. In today's dollars that same unit would be \$1,849, which buys a heck of a lot more radio than the old '101.

The biggest bang for the buck is in a piece of equipment that we all use, a 2 meter rig. Back at the time the 2 meter revolution was in full swing FM transceivers were selling for about \$300 to \$500 which translates to thousands of dollars today. There were a few synthesized models but most were crystal controlled which meant purchasing a pair of crystals, one each for transmit and receive for each channel that you wanted to operate and were limited to two to ten channels. They were about the size of a large book and operated at 2 to 5 watts output. Today you can buy a shirt pocket handheld or a 65 watt mobile transceiver, fully synthesized 100 channels, scanning, CTCSS encode/decode, etc for what amounts to about \$28 in 1971 dollars.

Ham radio is CHEAP. In the 60s the typical ham had to work for a month to buy a rig, today it is more like one week. I remember in 1965 when dad bought a SBE-34 and he had to buy it on time because it was just so expensive.

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Compared to other hobbies and recreation, ham radio is a steal. You can be on the air with the local repeater for about \$150. A complete 100 watt HF station including an antenna is less than \$1000. If you are a builder, parts have never been cheaper or more available. A couple of minutes on the internet and you can order parts and have them at your house in a couple of days. No more waiting for the once a year trip to the Hamfest.

Of course you can spend tens of thousands of dollars creating the ultimate station. There is no limit as to what you can spend on any hobby but there a tremendous value to anyone who is attracted to Amateur Radio. Let's compare Amateur radio to other past times. A decent 4 wheel drive vehicle, with the extras to keep up with others in the local 4 WD club might set you back \$30K. That boat for water skiing or fishing during the summer is about the same. How about the home computer? Again, about the cost of a HF rig and you buy a new one every couple of years or so. Ham radio cost a fraction of what it did in the past and offers twenty times the features. So get out and enjoy ham radio and stop feeling guilty about the money!

From *ARRL Club News* for June 2008, *Noem Fusato W3JZ*, ed.

WA8SSI/SK de Greg wg8z

I received the message below regarding Bill Beach WA8SSI becoming a SK on Monday, April 5
Although I'm not sure if Bill was active with OH-KY-IN at any time, he was very active locally with amateur radio in general, especially in the Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, and was always very well known around the traffic handlers locally as well as state wide and beyond. Bill Beach WA8SSI will be missed !! 73, *Bruce N8BV*

A local service was planned, then one in Lancaster, Ohio where he was to be interred with his XYL.

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WD8DCB - Don Kent sent April 23

My husband, WD8DCB DONALD H. KENT, is in the hospital for the 2nd time in 2 weeks. First at Good Sam for A-Fib and now Mercy Western Hills for weakness and a bad urinary infection. All kinds of specialists has been seeing him and giving him tests. He has been a little confused, but eats good. They were worried about giving him Coumadin (blood thinner) at Good Sam for fear he would fall and that would be bad. Now, at Mercy they are giving him Coumadin and Heparin to prevent blood clots. He has been unable to get out of bed on his own. Good Sam never tried to get him up the whole time he was there. Mercy Western Hills plans physical therapy once the tests are completed and reviewed. His room number is 383 - Tel. 389-5632. Thought his ham friends would like to know. Thanks.

Janet H. Kent

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