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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)

## October 2010 Volume 50 Number 10

### October pearls of wisdom: Fall is Falling

As I write this, we are seeing the first "cool" fall day. Those days of 90 degrees plus are now just a memory on our electric bill. There are several things going on this month that are worthy of a mention.

First is our October program. Jim Weaver K8JE will make his annual visit to us. For those who may not be aware, Jim is the Great Lakes Division Director for the ARRL. Jim always gives us an informative review on League activities. The League is constantly at work to preserve our portions of the radio spectrum and to make sure amateur radio has a voice on Capitol Hill.

Second, Sam KJ8K and his nominating crew are hard at work securing a platform of candidates for the 2011 club officers. If you have ever thought about running for an officer position, make **this** your year to do so. Serving in a leadership role within the club is a very rewarding thing to do. If you are interested, feel free to approach Sam and let your intentions be known!

The final item for this month comes with a note of sadness. Several of you may have heard Bob Frey WA6EZV, mention at the meeting last month that it will be his last. Bob is pulling up stakes here in Ohio and is headed to the beaches of Florida. Bob has been a member of our club longer than most can remember. There is probably not a job or position within the club that Bob has not done at some point. Bob has been a great elmer to many, and I must say, one of the best fox hunters and contesters I have known. Please join in wishing Bob the best in his new QTH. Bob, you **will** be missed.

Until next month, have a safe and happy fall. See you on the air!!

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

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### Next meeting

Ladies and gentlemen,

As Gary said just above, this time ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE has indicated that he plans to come and update us on what's going on in the League.

This will take place at the members' meeting, Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 PM at the now-usual location (see mast page opposite.)

73 *Brian KC8FJN*

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### Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 07, 2010

Vice-President Brian KC8FJN called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) proceeded by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 20 in attendance.

Proceeded to self introductions.

New licenses/Upgrades: Pat KD8PAT upgraded to General.

Health and Wellfare: None

Brag Session: Ted WB8VNV toured MFJ Electronics.

Bob WA6EZV is moving to Florida at the end of the month. Bob has been a long time member (some 30 years).

Meeting program: Bob WA6EZV gave a great presentation on the computer software Logger32.

Break was at 8:20 PM & was 20 minutes long.

Brian KC8FJN thanked Ted WB8VNV for working the hospitality table.

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

Jerry KB8UBG moved to accept as printed in *The Q-Fiver*, Eric KC8NMP seconded.

Silent key: Bruce N8BV still brought some items to the meeting from Ray Lamb's radio estate. Good deals were had!

Tech Committee: Brian K4BRI reported for Russ WB9ZCC that the 146.625 repeater will be back on the air soon.

Equipment manager: The QSO party is over so Brian KC8FJN will finalize the equipment lists soon.

Tech Talk: Bruce N8BV reported that he's looking for a Net Control station for October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can help out, please email Bruce N8BV @ n8bv@juno.com

Old Business: None

New Business: Nominating committee

The attendance prize winner was Harry Riggs KM4CS who was not present and would have won \$55. The attendance prize will roll to \$60 for October.

Split the pot was \$22 and was won by Fred K9OHE.

Bob WA6EZV mentioned there may be some new DXCC entities due to the Dutch breaking up some countries.

Sam KJ8K moved to adjourn, Eric KC8NMP seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*

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Wanted to pass along an ARDF article on the ARRL website. Dick WB4SUV is mentioned in the article and there's a great picture of him along with Team USA. Great job in representing the country!

<http://www.arrl.org/news/ardf-update-three-medals-for-team-usa-at-the-2010-ardf-world-championships>  
73, *Nathan KA3MCC*

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After a late start, the **Tech Committee** met at the 146.625 site and re-installed the repeater, duplexer and new Arcom controller. With work completed, the committee relaxed a bit during testing with Stewart's Root Beer and Orange Creme Sodas, Moon Pies, and enjoyed light entertainment provided by yo-yo's and Chinese finger traps (you think I'm kidding).

As it stands, we'd like the membership to test drive this latest configuration. While there are still more bugs to work out, and a small learning curve to overcome with the new controller, for now it's "steady as she goes."

So as of 9:30 PM September 23rd, .625 is alive!

N8BV, KB8MYC, K4BRI, and KC8FJN were also in attendance. They literally did all the heavy lifting, nothing would have happened without them. Thanks to all.

73, *Russ WB8ZCC* Technical Committee chair



**Radio's Plus**  
**Joe Davidson KB8SBN**  
**11641 Colthar Drive**  
**Bethel OH 45106-9969**  
**513 = 752-9570**

More re CSC show: contact N8CGM for tickets (contact info on mast page) or you may order online at [www.cincinnati-sound.org](http://www.cincinnati-sound.org), where you may use credit if you wish. Credit tix to be held at will-call.



### Hamfests &c.

- 3 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Bedford IN Hamfest sponsored by Hoosier Hills Ham Club at Lawrence Co 4-H Fairgrounds. US Hwy 50 W. Set-up Sat 12N-9 PM (all times Eastern), free chili & hot dog supper. Public 6 AM-2 PM. Sun. \$8, under 12 free. Talk-in: 146.73 (107.2 Hz). Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, tailgating, VE exams: register 11 AM, exams at 12 N. Info: Mike Wright KF9NP, 812=849-4230, <vicepres39@yahoo.com>, [www.hoosierhillshamfest.com](http://www.hoosierhillshamfest.com)
- 9 Crown Point IN Hamfest sponsored by Lake Co ARC at Lake Co Fairgrounds, 889 S Court St. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-1 PM. \$5. Talk-in: 147.0 (131.8 Hz), 146.52. All indoors. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, VE exams: walk-ins OK, exams start at 9 AM. Info: Rich Gilles KA9SVS, <paris156@yahoo.com>, [www.lakenetnwi.net/member/lcarc](http://www.lakenetnwi.net/member/lcarc)  
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### October 2010

#### The following operations are now approved for DXCC credit:

- Rwanda, 9X0TL, 2010 operation. –ARRL DXNews 35, Sep 2, 2010
- Prince Edward and Marion Island, ZS8M, current operation. If you've had cards rejected for this operation send an email to [dxcc@arrl.org](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org) for an update to your DXCC record. –ARRL DXNews 37, Sep 16, 2010
- Bhutan, A52J, 2010 operation; Tristan Da Cunha and Gough Islands, ZD9HGW, 1999 operation; Chatham Island, ZL7/N7OU, 2009 operation. –ARRL DXNews 39, Sep 23, 2010

**Pls note new feature:** Underlined DXpeditions now lead to websites for them, when clicked on *in electronic edition*. Tnx Nathan KA3MTT for implementing this!

# October 2010 – DX Spots

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Z2-Zimbabwe thru 11-1  					1	2
3	4 5R8RJ- Madagascar thru 10-29  	5 KG4AS- Guantanamo Bay thru 10-19  	6 <a href="#">TO7ZG- St Barthalemey thru 10-20</a> ----- ZD8ZZ- Ascension thru 10-19	7 MJ-Jersey thru 10-9 ----- <a href="#">H40KJ- Temotu thru 10-22</a>	8 PJ-St Eust.& Saba thru 10-23 ----- PJ2-Curacao thru 10-18	9 MU-Guernsey thru 10-16
10 JW-Svalbard thru 10-14 ----- <a href="#">PJ7E- St. Maarten thru 10-20</a>	11 <a href="#">5V7TT-Togo thru 10-23</a> ----- <a href="#">PJ4-Bonaire thru 11-2</a>	12 ZD9GI-Tristin da Cunha thru 11-12  	13	14	15 PJ7-St Maarten thru 10-22 ----- <a href="#">C91- Mozambique thru 10-31</a>	16
17	18 E51NOU- South Cook Is thru 11-13  	19	20 <a href="#">OX-Greenland thru 10-30</a> ----- V47JA-St Kitts & Nevis thru 11-10	21 <a href="#">CY0-Sable Is thru 10-29</a> ----- <a href="#">A25-Botswana thru 11-3</a>	22	23
24	25 6V7T-Senegal thru 11-1  	26 <a href="#">FP-St Pierre &amp; Miquelon thru 11-2</a> ----- 5R8X- Madagascar thru 11-10	27 <a href="#">9X0SP- Rwanda thru 11-2</a>	28	29	30
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## Contests

October 2010

- 2-3 PSK Rumble-The Fall Classic, PSK; Oceania DX Contest, SSB; EU Autumn Sprint, SSB; CA QSO Party, SSB & CW; RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB & CW; EPC Russian DX Contest
- 5 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW
- 6 Fall VHF Sprint, 432 MHz all mode
- 8-10 10-10 Sprint, all mode; YLRL Anniversary Party, CW; Oceania DX Contest, CW; Worked All Britain contest, SSB; Makrothen RTTY contest; ARRL EME Contest; EU Autumn Sprint, CW; PA QSO Party, all modes; AZ QSO Party, all modes; FISTS Fall Sprint, CW; NA RTTY Sprint; SKCC Weekend Sprint, CW
- 16-18 Great Pumpkin Sprint, digital; JARTS WW RTTY Contest; QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, CW; Stew Perry Warm-up Contest, CW 160m of course!; Worked All Germany Contest, SSB & CW; Feld-Hell Spooky Sprint, Digital modes; Fall VHF Sprints, all modes; IL QSO Party, SSB & CW; IA QSO Party, SSB & CW; NY QSO Party, SSB & CW; Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW; School Club Roundup, all modes
- 23-24 W/VE Islands QSO Party, all modes; 10-10 Fall CW QSO Party; Scandinavian YLRA Contest; FOC QSO Party
- 30-31 CQ WW SSB Contest; 10-10 Fall Digital QSO Party; Fall VHF Sprints, all modes

October is a **busy** contest month, as you see. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan KJ4AV*



For the **9th year running**, the US Office of Personnel Management has designated the ARRL to participate in the **2010 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)**. In the past, this campaign for federal government civilian employees, US Postal Service workers and members of the military has generated almost \$140,000 for ARRL programs since it first became an option for giving by federal employees to the League. The CFC provides an easy way to support ARRL's effort to represent its members and all radio amateurs.

Similar to the United Way, the CFC encourages individuals to pledge by payroll deduction to non-profit organizations of their choice. The ARRL encourages eligible radio amateurs to consider the League when designating campaign recipients. Payroll deduction through the CFC is an easy way for participants to support ARRL over and above their annual membership. Such contributions support programs that are not funded by member dues, enriching ARRL's ability to serve its members and all of Amateur Radio. Those wishing to select the ARRL to receive all or part of their payroll deductions should designate organization **10099** when completing their CFC donor forms. Donations to ARRL can be designated for Diamond Club contributions, the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund or the ARRL Education & Technology Program. Donors applied according to the donor's wishes and the contribution or pledge can be properly acknowledged. may also make unrestricted contributions to the League.

**One important note:** Since the CFC does not provide the ARRL with the names of individual donors, the ARRL Development Office would appreciate a copy of the donor form to ensure that each contribution is. From *The ARRL Letter* for Sep 16, 2010

## Weaver's words --Where did summer go? [Reply to k8je@arrl.org]

- Michigan Net QMN 75 Years Strong
- Please take the new Great Lakes Division Survey
- Hamfest/Swap Committee Members: Two Things to Think About

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- ARRL Foundation Awards more than Scholarships
  - Kentucky QSO Party in November
  - Webinar Limitations
  - Please Help when Writing to Me
  - New Division Website
  - This Month's Final
  - Tentative Travel, Hamfest and Activity Schedule

### +++ Michigan Net QMN 75 Years Strong +++

Congratulations to the Michigan Net QMN on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding. QMN appears to be the oldest net in the country.

Information about the Net attributes the beginning of the Net to a vote taken in early 1935 by the Detroit Amateur Radio Association. Crystal control of transmitters was relatively new at the time so the Club used this new technology to get all members of the new net on the same frequency.

The celebration of QMN's founding will be marked on October 23 by several activities. Among these will be Special Event station K8QMN from Owosso MI. The station will operate on or near 3563 kHz and 7050 kHz from 2 PM to 5 PM Central time. A banquet will follow. The station is likely to return to the air following the banquet.

A special commemorative certificate will be issued to operators who contact K8QMN during the QMN Diamond Jubilee operation.

I look forward to participating in the activities in Owosso. This anniversary clearly will be a memorable event.

Read more about Michigan Net QMN at <http://michigannet.org/>. Click on the News Bulletin link to see what is planned for its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

### +++ Please take the new Great Lakes Division Survey +++

As one feature of the new Great Lakes Division website, it is very practical to seek your opinions and wishes by taking surveys or polls. The first of the new surveys is available. I hope you will go to it and take a few brief minutes to let me know your feelings about the topics covered. Go to [www.arrl-greatlakes.org](http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org), and click on the Surveys/Feedback link to access the poll. This survey will be open until September 15. (*What's with this?? Survey shoulda closed by now, but go try anyway – Ye Ed*)

The questions are multiple-choice or multiple choice plus fill-in the blank. If you feel you cannot answer a question adequately through a multiple-choice answer, please use a fill-in the blank space if it is for the relevant question. If there is no space to fill in for a particular question, please go to the end of the survey questions and add your comments in the "Do you have any further comments that you'd like to make?" box placed there. You may also go to the Blog Board (link on the left side of the page) or e-mail comments to me. Thanks.

### +++ Hamfest/Swap Committee Members: Two Things to Think About +++

Hamfest/Swap committees have a lot to think about when they plan and promote their events. I commend you for the hard work you put in to making these activities successful and enjoyable for members of your clubs as well as for the many non-club members who come to spend time in eyeballing friends and searching for treasured junque. Here are two things to think about that just might make your coming events a little more enjoyable and even entice a few more people to attend them.

The first thought relates to a service to amateurs. Specifically, it involves offering QSL card checking. Even though card checking is not listed as a planned service at most hamfests, amateurs who attend these



often ask me if a card checker is there. Card checking requests involve QSLs for DXCC and WAS, and cover UHF, VHF and HF activities.

By arranging ahead of time for a card checker to attend a fest and then publicizing his planned presence, the hamfest committee just may do a service for itself as well as for the ham public.

What would this cost the committee? My guess is it would involve a free admission ticket, a table and a chair for the card checker. Electric service to the table may also be helpful.

To find a card checker to serve those who attend your hamfest/swap, go to <http://www.arrl.org/card-checkers>. Click on Great Lakes Division.

The second thought regards free handouts from ARRL. HQ no longer automatically sends a large box of free goodies to each sanctioned hamfest. It typically sends four prizes valued at \$200, a pack of Frequency Charts/WAS Maps and a pack of ARRL membership applications . . . and instructions on how to get additional, free as well as relatively inexpensive goodies for your fest.

Unless someone on the hamfest committee pays attention to the letter and form that accompanies the prizes, you will get nothing more. But to get more, all that is needed is to determine what you want to ask for, and to ask for it.

I will not go into the rationale for the change in practice. The main thing is for someone on the hamfest committee to review the letter and goodies request form soon after it is received, determine what freebies you think will be useful to the hams who attend your hamfest and to ask for these from HQ.

There are excellent handouts available at absolutely no charge and with no shipping expense to the committee. Be sure to ask for the number of packets or copies of the freebies you believe will be useful. If you also want items that are available at cost, you may order these as well. Ordering any of these is fully discretionary.

If you have any questions about this, please let me know. Keep in mind that the agreement entered in with ARRL is to collaborate with the organization in providing information of interest to amateurs about the League that can be gotten free from HQ and to make it available at your hamfest on a prominent ARRL-only location. The effort involved in reviewing a list of free material, ordering it at no cost and placing the material on an ARRL table isn't really very much.

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+++ **ARRL Foundation Awards more than Scholarships** +++

after this came Weaver's words part 2 ...

*I never cease to amaze myself over the variety of new goofs I can make using a computer. If you received the current Weaver's Words down to the topic heading listed below, here is "the rest of the story." I don't know what I did to cut this off from the upper part of this issue, but I apparently did it!*

Jim

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+++ *ARRL Foundation Awards more than Scholarships* +++

but nothing followed this, neither in Weaver's words part 2 nor on the ARRL Great Lakes website

-Ye Ed

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Section Manager

September 17, 2010

**To: All Amateur Radio Clubs in the Ohio Section**

**Re: Ohio House Bill 212 and Ohio Senate Bill 218**

This letter is being sent to all Amateur Radio Clubs in the Ohio Section to bring you the latest information on Ohio House Bill 212 and Ohio Senate Bill 218. Each of these bills request that all Ohio Municipalities adopt Federal PRB-1, to allow for licensed Radio Amateurs to erect reasonable antennas on their property.

The following text is authored by ARRL State Government Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP, and gives a current status of these State Bills. It also gives contact information of the House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee members, in which these Bills currently reside. I am asking you to forward this letter to your newsletter editor and/or webmaster for immediate publication.

I appreciate your efforts on this matter, and I appreciate everything you clubs do to promote Amateur Radio in the Ohio Section.

73,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frank J. Piper KI8GW'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Frank J. Piper KI8GW

ARRL Section Manager – Ohio

Attachment

From: Nick Pittner K8NAP

ARRL State Government Liaison, Ohio Section (the attachment)

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It's an election year. Every office in the Ohio House of Representatives is open for election in November. Some members are term-limited and can't run. Others may choose not to run, while most who can will run. In the meantime, nothing is happening by way of committee hearings or efforts to pass legislation. But, there is a curious event that often happens between the general election and the end of the year when the legislative term is about to expire. It is called the "lame duck" session, and it often results in the passage of a large number of dammed-up bills that have been waiting for attention while more important matters (e.g., elections) were being tended to.

At this point we don't know for sure if there will be a lame duck session in the Ohio General Assembly this year. But, if there is one, we very much want our antenna legislation, H.B. 212 and S.B. 218 to be passed as part of that session. S.B. 218 has already passed the full Senate and been transmitted to the House, where it has been assigned to the Homeland Security Committee. What is now needed is for the Homeland Security Committee to pass the bill on for a floor vote of the entire House of Representatives. Passage there would result in the bill being transmitted to the governor for signature.

So, how do we make that happen? Remember, it's politics. At the moment, the House of Representatives is controlled by the Democrats. However, every vote matters, so if you haven't called your representative, regardless of political affiliation, in support of this legislation, now's the time to do that. Four representatives who hold leadership positions are especially important to our effort at the moment. The first is Speaker Armond Budish, who represents the 8<sup>th</sup> District in Cleveland (Columbus office telephone number 614-466-5441) The other two are Matt Szollosi, Speaker Pro Tempore, who represents the 49<sup>th</sup> District in Toledo, (466-1418) and Jay Goyal, Majority Whip, who represents the 73<sup>rd</sup> District in Mansfield (466-5802). Finally the Chair of the Homeland Security Committee, Tracy Heard of Columbus (466-8010). Those of you who live in any of their districts are especially encouraged to make a call, as soon as possible and encourage you fellow-amateurs to do likewise. Better yet, how about a reminder at your next club meeting?

If we are not successful in getting our legislation passed and signed into law by the end of this year we must start all over again next year. Let's make this our year and get on to more important things, like enjoying the sunspot cycle. It's up to you!

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### **VE exam opportunities**

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

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

**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

**Wed Oct 6, 6:30 PM:** in the Verity Lodge Miami University-Middletown, Middletown OH sponsored by DIAL ARC. Doors open for registration at 6 PM. Please plan to arrive early as all registration must be completed by 7 PM. NCVEC Form 605, Application for License, will be available at test site. Map to exam site and/or NCVEC 605 form available from K8CM for SASE. (Request electronic copy from <k8cm@arrl.net>) Special examination accommodations must be requested at least 2 weeks prior to test date. More info: Dave Williamson KD8W, 513=424-5819 or Carl Morgan K8CM, 513=422-9384. Talk-in available on 146.61 (-600), 77Hz PL.

**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.

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### From the SM's desk

BOO! Did I scare you? It's hard to believe October is here already. That means two things are on my mind (well, three if you count me trying to seek out the trick-or-treat candy Jackie has hidden around here...)

1.) Simulated Emergency Test this weekend, Oct 2-3. Be sure to check into your local Traffic Nets, or the Ohio Single Sideband Net (3972.5 kHz) and generate traffic. This is the weekend we try to overload and run a stress test for the National Traffic System. For more information from the League on this exercise, visit [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) and hit the main link in the scrolling headlines.

2.) Ohio Section and ARES Conference, which will be held October 16. The location is the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, 2080 Citygate Drive in Columbus. The doors open at 8 AM, and we'll wrap up around 3 PM. The tentative schedule is under Section News on the Section website,

<http://www.arrlohio.org>

To help get some headcount, please send me an e-mail <ki8gw@arrl.org>, and let us know how many from your clubs or ARES groups are attending. Thanks!

73, *Frank Pipez KJ8GW* OH SM

Now here's the **ACC report**, by Interim ACC Scott Yonally N8SY:

Hi Gang,

Fall has definitely arrived! Cold nights and the leaves turning colors along with Friday night high school football and ham clubs meeting in regular session again are the best indicators of it. Are you a regular dues paying member of a club? If not, why not? With literally hundreds of clubs to join around the state, why not find a club where you are welcome and join in the fun.

This month I am going to highlight a particular form on the Ohio Section Website. FSD-212 is the form that the ECs and DEC's need to know by heart. By now all of the ECs and DEC's are very aware that they are to fill out this form each month for their area.

For many years this form has been available on the website but, it didn't work. Or when it did, it wasn't consistent enough to rely on. That's now changed! I am now tracking each and every report through the system. In our ideal world I should see a report from every EC and DEC in our state. Now, I am telling you all of this because I want you to know that these reports are being watched. Yes, big brother is watching you. I have done it because we need to have these reports on a consistent basis, and if you don't have confidence in the system, you won't use it. So, with that said, if you have a question about your submitted form, please contact me right away. I can let you know exactly what was sent and when it was sent. This tracking actually started last month. I was able to track every form that was correctly submitted. Now I state it that way because there are still some of you who are not going to the right website. In order for this form to work, you need to be checked in on the Ohio Section website. You'll find it at:

<http://www.arrloho.org>

I recognize that this needs to be a two-way street. I am working on a program that will auto-forward you the completed form for your records. This way you have an electronic copy that you need for your records as well. It's still in the experimental stage right now and some will receive messages and some might not yet. My plan is to have this in full operation before the end of the year.

Also, be sure to have your newsletter editors and webmasters check to see that they have the correct web address for the site! Believe this or not, I'm still seeing some newsletters around the state listing the Ohio Section website with the wrong address. You'll find it at: <http://www.arrloho.org>

As a reminder, the Section website has an area with listings for both local ARES and club net data listed on it. The list is growing, but it won't be complete without your input. I'm still not hearing from a number of counties and clubs that I'm sure have nets and club meetings that would be great to be included. 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!!

Now, since I have your attention for website stuff, I want to make sure that you are aware that the Great Lakes Division website has been completely revamped, and the domain name has been changed. For those of you who have repeatedly gone to the old site for forms and old information, you're out of luck; it's totally gone. Please be sure to update your browser's favorites for the new site: <http://arrl-greatlakes.org>. Also, again for the editors and webmasters, please make sure that you update your links to the new site. As I stated above, the old site is totally gone now. Please update your link to:

<http://arrlgreatlakes.org>.

The Great Lakes Director is courteous as to what's on your mind. He has placed a survey on the Division website with some questions as well as some areas where he'd like you to input your thoughts and ideas. Now, a few highlights from newsletters from around the state.

>From the *Buckeye Burr*.. they report that they had a great picnic gathering in August.

>From West Stark they report that they will be re-activating their weekly 2 Meter Net using the 147.180 repeater. For now, the net will be held every Friday night at 8 PM except the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month which is club meeting night. This net will be open to all amateur radio operators.

The Western Reserve ARC is looking forward, they are already planning a holiday party for January of next year!

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

73 - *Scott N8SY* - Interim ACC

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#### **Note for next Field Day**

Hamilton Co Parks have *doubled* the annual permit fee from \$5 to \$10, & raised the daily permit fee from \$2 to \$3. This will apply also to Mitchell Memorial Forest, where the Oh-Ky-In Field Day has been held for years & years. This is the 2d time in 28 years the park fee has risen; it increased from \$3 to \$5 in 2005. A state laws change in 2006 removed personal property tax on businesses, revenues that went to parks & schools. 2011 park passes go on sale Oct. 1. --from *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, 9-17-2010

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**I wish people who have trouble communicating would just shut up. - Tom Lehrer  
in *Strange Cosmos*, Aug 15, 2010**

## Ham Radio Is A Real Value

(Originally published in *AIRWAVES*, newsletter of the Sierra ARC, May 2008.)

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! Ninety watts on CW or AM on 80, 40, 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. 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 pastimes. 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!

By *Mike Hezz WA6ARA*

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

### What's coming in October 2010

Fri Oct 1 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-Sun Oct 2-3 OH Section Simulated Emergency Test—see SM's column on pg 11

Tue Oct 5 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
Program: ARRL Night with Jim Weaver K8JE

Wed Oct 6 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS still sought at deadline

Sat Oct 9 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to  
start on 146.67 rptr

Mon Oct 11 Columbus Day observed, Thanksgiving Day in Canada

Tue Oct 12 7 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA

Wed Oct 13 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian K4BRI

Fri Oct 15 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, **new** Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av,  
Evanston


Sat Oct 16 8 AM-3 PM OH Section & ARES Conference, Educational Service Ctr of Central  
OH, 2080 Citygate Dr, Columbus


Wed Oct 20 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Dennis KB8ROA

Tue Oct 26 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location varies

Wed Oct 27 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian KC8JFN

Tue Sep 28 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location varies

Fri Oct 29 Ntl Cat Day 

Mon Oct 31 Halloween 

Fri Oct 1 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 Nov 2 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
Program: To be determined

Election Day! Don't forget to  or request an absentee ballot

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Kindness is the language that the blind can see & the  
deaf can hear.

--*Mazk Zwain*, in GCARA Mike & Key, Aug 2008

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

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**News of members and students in recent classes**

**Some genuine member news for a change!**

Please fix your club roster to reflect Harry Riggs KM4CS's new e-drs, on the 3d printed side about 2/3 of the way down the page: <hrriggsjr@gmail>.

**Member on the move ....**

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email <rallenfrey@gmail.com>

Thanks *Bob*  
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**Hard-copy mailing list update**

Those of you who receive hard copies of the *Q-Fiver* may have noticed that I *finally* updated those mailing list labels when sending out the Sept issue. If you didn't notice, that's OK too. I didn't need to update either the Schneiders or life mbr Ken Wolf N8WYC.

Also, spine staples in mailed publications are now illegal (*Ye Ed* saw that coming). That's why your Sept issue was late if I couldn't notify you – we went away for WD9HDZ's 45<sup>th</sup> HS reunion; left Sat AM to return Sun sometime. Got the 4 back that I put out first, but not the rest. Carol Hugentober WA8YL (SK) complained once while she was still K8DHK about the ONE issue years ago that was mailed without spine staples; she expected the issue to spread itself across her living room, aided by the electric fan that was often running. – *Ye Ed*

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**And now, the Superstore--unequaled in size, unmatched in variety, unrivaled inconvenience. –An actual classified ad, one of a similar lot found by a guy in Hendersonville NC**

*Copy deadline for November issue is Fri Oct 22  
Members' meeting is on Election Day, go figure*



