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PL tone of 123 Hz required for access as of 6-1-09 APRS: K8SCH-10 Edgewood WIDE, on 144.39

Web Page <http://www.ohkyin.org>

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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September words

Wow, September already. It was a fast summer to say the least. As we head into fall, it will be time to wrap up all the outdoor antenna projects and get all those coax connections and pass-thrus sealed up for the winter ahead.

The fall will bring several fun meetings and events. Our next meeting will feature Bob Frey WA6EZV telling us about automating our stations, then October will have Jim Weaver K8JE, our ARRL Division Director giving us an update on League activities. Our fall classes will be gearing up soon as well.

We will soon appoint our nominating committee for the 2011 club officers. If you have ever thought about serving your club in a leadership role, this would be a great time. Please let the nominating committee know of your interest. Helping start our club into its 51st year will be a rewarding experience for you.

Until next month, see you on the repeaters.

73 *Gary KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

Ladies and gentlemen,

As Gary said just above, this time Bob Frey WA6EZV will tell us about automating our ham stations.

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

October will be ARRL Night, as usual. 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.

73 *Bzian KC8FJN*

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Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, August 03, 2010

President Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) proceeded by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 40 in attendance.

Proceeded to self introductions.

Brag session/new licenses/upgrades: Bob Stille KC8MLB upgraded to Extra.

Meeting program: Bob WA6EZV, Dick WB4SUV & Brian K4BRI gave a great program on the 10th USA National ARDF Championships sponsored by OH-KY-IN that was held this past May.

Break was at 8:30 PM & was 15 minutes long.

Gary KB8MYC thanked Brian KC8FJN for working the hospitality table.

Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the July 2010 club meeting. There were none; minutes accepted as printed in *The Q-Fiver*.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT was not able to make it to the meeting but reported via email that membership is at 102.

Treasurer: Bob KD8JRR was not able to be here.

Silent key: Bruce N8BV still has some items from Ray Lamb W8LKX's estate. Send an email to n8bv@juno.com for info on what's left.

Health and Welfare: George KC8YJ had some surgery and is recuperating at home.

Technical Committee: Russ WB8ZCC reported there will be a Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, August 19th. 146.67 & 146.925 are on the air. 146.925 is operating on a temporary transmitter. 146.625 will be back up soon. Don't forget the PL tone (123 Hz) for access to the OH-KY-IN repeaters... You can also set your radio to receive the PL tone.

Education: Plans are being made for Fall classes. Stay tuned!

Fundraising: Our check came in from Cincinnati Catering. \$1,702 for our cut of the drawer & \$287 in tips. Job well done!

We received a nice letter and \$75 check from the City of St. Bernard for helping with the Big Six booth at their Independence Day event. Thanks to everybody who helped out!

TechTalk report: Bruce is looking for a TechTalk NCS on Wednesday, August 18th. Check-ins are up! Thanks!

Old Business: None

New Business: Nathan KA3MTT will be setting up a Fantasy Football league for us this year.

Harry KM4CS has helped us to reduce our bill to the Ohio Department of Taxation. They still want to charge us \$75 though. Harry would like you to send him ideas on events the club has done to help the community. His email address is: hriggs@insightbb.com
W8EWE mentioned Sams Club gives discounts to certain community employees. Contact Sams Club and tell them you'd like to save money for amateur radio operators in a similar fashion.

Gary KB8MYC mentioned when the Ohio QSO party is. The club will try to set up a station to participate.

Bob KC8MLB is looking for assistance with portable generators.

The attendance prize winner was Roger Higley W8CRK, who was not present and would have won \$50. The attendance prize will roll to \$55 for September.

Split the pot was \$25 and was won by Margie De Young .

Eric KC8NMP motioned to adjourn, John KC8VQU seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*

Drawing on my fine command of the language, I said nothing.

--Robett Benchley

Thanks once again to those of you who helped with working the beer booth this year at **Red White & Blue Ash**. Today (July 14) I received our reward for doing just that. Remember that our tip jars collected \$287. The check I received today is for \$1702. That brings the total going into the OH-KY-IN club treasury from working this event to \$1989. Just shy of 2 grand! Now **that** makes it worthwhile! Already looking forward to next year!

73, *Bzuce N8BV* OH-KY-IN Fund Raising Ch



Fernie Williams/KE4MAI re VE exams @ Lawrenceburg KY Hamfest: "Sent from the road with tin can and string"



This is from the Big Six booth at the St. Bernard Festival that we worked, Interestingly enough, we got a \$75 donation from the city for our help! This was the day *before* Red, White & Blue Ash.

73, *Bzuce N8BV*

This photo was in the July 29, 2010 *ARRL Letter*, was taken by Joe Moell KJ0V. Dick WB4SUV teaches the daycare kids in Oxford to DF. Reproduced with ARRL permission.



This is Bryce (L) and his grandpa, Garland W9AKW at the recent Central States VHF Conference. Bryce is studying for his Tech and I think we can all identify with his T-shirt - Every Great Idea I Have Gets Me In Trouble! (Photo by NØAX)

Veteran all-night contester, Fred K1VR relays the link to a Harvard Magazine [article on lost sleep](#). "This article tells you that you will have a higher rate, with greater accuracy, from 3 PM to 7 PM, and a lower rate, with lower accuracy, from 3 AM to 7 AM. Quelle surprise!" At least you now have an excuse. -- Both in *ARRL Contest Update*, Aug 4, 2010, reprint by permission

Radio's Plus

Joe Davidson KB8SBN

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DX Spots - September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9V1-Singapore thru 9-30 	2 9M6-East Malaysia thru 9-6 	3	4
5 5R8HT- Madagascar thru 11-28 	6	7	8 9H3UM-Malta thru 9-22 	9	10	11
12 TK-Corsica thru 9-25 	13	14	15 SU-Egypt thru 11-15 	16 OX6YL- Greenland thru 9-20 ----- 8Q7SO- Maldives thru	17	18
19 T88-Palau thru 9-22	20	21	22	23 FR-Reunion thru 10-3 	24 HI7- Dominican Republic thru 10-5 	25
26	27	28	29	30		

APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
 9UXEV, Burundi, 2010 operation, *ARLD032 DX news*, Aug 12, 2010; 9X0TL, Rwanda, 2010
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 Bulletin*, *425 DX News*, *The Daily DX*, *DXNL*, "Contest Corral" from *QST*, the ARRL Contest
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Contests

September 2010

- 4-8 CO QSO Party; TN QSO Party; Russian RTTY WW; IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB; Labor Day Sprint, CW; All Asia Contest, SSB; NS Weekly sprint, SSB; DARC 10 m Digital Corona Contest; ARRL EME Contest; Straight Key Party, CW (do I need to tell ya?)
- 10-12 Ohio State Parks on the Air, all modes; AR QSO Party; WAE DX Contest, SSB; ARRL September VHF QSO Party, all mode; QRP ARCI VHF contest, all modes
- 18-20 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest, all modes; WA State Salmon Run, all modes; SC QSO Party, all modes; CT QSO Party; Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint, digital; QCWA Fall QSO Party, all modes; CIS DX Contest; Classic Exchange, CW; Fall VHF Sprint, 144 MHz all modes; NA Sprint, CW; Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW
- 25-28 TX QSO Party, all modes; CQ WW RTTY Contest; Classic Exchange, Phone; Fall VHF Sprint, 222 MHz all modes; Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint, CW

The Fall is contest time. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Hello everyone:

I'd like to reschedule our August **Tech Committee** meeting, but we're starting to run out of month. I apologize, that's my fault. We could have had a meeting tonight (8/26), but I didn't want to give you some lame last-minute notice, and, frankly, I didn't know I would be in town. :-)

We still need to visit each of our repeater sites before warm weather goes away, for cleaning and housekeeping if for nothing else. Let me know when each of you is available, we can make impromptu visits as necessary. (Tech Cmte had their Aug mtg on line, as it happened – comments via tech refl – *Ed*) So, if we had our meeting on the 19th as planned, one of the things I would have given you is the following list of items our repeaters could use and the committee can do. It's a pretty short list, so I'll add some explanation. (Means all the rest of you get to listen in! – *Ye Ed*)

1) Our .67 and .925 repeaters need new and improved controller interface cables very soon (okay, now). We'll eventually need multiple sets to include the .625 repeater as well.

What I'm looking for is the ability to interface any of our repeater platforms to any of our controllers. To reduce the duplicity, think about how we can mate up the 4 basic types of interfaces using a common connector and pin-out. Our repeaters are Motorola MSF-5000 and Vertex VXR-7000, controllers are Computer Automation Technology CAT-300DX and Arcom RC-210. Information on all of them are available on the Internet, just give 'em a Google (I think that's a verb now).

2) All of our repeaters could use replacement transmitter/receiver/duplexer/antenna interconnect cables as well. The goal here is to minimize or eliminate multiple cables, multiple cable types, and/or adapters. I think all of our repeaters have N-connectors now, so we'll standardize on that where we can. The basic cable type we need is 50 ohm (duh), double-shielded coaxial cable. Anything from RG214 to 1/2" Helix is usable. So, for example, if you have several hundred feet of RG393 or even 1/4" SuperFlex with N-connectors just laying around, we could use that, too. :-)

What we probably **don't** want is LMR-400, Belden 9913, or similar cables. These cables use aluminum foil surrounded by a tinned copper braid, which might cause an issue over time (think dissimilar metals) at our less-than-pristine repeater sites.

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3) Emergency back-up power. This is the most complicated item on the list. I'm thinking something like a bank of Gel cells with chargers, enough to run each repeater at reduced power for 1-2 hours. We could really get fancy and include main power sense and solid-state switching, but let's stick to the basics for now. Steering diodes still work.

I'd prefer we build this one up ourselves, as commercially available units can cost lots of moolah. It's certainly something we can do. Besides, I'm not sure how much more beer Bruce can sell. Let's try to save some of our money. ;-)

Thanks, everyone. Now, put your thinking caps on and get to work. I'll add that phrases like "It can't be done" or "It's too expensive" are unacceptable.

When you have an idea, go ahead and post it on the tech reflector. We can "buzz out" your idea by discussing it here amongst ourselves, and I'd like to see what you come up with.

73, *Russ WB8ZCC*, Tech Committee Chair



A big thanks to all of those who helped with logistics and those who came out to operate during the **OH QSO Party** last Saturday. We successfully put K8SCH on the air and finished the contest with 250 contacts in the log!!

We are already thinking about our next contest opportunity. It will be a great chance to join the fun of a contest!

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

Brian KC8FJN & Gary KB8MYC operating from Ross Park in St. Bernard.

Photo by Bruce N8BV

From The Section Manager's Desk:

Well, the Section Manager election is over, and I'm sitting here thinking about what I should say. This is the first election I have ever run for. To say it takes a lot out of you is an understatement.

The ballots, which had to be mailed in and received prior to 4 PM on Friday, August 20, were counted on Tuesday, August 24. I received the call from ARRL HQ in Newington, Ct. courtesy of Steve Ewald WV1X. I was told the total was 978 votes for me, and 887 votes for my opponent, Tom Sly WB8LCD of Kent OH.

I am a person who always looks at "The Big Picture", and deeper into statements than most people do (this is a trait that drove my parents mad, and sometimes has me sleeping on the couch...) While I am happy that the 978 votes for me were cast, and let me thank those who did vote for me, I cannot look away from the 887 votes that went to Tom. This means something. With a spread of only 91 votes (something that is considered a "dead heat" in many realms), it sends to me a clear picture that maybe the Ohio Section does not want the status quo. With only 30 percent of the Ohio Section Membership voting, there are 70 percent of the members which neither Tom nor I heard what you want. I would like to know this.

In July of 2009, I was appointed to finish Joe Phillips' (K8QOE,SK) term. As you heard me say at many

Hamfests, I considered myself as the “Gerald Ford” of the Section. I had 3 goals, “Keep the Section Running, Keep the Section Smooth, and Keep the Section Quiet”. The majority of the votes allow for me to continue on as the Section Manager for Ohio, but this has to be Frank Piper’s turn at the Section. Please, let me know what you would like to see happen in the Section. Send me an e-mail, stop me at Hamfests, contact me by phone, or send a radiogram. Tell me what’s on your mind. As Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch’s trademark was going around and asking people “How am I doing?” I want you to feel open enough to let me know that. I’m at your service for the benefit of Amateur Radio in Ohio.

To Tom, I want to say “Thank You” for a well run campaign. I’ve gotten to know you through the phone calls and e-mails we exchanged over the last several months, and I’m glad to have you as a friend. With that said, let’s roll up our sleeves and get to work....

We have three ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests in September. I and/or members of the Ohio Section Cabinet will be in attendance at each one. Those Hamfests are:

9-12: Findlay Radio Club Hamfest – Findlay, Ohio

9-19: Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association Hamfest – Cincinnati, Ohio

9-26: Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show – Berea, Ohio

Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest – Saturday September 11

Mark your calendars! September 11 is the day for the “Ohio State Parks On The Air” contest. This contest has proven to be a fun contest for many clubs in the Ohio Section. For more details, visit

<http://parks.portcars.org>

73 Frank Piper K9BGW

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Now here’s the **Affiliated Club Coordinator report** by Interim ACC Scott Yonally, N8SY:

Hi Gang,

Summer is starting to wind down with school getting back in session and Friday night high school football starting their first actual games for the year this past Friday. This also means that ham clubs that have taken the summer off will start meeting in regular session again soon. Are you’re 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.

The Ohio Section website is where you can find just about anything that is going on in the state, as well within the League itself. Is there something about this site that you don’t like and would use more if it were changed? Let me know if there is something that I can do to make it more appealing to you. Make sure that you check it out at: <http://arrloho.org>

Just a reminder to all.. I am still seeing mistakes on where the Ohio Section Website is located. It is no longer being hosted by the InterCity Amateur Radio Club. Please make note of the change and have your editors change how they are listing the Ohio Section Website in their newsletters. The address is: <http://arrloho.org> You no longer even need the familiar (WWW) at the beginning.

Did you know that there is a page on the arrloho.org website with local ARES and club net data listed on it? There is! It’s a map of all 88 counties of Ohio with each county having a hyperlink from the map to a special individual webpage just for that county. It describes the net frequency, times and even PL information. The information for this map comes from YOU. I need your help. I am hearing from a few counties each month with updated information, but we have 88 counties that I should have heard from by now and I haven’t. How’s about helping out by taking just a little time and sending me an email with your club information. You can list your club meeting times, dates (if they repeat) and so forth. Club contacts are a good one to put there as well. Does your club have a website? Send me a link to it and I can put that there 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!!

Of course this past weekend was the Ohio QSO contest. I sure hope that all of you checked in and had fun. I'm sure that the results will soon be posted. But, I can tell you, it was a lot of fun!

The folks from the Wooster club are reporting that they've had a repeater **stolen!** Please be on the lookout for anyone trying to peddle one off at your local ham gatherings. Contact Bob WIRH for details of the repeater.

The folks from DELEAR (Delaware County) have announced that they will operate a Special Events Station on 9/11. Their Call Sign is: K8H. The special event is in recognition of the All-Horse Parade which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The special event will start 00:00z on 09/11 and run through 23:59z on 09/12. The event will operate around the clock to give our night owls and early birds time to participate as well.

Please don't forget the OSPOTA contest coming up on September 11th as well. Many of the Ohio State parks will be on the air. The contest kicks off at 12 noon to 8 PM -- 1600Z to 2400Z. The object is to set up portable amateur stations in as many Ohio State Parks as possible and for stations not at parks to work as many park stations as they can. Ohio and non-Ohio amateurs can compete for a variety of awards using the usual amateur bands of 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters. For further information, go to <http://parks.portcars.org> If you plan to operate portable from a park it will be a good idea to discuss your plans with the park administrator ahead of time.

Finally, this is from one of our newest club newsletters in the state, *The Wave Bender* – Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club. They have in their August newsletter “39 Ways To Sound Like A LID.” It's absolutely the funniest listing that I've seen in a long, long time. Please give them a “look see” for yourselves.

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* – Interim A.C.C.

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Hamfests &c.

September 2010

11 50th Louisville KY Hamfest sponsored by Gr Louisville Hamfest Assn at Paroquet Springs Conference Ctr, 395 Paroquet Springs Dr, Shepherdsville. Public 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams: register from 8 AM, exams 9 AM-12 N. Advance \$6, door \$7. Talk-in: 146.7 (79.7 Hz). Info: Bob Myers, 502=935-6710, <GLHA50@LouisvilleHamfest.com>, LouisvilleHamfest.com

12 68th Annual Findlay OH Hamfest sponsored by Findlay Radio Club at Hancock Co Fairgrounds, 1017 E Sandusky St. 8 AM-1 PM. \$6. Talk-in: 147.15. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, seminars. Info: Eric Wilkinson K8ERW, 567=429-9077, <hamfest@findlayradioclub.org>, www.findlayradioclub.org

18 Richmond KY Hamfest sponsored by Central Ky ARS at Madison Co. Fairgrounds, 3237 Old KY Rte 52. 8 AM-3 PM. Air-conditioned inside! Dealers, fleas outside, handicap access, refreshments, tailgating, VE exams at 1 PM. \$6. Talk-in: 145.37 (192.8 Hz). Info: Mike Rogers KE4ISW, 859=624-9156, <ke4isw@arrl.net>, www.qsl.net/ckars/hamfest

19 74th Anniversary GCARA Hamfest sponsored by Gr Cinti Amateur Radio Assn at Diamond Oaks CDC, 6375 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati OH. Easy access from I-74. Set-up 6 AM, public 8 AM-2 PM. \$6

gate. Talk-in: 146.88, 145.37. VE sessions 9 AM (walk-ins welcome, pls bring 2 IDs), ARRL forum 11 AM. Other forums, foxhunt, fleas (no electric in flea market, sorry). Info: Stan Cohen W8QDQ, 513=531-1011, <stanco49@zoomtown.com>, www.gcara.org

25 Greenfield IN Hamfest sponsored by Hancock ARC at Hancock Co 4-H Fairgrounds, Apple St. 8 AM-1 PM. Fleas, handicap access, refreshments, tailgating. **FREE!** Talk-in: 145.33. Info: Jon Reeves, WB9CNE, 317=326-2440, <wb9cne@arrl.net>, www.w9atg.org

26 Cleveland OH Hamfest & Computer Show sponsored by Hamfest Assn of Cleveland at Cuyahoga Co Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Rd, Berea. 8 AM-2 PM. \$6. Talk-in: 146.73 (110.9 Hz). Dealers, fleas, handicap access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams at Berea Public Library at 2 PM sharp. Info: 1=800=CLE-FEST, www.hac.org

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Randy Quinton, WQ7Q, of Sammamish, Washington, sent us (*ARRL Letter*, Aug 19, 2010) this idea for a **quick emergency antenna**, a loop-&-hook skyhook. Contact Randy via [e-mail](mailto:quinton.rhq@comcast.net) <quinton.rhq@comcast.net> for more information

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Plea for OH legislative contacts e-mailed 8-31-2010

big snip 8< ...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. **big snip** >8

73, *Nick Pittnez K8NAP* OH St Govt Liaison

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Plea for US legislative contacts

Dear ARRL Members,

I am the ARRL official appointed by your Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE to serve as the contact person between the ARRL and its members on legislative issues. As always, if you or the ARRL member has a question on the request or about the Grassroots program, please feel free to contact me. Today (8.31.2010) we request that ARRL members contact their US House of Representatives member and US Senators and request that they support legislation to increase the allowable charitable mileage deduction for individuals using their vehicles in support of charitable efforts.

This is a slightly different approach than the usual ARRL member requests in that we are not asking for support of a specific bill. Rather we are asking them to support the concept. *Please e-mail John NB4K <nb4k@arrl.org> directly for the sample letter he meant to attach; he sent this late in the evening - Ye*

Ed

Due to the continued development of the new ARRL website, the ability to use it to find the contact information for members of the US House and Senate is not available. ARRL members should be directed to www.contactingthecongress.org/ By typing in their address, ARRL members will be able to obtain the correct contact information for their legislators.

We are aware that many Congressional offices have places on their official website where constituents may fill out a form and send their comments. While this is convenient, it does not provide a "hard copy" of their comments to our Washington representative who uses them to support their visits. Experience tells us that handing hard copies of letters to the Congressional offices and staff is more effective than simple emails. So please encourage members to follow our recommended procedures.

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As in the past, we request that each ARRL member send his or her letters to our Washington representative via one of the following methods:

As a signed attachment to an email to: <arrl@chwatco.com>
As a signed fax to: 703=684-7594
As a regular letter to: John Chwat
Chwat & Co.
625 Slaters Lane Suite 103
Alexandria, VA 22314

If you choose to email your letter, please send it as an attachment to the email instead of it being the text of the email. This allows the letter to be easily printed and delivered. Should they decide to draft their own letter instead of editing the sample, please ask them to remember the following key points:

Request support for an increase in the charitable mileage deduction.

State that the current allowable deduction has not increased in over 13 years.

Offer that volunteers who are reimbursed by charitable organizations for driving activities that benefit the organization should be permitted to exclude the reimbursements from taxable income, up to the standard mileage rate for business purposes.

Ask the Senator to consider sponsoring legislation to achieve this goal.

Thank them for their consideration.

Simple is better when writing these letters. Legislators and their staff are looking to gauge interest and support for the bill. A lengthy letter that strays off topic can detract from the focus of asking for support.

If they prefer to send their letters directly to their Senator, please send a copy of the correspondence to Chwat & Co. This allows our team to discuss accurately with the Congressman/Senator and their staff the amount of support for the bill in each state and district.

One last request: please include me in the initial email you send to Legislator/Congressman so I can have copies of the correspondence: <nb4k@arrl.org> will be fine.

Thanks for your help on this .

73, *John D. Meyers NB4K*, Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chair, 859.472.6690

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From Aug 18, 2010 *ARRL Contest Update*

Frequent flyers will enjoy this graphic flight-blog called, "[The Red-Eye](#)" by Cristoph Niemann. (Thanks, Steve K6AW)

Here are some links to tower-climbing and related safety equipment; [LHR Services & Equipment](#), [Conney Safety](#), [PK Safety](#), and [US Safety Equipment](#). Gravity isn't our friend when atop the tower! (Thanks, Ken K5RG) & *thanks again, ARRL*

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ARLB021 FCC to Allow Government Drills Without a Waiver as of September 3 posted Aug 5

In July, the FCC released a Report and Order (R&O) that amended Part 97 -- more specifically Section 97.113 -- stating that government entities sponsoring disaster and emergency drills will no longer need to apply for a waiver to hold these drills.

Additionally, employees who wish to participate in non-government-sponsored drills and exercises may do so under certain conditions.

Part 97 is the portion of the Commission's rules that govern the Amateur Radio Service. In the August 4th edition of the *Federal Register*, the FCC issued a summary of the R&O entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Amateur Radio Service Communications During Government Disaster Drills" -- noting that the effective date of these new rules will be September 3, 2010.

K1CE for a Final in *ARES E-Ltr* Jul 14 2010

On the subject of proper use of Amateur Radio as discussed above, and during the recent protracted discussion on drills versus business communications, I was reminded of something a veteran FCC staffer (who shall remain nameless, but with whom I worked closely with over many years in the 80's and '90s), repeatedly told me when these types of questions came up: "To the FCC, it looks like public safety agencies do not have enough frequencies since they turn to Amateur Radio for their communications needs, and it seems that Amateur Radio has an abundance of frequencies amateurs are happy to turn over to public safety service use, so perhaps we should just give Amateur Radio's frequencies to the public agencies."

Food for thought. .See you next month! 73, **Rick K1CE** ARES E-Ltr Jul 14 2010

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An idea for next year's Field Day

For Field Day PR, the Olive Branch MS ARC tried a new approach toward attracting folks to their operating site. KD5CKP purchased two 'House Radios' off of E Bay. These low powered radios operate in the upper part of the AM Broadcast Band and are placed by realtors in front of houses that are for sale. A small sign placed in the yard of the property tells the prospective buyer what frequency to listen to on their car radio to get details on the house that is for sale. Seeing that non-hams are sometimes reluctant to approach a site with wires everywhere and strange noises coming from little boxes, the Olive Branch Club placed a sign and a 'House Box' near their Field Day Site in City Park. After listening to the pre-recorded message over their AM Radios by KD5CKP explaining what was going on at the Field Day Site, the Olive Branch Club had many more visitors than they would normally have had. Great Idea!

Best 73 de **W5CX**

30,000 new hams in 2009; 680,000 in US; 2.5 million worldwide; 35,000 hams participated in 2009 FD
All above (story & numbers) from Aug 2010 *Contact*, PR magazine from ARRL HQ



Both of these cartoons appeared on the same page of *The Best of Beasley – Robert Beasley K6BJH*, Copyright 1994. Captions didn't copy as well as the art did. Mr. Beasley doesn't mind reprints, as long as the newsletter in which re-printed is sent to him. That's easy enough to do!

Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 16:03:27 -1000 (story & e-text appeared on *qrz.com* Sep 1, 2010)

From: Beth_Flintfws.gov

To: Eric Scace K3NA RadioExp.org>, "JayKay" verizon.net>

Dear Applicants for a permit to carry out an **amateur radio expedition to Jarvis Island in 2011**,
We received 2 applications for this expedition and reviewed both of them carefully to ascertain if the described operation met the constraints described in the stipulations of the Compatibility Determination for Jarvis Island National Wildlife Refuge to engage in amateur radio operations.

Both applications met those standards. Because we are only able to issue one such permit every 5 years we identified the application that would be given the permit by a coin toss witnessed by two individuals unfamiliar with the situation. The random result of this coin toss is that the permit will be issued to Radio Expeditions, Inc. represented by Eric Scace.

We appreciate the hard work, patience, and cooperation of both parties applying in working with us to ensure that these kinds of activities can be carried out in a manner compatible with the wildlife conservation purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely, Beth Flint Wildlife Biologist

US Fish and Wildlife Service. Pacific Reefs National Wildlife Refuge Complex, offices in Honolulu HI

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What's coming in September 2010

Wed Sep 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Russ WB8ZCC

Fri Sep 3 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot

Mon Sep 6 Labor Day 

Tue Sep 7 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: Bob Frey WA6EZV on ham station automation

Wed Sep 8 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian K4BRI

Sat Sep 11 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to
start on 146.67 rptr

Tue Sep 14 7 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA

Wed Sep 15 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Dennis KB8ROA

Fri Sep 17 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, **new** Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av,
Evanston

Wed Sep 22 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Brian KC8JFN

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

Wed Sep 29 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 rptr, NCS Rick KD4PYR

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

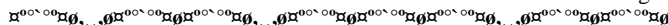
Tue Oct 5 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: ARRL Night with Jim Weaver K8JE

September is also **National Preparedness Month**. For info please visit www.ready.com

OH-KY-IN 2010 Committee Appointments

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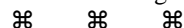
News of members & students in recent classes

Health & Welfare: I've not heard George KC8YJ on the radio for awhile now (*this was dated Sun, Aug 1, so just missed the August issue – Ye Ed*). I made a call to his buddy KC8OSZ who told me that George just recently had some kind of surgery and is getting better now in a local nursing home. Cards should go to his callbook address:

George Schneider KC8YJ
 4215 Forest Avenue
 Cincinnati, OH 45212

His wife Lois KC8HJJ will get the cards to him.

Some editorial research allowed *Ye Ed* to find that Schneiders joined Oh-Ky-In away back the first of 2010! A hard copy of the newsletter is needed that Lois can read to George; *Ye Ed* did know **that** would be the case. *Alles OK* now finally, even if months late—forgot who it was said “Better late than not.”



Radio memorial: PA club to hold on-air 911 operation

Look for special event station N3U slash United Flight 93 will be on the air between September 9th to the 13th. This to commemorate the lives lost in the wanton acts of terrorism against the United States by agents of al Qaeda that took place on September 11, 2001.

This operation is to be sponsored by the Blair Amateur Radio Society, W3PN, along with various local, state and government agencies. These include the City of Altoona, Blair County Pennsylvania, the Red Cross and several others. Operators at N3U will include W3BTX, W3TEF and other W3PN club members. Listen for N3U slash United Flight 93 on 160 through 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL N3U/Flt 93 via W3PN, by the Bureau or direct. Please include Self Addressed Stamped Envelope with enough postage to reach your location.

For more details, see the call N3U, the Pennsylvania Memorial Station For the Sept 11th, 2001 Attacks on QRZ.com. (Via e-mail; a story in Amateur Radio Newsline #1724 for Aug 27, 2010 via qrz.com)

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