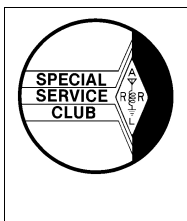


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Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at the St. Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 Washington Ave. (corner Washington & Tower Aves) in St. Bernard, just east of Vine St. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

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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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April Words

I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy a little of the warm weather teaser we have had. It certainly felt good to get outside and move about a little.

There are lots of great things beginning to happen around the club as spring approaches. First, I hope everyone enjoyed the tour of the Regional Operations Center. It is an amazing place to see. A big thanks goes to Ed K8EAF and Steve Siereveld for being our hosts

I want to thank everyone who responded to the club survey I recently sent out. The number of answers submitted equaled almost 50% of the club membership. I plan to share the results with everyone at the club meeting. Also, we will try to post the results on the web page. I will be asking for some volunteers to use this information and act as a steering committee for the club. Their purpose will be to help chart our future club activities. It is important that we plan programs and activities that are in line with what our members have said they are looking for.

Our club has several pr/fundraising opportunities coming up in the next few months. I know BruceN8BV will be talking about these and asking for some volunteers. Please help out when possible. These events have been a blessing to our club by bringing in some much needed revenue.

Thanks again for everyone's help and support. Our club is only as strong as our members. Every member is an important asset.

Until next month, enjoy the sunshine and I hope to hear you on the repeaters.

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

The April club meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM at the St. Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 Washington Ave. (corner Washington & Tower Aves) in St. Bernard,

just east of Vine St. Where's that again? We haven't been there since January! The program at this meeting will include a demonstration of slow-scan TV by Gary KB8MYC, explaining what transpires on the new Friday evening net at 7:30 PM on the 146.925 repeater. The results of the recent Club Survey will also be announced and discussed.

73, *Brian KC8FJN*

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Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, March 01, 2011

President Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM @ the Hamilton County Emergency Operations Center. Approximately 30 in attendance.

Gary KB8MYC asked if anybody had any business for the meeting:

Bruce N8BV mentioned he received a \$200 donation from Ray Lamb's widow for the help the Silent Key committee provided. Thank you!

Gary KB8MYC mentioned that classes & exams are going to begin soon. Info is available on the website.

Gary also mentioned that if you can, please send a letter to your congressman regarding HR 607, the Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011. If approved, this act will remove our privileges to frequencies in the 420-440 band.

Dale KC8HQS mentioned that he's starting up a Slow Scan TV Net on the 146.925 repeater. You may remember OH-KY-IN had a net like this years ago. Slow Scan TV is basically transferring still images via radio. This net will begin Friday, March 11 at 7:30 PM and will continue every Friday night. Interested? Check in to the net on a Friday night or contact Dale KC8HQS at <kc8hqs@fuse.net>.

Bruce N8BV mentioned that Russ WB8ZCC said the chemicals are on the way for the batteries we acquired from Hughes High School.

Also, we received word tonight that we have the go ahead to put a repeater at Hughes High School. Thanks to Dennis KD8ILY for his help on this!

@ 7:40 PM, Gary handed it over to Ed Frambes K8EAF for our tour of the Hamilton County EOC.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*

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OH-KY-IN Racers - Remember Us?

The OH-KY-IN Racers get together every 5th Tuesday of the month, when there is one. Once upon a time we had a pretty good following and a good group of racers to participate. However, as of late the participation has kind of just gone away. Dale and I have still been going every 5th Tuesday anyway, whether or not anyone else happened to show up. It's time to try to again to make this a fun event for others in the club to check out. It's loads of fun; simply put, "It's a gas!!" Got kids? Bring them and Mom along too. Check it out, "It is too cool!!".

The OH-KY-IN Racers meet at Competition Racing, as mentioned above, on the 5th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Competition Racing is a high speed (25-35 mph) indoor go cart racing track, road course style, located in Lawrenceburg IN across from the Hollywood Casino. Children are invited to participate, so far as they meet the requirements of 10 years old or 56" tall.

Since we meet on Tuesday, adults enjoy a 10 minute race for \$15. Children \$12. You are encouraged to print the savings coupon from the www.competitionracing.net website in order to save a few bucks. The Q-Fiver won't be out before we meet on Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 PM, but it's hoped you were advised via the club reflector. Bet you'll agree "It's a gas!" Maybe mark your calendars now for May 31, August 30 and November 29 **now!**

No registration or anything like that. This fun event is open to all. If you've got the time, come check it out! I hope to see you there! 73, *Bruce N8BV*

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146.67 Repeater -Above & Beyond-

You might have noticed that Russ's message on the reflector regarding the .67 repeater was written just before 3 AM. That was -after- he got back home from the .67 site.

I first notified Russ that the repeater was down at about 12:25 AM and he was headed to the site within minutes. When he arrived, the repeater was dead. After some testing, Russ was able to get it back on the

air, although with no courtesy tone and without some other functions bring operational. He determined that the repeater, although ill, was now operating legally and it was decided to leave it that way for now and get back to it later during the day.

Russ Hines WB8ZCC, the OH-KY-IN Technical Committee Chair, deserves a big THANK YOU for his diligence and efforts in getting the .67 repeater back on the air quickly. Even though it was well after 2 AM before he was headed back home!

Thanks again Russ!! You are awesome! 73, *Bruce N8BV*

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Way to go, Russ!

As a new member I can't tell you how much your actions speak to your love of the hobby and your dedication to the club, meaning us. You have my sincere thanks and gratitude.

Hopefully we will serve you as well as you have served us!

Cheers! *Robett AK3Q* posted to club reflector Gd words from Fred K9OHE won't fit

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After Bruce's kind words, I'm almost embarrassed to say that 146.67 is back to its normal self. :-[

73, *Russ WB8ZCC* posted to club reflector Tue Mar 29

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Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN

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Just a note that we started up a **Slow Scan TV net** in early March on the 146.925 repeater. This net will be every Friday evening at 7:30 PM on 146.925.

What is Slow Scan TV (SSTV)?

Slow-scan television (SSTV) is a picture transmission method used mainly by amateur radio operators, to transmit and receive static pictures via radio in monochrome or color.

A technical term for SSTV is narrowband television. Broadcast television requires 6 MHz wide channels in North America, because it transmits 25 or 30 picture frames per second (in the NTSC, PAL or SECAM color systems), but SSTV usually only takes up to a maximum of 3 kHz of bandwidth. It is a much slower method of still picture transmission, usually taking from about eight seconds to a couple of minutes, depending on the mode used, to transmit one image frame.

It is pretty easy to get on SSTV. If you have a computer and a radio (VHF in the case of the net), all you need is a computer-to-radio interface such as the Rigblaster Nomic (www.westmountainradio.com for more info).

So if you are interested in joining us, check in to the net on Friday at 7:30 PM on the 146.925 repeater. Don't forget the PL tone of 123Hz. If you can't transfer images, but need help setting up to transfer, check in and let us know.




73, *Dale KC8HIQS*

If you have **no clue** what this Slow Scan TV (SSTV) stuff is all about, be sure to come to the next OH-KY-IN club meeting on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30pm, in St. Bernard, for a short program and demonstration. Meeting location and directions are available at www.ohkyin.org. 73 *Bruce N8BV*

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Ye Ed didn't appear to save any *ARRL DX News* of **new DXCC entities** for this month, so there must not have been any.

DX Spots - April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 JW-Svalbard thru 4-8 	2 P29 – Papua New Guinea thru 4-27 ZA-Albania thru 4-16
3 P4-Aruba thru 4-16 	4	5	6 FM-Martinique thru 4-21 	7	8 KH8-American Samoa thru 4-18	9 TO2Z-Reunion thru 4-22 
10 VX2LC-Vietnam thru 4-15 	11	12	13 9N7DX- Nepal thru 5-1 	14 A25C-Botswana thru 4-18 	15 PJ2-Curacao thru 4-27 FJ-St Barthelmy thru 4-27 5V7CC-Togo thru 4-28	16
17 T31A-Central Kiribati thru 4-28 	18 TO2FH-Mayotte thru 4-25 	19 A52-Bhutan thru 4-26 	20 XV4LC-Vietnam thru 4-25 	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28 9G5LK-Ghana thru 5-6 	29	30 JD1-Ogasawara thru 5-7 

Contests

April 2011

- 2-3 Second Class Operators CW Bash; SP DX contest, SSB & CW; EA RTTY Contest; LZ Open 40 m Contest, CW; MO QSO Party; QRP ARCI Spring Sprint
- 8-9 SNS and NS Weekly sprints; MT QSO Party; GA QSO Party; NM QSO Party; PODXS 31 Flavors Contest; EU Spring Sprints, CW; JA International DX Contest, CW; Yuri Gagarin DX Contest, CW; International Vintage Contest, SSB & CW (& AM I suppose!); VHF Spring Sprints; NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint; CW Ops Monthly Mini-CWT Test
- 16-17 Holyland Contest, all modes; TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix contest; MI QSO Party; ONT QSO Party; YU DX Contest, CW; EU Spring Sprints, SSB; Feld Hell QRP Sprints; VHF Spring Sprints; ES Open HF Championship; Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party
- 17 ARRL Rookie Roundup- remember your first Novice Roundup?? Greet a newcomer
- 23-25 10-10 Spring CW contest; QRP to the Field, CW; Helvetia Contest; VHF Spring Sprints; SP DX RTTY Contest
- 30-May 2 NB QSO Party; FL QSO Party; WW EME contest; BARTG 75 Sprint
- April showers bring **contests!** For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org
- 73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Assistant SM Appointed to Oversee Digital Communications

It is my pleasure to announce Jeff Evans KB8ZUN as the new Assistant Section Manager overseeing Digital Communications for the Ohio Section. Jeff will report directly to me, but will have "dotted line" responsibility to both the Section Emergency Coordinator (Jack Sovik KB8WPZ), and the Section Traffic Manager (Dave Maynard WA3EZN). Jeff will also work directly with Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swain KK8O for input of possible OO issues involving Digital Modes, as well as Technical Coordinator Yoder W8ERW for advancement of Digital modes in the technical arena. Mr. Evans is currently the Emergency Coordinator for Lorain County (ARES district 10), and has recently worked with several others in the Northern Ohio Digital Interconnect Group (NODIG), to establish a Section-wide ARES reflector using D-Star technology.

Digital Technology in Amateur Radio is growing in interest, and has been nipping the heels of the Ohio Section for quite a few years, beginning at the start of Packet Radio in the 1980s. Jeff's first task is to introduce D-Star to everyone, so we may understand its functions and offerings. Jeff will also be working on a Section-wide Echolink project, and other projects as we see needs for.

Jeff lives in North Ridgeville OH with his wife Veronica and their three boys Aidan, Ezekiel & Simon.

A lifelong resident of Lorain County, Jeff graduated from the Lorain County Joint Vocational School's Auto Body Program. After spending a few years learning the trade in a General Motors dealership Jeff was hired as a Technical Sales Representative for a large chemical company. Jeff now resides as Technical Manager, North America, with the responsibility of the automotive division of Aerospace & Performance Coatings.

Jeff's interest in radio started at an early age having received an Electra Bearcat III for a 10th birthday present in 1979. After many years of scanner and shortwave listening he found a need to communicate with area scanner enthusiasts in real time. He along with a few others decided to get their ham tickets to fill this need. He was licensed as KB8ZUN in 1995, and shortly after obtained the GMRS license of WPXL235.

Jeff actively participates in area amateur clubs and organizations as well as NTS, Skywarn and EMA activities. In the summer of 2011 Jeff accepted the role of EC for Lorain County with a goal of rebuilding the county's amateur communication structure to compliment the EMA's own amateur group, which he is also a member of. Turning his sights on D-STAR Jeff formed the Northern Ohio Digital Interconnect Group with the intention of building a digital D-STAR structure in North Central Ohio to augment the existing analog infrastructure. The group, NODIG, quickly placed a D-STAR capable repeater in Lorain County linking it with Cuyahoga County. Soon after a state wide net, OWDN, was formed supported by two reflectors with the ability to link the entire state.

Jeff can often be found on the county's VHF or UHF analog & digital repeaters or linked to REF038A when traveling. You may also find him in the late evenings at a 24 hour restaurant meeting with fellow scanner listeners discussing their latest finds.

Please join me in welcoming Jeff to his new responsibilities!

73, ~~Frank~~ **K98GW** OH SM e-mailed March 13

Jeff KB8ZUN has asked to receive the PDF edition of *The Q-Fiver* - ~~Ye~~ **Ed**

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Hamfests &c.

April 2011

2 33rd Elizabethtown KY Hamfest sponsored by Lincoln Trail ARC at St Fire Rescue Training Area 5, 630 College St Rd. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, ARRL VE sessions; walk-ins welcome, register 9:30 AM, exams 10 AM. \$5 advance, \$6 door. Talk-in: 146.98. Info: James Skala AA4ZD, 270=737-5748, james.skala@gmail.com, www.qsl.net/ltarc/

16 5th Annual N Central IN Hamfest co-sponsored by Cass Co, Grant Co, Miami Co & Kokomo ARCs at Miami Co 4-H Fairgrounds, 1079 W 200 N, Peru. 7 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, ARRL VE sessions 8-10 AM. \$5. Talk-in: 147.345. Info: Steve Shepler WA9RVM, 765=661-5260, shepler1@gmail.com, www.nci-hamfest.net

23 Jackson OH Hamfest sponsored by Jackson Co ARC at Jackson Co YMCA, 594 E Main St. 9 AM-1 PM. Dealers, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, ARRL VE sessions at 10 AM, walk-ins OK. \$5. Talk-in: 146.79. Info: Don Barnhart KD8HHG, 740=701-3356, kd8hhg@yahoo.com, jacksoncountryarc.org/index.html

30 Ashland KY Tail-Gate Hamfest sponsored by River Cities ARA at Old Rail Station (now PNC Bank), 1000 Carter Ave, on back side by Pullman car. 8 AM-1 PM. Tailgating, ARRL VE sessions around 10 AM, card checking for ARRL awards, refreshments, handicapped access. Free, except for VE exam fee. Talk-in: 146.94 (107.2 Hz). Info: Jan Osborne AG4JO, janosborne@windstream.net, www.rcara.site90.com

May 1 32nd Annual Athens OH Hamfest sponsored by Athens Co ARA at Athens Community Ctr, 701 E State St. 8 AM-1 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, ARRL VE sessions at

10 AM. **Only 12** walk-ins may register starting at 9 AM. Pre-registry to asellers1081@att.net Allen KB8JLG recommended. \$5. Talk-in: 145.15. Info: Eric McFadden WD8RIF, 740=593-7176, wd8rif@arrl.net, ac-ara.org

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Dresden Elementary sixth-grader becomes licensed ham radio operator with perfect score



Ryan Harris KD8PIR uses the radio at Dresden Elementary Amateur Radio Station. The sixth-grader joined the school club this year and earned his own Federal Communications Commission license by passing the FCC Element 2 Amateur Radio License test with a perfect score. / Photo by Trevor Jones, *Times Recorder* --story by Lee Moore in Zanesville *Times Recorder* on March 1

Dresden OH-- It's difficult for even those with experience on a ham radio to become licensed, but Dresden Elementary School sixth-grader Ryan Harris did it on the first try.

Harris, 12, not only passed the Federal Communications Commission Element 2 Amateur Radio License test Jan. 13, he answered every question right.

For a month he studied 176 pages from a technician book. The 35 test questions were pulled from 300 questions that could have been used.

"At first I thought it was going to be pretty hard, but when I took the test, I thought it was hard, but not super hard," Harris said. "It's really cool. I thought for sure I'd miss a couple. My main goal was just to pass it."

Passing the test means a lot of things for Harris, who learned how to use an amateur radio this year with the guidance of Jim Mayercak, the school's vocal music instructor and the adviser of the Dresden Elementary Amateur Radio Station club.

Harris has his own amateur radio call sign, KD8PIR, and can take another test to take him to the second level of amateur radio licensure.

He'll be a guest speaker at the International Dayton Hamvention in May. He'll speak about amateur radio applications for the iPod Touch in Carole Perry's youth forum to about 300 people.

"On that particular evening that Ryan took the test, there were three or four other adults taking the test, one female took it three times; no one passed it but Ryan," Mayercak said.

To celebrate passing, Ryan and his parents, Rodney and Karen Harris, went to Steak 'N Shake. In school, his friends tell him congratulations and good job and Mayercak said he "aced" it.

"After he passed it, he came to me and said, can I just take a couple weeks off, then I'd like to start practicing for the next level," Mayercak said. "He's incredible. I've never aced a test, so he's done better than I have."

This is the second year for DEARS. More than a dozen students participated last year, and 11 are participating this year.

They meet for about 45 minutes every other Wednesday during school hours so more students have the option to participate.

At home, Ryan has a radio that local amateur radio operator Dwight Bonifield, of Zanesville, is letting him use. He's talked to people in Dresden, Columbus, Georgia, South Carolina and even a man from South Africa.

"It's just cool that you can call anyone," Ryan said. "Different people from across the world have their own stories to tell."

He has the book smarts, Mayercak said, but now his experience of actually using the radio will help him pass the second test.

"The level of difficulty is about the same, but now he has experience," Mayercak said.

Ryan said he wants to take the second licensure test before he attends the Hamvention.

He's also in the process of teaching himself Morse code.



Spring Education

Spring classes are in full swing! By the time you read this, the extra class will be approaching the halfway point. Fred K9OHE & Ted WB8VNV, have a great group of students working their way through the material. General has also started with Brian K4BRI leading that class as always.

Our spring one-day class, in conjunction with QCEN, is slated for April 16th. We already have a good number of students signed up, but there is always room for more. You can contact me by phone or email for info.

Also, there will be 2 exam opportunities this spring, Saturday April 23 and Saturday May 14. Both

What a **great turnout for our 2nd Brunch Bunch!** We came close to doubling last month's turnout, with 17 attending the March Brunch Bunch at Price Hill Chili. As mentioned earlier, we want to move this around to different areas of town each month. So, we'll hold the Brunch Bunch in April at Blue Ash Chili located at 9565 Ken-wood Road in Blue Ash. Again we'll meet at 1 PM on the 2nd Saturday of the month, April 9.

In staying with a chili theme, maybe we'll visit Camp Washington Chili in May?

Alongside are pictures from the March 12 Brunch Bunch.

73, *Bzuce N8BV*

If you're ever caught without a snappy answer to a less-than-snappy question, you might want to check out K3TN's [Arrgh FAQ](#) spotted on the Internet by web-crawler Bob, N6TV .in *ARRL Contest Update*, March 11, 2011, Ward Silver N0AX, Ed

sessions will be held in St Bernard. Check our webpage or listen for the repeater announcement for further details.

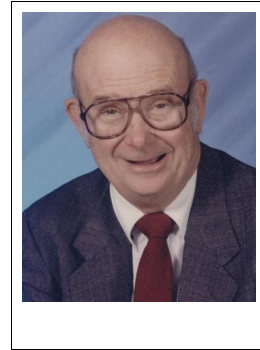
Coming in the near future, we will have some additional classes and workshops. We will keep you posted as these develop. If there is any particular topic you would like to see a workshop on, please let me know.

73 *Gazy KB8MYC*

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David M. Clephane N8NUX, 77, of Wilder KY, passed away on Friday, February 25 at Christ Hospital, Cincinnati.

He was a retired teacher with Kenton County Schools as well as a past delegate with the Kentucky Education Association. David was also an active member of OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Club; an usher with the Bengals, Reds and at Riverfront Coliseum; and a member of the National Guard (1959-66). He is survived by his wife, Ruth McCoy Clephane;]Daughter - Amy (Murray) Wilson of Ft. Thomas, KY; and Son - David (Jeanne) Clephane of Taylor Mill, KY. He is also survived by his 4 grandchildren: Andrew and Ian Wilson; Josh and Anna Clephane. Visitation



9AM- 11AM, with the Funeral Ceremony to follow at 11 AM on Wednesday, March 2 at Dobbins Funeral Home, Fort Thomas. Burial will take place in the Evergreen Cemetery, Southgate, Kentucky. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, PO Bx 11454, Alexandria VA, 1=800-342-2383 for directions on info needed by them; or Friends of the Shelter/SPCA of Kentucky, Inc. P.O. Box 93 Union, KY 41091. Online condolences may still be given at www.dmfuneral.com. Published in the *Kentucky Enquirer* on February 28, 2011

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Jack A. Koch KA8JFE (1924 - 2011)

Beloved husband of the late Evelyn "Weasel" Koch, loving father of Michael (Teri) Koch, Janet (Chuck) Ebken, Kathy (Scott) Schmidt, Karen Metz, Larry (Linda) Koch, Jerry (Tina) Koch, Tom (Joni) Koch, Maryanne (John) Schneller, Mark (Karen) Koch, Rick (Kathy) Koch, Barb Rogers and Jim (Deena) Koch.

Grandfather of 35, great grandfather of 13. Owner and founder of Keystone Printing, USMC Veteran of WW II. Died, Sunday, February 13, 2011 age 86. Visitation at St Jude Church, Bridgetown, Thursday, 9:30 AM, Feb. 17 to the funeral mass at 10:30 AM. Burial, with military honors, New St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, The Koch Family suggests memorials to The Thank You Foundation (for Veterans), PO Box 899, Lebanon OH 45036

Rebold, Rosenacker & Sexton Funeral Home serving the family. Condolences may also be expressed to the family online via www.rebold.com.

Published in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* on February 16, 2011 and *Western Hills Press* of March 2, 2011. Received from Sam KJ8K. Keystone also printed *The Q-Fiver* for many years. — *Ye Ed*

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I regret to have to tell you that my wife **Janice Weaver** died at about 4 AM this morning (Mon-day, March 7) at Bethesda North Hospital. She was admitted to the hospital the afternoon of the 4th and seemed to be doing better by the 6th. At about midnight she took a turn for the worse and

became critical just about 4.

She was alert and comfortable until the very end. Her funeral is planned for this Friday, March 11, at St. Susanna Church in Mason. Visitation is planned for the hour preceding the Mass of Christian Burial. She will be buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Montgomery, OH. I thought you would want to know.

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE*

Sent by Hank Greeb N8XX to DIAL reflector, picked up by Bruce N8BV for Oh-Ky-In reflector

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Although not currently, Jim Cordrey WD8RHP was an OH-KY-IN member for many years. His father passed away Sunday, March 6:

George James CORDREY

Beloved husband of Elizabeth "Bett" Cordrey. Loving father to Jill Hollins nee Cordrey and James G. Cordrey WD8RHP. Dear brother to Marilyn Abbott and the late LaVerne Willsey. Cherished son of the late George and Stella Cordrey. Adored grandfather of Kenneth B. and Kristina L. Hollins. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. George was a proud veteran of World War II and the Korean War for The United States Marine Corps. Also an active member of the local VFW. Passed away Sunday, March 6, 2011 at the age of 86. Visitation will be held Friday, March 11, 2011 from 12:00-2:00 PM until time of service 2:00 PM at the Gwen Mooney Funeral Home 4389 Spring Grove Cemetery, 45223 (513-853-1035); Interment Spring Grove Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4440 Lake Forest Drive Suite 120 Cincinnati, OH 45242.

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To Oh-Ky-In reflector re **WD8RHP's Father SK**, posted March 9

OK everyone, enough dying. **No one has permission to die the rest of the year.** We have filled the quota. Live long and prosper.

73, *Duffy WB8NUZ* www.wb8nut.com

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What's coming in April 2011

- Fri Apr 1 April Fool's Day
- 7:00 PM Weather Spotters' Class at Red Cross, 10870 Kenwood Rd in Blue Ash, in Hamilton County. Should last 2-2 ½ hours. For complete info including directions and maps, please see <http://www.warn.org/training>. Info provided by Mike Nie W8VMX
- 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 Apr 5 7:30 PM **Club meeting** at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: Slow-scan TV demonstration, results & discussion of recent Oh-Ky-In on-line survey
- Wed Apr 6 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
- Sat Apr 9 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67 rptr
- Tue Apr 12 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA
- Wed Apr 13 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI

Fri Apr 15 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, **new** Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston
 Mon, Apr 18 **World Amateur Radio Day** (missed in 2010)
 Passover begins at sunset
 US income tax due
 Wed Apr 20 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
 Fri, Apr 22 Good Friday
 Sun, Apr 24 Easter
 Tue, Apr 26 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location TBD
 Wed, Apr 27 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN
 Tue May 3, 7:30 PM **Club meeting** at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
 Program: TBA

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For Sale

About 23 photography books! Several black & white photography, some darkroom, some camera manuals. Reasonable price! **Sam KJ8K**, 513=922-8782

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About a week ago (this dated March 29), I called a fellow Ham and asked him if he knew of anyone that wanted a 35 ft. Rohn 11G tower, 10 sq. ft. rotor, Yaesu G-450XL Controller and coax. He told me to contact OhKyIn. I'm selling **all of it** for \$200.00. If anyone is interested, contact me. Gary

If interested, please contact Gary <ckinney_1231@fuse.net>. 73, **Dale KC8HQS**

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Weaver's words -- Spring is Springing

[Reply to k8je@arrl.org]

- **Volunteers Needed for Hamvention Booth**

- **Numbers = Strength**

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- **ARRL Membership through Local Club**

- **This Month's Final**

The Great Lakes Division has been requested to manage a Legislative Action booth at the Hamventiontm again this year. A few assignments remain open. If you are interested in helping at this booth, please get in touch with me at <k8je@arrl.org> for further information. Please let me know the day(s) and time you are available. Assignments will be for three hours, each throughout the two and one-half day event.

The objective of the booth is expected to be to obtain letters in opposition to the 440+ MHz clause in HR 607.

Volunteers who assist at the booth will receive an ARRL polo shirt. Because of this, it is important for me to know who has volunteered by April 3. I will also need to know your shirt size.

+++ **Your Help Urgently Needed** +++

To the many of you who have **already written** letters to your US Representative on **HR607**, **thank you**. To you who have not gotten "a round tuit" and have not yet written, **please do**. The fate of the amateur secondary allocation 440 MHz band is at stake. This is a battle I truly believe we can win. We are not the only group that would suffer from having HR 607 pass in its present form. Combined with the other groups, I feel confident we can prevail in having the offending part of the Bill removed. For example, the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) has stated its support of the ARRL position

(<http://www.arrl.org/news/npstc-says-hr-607-needs-to-be-amended>). If you wish additional information go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-members-respond-to-hr-607>.

To let your US Representative know you oppose the present bill, go to <http://www.kd4pyr.net/hamletter>

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.htm and follow the simple instructions. All that is needed is to insert your call sign where indicated and to click twice more to generate a letter addressed to your US Representative. The letter will be ready to print and for you to sign.

- **Be sure to sign your letter.** Letters **without** a handwritten signature are not effective.

- Send signed letters to John Chwat, our legislative spokesman in Washington. His addresses are:

US postal mail: John Chwat, Chwat & Co., Suite 103, 625 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314

E-mail: <john.chwat@chwatco.com>. **Scan and send signed letter** as an attachment.

Fax: Number (703) 684-7594.

Do not send this letter or any letter about HR607 to your **US Senators** at this time. The bill is only in the US House of Representatives.

Why send your signed letter to John Chwat? First, all postal mail to members of the US House (and other government bodies) is delayed 6 to 8 weeks in being searched for hazardous materials. Second, Mr. Chwat will increase the value of your individual letter by combining it with others and delivering a stack of letters directly to your Representative's office. This manner of delivery makes a particular impact on Congressmen.

If you feel it necessary to mail your letter directly to your Representative, do it. However, please also send a signed copy of it to Mr. Chwat for the reasons outlined above.

Thanks for your help and support in this important effort. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

+++ ARRL Membership through Local Club +++

Club officers and members are reminded that Affiliated Clubs can retain part of any ARRL dues paid through the club.

Clubs may keep \$15.00 of the first year's dues for new ARRL members or returning members whose membership has been lapsed for two years or longer. Clubs may keep \$2.00 for each ARRL renewal handled through it.

This is one benefit you can bank on. It makes recruiting ARRL members by club members very worthwhile financially as well as philosophically for the club. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits> to learn the benefits of affiliation with ARRL. The dues benefit mentioned above is described under Club Commission Program.

+++ Great Lakes Division Convention September 11 +++

As previously reported, the 2011 Great Lakes Division Convention will be held concurrent with the Findlay Hamfest in Findlay, OH on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The Convention will be on the Hamfest grounds as a coordinated activity with the Hamfest. Allan Pitts W1AGP, ARRL Media & Public Relations Manager will be the principal speaker. Allan is very knowledgeable in emergency communications and, of course, in media relations. Allan's keynote presentation will include "How Amateur Radio Has Changed since 9/11." This September is the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Trade Center and the Pentagon.

A series of interesting seminar topics and speakers is being developed for this event. These will include National Traffic System (organized by the Ohio Single Side Band Net), EmComm (organized by Michigan SM WA8EFK who also chairs the ARRL's Emergency Communications Advisory Committee), DX (organized by the South East Michigan DX Association), ATV-Digital TV (Art Tosely WA8RMC).

In addition to the seminars and speakers, Great Lakes Division Awards will be presented. See below for the call for nominations for these awards.

The final event of the Convention will be a buffet brunchquet at a nearby restaurant for those who are able to remain. The brunchquet will begin at 2 PM. Convention sessions will be from 9 AM-1 PM.

Big snip!8<.... see rest of column after this until This Month's Final at <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/> Not only delayed, but longer than will fit – *Ye Ed*

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It is said that Amateur Radio operators are often similar to members of a large family. For me, this is true. We sometimes tolerate each other and we sometimes bicker with each other, essentially as happens in a large family. Mostly, though, we enjoy and love each other -- again, just as happens in a large family.

As most of you probably do not know, my wife Janice died on March 7. She had been fighting health issues for several years. I have not made her passing known widely until now.

Thank you very much. 73, *Jim Weaver K8JE*, Gt Lks Div Dir

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OK...it's been quite some time since the last OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society Golf Outing. I've had some interest shown lately, and wanted to see how many people would be interested.

Anyway, if you're interested in a golf outing, send me an email. Based on my spring vacation schedule, we may have to do this in the summer or fall, but I definitely want to get it on the calendar and planned for this year. *KAMTC*

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We've a **new Life Member:** Karl J Kaucher KJ4KWR from Taylor Mill, KY. What a fantastic surprise to see that in the mail! I'm certainly very proud to be able to accept a new Life Member, and look forward to many good times with Karl. Also, Patrick Kumpf KC8WHQ made a monetary donation to OH-KY-IN. It's very much appreciated. These are the things that help make an organization of our caliber continue to operate at such a high level. 73 *Nathan KA3MZZ*

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