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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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# THE Q-FIVER

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## “Tis the Season”

Well, it has finally arrived, another holiday season. As usual, most of us are sitting back and talking about how fast another year has come and gone. Hopefully everyone has all the outdoor antenna and feed line work done and all are tucked away in the warmth of the shack for the winter.

As we draw 2011 to a close I think we can call it another successful year in our club. Our membership has continued to hold, if not grown a slight bit. From a financial perspective, again we have held steady and have a healthy reserve, which hopefully we do not need. Our repeater equipment has continued to improve. Our .67 & .925 repeaters have remained on the air almost 100% of the time. Attendance at our clubs meeting has also continued an upward trend, with us seeing an average of 30 members and guests monthly.

As we look forward to 2012, we look for continued growth in our club. As we conduct our classes and do public events, we see one common theme. There are plenty of hams out in our area looking for a club that is doing things and going places. We are poised to be that club! In 2012 we plan to continue offering great meeting programs. Additionally we will be doing classes and workshops though out the year, focusing on different facets of the hobby. Also, we will do a couple more facility visits, like the one to CVG. As always, none of this can happen without the help of each of our members. When the call goes out for help with planning or conducting an event, answer the call and help build our club.

In closing, I want to wish each of you, from my family to yours, the best of holiday seasons. While it is always a busy and hectic time, take a few minutes to pause and reflect on how blessed each of us are to live in the great country we do. Also, give thanks for those who are away from home fighting to protect our freedoms!

73!! *Gazy KB8MYC*

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## Next meeting

As customary, the final meeting of the calendar year will include elections of officers and directors for the year to come. After the votes are tallied, pizza and soft drinks will be available. Members' meetings are always the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Bernard Municipal Building (street level, unless otherwise specified).

A reminder to all, our December club meeting will be on Tuesday December 6, starting at 7:30 PM. Along with our annual election of club officers, we will have our annual Christmas party.

In addition to great pizza and snacks, we will have some **awesome** door prizes this year. This year's big prize will be a brand new dual band HT (must be a club member to win!). Additionally there will be tool sets, R&L gift cards, and more that all present are eligible to win. Also,

everyone is encouraged to bring an item to donate as a door prize, more prizes are always appreciated.

Have a favorite snack or dessert? Please bring it to share with everyone. Hope to see all club members there for an evening of fun fellowship!

73, *Brian KC8FJN & Gary KB8MYC*

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## Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, November 1, 2011

President Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Senior Center) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 25 in attendance.

Guests: Ed K8EAF & Bill KE6IMR

New Licenses or upgrades: None

Proceeded to self introductions.

Health and Welfare: None

Brag session: Bob AK3Q made 100 contacts in the CQ World Wide contest. Harry KM4CS donated a Gordon West Extra Class study set which Rob KD8PCT took home.

Brian K4BRI reported that he, Marji KJ4ZKC & Dick WB4SUV were in New Mexico for the ARDF USA Championships event. They all brought home some medals.

Meeting program: Ryan KB8PMY gave a great presentation on packet radio.

Break was at 8:20 and was 20 minutes long.

Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the October 2011 club meeting as printed in the *Q-Fiver*. Jerry W1SCR made a motion to accept as corrected. Ted NC8V seconded. Motion was carried.

Membership: Nathan not present. Dues will be due soon. Applications were available.

Treasurer: Fred K9OHE gave a report.

Technical Committee: Russ WB8ZCC gave a report.

Education: Gary KB8MYC reported Fall classes have begun. Still looking for students for the 1 Day Tech Class which will be on Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Hall in St. Bernard.

Fundraising: Hats and shirts are available from Bruce N8BV.

Fox Hunts: Brian K4BRI reported the fox hunt will be the usual second Saturday of the month @ 10 AM starting at Mt. Storm Park.

Brunch Bunch: Bruce N8BV reported we'll be at Camp Washington Chili on Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Tech Talk Net: Bruce N8BV reported check-ins are staying steady.

QCEN Representative: Pat KD8PAT gave a report.

Old Business: Audit Committee: Pat KD8PAT has volunteered. Still looking for 1 or 2 others.

New Business: Nominating Committee: Paul KD8JDF gave a report. Everybody will be back except the recording secretary (Dale KC8HQS). Nominations were closed.

There will be no program for the December club meeting as we'll be eating pizza. Please bring door prize donations if you can.

Sweepstakes will be at Brian K4BRI's QTH this year. If you would like to operate, please contact Brian K4BRI before Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

The November attendance prize winner was Lynn Ernst WD8JAW who was not present and would have won \$30.

The attendance prize will be \$35 for December 2011.

Split the pot was \$19 and won by: John N8GOU

Eric KC8NMP made a motion to adjourn, Brian KC8FJN seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*

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## Technical Committee report

Hello all:

We keep moving forward with quite a number of items. Progress has been slow at times, as work tends to get in the way of the fun most of the time. So I apologize in advance if some of this appears to be a rehash.

All three VHF repeaters are still on-the-air and working FB. Please use them, and don't hesitate to report back any problems you encounter.

Three of our four CAT-300DX controllers were sent out for repair/maintenance check and have now returned. As time permits, we'll get a CAT controller back on 146.625, and swap out the CAT controller at 146.925 (DVR/phone line issue).

We continue to massage the Arcom controller at our "mothership repeater," 146.67. This has been an interesting experience and has led to some cool functions like reporting of temperature at the repeater site and linking in the weather radio. It has had its completely frustrating episodes as well, as there are a number of functions we'd like to incorporate that the hardware apparently won't allow. But we'll press on; eventually we'll figure it all out.

By the way, look for a list of user codes for this repeater coming very soon.

Thanks to a donation from Dennis KD8ILY and Cincinnati Public Schools, we have a handful of Motorola Maxtrac/Radius mobiles to evaluate for remote receiver/link purposes. So far, they all seem to work, programming them to the ham bands is next.

Progress continues to move toward getting our recently-assigned UHF repeater on-the-air. It will live at 443.7625 (xmit up 5 Mhz) and will be housed at Hughes HS. We have all the equipment necessary to put this on-the-air, which should keep our initial costs low (always a good thing) and now that we have our controllers back, making it all work as a system will be forthcoming.

By the way, although we meet rather infrequently, if you have an interest in helping out with the repeaters, please don't hesitate to contact me and we'll "put you on the list" so you can be an official member of the OH-KY-IN Technical Committee. Sorry, we have no secret handshakes or decoder rings, Fred won't let us spend the money. <grin>

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped out on the Tech Committee this year. The list is too long to mention everyone by name and call, but you should already know who you are. Thanks, everyone.

And special "Thank Yous" go to Harold WB4VOA for some awesome advice, equipment and time helping us keep the repeaters going, and to Dennis KD8ILY, for his assistance with Cincinnati Public Schools for all the equipment and the cool repeater site they've donated. Again, thank you, gentlemen.

I keep saying it and it has never been more true... **Good things continue to happen.**

73, *Russ WB8ZCC*, Technical Committee chair <russ@wb8zcc.com>

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Bethel OH 45106-9669 513=752-9570**



# DX Spots - December 2011 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 GJ6UW-Jersey thru 12-7  ----- XV2LC-Viet- nam thru 12-8  ----- <a href="#">VS-Namibia thru 1-16</a>	3
4 6W-Senegal thru 12-11  ----- <a href="#">J6-St Lucia thru 12-12</a>	5	6	7 T87CC-Palau thru 12-16	8 <a href="#">ET3AA- Ethiopia thru 12-13</a> 	9 V25R-Antigua thru 12-11 	10
11	12 KH2-Guam thru 12-14 	13	14 <a href="#">E44PM- Palestine thru 12-31</a> 	15	16 V31NB-Belize thru 12-27 	17
18	19 5V7MA-Togo thru 1-4 	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26 <a href="#">VS-Namibia thru 1-16</a> 	27	28 9U3TMM- Burundi thru 1-4 	29 <a href="#">CY0-Sable Isl thru 1-6</a>	30 <a href="#">T88OW-Palau thru 1-8</a>	31 

## Contests            December 2011

- 2-4    ARRL 160 Meter Contest , CW; Top Band Sprint, SSB & CW; Top Operators Activity Contest (TAC) , CW; TARA RTTY Mêlée; AWA Bruce Kelly QSO Party , CW; Ten meter RTTY Contest
- 6       Spartan Sprint, CW
- 10-11   ARRL 10 Meter Contest, SSB & CW; 28 MHz SWL Contest; UBA Winter Contest, all modes; SKCC Winter Sprintathon, CW; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW; NA High Speed Meteor Scatter Contest, digital modes; AWA Bruce Kelly QSO Party , CW
- 14       NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW; CWOps Monthly Mini-CWT Test
- 15       Russian 160-Meter Contest , CW & SSB
- 17-18   ARRL Rookie Roundup; Croatian CW Contest; OK DX RTTY Contest; RAC Winter Contest , CW & Phone; Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint; Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party; Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge , CW; Feld-Hell Happy Birthday Sprint
- 19       Run for the Bacon, CW
- 25       RAEM Contest, CW; DARC Christmas Contest
- 28       SKCC Straight Key Sprint
- 29       NAQCC Milliwatt Sprint
- 31-Jan 1       ARRL Straight Key Night

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope Santa brings you some ham radio goodies. For more info see QST, CQ, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests>. Merry Christmas to all!

73, *Dan K74AV*

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**Upcoming Special Event Station in Ohio** from *OH Section News* Tgvg Ed

12/16/2011 | Oglebay Festival of Lights

Dec 16-Dec 18, 2000Z-2100Z, W8ZQ, Blaine, OH. Northern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.200. Certificate. Joe T. McCready, PO Box 192, Blaine, OH 43909.

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**New 60 Meter Info** also as ARLB024

Friday, November 18, the FCC published its approval of changes to the US 60M band. Full details of the proceeding may be found at

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2011/db1118/FCC-11-171A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1118/FCC-11-171A1.pdf)

In summary:

- (1) Use of the existing 5366.5 kHz (carrier) is removed, replaced by 5357.0 kHz (carrier).
- (2) Maximum ERP increased from 50 to 100 watts PEP.
- (3) Three emission modes (CW, RTTY, Data) are authorized in addition to the existing USB mode.

Please note; these rules changes will be effective 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

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November 12 **Brunch Bunch** met at Camp Washington Chili, 3005 Colerain Avenue in Camp Washington, 45225. No pic; we scurried out so quickly afterward there wasn't time for me to unlimber my camera to take one.

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The next Brunch Bunch will be held at Skyline Chili in Harrison OH on Saturday, December 10 at 1 PM. Skyline is located at 10625 Harrison Avenue at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Stone Drive. This is a short distance from the New Haven Road exit off I-74.

Don't forget that the Brunch Bunch meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 1 PM at a restaurant to be determined each month. You are certainly invited to join us. I'm still looking for suggestions on what restaurant, maybe *your* favorite, that we might visit next or later in 2012.

Hope to see you on the 10th at Skyline in Harrison.

73, ..... *Bzuce N8BV*

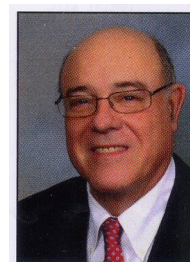
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## Physicians honored for leadership

**Caregiver. Educator. Pioneer.** Six revered physicians whose lives have exemplified these qualities recently were honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Medical Education and Service at the Good Samaritan Hospital Physician Recognition Celebration 2011. Good Samaritan physicians celebrating service milestones also were recognized at the September ceremony.

### Horacio S. Falciglia MD KA8TVY

When Horacio S. Falciglia MD was recruited to serve as the first neonatologist at Good Samaritan in 1976, he introduced new expertise in neonatal care—including mechanical ventilation—resulting in decreased neonatal mortality and complications. His contributions were recently recognized when he was inducted into the “Hall of Honor” at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) by the Cincinnati Pediatric Historical Society. Dr. Falciglia served as director of Pediatrics and director of the Mother/Baby Unit at Good Samaritan, and eventually joined the Neonatology faculty at CCHMC. He received international recognition for his research on meconium aspiration syndrome, cited in more than 100 scientific articles. Dr. Falciglia is most proud of his children who have followed him into the medical profession.



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Dr. Falciglia received his US callsign in 1984 (renewal due in May 2014). His family, especially his father LU1DFN (SK) and uncle LU6DEC (SK) who was a communications specialist in the Argentinian army (and a CW ace!) were quite active. Dr Falciglia himself was licensed as LU7DAU as a youth and did a course taught by the famous Mariano Abastas LU7EE (SK?). When he came to the US for medical school in New York, he, his father and uncle strung an antenna over the dorm rooftops for him to use an 80m homebrew radio his father built for him. After he came to Cincinnati, he found/made time to enroll in the Oh-Ky-In courses. He especially thanks Howard Wissell WB8QOH who was his teacher, and John Hugentober N8FU (SK) who served as his Elmer. John also masterminded installing a quad antenna at the house. Joining Oh-Ky-In, once licensed, was a given and his membership has been continuous. His only present radio activity is on 2m, but he says he plans to become much more active when he retires

at the end of this year. *Photo at left provided by TriHealth/Good Samaritan Hospital*

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Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.



## **ARES Youth Corps Coordinator Appointed in Ohio**

The ARES Tenth District Youth Corps of Ohio is a team of volunteers with the mission to educate young people about not only ham radio but specifically ARES. Kevin Baxter KD8OPX, of Middlefield, Ohio, has been appointed to the post of ARES Tenth District Youth Corps Coordinator. Baxter is an active senior at Cardinal High School in Middlefield.

Matt Welch W8DEC, District Emergency Coordinator for the ARES Tenth District, says "Kevin is a motivated individual with an evident passion for the hobby. Since passing the Technician class license in August 2010, he volunteers for many public service events throughout the year. Most recently, he helped WEBELOS Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 197 in Burton, Ohio operate the W8TEN station for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)." Baxter is a trained SKYWARN Spotter, and a member of the Warren Amateur Radio Association (WARA) and Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association (LEARA). - [Matt Welch, W8DEC](#), District Emergency Coordinator, [ARES Tenth District](#), Ohio Section

*ARES E-Letter*, 11-16-11 Rick Palm K1CE, Ed also in *OH Section News* Tgvg Ed

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### **Fox News - Ham Radio Licenses at All-Time High**

*Fox News* reports on the boom in Amateur Radio licenses in the United States.

They say Ham Radio first took the nation by storm nearly a hundred years ago. Last month the FCC logged 700,314 licenses, with nearly 40,000 new ones in the last five years. Compare that with 2005 when only 662,600 people hammed it up and you'll see why the American Radio Relay League -- the authority on all things ham -- is calling it a "golden age."

In the TV report Michelle Macaluso interviews **John Pritchett W6JWK** and shows an Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) competition.

Watch the TV report and read the story Radio Days Are Back: Ham Radio Licenses at an All-Time High at this link: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/...all-time-high/>

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### ***Greatly edited Ohio Section News - Happy Thanksgiving Edition!***

**Ron Moorefield W8ILC receives Allan Severson AB8P Memorial Award** posted 11/7/2011

(not actually part of Section News, but fits – *Ye Ed*)

He has been active in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service as long as the Section Manager has been alive, and for that, Ron Moorefield W8ILC of Kettering, Ohio has become the 18th recipient of the Allan Severson AB8P Memorial Award.

The award was presented to Ron during a meeting of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association in Kettering, Ohio on Friday, November 3. Ohio Section Manager Frank J. Piper KI8GW, who made the presentation before a packed house, noted that the award was not only given to Ron for his resume of work, but how Ron carried out his tasks with integrity.

Moorefield was Emergency Coordinator for the Greene/Montgomery county areas from 1963 to 1985. In 1985, Ron was appointed District Emergency Coordinator for Ohio ARES® District 3, and held that same appointment until his announced retirement effective October 1 of this year. Ron still plans to be an effective ARES volunteer in his local group. Ron is also an active liaison in the Ohio VOAD program, and works with the Dayton HamVention® team as well.

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The Allan Severson AB8P Memorial Award is bestowed on an amateur radio operator in the Ohio Section who has demonstrated a continuing dedication to the advancement of amateur radio and to the Ohio Section.

The award had been established in 1992 and was named "Ohio Ham of the Year" until 1999. That year it was renamed after Allen, of Lakewood, Ohio, who became a silent key in 1997. The award winners listed here are all hams who, like Allan Severson, have dedicated themselves to the advancement of the American Radio Relay League in Ohio.

Although AB8P had served the Section as Section Manager and went on to a distinguished career as Great Lakes Division Director on the ARRL National Board of Directors, the annual award announcement only mentions one sentence about him which is part of every memorial award certificate. That sentence quickly demonstrates the reason for the renaming of this award. "Allan's devotion to serve amateur radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section leadership."

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ARRL Ohio Section Section Manager: *Frank Pipet KJ8GW* ki8gw@arrl.org

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### **Statehouse happenings**

On November 16, 2011 a hearing was held in the Ohio Senate State and Local Government and Veteran's Affairs Committee on each of the amateur radio antenna bills, S.B. 93 and H.B. 158. The hearing was scheduled for the presentation of sponsor testimony on both of the bills. State Government Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP and Terri Kovalchik N8TLK attended the hearing on behalf of the ARRL.

Representative Stebelton, one of the sponsors of H.B. 158 presented the legislation and indicated his understanding that **S. B. 93, which is substantially similar to H.B 158, will be withdrawn** in order to minimize the number of hearings necessary to pass the legislation. In his testimony, Representative Stebelton emphasized the importance of amateur radio as a communications resource in times of emergency, the federal regulations (PRB-1) intended to protect the amateur radio service and the fact that similar legislation has been passed in numerous other states. He also noted that the Senate passed very similar legislation in the prior term.

There were a few questions from Committee members, including whether Ham Radio is the same as CB radio and some questions about the 75 foot presumptions of reasonableness for antenna support structure height. In general, comments from committee members, including Chairman Kris Jordan, were very favorable toward the public service provided by radio amateurs and supportive of the Bill. At this point, further hearings in the Senate will likely consider H.B. 158 only. You can view the full text of that bill at [http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=129\\_HB\\_158](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=129_HB_158).

No additional hearings in the Senate have been scheduled at this time.

73, *Nick Pittner K8NAP*, State Government Liaison, Ohio Section

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### **From the desk of the Section Manager**

Had a chance to make my yearly trek to the Fort Wayne Hamfest over in our neighboring state of Indiana. This Hamfest also doubles as the Indiana State Convention. With it being a Convention, the guest speaker from the ARRL was Mike Corey KI1U (ex W5MPC), ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager. Mike gave a great talk, and then ended his discussion with "The 7 things each Ham and Club needs to be doing". I was struck with each one of these items, and thought I would share them with you.

In the spirit of David Letterman, I'll give these items in ascending order, feel free to add your own drum

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roll before reading each one....

**#7: Be An Elmer**

You can share what you have learned over the years with new, upcoming Hams. Not everyone knows everything, but if we pulled all of our knowledge and experiences together, we can help shape the future of Amateur Radio easily.

**#6: Try Something New**

DXers hate EmComm, EmComm hates DXing...ever heard that? Do you know that working a DX contest will help an EmComm operator improve his/her listening and copying skills? This next year I'm planning to get involved in satellite communication. This hobby has so much to offer. Make 2012 the year you'll try something new!

**#5: Get On The Air!**

Now this one seems to be self explanatory, but I'm sure there are many of us who just don't make the time to sit down and just play radio! It doesn't have to be for hours at a time, but if your mobile rig is collecting as much dust as that McDonald's cup that has been in your car for the past 6 months, it might be time to fire it up and see who is on the air. We need to keep our frequencies active! There's a lot of commercial interest out there who would love to have our bands. Even the emergency frequencies get looked at from time-to-time for profit. If we don't use it, we'll lose it!

**#4: Don't Build Walls**

DXers, EmComm, ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, etc... it seems at times there are walls that get built be-tween our interests. Even sometimes we feel that RF stops at the county line. This plays into #6 a little. Let's try to break down the walls that divide us, our interests, and even the same county or city that has 2 or 3 clubs. Life is too short!

**#3: Always Improve**

We should always strive to improve our operating skills. Maybe this plays with #6 as well. Help out with more public service events. Try to build a project. Join a club you don't currently belong to. The doors waiting to be open are endless.

**#2: Drop The Ego!**

I am going to put this plain and simple. Drop the Ego! This plays with #4. As your Section Manager since 2009, I have run into more issues simply because some people's egos do not allow them to work well with others. It's that simple. When Mike brought this one up, even he could not seem to find a stopping point to end this topic. Egos will always get in the way of developing solid relationships and cooperation amongst individual Hams and Clubs. Let's try to improve on this in 2012 and beyond.

And finally.... **#1: HAVE FUN!**

Ham Radio is, and should be, fun! If you're not having fun, maybe some reflection is needed to see if this hobby is for you. If it's not fun, ask yourself why? Can the issues that are keeping you from having fun be resolved? Has Amateur Radio become more of a "job" than a hobby? It Shouldn't. Amateur Radio, work, family and life should have a balance.

I walked away from Mike's talk with a renewed feeling about myself and this great hobby. I hope my shar-ing these with you will have the same positive impact.

It's hoped each of you had a Blessed Thanksgiving!

73, *Frank K98GW*, Ohio Section Manager

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**VE exam opportunities** pls see also **Hamfests &c.**

**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 Sat even-numbered months:** Huber Hts sponsored by Huber Hts ARC at Huber Hts Publ Library, 6160 Chambersburg Rd. 9:30-11:30 AM. ARRL session, walk-ins welcome. Info: John Martindill AB8NV ab8nv@arrl.net.

**Sat Dec 10** at R&L Electronics at 8 AM (before shop opens!). Sponsored by Dial ARC. No exam fee! Info: R&L Electronics, 513=868-6399

**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.

**Now THIS was a VE session! Record Numbers at Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club Licensing Session**

SAN LUIS OBISPO - On Friday, November 4, 2011 a record 150 electrical engineering freshman students from Cal Poly took their FCC amateur radio technician-class license exam in the largest amateur radio licensing event ever in San Luis Obispo County. Hosted by the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club (CPARC), this event will break its previous record of 62 new licensees, set earlier this year on Oct 1, 2011. This session is likely the largest Amateur Radio License Testing Session ever held at the collegiate level. Special testing arrangements were made with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to accommodate this large group.

*Allen Pitts W1AGP* Media & PR Manager ARRL

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No Dec **Hamfests** in the Tri-State area.

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**Club T's & hats for sale once again!** 3 Large T's & 3 baseball caps, **only**, remain. \$10 each, available at club meetings. To reserve *yours*, contact Bruce N8BV, 513=251-1555 or e-mail <n8bv@juno.com>

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3 tales picked up from *Amateur Radio Newsline* #1788 for Nov 18, 2011, courtesy of *qrz.com* reprint:

**Bandplanning: ARRL *Ad Hoc* Committee on Microwave Bands**

...This for hams who like to operate in the microwave spectrum. An ARRL *Ad Hoc* Committee has been tasked by the League's Board of Directors with recommending updates to the ARRL Band Plans between 902 MHz and 3.5 GHz. If you are now active on any of these bands or are developing plans to do so, the committee would like to hear from you. The band plans for these bands may be found at [www.arrl.org/band-plan-1](http://www.arrl.org/band-plan-1). Comments go via the ARRL website at [www.arrl.org/microwave-band-plan-input-form](http://www.arrl.org/microwave-band-plan-input-form). You have until Dec. 15 to respond. (WA6ILQ, W9QZB, others)

**Ham Happenings: Dayton HamVention Tops 22,000 in 2011**

It's taken a few months to compile, but according to Dayton HamVention on-line Moderator Bill Curtice WA8ABP, the official attendance for the 2011 gathering has been tallied at 22,312. That appears to be up by several hundred over 2009 & 2010. It is a sign that at least the health of the ham radio economy is improving even if that of the rest of the nation seems to be lagging behind. The information was posted to the HamVention reflector on Sunday, Nov 13. (HamVention@NewsGroup, WA8ABP)

**That Final Item: Visiting Germany's Ham Radio Convention Thanks to the Camera of DC3AQ**

...Finally this week, a new video about the HAMRADIO 2011 convention in Friedrichshafen, Germany,

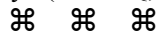
last spring is now on-line. Often called the Dayton of Europe, this year's HAMRADIO featured 184 exhibitors, representatives from 29 countries & an attendance up with the biggest shows. These 3 factors made it a truly international event.

The show was produced by Matthias Schilhab DC3AQ, & uses only video & the voices of the attendees to tell the story of HAMRADIO as seen through the eyes of each person interviewed & presented in that person's home language. For example, here is a sample from those who expressed their view of the event in English:

Actual show audio sample

According to film maker DC3AQ, he decided not to narrate or to translate because he & his crew didn't know whether to release it in German, English, or Spanish. Instead, he calls the on-line release his polyglot version with each language standing on its own. Hence its title of HAMRADIO 2011 Polyglot.

You can view this 14 minute movie at [tinyurl.com/dc3aq-DL-Movie](http://tinyurl.com/dc3aq-DL-Movie). Lest we forget to mention, DC3AQ says that he funded this project himself, without any support of any sponsor or radio club. We say *bravo* on this very special gift from him to the world-wide amateur radio community. (DC3AQ, ARNewsline™)



### **Carving Out Time for Ham Radio de Dan Romanchik KB6NU**

His Nov 2011 column, reprinted in Dec 2011 *MARC Sparks*

On a recent episode of *This Week in Tech* ([www.twit.tv](http://www.twit.tv)), Leo Laporte W6TWT mentions ham radio, and a guest asks him how much time he is spending on the air. Leo, who just recently got his Tech license says "Zero!" and laughs.

This is not uncommon. Lots of people seem to get a ham radio license and then do very little with it. I think one reason for this is that they don't take into account how much time the hobby really can eat up.

They get their ticket because it seems like a cool thing to do, but then they have to carve out some time to actually be a ham radio operator. Even if you don't make any of your own gear, setting up a station takes time, and then there is the operating time, of course. Carving time out of busy schedules—and I would guess that Laporte has a pretty busy schedule being the owner of TWiT—is a challenge. I see things like this all the time. At one ham radio club meeting that I attended, the club vice president asked, "OK, here's the question of the month. How many of you actually got on the air in the past month?" Less than half of those in attendance raised their hands. Geez, I thought to myself, why do they even bother to come to meetings if they don't get on the air?

Making time for ham radio

So, if you're a busy person, how do you make time for ham radio? Well, being the Internet geek that I am, I Googled, "making time for things you love." I got a lot of links to sites that talked about work-life balance and some new-age blogs, but none of them offered much in the way of concrete advice.

Then, I Googled "make time for hobbies" and right off the bat, I found two good articles—7 Creative Ways to Make Time For Your Creative Hobby!

(<http://www.exploringwomanhood.com/homelife/hobbies/maketime.htm>) and 5 Ways to Make Time for Your Hobby (<http://o5.com/5-ways-to-make-time-for-your-hobby>). Both articles offered very similar advice.

Here are four points that both made:

1. Schedule it. Set aside a specific time during which you're going to do ham radio. Don't let that time get pre-empted.

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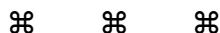


2. Designate a place in your home for ham radio. Having to set up your radios or dig out your tools every time you want to operate or build something is not much fun and wastes a lot of time. Having a “shack” and a workspace designated for your projects will let you spend more time on the fun stuff.

3. Partner up. Arranging to work with another ham will make it harder to blow off ham radio for some other activity. Besides, it’s a lot of fun to do things with other hams. If you’re a newly licensed ham, find an Elmer. There really are plenty around who would be willing to help you.

4. Create a project plan. Setting up an amateur radio station is no small feat. Breaking it down into smaller chunks will make it seem more doable, and you’ll get a feeling of accomplishment when you meet your in-between goals.

There’s so much to learn and do in amateur radio that it can seem quite overwhelming. I think that’s one reason why so many Techs never really get into the hobby and why some experienced hams drift away. I think if you follow the advice above, though, you’ll not only find the time to pursue amateur radio, but get a lot more out of it



### What’s coming in December 2011

Fri Dec 2	7:30 PM	SSTV Net on 146.925
	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 Dec 6	7:30 PM	Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard Election of officers & Board for 2012, pizza & soft drinks, see pg 3
Wed Dec 7	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q
Fri Dec 9	7:30 PM	SSTV Net on 146.925
Sat Dec 10	10:00 AM	Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67 rpt
	1:00 PM	Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch, Skyline Chili, 10625 Harrison Ave, corner Harrison Ave & Stone Dr, Harrison OH (nr New Haven Rd exit off I-74)
Tue Dec 13	7:00 PM	Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD
Wed Dec 14	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI
Fri Dec 16	7:30 PM	SSTV Net on 146.925
	8:00 PM	Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston



Tue Dec 20	sunset	Hanukkah begins
Wed Dec 21	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
Fri Dec 23	7:30 PM	SSTV Net on 146.925



Sun Dec 25	Christmas Day
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Mon Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins,	Boxing Day in Canada
Tue Dec 27	7:30 PM	Board of Directors meeting, location TBD
Wed Dec 28	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN
Fri Dec 30	7:30 PM	SSTV Net on 146.925
Sun Jan 1	New Year’s Day	

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Tue Jan 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
Program: yet to be determined

## *Quite old* news: K8SCH in Field Day 2011

Eric N8YC almost certainly gave our score & participation number for this year's event, but he didn't have access to **all** the figures right away! K8SCH placed 618 of 2632 participating stations. 35 of our members & guests made 798 QSOs. --*From ARRL FD database*

I wanted to remind everyone that **dues** for the upcoming year are being taken. I have received several already, and I appreciate your timeliness with this!

You can download and print the membership application at: <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

73, *Nathan Ciufo KAZMET* Membership Chair

Thank you to the following hams who came out and gave us a hand supporting the **2011 Price Hill**

**Thanksgiving Day Parade** on a cool misty morning: Lynn Ernst WD8JAW, Harry Davis WA8LOJ, Kevin Wiesner N8VRF, Laurie Haltermon KF4YWG, Alex Morris KJ4HPE, Pat Maley KD8PAT, Brian DeYoung K4BRI, and Marjorie Garrett KJ4ZKC .

Thanks also to Dennis Marvin KB8JVK for his help as liaison to the parade organizers.

73, Rick KD4PYR

Happy Holidays to one and all! Ye Ed & Family

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