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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 is mailed and e-mailed usually the Wednesday before the club meeting. Normal copy deadline is the weekend before that. Please send submissions for *The Q-FIVER* (including notice of upgrades & call sign changes) to Ye Ed Susie N8CGM. These may be:

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- e-mailed to n8cgm@arrl.net or to sscott@iglou.com



THE Q-FIVER

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Another Field Day In The Books

The title says it all!!! If you missed it you missed a great time. I cannot recall another Field Day which started off with better weather, Saturday was perfect. A big thanks goes out to Eric N8YC for his efforts again as event chair. Also thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes to get the equipment together and those that helped set up and tear down. Additionally, no Field Day would be complete without a mention of the greatest Chef in ham radio, John Phelps KC8VQU. There is no club better fed than ours each year!

There is still plenty of summer for us here in the club. July will bring us the club picnic (details elsewhere). In August we will participate, as a club, in the Ohio QSO party. Please put August 27 on your calendar.

Summer is the time to get that antenna work done and be ready for the winter. Always remember safety first. We want to keep all of you around. Stay away from all electrical lines. A sad story came out from a field day event where 2 hams were injured when their antenna came into contact with power lines. Maintain a safe distance and never work during high winds or when storms are approaching.

Until next month, have a safe and happy holiday and hope to hear you on the repeaters!

73 *Gary KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

The June club meeting will take place on **Tuesday, July 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. It's hoped that the program for this meeting will be announced on the repeaters.

73, *Brian KC8FJN*

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Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, June 7, 2011

President Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Center) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 30 in attendance.

Guests: None

New Licenses or upgrades: None

Proceeded to self introductions.

Health and Welfare: None

Brag session: John KC8VQU operated from W1AW.

Leslie (Jerry W1SCR's daughter) is pregnant. Congratulations!

Meeting program(s): Info on Field Day. Eric N8YC, Field Day Chair couldn't make it but Gary KB8MYC filled us in. Also, Russ WB8ZCC had our repaired IFR available for people at the meeting to test their radios.

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Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the May 2011 club meeting. There were none.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT wasn't able to be here. He did send a report though. We are at 90 members.

Treasurer: Fred K9OHE reported the checking account balance is at \$7461.21.

Technical Committee: Russ WB8ZCC reported the IFR was repaired. The Technical Committee will clean up the radio room at Hughes High School in preparation for possibly a repeater at the site.

Fundraising: Red, White & Blue Ash July 3. St. Bernard will also have a Independence Day event on the same date. Volunteers are needed! Contact Bruce N8BV for details.

Fox Hunts: Brian K4BRI reported on this month's fox hunt.

TechTalk: Bruce N8BV asked for more check-ins. It makes the net control feel like they have really accomplished something if more people check in.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bruce N8BV reminded everybody about the Brunch Bunch. For June, we'll be at Dixie Chili in Newport, KY on Saturday June 11 starting at 1 PM. July's Brunch Bunch will coincide with the club picnic @ Ross Park in St. Bernard at 1 PM.

Dale KC8HQS recommended everybody check out the show *Ham Nation* on the website <http://twit.tv/hn>. It's hosted by Bob Heil K9EID.

Gary KB8MYC mentioned he is taking orders for OH-KY-IN Field Day T-Shirts. They are \$20 each. Contact Gary KB8MYC for more info.

---The attendance prize winner was Robert Shokler KD8JWN who was not present and would have won \$5. The attendance prize will be \$10 for July 2011.

Split the pot was \$12 and was won by Dennis KD8ILY

John KC8VQU made a motion to adjourn, Jim W8JRB seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*, Recording Secretary

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ARRL and Combined Federal Campaign Mark Decade of Partnership

For the past 10 years, the US Office of Personnel Management has designated the ARRL to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). In that time, this campaign for federal government civilian employees, US Postal Service workers and members of the military has generated more than \$170,000 for ARRL programs since it first became an option for giving by federal employees to the League. The CFC provides an easy way to support ARRL's effort

to represent its members and all radio amateurs. 8< snip ...

One important note: Since the CFC does not provide the ARRL with the names of individual donors, the ARRL Development Office would appreciate a copy of the donor form to ensure that each contribution is applied according to the donor's wishes and the contribution or pledge can be properly acknowledged. -- *ARRL Ltr* June 16, 2011

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The **Brunch Bunch** last met June 11 at Dixie Chili in Newport KY with about 20 attending. (Sorry, no pix provided – Ye Ed) For the July meeting of the Brunch Bunch we will be guests of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society at its Club Picnic being held Saturday, July 9 at 1 PM in Ross Park located in St. Bernard.

OH-KY-IN will provide the burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and all of the fixin's. Please bring a hot or cold dish, desert or snack to share with the group. Since we'll be at a covered pavilion in the park, the picnic is a rain or shine event!

Please email Jerry Shipp W1SCR at jlshipp@zoomtown.com to let him know if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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Oh-Ky-In Repeaters PTT & You

Just a reminder! When accessing any Oh-Ky-In repeater, **hold your PTT in for a half a second or so** before you begin to speak. This is because there's a delay before the repeater transmitter engages. The repeater requires a few tens of milliseconds to recognize stable PL tones, etc.

By waiting a half second or so before you speak, everyone gets to hear **your entire call, sentence, etc.** Otherwise, listeners only hear calls from folks like "..8zcc." ;-)

Please remember, **all** Oh-Ky-In repeaters utilize a 123Hz CTCSS (or PL) tone for access.

Tnx! Now, get out there and **use those repeaters!**

73, *Russ WB8ZCC* Tech Cmte Chair

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Fundraising: Help Wanted

The club has two fundraising events in July, both on the same day, Sunday, July 3. We still need help at both events.

We have the St. Bernard Festival at Ross Park in St. Bernard from 4 PM-10 PM. This year the club's booth will sell beer tickets. For more information or to sign up to help out at this event, please contact Jerry W1SCR at jlshipp@zoomtown.com

We also have Red White & Blue Ash on the 3rd from 2-10:30 PM in Blue Ash. For this event we will sell beer for the 4th straight year. For more information or to sign up for Red White & Blue Ash, please contact Bruce N8BV at n8bv@juno.com

Both are fun family events and include entertainment. Even if you don't plan to work the event, or maybe you plan to be available to help just in case, bring the family and join us at either event and have a great time.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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Logbook of The World Now on Facebook!

In early June, the ARRL added a [Logbook of The World page](#) to social networking site Facebook. With almost 300 fans, the page is growing every day. The LoTW page on Facebook features the latest LoTW news, as well as comments from users. Have you checked out the [ARRL Facebook page](#) lately? With almost 18,000 fans, it's the most popular Amateur Radio page on Facebook! In *ARRL Letter* June 16, 2011

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit: Cameroon, TJ9PF, 2011 operation. These particular cards were printed with the year 2001 instead of 2011. This is a known software bug that has been fixed. This will not affect the integrity of the logs. DXCC will accept TJ9PF QSL cards showing the date as 2001; Macquarie Island, VK0KEV, current operation.

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by CS1CRE, KF4VTT, NC1L, *The Daily DX*, the *OPDX Bulletin*, *DXNL*, "Contest Corral" from *QST* and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

--ARLD023 *DX news*, June 9, 2011

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DX Spots - July 2011 de KA3MTT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Note: Hyperlinks to DXpeditions are not all in red as designed. Those underlined should link, color aside			3D2R – Rotuma thru] 7-15 	KH4-Midway Isl thru 7-31 	1 7Q7MH – Malawi thru 7-31 \ 	2 PY0FO – Fernando de Noronha thru 7-9 
3 FO – French Polynesia thru 7-10 	4 	5	6 JX5O – Jan Mayen thru 7-16 ----- 3D2ML – Fiji thru 7-17	7 MD-Isle of Man thru 7-15 	8	9 ST – Southern Sudan thru 7-19 
10	11 SV9 – Crete thru 7-27 ----- FO/a – Austral Isl thru 7-14	12 V47JA – St Kitts & Nevis thru 8-2 	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 T88MB– Palau thru 7-24	21 FP – St Pierre & Miquelon thru 8-4 	22	23 VK9HR – Lord Howe Isl thru 8-2 ----- 8P9XC – Barbados thru 8-15
24 ZD8D – Ascension I thru 8-9 	25	26 V63FAA – Micronesia thru 8-4 	27	28	29	30 CE0Y – Easter Isl thru 8-8 
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Contests

July 2011



1 Canada Day Contest

2-4 10-10 Spirit of '76 QSO Party; DARC Digital Corona Contest; Venezuela Independence Day Contest; DL DX RTTY Contest; MI QRP 4th of July Contest; 070 Club Firecracker PSK31 Sprint; 8-10 FISTS Summer Sprint; IARU HF World Championship, SSB & CW;

QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Contest; SNS and NS Weekly Sprints; World Radiosport Team Championship, CW & SSB; Straight Key Weekend Sprint

13 CWops Mini-CW Test

16-18 Russian Radio Team Contest; DMC RTTY Contest; Feld-Hell Monthly Sprint; NA RTTY QSO Party; CQ WW VHF Contest' CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush Contest; Run for the Bacon

24 Flight of the Bumblebees

30-31 144 MHz Digital EME Championship; IOTA Contest; MARAC US Counties QSO Party

Field Day is over. Time for some contests in your air-conditioned shack. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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The OH-KY-IN **Technical Committee "cleaned up" at the radio room at Hughes High School** last night (June 16)... literally.

Years of layered dirt and caked-on drywall dust were no match for our intrepid committee members, KD8ILY, WB8NWQ, KB8MYC, N8BV, KC8FJN, and yours truly, who manned vacuum, mop, broom and rags, to give a little polish to the place.

Okay, it'll take a lot more work to qualify as "polished" but the committee left the place in a much better state of clean than the room had been in. Good timing, too, as a new air conditioner was recently installed.

After the clean-up, the committee toured the roof-top where the antennas live... an estimated 150 feet above Clifton Avenue! It's safe to say, the view of Cincinnati from there is spectacular! It will make an awe-some repeater site. Thanks, committee, for a job well done. And thanks again to Cincinnati Public Schools for use of the site.

Next up for the committee, determining what can go there... hmmm. ;-)

73, *Russ WB8ZCC* Technical Committee Chair

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I am happy to announce that we have gotten a firm time, date and location for the **Win500 class**. This class is intended for anyone who wants to learn the basics of this program which we use for making and modify-ing files for the PSR500/600 and the Radio Shack Pro-106/197 scanners. I would also say that the basic skills used in this program will be helpful in most other scanner related software as well.

It is my intention to show the basics of downloading and installing the program, getting it to communicate with one's scanner and then some real world demonstrations on how to create a new file from scratch, how to modify one that already exists (such as the Monix clone) and how to use the Radioreference site to create a file. This class is open to anyone who is interested in the subject. You do not need to be a ham, or have any other affiliation in order to attend and learn from this class.

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In addition to WIN500, Billy Zaph has offered to perform a demonstration of the PRO96COM program which he uses to find new talkgroups and radio IDs on the digital systems.

Here are the details for the class: This will be held on **Tuesday July 19, 2011 at 7:30 PM** at the following location: the St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Hall) @ 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard

I will send out other notices as the date gets closer.

73, *Rod Villazi KJ4JAM*

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The **Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net** normally meets every night at 8 PM on the 145.37 repeater. However, the .37 repeater was hit by lightning a couple of days before Field Day (this posted to Oh-Ky-In reflector June 23) and they have held the net on 145.37 simplex. Particularly looking ahead at the deluge of NTS traffic over this weekend due to Field Day, Greg Zach WG8Z, TATN Net Manager, decided to accept my offer of the use of the 146.67 repeater as needed until their repeater is back in operation. This is expected to require a bit of time --

Please give the net some preference during its operation. If you need to make a call on .67 during the net time, it is OK to break into the net when net control is asking for check ins, and with permission of the net control station, make your call and then move your station to another frequency or wait until after the net has closed to make your call. (The 146.925 repeater with a PL of 123 might be a good choice.)

If you'd like to check in to the net, please do not hesitate to do so. You do not have to be an NTS traffic handler to check in.

Tnx!! 73, *Bruce N8BV*

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Below is a **recently discovered website** with lots of links to amateur radio reference websites--thanks to Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT via the Oh-Ky -In ATV reflector. Check this one out. Lots of info: <http://ksarrrl.org/deeplink/>

Also, for those unaware, another excellent amateur radio reference guide website, featuring "80+ pages and 3000+ links covering 400+ ham radio and DX topics," is located at www.AC6V.com. The originator of this site is now an SK but the site is being maintained by others.

73, *Fred W8LLY* W8LLY@ARRL.net

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Ohio Section News sent out on Thu, June 23, just prior to Field Day

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State House Bill 158 Passes House Vote, Moves Onto the Senate

State Government Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP advises me that as of Tuesday, June 7, 2011, House Bill 158, which enacts sections 303.214, 519.214, 713.082, and 5502.031 of the Revised Code to codify federal

restrictions on local zoning of amateur station antenna structures thereby preserving amateur radio service communications as a Homeland Security resource and to place the burden of proof for compliance on the zoning authority, has passed through the Ohio House of Representatives by a vote of 92 to 3.

The next stop for this Bill is the Ohio Senate, where it will be referred to a Senate Committee (yet to be determined).

As more information develops, I will keep the Section informed via this e-mail reflector, and the Ohio Section Website (www.arrloho.org) S.B. 93 of the version of the antenna bill pending in the Ohio Senate.

At this point there have been no committee hearings on the Bill and we are awaiting action on that front.

Affiliated Club News

Field Day! Last year 136 participants from Ohio filed scores with the ARRL. Following are the top 20 scores. Earlier this year in one of my newsletters I poked some fun at the Delaware group about how much planning they put into their Field Day operations and challenged other clubs to try to catch them or at least be competitive. Well, in DELARA's June newsletter, DELARA Field Day Coordinator Sandy N8YS issued this statement. "So to all the groups out there... who may try to challenge us, we have two words for you....'BRING IT!'"

So the gauntlet has been officially thrown. Clubs around Ohio, Let's BRING IT!

Club	Call	Score	Class	QSOs	Participants
Delaware ARA	K8ES	11,610	4A	3,439	48
Cuyahoga ARS	W8BM	8,454	8A	2,336	30
Canton ARC	W8AL	8,010	2A	2,097	30
Northern OH DX Assoc.	W8DXA	7,996	2A	2,320	25
Portage County ARS	K8BF	7,880	4A	2,669	140
Findlay RC	W8FT	7,726	6A	1,848	33
Lake Cty ARA	N8BC	7,532	7A	1,932	23
No Club Name	W8TK	6,854	1B2	1,526	2
Cuyahoga Falls ARC	W8VPV	6,844	3A	2,023	22
Wayne ARC	W8AV	6,730	2A	1,635	10
Mt Vernon ARC	K8EEN	5,550	4A	1,514	25
Buckeye DX Club	W8OS	5,522	1A	1,218	5
Van Wert OH RaRC	W8FY	5,486	4F	1,878	20
Medina 2 Meter Group	W8HN	5,338	4A	1,412	19
OH-KY-IN ARS	K8SCH	5,148	2A	1,294	25
Marietta ARC	W8HH	5,110	2A	1,454	8
Morrow Cty ARES	W8NL	4,948	3A	1,245	8
Mahoning Valley ARA	W8QLY	4,876	8A	1,362	63
No Club Name	WB8RTJ	4,790	1EB	464	1
No Club Name	W8VP	4,656	4A	914	40

Challenges aside, let's hope everyone plays it safe during Field Day and that the only downside is eating too much.

I will work with my home club in Mount Vernon, K8EEN, working as 4A OH, but maybe, just maybe spring myself loose for a couple mid Ohio club visits.

Speaking of Mount Vernon ARC, congratulations on becoming a Special Service Club. They had to move their Field Day Site at the last minute and were at the Apple Valley's Floral Valley site instead of Bennet Park.

Portage County (PCARS) has a Yahoo Groups site <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PCARS/>. Their theme for Field Day was "Bring a Friend to Field Day". I wish them well and hope they can keep their GOTA station busy with newbies.

Alliance ARC planned to be at a new site in Sebring this year for Field Day. The actual address is 895 McKinley Avenue, Sebring, Ohio, but the driveway into the campgrounds are near the corner of Texas Ave. and Johnson Rd.

LACARA operated from the Lake County History Center in Painesville. They planned to run five stations.

The OH-KY-IN group operated in Mitchell Memorial Forest near Cleves, They were still looking to fill their hardest operating times from 10 PM Sat to 8 AM on Sunday. See their *Q-Fiver* for a map. And con-

gratulations to them for their SSC renewal!

Coshocton County ARA held Field Day at Canal Lewisville United Methodist Church's Brown Farm, located at 50166 TR 200.

Northern Ohio ARS will have their 2011 NOARSFEST July 16 at the Spritzer Conference Center, 1005 North Abby Road. They were still putting together Field Day plans and asked all members to remember the June 20 meeting so they could make final changes and arrangements.

Massillon ARC had their Field Day at Petro's park again this year. Set-up began at 9 AM. They recently participated in Ohio Safety First June 4 at Clays Park. I have accepted an invitation to speak at the Massillon club August 5th. I look forward to meeting them.

Scioto Valley ARC held Field Day at the SVARC Club House in Scioto Trail State Park, Potluck at 1 PM Saturday

The Buckeye Belles plan a 50th Anniversary Celebration at Mohican State Park August 12-14, Unfortunately this is being touted as their farewell. It is sad to see the end of a great institution like theirs to come to an end.

Salem Area ARA Field Day was held at Pavilion 8 in Waterworth Memorial Park, Salem, OH, Superior Ave off N Lincoln again this year. 10 am set-up, Potluck Dinner will at 6:00 PM. I recently visited with SAARA at one of their meetings and found them to be a great group of people. They meet the first Thurs-day of every month at 6:30 PM at the Salem Library's Quaker Room. Hmmm, I wonder if their president Ginger Grille does the Grillin' for Field Day and whether she likes ginger?

Western Reserve ARC Field Day was held in the same place as last year - in Canfield, 8905 Columbiana Canfield Rd. (SR46). I will visit the Western Reserve ARC August 16.

Cambridge Amateur Radio Association held their Field Day at Salt Fork State Park.

Muskingum County ARES set up for Field Day as KD8LGV at 2310 Adamsville Rd, Zanesville, OH

I also planned to attend the Milford Hamfest June 18. I looked forward to meeting anyone and everyone I could!

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One last item. Nick Pugh K5QXJ is reaching out to youth in his area and is looking for kid hams who are interested in participating in a Youth Echolink net. Following is his email to me. If you know a young ham, here is a great way to get them started, even if they don't have a radio. Please help set them up or visit Acadiana Armature Radio Association site for more details.

"Hi Mike

Let this letter be our introduction. I am Nick Pugh K5QXJ the lead from the Acadiana Armature (*sic*) Radio Association <http://www.w5ddl.org/> and the Children's Museum of Acadiana project to get our young folks

licensed. This year we licensed 20 middle school kids and supplied them hand held radios. The next step is to get them active on the radio. We are going to hold a kid net on Echolink twice a month the time and date TBD. This net will be called by Abe KF5BEWW and Kendra KF5FYS who are 14 and 12 years old re-spectively. You can help by promoting this net in your area and by passing me a list of emails so that we can personally invite the kids and parents in your area to join in the net. I also encourage you to join our net and give us feedback on how to improve our net.

Please send me your email contact. I can be reached at k5qxj@arrl.net "

Enjoy Field Day and keep those newsletters coming.

E. Mike McCazdel KC8YLD ARRL Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator

Official Observer Coordinator Hosting Meeting in August

An Official Observer meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM, August 6, 2011 at the Columbus Hamfest. The Hamfest is held at the Aladdin Shrine Center 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43209. (GPS coordinates N 40 deg 03.155 min, W 082 deg 54.43 min.)

This is a training session for all OOs only. Every Official Observer should plan to attend and be prepared to discuss OO activity in the past and how the newest rules effect what OOs look for today. Also proper communication with those who receive OO reports and communication up and down the chain of authority (ARRL, FCC).

Thanks, *Richard L. Swain, KK8O* Official Observer Coordinator, Ohio Section

Public Information Coordinator

Hi Gang,

Welp.. "The Ring for the King" just didn't happen this year. If you look real hard you can see my tear stains on this email. Hi.. hi...

Oh well, just goes to show ya', no matter how you stack the cards with million dollar players, it all comes down to being a "team." Too bad the "King" had to find that one out the hard way.

I bring this analogy to your attention because the Ohio Section Cabinet is also a "team." Ever notice, when there is a gathering of 10 or more hams you'll most likely find a cabinet member or two around to be with them? It's true! The Ohio Section Cabinet is one of the most active cabinets you'll find around the country. You'll find us just about anywhere there is a gathering of Amateurs. Have a club meeting that you'd like attended by one of the cabinet? Just let us know when and where and we'll do our best to make it.

Now, let's get to workin' those rare ones.. Website.. We are still getting a lot of hits on the website, and that's really good to see. I've had several of you comment on the free software that I suggested to use. I'm happy to report that they are very pleased with the way it runs as well as they still can't imagine getting this good of a program for free.

Here's another piece of software that might interest you. Ever hear of OpenOffice? It's the free version of Microsoft Office. Those of us that just can't afford the \$300 - \$600 that Microsoft gets now days for their full version Office Suite, this is a very nice alternative. It is compatible with the Office Suite software so you can use it and still be able to swap with those more fortunate persons using Microsoft Office. Again, it's free and it is easy to download and use.

Oh, have you seen the latest gadget out there? It's called a "Ring Mouse." For those of you that have every possible toy imaginable, here's a "just can't live without" mouse that fits on (you guessed it) your finger. It's wireless of course and operates on the 2.4 GHz band and retails for around \$69. Did you notice that I've added a new tab to the left column of links on the main page? This link is to the ARRL site where you can quickly find a Field Day site. Try it, it's fascinating to see how many Field Day sites are in your area.

I'm still getting contacts from the general public about things that appear on our website. I'm just tickled to no end on that one. I never imagined that so many folks with no real interest in Amateur Radio would want to dig through our many pages of information just to see what we (Ohio Section) are all about.

Ok.. It's time to switch the band selector over.. I haven't seen any requests for PIOs coming yet from any of the DEC's or EC's.. Are you absolutely sure that you want to handle all the PR stuff by yourself when things get heated up? Please take this calm time to get this position filled. Please, don't let me down, start looking around for someone that you can nominate for this extremely important position. Don't wait until the news cameras are in your face to realize that you should have appointed someone months ago.

Moving up the band a little.. I would like to talk to you a little about the upcoming Division Convention. Yes, we are having one. The Great Lakes Convention will be September 11 this year in conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest. We have a very special guest speaker this year, Allen Pitts W1AGP. He will talk about the changes in Amateur Radio and how we now interface with served agencies since 9/11.

Not only will there be guest speakers, but many Division Awards will be presented as well. Nominations for those awards are now being taken. To make the process easier to nominate a person there's now a web-page just for the nominations. You'll find this little self-help page at: http://arrl-greatlakes.org/awards/award_nomination_2011.html There you'll find all the criteria for each of the awards and you can nomin-

each award as well as how to correctly nominate a person for that award. Nominations will be closed by August 1, so you don't have all that much time to get your nominations in. Also, a preliminary agenda is posted at <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/convention.htm> The location for the luncheon hasn't been confirmed yet, so please check back often for any changes that may occur from now until then.

Now switching bands one last time before going QRT.. I do want to mention to all.. I hope that you have a safe and joyous Fourth of July this year. Please remember that our independence didn't come without a very large sacrifice from those who have fallen. Something that you might want to do over the summer with your children as a civics project. Honor a fallen soldier. A simple flower or American-made flag on their grave site is a good way to teach our young about what it takes to be a true hero. If you see a soldier in uniform, thank him or her and shake his or her hand for his or her service. Our children learn from us what we teach them today. Please teach them to honor our real heroes with respect.

73 to all, *Scott Yonally N8SY* Ohio Section Public Information Coordinator

Section Emergency Coordinator

Storms and Flooding have been the watchwords for Ohio ARES Volunteers the last month or so. I have re-ceived a few emails from DEC's and EC's giving me reports, documenting the hard work that has been done by ARES. Thank you for these reports.

Sending reports, both Monthly ARES and the activation reports are very important because they document the actions of the efforts of Ohio ARES to Newington and the public. Please remember to send your monthly DEC or EC reports on the date specified.

Hamvention Report; The Saturday ARES Forum was presented to a full house, and then some. Mike Corey W5MPC, Manager of Emergency Preparedness for the ARRL gave all that attended a very informative presentation on "The Future of ARES...Where Do We Go From Here?". Mike gave me a PDF copy of his PowerPoint; I can email it to any DEC or EC that requests it, just email me.

Finally, planning has already started for a Sectionwide ARES Conference very tentatively scheduled for March 2012. You will hear more on this in future notices. Thank You for your Commitment to ARES, and your Professionalism.

73, *Jack Sovik KB8WPZ* Section Emergency Coordinator, Ohio

Technical Coordinator

Greetings from peaceful Tiffin, Ohio snuggled carefully in the midst of limestone outcroppings and perpe-tual pure ether above. Now that we've located me, let's talk about packet radio. Twenty years ago, there was an explosion of amateur packet radio in progress only to eventually wither to near oblivion after the internet leaped to the forefront of technology. Here in Seneca County, our ARES group has been quietly but persistently working to revive our old friend the TNC. We now have upwards of a dozen local hams with active packet stations on the air and we are actually using them productively.

The ARES mission demands both adequate and diversified technology to support the readiness posture that is required of us. Packet radio can deliver an important piece of that capability including accurate and error free text communications. We have established several nodes including one at the local EOC. Our EMA Director, Dan Stahl KC8PBU has an active station and we are sending bulletins regularly to update mem-bers on packet and to exercise our capability. Monthly status messages are also sent to verify mailbox de-livery and to offer help to our newest users as they bring up their stations.

As the summer season also brings a couple of public service events requiring ARES support, we will de-ploy portable packet stations this year at each of them. The first event is an annual river cleanup that often produces some medical support requirements. Packet radio with APRS will be a plus this year as it's often difficult to copy some of the outlying areas reporting back to the event control location with accurate information. The error free aspect of packet radio will help us to overcome some of our past experiences. The second event is a very popular and heavily attended regional cross country competition. Cross country run-

ners from all over the region will participate and our activity involves providing runner status and coordination of support functions to the operations tent. Packet radio will again provide fast and accurate reporting that can be saved and printed for reference later.

As your Technical Coordinator, I am interested in promoting technology throughout our Ohio Section. I would urge all ARES groups and clubs to consider packet radio to support your public service activities.

Fortunately, in Ohio we have many Hams with packet radio experience to assist you in deploying packet as a valuable communications tool to enhance your local readiness capability.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need help with your packet operations or any of the many useful modes that we have at our disposal.

73, *Jim Yoder W8ERW* Ohio Section Technical Coordinator

Out and About in Southeast Ohio

The out hasn't been doing so well lately!

One good thing is that my OM was given a release from his Doctor but still has a couple other spots that need some attention.

Ham radio wise I have had quite a few setbacks. I had to ask one of the locals to take me to a meeting last night as my car developed a problem. I have an appt next week to have it looked at.

The lever to adjust my steering wheel, doesn't. When I try to turn it there is a grinding sound and it feels like I'm driving a MAC truck, so I'm not driving unless it is a dire emergency. I have to take my OM to Cambridge for an adjustment on his shoes this Thursday so guess I'll have to bite the bullet and try to drive him up there.

My No 1 Grandson was being deployed to Afghanistan again on June 18. His last trip ended on July 4, 2010 so it wasn't quite a year. He is Major Joshua S. Ritenour, MD; Please put him in your prayers. He and his wife just had their first child in May.

Hope you enjoyed your local Field Day!

73/88, *Connie Hamilton N8JO* Assistant Section Manager, Southeast Ohio

Central Ohio ASM

Although I have been to Dayton nearly every year for the past 25 years, this year I did experience two firsts. One working as an ARRL volunteer and the other let's say the building is showing its age.

Working at the ARRL legislative booth was great fun. I had the opportunity to meet many fellow hams, and to spread the word about possible legislation that would threaten a portion of our 440 Mhz band. I was very impressed with the willingness of Amateurs to step forward and sign the letter expressing their desire to defeat the proposal.

The second item of note was a sewage line break resulting in lines at the two working men's restrooms that went around the corner. I must admit I did depart Hara Arena earlier than anticipated that day.

Well, I met old friends, made new ones and took in several interesting forums. All-in-all I had a good time. I must have since I made hotel reservations for 2012 prior to departing. C U down the log.

73, *Fritz Zender WD8E* Assistant Section Manager, Central Ohio

Hamfests elsewhere—such as on the next page! *Ye Ed*

Section Manager Wrap-Up

Applications for the Assistant Section Manager – Training were due to me no later than June 24 (right before Field Day). So far I have received a number of very good applicants, which is **not** going to make this job easy; but it'll be fun getting to know everyone who applied. I hope to have interviews completed, and an appointment made soon.

It's hoped you made this Field Day weekend one of the best! Took lots of photos, maybe even shot video! Share them on the ARRL Ohio Facebook Page! I'd love to see how your Field Day went!

73, *Frank Pipez KJ8GW* ARRL Ohio Section Section Manager

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Hamfests &c.

July 2011

16 47th Annual N OH ARS Hamfest at Lorain Co Community College, Spitzer Conference Ctr, 1005 N Abbe Rd, Elyria OH. 8 AM-1 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating. Talk-in: 146.7. \$6. Info: Darlene Ohman KA8VTS, 216=398-8858, dohman@roadrunner.com, noars.net

17 17 Van Wert OH Hamfest at Van Wert Co Fairgrounds, 1055 S Washington St, sponsored by Van Wert ARC. From 8 AM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating. Talk-in: 146.85. \$5. Info: Louie Thomas WD8LLO, techserv@embarqmail.com, www.w8fy.org

31 25th Annual Portage ARC Hamfest at Portage Co Fairgrounds, 4215 Fairgrounds Rd, Randolph OH. 8 AM-2:30 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, ARRL VE sessions: pls register at 9 AM, exams at 10. Talk-in: 145.39. Advance \$5, door \$6. Info: Joanne Solak KJ3O, 330=274-8240, kj30@arrrl.net, hamfair.com

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

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

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

2d Thu each month except March & December: Milford OH, sponsored by Milford ARC at Faith Church, 5910 Price Rd. Register 6 PM. Walk-ins OK. No exam fees at Milford; they use Laurel. Info: Barb Steward KA8AXY, 513=625-8651, wsteward@fuse.net

In all cases, tests require 2 IDs (preferably at least one with photo). Bring with you the original, as well as photocopies, of current licence & CSCEs. \$15 is current ARRL/VEC exam fee where applicable; exact change, check or money order appreciated

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What's coming in July 2011

Fri July 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

Sun July 3 2-10:30 PM Red White & Blue Ash, corner Reed Hartman & Glendale-Milford
4-10 PM St Bernard Festival, Ross Park -- pls see pg 5 for both events



Mon July 4 **US Independence Day, 235th anniversary!**

Tue July 5 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: TBA on the repeaters, with any luck

Wed July 6 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q

Sat July 9 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
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1:00 PM Joint Club Picnic & Brunch Bunch at Ross Park, St Bernard: see p 15

Tue July 12 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA

Wed July 13 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI

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

Wed July 20 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA

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Program: TBA

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