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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)

Half way point for 2011

It's hard to believe that we are closing in on the half way point in the year. The old adage about time flying is certainly true.

Hopefully you made it to Dayton this year, if that was in your plans (it's a day away as I write this). It's always fun to see old friends along with old and new equipment. Don't forget, the Milford Hamfest is coming up this month too. It's always a fun hamfest to spend a couple hours at.

June, as always, means Field Day! Although I know the details will be spelled out later in the newsletter, I want to remind everyone that we will once again be at Mitchell Memorial Forest. It's a great time to get outside of the shack, for a change, and do some great contesting. Also, our annual dinner will be served just like always. Chef John will be grilling up the grub. Also, don't forget our annual tradition of the midnight steak fry. Bring your steak and join us at the stroke of midnight.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all my OH-KY-IN friends for their expressions of sympathy at the passing of my mother. It was a very trying few weeks while she was ill and after her passing, but the help of friends and strong faith have made it much easier. Thanks again to each of you.

I hope to see each of you at the monthly meeting and, as always, hope to see you on one of the OH-KY-IN repeaters. They are the best repeaters in town!

73 *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

The June club meeting will take place on **Tuesday, June 7** 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. The program at this meeting will almost certainly be **Field Day**, the club's major operating event to take place toward the end of the month.

73, *Brian KC8FJN*

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Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Vice President Brian KC8FJN called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM @ the St. Bernard Municipal Build-

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ing (Rec. Center) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 25 in attendance.

Guests: None

New Licenses or upgrades: Pat KD8PAT upgraded to Extra, Vince (didn't get last name or callsign, sorry) upgraded to General.

Proceeded to self introductions.

Health and Welfare: Gary KB8MYC wasn't able to come to the meeting. His mom is in the hospital.

Brag session: Susie N8CGM won Sweet Adeline of the Year for 2010 from the Cincinnati Sound Chorus of Sweet Adelines Intl.

Meeting program(s): Show & Tell Homebrew items. Thanks to those who brought items to show!

Break was at 8:05 and was about 15 minutes long.

Brian KC8FJN asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the April 2011 club meeting as printed in the *Q-Fiver*. There were none. Eric KC8NMP made motion to accept, Jerry W1SCR seconded.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT wasn't able to be here.

Treasurer: Fred K9OHE gave a report. Brian K4BRI turned in some funds from the VE session on April 23. \$5000 will be moved into a CD soon.

Silent Key: Bruce N8BV reported nothing new. Everybody stay alive please...

Technical Committee: Russ WB8ZCC reported that the repeaters are still working great. Receiver on 146.625 suddenly became deaf recently. The Arcom will be on 67 within 2 weeks. A weather radio feature will be installed soon after.

Battery backup will also be installed in the future.

Classes: Fred K9OHE reported classes are almost done. The Saturday, May 14 exam time changed to 9 AM instead of Noon due to a scheduling conflict.

Fundraising: Celebrate St. Bernard – Noon to midnight. May 21. Red, White & Blue Ash July 3. If you can help with either of these events, please contact Bruce N8BV.

TechTalk: Bruce N8BV reported Robert AK3Q will be the new first-Wednesday NCS.

Old Business: Mick KD8IOQ mentioned there is still a possibility of touring the CVG control tower. It was briefly discussed last month.

Bruce N8BV reported the Brunch Bunch will meet at the Skyline Chili in Monfort Heights Saturday, May 14 beginning at 1 PM.

New Business: Russ WB8ZCC mentioned we have some repeater site opportunities that have become available, one being at Hughes High School. Russ asked for a show of hands of putting a 440 machine on Hughes High School; show generally favorable.

Robert AK3Q mentioned a few nets: 224.620 (PL 110.9) - 8:30 PM - Wednesday & Tri-State 220 Net, Thursdays @ 8 PM on 50.4 AM.

Jerry W1SCR reported the following dates and locations have been reserved for us.

Brunch Bunch – Saturday, July 9 1 PM, Area #1 in Ross Park

Ohio QSO Party – 12 PM – 12 AM Saturday, August 27 in Area 1 & 2 of Ross Park

Don't forget the Milford Hamfest on Saturday, June 18 in Milford.

The attendance prize winner was Paul Jordan KD8JDF who was present and won \$5. The attendance prize will be \$5 for June 2011.

Split the pot was \$19 and won by Sam KJ8K

Eric KC8NMP made a motion to adjourn, Jim W8JRB seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*, Recording Secretary

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Celebrate St. Bernard

This event went really well and we had plenty of help to pull this off even though it was held on the Saturday

of the Dayton Hamvention^R.

I certainly want to thank those listed below for their help.

Jerry W1SCR

Cindy KB8WEI

John KC8TPN

Brandy (John's Girlfriend)

Jeff KB8UAQ

Don WD8IDJ

Russ WB8ZCC

Dan KF4AV

Gary KB8MYC

Bruce N8BV



73, Bruce N8BV

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not prominently featuring Oh-Ky-Ins Brad WD9HDZ & Bob W8JSO

Radio's Plus

Joe Davidson

KB8SBN








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DX Spots - June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 VK9CI-CocosKeeling thru 6-7 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 MJ-Jersey thru 6-17 	13	14 V2-Antigua thru 6-28 	15	16	17 MU-Guernsey thru 6-21 	18 FO/m-Marquesas thru 6-26 ----- PJ7-Saint Maarten thru 7-4 ----- PJ6-Saba thru 7-6
19	20	21	22	23	24 FIELD DAY !!! 	25 FIELD DAY !!! 
26 PJ2-Curacao thru 7-7	27 FO-French Polynesia thru 7-3 	28	29	30		

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Revillagigedo, 4A4A, 2011 operation. ARLD018 *DX News* May 5

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Andaman and Nicobar Island, VU4PB, 2011 operation. ARLD020 *DX News* May 19

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Contests

June 2011

3-5 10-10 Open Season, digital; SEANET Contest, all modes; IARU Region I Field Day, CW; AL QSO Party; DARC 10m Contest, Digital; SNS and NS weekly Sprint, CW; WW EME Contest; LZ Open 20m Contest, CW; Maritime QSO Party, SSB & CW

7-8 CWops Mini-CWT Test; ARS Spartan Sprint, CW

12-13 ARRL June VHF Sprints; GACW WWSA CW DX Contest; Portugal Day, SSB & CW; WFF Green Days, all modes; Australian Shires Contest, SSB & CW; REF DDSM 6m Contest, SSB & CW; WW QRP Contest, SSB & CW

15-16 SARL Youth Day Sprint, SSB; NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW

18-19 Kids' Day; Spanish Island Contest; All-Asian DX Contest, CW; SMIRK QSO Party; WAB 50 MHz Phone Contest; WV QSO Party; Feld-Hell 10m Sprint

22-23 SARL top Band QSO Party; NAQCC Milliwatt Sprint, Digital

25-26 *******ARRL Field Day*******

His Majesty, the King of Spain, Contest, Phone; Marconi Memorial HF contest, CW; QRP ARCI Milliwatt Field Day; SARL Digital Contest

I hope to see you at Field Day. Go OH-KY-IN! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, *Dan K74AV*

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+++ **Wow!** +++ out-take from Gt Lks Div Dir Jim K8JE's most recent column

As this newsletter is being written (May 4), **essentially 9000 hams** have used the letter generating utility developed by GLD member KD4PYR to send letters about HR 607. What a great use of this great product. To generate letters to your US Representatives, hams went to <http://www.kd4pyr.net/hamletter.htm> and followed the simple instructions. (70 cm now appears safe due to all those letters.—*Ye Ed*)

I don't know about you, but I'm impressed.

--KD4PYR is Oh-Ky-In's own Rick Haltermon, who served the club as treasurer years ago. —*Ye Ed*

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ARLB014 Senate "Companion" Bill to HR 607 Avoids Impacting Amateur Spectrum

On Thursday, May 19, Senators Joe Lieberman (ID-CT) and John McCain (R-AZ) introduced S 1040 -- The Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011 -- in the Senate. While it has a similar objective to HR

607 -- introduced in February by Representative Peter King (R-NY-3) -- this Senate bill, unlike HR 607, does not call for auctioning any portions of Amateur Radio spectrum. Both bills call for the allocation of the so-called "D block" of spectrum, 758-763 and 788-793 MHz, to facilitate the development of a public safety broadband network.

On learning in February that a Senate version of HR 607 was being drafted, ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner K1ZZ met with staff members of the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee who were working on the bill to share the ARRL's concerns with regard to HR 607. "They seemed very receptive to our argument and appreciative of the public service contributions of radio amateurs," Sumner said. "It is gratifying to see that S 1040 avoids impacting our spectrum allocations."

Sumner explained that while some media reports are referring to S 1040 as "the Senate version of HR 607,"

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Greetings to all,

It seems like we just finished talking about last year, but through another nasty winter and fishing through these April rains, its time to talk **Field Day** again! The Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society will be conducting its annual ARRL Field Day event at the usual location of Mitchell Memorial Forest near Cleves, starting with setup on Friday afternoon (24 June) and operating Sat and Sun (25-26 June). Please keep your calendar open for that weekend! We will need lots of help setting up and operating through the weekend.

Site set up starts on Friday afternoon after 2 PM. We start operation at 2 PM sharp on Friday through 2 PM on Sunday. I will go around asking everyone when they would like to operate so I can get a firm operating schedule well before the event. The hardest times to fill are from 10 PM Sat to 8 AM on Sunday, so if you're a night owl, we could certainly find you a spot. And once again, you are free to pitch a tent and stay overnight. We usually have a small campfire burning all evening.

Field Day is all about radio, fun, food and camaraderie. We will have the Field Day picnic on Saturday afternoon at 6 PM, so please bring your family and anyone else you'd like to show what amateur radio is all about.

I will send out more info soon and for anyone who would like to help during the event, or for any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email me at <neiheisel@fuse.net>.

Stay tuned!

73, *Eric N8YC* Oh-Ky-In ARS Field Day Chair

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Ye Ed tried to get a map to replace the hand-drawn one that's been used forever, that Dale KC8HQS said would *never be used again!* Neither Mapquest's (too vague) nor Google's (too small) was of any particular help. Best bet to get to Mitchell Memorial Forest is to set your GPS if you have one for either Mitchell Memorial Forest or 5401 Zion Rd, Cleves. (Try before setting out to see what you get.) Alternatively, talk-in:

From Cheviot, take Bridgetown Rd SR 264 WEST to Taylor Rd (just west of Ebenezer Rd, bear right). Carry on to Wesselman Rd, turn left. Proceed on Wesselman to Zion Hill Rd, turn left. Proceed on Zion Hill to Zion Rd, turn right. Watch for Mitchell Memorial on your left, turn into park.

Hamilton Co season pass is now \$10 (recommended), day pass \$3 each. One or the other is required. Passes may be bought at park visitor ctrs, golf courses, Ranger stations or on line at <http://www.greatparks.org> (takes you to Hamilton Co Parks website)



Site map we never had before by Dale KC8HQS



It is important that radio amateurs not oppose S 1040: "There is no reason for us to do so. We support the creation of an interoperable broadband network for first responders. Other than to oppose any method that would impact amateur spectrum use, we do not support one method over another of achieving that objective. We only oppose one aspect of HR 607, not the entire bill."

S 1040 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Science, Commerce, and Transportation, chaired by Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV). Senator Rockefeller earlier introduced his own bill, S 28, to address the same general topic. Neither Senate bill would impact amateur spectrum.

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Brunch Bunch

Another good group for the Brunch Bunch met on Saturday, May 14 at Skyline Chili in Monfort Heights.

The Brunch Bunch meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 1PM. For now, we're moving around to different locations within Greater Cincinnati. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is invited to join us. No club business or any thing like that takes place. Just a bunch of us who enjoy good food and the opportunity to chat about whatever.

The next Brunch Bunch will meet at Dixie Chili located at 733 Monmouth Street in Newport, Kentucky on Saturday, June 11.

Looking ahead, the July Brunch Bunch will meet along with the OH-KY-IN club picnic on Saturday, July 9, at Ross Park in St. Bernard. More information will be available in next month's *Q-Fiver*.

73, Bruce N8BV

Member of Monfort Hts Skyline wait staff took the picture



Hamfests &c. June 2011

4 Fulton Co ARC Outdoor Flea Mkt & Hamfest, Roth Family Park, 101 Hill Ave, Tedrow OH. 8 AM – 1 PM. ARRL VE sessions at 10:30 AM. Talk-in: 147.195+. \$3 Info: 419=822-4382, <k8bxq@yahoo.com>, www.k8bxq.org

11 South Bend IN Hamfest sponsored by Michiana ARC at Elks Lodge, 3535 E McKinley Ave. 8 AM-1 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating. Talk-in: 147.33 (131.8 Hz). \$5. Info: Jack Styles N9TAG, 574=287-4408,

<stylesjack1@hotmail.com>, w8ab.org 18 21st Annual Milford OH Hamfest sponsored by Milford ARC at Eastside Christian Church, 5874 Montclair Blvd. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE sessions at 9 AM (walk-ins accepted, pls bring ID). Talk-in: 147.345. \$5; inside tables \$5, tail-gating \$1. Info: Jim Linn WB8RRR, 513=831-6255, <wb8rrr@arrl.net>, www.w8mrc.com

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ARLB013 FCC Seeks to Raise the Fee for Vanity Call Signs

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on May 3, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.30 and is good for 10 years. The new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$14.20 for 10 years, an increase of 90 cents. The FCC

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is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site at, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/howtocomment.html>.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,600 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal five years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS at, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home> [http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?](http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home) job=home, and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

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Red White & Blue Ash

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society has been confirmed to operate a beer booth at the 2011 Red White & Blue Ash on Sunday, July 3 starting at 1 PM. This year's event will again be held across from the Blue Ash Airport at the corner of Reed Hartman Highway and Glendale-Milford Road.

The entertainment for this year includes Exile, Blue Sky Riders and Kenny Loggins. Of course Rozzi's Famous Fireworks simulcast to a music sound track will again light up the sky at 10 PM.

This year, due to a conflict with another event, several people who have worked this event in the past will be unable to be with us. So, I again seek volunteers to help out with this event.

Whether it be for just a few hours or all day, please let me know if you will be available to help. You can contact me at 513-251-1555 or at n8bv@juno.com. Don't forget, this event helps the club treasury substantially. Please join us if you can.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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Ohio Section News - 'twas the Day (or two) before Hamvention®..... *heavily edited!*

For complete version pls go to <http://www.arrloho.org> --*Ye Ed*

State House Happenings – Nick Pittner K8NAP – Ohio State Government Liaison

H.B. 158 is the version of the amateur radio antenna bill now pending in the Ohio House of Representatives (as of May 18). It is assigned to the Local Government Committee for hearing and has now had three hearings in that committee. The first hearing was dedicated to presentation of the Bill by its primary

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sponsors, Reps. Stebelton and Okey. Both representatives testified in favor of the Bill at its first hearing, April 12, and very effectively described what the Bill does and why it is necessary. The second hearing was scheduled for May 3 for the proponents of the Bill. The section legislative team was represented by Section Manager Frank Piper KI8GW, Bill Carpenter AA8EY, John Tipka W8UL and Nick Pittner K8NAP. Rick Swain KK8O testified in writing but was not able to be present at the hearing that day. We also presented a short video clip of AA8EY handling emergency traffic during Hurricane Katrina.

The committee members asked a lot of questions about antennas, some of which were germane to the bill and some not. The provision establishing 75' as a presumed reasonable height for an antenna structure drew the most interest and a number of the members seemed to favor the general purpose of the Bill, but did not favor the numeric height provision as presented.

After the hearing we had a number of conversations with the sponsors that resulted in an amendment that was offered to and approved by the committee at its third meeting on May 10. 8<snip

Representatives Stebelton and Okey both favored the retention of the 75' provision in the bill (though the version that we offered would have deleted the numeric provision) and offered the amendment quoted above.

The third hearing also saw the first opponent testimony that we have seen in any of the legislative sessions thus far. The Ohio Municipal League, through Columbus Attorney Steve Smith, testified in opposition to the bill at the third hearing. The Municipal League offered two objections: first, that the bill was unnecessary in light of PRB-1 and the second that it violated Ohio's constitutional Home Rule provision. His testimony was offered before the amendment discussed above was offered and in response to questions from the committee seemed to indicate that he would be satisfied with the amended language. He later retreated somewhat from that position, as he had not had any time to study the amendment. Rick Swain, Nick Pittner and Capital Law School Professor Jeff Ferriell K8ZDA were present for the Section legislative team and Professor Ferriell offered brief testimony on the fact that PRB-1, having the force and effect of federal law, supersedes the Ohio Constitution as well as acts of the Ohio Legislature.

My personal view is that the Municipal League's position should be ignored for two reasons. First, 27 states have recognized that the need for amateur antennas is sufficiently important to be carried into state law, and that need is no less in Ohio today than in any of those other states. Thus, the League's "re-dundancy" argument lacks merit. Second, and though I am by no means an expert on the Home Rule provisions of the Ohio Constitution, it seems that the League's objection to this Bill appears to be based more on policy concerns than anything else. They seem to be saying that they would oppose any legislative provision that purported to limit the authority of local governments in Ohio, regardless of the subject matter of the Bill. The bottom line is that even the Ohio Constitution does not trump federal law, and municipalities in Ohio are obliged to comply with PRB-1, regardless of whether H.B. 158 passes or not. To the extent that H.B. 158 simply clarifies and explains that which already a binding obligation on the municipalities it could well be argued that they are better off with the Bill than without it. However, since the committee hearings do not lend themselves to a debate forum, we will have to wait and see if there is a chance to provide a thorough response to the League's position. As of this time no additional hearings have been scheduled for H.B. 158 and we await further information from the Committee leadership on what the next action will be.

S.B. 93 is 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 await action on that front.

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

Affiliated Club News – E. Mike McCardel, KC8YLD – Ohio Affiliated Club Coordinator

8<snip much about Hamvention®, now past. Did list flock of clubs with booths/spaces there

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Special Service Clubs

It appears that the wait in getting SSCs approved is beginning to bear fruit.

Since December DELARA, Lake ARA, Ashland Area ARC, West Park Radiops ARC, OH-KY-IN ARS, Central Ohio ARES, Delaware ARA and Western Reserve ARC have been renewed or approved as new Special Service Clubs. They join Massillon ARC, Milford ARC, Portage County ARS, Inc. as active

Special Service Clubs. Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE, Ohio Section Manager Frank Piper KI8GW, and I have recently approved the applications or renewals for Mount Vernon ARC, Toledo Mobile Radio Association and Salem Area Amateur Radio Association. We are hoping to see them in the database and have certificates in hand in the near future. If any club not listed has applied or renewed their status for SSC, please let me know as soon as possible. If your club is not listed at all, above, but you think it should be, it means your SSC status has passed its two year term and you need to re-apply. Know that we are right on top of this and believe we have turned a corner. If you need help contact me.

(kc8yld@arrl.net, 740=599-6614).

Until next month,

73, *E. Michael McCazdel KC8YLD* Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator

Official Observer Coordinator announcing an OO meeting in Columbus

There will be an Official Observer meeting this year at the Columbus Hamfest, being held on August 6, 2011 at the Aladdin Shrine Complex in Columbus, Ohio. More details to follow as the event date draws closer. All OOs are encouraged to attend.

73, *Rick Swain KK8O* Ohio Section Official Observer Coordinator

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Public Information Coordinator report de Scott Yonally N8SY, OH Section PIC/Webmaster

Hi Gang, 8<snip

...Think our website isn't looked at by the general public? Think again. Over the past several months I have been contacted by several school teachers from different parts of the country. They were studying Amateur Radio in their science classes and had several good questions about what our site represents. I also had the privilege of being involved in a teleconference call with one school recently and found that these 8th graders really have a desire to learn what we do and they find us fascinating. I think we're going to have some new blood coming through the ranks soon.

...It was good to see so many ECs and DEC's at the ARES Conference recently. I enjoyed the compassion that you all have for your individual ARES programs. I am a little disappointed however. I know that somewhere in your hearts I must have gotten through to you on the need to have a PIO within your ARES organization, but I haven't really seen the fruits from that yet.

I haven't seen any requests for PIOs coming from any of you. I thought that the pop quiz that you all took woke you up to how important the PIO can be, and is, to every ARES group. So 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.

8<snip...Some great ideas came from the ARES Conference. This started some ideas that have grown and are now in place. There was a suggestion that the EC DEC Roster be in a better format, one that will allow for better flexibility. That was done, and the master listing now resides on the website. In order to make it available to all the EC/DEC's on a round the clock basis we had to come up with a better way of having the master listing available and be secured so that not everyone in the world could access it. So, a secured area

of the SEC's webpage was created. It is specifically designed for the EC/DEC only. Have you checked it out? If not, please do. You'll have to create your own log-on and password. Once that is done there is a

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confirmation that must be done in order to assure that you do have the right to be there. Once this confirmation is completed you'll be sent an email telling you that you can now log on to the secured area. There you'll find not only the complete EC/DEC Roster, but also a number of other items targeted to help you in your ARES organization. I hope you'll check in often, as like many items on the main website, it will change quite often.

Since there is now a master EC/DEC Roster that resides on the website, please look at it to make sure that all data for your particular area is correct. If not, please send me, <n8sy@n8sy.com>, an email with the changes needed and I'll get the list updated on a timely fashion.

Now switching bands again.. 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. In order to streamline this process a little, I have created a webpage 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 nominate any deserving candidate that you may wish. Please read the rules and instructions on the criteria for each award as well as how to correctly nominate a person for that award.

Nominations will close by August 1, so you don't have all that much time to get your nominations in.

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.. I do want to mention to all of the EC/DECs that were at the Conference in Mansfield. As I had mentioned, the pop quiz (now the rest of you get to know that your EC/DECs weren't just there to have a pizza party..) came from a CD called *PR-101*. This disk usually costs \$19.95 if you order the disk from the League, but if you want to download all of the contents, it's FREE !! Here's the link <http://www.arrl.org/pr-courses> Just follow the instructions and you'll have all the information that's on the CD.

And just one final go around.. I had the privilege of attending the InterCity Amateur Radio Club's Ham of the Year banquet this past week. Along with that I also had the privilege to award a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ohio Section to one of the club's long-time members. He's just one of those guys that's always willing to hold out his hand to welcome a new person as well as when there's a need for help. He's always there willing to do what ever he can for not only this club, but also his country. You see, he's also done two tours for our freedom against terrorism. I'm talking about Myron Baughman N8YOA. Congrats Myron, we all can learn something from you!!

Ok.. It's time to go QRT.. 73 to all,

Scott Yonally N8SY Ohio Section Public Information Coordinator / Webmaster

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If you have received your June issue of *QST*, you'll note two excellent articles written by Ohio Section Hams. Bob Dixon W8ERD of Delaware contributed an article on a portable free-standing antenna support, and Jim Aylward KC8PD (EC of Portage County), wrote a very detailed article on the use of NIMS for Field Day operations. Be sure to check out these fine articles from these two knowledgeable men!

Frank was at Dayton all 3 days & arranged brief Ohio Section cabinet meetings each day. - *Ye Ed*

What's coming in May 2011

Program: TBA

