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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!

For membership information, contact

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- telephoned to 513=385-5201 any time (answerer takes up to 4 min dictation)
- e-mailed to n8cgm@arrl.net



Trailing Arbutus - wee bit different from traditional Shamrock

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(kyoo fye ver) Q: A scale of amateur radio signal readability progressing from 1 (unreadable) to 5 (perfectly readable). "You're Q5" = "Your signal is perfectly readable." (*ARRL Handbook*, 52d ed. 1975)

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Try Try Again

The old adage says "If at first you don't succeed...." And you know the rest. Winter got us last month and cancelled our meeting. In March we will try again. Our tour of the Hamilton County EOC is reset for March 1. I hope to see everyone there. This will be a great tour.

If you missed Bruce N8BV's first meeting of the Brunch Bunch, you missed a great time. No agenda or meeting, just good times and good foods. Plan on joining us in March, you'll enjoy the fellowship of good friends.

Lots of great things continue to happen in our club. From great repeaters to a great weekly net, to great meeting programs, OH-KY-IN has plenty to offer to all. A lot more things will be coming in the future. Please join in, ham radio is a "contact sport".

Until next month, see you at the club meeting and see you on the repeaters.

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next Meeting NOTICE

Our March club meeting will be, it's sincerely hoped, a tour of the Hamilton County Emergency Management Operations Center. This center is state of the art and is one of the best equipped centers in the country. Our host for this tour will be Ed Frambes K8EAF, who is the Emergency Planning Coordinator for Hamilton County.

Our meeting will be held at the EOC on Tuesday, March 1. We will meet there at 7:30 PM sharp. The address of the facility is 2000 Radcliff Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45204. We will send out driving directions as the meeting draws closer. If anyone needs assistance with directions or getting a ride to the facility please contact me and I will try to help out.

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Minutes of February 1, 2011 club meeting

Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and actual working event at meeting site. We try once again in March.

73 *Dale KC8HQ5*

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Important! 440 threat – your help is needed!

A few days ago I wrote about HR 607 and the threat it seemed to pose to our 440 band. Well, the threat is very real. <http://www.arrl.org/hr-607>

I need every PIO, club and ham we can get to write to their congressional representative in opposition to the bill as it is written.

(Ye Ed received this e-mail appeal at 2:25 PM on Tue, Feb. 22.)

Because of their security measures, it will NOT do any good to mail them direct.

You can send an email, but PLEASE fill in the sections of the attached letter for your own representative and then send it to Chwat & Co who will HAND DELIVER it – making sure your letter gets noticed!

<http://www.arrl.org/sample-letters>

After filling in the blanks, send to:

John Chwat, Chwat & Co., 625 Slaters Lane Suite 103, Alexandria VA 22314

By Fax - Send to: 703-684-7594

You may also send a signed letter via email to: arrl@chwatco.com

This is an “all hands on deck” and we’re going to need all the people we can get PDQ or we lose 440.

73, *Allen Pitts W1AGP* Media & PR Manager ARRL - the national association for Amateur Radio

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As you can see from N8BV's earlier email, re-printed on pg 4, we have a **full slate of spring classes**. In addition to those listed, we have some opportunities to so some extra classes for specific groups.

As always, help is needed and appreciated. If anyone is interested in helping out with classes, let me know. Help is always needed in coordinating classes and also new instructors are always welcome. Please let me know if you would like to pitch in!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC* Education Chair

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It's close to March! Time to renew, if you haven't yet!

I just wanted to remind everyone that March is quickly approaching, and there are MANY renewals that need to be sent in. The phrase "need to be sent in" sounds a bit harsh, but the club relies on its members and membership renewals. It's no secret that membership rates of amateur radio clubs have taken a nose-dive in many parts of the country.

Let's take this opportunity to reverse that trend and show the Tri-State area what OH-KY-IN is made of.

Renewal forms can be downloaded at: <http://join.ohkyin.org/>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. 73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MZZ* Mbrsp Ch

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Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN

11641 Colthar Drive Bethel OH 45106-9669 513=752-9570

sorry Ye Ed forgot your ad last time Joe!

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2011 Spring Classes

Sponsored by the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society & the Queen City Emergency Net

EXTRA 10 weeks 7-9 PM St. Bernard

March 10/17/24/31

April 7/14/21/28

May 5/12

GENERAL 4 weeks 7-9 PM St. Bernard

March 31

April 7/14/21

TECHNICIAN 1 Day 8 AM-4 PM Red Cross

Sat. April 16

For more information about classes, call 513=347-6396

or send email to classes@ohkyin.org

EXAMS

Saturday April 23 in St. Bernard 9 AM

Saturday May 14 in St. Bernard TBD

For more information about exams, call 859=635-3095

or send email to exams@ohkyin.org

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For Sale

GATEWAY 2000 17" CRT COLOR MONITOR, EXCELLENT CONDITION - CAN DEMONSTRATE. \$30.
73, *Sam KJ8K* 513=922-8782

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The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Rwanda, 9X0SP, 2010 operation. If you had this operation rejected in a recent application, send a note to [<dxcc@arrl.org>](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org) to have your record updated. – *DX Bulletin 6* ARLD0006, Feb 10, 2011

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

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DX Spots - March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 T30-West Kiribati thru 3-17 9G1AA-Ghana thru 3-20	2	3 4A4A-Revilla Gigedo thru 3-20 	4	5 XU7AFU-Cambodia thru 3-15 
6 V5-Namibia thru 3-16 	7 VP9-Bermuda thru 3-12 CY0-Sable Is thru 3-15	8 P40D-Aruba thru 3-13 J6-St Lucia thru 3-15	9 FG-Guadeloupe 	10 PJ2-Curacao thru 3-17	11 VP2V-Br Virgin Isl thru 3-18 7P8-Lesotho thru 3-20	12 9G5XA-Ghana thru 3-16 J88DR-St Vincent thru 3-13
13	14 J79M-Dominica thru 3-28 	15 VU4BP-Andoman & Nicobar Is thru 3-31 3D2A-Fiji thru 4-2 9L5MS-Sierra Leone thru 4-4	16	17 	18 PJ2-Curacao thru 3-21 MJ0CFW-Jersey thru 3-21	19 VK9CF-Cocos Keeling thru 3-29 
20	21	22	23 V31-Belize thru 3-30 ZF2AE-Cayman Is thru 4-5	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 	31		
			KH0-Mariana Is thru 4-2			

Contests

March 2011

1 YL CW Party

4-5 ARRL International DX Contest; NS Weekly Sprint, CW; Ukraine Open RTTY Championship; DARC 10 m Digital Corona Contest

8-9 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW; CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test; John Rollins Memorial DX Contest, CW

12-14 QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint, CW; RSGB Commonwealth Contest, CW; AGCW QRP Contest, CW; CLARA and Family Contest, SSB & CW; EA PSK31 Contest; ID QSO Party; NA RTTY Sprint; WI QSO Party

17-19 10-10 Mobile QSO Party, all modes; Russian DX Contest, SSB & CW; OK1WC Memorial Contest, SSB & CW; Feld-Hell Rolling Sprint, Digital modes; ND QSO Party; VA QSO Party; OK QSO Party; BARTG HF RTTY Contest

26-27 CQ WPX SSB contest

March in with a roar of contests. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, *Dan KJ4AV*



Boy Scouts of America & American Radio Relay League Team Up to Help Scouts Learn Radio Communications Skills

(IRVING TX & NEWINGTON CT—Feb 15, 2011)—After working together for nearly a century to provide Scouts with the ability to learn radio communication skills, the Boy Scouts of America and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL)—the national association for amateur radio—have officially teamed up after signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This MOU designates the ARRL as a key resource for the BSA's radio station, K2BSA, and Radio merit badge training at the BSA national Scout jamboree, and establishes the ARRL as the go-to source for Scouts interested in learning about and becoming involved in radio communication.

BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca and ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN launched the alliance today by holding a signing ceremony that took place at separate locations. During the ceremony, Mazzuca and Craigie took the opportunity to talk about the importance of each organization to the ongoing development of the other.

"Throughout the years, going all the way back to the Wireless merit badge in 1918, the ARRL has worked hand-in-hand with Boy Scouts of America to help teach Scouts the skills and joys of radio communication," Mazzuca said. "Today, we are making official a relationship that has been beneficial for both of our organizations for nearly a century."

The BSA, by virtue of its active membership and its outdoor program, represents a significant source of potential new radio operators looking to utilize amateur radio for emergency communications while in the field, as well as for education, experimentation, and friendship. As part of this strategic alliance, the BSA will encourage Scouts and Scouters to become familiar with opportunities for public and community service, learning, and personal growth through involvement in amateur radio.

"We're excited by the opportunity to make official a relationship that has existed informally for many years," Craigie said. "Scouts and Scouters have been some of the strongest proponents and practitioners of radio communication, and we know they will continue to help foster a love and understanding for the essential nature of radio communication for generations to come."

The BSA established the strategic alliance with the ARRL because the mission of the ARRL is complementary to the mission and goals of the BSA. Specifically, the ARRL is organized for the estab-

lishment of networks to provide communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies; the advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare; the fostering of education; the promotion and conduct of research and development; the dissemination of technical, educational, and scientific information relating to electronic communication; the representation of radio amateurs in regulatory matters; and the promotion of fraternalism and high standards of conduct among radio amateurs.

In addition to its national Scout jamboree involvement, the ARRL will continue to promote participation in the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air event. The ARRL will serve as contributing editor to the Radio merit badge pamphlet, and will assist with the review, creation, and modification of requirements as necessary and in the development of course materials, lesson plans, and other resources for teaching the Radio merit badge to Scouts. The ARRL also will contribute to the content of the Electricity, Electronics, Emergency Preparedness, and Communications merit badge pamphlets. **To view the video of the signing**, please visit www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/ProgramEnrichment/ARRL.aspx or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izkzuD2MJ-o> Video runs 8 minutes, FYI.

8< snip – background on ARRL & Boy Scouts

73, *Allen Pitts W1AGP* Media & PR Manager ARRL - the national association for Amateur Radio

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Hamfests &c.

March 2011

5 Dugger IN Hamfest sponsored by Dugger ARC at City Park Community Bldg. 7 AM-2 PM. ARRL-VEC VE sessions 11 AM, door prizes, refreshments. \$5, incl 1 table; under 12 free. Talk-In: 146.775 MHz (136.5 Hz). Info: Kyle KB9GZN kb9gzn@sbcglobal.net, <http://www.kc9ak.org/hamfest.html>

35th Annual Cave City KY Hamfest sponsored by Mammoth Cave ARC at Cave City Convention Ctr, 502 Mammoth Cave St. 7:30 AM-3 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions begin 9 AM CST, walk-ins OK. \$6. Talk-in: 146.94. Info: Larry Brumett KN4IV, 270=651-2363, lbrumett@glasgow-ky.com

12 Terre Haute IN Hamfest sponsored by Wabash Valley ARA at Terre Haute Ntl Guard Armory, 3614 Maple Ave. 8 AM-1 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating; VE sessions 11 AM. Walk-ins welcome, pls bring check or money order made out to ARRL/VEC. \$5. Talk-in: 146.685 (151.4 Hz). Info: Nick Vinardi N9WG, 812=870-9459, n9wg@hotmail.com, www.w9uuu.org

Gallipolis OH Hamfest sponsored by Mid-Ohio Valley ARC at Gallipolis Christian Church, 4486 SR 588. 9 AM-1 PM. Fleas, handicap access, refreshments, seminars, VE sessions. Advance \$4, door \$5. Talk-in: 147.06 (74.4 Hz). Info: Steven Little WD8NUY, 740=441-5007, [<slittle@zoomnet.net>](mailto:slittle@zoomnet.net)

20 56th Toledo Hamfest & Computer Fair sponsored by Toledo Mobile Radio Assn at Owens Community College, Student Health Activity Ctr, 30335 Oregon Rd, Perrysburg OH. 8 AM-2 PM. \$6. . Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, seminars; VE sessions, follow signs, paperwork starts 8:40 AM, exams 9 AM. \$6. Talk-in: 147.27 (103.5 Hz). Info: Brian Harrington WD8MXR, 419=385-5624, wd8mxr@gmail.com, www.tmrhamradio.org

26 28th Annual Columbus IN Hamfest sponsored by Columbus ARC at Bartholomew Co Fairgrounds Community Bldg, 750 W County Rd 200 S. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, tailgating; VE sessions at 11 AM, Conservation Council Bldg. Walk-ins welcome, pls bring check or money order made out to ARRL/VEC. Advance \$4.50, door \$5. Talk-in: 146.79 (100 Hz). Info: Russ Holderness KA9MZV, 812=372-7422 or 317=691-3345 (cell), rholder433@live.com, www.carcnet.org

N8SY back in as PIC after 3+ years out of that post

It is with regret the Emily Wells KC8RAL of Warren, Ohio, has resigned from the post of Public Information Coordinator for the Ohio Section. Emily has served as PIC since October 2007, then appointed by Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE (SK).

I want to take this time to thank Emily for her years of service to the Ohio Section. Emily will still edit and publish the *Ohio Section Journal* for the Ohio Section.

To fill the vacancy of PIC, I have appointed Scott Yonally N8SY of Mansfield to the role of Public Information Coordinator. Scott held the role of PIC for many years prior to Emily's term, and will still maintain the Ohio Section website www.arrl-ohio.org as part of his PIC duties.

Please welcome Scott back into his new duties for the Ohio Section.

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

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Weaver's words - Baseball Season is Coming! Sent 7 Feb 2011

[Reply to <k8je@arrl.org>]

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+++Kentucky School Contacts International Space Station+++

The Foster Heights Elementary School in Bardstown, KY successfully contacted the International Space Station by Amateur Radio at 14:04 UTC, January 28. The QSO was made through K4SSA, the amateur station of the Kentucky Space Science Academy in Bardstown. Reports are that the audience totaled about 100, including an observer from the Kentucky Department of Education. Older students served as control operators for younger students.

Students have been studying frequency and wavelength, radio waves, electrical circuits, electricity and magnetism, the electromagnetic spectrum, how to measure voltage and resistance and the Global Positioning System. Also studied are satellite orbiting, Amateur Radio satellites, radio communications, Morse code, and crystal and shortwave radio.

The contact was made as part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. The program is sponsored by AMSAT, ARRL and NASA.

+++Canton, OH School Receives ARRL ETP Grant+++

This story's already been printed in *The Q-Fiver*. -*Ye Ed*

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

Being an odd-numbered year, 2011 is a year for a bi-annual Great Lakes Division Convention. It will be held concurrent with the Findlay Hamfest in Findlay, OH on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The Convention will be held on the Hamfest grounds as a coordinated activity with the Hamfest. A series of interesting seminar topics and speakers is being developed for this event.

In addition to the seminars and speakers, Great Lakes Division Awards will be presented. An announcement requesting nominations for these awards will be made soon. In the meantime, the awards that are available and the criteria for them may be found by going to the GLD website, <http://arrl-greatlakes.org> and clicking on Awards in the column at the left side of the opening page. It is time to begin to think of possible nominees and gathering supporting information for these.

Attendance at the GLD Convention is free with the purchase of a Findlay Hamfest ticket.

+++Michigan D-Star Net+++

Last month when I mentioned a new D-Star net in Ohio I asked if there were additional similar nets in the

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Great Lakes Division. Bob Wilcox K8OMS of Owosso, MI took me up on my request and told me of the Michigan D-Star Net.

"The net meets at 8:00 PM every Monday on Reflector 024 Node A (The Michigan Reflector). Please visit the Shiawassee D-STAR website at <http://www.w8shi.net> for more information," Bob said..

Tnx, Bob.

+++ Survey Results +++

The results of the survey concerning the possibility of having an electronic version of *QST* have been very gratifying. A total of 1161 members responded. I thank each of you who participated. You provided very timely and useful information. You've also given me a lot of work still to be done! I will not go into the numbers that relate to questions 1, 2 and 3.

You can see these by going to the Great Lakes Division website, <http://arrl-greatlakes.org> and clicking on Results for the Current Director's Survey. What I will say is that most GLD members prefer continuing to have paper copy *QST* available. I am still reading through and replying to the hundreds of the written answers that were made in the space provided at the end of the survey. Unfortunately, my messages to a few members have been returned as undeliverable. I regret this.

A couple of points I wish to emphasize are that there is no thought of discontinuing hard copy *QST*. My question regarding such an option was intended to determine just where Division members fit into the full spectrum that ranges from hard copy, only, through electronic copy, only. A number of responders to the survey automatically assumed the reason for the survey was to prepare members for dropping hard copy.

This is not the case. Although many members found an e-*QST* to be quite acceptable, hard copy *QST* will be around for a long time.

A second misunderstanding relates to a presumed, inherent increase in profit for ARRL if *QST* went fully digital via the Internet. A financial gain would not be a "given." The fact is that *QST* is underwritten by the advertisers. We do not know how they would respond to a digital-only version.

So, what is being considered? Something must be.

This is correct, the Board and staff are reviewing the possibility of adding an e-version to the existing paper version.

Possible platforms being evaluated include those that could be read on iPad, Kindle, etc. e-readers much the same as paper journals are read. All this remains in the early phases of exploration so don't run out and buy an e-reader with the expectation that e-*QST* will be available by the time you get home and power up.

I will add only that I've seen demonstrations of e-reader platforms that mimic reading paper publications very closely. For those among us who are eagerly awaiting an e-*QST*, the prospects are exciting.

Thanks to each of you who participated in the survey. Thanks as well to you who added specific comments and suggestions to your survey answers. A number of interesting suggestions have been forwarded to staff for review. Your participation in "your ARRL" is greatly appreciated.

+++ Two New Webinars Announced, One Right Away!+++

501(c)3 Webinar --Thursday, February 24, 2011 – 9:00 PM through 10:30 PM(EST) This webinar will give basic information about why clubs may want to file for a tax exempt non-profit status; how to file and how to keep your status good once having been issued your tax exempt status. Speakers include Chris Imlay W3KD - ARRL General Counsel; Marty Woll N6VI – Southwestern Division Vice Director and CPA; and Larry Keller AB3ER – Western Pennsylvania Section Emergency Coordinator. Larry is a former Skyview Radio Society board member who was active in that club applying for and receiving their tax exempt non-profit status.

To register for this webinar, please go to the link below and complete the registration page **at least one hour prior to the webinar start time**. Technical requirements for participating in the session will be available at the log-in site.

To register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/380546793>

For those unable to make this webinar, or those who wish a recording of it, there **are** plans to record the 501(c)3 webinar Thursday evening to DVDs. The DVD will be available to order at a nominal cost by going to www.atldiv.org/training.

As always, there is no cost to attend the webinar. - *Bill Edgar N3LLR*

NBEMS Update Webinar --Saturday, February 26, 2011 – 10:00 AM through 12:00 PM(EST). This

NBEMS webinar will cover advanced features such as the use of NBEMS FLWRAP and FLMSG for the use of sending and receiving spreadsheet/database data and form-based messages such as the ICS-213 and

NTS/Radiogram forms. We will also be covering HF digital net procedures and protocols and hope to in-corporate a live HF demonstration that will be viewable by all those attending the webinar.

Our speakers for this session will be Harry Bloomberg W3YJ – Western Pennsylvania Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, and Dave Kleber KB3FXI. Harry and Dave are the developers of this program

To register for this webinar, please go to the link below and complete the registration page **at least one hour prior to the webinar start time**. Technical requirement for participating in the webinar will be listed on the log-in site.

To register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/497568192>

Thanks to Director Edgar for his continuing willingness and devotion to making these webinars available. Questions related to the webinars should be directed to him at <n3llr@arrrl.org>.

+++ **This Month's Final** +++

I often hear amateurs -- members and non-members alike -- complain about the price of membership in ARRL. I agree that \$39 is not just a bit of change that I could lose and not notice. On the other hand, what is Amateur Radio worth to each of us? What value do we place on our great avocation?

How many of us have other hobbies? What do these cost relative to Amateur Radio? What magazines do you subscribe to? How much do these cost? Incidentally, ARRL members do not subscribe to *QST*. It is an inherent benefit of membership.

Let's examine a few relative facts.

ARRL dues are \$39/yr. This figures out to just under 11 cents/day for a year. For comparison, a subscription to *CQ* magazine is \$36/yr. This figures to be just under 10 cents/day. I am a long time subscriber to *CQ*. I am also a bit of a Civil War buff and subscribe to *Civil War Times*. It costs \$39.95/yr for only 6 issues. This means it costs essentially the same as ARRL membership. *Monitoring Times* in paper version is 32.95/yr x 12 issues -- just over 9 cents per day.

In addition, I recently received an invitation from the National Rifle Association (NRA) to extend my membership. The regular cost for a two-year extension is \$60. The special offer was for \$55. These prices aren't bad. The cost to extend membership for two years (just over 7 cents/day) is somewhat less than that for ARRL.

These comparisons are very superficial, however. What members get in return for their dues or subscriptions differs quite a lot.

With *CQ*, subscribers receive the magazine and can enter into a few *CQ*-sponsored contests each year. Very nice contests I will add. With my *Civil War Times* I receive six issues of a thinning, but quite nice, magazine. With *Monitoring Times* one receives the magazine which is devoted to many aspects of "wireless" communications, only one of which is Amateur Radio. It is a nice magazine.

NRA membership brings a monthly magazine and representation on gun-related issues in Congress. The NRA does a good job with its legislative action efforts. Of course, it has many more members than ARRL which increases the likelihood of success and also helps hold the cost of membership down.

What about ARRL? What do members receive through membership in it? First, there is *QST*. It is a top-notch journal -- i.e., much more than merely a magazine. There also are the several contests that take place

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on nearly every amateur band. And the awards -- DX, WAS, VHF/UHF --and many more. ARRL sponsors the Education & Technical Project (ETP), otherwise is known as the Big School project. We've discussed this Project earlier in this issue. Along the lines of education, ARRL also manages numerous grants and scholarships for amateur radio causes and operators. What about ARES™? This program is the true gold for radio amateurs in presenting us as providing critical support to our fellow citizens. Add to this the Official Observer program that helps keep many amateurs on the right side of FCC rules and regulations. There is the VE Program. The ARRL VEC is the largest Volunteer Examiner Coordinator in the country and is responsible in many respects for there being a VE Program..

How many of you have contacted the ARRL Technical Department for assistance with a sticky problem? Maybe you have contacted the ARRL Regulatory Information Department to ask questions about FCC regulations and International communications laws? How many other organizations provide these services?

Even though there are numerous additional services provided by ARRL, I will stop the litany of member services with the above. My point is that \$39/year is truly inexpensive when compared with everything ARRL makes available to us members. Finally, ARRL is the most major developer and publisher of ham radio technical, instructional materials and Amateur Radio promotional materials in the world.

I have no doubt that any amount of dues may be too much for some people. For the vast majority of us, though, the total value ARRL membership offer for \$39 in dues is a true bargain! Think about it.

+++ Tentative Travel, Hamfest and Activity Schedule +++

Hamfests in the following list have received ARRL sanctioning as of press time. Hamfests and other events for which a Great Lakes Division representative is scheduled to attend are identified with the representative's name. The schedule can be expected to be fine-tuned from time to time.

Patronize ARRL-sanctioned hamfests. Hamfests, conventions, symposia and similar events sponsored by ARRL-affiliated clubs may be eligible to be sanctioned by the League. For information on sponsoring and sanctioning a hamfest or convention, go to www.arrl.org/hamfest-sponsor-support. To have your hamfest sanctioned, go to <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application> to apply on line. Hamfests are already being sanctioned for 2012! Please be sure to read the requirements for having an event sanctioned before submitting a request.

Hamfest Chairs, please remember to order your free handouts that are available from ARRL. These hand-outs are to be displayed on the ARRL table you provide. These replace the box of assorted goodies HQ previously sent automatically. The reason for the change is to allow you to select only the materials you believe will be of value and interest to your attendees.

5 Mar: Cave City Hamfest, Cave City, KY - Jim
12 Mar: MOVARC Hamfest, Gallipolis, OH
19 Mar: Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall, MI - Jim
20 Mar: TMRA Hamfest/Computer Fair, Perrysburg, OH - Jim
2 Apr: Lincoln Trail ARC Hamfest, Elizabethtown, KY
2 Apr: ARGYL Hamfest, Lowell, MI - Jim
9 Apr: 55th Cuyahoga Falls ARC Hamfest, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
16 Apr: Milford Swap and Shop, Milford, MI
16 Apr: A&F Committee, Newington, CT - Jim
23 Apr: Jackson Co. ARC Swap, Jackson, OH
30 Apr: River Cities ARA Hamfest, Ashland, KY
1 May: Athens Hamfest, Athens, OH

7 May: Cadillac Hamfest, Cadillac, MI

*Driving conditions permitting. Remainder of Hamfests will be listed closer to their actual dates.

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE*, Director ARRL Great Lakes Division 5065 Bethany Rd. Mason, OH 45040

E-mail: <k8je@arrl.org>, Tel.: 513=459-1661 ARRL - The national association for Amateur Radio

Jim K8JE is running for re-election as Director of the ARRL Great Lakes Div. His candidacy flier will be printed to include with the hard-copy *Q-Fivers* & plugged in at the end of the PDFed edition. – *Ye Ed*

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Below is a picture of those of us who attended the first **Brunch Bunch** outing on February 12.

We'll continue to have our Brunch Bunch outings on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Next outing is March 12, 1 PM at Price Hill Chili on Glenway Avenue in Price Hill.

Club members or not, you are invited to attend !

This is part of what I sent out via the club reflector to rustle up some interest ... “Is there anyone that would like to get together as a group for a lunch or brunch outing, say like once a month? No club business, just a get-together where we can all enjoy some grub and have a good time and discuss whatever might come up. Maybe we could even call our get-together, The OH-KY-IN Brunch Bunch or Lunch Bunch? Of course you would certainly NOT have to be an OH-KY-IN club member to join us!



73, *Btuce N8BV*

What's coming in March

Tue Mar 1 7:30 PM **Club meeting** at Hamilton Co Emergency Management Ctr, 2000 Radcliff Dr, Cincinnati 45204. Program is a re-scheduled tour of the facility; host/ tour guide is Ed Frambes K8EAF, Hamilton Co Emergency Planning Coordinator. Talk-in directions will be sent out prior to this meeting. Pls see also **Next meeting**, pg 3

Wed Mar 2 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dale KC8HQS

Fri Mar 4 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

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Tue Mar 8 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBA
 Wed Mar 9 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI
 Sat Mar 12 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 Brunch Bunch at Price Hill Chili, 4920 Glenway Ave
 Sun Mar 13 **Daylight Savings Time begins**
 Wed Mar 16 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
 Fri Mar 18 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, **new** Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston
 Tue, Mar 22 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location TBD
 Wed, Mar 23 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN
 Wed, Mar 30 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Rick KD4PYR
 Fri Apr 1 April Fool's Day
 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot
 Tue Apr 5, 7:30 PM **Club meeting** at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
 Program: TBA

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ARLB008 FCC Adds New Country to CEPT Reciprocal Agreement for Amateurs

On Monday, February 7, the FCC released a Public Notice (DA 11-221), adding a new country to the CEPT reciprocal operating arrangements for US citizens who hold an FCC-issued General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio licenses. US hams may now operate in **Montenegro**, as well as the other countries covered by the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), subject to the regulations in force in the country visited, to operate in those countries.

US amateurs with a General class license will be granted CEPT Novice Radio Amateur License privileges, in accordance with ECC Recommendation (05)06 (as amended), which can be found on the web at,

http://www.erodocdb.dk/doks/implement_doc_adm.aspx?docid=2136.

US amateurs holding an Advanced or Amateur Extra class license will be granted CEPT Radio Amateur License privileges in accordance with CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 (as amended), which can be found on the web at,

http://www.erodocdb.dk/doks/implement_doc_adm.aspx?docid=1802.

US hams who will be traveling to CEPT countries can now go to these links and see if any new countries have been added to the reciprocal agreements.

While operating an amateur station in a CEPT country, the US amateur must have a copy of the Public Notice, proof of US citizenship and evidence of their FCC license in their possession. They must show these documents to proper authorities upon request.

CEPT countries participating in ECC Recommendation (05)06 as of February 7, 2011 are: Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland.

CEPT countries participating in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01 as of February 7, 2011 are: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Estonia, Finland, France (including Corsica, Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, St Bartholomew, St Pierre and Miquelon, St Martin, Reunion and its Dependencies, Mayotte, French Antarctica, French Polynesia and Clipperton, New Caledonia, and Wallis and Futuna), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man).

OH-KY-IN 2011 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Chair
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair
Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair
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Q-Fiver Editor Susie Scott N8CGM
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Oh-Ky-In online survey

In an effort to help the club meet the expectations of our members, we have developed a short online survey. I am asking that you take a couple of minutes and complete this. It will give us some vital information on the direction the club needs to be heading. You can cut and paste the link below to reach the survey.

Once you have completed the survey, you will receive a message that will allow you to click the button and view the current survey scores. This survey is completely confidential, please feel free to share your thoughts with us. <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BP365ETCU/>

73, *Gazy KB8MYC* 513=382-3979

Ye Ed even succeeded in taking the survey! It may take a little while for it to come up for some.

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Member on the move

A note to let you know that **David Clephane N8NUX** is now in a nursing home in Cincinnati. He will miss not coming to the meetings as he always looked forward to that outing. He is at St Margaret Hall, Rm 245, 1960 Madison Rd. 45206 and his phone # is 513=618-0796.

73 *Dale KC8HQS*

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Voila, the new **Field Day** logo!

Field Day packets became available to download from the ARRL on Feb 1. On Thu Apr 22 at 9 PM EDT, the ARRL PR Committee will stage a Field Day Webinar. Access directions for that will be provided in March sometime

Copy deadline for the April QFiver will be Friday, March 25

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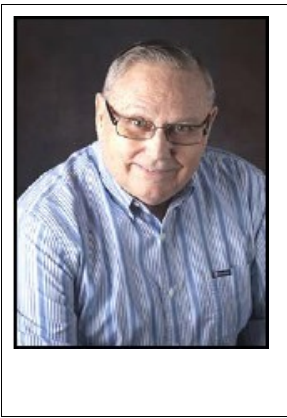
Jim Weaver K8JE's campaign statement follows. --*Ye Ed*



RE-ELECT Jim Weaver, K8JE ***Director of the Great Lakes Division***

It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve the ARRL members of the Great Lakes Division as your elected Director. I have worked hard to represent you and Amateur Radio and will appreciate your vote to return me to the Board of Directors in this fall's election.

Thank-you for your support, and I invite you to visit my website www.k8je.com 73. Jim, K8JE



My Accomplishments as Director

- Initiated a monthly, Great Lakes Division e-newsletter to inform members of events at Division, National and International levels that affect them. The e-newsletter is augmented by a new, fully functional Division web site. I also conduct polls asking members what you want done or not done by ARRL.
- Arranged for HQ staff to participate in training on how to respond to members and the public. One staff member left ARRL employment rather than undergo the training. Remaining staff learned more about proper interaction with members. The previous, low numbers of complaints of inappropriate responses by staff to members have essentially disappeared.
- Led development of the ARRL Legislative Action Program. Through this program many legislators have learned the importance of Amateur Radio and have supported

Amateur Radio-related legislation.

- Initiated a series of monthly webinar discussions by ARRL directors. These discussions allow us to identify, and to develop strategies to manage, issues that face Amateur Radio and ARRL more effectively than possible solely at twice-yearly meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Developed and managed adoption of an agreement to have staff issue monthly reports to the Board on planned and on-going projects. These reports give the Board improved oversight of HQ activities and a better understanding of the capacity of staff to undertake new projects.
- Assisted the Board to adopt key rules for improving the development of major contracts by staff.
- Co-led the effort that speeded the successful hand-off of management of the new ARRL website to our own in-house experts. This hand-off allows us to resolve issues with the website at a much faster pace.

Why Should You Vote to return me to the ARRL Board?

- I have demonstrated I have the experience, desire and ability to provide members with the best service I can possibly give. I have demonstrated the ability to help ensure HQ staff provides the same level of high quality service. If re-elected I will continue to do my best to represent your interests and the interests of Amateur Radio.
- I actively sought the wishes of members – what you want and do not want; what you like and do not like – by travelling to hamfests, swaps and events to speak with members and by taking surveys of members. I will continue to seek your preferences and to respond appropriately to them.

My re-election is endorsed by Former Great Lakes Division Director George Race, WB8BGY; Kentucky Section Manager Jim Brooks, KY4Z; Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK and Ohio Section Manager Frank Piper, KI8GW.

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