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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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***Happy Labor Day!**

Let me start by thanking Susie N8CGM for doing her usual great job on the *Q5er* and for giving me a couple extra days to get this column in. I was suffering a severe case of writer's block.

For those who went on the recent tour of the CVG tower, we owe a big thanks you to Mic Cook KD8IOQ for setting this up. It was one of the best club events I have been to in a long time! The staff at the tower were great people and gave us a great tour. Thanks again Mic, well done. We will begin setting up another field trip soon, let me know if you have any suggestions.

At our club meeting this month we have an important issue to bring to a conclusion. That is the decision of where to hold the 2012 Field Day event. We have two opportunities. The first will be to have our event at the same locations as in previous years, Mitchell Memorial Forest. Also, we have an offer to move to Ross Park, located in St. Bernard. Both locations have pluses and minuses. We will have a discussion on both and then vote on the choice. Please plan on being at the meeting to share your thoughts.

On a last note, thanks to Jerry Shipp W1SCR for setting up our location for the Ohio QSO Party. We had a great time working this contest. We ran two stations during the contest and made over 600 contacts. Thanks to all who came out to help set up, tear down, and operate.

As summer winds down, it will soon be time to secure things for winter. As you check antennas, cables and parts exposed to the weather, always remember to remain safe. Use proper equipment and procedures to make sure you get to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Until next month, happy DX hunting and I hope to hear you on the repeaters!

73, *Gazzy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

On Tuesday, September 6 we have additional opportunity to **discuss moving our Field Day to Ross Park, in St. Bernard**. We plan to have the club vote on this important topic, not sure exactly when **Please** join us in this discussion and decision. It is important to the board that we act in the best interest and desires of our members. The program this month will be conducted by relatively new Tech Talk NCS **Robert Gulley AK3Q**, on the basics of propagation.

Members' meetings are always the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Bernard Municipal Building (street level, unless otherwise specified).

73, *Brian KC8FJN*

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain. ALARA News Apr 2011

Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, August 02, 2011

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

Guests: None

New Licenses or upgrades: None

Proceeded to self introductions.

Health and Welfare: None

Brag session: John N8GOU was appointed Assistant Section Manager for training from Frank Piper KI8GW.

Paul KD8JDF mentioned he has been taking chemo and is doing better than he has in a while.

Mick KD8IOQ updated us on the airport control tower tour which will be on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Meeting program(s): Brian K4BRI gave an excellent presentation on contesting.

Break was at 8:45 and was 10 minutes long.

Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the July 2011 club meeting. There were none. Eric KC8NMP moved to accept. Fred K9OHE seconded. Motion carried.

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT was not present. We are currently at 94 members.

Treasurer: Fred K9OHE gave a report.

Silent Key: Bruce N8BV had nothing new to report.

Technical Committee: Russ WB8ZCC wasn't able to be here. Gary KB8MYC gave a report.

Equipment: Brian KC8FJN had nothing new to report.

Education: Gary KB8MYC mentioned that he's getting some dates together and will have more info in the near future.

Fundraising: Bruce N8BV reported on the cash & tips we earned from Red, White & Blue Ash.

Fox Hunts: Fox hunts will resume Saturday, August 13th beginning at 10 AM. 10:01 will be too late...

TechTalk: Bruce N8BV reported check-ins are still up. Robert AK3Q will be net control tomorrow night.

Old Business: Gary KB8MYC thanked Jerry W1SCR for being in charge of the picnic. Gary also thanked Rod KJ4IAM for doing the Win500 scanner class. Both of these events were excellent!

New Business: The club will operate the Ohio QSO Party on Saturday, August 27th from Noon to 12 Midnight at Ross Park. Please stop by!

Gary KB8MYC mentioned that there has been some discussion on moving Field Day to Ross Park. We'll discuss it more in depth at the September club meeting but for anybody that is interested in how we may setup at the park, stop by for the Ohio QSO Party on Saturday, August 27th!

The August attendance prize winner was Jeff KB8UAQ who was not present and would have won \$15.

The attendance prize will be \$20 for September 2011.

Split the pot was \$16 and won by: Susie N8CGM

Fred K9OHE won the 1989 *ARRL Antenna Book* donated by Eric KD8MEM.

Larry KD8MX moved to adjourn, Ted WB8VNV seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*

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I want to say thanks to Mic KD8IOQ for setting up a great **tour of the CVG control tower** on Aug 6. It was a fascinating and informative tour, to say the least. It took a lot of communications and logistics to pull this event off. Again, thanks on behalf of all who attended. For those who missed it, you missed a great trip! 73 *Gary KB8MYC*

Hear hear! Great job Mic!! These types of events really make our club special! 73 *Robert AK3Q*

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OH-KY-IN Tech Committee Report filed 8-25-2011

Hello, all, hope everyone is having a great summer.

The OH-KY-IN repeater system took a bit of a hit a few Sundays ago, as early morning storms took out the 146.67 MSF-5000 repeater.

The consensus is the patient suffers from a logic problem, but in any case, this machine is down for the time being.

Fortunately, the repeater gods continued to smile and .67 was back on the air by the next afternoon (Monday).

Unfortunately, the Vertex repeater now on-the-air at .67, was the repeater at 146.625, so .625 is off-the-air for the time being. Our third Vertex is currently on the bench but should be on-the-air at .625 soon.

BTW, it's not all bad news. In the process at .67, we installed an external power amp on the transmit side to kick us up to 90% of our coordinated ERP, and we're "trying out" a mild gain, low-noise preamp on the receive side. So far so good. But good or bad, please let us know how it plays for you.

440 REPEATER STATUS: earlier this month (August), our application for a 440 repeater was completed and submitted to OARC. And much to everyone's surprise, just a few days later, we received notice that OARC had assigned us a 440 frequency pair, currently "on hold" and the first step towards coordination. As it stands, pending a 30 day period to entertain complaints, we'll have 6 months to complete construction of our 440 machine.

This is indeed good news, yet perhaps news not so good. Details to follow at our regular monthly meeting on September 6th.

Until then, let's use our existing repeaters, and remember... Good Things Continue To Happen.

73, *Russ WB8ZCC*



It's unfortunate that show tickets were not yet available at the last CSC rehearsal before Labor Day. Tho this is way-the-heck East, tickets *should* be available at the door. —*Ye Ed*



This is how an aluminum farm gets going - you plant a tower seed in a square hole. Dick K6KR has high hopes for the crop he is raising at his new Whidbey Island QTH in Washington. (Photo by K6KR)

**Never trade
luck for skill.**

Engineering. It's like math, but LOUDER. T-shirt in *Signals* catalog

DX Spots - September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I apologize for missing the deadline for last month's newsletter. I ended up out of town and couldn't make it...here's September. Can you believe Fall is already this close?	For the electronic version, listings in red are hyperlinks to the DXpedition's website.			1 HB0-Liechtenstein thru 9-10 ----- 3D2CJ-Rotuma thru 9-30	2 9H3JN – Malta thru 9-14 	3
4 PJ6 – Saba & St Eustatius thru 9-9 ----- TK – Corsica thru 9-11 	5 ZB3M – Gibraltar thru 9-11 	6	7	8	9 A25 – Botswana thru 9-11 	10
11	12	13	14 JW9DFA – Svalbard thru 9-14 	15 7P8JK – Lesotho thru 9-22 ----- SV9 – Crete thru 9-24	16 4W6A – Timor Leste thru 9-26	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 FP-St Pierre & Miquelon thru 9-29 
25	26	27 3D2R – Rotuma thru 10-7 	28 JW8DW – Svalbard thru 10-5 ----- T32C – East Kiribati thru 10-26	29	30 YJ0VK – Vanuatu thru 10-12 	

The following operation is **approved for DXCC credit**: ST0R – South Sudan, August 2011 operation.
 --ARLD033, Aug 11. This month's bulletins made possible with information provided by *QRZ DX*, the *OPDX Bulletin*, *425 DX News*, *The Daily DX*, DXNL, “Contest Corral” from *QST* and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites.

Thanks to all.

Contests

September 2011

2-5 SNS and NS Weekly Sprints, CW; CO QSO Party; TN QSO Party; Russian RTTY WW; QCWA
Fall QSO Party, all modes; IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB; Labor Day Sprint, CW; All Asia Contest, SSB;
DARC 10 m Digital Corona Contest; AGCW Straight Key Party, CW (duh!); Labor Day Sprint

6 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW



9-11 all modes

AR QSO Party; WAE DX Contest, SSB; NA Sprint, CW; ARRL September VHF QSO Party, all mode;
QRP ARCI VHF contest, all modes; 070 Club KA3X Memorial Sprint, digital; SKCC Straight Key
Weekend Sprint; Classic Exchange, CW

14 CWops Monthly Mini-CW Test

17-19 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest, all modes; WA State Salmon Run, all modes; SC QSO Party. all
modes; CT QSO Party; Feld-Hell Hell on Wheels Sprint, digital; QCWA Fall QSO Party, all modes;
BARTG Sprint 75, digital; CIS DX PSK Contest; Fall VHF Sprint, 144 MHz all modes; NA
Sprint, SSB; Fall VHF Sprint; Classic Exchange, Phone;

Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW; Run for the Bacon, CW

22 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW

24-27 ARRL EME Contest; TX QSO Party, all modes; CQ WW RTTY Contest; Fall VHF Sprint; Fall QRP
Homebrewer Sprint, CW

September is contest time! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Museum Center Program posted 8-26-2011

Hi! The club has an opportunity to participate in a program at the Cincinnati Museum Center (that's the Union Terminal building for us old folks!) on Saturday, September 24th. The program is an opportunity for us to have contact with a number of children and their parents to introduce them to amateur radio and to our club.

I have met with Kent Smith who is coordinating the program and who is a ham along with his wife. He has offered us some great space to have a repeating powerpoint-type presentation on the history of amateur

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radio, as well as its use in emergency situations. We will also have another area where we can show some examples of digital amateur technology as well as traditional radio-to-radio contacts.

While we are still in the planning stages, I wanted to bring this to everyone's attention both to bring ideas and/or resources to the table, and to get an idea of who might be able to participate. The program runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the opportunity to stay later if we wish. This event is beginning small (which is good for us as well as for them!), but the plans are to expand it in the coming years. Assuming we are able to do this well, I have every confidence we will be able to participate in this yearly event.

As an aside, but very significant, Kent showed me some classroom space which could be made available for us to hold classes in the future, which of course could be a wonderful opportunity to reach more kids (and adults!) throughout the year.

If you have ideas for the program please feel free to email me personally or the club as a whole, and come to the meeting this month as we will be discussing this during the business portion of the evening.

Sorry for the rather long email, but I wanted to make sure everyone has an idea of the opportunity we have been given, and hopefully you are as excited as I am!

See you at the meeting!

73, *Robert Gulley AK3Q* ak3q@ak3q.com

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Ohio Section News for September 2011

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Much snippage! For entire column pls go to <http://arrl-ohio.org/>

UPCOMING OPERATING CONTEST IN OHIO

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) announces the Third Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. EDT (1600Z to 2400Z). For hams throughout the State of Ohio this contest presents an opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the 76 beautiful State Parks here in Ohio. You can spend the day or even spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts you will find that the parks are one of Ohio's greatest assets.

Find out more about the parks and all that they have to offer at <http://tinyurl.com/4beq>.

This contest places a premium on working stations at the State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300 mile range. Contacts can be made with any mode on the HF and VHF bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters and all contacts have the same point value. This is a great chance to try something new, like an NVIS antenna or two meter SSB.

Individuals and clubs can operate high or low power park stations and there is a special award for the club that activates the greatest number of parks! Non-park stations in Ohio as well as outside of Ohio can also compete with each other.

So get to an Ohio State Park and get On The Air in September. Have some fun with this contest! You can get complete information, including rules, forms and FAQs, at <http://parks.portcars.org>, or contact the contest chairman, Chuck W8PT, at <w8pt@portcars.org>. Check back at the web site for announcements about updates and prizes.

OHIO SECTION SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

September 10 1300-2100Z W8Z- Muskingum Valley Ham Radio Club

Home Depot Air Show 7.500, 146.610

September 10-18 0000-2359Z K8H Delaware Amateur Radio Association

26th All Horse Parade 21.340, 21.040, 14.340, 14.040, 7.240, 7.040, 3.840, 3.540

September 24 1200-2000Z W8BAE Crawford County Amateur Radio Club

!!!! Club's 50th Anniversary !!!! 14.235, 7.200, 7.060, 14.070 PSK

GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION AT THE FINDLAY HAMFEST

This year the ARRL Great Lakes Division Hamfest will be held in conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest, September 11, 2011. Your admission ticket into the Hamfest will also be your admission to the Convention. The agenda is as follows:

8 AM – Registration

9 AM -- Welcome from the Division and Keynote Speaker - Allen Pitts W1AGP (Allen's address will be on the changes in Amateur Radio since 9/11) (A Q&A will follow the discussion)

10 AM -- NTS (OSSBN - moderator) and DX (SE Michigan DX Association - moderator) (concurrent sessions)

11 AM -- EmComm (WA8EFK - moderator) and ATV/Digital ATV (WA8RMC -moderator) (concurrent sessions)

12 Noon -- D-Star (Ohio Digital Interconnect Group - moderator) and "You can be a Winner - How you can Benefit from Low Power Contesting" (K8ZT moderator) (concurrent sessions)

2 PM -- Luncheon/ Awards Presentation – Royal Buffet (American & Oriental cuisine), 2551 Tiffin Ave. Findlay 45840-9512

Directions from From hamfest: East on Sandusky St. to second traffic light. Turn left onto County Road 236.

Restaurant is on left about 1 mile north (just before the first traffic light on CR 236).

AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS

Visit the Ohio Section on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/ARRL-Ohio-Section/109215089154555>. Or search Facebook for ARRL Ohio. We currently have 63 people liking us. Let's try to triple this by next month. Please share the link with your members and promote it on your Facebook pages and your websites. And by all means post a comment or a picture or a link!

I had a great impromptu visit with the Cambridge ARA, at the Salt Fork Arts and Crafts Fair. A rather uni-que setting for promoting Ham Radio, they had a great display covering their --wait for it-- 98 years as a club! They seemed busy the whole time and the kids loved looking at the old radios and playing with the Morse code key. Wow, in just two years they will be celebrating 100 years of radio.

I also was able to visit with several groups and speak at the ARRL Forum at the Columbus Hamfest; what a neat venue they have. I had the opportunity of meeting with members of the Central Ohio Radio Club, our newest affiliate. Welcome aboard folks.

Then I was allowed to speak to the Western Reserve ARC meeting. This group is celebrating its first year as an affiliated club, and are already a special service club. They have more than doubled their original membership, they spend more time doing and less time meeting. I felt quite at home. Thanks for a wonderful time.

That wetness you felt at your feet was drool from the Delaware group as they got ready for the Ohio QSO Party August 27. Note that they are into many things not just contesting. At this month's meeting they learned about the link between R/C flying and Ham Radio.

Mount Vernon ARC had a cookout at their August Meeting to get rid of leftover food from Field Day.

Their guest Speaker was Craig Butz KJ8DYP. Craig's students spend a week each year designing and

launching high altitude balloons in California. They track them via APRS. See <http://ikaros.xrg.us/> for more information.

The OH-KY-IN ARS took a tour of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Tower and Terminal Radar Approach Control Facility. This was in addition to their regular meeting!

Lake County ARA's newsletter "*The Patch*" is always an interesting read. My favorite part of it is their monthly Backscatter column which covers something from their history 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years ago. Tune in to 28.450 Wednesday Nights at 8:30 to catch the LCARA 10 meter Roundtable.

Congratulations to the Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC) on finally affiliating with ARRL. This club has been around for while but just got around to affiliating. We are glad to have them aboard. I am hoping to visit them in October.

Universal Radio is offering a "I Have My License What Is Next" symposium September 17 for new hams. Bill Neill NE1LL, has put together an impressive lineup designed to guide newbies and give insight on a variety of topics.

Among them will be Central Ohio Assistant Section Manager Fritz Tender WD8E, speaking on the ARRL, And myself talking about how to find a club. The event will run from 8:30 to 3:30.

In case anyone is wondering. I try to pull information from newsletters around the state, highlight some of the different things clubs are doing. I hope some of the diversity of activities are insights to all the clubs and gives them some ideas of how they can make their get togethers more interesting.

Please feel to contact me anytime.

73 E. Mike McCazdel KC8YLD ARRL Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator

PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Hi Gang, Welp.. "The Browns are back.." Yup.. Now that we've won our first pre-season game, we're in the hunt for a championship and by golly this will be the year!..

I'm writing this article while I'm on a business trip in Cincinnati this week. Ahhhh Cincy.. Home of "WKRP", Les Nesman, Dr. Johnny Fever and of course Mr. Carlson. Who could ever forget the

Thanksgiving show that they did when they were going to give away turkeys to the citizens of Cincy.. Yup, they dropped them from a helicopter. The description of the carnage by Les was unbelievable. If you haven't seen this particular episode, you just got to get on Hulu or Netflix and download it. Your entire family will be laughing and rolling in the floor for days. It's a great comedy!

Now, let's get to workin' those rare ones. Website.. As I've said for months, we are still getting a lot of hits and lots of downloads on the website, and that's really good to see.

OOs, as promised at the Columbus Hamfest, I now have your monthly report form in a format where you can fill it out, save it electronically and then send it to the OOC via email when you are supposed to. Oh, it also is printable too, so you can keep a hard copy of what you sent as well. You'll find a link to it at:

<http://arrl-ohio.org/ooc> listed as form FSD-23. It is in Adobe Acrobat format where all you need is a reader to use it.

Please, if you haven't updated your Adobe Reader in some time, I would strongly suggest that you get an upgrade.

You'll need to use Adobe Acrobat 7 or higher in order to fill out the form correct-ly. It's free, so there shouldn't be a hardship on anyone to upload it if you need to. Just go to www.adobe.com to get the latest version.

Now, moving up the band a little.. For those of you who weren't at the Columbus Hamfest, you missed a good one.

But what you also missed was my announcement that I have been chosen as part of a committee to investigate and report any and all problems with the League's website (arrl.org). If you know if a link that is broken, or something that did work and now doesn't. Or you can't find something that was on the

site, please let me know. I'll add it to my report that will be combined with all of the others and then given to the Tech Committee to fix, correct or just plain give it a kick in the pants to get it to work again. We are concentrating on what doesn't work right now to get those issues fixed first. Those things that you'd like to

see, that aren't/weren't a part of the website originally, will be looked at, at a later time. We do need to fix

what isn't working first.

Now, for something new.. there's a section on the new League website that wasn't on the old one. Did you know that you can now look up a member? Yup, if a member has decided to share his profile with others, as a League member you can look them up. Have you agreed to share your profile? I would encourage you to do so. It's fun and you just never know, your next job could come from someone looking at this profile!

Ok.. it's time to flip the band selector over to a new band.. I have gotten a few requests for PIOs coming in from the League. This is absolutely great!! I applaud those of you volunteering. DEC's and EC's, please take this calm time to get this extremely important 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 for one final time around.. I would like to talk to you a little about the upcoming Division Convention. Yes, as I've said many times before, we are having one. The Great Lakes Convention will be September 11th this year in conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest. We have a very special guest speaker this year, Allen Pitts W1AGP. He will be talking about the changes in Amateur Radio and how we now interface with served agencies since 9/11.

As mentioned in earlier notices, we are also presenting some important awards as well. The nominations are over and the judges are pondering over all the information that came in. I want to thank all of you for taking the time and sending in your nomination. It's great. Now I know that you'll want me to spill the beans as to how many nominations came in and who all was nominated, but.. I'm not going to tell ya'.. at least not here. You'll just have to attend the Convention to find out more.

Ok.. It's time to go QRT.. 73 to all, *Scott Yonally N8SY* Ohio Sec Public Information Coordinator

MEET THE NEW ASSISTANT SECTION MANAGER – TRAINING

Hello Ohio Section, Since this is my first contribution to the *Section Journal*, and using Frank's advice, I would like to present my thoughts toward training and where we go from here.

It is my intention to use the ASM-Training position to assist our Section Emergency Coordinator Jack Sovik KB8WPZ and Section Traffic Manager David Maynard WA3EZN with the administration and conduction of training that focuses on the ARES and NTS missions.

Some things I would like the section to think about is *how* we train. It has been my experience to develop and conduct training that is focused toward a specific goal. Think about this; when you are doing that

Public Event are you training, doing the job, or both? How about when you are conducting that Training NET? I suspect that the answer will always be, "We're doing both". For the training side; how about making a training statement? My point is; the best training is training that has a defined goal or intent that all participants understand.

Over the next few months I'll start to bring topics and subject matter that you can use on your NET or during an event to train on. In the meantime if you have topics or training subjects you do; how about sending them to me? (I'm guilty of plagiarism and proud of it ! HIHIHI) (*No John, that's Preservation & Avoiding Re-Inventing the Wheel. Copy & re-use is honorable when it Does The Job Efficiently – Ye Ed*)

To switch gears; Is your group participating in the 2011 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test? Not sure what I am talking about? Check out the October *QST* on page 73. If you are, I would like to hear about how you prepared; if you aren't, is there something I can do to help you prepare for this year or next year?

Next month I hope to bring some meatier material to the journal and if you don't want to read my ramblings send me something (hint). I hope to meet a lot of folks in Findlay on the 11th of September and here in Cincinnati on the 18th. There will be more Hamfests I'll attend; I just need to get my calendar arranged. I'll let you know.

73, *John A. Fredetick N8GOU* Assistant Section Manager - Training

CENTRAL OHIO HAM WARNS OF RFI IN NEW CARS IN SEPTEMBER QST

Congratulations to John Perrone W8RXX of Galena, who submitted a very interesting article to ARRL on RFI in newer model cars. Great Article, and I'm glad to hear John was able to get the issue resolved with the dealership. You will find the article in the September QST, page 39. (YL Laura is KA8IWB & a Buckeye Belle. -Ye Ed)

HEATHKIT IS BACK IN THE KIT BUSINESS!

In late August, Heathkit will debut their new line of Do-it-Yourself kits for common around-the-house items. The first kit will be a Garage Parking Assistant (GPA). The Garage Parking assistant kit lets you build your own system that uses ultrasonic sound waves to locate your car as it enters the garage. The system signals to the driver using LED lights mounted on the wall when the car is detected and in the perfect spot for parking.

The GPA-100 kit consists of two primary assemblies - The LED Display in kit form and the pre-assembled ultrasonic range module. the kit will include everything you need to complete the project except a soldering iron and hand tools. Next on the market will be a Wireless Swimming Pool Monitor kit followed by many more. Heathkit wants to continue to bring to its customers interesting, unique Heathkit products. Heathkit is interested in learning what types of products kit builders would like to build. Kit builders can submit their suggestions through their website (<http://www.heathkit.com>) using the Contact Us email. (Source: Heathkit website)

SECTION MANAGER WRAP-UP

It's been quite the busy summer here in the Ohio Section. With lots of Hamfests and operating activities, I'm actually sad to see summer coming to a close (but not as sad as my Daughter Hanna, who starts 6th Grade on August 29th here in Pickerington). Fall will still bring us some warm days, and cooler evenings. That's when I like to take my rig out to the back deck and see how many stations I can work as the sun sets.

Reading about Heathkit getting back into the kit business gives my workbench some hope that sometime soon it will enjoy late night building sessions. Earlier this summer we heard that Radio Shack is beefing up their Do It Yourself departments again. This is all good stuff!

I look forward to attending the ARRL forums at the upcoming Hamfests. The forum in Columbus on August 6th was a packed house! Thanks to the Aladdin ARC (W8FEZ) for their hospitality.

Please keep in mind that if your club is ever looking for a speaker, many of us in the Ohio Section Cabinet are close to you. Just give us a shout, we love to talk!

Until next month, enjoy the airwaves!

73, *Frank Piper KJ8GW* Ohio Section Manager

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OH-KY-IN Field Day - Move to Ross Park?

At the September club meeting we will take a vote on to move Field Day to Ross Park in St. Bernard or stay at Mitchell Memorial Forest.

Personally I think a move to Ross Park would be better for our Field Day for the reasons I'll list below. However I will continue to support Field Day at either location as I have for the past 28 years.

1. Mitchell costs the club \$50 for our use of the park. Those entering the park must pay \$10 for an annual permit or \$3 per day for a 1 day pass. There is no charge at all for the use of Ross Park and those entering the park pay nothing.

2. Field Day is a contest but more importantly it is a practice for emergency pre-

paredness as well as a demonstration to the public. At Mitchell we are tucked away in a field where no one can easily find us. At Ross we would be highly visible to visitors and therefore we would likely get more of them.

3. At Ross we would likely be able to run wire antennas from the very tall light poles, possibly higher than we get them at Mitchell.
4. The club has successfully operated 3 HF radio events from Ross Park already. As for the concern of the highway noise, the only part of the park that seems to be affected is area 1. Since we'd have the entire park, we could use that area for food, the information booth and such. As for the concern of noise on 80 meters, we just operated 80 meters at Ross Park for the Ohio QSO party. There was no noise on 80 at all.
5. Ross Park has 3 pavilions that we can use, all have real restrooms. At Mitchell we either have either outhouses or a long walk to a real restroom.
6. Each pavilion as well as the other covered areas at Ross Park all have electricity available. We wouldn't have to use generator power for food and lights etc.

Of course if the vote would come out to go ahead and move to Ross Park, if for some reason we don't like it there, we could always move back to Mitchell. There surely aren't others waiting in line to reserve the area we use, so we could always move back if needed.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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Hamfests &c.

September 2011

11 Great Lakes Div Convention, 69th Annual, will be sponsored by Findlay RC at Hancock Co Fairgrounds, 1017 E Sandusky St in Findlay OH. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, forums, tailgating, handicapped accessible, refreshments. Talk-in: 147.15. \$6 gate. Info: Bill Kelsey N8ET, 419=423-5643. n8et@who.rr.com, www.w8ft.org

17 Richmond KY: Central KY ARS Hamfest at Madison Co Fairgrounds, KY Rte 52. 8 AM-3 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, forums, tailgating, VE sessions at 1 PM. Talk-in: 145.37 (192.8 Hz) \$6 gate. Info: Mike Rogers KE4ISW, 859=624-9156, ke4isw@arrl.net, www.qsl.net/ckars/hamfest

18 Cincinnati OH: GCARA Hamfest at Diamond Oaks Career Development Ctr, 6375 Harrison Ave, near I-74 Exit 11 (Harrison-Rybolt). 8 AM-2 PM. Hidden transmitter hunt, dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, forums, tailgating, VE sessions: register by 9 AM, exams ASAP after. Walk-ins OK, but pre-registration preferred. Talk-in: 146.88, 145.37. \$6, indoor tables \$20, \$8 per flea mkt space. Info: Stan Cohen W8QDQ, 513=531-1011, fax 513=531-3834, stanco49@zoomtown.com. Inside & flea info: Tom Denham K8VOE, 513=779-3951, k8voe@arrl.net, www.gcara.org

25 Berea OH: 37th Annual Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show sponsored by Hamfest Assn of Cleveland at Cuyahoga Co Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Rd. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, forums, tailgating, VE sessions at Berea Public Library at 2 PM sharp; ARRL exams. Talk-in: 146.73 (110.9 Hz). \$6 gate. Info: Glen Williams AF8C, 440=835-4897, af8c@alumni.caltech.edu, www.hac.org

Oct 2 Bedford IN: 50th Annual Hamfest sponsored by Hoosier Hills Ham Club at Lawrence Co 4-H Fairgrounds, 11261 US 50 W "just 3 hrs W of Cincinnati on Scenic US 50!". Public from 8 AM; chili supper Sat Oct 1 at 6 PM. All times Eastern. Talk-in: 146.73 (107.2 Hz). \$7 gate. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions: register at 11 AM. Exams at 12 N, ARRL

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exams. Info: Dave Morthland WA9JHH, 812=276-3612, wa9jhh@gmail.com, w9qyq.org. z)Hz))

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Great Lakes Division Leadership Declared Elected Without Balloting

Current ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE of Mason OH was the only nominee for the position and was declared re-elected without balloting.

Incumbent Great Lakes Division Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA of Edgewood KY decided not to seek re-election. Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams WA8EFK of Dundee was the only nominee for this position, so he too was declared elected without balloting.

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What's coming in September 2011

Fri Sep 2 7:30 PM SSTV Net on 146.925
 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc
 Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot



Mon Sep 5 **LABOR DAY**
Tue Sep 6 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
 Program: Robert Gulley AK3Q, Basics of Propagation
Wed Sep 7 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q
Fri Sep 9 7:30 PM SSTV Net on 146.925
Sat Sep 10 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to
 start on 146.67 rpt
 1:00 PM Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch, new Frisch's Restaurant, 5351 North Bend Rd
 in Monfort Heights (just off I-74)
Tue Sep 13 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD
Wed Sep 14 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI
Fri Sep 16 7:30 PM SSTV Net on 146.925
 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston
Wed Sep 21 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA
Tue Sep 27 7:30 PM Board of Directors meeting, location TBD
Wed Sep 28 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN
 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
Tue Oct 4 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
 Program: TBA

**DON'T ARGUE WITH STUPIDITY...THEY WILL JUST DRAG YOU DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL, AND
BEAT YOU WITH EXPERIENCE..... *WRARC Wave Bender*, Aug 2011**

OH-KY-IN 2011 Committee Appointments

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Brunch Bunch

About 14 of us participated in the Brunch Bunch for August. We met at Hyde's Restaurant in Hamilton Ohio. This worked out great for a number of us who also made a visit to R&L Electronics just a few doors away. For those of you who may not be familiar with the Brunch Bunch, this is a group of us who like to enjoy some good grub as well as the fellowship of other hams while we just shoot the bull and have a good time. Of course you do not need to be a member of OH-KY-IN or any club for that matter to participate. In fact, YOU ARE INVITED to join us! We meet every second Saturday of the month at 1pm at a location to be decided each month.

For September, we will meet at the new Frisch's Restaurant located at I-74 and North Bend Road. The address is 5351 North Bend Road in Monfort Heights, Cincinnati 45247.

Come out and join us, I bet you'll enjoy it! See you September 10th at 1PM at Frischs.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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News of members ... sad news, unfortunately

Long-time Oh-Ky-In member **Donald H. Kent (Don) WD8DCB** became SK at about 11 AM Tuesday, August 30. He was 78. Survived by numerous family members in addition to wife Janet H. (Geraci) Kent. Don will be remembered as enthusiastic, steadfast and trustworthy, always willing to lend a helping hand, also remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor.

In addition to all that, Don was fond of animals and had a dog at one time.

Visitation was held Friday, September 2 from 9 to 11:30 AM, time of service at Cedars of Lebanon Chapel at Spring Grove Cemetery. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to VITAS Hospice, 11500 Northlake Dr Suite 400, Cincinnati 45249; American Heart Association on website www.heart.org, select Donate button, via USPS to P.O. Box 15120, Chicago IL 60693; or charity of donor's choice.



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