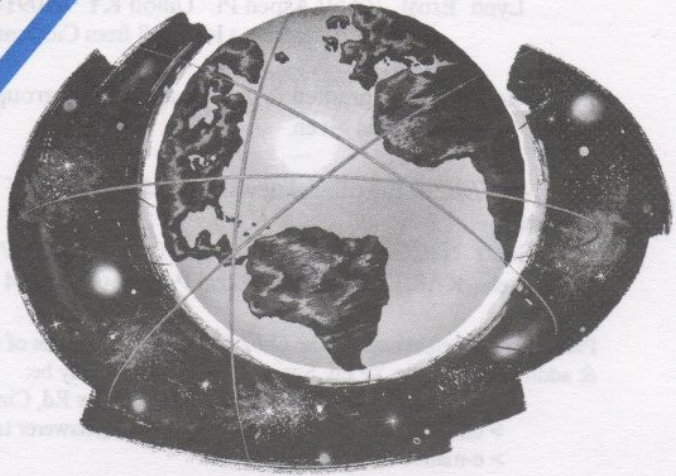


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Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at the St. Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 Washington Ave. (corner Washington & Tower Aves) in St. Bernard, just east of Vine St. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

**For membership information, contact**

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- .....snail-mailed to or dropped off at 6351 Daleview Rd Cinti OH 45247
- .....telephoned to 513=385-5201 any time (answerer takes up to 4 min dictation)
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## From the President

While there still may be some cold days, and maybe even a flurry, I don't think any of us can complain about the winter of 2011/2012. Any winter where I never have to shovel my driveway is a good winter, in my book.

Thanks to Jay K4ZLE for a great program on the T2T Dxpedition. If that doesn't make you want to pack up your rig and go somewhere exotic, nothing will. A trip like that has always been one of the items on my "bucket list". "Never say never" I keep telling myself.

As we enter spring, there will be several club events coming up. Included in this will be some great operating opportunities. Be watching your emails for this info. If you are new to amateur radio or new to hf, it will be a good time to get your feet wet, so to speak. As in all club events, extra hands are always needed.

One last reminder, we have some of the best operating repeaters in the tri state area. Use them!!!! I am often asked why we don't hear a lot of traffic on the machines. I think it's because everyone is listening and not talking. Next time you are traveling around town or sitting in your shack, throw your call out or answer when someone else does. You never know who is listening.

Until next month, get out and enjoy the early spring!!

73, *Gary KB8MYC*

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## Next Meeting

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, April 3, with a program to be announced. Pencil this date in on your calendar & please keep checking website for program.

And thanks go out to Jay Slough K4ZLE for his presentation, "T2T-Redux," the Pacific DXers' DXpedition to [Tuvalu](#) last November!

OH-KY-IN meets at the St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Hall) at 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard (corner of Washington & Tower), on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Go in through the doors that face the high school on Washington. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Visitors are ALWAYS welcome! WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!

73, *Brian KC8FJN*

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## Minutes of Members' Meeting March 6, 2012

Our meeting was called to order a little after 7:30 PM. The program was about a DXpedition that took place last year. Due to the election activity, recording secretary was a little late to the meeting, but once there, I did think that it was a very fine program. Afterwards, we took a break about 8:45.

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When our business meeting resumed, we heard that we had 78 members who had renewed, and 1 more at the meeting that gave us 79. Our treasurer was out of town, so we moved on to the technical committee. Russ WB8ZCC advised that the repeaters were doing fine, and that the newest one is currently in the testing phase. We heard about new classes for upgrades for licenses, probably in April, but no firm dates yet. There was also a fox hunt announced for the following Saturday. Next, we got a report from Pat KD8PAT with QCEN about their program and activities, which were more involved due to the severe weather of the proceeding Friday. There was some definitely positive coverage of amateur radio from the TV weather people. Under old business, we talked about the kit building project, as well as participating again in St. Bernard's community party, which I think is May 19.

Under new business, we heard about the updating of the constitution and bylaws, the constitution being done through electronic polling of membership, as well as the availability of snail mail. The bylaws can be handled at a meeting, which will come later. Also, it was mentioned that the brunch bunch would be meeting at Ron's Roost. After split the pot and a doorprize drawing, we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Paul KD8JDF*, Recording Secretary

*Ed Note: Technical Difficulties prevented timely transfer of the March meeting minutes from Paul*

*KD8JDF's computer to Ye Ed's, rescheduling the release of this issue.*

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### Club Constitution Update

Recently, all club members should have received, from me, a copy of the proposed updated OH-KY-IN club constitution. This was sent electronically to all members who have paid their 2012 dues, or by U.S. mail for those without e-mail addresses. If you have received this and have placed your vote, thank you. If you have not yet responded, **please do so as soon as possible**. If you did **not** receive the e-mail from me, **please let me know and I will resend it**.

If you have **not** paid your 2012 dues, we ask that you please do so. If we receive them by April 1<sup>st</sup>, I will send you the above mentioned e-mail.

Thanks to all club members for your help and support. We look forward to renewals for those who may have forgotten. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!! 73, *Gazy Coffey KB8MYC*, President 513=382-3979

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### Dues dues dues dues, dues dues dues

If you haven't **paid your dues yet** you may miss the Constitutional vote,

You can't call home on the autopatch any more.

You won't be in the member list; There's a lot more that you will miss;

If you don't pay your dues you'll take a really big risk ...

They need to be paid by March the thirty-first; You could wait & be late, but that'll really give you fits.

Please pay your dues on time, get the form in the website on line --

Send 'em to Nathan his address is on the form. Cuz if you don't – you'll really miss – *the Q – Fye- ver!*

...sung it's hoped by "4YLS" to tune of *San Francisco Bay Blues*, words & music Jesse Fuller, c 1958 & 1963

Hollis Music, NYC, available on SAI website. Parody lyrics by *YeEd*, predictably

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How tall is your tower? Not as tall as the [Tokyo Sky Tree](#) - the world's tallest free-standing broadcast tower at 634 m, 2080 ft! Vid 2:53, built within 60 sec



Here's what a solar flare sounds like - the M8-class flare that hit Earth on March 10 was captured in this [audio recording of the blast](#) by an amateur astronomer in New Mexico. Genuine sound only for those who get PDF edition, sorry – sounds like loud hash, varies in volume.

--both in Sights&Sounds, *ARRL Contest Update* 3-14-12

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### **2012 Amateur Radio License Classes**

*Sponsored by the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society*

- \* Technician 4 weeks Beginning Thursday May 3rd
- \* General 4 Weeks Beginning Thursday May 3rd
- \* Extra 8 weeks Beginning Thursday April 5th

Classes are held in lower level of St Bernard City Hall, 110 Washington Ave, 7-9 PM  
Although these classes are **FREE**, participants **must** obtain the **current study guide**

For more information about classes,  
call 513=347-6396 or send e-mail to [classes@ohkyin.org](mailto:classes@ohkyin.org)  
For more information about exams,  
call 859=635-3095 or send e-mail to [exams@ohkyin.org](mailto:exams@ohkyin.org)



### **Amateur Radio License Exams -- All levels**

\* Saturday May 26th at 9 AM

Morse code is no longer required for **any** amateur radio license!



### **Red White and Blue Ash**

The 2012 Red White and Blue Ash will be held this year on Wednesday, July 4. No other information is available yet for this year's event. The application has already been sent for us to again work a beer booth at the event this year. I'll pass along as soon as possible our booth assignment.

If you are available to work this event, please get in contact with me and let me know if you can work all day, or if you have a shift in mind that you might be able to help out with.

This is always a fun event and our participation is a big help to the OH-KY-IN treasury as well.

You can call me at 513=251-1555 or email me at [n8bv@juno.com](mailto:n8bv@juno.com) Or you could call me on .67.

73, ..... *Bruce N8BV*




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**Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN**

**11641 Colthar Drive Bethel OH 45106-9669**

**513 = 752-9570**

# DX Spots-April 2012 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 As a reminder, any of the DX <u>underlined</u> can be clicked on if you're reading the .PDF version. It will take you to the website of that DXpedition</p>	<p>2 <a href="#">PJ2-Curacao thru 4-9</a></p> <hr/> <p><a href="#">A35XG-Tonga thru 4-9</a></p>	<p>3 CN2RN-Morocco thru 4-30</p> 	<p>4 3DA0FC-Swaziland thru 4-11</p> <hr/> <p>KP2-Virgin Isl thru 4-11</p>	<p>5 8R1PY-Guyana thru 4-8</p> 	6	<p>7 KH8-American Samoa thru 4-9</p> 
<p>8 VP2M-Montserrat thru 4-16</p> <hr/> <p>E51GMH-South Cook Isl thru 4-27</p>	<p>9 5W7A-Samoa thru 4-11</p> 	<p>10 <a href="#">9M0L-Spraty Isl thru 4-24</a></p>	<p>11 <a href="#">E51EWP-South Cook Isl thru 4-14</a></p> 	12	<p>13 3D2R-Rotuma thru 4-20</p> 	14
15	<p>16 <a href="#">TO3X-St Barthelemy thru 4-30</a></p>	17	<p>18 KP2-Virgin Isl thru 4-23</p> 	19	20	<p>21 YJ0VK-Vanuatu thru 5-5</p> 
<p>22 ZA10OI-Albania thru 4- 29</p> <hr/> <p>JD1-Ogasawara thru 5-5</p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>29 KH0-Mariana thru 5-3</p> 	<p>30 V63AZ-Micronesia thru 5-4</p> <hr/> <p><a href="#">T88RF-Palau thru 5-4</a></p>	<p><b>Following operations are approved for DXCC credit:</b>            Somalia, 6O0M, 2011 operation. If you had this operation rejected, send a note to <a href="mailto:bmoore@arrl.org">bmoore@arrl.org</a> to have your record updated.            Burundi, 9U3TMM, reported as December 2011 and January 2012. If you had this operation rejected, send a note to <a href="mailto:bmoore@arrl.org">bmoore@arrl.org</a> to have your record updated.            Afghanistan, T6BP, current operation commencing in 2011.            Macquarie Island, VK0TH and AX/VK0TH, current operations. If you had VK0TH rejected, send a note to <a href="mailto:bmoore@arrl.org">bmoore@arrl.org</a> to have your record updated. <i>ARLDX010</i>, Mar 8, 2012            Also Laos, XW1A and XW0ZJZ, current operations. <i>ARLDX011</i>, Mar 15, 2012</p>				

## Contests

April 2012

Mar 31-Apr 3 WW EME contest; ARS Spartan Sprint; MO QSO Party; OK1WC Memorial Contest; Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party

6 SNS and NS Weekly Sprints

7-9 MT QSO Party Second Class Operators CW Bash; PODXS 31 Flavors Contest; SP DX contest, SSB & CW; EA RTTY Contest; JA International DX Contest, CW; LZ Open 40 m Contest, CW; QRP ARCI Spring Sprint; Low Power Spring Sprints

11 CW Ops Monthly Mini-CWT Test; NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint

13-15 QCWA Spring QSO Party; Run for the Bacon; ARRL Rookie Roundup; GA QSO Party;

NM Centennial QSO Party; EU Spring Sprints, CW & SSB; Yuri Gagarin DX Contest, CW; International Vintage Contest, SSB & CW (& AM I suppose!); VHF Spring Sprints

20-22 TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix contest; MI QSO Party; ONT QSO Party; YU DX Contest, CW; Holyland Contest, all modes; ES Open Championship; EA QRP contest; Feld Hell New Member Sprints; VHF Spring Sprints; ES Open HF Championship; CQMM Contest; SD QSO Party

27-29 10-10 Spring Digital contest; QRP to the Field, CW; Helvetia Contest; VHF Spring Sprints; SP DX RTTY Contest; NB QSO Party; FL QSO Party; WW EME contest; BARTG 75 Sprint

April showers bring contests! For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

73, *Dan KJ4AV*



March 10 Brunch Bunch at Ron's Roost in Bridgetown – photo by Roost wait staff

## April Brunch Bunch

The next Brunch Bunch will meet Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Quaker Steak & Lube located at 3737 Stone Creek Blvd, Colerain Township, 45251. Quaker Steak & Lube is easy to locate as it is just off the Colerain Avenue exit from I-275. Traveling south on Colerain from 275, turn right onto Stone Creek, it is at the first traffic light. Follow Stone Creek all the way to the end and you are at Quaker Steak.

You can check out their menu and directions on their website at [www.quakersteakandlube.com](http://www.quakersteakandlube.com)

The Brunch Bunch meets the second Saturday of every month at a restaurant to be determined each month. Where should we go in May? Got an idea? Let me know.

Hope to see you Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Quaker Steak and Lube.

73, ..... *Bzuce N8BV*

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## Hamfests &c.

April 2012

14 Cuyahoga Falls OH – 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamfest sponsored by Cuyahoga Falls ARC at Emidio & Sons Party Ctr, 48 E Bath Rd. 8 AM-1:30 PM. Dealers, handicapped access, refreshments. \$6. Talk-in: 147.27. Info: Ted Sarah W8TTS, 330=688-2013, [w8tts@w8tts.com](mailto:w8tts@w8tts.com), [www.cfarc.org/hamfest2012.html](http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest2012.html)

21 7<sup>th</sup> Annual N Central IN Hamfest sponsored by Cass Co, Grant Co, Miami Co & Kokomo ARCs at Miami Co 4-H Fairgrounds, 1029 W 200, Mexico IN. 7 AM-1 PM. Dealers, handicapped access, refreshments, VE sessions. 8-10 AM. Successful examinees get into fest free! \$5, under 17 free. Talk-in: 147.345. Info: Steve Shepler WA9RVM, 765=661-5260. [shepler1@gmail.com](mailto:shepler1@gmail.com), [nci-hamfest.net](http://nci-hamfest.net)

Jackson OH – Sponsored by Jackson Co ARC at Jackson Co YMCA, 594 E Main St. 9 AM-1 PM. Fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions 10 AM. \$5. Talk-in: 146.79 (167.9 Hz). Info: Darrell Tilley KD8GSP, 740=229-9653, [lonewolfdt@hotmail.com](mailto:lonewolfdt@hotmail.com), [jacksoncountyarcs.org/index.html](http://jacksoncountyarcs.org/index.html)

29 33d Annual Athens OH Hamfest sponsored by Athens Co ARA at Athens Community Ctr, 701 E State St. 8 AM-1 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions (register from 9:30 AM, exams at 10 AM). \$5. Talk-in: 145.15. Info: Wm McFadden WD8RIF, [wd8rif@arrl.net](mailto:wd8rif@arrl.net), [ac-ara.org](http://ac-ara.org)

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**OH Section Report** posted Mar 23, excerpts; go read entire piece at OH section website pls

### Central Ohio report

Hello from Central Ohio; I am happy to report that plans for the Columbus Hamfest / Ohio Section Conference continues on track. I had the pleasure of attending a meeting held March 10 at The Aladdin Shrine Event & Conference Center. For anyone who has never attended the Columbus Hamfest I encourage you to circle August 4. I can assure you that you will enjoy a top notch venue.

On March 13 the new Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Matt (W8DEC) and I had the pleasure of attending a District 9 ARES meeting. With nearly 20 attendees the room was near capacity. Matt provided the group with his vision of ARES which included training, modes of operation, and operating plans just to name a few. I used this opportunity to renew friendships and to catch up on the latest news. Until next time 73 & Good DX.

*Fritz Zendez WD8E* ASM Central Ohio

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### Section Traffic Mgr: Tornado facts:

As I sat down to write another EMCOM piece for the newsletter I began hearing about the waves of twisters crossing Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. I can handle the rain storms and snow storms but nothing in

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# OHKYIN KIT BUILDING GROUP

**Interested in learning to build your own gear or just  
brushing up on your soldering skills?**

Come join us as we begin building our first kit. It will be simple and easy for the beginner. We will start with a 5-16 VDC Linear DC Voltage Power Supply Kit. It will be fun and easy, and should be done in a single evening.



The Club will order these kits on a pre-paid basis. The cost will be \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members. Please fill out the form below and return it to KB8MYC with payment. We will order the kits on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Member: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

*OH Section report contd from pg 8* the world scares me as much a tornado or reports of potential tornados. I have lived through two of them and was able to work directly with emergency personal at a tornado touch-down site, first as a volunteer fireman and later as a ham radio operator providing my 2 meter radio as contact with the outside world. In fact, it was so close it took the siding off of houses on the other side of the street from our home and damaged trees in the our back yard, all while I sat watching NFL football and my family took Sunday afternoon naps.

I saw first hand the destruction of a grade school and the complete obliteration of a subdivision so I know the potential havoc that they can rain down on a community. I saw the slabs where houses used to be and the empty basements with perhaps a stairs still standing, and nothing more left of the homes that used to be there. The tornado tore off the roof of the school and the strings of fluorescent lights lay in the classrooms with the desks and contents of the room spread along the walls. It was very fortunate that this tornado came on a Sunday afternoon when no students were in the school because there surely would have been students killed.

I saw a 2x4 sticking out of the wall of a house. I saw splinters of wood impaled on and sticking out of util-ity poles. I heard about school library books being found spread all over the parking lot of a shopping center 25 miles away. The destruction was unimaginable for a sunny summer afternoon, and it all came without one word of warning.

I have decided to review the necessary steps to severe weather survival. This year the Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 25-31. The Ohio Statewide Tornado Drill will be Wednesday, March 28 at 9:50 AM. I am going to quote (copy) some information from this website <http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/TornadoFacts.aspx> since I can not do as good a job as this website has done, thank you State of Ohio.

If you need more information just Google (or GoodSearch – *YeEd*) Tornado, and you can also be overwhelmed with the information available, the stories being told and the pictures of the total destruction of businesses, homes and communities. Final Words: PREPARE NOW!!

Useful links: <http://www.eham.net/articles/7176>  
<http://www.kidney.org/atoz/pdf/DisasterBrochure.pdf>

>> >>**Tornado Facts.**

As the severe weather season approaches, take some time during Severe Weather Safety Awareness Week to make a safety plan for your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Planning ahead will lower the chance of injury or death in the event severe weather strikes.

Tornadoes develop from severe thunderstorms. They are usually preceded by very heavy rain and/or large hail. A thunderstorm accompanied by hail indicates that the storm has large amounts of energy and may be

severe. In general, the larger the hailstones, the more potential there is for damaging winds and/or tornadoes.

The most violent tornadoes are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds of 250 mph or more. Damage paths have exceeded the width of one mile and 50 miles long. Tornadoes generally move from southwest to northeast, but have also been recorded traveling in any direction. The forward speed of a tornado varies from 30 mph to 70 mph.

Peak tornado season in Ohio is generally April through July, and they usually occur between 2 PM and 10 PM. Last year, though, an EF1 tornado occurred in Fairfield County at 6 AM- which proves that tornadoes can happen at any time, during any season.

>> >>Fujita Tornado Damage Scale - By Category

The Enhanced Fujita Scale is a set of wind estimates (not measurements) based on damage. It uses three-second gusts estimated at the point of damage based on a judgment of eight levels of damage.

Enhanced Fujita Scale OPERATIONAL EF SCALE EF # = 3-Second Gust (MPH)

0 = 65-85 1 = 86-110 2 = 111-135 3 = 136-165 4 = 166-200 5 = Over 200

NOTE: Prior to February 1, 2007, tornadoes were rated according to the "F" (Fujita) scale rather than the newer "EF" (Enhanced Fujita Scale). Click on the Storm Prediction website

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/efscale/> for additional information regarding the "F" and "EF" scales.

>> Tornado Safety Tips..

Whether practicing in a tornado drill or sheltering during a warning, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages Ohioans to DUCK!

D - Go DOWN to the lowest level

U - Get UNDER something

C - COVER your head

K - KEEP in shelter until the storm has passed

\* Take responsibility for your safety and be prepared before a watch or warning is issued. Meet with household members to develop a disaster plan to respond to tornado watches and warnings. Conduct regular tornado drills. When a tornado watch is issued, review your plan – don't wait for the watch to become a warning. Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.

Big snip 8< ...

73, *David Maynard WA3EZN* Ohio Section Traffic Manager

Nother big snip 8< ...

Statehouse Happenings: H.B. 158 Poised for Final Approval

Our antenna legislation H.B. 158 has now passed a floor vote in the Ohio House of Representatives and has been passed by the Senate Local Governments and Veterans' Affairs Committee. It is now awaiting approval by the Ohio Senate. While we thought that vote might take place this week it did not, and there is currently no scheduled Senate floor vote. Because of minor differences between the version passed by the House and the version we anticipate being approved by the Senate, the House will be asked to concur in the Senate changes before the final measure is sent to Governor Kasich for signature.

The delays should not be considered as a negative, as there has not been a great deal of legislation passed in recent weeks, and the fact that our Bill is delayed is not unusual in that context. And while it would be nice to present the final legislation at Dayton, we have absolutely no control over the legislative schedule.

What we can control, however, is the public perceptions of amateur radio. Our legislation has been present-ed and approved as a measure to enhance homeland security and emergency communications. Indeed, many would say that is our only basis for claiming exclusive access to a large segment of spectrum that many others would like to have for commercial purposes. We can, and should not only emphasize that purpose in our comments about amateur radio but also in our personal commitment to the hobby.

It is essential that we obtain final passage of this Bill before the end of this calendar year. If we don't, our efforts must begin anew in 2013 and all of the progress made thus far would be lost. We are monitoring the progress on an ongoing basis, and if an extra "push" from the membership is necessary you will hear from us with requests for calls, letters and emails to your local legislators. We will notify you if any significant developments take place. Thanks and 73.

*Nick Pittnez K8NAP* State Government Liaison

Quick Snip from midst of **Section ARES updates** 8< ...

Buckeye Public Service Net (BPSN). If you have Echolink, IRLP, and/or ALLSTAR in your county, please have your technical guru get in contact with George WD8GEO. George is good on QRZ.com. George is the foreman on the job and he would like to have the first net in April.

Speaking of nets...have you seen the new website for the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN)? Check it out at <http://www.ossbn.org/>. Created & administered by ASM & Sec Webmaster Scott Yonally

N8SY 73, *Matt Welch W8DEC* Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator

Nother big snip 8< ...

## Section training...

Greetings fellow hams; I want to take a moment to offer condolences to the families who suffered a loss on March 2. The communities affected by the tornados were small towns; like the ones most of us have visit-ed. It will take time for the events of March 2 to fade.

On that day I turned my 2m equipment to the local WARN Net. The thing that surprised me the most was the silence. I was quite impressed; I shouldn't have been, but the WARN Net Controller was doing his job and collecting damage and storm reports. This wasn't training; it was the real deal. I can't name the controller, but you could tell the hours of training nets and drills were paying off. I particularly recall a session he was having concerning events in Northern Kentucky.

I could be wrong, but as I listened, the exchange was as professional as any one I experienced during my Air Force days. You have to remember Civil Engineering Teams, in the Air Force, put a lot of effort into performing damage assessment. To hear exchanges like that from fellow hams shows the effort by hams and pride for doing it right. The WARN group here in Southwest Ohio can be really proud of their efforts.

The last thing for this month is to thank the hams who have provided training data for the Section Database. I have a family vacation scheduled for the end of March and will get the information compiled and off to SEC Welch by mid-April. Again, thank you all.

73, *John Frederick N8GOU* ASM Training

Snip from **Affiliated Club News** on us! 8<...

OH-KY-IN ARS is ordering 5-16 VDC Linear DC Voltage Power Supply Kits April 1 to assembled by the club. I love DIY'selfers. Nothing holds a club together like soldering. They held their monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gathered at Mt Storm Park March 10. Followed by their Brunch Bunch at Ron's Roost. Their April meeting will be at St Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard, Program: TBD. Their Board has taken on the task of a much-needed update to the club constitution & by-laws (it has been nearly 20 years since this was done). I am seeing a lot clubs getting around to this, this year. It's a tough job but a club always does better after going through it. Good luck, and ALWAYS remember your Mission Statement as you progress through this.

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Finally, I see a lot of clubs repost my article or link to it from their newsletter and website. I appreciate the discipleship. I think we ought to be sharing more and more amongst all the clubs in Ohio. To that end, please visit [http://arrl-ohio.org/club\\_link/links.html](http://arrl-ohio.org/club_link/links.html) and confirm that your club's link is there. If it is not, contact Scott Yonally [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) with the link to your website. I want to do the same with club newsletters. I know some clubs restrict access to members only, especially the current version of their newsletter, but I think it is in every one's interest to read and see what everyone else is doing. It gives us ideas and reinforces what we all are doing right. I guess that is the gist of this article. One last plug. Visit us and LIKE us on Facebook search ARRL-OHIO while in Facebook, please.

Until next month, "Get out of meeting Mode."

*E Mike McCatdel KC8YLD* ARRL Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator

Quick Snips from **Inside the Web** 8<...

...Now, on to business at hand, let's get things fired up and ready for QSOs.. Did you know that we're having a little get together this summer? That's right, the Ohio State ARRL Convention is being held on August 4. It's my pleasure to announce that our very special guest speaker is none other than **Kay Craigie N3KN**, President of the ARRL!!!! Now, how's that for exciting.

Want more information about the Convention, just click on the link bar on the right hand side of the [arrloho.org](http://arrloho.org) website. Also on the right side of the website you'll find a small little link that simply states "Call for Speakers".. Now what this is all about is simply this, we could fill up all the time slots with forums by each of the Section Cabinet.. Everyone in the state knows that all of us (Cabinet) could blow our

horns for an hour or so without even working up a sweat. Frank wouldn't even have burnt off his first cheeseburger yet! But we've decided to change all of this. Why not have THIS convention not only for you, but BY YOU as well. Snip<... Anyway, if you're willing to be a presenter please contact me... [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

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Also.. have you noticed the "click" button on the right-hand side of the webpage? That's for those of you who may not get the Ohio Monthly Section News directly from the ARRL. It's also for important state-

wide messages as well. Do you want to "Opt-In"?? Just click on the "click" button and join us.

Now, one final round in the roundtable discussion before going QRT.. Please let me know if the website is *not* serving you. This is your website, whether a League member or not, you do have input to it too. Please let me know if there's something that it needs to do and doesn't do right now. We have a lot of room for this to grow if you want it to.

I could go on and on, but I'll end it there for now. So, for now, 73 all.

Scott Yonally N8SY ASM Webmaster

Nother big snip 8< ...

The SM is taking a small sabbatical this month, but he will return with his comments next month...

ARRL Ohio Section Manager: *Frank Piper* ~~KJ8GW~~ [ki8gw@arrl.org](mailto:ki8gw@arrl.org)

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*Ye Ed* recently acquired **EchoLink**, which has been demonstrated for club members in past years.

This permits folk without low-band rigs to achieve at least *some* distance communication., if they remember what the offset is for UTC right after the change from EST to EDT. (*Ye Ed* didn't.) But this also allows one to See What's Out There! After missing her net, *Ye Ed* found a listing for an **Area 51** EchoLink node. This belongs to one Jason Arnold KC7STW, who by trade is a locomotive engineer for Union Pacific. He & spouse Christy W7LUV have a young daughter Katrina. They live in Sun Valley NV, he also runs 2 repeaters that are on McClellan Peak.

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### What's coming in April 2012

Wed Mar 28 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN

Sun Apr 1 Palm Sunday, Flying Pig Marathon; order 5-16 VDC Linear DC Voltage Power Supply Kits

Tue Apr 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard  
Program: TBD

Wed Apr 3 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q

Thu Apr 5 7-9 PM Extra Theory Class begins, lower level St Bernard City Hall, 110 E Washington, St Bernard

Fri Apr 7 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 10 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD

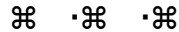
Wed Apr 11 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI

Thu Apr 12 7-9 PM Extra Theory Class, lower level St Bernard City Hall, 110 E Washington

Sat Apr 14 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, Quaker Steak & Lube, 3737 Stone Creek Blvd,  
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Wed Apr 18 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA  
 Thu Apr 19 7-9 PM Extra Theory Class, lower level St Bernard City Hall, 110 E Washington  
 Fri Apr 20 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston  
 Tue Apr 24 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, location TBD  
 Wed Apr 25 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN  
 Thu Apr 26 7-9 PM Extra Theory Class, lower level St Bernard City Hall, 110 E Washington  
 Tue May 1 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
 Program: TBD



**Rescue Radio: Ham Radio & social networks respond to March 20 Mexico earthquake**

Amateur radio operators and the social media have responded in the wake of an earthquake that hit Southwest Mexico on March 20. Bill Pasternak WA6ITF is in the newsroom with what we know so far:

--What has been described as a powerful and prolonged earthquake rocked parts of Mexico on Tuesday, March 20. The 7.6 magnitude temblor near the Pacific Coast resort town of Acapulco. According to news reports, some homes were toppled near the quake's epicenter. Electricity and telephone communications was lost for a time. But despite the quake's power, Mexico's President Felipe Calderon and officials across the country said that there were no reports of serious injuries. While there was some damage to the nation's internal communications infrastructure, Mexico's connection with the outside world for the most part remained unscathed. So far nothing has been heard about activation of any domestic Mexican ham radio emergency group. As we go to air, the only international ham radio operation we have heard about is a group called the International Radio Emergency Support Coalition. IRESC President, Urcun Canel TA0U in Istanbul, Turkey worked with about 8 or 9 hams in Mexico passing early damage assessment reports to the European continent. Some of this communications audio was posted to Facebook:

--Actual audio communications. Hear it by downloading the MP3 audio file of this newscast at [www.arnewsline.org](http://www.arnewsline.org).

--You can hear the entire communications session at [tinyurl.com/iresc-mexico-quake](http://tinyurl.com/iresc-mexico-quake) But the real story in this case is the response by the people in the affected areas.

While telephone and cellphone service was jammed as is the case after events like this, broadband connections were still open and quite useful. Anyone watching or listening to broadcast news reports often heard tweets from residents of the quake hit area being quoted as news sources and giving short eye-witness assessments via Twitter.

Also, broadcast news organizations world-wide were asking people with relatives in the quake zone to call in or post to the stations website the latest news they might have. In other words, news organizations were literally handling health and welfare traffic that until a year or two ago was primarily the domain of radio amateurs involved in emergency communications.

Quite a change from days gone by.

For the Amateur Radio Newslines, I'm Bill Pasternak WA6ITF in the newsroom in Los Angeles.

More in future Amateur Radio Newslines reports. (ARNewslines, published news reports with audio from IRESC Facebook posting)

Lead story in *AR Newslines 1806*, March 23, 2012

**Radio Reading**, also in *AR Newslines 1806: Winter 2012 TAPR PSR Journal now on line*

The Winter issue of the free Tucson Amateur Packet Radio *P-S-R Journal* is now available to download. This quarterly publication is full of technical, non-technical and user digital information and articles. You can download the free winter 2012 PSR from [tapr.org/psr/psr117.pdf](http://tapr.org/psr/psr117.pdf). Previous issues are also available free from the Tucson Amateur Packet Radio website at [tapr.org/psr.html](http://tapr.org/psr.html). (TAPR)

**OH-KY-IN 2012 Committee Appointments**

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Chair  
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Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair  
PIO Jerry Shipp W1SCR  
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**News of Members & Students in Recent Classes**

Oh-Ky-In member **Bob Cooke W8JSO** observes his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a licensed radio amateur! He let a few people incl Brad WD9HDZ see a photo that was taken of him in his shack at age 17. But Bob isn't letting that photo get any more circulation than it's already has! Happy Anniversary, Bob!

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Conga-cats/rats to **Duffy Beischel WB8NUT** for complimentary comments on his own website from ARRL! Article appears on our club website, pls Go Read if you can & haven't yet.

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**Rob Rogers K8CO** was mentioned in the Mar 14 issue of the *Delhi Press* as president of TuCanDo, a group that facilitates blind individuals cycling on tandem bicycles.

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**Not a member but ...**

**Tom Griffin**, now 95 & one of *just 5 surviving* Doolittle Raiders (April 18, 1942 revenge bombing mission for Pearl Harbor), served as Honorary Grand Marshal for this year's St Patrick's Day parade which honored Irish fliers. 'Bout time the Ancient Order of Hibernians got their act together & requested him to do so! Mr Griffin spoke to Oh-Ky-In in the last century (historian Dale KC8HQS has all *Q-Fiver* issues prior to January 2000, so Ye Ed wasn't able to research exactly when – except that his talk *wasn't* in the beginning years of *this* century!). Based in Cliff Radel's *Enquirer* article on March 16, Mr Griffin still sounded sharper than a tack; also in the brief phone call *Ye Ed* made to congratulate him & thank him for a) accepting ("easy" he said) & b) his national service Back In The Day. 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance of the raid will be held at Wright-Patterson AFB next month.

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