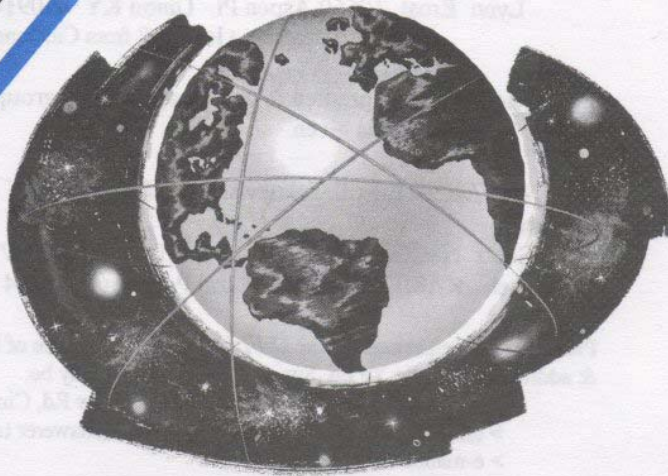


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Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM local time at the St. Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 Washington Ave. (corner Washington & Tower Aves) in St. Bernard, just east of Vine St. Please come in the doors at street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

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*The Q-FIVER* is now mailed and e-mailed, it's hoped, 7 days before the club meeting. Normal copy deadline is the weekend before that. Please send submissions for *The Q-FIVER* (including notice of upgrades & call sign changes) to Ye Ed Susie N8CGM. These may be:

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

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## August words

So what's the downside of a very warm winter? Looks like a very hot summer! we hit the dog days of summer it shows no real signs of letting up. I hope everyone is staying as cool as possible. This is the one time it is great having the shack downstairs!

Several thanks you's and congrats are in order this month. First thanks to Bruce and the crews who worked the Red White & Blues Ash and the St. Bernard July 4th Celebration. Both are important event for our Club. All braved a hot humid day! Congratulations are in order for Nathan, KA3MTT and his son Nathan Anthony, KK4KOI, one of the area's newest hams! Also, in case you have not seen it on the webpage, continued kudos to Bob Frey, WA6EZV, as he received the ARRL Diamond DXCC Challenge award. While most of us strive toward the basic DXCC award, Bob is at 177 countries and growing just in 2012, congratulations to a master DXer. A photo of Bob & his award are on the OH-KY-IN web site!

Speaking of the webpage, have some new or exciting news in your life, send it to the webgeezzer, he's always looking for new content, and please don't forget the pictures!

Several great opportunities will present themselves this month. First, we are (as of this writing) awaiting word on another opportunity at the Cincinnati Museum Center. If we have a display there in August, help will be needed, both in manpower and equipment displays. Watch the email reflector for word on this. Second, August brings us the Ohio QSO party. We will once again operate from Ross Park, in St. Bernard on August 25th. This is a fun contest, which runs from noon until midnight. Whether you are a seasoned contester or a rookie, stop down and operate for a while. We guarantee you'll have a good time.

Until next month, stay cool and safe and see you on the repeaters!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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## Next meeting

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, August 7. The program presenter will be Oh-Ky-In member Rick Haltermon KD4PYR. He will give a presentation on the weather spotting software he uses with the NWS nets. This promises to be an *excellent* program! 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. Please go in through the doors that face the high school on Washington.

73, *Bzian KC8FJN*

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## Minutes for members' meeting of 7-03-2012

Meeting was called to order by our vice-president, Brian Fulmer KC8FJN, at 7:03 PM. We had 23 members in attendance, no guests. The first half of our meeting was changed because our speaker didn't show, so we had a review of the Field Day experience which was well received. Break was taken for ten minutes at 7:52 PM.

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Business portion of the meeting resumed promptly at 8:02 PM. The minutes were approved as presented in *The Q-Fiver*. The treasurer's report was also presented and approved. Fundraising was at Red White and Blue Ash on Wednesday, the 4th starting at 4:30 PM. There was also mention of an activity in St. Bernard that evening. For those who didn't get to see it, it got good reviews on WKRC-TV Channel 12.

Also, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Tech Talk was scheduled to be handled by Brian K4BRI. We also had a QCEN report from Pat KD8PAT. There was no old business, except to check on our first meeting for 2013. July 28 is the kit building day. No new business, and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Paul KD8JDF*, Recording Secretary



Several members of the Butler Co ARA attended this **Brunch Bunch**, which was Saturday, July 14 at Lake Nina Restaurant, 7200 Pippin Rd in Colerain Twp. Not in the picture is Roger W8CRK who left early & Eric KD8MEM who took it. August Brunch Bunch location was chosen just in time for this issue – please see below. Please do suggest to Bruce N8BV (see mast for phone & e-drs) where **you'd** like to brunch on future dates!

The next **Brunch Bunch** will meet Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Pompilio's Restaurant at 1PM. Pompilio's is located at 600 Washington Avenue in Newport, Kentucky.

Although I've never been to Pompilio's myself, every time I mention that name everyone seems to know of the place and it certainly comes highly recommended.

Their menu is available at [www.pompiliosrestaurant.com](http://www.pompiliosrestaurant.com) Unfortunately there is no map on their website. However they are rather easy to find, they're at the corner of 6th and Washington in Newport. I noticed that they are not far from the Dixie Chili that we visited awhile back.

The Brunch Bunch meets the second Saturday of every month at 1PM at a location to be announced each month. I'm always looking for recommendations of where to go next. If you have a recommendation please let me know. 73, ..... *Bruce N8BV*



#### Check out this Field Day picture!!

Boy! Gary cannot get a little camera to go up at Field Day! WOW! These 2 guys were able to get 2 lawn chairs and them to go up. Two men launched into the air using 350 large helium balloons strapped to two lawn chairs...

73, *James Baird W8JRB*  
Member of OH-KY-IN & ARRL

This year's **Ohio QSO Party (OhQP)** is on Saturday August 25. Mark your calendars and join the fun!

The 2012 OhQP will start on August 25 at 1600z and runs 12 hours until August 29<sup>th</sup> at 0400z - for Ohioans, that's local noon to local midnight, EDT. In the basic QSO exchange, Ohio stations send a consecutive serial number + county, and non-Ohioans (who can only work Ohio) send a consecutive serial number plus their state, VE province, or "DX". Suggested frequencies are: CW: 3545, 7045, 14,045, 21,045, 28,045 kHz; SSB 3825, 7200, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz.

Full details and an OhQP Operating Guide can be found on the OhQP website at: [www.ohqp.org/](http://www.ohqp.org/) Check the rules for some minor changes, and the addition of 2 new mults.

If you plan to get on, please submit your plans on this form so we can cover all 88 Ohio counties

<http://ohqp.org/plannedOpsEntryOhQP.html>.

73 and please spread the word to your club members (via reflectors and news letters)! Let's set a new record for activity this year!

*Kenny K2KW*, OhQP Committee

## **Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN**

**11641 Colthar Drive Bethel OH**

**45106-9669**

**513 = 752-9570**

### **Heathkit Declares Bankruptcy, Closes for Good (Again)**

The July 19 edition of *The Herald-Palladium* -- a newspaper serving the communities of Benton Harbor and St Joseph MI -- is reporting that Heathkit Education Company has declared bankruptcy and has officially closed its doors after defaulting

on its lease. According to the paper, Heathkit employed more than 1800 people in its heyday after World War II; when it finally closed, its workforce totaled fewer than six people. This is the second time since 1992 that Heathkit Educational Services has shuttered its doors. In August 2011, Heathkit announced it was returning to the kit building business, and in September, that it would once again be manufacturing Amateur Radio kits. Heathkit owner Don Desrochers told the newspaper that he has filed for bankruptcy and a bank now owns what's left of Heathkit; the bank is disposing of some items via online auctions. "The situation was purely one of the economy," he explained in the article. "Heathkit was primarily dependent upon federal and state funding for schools. Spending in education continued to drop down, and it was economically unfeasible to continue operating. When we got back into the kit business, we were losing the education business faster than we were growing the kit business. It was not sustainable."

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Listed in *ARLD026 DX News*: The **following operations are approved for DXCC credit**: Equatorial Guinea, 3C6A, 2012 operation; Annobon, 3C0E, 2012 operation; Uganda, 5X1RO, 2012 operation; Djibouti, J28RO, 2010 operation; Djibouti, J25DXA, 2011 operation; Laos, XW4XR, 2012 operation.

Listed in *ARLD028 DX News*: The **following operations are approved for DXCC credit**: Rwanda, 9X0PY, operation for December 24, 2011 through January 7, 2012; Bangladesh, operations for 1994 and 1995, 1998 and 1999. If you had any of these operations rejected in a recent submission, please send an email to <bmoore@arrl.org> to be put on a list for an update.

These & all bulletins made possible with information provided by K1ZZ, NC1L, OZ4CG, XQ7UP, *QRZ DX*, the *OPDX Bulletin*, *425 DX News*, *The Daily DX*, *DXNL*, *The Weekly DX*, "Contest Corral" from *QST* and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all. --Updates credit to ARRL

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# DX Spots for August 2012 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CY9M-St Paul I thru 8-2		<a href="#">D64K-Comoros thru 8-31</a> 	<b>1</b> ZA1TC-Albania thru 8-7 - - - TI5-Costa Rica thru 8-8	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> SV5-Dodecanese thru 8-11 - - - J68HZ-St Lucia thru 8-19
<b>5</b> 9H3EA-Malta  thru 8-17	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9M4SLL-Spratyly thru 8-13	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> VQ9XP-Chagos thru 8-25 	<b>10</b> JW-Svalbard thru 8-12 - - - <a href="#">FP-St Pierre &amp; Miquelon thru 8--20</a>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5H3ME-Tanzania thru 9-3 	<b>15</b> P40NF-Aruba thru 8-21 - - - 6W-Senegal thru 8-22	<b>16</b> V31-Belize  thru 8-20	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> C5-Gambia  thru 8-29	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SV9-Crete  thru 9-3	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## Contests

August 2012

- 3-6 EU HF Championship, SSB & CW; South Africa DX Contest, SSB; NA QSO Party, CW; Ten-ten Summer Phone QSO Party; TARA Grid Dip Shindig, Digital modes; ARRL UHF Contest, 432MHz and up; SNS and NS Weekly sprints, CW; Lighthouse Lightship Weekend, all modes; OK1WC Memorial Contest, SSB & CW
- 8 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 11-12 Straight Key Weekend Sprint, CW; Worked All Europe, CW; MD-DC QSO Party; Fall VHF Sprints; NJQRP Skeeter Hunt, CW
- 15 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, SSB
- 18-20 ARRL 10 GHz and up Contest; ARRL Rookie Roundup, 50 MHz SSB; Dominican Republic Contest, SSB; Japan Keyman's Club Contest, CW; NA QSO Party, SSB; SARTG WW RTTY Contest; Russian District Award Contest, SSB & CW; Feld-Hell Gridloc Sprint, Digital; SARL Digital Contest; ARRL Rookie Roundup, digital modes; Run for the Bacon, CW
- 25-26 **OH QSO Party**; HI QSO Party, all modes, plenty of laughs; YO DX contest, SSB & CW; KS QSO Party; ALARA Contest; SCC RTTY Championship; South Africa DX Contest, CW

It's hot out! Don't run the hose on yourself while transmitting! *Only* 34 contests this month, by actual count. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

73, Dan K74AV

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### Contest operating tip brought in by Bruce N8BV.

If you are working with a new operator following Field Day, now is the time to help them learn good habits. One of the first lessons should be -- no extra verbiage. Just give the minimum exchange in the right order without rushing! There's no better opportunity to start trimming the excess baggage of "Please copy..." and "You are..." and repeating the exchange. Start 'em out right!

--ARRL Contest Update July 18, 2012

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### Red White & Blue Ash --Another Success--

Thanks to the efforts of the following, the work of the OH-KY-IN ARS at the 2012 Red White & Blue Ash is another success!

WD8NNB	Ed	KK4JSH	Nelda	WB8ZCC	Russ	KB8UAQ	Jeff
KD8MEM	Eric	KC8HQS	Dale	KD8JDF	Paul	Kelli	Vanselow
WB8NUT	Duffy	N8BV	Bruce				

This year we decided to have a cashier at the money box rather than everyone turn their back to the customer to make change separately. Although this does put the stress on the cashier (Thanks ED!), this certainly seems to be the way to go. We'll do this again next year. Actually, maybe 2 separate cashiers might be the way to go during the busiest times.

Although it was a really hot day of around 100 degrees early on, we all really appreciated working real close to the ice!

It seems as though maybe the reason we have such a difficult time getting people to help work the beer booth is that maybe some of you don't want to work with beer. Something to take into consideration for

next year. I'll look for a show of hands at the August meeting, should we run a soft drink/water booth rather than a beer booth? Or, maybe we could do both beer and soft drinks? The overall income is quite a bit lower with a soft drink/water booth as compared to a beer booth. If we'd decide to do both, we'll need about 18 people (total) instead of 10. Can we pull this off? Are you interested?

I will forward to the club treasurer at the next meeting a check for \$385.35 along with our tips of \$173.85, making our total efforts for 2012 worth \$559.20 to be added to the club treasury. Thanks again to everyone above who helped make this year another success! We'll talk briefly at the August meeting about how we should approach 2013.

73, ..... *Bzuce N8BV* (November Eight Beer Vendor)

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### Bob WA6EZV & the Diamond DXCC Challenge

July 5, 2012 Jacksonville, FL

This will likely be my last update for a while. At the end of June, I managed to reach 131 Diamond Countries and 198 total countries for the year. I've attached a copy of my Year-To-Date totals. (*see below*) Nearly 1000 QSOs for the year, four band DXCC worked, and DXCC confirmed via LoTW. Not too bad for wire antennas. Been fun. Let's hope the sunspot cycle continues to grow. Need 19 more diamond countries for my goal of 150. Might take a lot of luck.

Later, *Bob WA6EZV*

Pfx	Country	COZ	ITUZ	10M	12M	15M	17M	20M	30M	40M	80M	160M
J2A	Abu Ail Island (deleted 30-Mar-199	21	39									
	<b>All time Countries Worked</b>			67	83	149	127	154	81	106	46	5
	<b>All time Countries Confirmed</b>			23	26	64	44	52	26	26	20	3
	<b>All time Countries Credit Submitted</b>											
	<b>All time Countries Credit Granted</b>											
	<b>Current Countries Worked</b>			67	83	149	127	154	81	106	46	5
	<b>Current Countries Confirmed</b>			23	26	64	44	52	26	26	20	3
	<b>Current Countries Credit Submitted</b>											
	<b>Current Countries Credit Granted</b>											
<b>All time Countries - 401. 198 Countries worked, 118 are confirmed, 0 credit granted, and 0 submitted.</b>												
<b>Current Countries - 340. 198 Countries worked, 118 are confirmed, 0 credit granted, and 0 submitted.</b>												

### ARRL OH Section Convention details – forum schedules & correct contact info for Columbus Hamfest

It's approaching fast! The 2012 ARRL Ohio State Convention, in conjunction with the 2012 Columbus Hamfest, will take place on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Rd in Columbus.

The plans are finalized, the stage is being set, and we wait to welcome Amateur Radio operators from around the state to what we hope is the beginning of a new tradition in the Ohio Section!

Before we list the forums and times, we need to complete one housekeeping item. The contact information for the Hamfest is **incorrect** in *QST*. The information is **correct** on the ARRL.ORG website. The public contact for the Columbus Hamfest is:

James Morton KB8KPJ, 1317 Blocker Dr, Heath OH 43056 Ph: 740=527-2156 Email: kb8kpj@arrl.net

Now, onto the forums that will be delivered at the Convention:

8:30 AM– 9:00 AM: HISTORY OF TELEGRAPHY Presenter: Dr. Robert Lewis N8GU

Come hear of the history of our most basic form of Amateur Radio communication

9:00 AM– 10:00 AM: STATE LEGISLATION

Presenter: Nicholas Pittner K8NAP, ARRL OH St Govt Liaison



Have you heard about Ohio's new PRB-1 Antenna Law? Come join us as ARRL OH St Govt Liaison, Nicholas Pittner K8NAP, will help explain how the new law benefits Ohio Amateur Radio operators, and how Hams seeking to erect new antennas can use the new law to their benefit.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: RF INTERFERENCE FROM ELECTRIC POWER LINES

Presenter: Dennis Moriarty K8AGB

Dennis Moriarty K8AGB presents his Educational and Entertaining lectures based on 30 years of investigating Radio & TV Interference, primarily from electric power lines. WITH SELF-HELP SUGGESTIONS FOR:

- a. Identifying the Interference Type / Source.
- b. Locating said Interference using a portable receiver.
- c. Working with the local Electric Utility, including Part 15 violations.
- d. [ LAST STEP ] When to contact the FCC

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: ARRL FORUM

Moderator, Frank Piper KI8GW – ARRL Ohio Section Manager

Speakers: Kay Craigie N3KN – ARRL President, Jim Weaver K8JE – ARRL Director – Great Lakes Div

Come spend an hour with ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN, Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver K8JE and Ohio Section Manager Frank Piper KI8GW as they discuss various topics affecting Amateur Radio. At the end of the forum, the Awards will be presented for the Ohio Section Newsletter Award, and the Al Severson Ohio Ham of the Year.

11:00 AM – NOON: OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Moderator: Don Zickefoose WB8SIQ – OSSBN Net Manager

11:00am – NOON: NBEMS / FLDIGI

Speaker: Harry Bloomberg W3YJ

Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NBEMS) and the use of the latest digital program “Fldigi” will be discussed and explained in this forum.

NOON – 1:00 PM: FUNDAMENTALS OF WIRE ANTENNAS

Speakers: Jay Adrick K8CJY and Geoff Mendenhall P.E. W8GNM

This presentation will cover the basic electromagnetic theory, radiation patterns, construction, and applications of wire antennas for amateur radio use.

NOON - 1:00 PM: TRAFFIC HANDLING AND THE NATIONAL TRAFIC SYSTEM

Speaker: David Maynard WA3EZN – ARRL Ohio Section Traffic Manager

This presentation will cover what equipment is needed to join in the fun of handling formal radiogram traffic. It will explain the National Traffic System (NTS), how it is structured, how it works and how to find a local or state traffic net. ARRL Radiogram basics will also be covered, and will also include information on the NTS digital system. Skills for operating in a directed net will also be covered in this forum.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: ROYAL ORDER OF THE WOUFF HONG INDUCTION CEREMONY

You are invited to join the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong!

This mysterious and celebrated ritual will be held to wrap up the Convention. This ceremony is limited to the first Fifty (50) full ARRL members. Pre-registration is requested, by not mandatory. You may pre-register by sending your request for registration to <n8sy@n8sy.com>. Proof of full ARRL membership must be presented to attend. Don't have your ARRL card? Stop by the ARRL table at the Columbus Hamfest, and we can verify membership or sign you up that day!

For more information on the speakers, and to get even more info on the Convention and Hamfest, please visit the Ohio Section website at: [www.arrlohio.org](http://www.arrlohio.org)

## Hamfests & c.

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11 OH St Convention at Aladdin Shrine Ctr, 3850 Stelzer Rd, Columbus sponsored by OH Section of course. 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. Handicapped access, FORUMS! List began on pg 8.

Columbus Hamfest at Aladdin Shrine Ctr, 3850 Stelzer Rd, Columbus sponsored by Voice of Aladdin ARC. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE sessions (8 AM, pls sign in at 7:30; pls bring orig & copy of license, of CSCE if applicable, photo ID. No fee!). \$5 gets one into both here. Talk-in: 146-97 (PL 123). Info: Jim Morton KB8KPJ, 740=527-2156, [kb8kpi@arrl.net](mailto:kb8kpi@arrl.net), [www.aladdinshrine.org](http://www.aladdinshrine.org), click "Flyer" at lower left

12 Central KY Hamfest at Am Legion Post #34, 745 W Broadway, Lawrenceburg, sponsored by Bluegrass ARS. 8 AM-3 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, ARRL VE sessions (11 AM, pls sign in at 10:30, walk-ins OK). Spl Features: Spl Event MARS Station, St Emergency Communications Vehicle. \$5 advance, \$6 door. Talk-in: 145.39 (107.2 Hz), 146.76. Info: Jeanie Dalton KB8QLC, 859=619-8164, [jeanie@insightbb.com](mailto:jeanie@insightbb.com), [www.BluegrassARS.org](http://www.BluegrassARS.org)

Stow OH Hamfest at Robert Pinn Armory, 46340 Allen Rd, sponsored by Cuyahoga Falls ARC. 8 AM-12N. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating. \$5 per vehicle (number of occupants irrelevant). Talk-in: 147.27 (110.9 Hz). Info: Frank Tompkins W8EZZ, 330=928-4048, [tailfest2012@cfarc.org](mailto:tailfest2012@cfarc.org), [cfarc.org/tailgate2012.html](http://cfarc.org/tailgate2012.html)

18 LaPorte IN Hamfest at Concrete Tower, US 35 & Schultz Rd, sponsored by Porter Co ARC. Public 9 AM. Dealers, fleas, refreshments, tailgating. Free! Talk-in: 146.775 (131.8 Hz). Info: Matt Lasayko KC9KUD, 219=916-4807, [mlasayko@comcast.net](mailto:mlasayko@comcast.net), [pc-arc.net](http://pc-arc.net)

19 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Cortland OH Hamfest at Trumbull Co Fairgrounds, 899 Everett Hull Rd, sponsored by Warren ARA. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions (10 AM, pls sign in at 9:30). \$6. Talk-in: 146.97. Info: Jacqueline Clay KD8DNE, 440=636-2806, [kd8dne@gmail.com](mailto:kd8dne@gmail.com), [www.w8vtd.org](http://www.w8vtd.org)

25 Spencer IN Hamfest at Owen Co Fairgrounds, 100 S East St, sponsored by Owen Co ARA & Bloomington ARC. 7 AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE sessions (register at 12:30, exams at 1 PM). \$5. Talk-in: 146.985 (136.5 Hz). Info: Bob Poortinga K9SQL, 812=876-6174, [k9sql@arrl.net](mailto:k9sql@arrl.net), [www.owencountyara.org](http://www.owencountyara.org)

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

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

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

**2d Sat even-numbered months** Huber Hts OH, sponsored by Huber Hts ARC at The Forge behind First Presb Ch, 6114 Fishburg Rd just W of Bellfountain Rd, at 9:30-11:30 AM. ARRL session, walk-ins welcome. Info: John Martindill AB8NV [ab8nv@arrl.net](mailto:ab8nv@arrl.net).

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

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**Weaver's words - In the Cool of the Evening** [Reply only to [k8je@arrl.org](mailto:k8je@arrl.org) unless noted otherwise.]

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- Article by N8XX in *Ntl Contest Journal*

- K4ZLE Retires as QSL Bureau Mgr - N8DX Appointed  
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- *CQ's* WPX Award now Available through LoTW - Spurs
- My Nickel's Worth - Scheduled Hamfests and Travel

+++ **Ohio Convention Hosts ARRL President** +++

The Ohio Section Convention that will be held August 11 will host ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN as principal speaker. This is the first Ohio Section Convention that will be held in many years. It will take place at the same location as, and concurrent with, the Columbus (OH) Hamfest. See <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/ohio-state-convention>.

Ohio SM Frank Piper KI8GW and his Cabinet, Great Lakes Division Vice Dir Dale Williams WA8EFK and I will also participate in the festivities. One will not find a better place to ask questions about the state of Amateur Radio and ARRL than this Convention.

+++ **K4ZLE Retires as QSL Bureau Manager - N8DX Appointed** +++

As some members are aware, Jay Slough K4ZLE has retired as Manager of the 8<sup>th</sup> Call Area Incoming QSL Bureau after nine years of dedicated service. John (Jack) Shirley N8DX of West Chester, OH has accepted appointment as Manager. With the excellent support of a fine crew of QSL Letter Sorters, Jay has guided the 8<sup>th</sup> Area bureau to an unsurpassed level of efficiency and service to DXers.

Thanks, Jay for your long service to 8-call DXers. Thanks, too, to Jack for being willing to take on the responsibility of managership.

The best thing anyone who works DX can do to assist the operations of the incoming DX Bureau is to put him/herself on file with the Bureau. The next best thing to do is to become informed on its operations. A discussion of the operation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Call Area Bureau and a listing of QSL Letter Sorters is at

[http://arrlgreatlakes.org/8th\\_bureau.htm](http://arrlgreatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm). Discussion of the Incoming QSL Bureau is available at <http://www.arrl.org/incoming-qs1-service>.

+++ **Article by N8XX in *National Contest Journal*** +++

Hank Greeb N8XX had a full-length article published in the July-August issue of the *National Contest Journal*. Hank's topic was "Mini-DXpeditions -- How to Have Fun, Collect Wallpaper and Not Break the Bank." The article describes his experiences and learnings from operating portable in three Michigan QSO Parties and two Ohio QSO Parties. For little cost, he has had a heck of a lot of fun on his portable operations in Michigan and Ohio whether these were while operating in a barn, a building in a park or a motel room.

The *National Contest Journal* is published bi-monthly by the ARRL in January, March, May, July, September and November. It is a leading source of valuable information on the world of contesting as a radio sport.

+++ **How to Schedule a Contact with the ISS** +++

There is a new process for US schools to propose contacting the International Space Station (ISS). To schedule an ARISS contact, a specific proposal must be submitted to NASA. NASA will determine if the proposal will be approved and the contact scheduled. Once a school is approved and put on the list of contacts, an ARISS mentor will be assigned to assist the school prepare for the contact.

NASA will have two open windows a year for schools to submit a proposal. The window for contacts during the second half of 2012 has closed. The window for submitting proposals for contacts during the first half of 2013 will open later this year. Material for submitting a proposal for a contact must be obtained from NASA. Contact them at 281=244-2320.

+++ ***CQ's* WPX Award now Available through LoTW** +++

*CQ Magazine's* Worked All Prefixes Award (WPX) is now available through ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW). Integration of WPX with Logbook was completed July 2. This is the first of several *CQ*-sponsored awards that will become available through LoTW during coming months. ARRL announced that more than 51,000 amateurs worldwide use Logbook of The World. There are nearly 432 million QSOs

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in LoTW at this time. For more information on WPX and LoTW go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-launches-logbook-of-the-world-wpx-award-integration>.

+++ **Spurs** +++

The amount of the grant awarded the Mogadore schools was \$1,400, not \$14,000 as was stated in last month's newsletter. I apparently had an itchy "zero" finger.

In case you found the URL given in my last newsletter did not work when you tried to find the *ARRL Annual Report*, give this one a try:

[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/AboutARRL/AnnualReports/2011ANNUALREPORTforviewing\\_indd.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/AboutARRL/AnnualReports/2011ANNUALREPORTforviewing_indd.pdf).

I don't know why the one given last month failed.

+++ **My Nickel's Worth** +++

The past few months have seen me encouraging hamfest/swap committees and DXCC Field Checkers to get together and offer QSL card checking at local hamfests. Several hamfest already do this, but coverage of the three Sections in this Division should be better than it is.

I've stated that field checking using the new online DXCC submission system will provide clear benefits to all ARRL members -- even those who do not chase DX. It is no secret that one of the most labor-intensive tasks performed at HQ is the manual entry of QSL cards into the HQ file system. It is this file system that is the basis for determining if an amateur has completed the requirements for DXCC and other on-air awards. It is because of the need to enter each QSL into the system by hand that we have long experienced rather substantial backlogs and delays in processing QSL submissions during the months before and after the end of each year. In an effort to clear this backlog, substantial numbers of hours of overtime are devoted each year. In other words, under the QSL entry system as it existed, many members became quite dis-pleased over the significant waits to have their QSL submissions processed. HQ's effort to increase the processing speed of the backlog has involved substantial extra cost.

By using the new online DXCC application system, manual entry of QSL information by HQ staff is avoided -- thereby, reducing the amount of time required by HQ staff to process a DXCC application. Entering QSL data is done directly by the DXer who takes his QSLs and a print-out of his entry to a Field Checker instead of mailing them to HQ. The Field Checker ensures that data on the printout is consistent with the information on the QSLs the DXer presents to him. The approved printout is then sent to HQ where a comparison of the printout with the online file submitted by the DXer is performed and the Q's entered are eligible for credit. Provided the file and the data on the printout agree, the requested award is issued -- all with greatly less time and effort than is required of HQ staff to type in QSL info.

As footnote to this discussion, be aware that to become a Card Checker, one agrees to check cards at a minimum of one hamfest/convention each year. Of course, it would be illogical to expect a Checker to be available to go to any hamfest regardless of its location and the date on which it will be held. Nonetheless, we have enough Card Checkers strategically located throughout the Division to make it practical to have Card Checkers visit suitably-sized hamfests/swaps in every region of Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

Appearing at a hamfest, however, is not all that is needed to make the online DXCC QSL entry program the huge success it can be. The hamfest committee needs to schedule the checker early enough so that his appearance can be promoted along with promotion of the hamfest. And . . . be sure to indicate "Q" on the application to have your hamfest sanctioned by ARRL, or send me an e-mail letting me know you will have a Card Checker present. I'll indicate QSL CHECKING when I list your hamfest in my *Words*.

A list of Card Checkers is available at: [www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-search](http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-search).

The Board and HQ have made it possible for hamfest/swap committees and Card Checkers to work together in a much more effective manner to save effort, time and cost while improving service to members. Several hamfests are already taking advantage of this new manner of operation. Will other committees step up to extend the savings?



+++ **Scheduled Hamfests and Travel** +++

The following is a schedule of travel planned by the Director, Vice Director and Section Managers in the Great Lakes Division. These trips represent an excellent opportunity to discuss ARRL and what it is doing to support Amateur Radio.

Hamfest chairmen, it is never too early to apply to have your hamfest sanctioned. The following is the tentative schedule by ARRL Division and Section officials to attend hamfests/swaps as indicated.

Especially now that DXCC submission can be made online, it would be a good idea to invite a QSL Field Checker to your hamfest, and publicize he will be there. This invitation will cost only an admission ticket and the use of one table. A listing of Card Checkers is available at [www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-search](http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-search). Obviously, Card Checkers are available consistent with the timing of the hamfest and the distance they would need to travel. I will be happy to note on the listing of hamfests which of these will be hosting a Card Checker if I am given the information.

Aug 4 - DATE CHANGE -- SEE AUG. 11

Aug 4 - UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI, WB8R

Aug 5 - Seaway Swap, Port Huron, MI

Aug 11 - Ohio State Convention & Columbus Hamfest, Columbus, OH \*\* QSL CHECKING \*\* - K8JE, WA8EFK, KI8GW, OH Cabinet

Aug 12 - Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lawrenceburg, KY - K8JE, KY4Z

Aug 12 - CFARC Tailgate Fest, Stow, OH

Aug 19 - Lapeer Co. ARA Annual Swap & Shop, Lapeer, MI, WB8R

Aug 19 - Warren ARC Hamfest, Cortland, OH

Aug 25 - Owosso Swap & Trunk Sale, Owosso, MI - WB8R

Sep 8 - GRAHamfest, Wyoming, MI - WB8R

Sep 8 - Greater Louisville Hamfest, Shepherdsville, KY, K8JE, KY4Z

Sep 9 - Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - WA8EFK, KI8GW,

Sep 15 - Richmond Hamfest \*(QSL CHECKING)\* - Richmond, KY, KY4Z

Sep 16 - Greater Cincinnati ARA Hamfest \*(QSL CHECKING)\* - Cincinnati, OH, K8JE, Ohio Cabinet

Sep 16 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI - WB8R

Sep 23 - Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show \*(QSL CHECKING)\* Berea, OH, K8JE, KI8GW

Oct 6 - Vette City Hamfest \*(QSL CHECKING)\* - Bowling Green, KY - KY4Z

Oct 6 - Straits Area Swap & Shop, Petoskey, MI

Oct 7 - USECA 27th Annual Hamfest, Madison Heights, MI

Oct 11 - Mahoning Valley ARC, Youngstown, OH, Jim

Oct 13 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Muskegon, MI - WB8R

Oct 21 - Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI \*(QSL CHECKING)\* - WB8R

Oct 27 - KY Mountains ARC Hamfest, Hazard KY - KY4Z

Oct 28 - Massillon Hamfest, Massillon, OH - Ohio Cabinet

Dec 2 - LCARC AR Swap/Hamfest, Harrison Township, MI - WB8R

*Jim Weaver K8JE* Director, Great Lakes Division

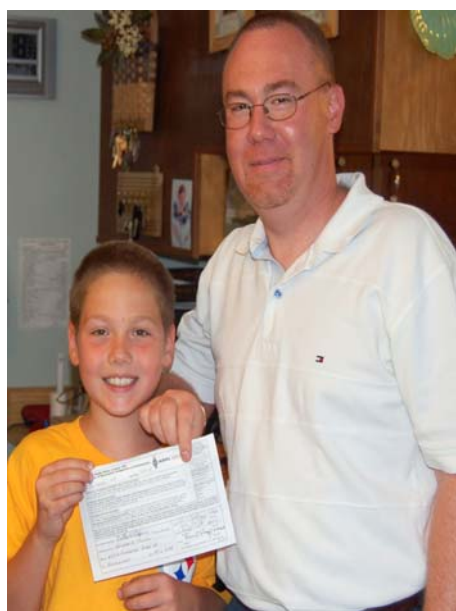
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## What's coming in August 2012

Tue Jul 31 Aug *Q5r* distrib begins  
Wed Aug 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q  
Fri Aug 3 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 Aug 7 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard  
Program: Rick Haltermon KD4PYS on weather spotting software used with NWS nets  
Wed Aug 8 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI  
Sat Aug 11 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt maybe, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park;  
talk-in to start on 146.67 rpt  
1:00 PM Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch at Pompilio's Restaurant, 600 Washington  
Ave, Newport KY  
Tue Aug 14 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD  
Wed Aug 15 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA  
Fri Aug 17 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston  
Wed Aug 22 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN  
Sat Aug 25 12N-12M Oh-Ky-In's OH QSO Party activity in Ross Park, St Bernard  
Tue Aug 28 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, location TBD, Sep *Q5r* distrib begins  
Wed Aug 29 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Rick KD4PYR  
Tue Sep 4 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard  
Program: TBD



## News of members & students in recent classes

**Nathan Anthony Ciufu** received his callsign today, July 19: **KK4KOI**. He was on .67 for a few minutes this evening and is extremely anxious to get back on t ommorrow. I'm very proud of him and I want to thank the VE team of Brian K4BRI, Harry KM4CS, and Rick KD4PYR for proctoring the exam for him.

He's going to apply for my father's old callsign since he has passed away - KA3MTU. I guarantee my Dad is very proud of him right now and it's going to be really nice being able to say that callsign again; very emotional

73, *Nathan Ciufu KA3MTU*

Nathan A. KK4KOI *has* worked a number of us. Even I called him, but wasn't able to make .67. 73 *Ye Ed*

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## Another new call

**Nelda J Sulek**, now **KK4JSH**, has applied to have **N8CCB** restored to her.

## OH-KY-IN 2012 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Chair  
 Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair  
 Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair  
 Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair  
 PIO Jerry Shipp W1SCR  
*Q-Fiver* Editor Susie Scott N8CGM  
 Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS  
 Fox Hunters Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
 DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC  
 WebGeezer Russ Hines WB8ZCC  
 Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 Fundraising Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC  
 Karl R Kaucher KJ4KWR

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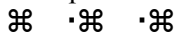
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### Depicted at right is Ye Ed & Cincinnati Sound's bragging right

Most of you know Ye Ed sings in Cincinnati Sound Chorus of Sweet Adelines Intl, also in SoundEffects Vy Lg QT (VLQ) within. CSC scored 67.38 points in the new Barbershop category of July's 7<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games here in town. 4<sup>th</sup> of 6 overall Championship div, but that score rated a Silver medal! →  
 SoundEffects didn't do quite as well in Open div, where *only* participation certificates were given.



An early figure of 362 total choirs, ranging in size from 4 to 150+, competed July 4-14. There may have been more! **Each** received a participation certificate. Rookwood Pottery designed the trophy that the Grand Champion choir of each category in the Championship div received. It happens that, now that the WCG have successfully concluded (off topic: even got the stranded Indonesian university choir that arrived much too late to compete, to its pre-paid flight home from San Francisco, thanks to Convention & Visitors Bureau which chartered a Greyhound bus for their 54 hr ride west) that the Rookwood Studio at 1920 Race St is selling small (6" tall, in "decorator colors") replicas of the Grand Champion Trophy (at least 24" tall, only in cream) for \$17 & change. They're just south of Frank Catanzaro Sons & Dtrs produce dealers, a door with a doorbell under a light, just south of the first 2 blue garage doors. Open M-F 9-5, they still had "a quantity" of the small replicas left. They're also in the phonebook. Commercial threadjack!!! --Ye Ed



### Plug in Affiliated Clubs, July 20 OH Section News 8< snip

The OH-KY-IN ARS sponsors the Brunch Bunch which meets the second Saturday of every month at 1 PM; the location varies so check out their website <http://www.ohkyin.org/>. Wouldn't it be cool to have a group from another club pay an impromptu visit? Or maybe join in at their next monthly meeting, Tuesday, August 7?. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome! WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!

73, E.Mike McCazdel KC8YLD Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator [kc8yld@arrl.net](mailto:kc8yld@arrl.net) >8 snip

*Final copy deadline for Sep Q Fivez is Fri Aug 24  
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