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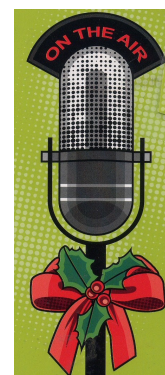
The Q-FIVER is **now** mailed and e-mailed, it's hoped, **7 days before the club meeting**. Normal copy deadline is the weekend before that. Please send submissions for *The Q-FIVER* (including notice of upgrades & call sign changes) to Ye Ed Susie N8CGM. These may be:

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Another Year Comes To A Close

Hard to believe, isn't it! December and the holiday season are here. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Although these are tough economic times, I think each one of us can find some-thing in our life to be thankful for.

I hope everyone can make out to the December meeting for our annual Christmas party. As always, we will provide pizza and drinks for all. If you have a dessert or side dish you would like to share, please bring it! The Club will once again supply some great door prizes, but I am asking members to bring a door prize as well. The more the merrier!!

As always, December is our election of Officers for 2013. I want to personally thank Brian Fulmer KC8FJN for serving as our Vice President for the past three years. Brian has decided to take a well deserved year off (don't worry, Brian, I have plenty of other jobs for you!).

A HUGE high five goes out to all who participated in Field Day this year. It was recently announced that the K8SCH crew achieved first place in Ohio in the 3A category. It was a true team effort. Also, congrats to those who worked K8SCH to a clean sweep in the November SSB Sweepstakes contest and thanks to Eric N8YC for letting us invade his house again for the contest.

Finally, I want to wish each and every one a joyous holiday season. No matter how you choose to celebrate, may you be surrounded by those who bring you happiness and comfort. 2012 was a great year for OH-KY-IN and 2013 shows even greater promise. I hope to see you at the December meeting and to hear you on the repeaters!

73 *Gazy KB8MYC*

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From the Treasurer

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It is that time again - time to renew your membership in OH-KY-IN. There are some changes this year. A few membership meetings ago the membership then present passed a motion for a new dues structure recommended by the Board of Directors. Gone are the different rates that applied to renewal at different times of the year. Most of us will pay \$20 per year - or \$15 if we are seniors. The complete rate schedule is on the membership form on the club's web site.

This year you can renew on line. Go to the club's web site, then to the membership section. Fill out the online form, and pay by using PayPal. You do not have to be registered with PayPal - simply enter you credit card number and the amount to be paid - PayPal will take care of the rest. Be sure to submit the form before you leave the membership site.

You **cannot** renew you membership in ARRL on line. But you **can** renew your ARRL membership the old way. Fill out the form, then print it. Mail the signed and completed form to Nathan at the address on the form - and include your check. You can also renew your club membership the old way - **only one form** to renew both memberships. OHKYIN gets \$2.00 for each ARRL member who renews through the club, and \$15.00 for each new ARRL member who joins ARRL through the club. These amounts can add up quickly!

I'll be looking for you at club meetings and events.

73, *Fred Schneider K9OHE*, Treasurer

Minutes of November 6 , 2012 members' meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:37PM. Only members attended this meeting, no guests. For the program, we were originally going to have info about traffic handling, but as that didn't happen, so we watched the program on the last big field day which took about 41 minutes. The business meeting resumed at 8:41 P.M.

There was a motion to accept the minutes for the last meeting as presented in the *Q-Fiver*, and it passed. The Membership committee reported that we have 97 members, and that the 2013 renewals are out.

The treasurer's report was also presented and accepted.

There was no report from silent keys which is a good thing.

Technical committee reported that more equipment came in and was put on the .67 repeater. Additional equipment came in to go to Hughes High School, and that moves along.

Information from education committee was that examinations were scheduled for November 17. There was also a one day class held for the Red Cross. Tech talk continues to do well, and is, as always, on Wednesdays.

Pat KD8PAT gave us a report on the activities going on with QCEN

We got info about the Price Hill Thanksgiving Day parade, but not much was decided. Everything is now set for the election at the next meeting. We talked a little more about getting doorprizes for the meeting, etc.

Since we had nothing further in new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Paul Jordan KD8JDF*, Recording Secretary

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The next **Brunch Bunch** will meet Saturday, December 8 at 1PM at Empress Chili in Hartwell. The Hartwell Empress Chili is located at 8340 Vine Street, 45216, just one block north of Galbraith Road.



Eric KC8MEM took this picture of the November 10 Brunch Bunch at LaRosa's in St Bernard, just a few blocks down Vine Street from the club meeting location.

The Brunch Bunch meets the second Saturday of every month at a location to be announced each month. You are certainly invited to join us!

73, *Bruce N8BV*

I just saw our **Field Day** standings, as published in the online edition of *QST*, and according to my count it appears we were 39th out of 326 overall in the 3A category.

More important than the standings, as far as I'm concerned, was that I had fun and probably gained a few pounds. My XYL says I can't attend another Field Day until I get rid of some extra poundage. She doesn't know I've figured out how to make the scale read whatever I want. And I'm counting on you not to tell her.

Apparently Eric N8YC has figured out how to herd cats. (Helpful skill in *any* contest – *Ye Ed*)

And John KC8VQU hasn't lost his culinary touch. I hope he still has it next year. I should probably be ashamed to admit that the food is the main reason I attend Field Day.

Jerry's WISCR balloon project gained our club some notoriety and got a bunch of people involved, proving

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he has the ability to think outside the gas bag.

And speaking of gas bags.... Oh, well. Never mind.

You should probably mark your 2013 calendars for June 22-23 to see if we can do it again. But I keep forgetting that December 21st is the end of the world.

73, *Mick KD8JOQ*

Oh-Ky-In was also 1st in Ohio. I think it has been several years since that happened.

73, *Dick WB4SUV*



As of January 27, 2013, the USPS wants to stop selling **International Reply Coupons (IRCs)**. If approved and the US no longer sells IRCs, post offices in the US must continue to redeem them for those patrons who use them, per United Postal Union regulations. The current Nairobi model is valid through December 31, 2013. Comments on this proposed change closed November 23, 2012; accepted for **not even a month!**

ARRL Letter 11-6-12

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2012 Sweepstakes

It took awhile this year into late Sunday afternoon, but congratulations to the Oh-Ky-In ARRL 2012 November Phone Sweepstakes team & thanks to all who came out to participate. We obtained the coveted Clean Sweep and a score of 17762.

Dick WB4SUV & Addison KJ4VCV gave us a great start followed up by Brian K4BRI, Margie KJ4ZKC, Gary KB8MYC, & into the first early hours on Sunday with Phil KG8AP & myself. When finished for the night, we still had 13 sections to go: SNJ, NLI, DE, EPA, KY, SC, PR, MS, NTX, SF, WV, WI, KS, ND, MB, QC, ONE & NT.

This became one of the *strangest* years I can remember as far as band conditions went; we had to struggle with many sections you normally would think as easy. But as Sweeps usually goes, you never know what to expect.

Mikey AC4XS our famed closer came over around 8ish Sunday morning. He & I worked until he had to leave around 1 in the sake of family harmony. Usually we had obtained the sweep before noon but it was much more difficult this year. We were still down by only a few & he stayed for one more at a time until we were down only by three sections. He was determined to get the sweep, but then he had to reluctantly, really go. But great effort Mike!

So then it was down to 3: WV, QC & MB. I didn't think we were going to get it this year with the remaining sections nowhere to be found even on spotting. At around 4ish in the afternoon I had just about enough listening & was going to not give up, but take a nap & peek at the spots once in a while. Then all

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DX Spots – December 2012 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ZL9HR-Auckland Campbell Is thru 12-9 	PJ5J-Saba & St Eustatius thru 12-12					1 C6-Bahamas thru 1-31 
2 J6 - St Lucia thru 12-11 	3 EA8 – Canary Isl thru 12-31 	4	5 V63XG-Micronesia thru 12-12 	6 PY0FRP-Fernando de Noronha thru 12-10 	7	8
9	10 JD1BLY-Ogasawara thru 12-13 ----- E51E-South Cook Isl thru 1-5	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 T8CW-Palau thru 1-6	25 	26 8Q7MS-Maldives thru 1-3 	27	28	29
30	31 					

Operations approved for DXCC credit: Chad, TT8TT, 2012 operation; Lakshadweep Islands, VU7M, 2012 operation, and Tristan Da Cunha and Gough, ZD9UW, 2012 operation in *ARLD046* 11/8; also Uganda, 5X1EME, 2012 operation in *ARLD047* 11/15

Outdated info: As reported in DX News *ARLD046*, special event station YB26SEAG was actually QRV during 2011. This station is currently not active. *ARLD047* 11/15

Contests

December 2012

- 1-2 ARRL 160 Meter Contest , CW; Top Operators Activity Contest (TAC), CW; TARA RTTY Mêlée; AWA Bruce Kelly QSO Party, CW; 10 meter RTTY Contest; SARL Digital Contest
- 4 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW
- 7-9 ARRL 10 Meter Contest, SSB & CW; SNS and NS Weekly Sprints; 28 MHz SWL Contest; AWA Bruce Kelly QSO Party, CW; UBA Winter Contest, all modes; SKCC Winter Sprintathon, CW; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW
- 11 NA High Speed Meteor Scatter Contest, digital modes
- 12 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW; CWOps Monthly Mini-CWT Test
- 13 Russian 160-Meter Contest, CW & SSB
- 15-16 ARRL Rookie Roundup; Croatian CW Contest; OK DX RTTY Contest; Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint; Feld-Hell Happy Birthday Sprint
- 17 Run for the Bacon, CW
- 21 Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party
- 23 RAEM Contest, CW
- 26 DARC Christmas Contest; SKCC Straight Key Sprint
- 27 NAQCC Milliwatt Sprint
- 29-Jan 1 RAC Winter Contest, CW & Phone; Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge; ARRL Straight Key Night

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May Santa be good to you and put lots of ham gear under the tree! For more info see QST, CQ, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

. Merry Christmas to all!

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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more 2012 Sweepstakes

of a sudden, QC popped in there with a strong signal & we nailed him down. Not too long after, I saw WV pop up everywhere in the spots & went back to the radio. The guy sounded just like Sen Fred Thompson (I know he was from TN) & he had a huge pileup with lots of QRM. Then he kept taking breaks, I think to cut the pileup down. On the third such break, I hit him right when he came back & got us on his log, but think I elbowed a few in the process!

Then it came down to @#\$@!!! MB (Manitoba). I saw a VE3GV pop into the spots but with no section. I pulled the call in QRZ & I saw MB in his address. I popped up so quick, knocked over my chair, hobbled over back to the radio, heard him loud and clear with no one calling him. I was so excited, I threw our call out. BUT I was in such a hurry, I forgot a pen, & the logging software went into screen-saver that second. So in my panic I didn't hear a word he said. So no bother, I'll just fill in the blanks from the next QSO. Then he kept saying QRZ & no one was calling him! @%\$*!!!! I can't screw this up, so I called him back & he graciously gave his info again. **Then** we had it, the Clean Sweep! I made sure he knew it & he happily congratulated K8SC.

Then I finally passed out on the couch but kept dreaming, QRZ, QRZ, QrZ, QrZ, qrz, qzz, zzz, zzz.

Thanks to All! As always with our club, it came down to great teamwork & a whole lot of fun!

See you next year! *Eric N8YC*

It was a pleasure working with you, Eric, and I'm glad you were able to hang in there for the final triumph. We also heard N8BV working his own frequency and K4BRI working a British Columbia station. KY was the last section before WV and the guy just couldn't hear me well enough for the exchange info on 20M, for which he was profusely apologetic. But a little later, we picked up the same guy while just tuning around 40 M and was able to work him much quicker. The unexpected stuff is what makes Sweeps so much fun, and I can't wait till next year. Thanx to everyone else who helped out and got us within shooting distance.

73, *Mike AC4XS*

Thanks for your persistence Eric. You were an outstanding host. BTW I think you need another computer monitor.

73, *Dick WB4SUV*

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Ohio Section News for November 20, 2012 full issue at <http://www.arrl-ohio.org>

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Ohio Section Well Represented In 2012 Field Day Results

The ARRL released their 2012 Field Day results a few weeks ago, and I am proud to say that the Ohio Section was well represented! There are so many ways to group and sort the results that I will not try to list all the clubs. I do want to congratulate the Delaware ARA in their position of 16th place in the overall points category! They also placed 2nd overall in category 4A!

For further information, check out the results database at <http://www.arrl.org/results-database>

Be sure to select "2012 Field Day".

My sincere thanks to all the clubs and groups who participated in Field Day this year!

73, *Frank Piper KI8GW* ARRL Ohio Section Manager ki8gw@arrl.org

Notes from the Sect Emergency Coord: THANK YOU for an awesome All Ohio ARES Conference!

All Ohio ARES Conference 2012 Wrap-Up. I have attended many conferences over the years but your participation made the AOAC one of the best I have ever been a part of. So consider this email as 1000 thank yous to each and every one of you.

I especially would like to thank our Keynote speaker Jay Somerville for an outstanding presentation.

I thank all the presenters and those who had demonstrations. Your expertise brought insight and a wealth of knowledge to the conference.

I thank everyone who "showed-off" their Go Boxes! I thank Muskingum Co EC Kathleen Frederico KB3RDR and her VE Team for making sure the AOAC had ARRL Licensing Exams. I thank my Co-Chair, Delaware Co EC Stan N8BHL, for bringing the "Canned Ham", arranging the keynote speaker, and handling talk-in.

I thank our Section Manager Frank Piper KI8GW and Assistant Section Manager Scott Yonally N8SY for making sure the conference had a great pizza lunch for all the attendees. I thank everyone who helped out behind the scenes to make this conference a success, and you know who you are.

Last but not least, I thank the Ohio Fire Academy and their courteous staff for their hospitality.

Pictures! If you have took photographs at the AOAC, please send them directly to ASM Scott N8SY at

n8sy@n8sy.com so he can post them on the Ohio Section Website [http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/AOC-](http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/AOC-Nov_2012/index.php)

[Nov_2012/index.php](http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/AOC-Nov_2012/index.php). Some people might not have been able to attend so help me bring the conference to them by sending in your pictures.

Here are some highlights for the benefit of everyone...

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120 people registered online. 91 of those attended the conference. We had 14 walk-ins. Grand total attendance = 105!!
10 people took part in the VE Exams. Everyone passed!! 6 new Technicians! 2 Technicians upgraded to General. 1
Tech+ upgraded to General. 1 person upgraded from Technician to General to Extra!

D10 ADEC Tim Price K8WFL awarded the first ever Ross T. Stillisano KB8JTZ Memorial Award.

Ashtabula Co AEC Robert Woodworth awarded 1st Place in the Go Box Contest.

D10 ADEC Tim Price K8WFL awarded 2nd Place in the Go Box Contest.

Jefferson Co EC Robert Carson Jr awarded 3rd Place in Go Box Contest.

Total donations collected for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) = \$242.00!!!

Ladies and gentlemen, this is just the beginning. Believe it or not, we're already planning next year's All Ohio ARES
Conference. If you know of a presenter or presentation topic you'd like to see at this confer-
ence, please don't hesitate to send your suggestion to me at w8dec@arrl.net. The staff and I are always looking at
ways to improve.

As I have mentioned several times before, this conference is for **you**. Your suggestions or comments are always
welcome. Thank you everyone for a wonderful 2012 All Ohio ARES Conference.

Attention DECs, ADECs, ECs, AECs, and OESs...Your presence is respectfully requested at the ARRL

Ohio Section ARES Leadership Meeting at 10AM on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 at the State of Ohio Emergency
Operations Center in Columbus. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

73, *Matt Welch W8DEC* Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator w8dec@arrl.net

Notes from the Section Traffic Manager

As I receive the October monthly traffic reports I am once again compelled to talk about how and what to report to the
Traffic Manager. This article contains some direct quotes from ARRL Publication FSD-210,
THE ARRL PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL.

(This is lengthy. If you handle or wish to handle traffic, or do other public service, you can get all of this at the OH
Section Website referenced above. **Humongous** 8< snip *Ye Ed*)

A description of how an individual radio amateur should properly count traffic handling points (for his or her monthly
Station Activity Report and also for the monthly Brass Pounders League credit) may be found in the ARRL Public
Service Communications Manual – and specifically at this Web page link:

<http://www.arrl.org/chapter-ten-counting-net-traffic>

Thank you for all you do for the Amateur Radio Service, the Ohio Section, your fellow Hams, and your communities.

73, *David Maynard WA3EZN* Ohio Section Traffic Manager wa3ezn@arrl.net

Affiliated Club News

It's that time of year! Holiday Parties, Annual Meetings, Elections, Parades, Special Events. Clubs all over the state
are quite busy. I would like to remind everyone, **now** is the time to update your ARRL Affiliated Club listing AKA
Annual Report. It's fine if you have done this earlier this year. Please take the time to double check that everything is
up to date.

To help, here is a PDF tutorial for updating your club file. http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Club%20Update%20procedure_20120313a.pdf

This tutorial walks you right through the whole process step by step. You can even add media, links and files to your
listing. Norm Fusaro W3IZ, Affiliated Clubs person at ARRL HQ, has done a wonderful job putting this together.

If you run into any problems, contact me. I am more than willing to offer a helpful hand.

Here are some other hints. Make sure you change your Annual Report date each time you make a change,

even if you do it more than once a year. Another is filling in the Club Description. List the type of activities your club does. Make it fun. Make sure the link to your Webpage is correct and up to date. Most of all, make sure you answer YES to the question "Should prospective amateurs be referred to this club?"

Keeping this information fresh is paramount to attracting new members and keeping your club vibrant. Think back to when **you** got started, especially if you went it alone. You were new, didn't know other hams, were unaware that a club met just down the street from you. New hams look for this stuff online, make sure you are found and that your information is up to date.

Around the Ohio Section

Lake Erie ARA: Gary Zimmet WA8TLJ is new president. He succeeds Alex Manuk WD8JMM. Bryan Torok N8OOF was elected as a vice-president to succeed Gary. They are holding their Holiday Dinner at Harry's Steakhouse November 27.

Alliance ARC New Officers Announced for 2013 officers are: President: Frank WA8WHP; V. President: Mary KD8RFZ; Secretary: Don AB8KV; Treasurer: MaryAnn KB8IVS
Trustees: Tony KD8BBK, Ben KD8KMQ, Steve KB8RFE

This is their first election in a long time where every position was contested. They also recently held their 4th Homebrew Night. I look forward to seeing the results.

Delaware ARA are celebrating their Nationwide 2nd place in Class 4A from last summer's Field Day. DELARA members recently made a field trip to Pennsylvania to visit legendary contester Tim Duffy K3LR. Delaware is sponsoring the Worked All Delaware Co Ohio Award (WADCO). To earn this award, make a radio contact with each of the 18 townships within Delaware Co, Ohio. This award is free and paperless. Check out their website

<http://www.k8es.org/>

Lake Co ARA will hold their election December 5. Their last Ham Exam for the year is December 1 at the Kirtland Library. Testing starts at High Noon! They recently built Powerpole Polarity testers.

The only **Buckeye Belles** net still going is at 9 AM Eastern time Mondays (1400 GMT/UTC) on 3950 + or -. Sue Simpson N8AJU was elected to fill a vacancy for a national director of the QCWA. The Ohio Section appreciates the efforts of Susie Scott N8CGM for keeping the *Buckeye Burr* alive. She has edited the newsletter since the Sep-Oct 2000 issue.

Greater Cincinnati ARA held its elections November 28 at their meeting at the Breeze Manor. Scott Henninger W8GS was conferred the Title of Director Emeritus. Mark Young N2OJD and Paul Flaughter KB8ANY were the winners of the GCARA Hamfest 2012 Hidden Transmitter Hunt

Mount Vernon ARC

will hold their elections at their December 8 meeting, their annual meeting and dinner. Club editor Don Russell W8PEN wrote about his experience putting Linux on old PCs.

Western Reserve ARC held their annual election November 20. If members have questions for an Elmer they can contact ask@wrarc.net for answers. They also conduct an Ask The Elmer Net immediately after their Friday Night Net. WRACR announces they will sponsor a series of workshops beginning Saturdays January 2013 at ITT Tech. "The important thing is to never stop learning something new" Alan AB8AA.

Massillon ARC will hold its elections in December with a new twist. The President is now elected directly as opposed to moving into the position from the VP position, there will no longer be a two year term limit and no waiting period to run again. Simplifying rules helps in the long run. They supported the Massillon Holiday Parade November 17. They just completed their version of a Triple Crown by participating in the following events in one weekend.

1. 85th Anniversary W8NP on-air special event.
2. Tappan Lake Island IOTA operating event. (Islands on the air)
3. Boy Scout JOTA event at a local campground. (Jamboree on the Air)

Until next month, have fun and get out of meeting mode!

73, *E. Mike McCazdel KC8YLD* Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator kc8yld@arrl.net

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Public Information Coordinator Notes

On Tuesday, 11/13 I had the pleasure of attending the monthly meeting of the 20/9 Club in Austintown OH. It was held at The Austintown Senior Center. The program was on the Ohio Community Shield Program. The guest speaker was Lt. Nakia Hendrix of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (Lt Hendrix is Commander of the Ravenna barracks). The Ohio Shield Program is a program developed by The OSP, its purpose is to get more eyes on the road looking for impaired drivers, human trafficking and aspects of Homeland Security. Lt. Hendrix showed us how much we can see if we know what we are looking for. We also learned how to quickly get the info to law enforcement. I am positive that all 30 of the Amateur Radio operators from a few clubs in the area came away with a lot of information. On the other side, I am equally sure Lt. Hendrix came away with a good impression of Amateur Radio, based on the quality of the questions asked by the attendees.

The meeting was great, but that was just part of the good that came out of this meeting. As PIC I was most impressed on the way Dotti O'Neil-Meleski KC8SYF, Vice President of the 20/9 Club and a PIO, handled the press releases for this event. They were well written and sent out in a timely manner. It was a great reason to get out and learn something new, meet other operators and help improve the image of Amateur Radio. *Kudos* to the 20/9 Club and Dotti. If you want any further information on the Community Shield program contact your local barracks of the Ohio State Highway Patrol or send me an email, I will forward it to Dotti.

Have a GREAT Thanksgiving.

73, *Jack Sovik KB8WPZ* Ohio Section Public Information Coordinator kb8wpz@arrl.net

Inside the Web

Hi Gang,

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I've been reflecting today on all the "changes" that have happened. No, I'm not reflecting on the election stuff... that's done and over with thank heavens. I've been thinking a lot today of the changes that have come about, to and for the benefit of Amateur Radio over these past 30 plus years of my ham life. It has been a technological wonder. From tubes to transistors to circuits now so small and compact that it takes a microscope to even begin to see the components.

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It was not all that long ago that Single Side Band didn't even exist. Now, with the new modes mentioned above taking just a fraction of a Single Side Band transmission, and just a fraction of the power, it makes you see just how much these new modes will be utilized in the future. Especially with the FCC now giving more and more of our frequencies to other services on a shared basis. We have to get better and smarter at what we do if we are to survive. Think about it!

The website is constantly changing. New things are being posted almost every day; are you checking in and keeping updated? Please, check in often, it will be worth your time. There are lots of pictures posted on the ARES side of the website from the conference that was held at the beginning of the month. Take a look.

There's much more that I could go into, but for now, I think you're getting the idea. Please do me a favor, when you sit down for your turkey dinner, remember and give "thanks" to all of our soldiers that have made the ultimate sacrifice for us. This is truly a very "special" day.

73, *Scott Yonally N8SY* Assistant Section Manager / Webmaster n8sy@arrl.net & n8sy@n8sy.com

Please get **News from the Technical Coordinator & Central Ohio Happenings** from Section website

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From the Section Manager's (I finally cleaned up my) desk...

I'll keep this sweet and simple. A Blessed Thanksgiving to You and Your Families! May the Holiday bring you joy, and some time in front of the rig working DX!!!

73! *Frank Pipez KJ8GW* ARRL Ohio Section Manager ki8gw@arrl.org

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VE exam opportunities

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

2d Sat each even numbered months Huber Hts OH sponsored by DARA at The Forge, behind First Christian Church, 6114 Fishburg Rd (between Bellefontaine Rd & Brandt Pk). 9:30-11AM, walk-ins welcome. ARRL exam so fee ensues.

Sat Dec 8 at R&L Electronics, 1315 Maple Ave, Hamilton OH. Doors open to register at 7:30AM, exams for all classes begin shortly after, to conclude by 10:30AM. Laurel exams so no fee. Additional info from Dave Williamson KD8W 513=424-5819 or Carl Morgan K8CM 513=433-5428. Exams sponsored by DIAL ARC.

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, pen & at least 1 pencil. \$15 is current ARRL/VEC exam fee where applicable; exact change, check or money order appreciated.

If you are applying for your *very first* licence, please go to

<https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do> to obtain an FRN (Federal Registration Number). This website is self-explanatory & the FRN is free.

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Hamfests – no local ones in December 2012

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Dues: New Ways to Pay Up!

Have you renewed your membership to OH-KY-IN? Will you have to renew for 2013? Why not renew the easy way??

You can now pay your membership dues via credit card or PayPal! We accept all major credit cards, including Discover. Please click on this link: http://www.ohkyin.org/membership_paypal.php

You don't even *need* a PayPal account to renew your membership or join the club.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at <membership@ohkyin.org>

73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MZZ*, Membership Chair

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ARRL's Logbook of The World: Bug Fix is on the Way 11/28/2012 N8BV to reflector

The past few weeks have been a frustrating time for many users of the ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) QSO confirmation system. The problems began with a 3.5 day outage during the first week of November – a particularly busy time of the year for log uploads. When the system was brought back on line, a large queue of logs awaiting processing developed and processing times lengthened well past normal expectations.

Another, much more subtle problem cropped up at about the same time: some logs began disappearing from the queue, apparently at random. Users had been advised at the time the log was uploaded that it was

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“queued for processing,” and so they were understandably upset when the log was not processed, even after the several-day delay that most logs were experiencing.

Because of its random nature, it took the ARRL IT staff a while to figure out what was happening. When LoTW was designed more than a decade ago -- long before the present IT staff was here -- an assumption was made as to how many logs could possibly be in the queue at a given time. The assumption was based on users uploading their most recent QSOs perhaps once a week or once a month. The environment in which LoTW now operates is quite different from that assumption, in that many users now upload logs with small numbers of QSOs in them, almost in real time. This creates a much larger number of separate logs.

When a log is uploaded, it is identified by a file name that is assigned by the user. Because there is no way to avoid duplication of file names that are assigned in this fashion, the LoTW system renames each file.

Because of the unusual processing delay -- combined with the dramatic increase in the number of submitted logs -- the system began to run out of unique identifiers for the log files. This resulted in a file sometimes being renamed with an identifier that had already been assigned to a log that was still in the queue, causing the earlier log to be overwritten.

Once the problem was identified, designing a fix was relatively easy. It should be in place by 2359 UTC November 28. Because the number of, overwritten logs is relatively small, we have decided to keep the system available for use, even though this may result in a few more logs being lost until the fix is in place.

We apologize for the inconvenience that users have experienced, and especially for being unable to explain what was happening until now. We want to emphasize that no data from processed logs has been lost. That data is secure and backed up. If you have had a log disappear after it was “queued for processing,” the solution is to upload the log file again, preferably after the bug fix is in place. We will announce when that occurs.

73, *David Sumner K1ZZ* Chief Executive Officer, ARRL November 28, 2012

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The fix for the Logbook of The World (LoTW) bug was implemented at 2103 UTC today, November 28. Full credit goes to ARRL Information Technology Manager Michael Keane K1MK, for figuring out what was happening and how to correct it.

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These 3 following were in **Sights & Sounds**, *ARRL Contest Update* 11-21-12. Reprint permissions granted at light speed by ARRL (tnx, Maty KB1EIB!)

I think all the little pistols out there can identify with this song (link) by NT8K. (Thanks, Tim K3LR)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNWZjzrzgWA&feature=plcp> **I want a big tower**, runs 4:04

Operating Tip: The joy of socks? Sigg TF3CW suggests wearing knee-high compression socks to reduce leg swelling from sitting for long periods of time in a contest. (and maybe in a plane, too) These thin socks improve leg circulation. Don't forget Alan K6SRZ's suggestion of taking a low-dose aspirin to reduce the probability of blood clots, as well. I confess to wearing some extra-special pairs of hand-knit socks for contests - thanks, Mom!

And you wondered why they were called paddles? (Thanks, Kirk K4RO) described as OH6DC QRQ CW paddles



Queen City Hi-Railers, see calendar next page, construct & display a 3-rail O-gauge modular railroad which is used to promote interest in O-gauge model railroads & to encourage general interest in model railroading.

Santa's Mailbox will go in front of City Hall once the tree's lit until Fri, Dec 14. Jerry W1SCR posted an attractive poster to reflector inviting club members to All This as *Ye Ed* assembled. Not Enuf Room for it!



What's coming in December 2012

- Wed Nov 28 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8FJN
Fri Nov 30-Sun Dec 2 Queen City Hi-Railers Exhibit, Lower Lvl Teen Ctr StB MunicBldg
Sat Dec 1 5:45PM St Clement Choir sings for Santa arrival at 6PM to light Christmas tree;
hot cocoa & cookies provided by Holiday Activity Cmte in Main Level, MunicBldg
Tue Dec 4 7:30PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: Election, Christmas party with pizza, soda etc
Please feel free to bring along a door prize or dessert to share
Wed Dec 5 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q
Fri Dec 7 8:00PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm,
2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot



Pearl Harbour Commemoration Day

- Sat Dec 8 10:00AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to
start on 146.67 rpt
1:00PM Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch at Hartwell Empress Chili, 8340 Vine St, 45216
Tue Dec 11 7:00PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD
Wed Dec 12 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI
Wed Dec 19 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, Dennis KB8ROA
Fri Dec 21 8:00PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston



Tue Dec 25 Christmas Day

- Wed Dec 26 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8FJN
Thu Dec 27 *Q-Fiver* copy deadline
Tue Jan 1 *New Year's Day* please golightly in celebr so you needn't be hungover
Wed Jan 2 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q
Begin Jan *Q-Fiver* distribution
Tue Jan 8 7:30PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard
Program: TBD

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ARLB024 FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types appeared in Nov *Q-Fiver* **Comments Urgently Needed!!!** big 8<snip...

Comments must be filed on or before December 24, 2012 (60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*); reply comments must be filed on or before January 22, 2013 (90 days after publication in the *Federal Register*). Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on pg 12 of NPRM.

NPRM can be found on the web in PDF format at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Into Search, pls paste in WT Docket No. 12-283, which should take you to ECFS (Electronic Comment Filing System) page. It's *hoped* docket will appear by now; it didn't last time for *Ye Ed*.

Please check your licence expiration date!!!

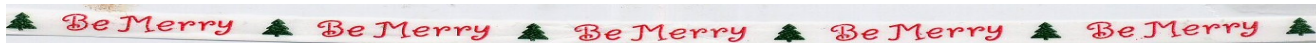
At the present moment, if you're **within 2 years after license expiration**, it appears that you may still renew tho you may not operate. NPRM above proposes to reduce this period to 6 months.

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OH-KY-IN 2012 Committee Appointments

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News of members or students in recent classes

The following passed their tests at the November 17 exam session:

Samuel Buhlig	KB9PVB	E	Jeanne Buhlig	T	
Donald Norris		T	Bryan Hoffman	G	
James Koopman		T	Michael Sien	KD8SOH	G
Mark Elliott	KC9WXS	T	Bobby Revis	T	

Ye Ed thought new calls would've been assigned by now, but *qrz.com* list doesn't have them.

Ye Ed wished to *pictorially* wish Conga-cats & Conga-Rats to those who passed, but the folder they're in declines to open. May be too full. So, **all please visualize** 4 cats sitting on ledge with CONGA-CATS! captioned in green underneath, also line of 4 animated conga-ing rats with banner first one holds saying CONGA-RATS! (Ancient Stan Freberg radio spot trick, used to drain Lake Michigan & re-fill it with hot chocolate, then float 50' mountain of whipped cream on top.)

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Communications participants in the **Price Hill Thanksgiving Day Parade** were

Harry Davis	WA8LOJ	Lynn Ernst	WD8JAW
Sam Buhlig	KB9PVB	Jeanne Buhlig	<i>callsign pending...</i>
Brian Fulmer	KC9FJN	Gerry Weimer	KD8ASL
Marji Garrett	KJ9ZKC	Brian DeYoung	K4BRI

Thanks to them for providing parade communications for the 17th consecutive time!
73, *Brian K4BRJ* (provided both lists)

Copy deadline for January 2013 QFiver is Thursday, Dec 27