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

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Tnx Veterans Site, 1 of 7 mbrs of Greater Good Network

## On A Roll In 2012

Let me start this month's comments by thanking Charlie W4UZI for a great presentation on the OMISS Net. If you are new to HF, or returning to the hobby, there is no better way to make contacts. If you are working on your WAS award make sure you give this a try (especially when you are getting down to those last few elusive states). And what can be better than a free QSL bureau!

I also want to thank the group at Hive13 Hackerspace for inviting us to do a one day technician class. It was a great group to work with. Also, a big thanks to our teaching team of Pat KD8PAT, John N8GOU, and Ted NC8V. Also, kudos to our VE team for doing the evening test session. Thanks to our Web Geezer, pictures are on the website

We had another successful display at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Our appreciation goes out to our liaison there, Kent Jones, for giving us the opportunity. Ted, had a great display of historical equipment and Jerry W1SCR had digital equipment to show off. Rod KJ4IAM, along with his daughter, did a great display on scanners, which drew a lot of attention. We were able to get a HF station on the air and had a great time making contact all over the country and into Europe!

Keep an eye on the calendar, lots of great things will be happening in the near future. Being active in the club functions is a great way to grow in the hobby and to help others grow. We look forward to seeing you soon. And, as always, hope to hear you on the repeaters!

Hot dog, I'm/we're on a roll! (so to speak)

73 *Gazy KB8MYC*

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## Club Constitution & By-laws Update

Last month we announced at the club meeting, an upcoming update to the club's Constitution & By-laws. We had *hoped* to have the proposed changes available for members to review on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to some additional work on this project, it will not be ready for you to review until March 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time we will make it available to all. Thanks!!

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## Next meeting

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

February meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave Core K8WDA will present "Amateur Radio in 1936 – A Brief Look at Ham Radio 75 Years Ago." Should be both fascinating and enlightening!

73, *Bzian KC8FJN*



## Club meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by president Gary KB8MYC. We had approximately 30 members there. Program was presented by Charlie W4UZI from OMISS. He gave an interesting program which included some powerpoint items, and some recordings of actual radio contacts which were very good. After the program, we took a break at 8:22 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:37; minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented in the *Q-Fiver*. Our membership person Nathan KA3MTT wasn't there, but we heard that we had 55 members renewed at the time of the meeting.

We didn't have a treasurer's report as Fred K9OHE was out of town at the time of the meeting. There was a preliminary report, but no action was taken on it.

Bruce N8BV had nothing to report on silent keys, which is a good thing.

Technical committee, Russ WB8ZCC reported that all the repeaters were working well.

We heard that there was a one day class to be given on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and that there was to be a fox hunt on that day.

We heard that our person with the slow scan net, Dale KC8HQS, can't do it anymore, so we are looking for someone to take it over.

Pat KD8PAT gave us a report on activities at QCEN also.

There was no old business, but under new business, we learned that we have a new public information person, director Jerry W1SCR.

Next, we discussed the upcoming Kids Day at the Museum Center on the 7th. Revisions of the constitution and kit building projects were discussed, and we adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, *Paul KD8JDJ*

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Greetings to all, and I hope everyone is staying dry!

I just wanted to send a quick reminder out to everyone that **dues** are now being taken for OH-KY-IN membership **for 2012 and PAST 2012 !!!**

I have received several renewals already that were 2012 AND 2013! What better way to not only help yourself, but OH-KY-IN as well!

There were 66 renewals as of Jan 27 (Ye Ed heard this on .67)

You can go to our newly designed website: [www.ohkyin.org](http://www.ohkyin.org) and read through all the various pages which includes a "Membership" page. Or, you can click on this link:

[http://ohkyin.org/membership\\_page.php](http://ohkyin.org/membership_page.php)

Also, did you know you can renew or join the American Radio Relay League through OH-KY-IN?

You get the benefits of the ARRL, as well as helping to benefit OH-KY-IN. A portion of the proceeds of each ARRL membership gets donated back to OH-KY-IN!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

73, *Nathan KA3MTT* <ka3mtt@arrl.net> or 859=586-2435

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I just wanted to thank everyone who helped make this past **Saturday Jan 14** a success. I have received nothing but positive feedback from all in attendance.

Thanks to all the instructors and VECs that came for the testing. This would not have been possible without you guys.

Thanks again, *Sam Buhlig KB9PVB* for the **Hive13 Hackerspace** group

**Hive13 Hackerspace Exam Results:** 6 people took exams today, 3 passed. 73 – *Brian K4BRJ*



Hive13 Hackerspace Class—Sam Buhlig KB9PVB



Hive13 Hackerspace VE Exam—Ted Morris NC8V

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**Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN 11641 Colthar Drive  
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The **February Brunch Bunch** will be held Saturday, February 11th at Cracker Barrel in Sharonville located at 2225 Sharon Road, 45241. This location is just a very short distance east off I-75 from the Sharon Road exit. In fact you can see their sign from the exit. The Brunch Bunch always meets at 1 PM on the second Saturday of every month.

It seems hard to believe but we've been doing the Brunch Bunch with a great turnout each month for a year now. Good food, good people and good conversation is what the Brunch Bunch is all about.

If you've not already joined us, why not plan to come this month. If you are new to amateur radio and want to meet some other hams from the area, this is the place to be. Or, if you've been listening to some of the repeaters and want to put a face with the voice you've been hearing, stop in and meet the group. It's not necessary to be a ham or to be a member of any club to attend. Maybe you are interested in amateur radio but don't know what it is all about. The Brunch Bunch is a great place to come and ask questions and may-be even get a demonstration.

I am always open to suggestions on where to take the Brunch Bunch in the months ahead. Got an idea? Pass it along. I'll be waiting to hear from you. Until then, stop by and join us on February 11th at Cracker Barrel and join in the good food, fellowship and conversation. I hope to see you there!

73, *Btuce N8BV*



Jan Brunch Bunch at Skyline Chili in Harrison. Wait staff took the pix, as somewhat usual





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Please accept our invitation for you and your club to visit and or participate in a **special event** the week of Feb. 18-27 at 329 N C St. in Hamilton, site of original Land Station 8ZU.


The newly formed **Butler County Amateur Radio Assoc.** W8WRK will celebrate the historic Washington Relay which took place in 1916. The club station, in the original 8ZU transmitter building, was a link in this historic message. Please see the link below for more info.

thanks 73, *BCARA* <http://www.historic-prospect-hill.org/2012eventnotice.htm>

## DX Spots – February 2012 de Nathan KA3MTT

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 TO3J – St Barthelemy thru 2-7  ----- V31YN/p – Belize thru 2- 8	2 6Y5 – Jamaica thru 2-12  ----- HR5 – Honduras thru 5-6	3 <a href="#">ZK2C – Niue</a> <a href="#">thru 2-17</a>  	4 ZF2 – Cayman Isl thru 2-11  ----- KG4 – Guantanamo thru 3-10	5 FS – St Martin thru 2-13
6 TX6 – French Polynesia thru 2-10  	7	8 J38RF – Grenada thru 3-8  	9	10 KH2 – Guam thru 2-14  ----- E51BKV – South Cook Isl thru 2-15	11 JW6VJA – Svalbard  ----- A52JF- Bhutan thru 2-15  ----- <a href="#">H40FN –</a> <a href="#">Temotu thru</a> <a href="#">2-24</a>	12
13 C6 – Bahamas thru 2-23  	14 3B9 – Rodrigues Is thru 2-21  	15 <a href="#">3C0E –</a> <a href="#">Annobon I</a> <a href="#">thru 3-15</a>  	16	17 T88KF – Palau thru 2- 21	18 FK – New Caledonia thru 2-25  	19
20	21 3DA0PW – Swaziland thru 2-29	22	23 8P9 – Barbados thru 3-8	24 <a href="#">XP2I –</a> <a href="#">Greenland</a> <a href="#">thru 2-29</a>  ----- 6V7T – Senegal thru 3-7	25	26 T88 – Palau thru 3-2  ----- V31SU – Belize thru 3-15

**Following operations approved for DXCC credit as of very end of 2011**, in case you missed them: Palestine, E44PM, 2011 operation; Nigeria, 5N6/YL2SW. If you had the Nigerian operation rejected in the past, send a note via email to <bmoore@arrl.org> to have your record updated. This week's bulletin ARLDX053 was made possible with information provided by NC1L, 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.

27 C56 – Gambia thru 3-15  ----- VP2M – Montserrat thru 3-10	28 V47JA – St Kitts & Nevis thru 3- 28	29 9N7FOX – Nepal thru 3- 9 				
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## Contests

February 2012

- 3 SNS and NS Weekly sprint, CW
- 4-5 EPC WW PSK Contest; FYPO Winter QRP Field Day, SSB & CW; Straight Key Party; North American Sprint, CW; XE International RTTY Contest; Black Sea Cup International, SSB & CW
- 10-10 Winter Phone QSO Party; YLISSB QSO Party; VT QSO Party; MN QSO Party; BC QSO Party; DE QSO Party
- 7 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW
- 8 CWOps Mini-CW Test
- 10-12 LA QSO Party; NH QSO Party; OMISS QSO Party; YL-OM Contest, all mode; CQ WW RTTY WPX; Dutch PACC Contest, SSB & CW; Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW; FISTS CW Winter sprint; RSGB First 1.8 MHz Contest, SSB & CW; Classic Exchange, SSB; NA Sprint, SSB; ME FM Simplex Challenge, 144 MHz; Milwaukee FM Simplex contest, 50-440 MHz
- 13 School Club Roundup
- 14 PODXS Valentine Sprint, digital modes
- 15 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW; Semiautomatic Key Evening
- 17-18 ARRL CW DX Contest; Russian PSK Contest; AM QSO Party; Feld-Hell WAS Sprint, digital
- 24-26 CQ WW 160 m SSB Contest; PA FM Sprint; MS QSO Party; NC QSO Party; REF contest; UBA Contest; NA QSO Party, digital modes; CQC Winter QSO Party, SSB & CW

The shortest month of the year, mercifully- but a lot of contests to keep us warm. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan K74AV*

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## Army MARS and Winlink Update

According to Pudge Forrester AAA9GL, government liaison for Army MARS, Lt Gen Susan Lawrence has reversed the decision to phase out the use of the WinLink 2000 global radio e-mail system by Army MARS members.

Gen Lawrence stated that the Army, after reviewing its capabilities, had decided that the continued use of WinLink 2000 was a valuable asset to Army MARS members and agencies that were using the service. She issued a statement to that effect on December 21, 2011. On January 5, 2012, the Chief of Army MARS officially notified his membership that the phase out notice had been rescinded.

Army MARS members and agencies who had been using the service hailed the decision by Gen Lawrence and resumed use of WinLink 2000 --in *ARRL ARES E-Letter* dated Jan 18, 2012



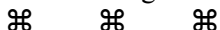
**ARRL Meets 2011 Fundraising Goals** in *ARRL Letter* Jan 12, 2012

Thanks to the generosity of dedicated members and friends, the ARRL successfully met its 2011 fundraising goals. More than 6000 individuals and clubs supported the efforts of the ARRL this past year through gifts to the [Diamond Club](#), the [Spectrum Defense Fund](#), the [Education & Technology Fund](#), the [Historic Preservation Fund](#), the [W1AW Endowment Fund](#) and the [ARRL Endowment Fund](#).

Many of the ARRL's programs and services would not be possible without the additional support of its members. The Development Office -- managed by Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH -- worked tirelessly throughout 2011 to make the membership aware of these needs. "I am proud to report that our members have enthusiastically and generously responded to our appeals all year long," Hobart said. "Our overall goal for 2011 was \$960,000. As of the end of the year, we had met -- and exceeded -- all expectations. To everyone who made this possible, thank you!"

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Members who are employed by federal agencies contributed more than \$74,000 in 2011 through the [Combined Federal Campaign](#). Some donors directed their contributions to one of the permanent funds or to the Diamond Club. Special thanks to those individuals who took advantage of this option to support ARRL so generously.



**Weaver's words--Back on the Air** sent 1/23/2012

[Reply only to k8je@arrl.org unless noted otherwise.]

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+++ Board Meeting Over +++

As I start this item, I am sitting in Bradley Airport that serves the Hartford (Newington) area in CT, The Annual Meeting (of the year) of the ARRL Board of Directors (BoD) ended yesterday (Saturday) afternoon. I am awaiting the flight back to Cincinnati. Included in the pleasant duties I performed was officially welcoming former Michigan SM Dale Williams WA8EFK as the new Vice Director for the ARRL Great Lakes Division. Dale's seating in this position became official at noon on January 1; however, I was honored to present him with the certificate of office at the meeting.

Welcome aboard, Dale. I look forward to working with you as a member of the GLD team.

The just-completed meeting covered topics ranging from naming the recipients of awards for exemplary services through protecting large segments of frequencies currently available to ham use from being diverted to use for commercial broadband operation. In essence, the Board, as usual, addressed topics that rang-ed from those associated with the fun or hobby aspects of ham radio to protecting the very existence of our Amateur Radio Service. The information reviewed in our discussions ranged from that which is available to any individual to information of a highly confidential nature obtained through sources that are accessible only on occasionally. One topic many members will appreciate is a free, digital version of *QST* via the Internet. This version offers the ability to read our membership journal online in a manner quite similar to that in which we read the hard-copy version. It also offers the ability to include full schematics and other information that sometimes can merely be referenced in the print edition, as well as direct links to items contained in the ads.

Becoming accustomed to the online version may require a little familiarization, but I believe it will become a welcome enhancement to membership.

It is inevitable that two questions regarding digi-*QST* will arise. The first is if a member can opt-out of receiving the hard-copy version. The answer: **Yes**. The second question is: Is there a reduction in dues for



members who opt-out of the print version. The answer to this is **No**. The hard-copy version is financed largely by advertisement, not by membership dues.

Digi-*QST* should be unveiled yet this winter or early spring.

A second topic many members will want to utilize is a direct, field entry system for DXCC. This system will accomplish two goals. It will greatly speed the processing of QSL submission to the DX Desk and it will do this in a manner that will by-pass the need to mail QSLs to HQ for processing. Watch for this new system to be rolled out later this year.

+++ From the Vice Director +++

Greetings everyone. I asked Jim if I might be able to provide you all a brief introduction as I step up to the new challenges as Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division. I am pleased to be able to assist Jim in representing everyone in the Great Lakes Div. and really look forward to being able to make more friends and share ideas throughout our three states.

While my Michigan compatriots probably have a good handle on me; for my new friends in Kentucky and Ohio, here is a quick bio.: Most recently, I have been serving as Section Manager in Michigan. I obtained my ham license in 1962 and have been fairly active since that time. I have held positions as Assistant EC, EC and SEC as well. I have also had the pleasure of recently serving on the ARRL Emergency Communications Advisory Committee as its chairman. I am currently an Amateur Extra, operating 80 Meters through 450 MHz both at home and mobile. My home station is equipped for packet, PSK 31, Digital Slow-Scan, and several of the other current new digital modes and I recently installed a couple of antennas for amateur satellite operation.

Sometimes I actually have time to operate and must admit to considering myself a "casual DXer." My all time favorite non-contest-contest is Field Day.

I grew up and live in Dundee, a small community of about 4,000 in southeast Michigan. I retired in 2002 after 30 years with a major communications equipment manufacturer. I worked as a field project manager responsible for the implementation of multi-site wide area RF systems and Central Dispatch Facilities for utilities and government agencies. I am currently chairman of the Dundee Village Planning Commission, serve on the Monroe County Emergency Planning Team and The Southeast Michigan Urban Area Security Initiative's Communications Inter-operability Committee. My secret hobby (don't we all have one?) is caring for a vintage Corvette. My wife is Judy and she actually puts up with all of this stuff. I think it keeps me out of her way. Jim and I hope to be sharing a schedule for some active club and hamfest visits and we are in the early planning stages for doing this. Most assuredly, I'll ask you to indulge me a little as I get oriented to this new routine and the interesting future ham radio holds for all of us.

73, Dale WA8EFK

+++ Michigan has a New Section Manager +++

With Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams WA8EFK moving on to become Great Lakes Division Vice, Larry Camp WB8R has been appointed as the Interim Michigan Section Manager starting Jan 1. This appointment was made by Membership & Volunteer Programs manager Dave Patton NN1N consistent with long-standing existing ARRL rules. Camp is a lifelong resident of Coldwater MI and has been an Amateur Radio operator since 1978. He has wide experience in the ARRL Field Organization as Emergency Coordinator for Branch Co, as a past Section Traffic Manager and as a past QMN Net Manager. He is also a past multi-year president of the Branch Co Amateur Radio Club and enjoys teaching Amateur Radio licensing classes for new hams.

+++ The GLD in Print +++

Great Lakes Division (GLD) members are frequent contributors to *QST*. The February issue is no exception. Congratulations to Dee Logan W1HEO of Mentor OH for his feature-length article "Avoiding Prob-

lems in the RF Chain" that begins on p. 30. Similarly congratulations to Ron Wagner WD8SBB of Troy OH and to Mark Pogany WB8ZTP of Pataskala OH whose questions were addressed by the Doctor beginning on p. 60.

+++ Nominations for ARRL Awards Sought +++

Four ARRL awards are open for nominations. These are:

- The Herb S. Breier Instructor of the Year Award is open to a volunteer or professional ARRL Amateur Radio instructor who is creative in teaching and who demonstrates the highest value in pursuit of our great radio service. Nomination deadline = March 15 for 2012.
- The Hiram Percy Maxim Award is open to an ARRL member under age 21 for contributions to and accomplishments in Amateur Radio. Nomination deadline = March 31 for 2012.
- The ARRL Microwave Development Award is available to one or more licensed Amateur Radio operators who contribute to the development of microwave communications. Deadline = March 31 for 2012.
- The ARRL Technical Service Award. Open to one or more Amateur Radio licensees who provide technical assistance or training to others. Deadline = March 31, 2012.
- The ARRL Technical Innovation Award. Granted to one or more licensed radio amateurs who develop or apply new technical approaches in Amateur Radio. Deadline = March 31, 2012.

Additional information on these awards and on submitting nominations for them is available at [www.arrl.org/arrl-award-nominations](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-award-nominations).

+++ It is Great to be Back On-the-Air +++

My tower went down during a storm in late February this past year. Strong wind coupled with a failure in a tower bracket caused the crash. A series of succeeding events that included moving my office-shack kept me off the air until a few days ago. Today I finally became truly re-immersed in hamming.

Some work remains to tie the ribbons on the package (hooking up my amp as well as getting a wire antenna up for 160 through 30, but I have had a ball today. For the first time since my 6M rig was a Lafayette HE-45a in the days of 6M AM, and later during the days when 6M FM was all the rage, I am back on 6 -- SSB and CW. In spite of the current, generally-iffy usefulness of propagation, my 6M DX count jumped from just one entity to five in only an hour or two. During the same period I was able to add totally "new ones" on 20M-10M.

All this is good, and it is great to be active on the bands once again; however, operating is just one of the refreshing breezes that struck me this weekend. Logbook of the World (LoTW) was another of these.

It had been over two years since I had used LoTW last. It was a tremendous service back then, but between the improvements made in its operation and the updating of the logging program I have, Logbook is a great pleasure to use. It was easy to load and activate thanks to Norm Fusaro W3IZ at ARRL HQ. It was equally simple to scan my log, translate the information into the ADIF format and upload the file to Logbook. Once the file had been uploaded, it took only about a minute for Logbook to review the 1,200+ QSOs in the file and ready the new credits for addition to my DXCC file. (Thanks to long-time friend Kirk Swallow W8QID for helping me over a glitch in activating a new version of the logging program.)

I look forward, once again, to seeing you on the bands.

+++ Scheduled Hamfests and Travel +++

The following is the current hamfest schedule for the Great Lakes Division as well as travel plans by Vice Director Dale Williams WA8EFK beginning January 1, 2012. Travel plans for the coming year are being made.

If you would particularly like to have Dale or me attend your hamfest or other event, please contact us.

Feb 4 - HARA Swap & Shop, Negaunee, MI

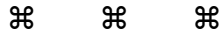
Feb 5 - NOARS Winterhamfest, Lorain, OH

Feb 12 - Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest, Mansfield, OH – Dale

Feb 19 - Livonia ARC, Livonia, MI - Dale  
Mar 10 - MOVARC Hamfest, Gallipolis, OH  
Mar 17 - Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall - Dale  
Mar 18 - Toledo Mobile Radio Hamfest/Computer Fair, Perrysburg, OH - Dale, Jim  
Cut off at end of March by *Ye Ed*.

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE* Director, Great Lakes Division *finally a column* means shorter Section News  
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**Ohio Section News** for January 21, 2012 <http://www.arrlohio.org> for complete Section News

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**SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORT** Former SEC / New PIC Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ

As you may know, that as of Dec. 31, 2010, I resigned my post as Section Emergency Coordinator for the Ohio Section. After almost 4 years it was time to move on and leave this job. I have accepted the cabinet position as Public Information Coordinator (PIC), for the Ohio Section. This new job takes me back to my "grass roots" and why I got involved with the Section, as a PIO a few years ago. When this opportunity was offered to me by Section Manager Frank Piper KI8GW, I said "why not". As you may or may not know, my real job is, and has been for the last 41 years, the National Advertising Manager at *The Vindicator*, in Youngstown.

I would like to thank SM Frank Piper KI8GW for his patience and good judgment. It has been an honor working as your SEC. I will do my best as PIC.

Thank you to the Ohio Cabinet, no finer group exists in the country.

Finally, I would like to thank the DECs, and all the leadership and members of Ohio ARES for 4 memorable years. You are a dedicated and professional group that give thankless and countless hours helping the people of Ohio in many different ways. I know you will show the new DEC Matt Welsh W8DEC with the same support that you have shown me.

I now have a new job, as PIC. I know many of the PIOs and you are all, a professional giving group. I look forward working with all of you.

You will still see me around at conferences, hamlets, and of course, Hamvention. Please keep in touch.

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

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**ECs, DECs AND NET MANAGERS – GET YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS IN NOW!**

Frank Piper, KI8GW - Ohio Section Manager

By the end of this month, DECs and ECs need to file their Annual ARES Activity Reports (Form C) and Simulated Emergency Tests (Form A). Likewise, NTS Net Managers need too submit their SET reports (Form B) in the same time frame.

This annual report to the ARRL provides the ARRL with the proper data they need to justify our frequencies.

The forms can be found on the ARRL website at: <http://www.arrl.org/public-service-field-services-forms>

Please be sure to copy all required SECs, DECs, STMs and the Section Manager where applicable.

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Traffic activity 8< snip ....

TRAINING UPDATES John Frederick N8GOU - Assistant Section Manager, Training

Greetings, I want to congratulate Matt Welch W8DEC on his selection as SEC. It seems I get through the hectic holidays and I get put back in the fire at work. I have been on the road for the last week so this is going to be a short article.

Here in Southwest Ohio the winter has been very mild, I hope where you are you can say the same. This time of year can be an extremely busy one for Emergency Communicators; when old man winter comes on with a vengeance. Has your district or county done a Winter Emergency Drill? Do you have a local tasking to support winter emergencies within your county? I am still collecting data for compiling a procedures and practices manual for the state. Any training you do specifically to support winter emergencies would be a great addition. Looking forward is your district or county preparing for spring? Let me know what training events you are using to prepare for the Spring.

Last and but not least, the Ohio Section Conference will be here soon; do you have a suggestion regarding training?

As always I can be contacted at: N8GOU@arrl.net

73, *John Fredetic N8GOU* Assistant Section Manager Training n8gou@arrl.net

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AFFILIATED CLUB NEWS E. Mike McCardel, KC8YLD - Affiliated Club Coordinator, Ohio Section

I'd like to thank everyone who made such nice comments about my mention of things every club should do, in last month's column. It even got picked up by several newsletters including the Winter 2012 *The Ham Radio Promoter*, thanks Dee WIHEO and others. It's nice to know someone is reading them.

Remember to file an annual report if you haven't already. For detailed instructions see last month's column. You can easily get started from <http://www.arrl.org/clubs>.

Also please stop by and visit the Ohio Section web site <http://www.arrl-ohio.org> and the section's Facebook page ARRL-OHIO.

There is a lot happening and a good deal of breaking news all the time. The web page gets over 130,000 hits a months. Don't be left out.

What will \$5 buy you? How about admission to the Columbus Hamfest sponsored by Voice of Aladdin ARC (W8FEZ), which includes a table if you want one. This year it will also include the Ohio Section Convention. There will be a lot going on at this event so mark August 4 on your calendar now. I suggest that whole clubs try to converge on this one. I'm on the planning committee for the convention and it is beginning to be shaping up quite well. It is a really nice venue.

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I have been reminding everyone that fun of our hobby is tinkering. ARRL is reaching out to tinkerers in their latest video release. If you haven't seen in yet visit <http://www.arrl.org/dyi>. Show it at a meeting. Show it at events. There is even a pamphlet and other materials being developed support it. There are a lot of people out there that are a lot like us. Show them how their hobbies could be richer with ham radio.

Until next month, Get on the Air!

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

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STATEHOUSE HAPPENINGS Nick Pittner, K8NAP - State Government Liaison, Ohio

H. B. 158 is scheduled for its next hearing before the State and Local Government and Veteran's Affairs Committee early February at the statehouse. The hearing is described as being for testimony by "Propo-



ment, Opponent and Interested Parties” with a possible vote following the testimony. We anticipate that some minor amendments offered by Senator Seitz, which we have seen and agreed to, will be offered as well. We also anticipate that the Ohio Municipal League will offer testimony in opposition to the Bill, as they have before the House Committee.

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The Bill needs statewide application to effectively serve all Ohioans, and the Ohio Constitution clearly permits the State to regulate matters of health, safety and welfare, such as H.B. 158, when necessary to accomplish that. H.B. 158 has already passed the House and if passed in the Committee the Bill would then go the full Senate for vote. If approved there, it would go to Governor Kasich for signature. If signed, it would become law in 90 days, barring a statewide referendum which is unlikely. Our efforts are now at a critical stage. If the Senate Committee rejects the Bill, we would be forced to either abandon the effort or start over. If the Committee approves the Bill, passage by the full Senate is likely and we know of no reason why Governor Kasich wouldn't sign it.

At this point it's appropriate to thank the many radio amateurs who gave their time and efforts to help us get to this point, with sincere apologies if I've missed anyone. Jeff Ferriell and Bob Winston are mentioned above. Of course, Frank Piper KI8GW has been involved in every stage as has Terri Kovalchik N8TLK. We also had outstanding witnesses who admirably represented the amateur radio community in the legislature, including Bill Carpenter AA8EY, Steve Katz N8WL, Don Kovalchik W8DPK, Dr. Bob Lewis N8GU, Rick Swain KK8O, and John Tipka W8UL. Of course, many of you have also played an important role in this effort with your calls and emails to legislators. To all of you, thanks! Let's hope for a good result in February.

*Nick Pittnez K8NAP* State Government Liaison - Ohio Section k8nap@arrl.net

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#### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECTION MANAGER

“What's old can be made new again, thanks to the Internet.”

About six years ago, a Senator running for the Presidential Primary made a comment regarding Amateur Radio. The comment made was not to degrade Amateur Radio, but was clearly an uneducated statement. In the weeks following, the Senator redacted the statement, and was thankful to the Amateur Radio community for shedding light on a topic in which the Senator was clearly ignorant.

The Internet never forgets anything. Sometimes this can be good, but for many times can be detrimental. This topic that was real six years ago has been brought up again to be made as if it happened yesterday.

To many who were not aware of the story, this prompted them to once again take up arms and proceed to voice opinions over an incident that had occurred and was resolved.

It's easy to have this happen on a daily basis. Leave out key dates, and repost the story on a chat group or blog, and it's a new fire, freshly made. We also see it in the many spam e-mails where Bill Gates will send us a dollar for every e-mail we forward, or the FCC is going to make us pay for every e-mail we send.

When you surf the net, and come across “new” information, research it. [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) is a site I frequent regularly when I get that story or e-mail that just sounds too good to be true.

Now, if I can only get that Prince in Africa to send me that \$1,000,000 he owes me, I would be set for Mansfield! See you there! If I get it in time, I'll share it with you!

Speaking of Mansfield, there will be many of the Ohio Section Cabinet in attendance at the ARRL Table,

and at the ARRL forum. Come by and visit with us, and attend the forum with your questions. We are here to serve the Amateur Radio Operators of the Ohio Section.

As you read in ASM Yonally's notes online, the Ohio Section is going to host a State ARRL Conference in Columbus on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Convention will be held in conjunction with the Columbus Hamfest. I, along with the organizers of the Hamfest and the Convention are excited about what this event is going to become. Please keep in touch on the Section Website ([www.arrl-ohio.org](http://www.arrl-ohio.org)) for details, as more information will come out as the date draws closer.

In closing, I want to welcome Matt Welch W8DEC of Painesville aboard the Ohio Section Cabinet as the Section Emergency Coordinator. I have gotten to know Matt since 2007, when Matt volunteered to host an APRS forum at my first ARES Conference. Matt and the word "volunteer" are synonymous if you know Matt. He's willing to step up and take any challenge that is given him. I look forward to working with Matt, and I am sure you will join me in welcoming Matt to his new role in the Ohio Section.

73, *Frank Pipez KI8GW* Ohio Section Manager [ki8gw@arrl.org](mailto:ki8gw@arrl.org)

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### What's coming in February 2012 ...

Wed Feb 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q  
Fri Feb 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 Feb 7 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
Program:  
Wed Feb 8 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI  
Sat Feb 11 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, Sharonvl Cracker Barrel, 2225 Sharon Road, 45241  
Sun Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday



Tue Feb 14 Valentine's Day  
7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD  
Wed Feb 15 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA  
Fri Feb 17 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston



Mon Feb 20 Presidents' Day observed  
Wed Feb 22 Washington's Birthday, Ash Wednesday  
9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN  
Tue Feb 28 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, location TBD  
Wed Feb 29 Leap Day  
9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Rick KD4PYR  
Fri Mar 2 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 Mar 6 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard  
Program: TBD

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### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ham Radio this year?

There is a sense in which 2012 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Amateur Radio.

## 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 Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
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 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  
 TVI/RFI Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
 Life Members Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC  
 Karl J Kaucher KJ4KWR

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 QCEN Representative Pat Maley KD8PAT  
 WARN Representative Peter J Feichtner III KC8BZM  
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 Silent Key Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 K8SCH QSL Mgr Gerry Weimer KD8ASL  
 PR Chair Jerry Shipp W1SCR (*not* same as PIO!)

John W. Hughes AI4DA

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Although amateurs built and operated before 1912, the first Federal Radio Act that set aside spectrum for amateur radio was implemented in 1912. Isn't this something that we ought to publicize?

73, *Call W76J*, Sierra Foothills ARC Auburn, CA

Yes. The act was passed and signed by the President in August, and took effect in December. ARRL has to sort of split the celebration, since their 100th anniversary is 2014.

73, *Gazzy KN4AQ* Yr friendly PIO in Wake Co NC both from daily *PIO Digest* from ARRL HQ

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### News of members & students in recent classes

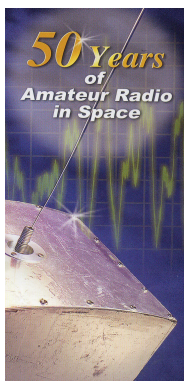
#### New call

**W8ZJT** ex **KD8QPL**, belongs to **Zach Tumbusch** who lives in West Chester, student in last regular classes (*Ye Ed* so believes, anyway).

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This year marks the **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ARRL's DXCC Award**, the world's preeminent DXing award. To celebrate this milestone, the ARRL presents the Diamond DXCC Challenge. We challenge DXers worldwide to work at least 100 of the 231 entities representing those on the original 1937 DXCC List. And when you're out there hunting that DX, why not swing your beam south for Antarctic Activity Week, Feb 21-27? Ruth Vano KB0USC tells the story of this annual event sponsored by the Worldwide Antarctic Program in her article "To the End of the Earth -- Antarctic Activity



Week" begins on pg 71 of Feb 2012 *QST*. Cover of this issue also marks **50 Years of Amateur Radio in Space**. Not in print issue bcs *Ye Ed* didn't know yet, Bob Frey WA6EZV plans to go after the Diamond DXCC Challenge (it says on the web page).

*Copy deadline for March issue is Friday February 24*

