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

For membership information, contact

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

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Happy New Year!

Ready or not, here comes 2012! I hope everyone had a joyous and happy holiday season. Now it's time to settle down and get winter under our belts!

I want to thank everyone who attended our December Christmas party meeting. It was great to see to see the great number of members and guests who were present. Also, congrats to Vince WB8NWQ for being the winner of the Wouxun dual band hand held. A big thanks as well to all those who donated door prizes. The HT, along with the other prizes given by the club, were purchased with the proceeds of the monthly split the pot raffle. So please buy tickets every month so we can do the same next year.

With a new year will come lots of opportunity for club activities and programs. We will always need club members to help out. Participation is the way to make our programs a success.

Until next month, stay in the shack and stay warm. I hope to hear you on the repeaters!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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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).

January program will be OMISS, Old Man's Intl Sideband Society, conducted by Charlie Gilbert W4UZI, current president thereof.

73, *Bzian KC8FJN*

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Club meeting minutes for Tuesday, December 06, 2011

President Gary KB8MYC called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM @ St. Bernard Municipal Building (Senior Center) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 40 in attendance.

Proceeded to self introductions.

New Licenses or Upgrades: Glenn Pearson, now KD8RGR, mentioned he took an exam at our Nov. 19th exam session. He went from no license to General class. Congratulations!

Gary talked about the elections: Everyone currently on the board is running unopposed except for the Recording Secretary. Dale KC8HQS will not run for next year. Paul KD8JDF has volunteered for this position.

Harry KM4CS made a motion to accept by acclamation the current slate of candidates for reelection. Larry KD8MX seconded. Motion was carried.

John KY4JD made a motion to elect Paul KD8JDF to recording secretary. Eric KD8MEM seconded.

Treasurer: Fred K9OHE was not able to make it tonight but a report was available.

Thanksgiving Day parade: Dennis KB8JVK reported on the parade. It was co-chaired this year by Rick

KD4PYR and went smoothly as usual.

Gary KB8MYC mentioned we'll need volunteers for going back to Cincinnati Museum Center. We will be there for ARRL Kids' Day, which is Sun. Jan 8.

ARRL Sweepstakes: Brian K4BRI reported. We got a sweep again!

Membership: Nathan KA3MTT reported we are collecting dues. Applications were available. You can also sign up or renew your ARRL membership thru us!

Gary KB8MYC asked for corrections to the meeting minutes of the November 2011 club meeting as printed in the *Q-Fiver*.

Correction: Robert AK3Q mentioned the line under the brag session should read: Robert AK3Q went over the 100 mark on his DXCC list. Jerry W1SCR made a motion to accept as corrected. Eric KC8NMP seconded. Motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Pizza was had immediately after.

Respectfully submitted, *Dale KC8HQS*

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ARRL Foundation Scholarship application period closes February 1!

The application period for the ARRL Foundation Scholarship awards closes February 1.

More than 80 scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year will be awarded in the spring of 2012. If you are a young radio amateur pursuing higher education, this is your opportunity to apply for a scholarship to help pay for your education.

Information about all of the awards, including selection criteria, application instructions and application forms, can be found on the web at www.arrl.org/scholarship-program. Applicants are urged to review the scholarship descriptions and apply *only* for those awards for which they qualify.

The application process is now completely electronic. Paper applications are **not** accepted. In addition, applicants must submit a complete and current electronic transcript, which can be attached to the application.



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December 10 Brunch Bunch at Harrison OH Skyline Chili. One of the wait staff took the picture

Brunch Bunch

The next Brunch Bunch will be held at Red Squirrel in Colerain Township on Saturday, January 14th at 1 PM. Red Squirrel is located at 8227 Colerain Avenue (St. Rt. 27) just north of Galbraith Road.

Don't forget that the Brunch Bunch meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 1 PM at a restaurant to be determined each month. You are certainly invited to join us. I'm still looking for suggestions

on what restaurant, maybe *your* favorite, that we might visit next or in the months ahead.

Hope to see you on the 14th at Red Squirrel.

73, *Btuce N8BV*

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If you have a soldering iron or gun tip that is badly oxidized, the way to clean it right up is to use a sal ammoniac block (available at stained-glass window craft suppliers, for example) or a soldering iron cleaning paste such as from soldering equipment manufacturer [Hakko](#). In both cases, avoid breathing the fumes given off as the tip is chemically scoured. (Thanks, Rod W7ZRC) *ARRL Contest Update*, Dec 21

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

1st Sat each month: Cincinnati-Hartwell OH, sponsored by GCARA, 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

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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Hamfests &c.

January 2012

15 16th Annual Nelsonville OH Hamfest, sponsored by Sunday Creek AR Federation at Tri-County Vocational School, 15676 SR 691. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions at 12N. \$6. Talk-in: 147.225. Info: Jeramy Duncan KC8QDQ, 740=767-2554, duncan10847@embarqmail.com

29 22d Annual Strasburg OH Hamfest, sponsored by Tusco ARC at Wallick Auction Ctr, 965 N Wooster Ave. Dealers, handicapped access, refreshments. \$5. Talk-in: 146.73 (71.9 Hz). Info: Gary Green K8WFN, 740=922-4454, k8wfn@tusco.net, www.tuscoarc.org

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**Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN 11641 Colthar Drive
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Technical Web Site of the Week - The Design News story "[Engineer's Toy Becomes a Profession](#)" will certainly bring forth a lot of old memories as it describes the discontinued building sets one couple decided to manufacture. Growing up with electricity and electronics kits were part of many ham childhoods - a parallel universe! If you hurry, there's still time for it to be delivered before Christmas morning!-- *ARRL Contest Update* for Dec 21

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Operating tip also found in *ARRL Contest Update* for Dec 21

As you tune the bands next week, here are some ways to wish a Happy New Year to your brothers and sisters around the world:

Xǎ«n Nián Kuài Lè (Chinese)

Glückliches neues Jahr (German)

Nuovo anno felice (Italian)

Ano novo feliz (Portuguese)

Feliz Año Nuevo (Spanish)

Nouvelle année heureuse (French)

Kalí hrońá (Greek)

Akemashite omedetou (Japanese)

Novym Godom (Russian)

More translations can be found at [Babel Fish](#) and [About.com](#).

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Following operations are approved for DXCC credit: 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. *ARLD053*, Dec 29 2011

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DX SPOTS – January 2012 de Nathan KA3MTT

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
T32AU-E. Kiribati thru 1-31 	9X0PY-Rwanda thru 1-7					 1
2 TO5G-French Guiana thru 1-7 ----- TY-Benin thru 1-9	3 XU7-Cambodia thru 1-6 	4	5 KL7-Alaska thru 1-8 ----- J79XB-Dominica thru 1-31	6	7 PJ2N-Curacao thru 1-8 ----- KH0-Mariana Is thru 1-10	8 PJ4B-Bonaire thru 1-22
9	10	11 T88SM-Palau thru 1-15 ----- VP2V-Br Virgin Is thru 1-21	12 PJ4C-Bonaire thru 1-23 ----- T2HA-Tuvalu thru 1-26	13	14 TX6T-Fr. Polynesia thru 1-16 ----- XU7-Cambodia thru 1-22	15
16	17 T32-E. Kiribati thru 2-2 	18	19	20 VP6T-Pitcairn thru 2-4 ----- 6W7SK-Senegal thru 2-3	21	22 TN2T-Congo thru 2-1 ----- HK0NA-Malpeo Is thru 2-22
23	24 FW0R-Wallis and Fortuna thru 2-23 	25 8Q7HU-Maldives thru 2-5 	26 3D2HA-Fiji  thru 1-29	27	28 TO4M-Mayotte thru 2-5 	29 HU2DX-El Salvador thru 2-10
30	31					

The Internet Archive project has just published nearly every issue of defunct [73 magazine](#), all the way back to January 1961. While dominated by the editorial adventures of Wayne Green W2NSD, the magazine also featured loads of simple (sometimes too-simple) construction articles, expedition adventure writing by Gus Browning W4BPD and others, and had a

loyal following for many years. --ARRL Contest Update, Dec 21

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Contests

January 2012

1-2 ARRL Straight-Key Night; New Year's Snowball Contest, SSB & CW; SARTG New Year RTTY Contest; AGCW Happy New Year Contest, CW

7-9 ARRL RTTY Roundup; CWops Weekend Mini-CWT Test; QRP Pet Rock Sprint, CW; Original QRP Contest, CW; 070 PSKFest; DARC 10 Meter Contest, SSB & CW; Mid-winter QSO Party, SSB & CW; Kids' Day, SSB

10 ARS Spartan sprint, CW

11 CWops Mini-CWT Test

13 NS and SNS Weekly Sprints

14-17 North American QSO Party; WW Peace Messenger Cities, SSB & CW; EUCW 160 Meter Contest; International United Teenager Contest, SSB & CW; Hunting Lions In the Air, all modes; MI QRP Club Jan QRP Contest, CW

18 Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest

19 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW

21-23 North American QSO Party, SSB; UK DX RTTY Contest; HA DX Contest, SSB & CW; Feld-Hell Gridloc Sprint, RTTY; Locust QSO Party, CW; LZ Open Contest, CW; YLISSB QSO Party; ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes

28-30 CQ WW 160 Meter Contest, CW; REF French Contest, CW; UBA Contest, SSB; BARTG RTTY Sprint; Winter Field Day, all modes; WAB Top Band Phone Contest; Classic Exchange, CW

Keep warm in your shack with some hot contesting. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Effective January 1, 2012 there will be some **changes in the ARRL Ohio Section Cabinet.**

Scott Yonally N8SY of Mansfield will relinquish his position as Public Information Coordinator (PIC), to focus his time entirely on the Ohio Section Website. Scott assumed the role of PIC in 2011 after the resignation of Emily Wells KC8RAL. I thank Scott for his time and efforts during his time as PIC for Ohio.

Taking the reins of the PIC role will be current Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Jack Sovik KB8WPZ of Youngstown. Jack has held the position of SEC since August of 2008. Jack's background in Journalism intrigued him to move into the role of PIC starting in 2012. Jack's accomplishments as SEC are numerous, including instilling a level of professionalism within the Ohio ARES program. Jack is excited about his new job responsibilities, and is ready to hit the ground running on January 1st.

Please join me in thanking Scott for his time as PIC, and also thanking Jack for his time as SEC, and in his new role as PIC.

Jack's job change now leaves an opening in the Ohio Section cabinet, that of the SEC.

My attention is to have a new SEC appointed by January 15th. This will enable the new SEC to get acclimated to their new duties, and be ready to meet with people at the Mansfield Hamfest in February.

Candidates for SEC will be limited to existing and former District Emergency Coordinators, existing Assistant District Emergency Coordinators and long serving Emergency Coordinators. Applicants have until December 31st, 2011 to apply by contacting the Section Manager. At least three finalists will be interview-ed before the appointment is made.

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Official letter of resignation from SEC Jack Sovik KB8WPZ

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Frank,

I will be stepping down as the Section Emergency Coordinator, Ohio Section. I will be accepting the Public Information Coordinator, Ohio Section.

As SEC, I think my major accomplishments were making the Ohio Section ARES leadership aware of the need to increase the professionalism of our members, as it applies to our served agencies. How ARES can become a bigger part of the mission of these served agencies, and the need for ARES members to establish a more professional attitude and appearance to these agencies. This was done through conferences and communication to our DEC's and EC's.

As PIC, I want to do something similar. In my working with ARRL as SEC, I have seen the job that Allan Pitts has been doing in improving the way the ARRL is perceived by the public. I want local PIOs to understand the importance of this position and how with a few changes the image of Amateur Radio, the ARRL, the local organizations and clubs can change the perception of Amateur Radio in their communities.

Some of the other goals:

- Showing the proper way to write a press release.
- Importance updated contact lists.
- The importance of knowing your audience in writing press releases and the need to be less technical.
- Establishment of a speaker's bureau.
- Knowing your market and how to capitalize on this.

In conclusion, this position takes me back to why I got involved in Amateur Radio on a state level. With my 41 years working in the "Media Business" I think I can make the PIO's job easier and convey a more professional image to the media in Ohio.

Respectfully submitted, *Jack Sovik*

ARRL Ohio Section Section Manager: Frank Piper KI8GW ki8gw@arrl.org

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Ohio Section News - Holiday Edition put out on e-mail 12/21/2011

In this issue: after some snipping by *Ye Ed*. Go to OH Section website, listed on mast, for entire article
Section Emergency Coordinator Report Power for EMCOMM? Extra Range for the HT
Affiliated Club News Public Information Coordinator Report
Statehouse Happenings From the Desk of the Section Manager

Section Emergency Coordinator Report

As the year closes ARES activities will generally slow down. Take time and check your equipment. There is still a chance of bad weather. When the winter storm warnings come up in your area keep a close ear to the National Weather service advisories, and act according to your county plans.

As I have said many times before, take a few FEMA classes. Jay Bookwalter KC8GNL, DEC of District 6, reports 100% of the active ARES members in Marion County have completed IS-100, and they are working on IS-200. It is great seeing ARES members working together to improve training. It is more fun to work in groups, also.

After many years as the DEC of District 1 George Henzler WB8HHZ has stepped down from that job. I have been privileged to work with George; yet I know George, and he will still keep involved with ARES.

Thank you, George, for your professionalism. Taking over as DEC is Brent Stover WD8PNZ. I have talked to Brent a few times and I am sure he will do a very fine job.

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Finally, I wish all of you and your families a happy and joyous Christmas and holiday season. Thank you all for being there and for your support of ARES and Amateur Radio.

73, *Jack Sovik KB8WPZ* Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator

Have you got the Power for EMCOMM? Extra Range for the HT

If you have an HT, great, use it. If you don't have an HT you can always use a mobile unit if you have one. If you don't have either an HT or a mobile unit and there is a call for help, you should consider responding anyway. There is always a need for back-up or relief operators and who knows what other things you may be able to help with.

So now you have your HT and your extra power sources, but are you getting out?

Most hams who own a handheld transceiver (HT) have endured the vendor-supplied dummy load that we all affectionately call a rubber duck antenna. If you've never tested that rubber duck with a field strength meter, you may be surprised to find how little your HT radio is actually getting out. For neighborhood-sized events, or if you live in the shadow of your favorite repeater, that may be ok. But for county-sized special events or manning an emergency communications station, a more efficient radiator for your HT is a necessity.

8< snip ... I have seen articles about using a counterpoise with your HT antenna. These usually are 19.5 inches long for the 2-meter band and 6.5 inches long for the 70 cm band. They can be made of stranded wire crimped or soldered to a clip or ring terminal which is attached to the base of the rubber ducky antenna. There are several commercial units available with names like tiger tale and rat tail. They claim that when they are attached to the outer collar of the BNC connector or the antenna shield, the counterpoise prevents transmitted RF from coupling with your body. They claim that this enables it to perform like a center-fed dipole, instead of an "end-fed dummy load!" I have not personally verified the increase in performance but figure it is worth a try to make one.

After market whip antennas are available and just a quick turn away from installation to your radio's BNC or SMA antenna jack. Some are very short and provide the worst performance. Some are quite long and

provide some amount of gain. However, problems may arise if you use a long antenna on a radio that is mechanically designed to handle the short rubber duck antenna. I read one report of an Icom Z1A HT that is broken because the ham used one of those 19 inch long aftermarket whip antennas. The strain of that ex-tra length loosened the antenna jack's grip on the case and eventually caused the conductor between the antenna center pin and the HT circuit board to break. This repair is most likely above and beyond the capabilities of most ham operators, will not be covered by the radio warranty and will cost the operator an expensive service call.

Another suggestion that I've seen is a J-pole antenna constructed of 300-ohm TV twin-lead which rolls up and fits into your pocket. When attached to a piece of cord and coax and tied up in a tree it increases both height and gain. Plans for these antennas abound on the internet and also can be found on the ARRL web-site at <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Technology/tis/info/pdf/9409061.pdf>.

The advantage here over the 19 inch whip is that the antenna connects to your HT with flexible coax and will be kinder and gentler to your antenna jack and circuit board.

IA quarter wave whip (19.5 inches for 2-meter, 6.5 inches 70 cm) works well when used with a magnetic mount that can be placed on the roof of the car as an improvised ground plane. Any metal surface can almost always be found around the home or office, such as a metal filing cabinet, metal trash can, cookie sheet, rain gutter, refrigerator, window air conditioning unit, balcony railing or any other large metal object. The magnetic mount will not work with aluminum or fiber glass surfaces though. I have a steel tray that lays flat in the trunk of my car waiting for me to use if needed. It is small enough to be conveniently carried and can be used in place of other metal surfaces if they are not available.

These are only a tiny few of the antenna ideas that are out there. The internet and the ARRL website

www.arrl.org abound with ideas for antennas so look around and see what you can do to increase your HT

range and be prepared before you need to respond to an event and don't forget to check into your local ARES and traffic nets as often as possible to lend a hand with traffic handling and keeping informed of local activities.

73 (and 88 if appropriate) *David Maynard W4BZZN* Ohio Section Traffic Manager

Affiliated club news

This is such a busy time of the year. It's not just the rush and bustle of the season either. This is that time of year where clubs hold elections and changes and turn over abound. Often in the rush to handle

everything and with some club turnover in responsibility, submitting an annual report goes forgotten; or worse, new folks don't know to file one.

What is an annual report? Well it is nothing more than updating information on the ARRL website for your club. It's actually pretty easy. Also it can be updated as many times as you want during the year to reflect changes in contacts etc. To update a report a President or his/her designate (some clubs have the responsible position named in their by-laws.) Just log onto the ARRL website and change the appropriate information. Don't have an ARRL account? Just create one. Of course you do need to be an ARRL member, so if it's your responsibility and you aren't a member, either join or pass on the responsibility to a member. The steps to update an annual report, as I have said, are easy.

1. Login to ARRL.org
2. Go to ARRL.org/find-a-club
3. Do a search for your club by name, city or zip code
4. Click on Club Name or "Go Now!" link (same thing happens either way)
5. Click on "Edit" Link at upper right, right above contact information
6. Make whatever appropriate changes you wish. Make sure that you do change the Annual Report Date, it won't change itself.
7. At the bottom of the form click the "Submit" button

All done.

Over half of Ohio's clubs have filed an annual report in the past twelve months. An additional 20% have filed an annual report in the past two years. Unfortunately 15-20% haven't updated in over two years.

My goal is 100% updates since January 1, 2011, by February 1, 2012. I will begin contacting clubs directly in the near future. Having updated information will help us help you.

Oh, and while you are at it consider checking to see if your Special Service Club status is current. If you are not a Special Service Club, consider applying for an SSC status. <http://www.arrl.org/ssc-application>

This is also a time for resolutions and I think every club should consider some. Below is a list of things I often suggest every club should do/try/have. Would your club like to resolve to choose from the list?

Create or enhance your Mission Statement, it's the very core of why you exist. The ARRL's Core Mission Statement is "To promote and advance the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio. In fact all Amateur Operators have a Mission, by law, see Part 97, subpart A, 97.1.

The rules and regulations in this Part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.

(d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians,

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and electronics experts.

(e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

Operate in a public place. I mean a real public place where there are lots of people unrelated to what you are doing that just might get curious and stop by to see what you are doing. Think Wal-Mart, Kroger's and at the Fair while the fair is going on. Operate IN a parade. Be prepared to follow-up

Recruit youth. Do you or someone in your club know a teacher, principal, scout leader, church youth leader? Take a radio demo to them and again, be prepared to follow-up. Or just start closer to home.

Introduce you grandchildren, children, nieces and nephews to your hobby. They'll love the time you give them and will love the technology as well. If you solder with them, let them hold the iron.

Make non-ham alliances. I don't mean EmComm or Served Agency Alliances here, although; please reach out to them as well. I mean reach out to others who are kind of like us. Think Astronomy Clubs, Makers Groups, Computer Clubs, Geocachers, Train Clubs, Model and Radio Control Clubs,

Pilots, Short Wave Listeners, CBers, Robot Clubs, Satellite Watchers, Physics and Science Clubs. Look for ARRL's new video to be released December 27 aimed right at these groups of hobbyist.

Tinker. What has held most hams interest over the years is tinkering. People like to tinker. Kids REALLY like to tinker. Children, today, especially teens have traded the soldering iron for software or

scripting as their choice of tinkering tool. Try this help them with the tinkering the hardware and let them help you tinker with the software. SDR anyone? Trust me, the club that Tinkers together will stay together.

Okay just a few ideas, I'm sure you folks will think of more. Let's really turn it on this year. Ham radio is the new FAD. 700,000 and growing. The number of Scouts participating in JOTA quintupled from 2010 to 2011, Make Magazine has over 5 Million subscribers! What we do is interesting and fashionable. I believe there are many people out there that will be interested in what we do and I invite you to seek them out. I am excited about the future of Amateur Radio and am proud of my hobby.

I hope to hear all you are doing as I meet you this coming year.

Happy New Year, 73, *E. Mike McCatdel KC8YLD* ARRL Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coord'r

Public Information Coordinator

Hi Gang,

Welp, it's almost Christmas.. Have you been good this year? I sure hope so. Don't forget, Santa knows if you've been good or bad. There's no foolin' him. This month I'm writing from sunny Pennsylvania. I'm still working on qualifying machinery for work and I just happen to be here with a little time between runs, so I decided to do some writing.

8<snip ... descrip of Phys Therapy, or Positively Torture. May be read at OH Section Website, <http://www.arrlohoio.or>

Now, on to business at hand, let's get things fired up and ready for QSOs.. The weekly surveys have been very interesting, as that I've learned a lot from all of you out there about what you think of ham radio. I decided to take a chance and change it up a little for one of the surveys recently and made it not a survey, but rather a trivia questionnaire. I think it proved out some things as well. Several of you wrote to me noticing the change up. The idea of surveys should be more than just someone spitting out questions that are just one sided.

I want this to be something that makes you think too. As one of you pointed out, most any piece of trivia that you can think of can be found on the internet via Google, Dog Pile, Ask.... But... if you just take a few minutes to answer the questions the best way you can without the added assistance of a search engine, I think you'll find it a lot of fun as well. The surveys are up on the website for about a week and then changed out. The results of the previous survey are posted as well. I also have been archiving all the survey results, so if you'd like to take a look at what is being asked, feel free. I do post a notice on our Facebook

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page when I have changed the surveys. So, if you are one of our “friends”, you can get notified as soon as I post.

Moving down the band a little.. I haven't heard much from the clubs out there on the “Club Links” page. There's not that many clubs in Ohio listed, so, how's about sending me the link to your club website!!

Now.. moving the VFO back up the band a bit.. By now all of you should have read that effective January 1st I will no longer be the PIC for Ohio. Now, don't fret, you will be in good hands. Jack Sovik KB8WPZ is taking over the reins and will bring some new and exciting changes in the months and years to come. It's a good fit, as that Jack has many years in the newspaper business. He's very skilled and talented and I just couldn't think of a better person to put into this position than him. I know that he'll want to start receiving your newsletters for the upcoming Newsletter contest, if he isn't already. So please welcome him into this new position with open arms and don't forget to send him your newsletters.

Wow!! That's all I could say when I was tasked with rebuilding the website. My primary goal is to make it easier to navigate and easier to view from a multitude of different platforms (ie.. cell phones, tablet PCs, netbooks and so on..). Yes folks, we have been listening to your comments and concerns. As some of you can imagine, I will be working on this project for some time to come. This is a huge undertaking. Our web-site has gotten very large with lots of information spread throughout the many pages. As such, I will be re-assessing what's on each page and trying to cut down the amount of pages that you have to move to in order to find things. Now I want you to know, I can't do this alone. I need your help in this. I don't have some of the platforms that I'm trying to target. So, here's where you come in. If you do, please let me know how the new website functions with your device. Drop me a line to tell me it's working good or what isn't working and don't forget to tell me what device you are viewing the website on, as well as the OS (Operating System) you are using. Now, speaking of the new website, it's been in the works for about a month now. I have a number of the pages as complete as they can be, but I'm sure that there are things that can be improved upon, and I'm sure you're all curious as to how will you know when it will be launched?? Welp.. There is a dramatic difference between the old site and the new one. Believe me when I say, it's ramped up.. It ain't your grandmother's website no more. I will also announce when I start the launch on Facebook. So, if you're one of our “friends”, you'll know from that announcement. As I said, this is a large undertaking, so it won't all be done when the launch starts. There will be many pages in the old format yet and will get re-modeled over time.

Now.. moving the VFO down the band even a bit further.. Since this year is coming to an end fast and I know that a number of clubs are still looking for “guest” speakers for their monthly meetings, I want to re-mind you once again that the Ohio Section has a “Speakers Bureau” that is available for your next club meeting? There is. Just let Frank KI8GW our Section Manager know what event you need us for and we'll do our best to have someone there.

Switching bands.. I guess this is old news for those who have read over our Great Lakes Director's comments released a few weeks ago. Yes Virginia, we are having an Ohio Section Convention this next year. It will be tied to the Columbus hamfest held annually in August. Stay tuned for more details as they become available, but keep August 4th open for a fun filled day in our state's capitol!!!

Now, one final round in the roundtable discussion before going QRT..

Did you take notice of a story that went out from the League a week or so ago? It seems that we (Amateur Radio) will soon be getting highlighted in a new TV sitcom “Last Man Standing.” It seems that the producer of the show is a ham and wanted to feature Amateur Radio in this show. He contact Allan Pitts from the League and it took off from there. It's the first time in a lot of years that one of the stars is going to portray a ham. Now here's a good trivia question for ya'.. What was another nationally broadcast weekly show that had one of its actors portrayed as an Amateur Radio operator? Send me your answers.. I can think of two

right off the bat, but I want to hear from you too. Please send me your answers.. E-mail to n8sy@n8sy.com I'll publish my answers and yours in the next edition..

One final – final. Pls remember the reason for the season! 73, *Scott Yonally N8SY* OhioSec Ret PIC

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Statehouse Happenings

Due to a conflict between the full Senate sessions Dec.14th, the scheduled meeting of the Senate Local Government and Veterans' Affairs Committee was cancelled late in the afternoon. Accordingly, there was no hearing or vote on H.B. 158 as we had anticipated there might be. The Committee session will be rescheduled, likely after the Holidays.

Thanks to all of you who have communicated your support for this legislation to the Committee Members. For those unable to do so, this delay is a great for you to express your support for this legislation. A copy of SM Frank Piper KI8GW's email with contact information follows:

Dear Amateur Radio Operators of the Ohio Section,

As you know, the legislation for zoning of Amateur Radio Antennae has been moving through the House and Senate Sides of the Statehouse, under House Bill 158 (aka "PRB-1 for Ohio").

Currently this Bill sits in the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. This Bill was to go to its 4th hearing Wednesday Dec. 21, but time ran out before the Christmas recess. All this *may*, it is hoped, conclude with a vote to send the Bill to the Senate Floor, where a favorable vote will move it to the Governor. We have never been so close to seeing a piece of legislation supporting Amateur Radio in Ohio move to the Governor's desk, as we do now.

But...we need your help!

Below are listed the committee members of the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. If you reside in the area that the Committee member oversees, please do us a favor, and contact

your Senator to give a positive vote to move House Bill 158 to the Senate Floor. Ask them to review all the testimony that has been presented to them, and ask them for a vote to allow Amateur Radio operators to continue to be a viable resource for Homeland Security.

We have seen opposition to this Bill from the Ohio Municipal League, who are also asking their members to contact committee members for their support to oppose this Bill.

The 4th hearing *didn't* take place before Christmas, as noted above. It's expected to occur quite early in the new year. Your help is needed **now**. **Please write ASAP!**

Members of the Ohio Senate State & Local Government & Veterans' Affairs Cmte

Chairman: Kris Jordan 19th District (Delaware, Knox, Morrow, Richland, and part of Ashland counties)

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Bill Seitz 8th District (Portion of Hamilton County)

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73, *Nick Pittnez K8NAP* State Government Liaison, Ohio Section

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From the desk of the Section Manager

Where did this year go!?! It just seems like I was at the SCARF Hamfest in Nelsonville, and the next thing I know I'm writing my last notes for 2011.

I want to take this last bit of space to thank a lot of people who have been by my side this past year.

First, My Wife Jackie, KC8ESO who has been a patient Saint when it comes to my many evenings on the computer responding to e-mails, making calls, and traveling to many meetings and Hamfests. And thanks to my Daughter Hanna, who has proven to be the only force in the world that can make me leave Dayton HamVention early so I can watch her participate in her sports!

Many, Many Thanks to My Section Cabinet! I have never worked with so many fine people who give their all in time and effort to execute their duties at a level of 120%. I often wonder if they ever have any free time to just relax!

Thanks to our Great Lakes Division Director and the outgoing and incoming Vice-Directors. You guys make it look so easy!

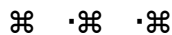
And finally, thanks to each and every Amateur Operator here in the Ohio Section. I did not know exactly how many friends I had until these past few months.

Keep enjoying this wonderful hobby! It's my honor to serve each of you!

This coming New Year's Eve, I will raise a glass to each of you as the clock strikes Midnight. I know you'll be raising one as well. Let's look forward to an awesome 2012!

>From my Family to You and Yours, a Merry Christmas, a Blessed Hanukkah (which starts this evening), and a prosperous New Year!

73, *Frank KJ8GW* Ohio Section Manager



What's coming in January 2012 ...

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

Fri Dec 30 7:30 PM SSTV Net on 146.925

Sun Jan 1 New Year's Day

Tue Jan 3 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard

Program: OMISS, Old Man's Intl Sideband Society, conducted by current president Charlie Gilbert W4UZI

Wed Jan 4 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q

Fri Jan 6 7:30 PM SSTV Net on 146.925

8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot

Tue Jan 10 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD

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

Fri Jan 13 7:30 PM SSTV Net on 146.925

8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston

Mon Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day

Wed Jan 25 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA

Fri Jan 27 7:30 PM SSTV Net on 146.925

Wed Feb 1 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q

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Greetings!

I wanted to remind everyone that **dues** for the current year are being taken. I have received a number of payments already, and I appreciate your timeliness with this!

You can download and print the membership application at: <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>
73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT* Membership Chair

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Our sincere condolences to

Rod Villari KJ4IAM and family. His mother died in mid-December.

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It's sincerely regretted by *Ye Ed* that the deadline for each month's *Q Fiver* effectively *prevents* publication of the Great Lakes District Director Jim Weaver K8JE's column in most *Q Fivers*. Pls refer to the Gt Lks Div Website, <http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org> Tnx. 73 *Ye Ed*

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The Webgeezer wants YOU!

Actually, he wants your OH-KY-IN content for the web site. Items he's looking for: pictures, news items involving our members, planned ham radio events, trips, stuff for sale, etc.

The focus is on OH-KY-IN-specific items of interest. If it involves our club or its members, it's GOLD!

Have you written an interesting ham radio-related article? We'd like to post it. Recently have a picture taken with a celebrity? We'd like to post it. Discover the cure for cancer?? We'd like to post it!!

Items of a topical nature work great because the web site is published EVERY DAY.

In short, if it's good enough to post on Facebook or You Tube, it's good enough for ohkyin.org!

Send to <webgeezer@ohkyin.org>.

Thanks!

PS- And while you're at it, please consider sending same to *Ye QFiver Editor!*

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