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PL tone of 123 Hz required for access
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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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Celebrate the day with road trip to Mendelson's! Carpool forming, pls do talk to El Pres to get a seat. See mast pg for phone & e-mail.

From the President

So Far So Good.....

Winter has been kind,,so far. Of course we are not out of the woods yet. If you have had any "emergency" antenna or feedline work repairs, like I did, you have been able to accomplish it quickly!

Thanks to Dave, W8WDA, for a great presentation of the early days of amateur radio. He had great insight and historical perspectives on our hobby. This month, we will have another great program as well, be sure to attend!

One important issue coming up is the update of our club constitution and bylaws. There will be a separate piece, not in the issue, outlining the process, please take a minute to read it.

As always, if you have any thought or ideas for a club project, event, or program please let us know, we are always looking for fresh ideas.

Until next month, see you on the repeaters!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next Meeting

Ever wonder what operating as rare DX might be like? Better yet, how about operating as rare DX from a South Pacific tropical island?

Wonder no more by attending our March 6 meeting, when Jay Slough K4ZLE will present "T2T-Redux," the Pacific DXers' DXpedition to [Tuvalu](#) last November!

And thanks to Dave Core K8WDA for a great presentation at our February meeting, "Amateur Radio - 1936, a Brief Look at Ham Radio 76 Years Ago." We've never had it so good... Grandpa had it ROUGH!

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

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

73, *Bzian KC8FJN*

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Minutes of members' meeting, Tuesday February 7

Our meeting was called to order by President Gary KB8MYC at 7:32 PM We had in attendance 33 members and 3 guests. Our program was about ham radio in 1936, and was very interesting. We took a break at

8:12 PM and resumed at 8:26 PM.

The minutes for Jan. 3 were approved as printed in *The Q Fiver*. The treasurer's report was approved as given. As of the meeting, we were at 68 members, with more to be added. There was nothing to report from silent keys, which is a good thing.

Russ WB8ZCC reported for the technical committee that the repeater at Hughes High School was still being worked on, and that the .67 repeater was occasionally going into "stupid mode." The .625 repeater was off line for 3 days due to a storm, but all is well now.

We then talked about holding classes in the spring, as well as encouraging our members to check out the website. There was nothing for old business.

Under new business, reminders that the fox hunt and brunch bunch were scheduled for the following Saturday.

There was also a reminder that there are fliers out for kit building and that info is due back in April. Before we adjourned, there was an attendance award that went to Eric KD8MEM, and a split the pot was also won. There were two doorprizes won, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Paul KD8JDF*

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Membership for 2012

Hello; I hope February has brought some good DX into your logs!

I just wanted to update everyone on our membership, as well as REMIND everyone about membership.

We are currently at 70 members, and counting. If you haven't already done so, please remember to renew your membership to OH-KY-IN **soon**. 2012 dues are **definitely due** by March 31!

There are many benefits to membership. Just take a peek at the newly-developed website and you'll catch a glimpse of many activities the club is involved in: www.ohkyin.org There you will also find a link for membership renewal.

You can also click on this link: http://www.ohkyin.org/membership_page.php

Please consider your renewal as not only an investment in the organization, but also an investment in your personal hobby! You only get out of it what you put into it!

73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MZZ*

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Word to the wise: Hams put up antennas but insects have antennae. Just thought you'd like to know!

In *ARRL Contest Update* for Feb 15, 2012, Ward N0AX, Ed.

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The **next Brunch Bunch** will meet Saturday, March 10 at 1 PM at Ron's Roost in Bridgetown. Ron's Roost is located at 3853 Race Road, 45211. This restaurant is easy to locate; it is on Race Road between Harrison Avenue and Bridgetown Road. Just look for the large rooster on the roof.

You can check out their menu and directions on their website at www.ronsroost.net

If you've not already joined us, why not plan to come this month? If you've been listening to some of the repeaters in the area, this is your opportunity to put a face with the voices you've heard. It's not necessary to be a ham or to be a member of any club, as anyone with an interest in amateur radio is invited to attend.

The Brunch Bunch meets the second Saturday of every month at a restaurant to be determined each month.

Hope to see you Saturday, March 10 at Ron's Roost.
73, *Btuce N8BV*



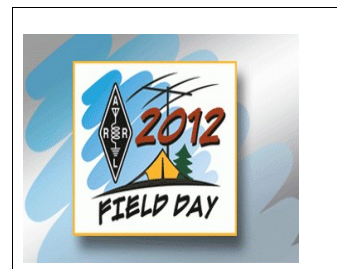
February 11 Brunch Bunch at Cracker Barrel in Sharonville

**Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN 11641 Colthar Drive
Bethel OH 45106-9669 513-752-9570**

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2012 Field Day Packet Now Available: in *ARRL Ltr* 4 Feb 9, 2012

It's that time of year again -- time to start gearing up for ARRL Field Day, June 23-24, 2012! ARRL's flagship operating event -- always held the 4th full weekend in June -- brings together new and experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. Field Day packets are now [available for download](#) and include the complete rules, as well as other reference items such as forms, ARRL Section abbreviation list, entry submission instructions, a Frequently Asked Questions section, guidelines for getting bonus points, instructions for GOTA stations and a kit to publicize your event with the local press. A brief one-page flyer with basic "What is Field Day" information has also been included in this year's Field Day packet. Amateur Radio clubs and individuals are encouraged to reproduce this flyer as a handout for information tables.



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***WorldRadio* Founder Armond Noble N6WR (SK)** in *ARRL Ltr* for Feb 9 2012

Armond Noble N6WR -- the founder of *WorldRadio* magazine and its publisher for 37 years -- passed away February 1 in Sacramento, California after a short illness. He was 77.

WorldRadio was published monthly from July 1971 until the end of 2008, when Noble sold the magazine to Hicksville, New York-based CQ Communications Inc. With its February 2009 edition, the publication was renamed *WorldRadio Online* and became the first online-only major Amateur Radio publication.

Noble, an ARRL Life Member, had a long and distinguished career in communications. From 1953-1955, he served in the US Army with a VHF radio relay unit. He went on to positions at commercial radio and TV stations around the United States, including: KTWO-TV and KATI in Casper, Wyoming; KOOK-TV in Billings, Montana; KTVB in Boise, Idaho; KERO-TV in Bakersfield, California; WOOD-TV in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and KCRA Radio in Sacramento. During the Vietnam War, Noble was a reporter-photographer for *TIME Magazine* and the *Milwaukee Journal*. He also served in the TIME-LIFE bureau in Sacramento. -- *Thanks to CQ for the information*

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Why do retirees count pennies? They are the only ones who have the time. in "Retirees' List" by Tom Condon in *BURPS* dgst 1366, 2-23-12

DX Spots-March 2012 de Nathan KA3MTT

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|-----------|--|--|--|---|
| <p>South Sudan has been granted the callsign block of Z8 -ARRL Ltr, Feb 23, 2012</p> | <p>via <i>The Daily DX</i></p>  | | | <p>1 J37K-Grenada thru 3-5 ----- V73FW-Marshall Is thru 3-30</p> | <p>2 6V7T-Senegal thru 3-8</p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p>4 5H3MB-Tanzania thru 4-4</p>  | <p>5 PJ7PT-St Maarten thru 3-18 ----- V21-Antigua thru 3-31</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 3W4JK-Vietnam thru 3-12 ----- A35YZ-Tonga thru 3-24</p> | <p>8 ZL7-Chatham Is thru 3-13 ----- CT9-Madeira thru 4-4</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>11</p> | <p>12 S79NEN-Seychelles thru 3-28 ----- PJ2-Curacao thru 3-30</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 3D2YA-Fiji thru 3-21</p>  | <p>16 S9-Sao Tome & Principe thru 3-23 ----- JW-Svalbard thru 3-20</p> | <p>17 V5-Namibia thru 3-27</p>  |
| <p>18 A25-Botswana thru 3-27</p>  | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 P40S-Aruba thru 3-27</p>  | <p>22 JX9JKA-Jan Mayen Is thru 4-22</p> | <p>23 TO7BC-Mayotte thru 4-6</p>  | <p>24 J52HF-Guinea Bissau thru 4-6 ----- TO2R-Reunion thru 4-14</p> |
| <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 E51M-N Cook Is thru 4-10</p>  | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> |

Contests

March 2012

- 2 SNS and NS Weekly Sprints
- 3-4 ARRL International DX Contest, Phone; Ukraine Open RTTY Championship; WW EME Contest
- 5 OK1WC Memorial Contest, SSB & CW
- 6 ARS Spartan Sprint; YL CW Party
- 7 John Rollins Memorial DX Contest, CW
- 10-12 RSGB Commonwealth Contest, CW; AGCW QRP Contest, CW; QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint, CW; EA PSK63 Contest; ID QSO Party; NA RTTY Sprint; WI QSO Party
- 14 CWops Monthly Mini-CW Test
- 17-18 Feld-Hell Saint Patrick's Day Sprint; 10-10 Mobile QSO Party, all modes; Russian DX Contest, all modes; BARTG Spring RTTY; CQ IR-Ireland calling, SSB & CW; ND QSO Party; VA QSO Party; OK QSO Party; DARC 10 m Digital Corona Contest
- 20 CLARA and Family Contest, SSB & CW
- 22 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW
- 24-25 CQ WPX SSB contest
- 31-Apr 1 Worldwide EME Contest

March comes in with a roar of contests. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org
73, *Dan KF4AV*

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Club Constitution & By-Laws

The Board has taken on the task of a much-needed update to our club's constitution & by-laws (it has been nearly 20 years since this was done). Here is the way it will work.

In early March, each paid member (paid meaning 2012 dues paid) will receive a draft copy of the updated document. Items being deleted or revised will have a ~~strike through them~~. New items or changes will be typed in **bold**. All members will be given time, in the month of March, to review these updates. A vote on the proposed changes will occur at the April business meeting.

Copies of the proposed changes, along with copies of the current document, will be available at the March meeting. Also, if you do not receive the proposed document, or would like a copy of the current one, please contact me via phone or email (please see mast page for contact info).

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

(*Ye Ed* thanks fark.com for enabling the strike-through, which MS Word *of course* doesn't have! No room to thank in hard copies.)

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The **severe weather spotter's class** originally scheduled for Hamilton Co on Friday, **2/17/2012** at the Red Cross Building on Dana Avenue **was cancelled**.

If you were unable to attend the Green Twp on Thursday, Feb. 16, there will be another class at Bethesda North Hospital on Friday, March 30. For the complete list of spotter training classes in this area, visit the NWS training page at <http://www.weather.gov/iln/training.php>.

73, *Mike Nie W8VMC*, PIO Weather Amateur Radio Network (WARN)

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WRC-12: Amateur Radio Gets Secondary MF Allocation at WRC-12

It's official -- delegates attending the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) have approved a new 7-kilohertz-wide secondary allocation between 472-479 kHz for the Amateur Radio Service. Agenda Item 1.23 had both its first and second readings in Plenary Session on Tuesday, February 14; to become part of the ITU's Radio Regulations, each Agenda Item must be read twice in Plenary Session. While the Final Acts will be signed on Friday, February 17 at the close of the Conference, the new allocation will not take effect until it is entered into the Radio Regulations on January 1, 2013. In any case, no amateur can use the band until his or her national regulations are revised to implement the allocation. ... >8 snip *ARRL Letter*, Feb 16, 2012



The IARU delegation attends a Plenary Session at 2012 World Radio Communication Conference

(Photo George Peterson PA5O)

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Hamfests &c.

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3 Dugger IN Hamfest, sponsored by Dugger ARC at Dugger City Community Bldg, S Hicum St. Open to public at 8 AM. Dealers, fleas, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions begin 11 AM. \$5. Talk-in: 146.775 (136.5 Hz). Info: Kyle Shipman KB9ZGN, 812=648-2487, kb8zgn@sbcglobal.net, www.kc9ak.org

36th Annual Cave City KY Hamfest sponsored by Mammoth Cave ARC at Cave City Convention Ctr, 502 Mammoth Cave St. From 7:30 AM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field ckg of QSL cards, refreshments, forums, VE sessions 9 AM CST, walk-ins OK. \$6. Talk-in: 146.94. Info: Larry Brumett KN4IV, 270=651-2363, lbrumett@glasgow-ky.com

10 Hamfest & Computer Expo, Terre Haute IN, sponsored by Wabash Valley ARA at Dade Activity Ctr, Indiana St Univ, 550 Chestnut St. 9 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, seminars, VE sessions at 11 AM (free). \$7. Talk-in: 146.685 (151.4 Hz). Info: Chuck Procarione W9COD, 812=239-8061, famabc@yahoo.com, w9uuu.org

Gallipolis OH Hamfest sponsored by Mid-Ohio Valley ARC at Gallipolis Christian Church, 4486 SR 588. 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions (register at 9 AM, tests begins at 10 AM).. \$5. Talk-in: 147.06 (74.4 Hz). Info: Lester Cardwell KD8ZU, 740=256-1312, kd8zu@arrl.net, sites.google.com/site/midohiovalleyarc/

18 57th TMRA Hamfest & Computer Fair sponsored by Toledo Mobile Radio Assn at Owens Community College, 30335 Oregon Rd, Perrysburg/Toledo. 8 AM- 2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, forums, VE sessions at 9 AM. \$6. Talk-in: 147.27 (103.5 Hz). Info: Brian Harrington WD8MXR, 419=385-5624, wd8mxr@gmail.com, www.tmrahamradio.org

31 29th Annual Columbus IN Hamfest sponsored by Columbus ARC at Bartholomew Co 4-H Fairgrounds Community Bldg, 750 W County Rd 200 S. Public 8 AM-2 PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, forums, VE sessions at 11 AM, walk-ins welcome. Advance \$4.50, gate \$5. Talk-in: 146.79 (100 Hz). Info: Marion Winterberg WD9HTN, 812=342-4670, mlw467@gmail.com, carcnet.org

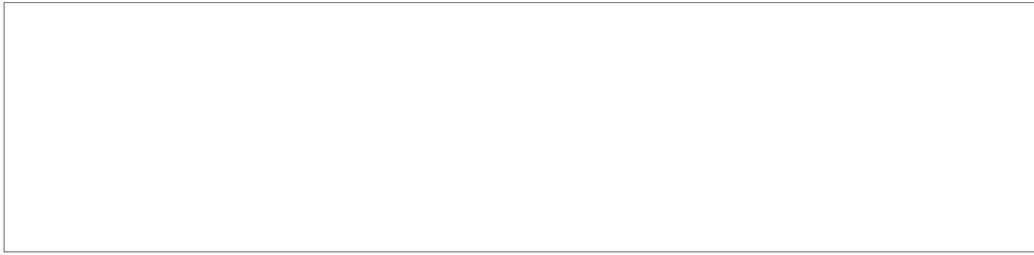
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It is better to be informed than to be afraid. --Lloyd Colston KC5FM, dir Altus OK
Emergency Mgmt in PR dgst 2-18 or 19 2012

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Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life. Seen on spaghetti board on Harrison Ave on 2-27-12

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

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



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

Name: _____ Call _____

Member: Y ___ N ___ Contact Number _____

Ohio Section News for 2-24-2012 --for complete issue pls go to <http://www.arrlohio.org>

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From the Desk of the Section Manager

Section ARES^R Updates (not quite as submitted – *Ye Ed*. Most who need *this* should already have) Saturday, March 3 is the Ohio Section ARES Leadership Conference in Mansfield. This conference is for all DEC's, EC's, Asst DEC's, Asst EC's, and Official Emergency Stations. Ohio Section cabinet members are also invited to attend. Go Boxes have become a staple at 10th District meetings, trainings, drills, and exercises. Therefore, all attendees are asked to bring a Go Box if at all possible. Some topics of discussion at the conference will be a statewide simulated emergency test, training database, and a NIMS compliant OSERP. A more detailed meeting agenda will come out soon and be available as a download on the ARES page at www.arrl-ohio.org.

It is with distinct pleasure that I announce the appointments of two new District Emergency Coordinators. Please join me in welcoming these two dedicated and motivated individuals to the ranks.

Terry Habegger W8UY of Defiance, Ohio has been appointed as District Emergency Coordinator for District 2. Terry has been the Emergency Coordinator for Defiance County for two years and is a past president of the Defiance County Amateur Radio Club. He recently assisted with communications for a large scouting event. His determination and drive will make a nice fit not only in District 2 but the Ohio Section as well. Welcome aboard, Terry.

Mike Voleski KD8JUF of Mentor, Ohio has been appointed as District Emergency Coordinator for District 10. Mike has been an integral part the District 10 Staff as well as the Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference (GLECC). Mike was not only a presenter at the conference but also served on staff as the Safety Officer. His leadership and positive attitude are above reproach. I found him to be consistently pleasant, tackling all assignments with dedication and a smile. Besides being a joy to volunteer with, Mike is a take-charge person who is able to present creative ideas and communicate the benefits. He is a team player and makes a great asset to any organization. Welcome aboard, Mike.

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

Basic Emergency Preparedness

Fire, Flood, Tornado or other natural disaster, no one is immune to these life threatening events. As we have seen this mild winter many location in Ohio have flooded and many locations across the United States have had winter tornados. With the Ohio Tornado season almost upon us it is time for all amateurs to be prepared to assist at a moment's notice. If you can get to a Skywarn training session I would advise

you to do so. How well will you be able to assist if you have to worry about your own family's safety while you are away assisting others?

Now is the time to make and/or review your family's and your own Personal Safety Plans. You **do** have a Family Safety Plan, right?

Things that you can and should do now before it is too late are:

1. Make a written Family Disaster Plan and make sure your family is familiar with it. More information is available at these websites and more:

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/pdf/family_disaster_plan.pdf

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=18210>

http://www.redcross.org/images/pdfs/code/family_disaster_plan.pdf

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http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Family_Emergency_Plan.pdf

http://www.ohiorivervalley.redcross.org/Together_We_Prepare.php#kit

2. This is also a good time to plan and practice your family fire drill, to make and use your safety location during your drill where you and your family will meet after the fire evacuation. This should be away from your own house and away from the possible path of responding emergency vehicles.

3. This goes along with making sure you have working smoke detectors on every floor of your home. Test them often.

4. Make and maintain a Family Disaster Supply Kit to sustain your family for at least 3 days. This should be separate from your normal food supply and be dated and packed in such a way that you can easily take it with you if you have to evacuate. This can save many hours by not having to wait for the shopping lines at the local grocery store.

5. Always, **Always** have your vehicle gasoline tank at least **half full**. This allows you to remove your family from a disaster area which may not have electricity or working gasoline pumps. Once out of the area you can get more gasoline. It is worth the expense and could save your lives.

6. Buy a weather radio with back-up battery to receive the National Weather Service warnings. This can save lives by giving you time to prepare before the storm hits.

7. Keep batteries charged and if you have a generator, test it. It is also a good idea to have spare alkaline flashlight batteries on hand for flashlights and radios.

8. Have appropriate equipment, antenna and interchangeable emergency power sources for your HT. This was covered several months ago.

9. Keep your HT with you during heightened alert times and make sure you have your spare battery and charger with you.

10. Join your local ARES/Races group, learn their plans including your county Skywarn, ARES alert frequencies and your pre-arranged alert assignment.

Remember, being prepared is not just for the Scouts. Your life and your family's lives may depend on your willingness to do the work required to be prepared. In large scale disasters it is not uncommon for it to take 48 hours or even 72 hours before help will arrive.

Thanks for reading this. I'll have more next month.

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

Training Updates

Well, here in Southwest Ohio we have enjoyed the mildest winter I can remember. With all of the mild weather I got to wondering what spring will bring. We have already had a few thunderstorms and some really windy days. The wind reminded me of about 3 years ago when we lost power in Cincinnati for 3 days. When looking at your training plans for the next couple of months, does your ARES organization have an emergency power capability? How many of your members are trained on the operation and setup of that equipment? What other training are you planning for March? Another potential training activity could be exercising your recall plan. How many of those phone numbers and contacts in the plan aren't there anymore? Just some ideas for early spring ARES training.

As always, I am still populating the Ohio Section Training Database. Please send me your inputs.

73, John Frederick N8GOU ASM Training n8gou@arrl.net

Public Information Coordinator

The Mansfield Hamfest is always one of my favorites. It does, though, tend to attract snow and ice. I guess that is what you get when you have a Hamfest in mid February. The crowd was great and the ARRL Forum was informative.

you may not think this but winter will go away soon and it will be time for spring amateur radio activities to start back up. Now is the time all PIOs to update their Media Contact lists. Over the winter some of your contacts may have changed assignments, or moved on. This is the time to check on this by calling or email-ing those on your contact list and make sure all of your information is up to date. This way when you send out that first release you will know your contacts will get the info. You might also look around and see if there are any new contacts you can get. There may be a new public service channel on your cable system, or a new publication out there.

If you haven't done so already you might want to create a list of all the amateur radio activities you will have in the coming months of 2012. This may include the dates, times and deadlines needed to get out those releases.

Check with your amateur radio club presidents on club activities, your county EC for info on EMComm training and don't forget Skywarn training.

If I can be of any assistance to you, I am as close as your email or telephone.

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

Statehouse Happenings -- H.B. 158 - Where Are We?

We all cheered on Feb. 15 when the Senate Local Government and Veterans' Affairs Committee voted in favor of H.B. 158. But we're not home yet, though this is the closest we've gotten in this over four-year effort. The passage of H.B. 158 by the Senate Committee included amendments that actually made the Bill stronger for radio amateurs. First, the Senate Committee stripped out the language creating a "presumption" that 75 feet was a reasonable height for an antenna structure. This language had been problematic for a number of legislators, as well as for some in the amateur community. The amendments also removed language providing exceptions permitting local zoning authorities to limit antenna height below the 75 foot level. Now, the Bill simply states, in pertinent part, "The legislative authority shall not restrict the height or location of amateur station antenna structures in such a way as to prevent effective amateur radio service communications and shall comply with 47 C.F.R. 97.15."

However, we now have significant differences between the version passed by the House, which included the 75 foot presumption and was approved by the entire House and the version approved by the Senate Committee. If the entire Senate passes the version voted out by the Senate Committee we will have two conflicting versions of the Bill. Normally, conflicts such as this are resolved by the creation of a conference committee with representatives from both the House and Senate. The role of the committee is to resolve the differences in a manner acceptable to both the House and Senate. There may be other, less formal ways to resolve the differences as well. We have communicated to the leading legislators that the amateur community is happy with the Senate version and that we fully support the final passage of that version. Assuming we can get the Bill passed in the Senate and the conflict resolved, it will then go to Gov. Kasich for signature. Although it has not been controversial so far, the nearer a bill comes to becoming law, the more intense the level of public scrutiny. We may ask you to express your support for this legislation to the Governor as well as to individual members of the Senate. The Senate will not return to session for a few days, so don't expect much to happen in the meantime.

At this point it's fair to say that significant progress is being made and there is reason to hope that we may actually see this legislation become law. And, while that is a significant accomplishment for the Ohio amateurs, it is by no means the end of all antenna restrictions, since this legislation applies only to local zoning regulations (deed, condominium and other contractual restrictions are not affected) and even with respect to local zoning, it should not be viewed as a "blank check" for unrestricted antenna height or location. That

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said, we will be in a far better position with respect to local zoning authorities with the legislation than without.

Nick Pittner K8NAP State Government Liaison, Ohio Section k8nap@arrl.net

Upcoming Special Event Station in Ohio

Lost Hour Special Event Station -- Mar 12, 0200Z-0700Z, W8BAP, Chillicothe, OH. Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club. 28.450 14.260 7.240. Certificate & QSL. Jim Boyce, 604 W 5th St, Chillicothe, OH 45601. Recognizing the change to Daylight Savings Time. kd8bwv@gmail.com

From the desk of the Section Manager

First, I want to say "Thank You" to everyone in the Ohio Section for the cards, thoughts, and prayers for the passing of my Mother-In-Law, Laura Montell of Newark, Ohio.

The Ohio Section is slowly waking from its winter slumber. On February 2, your Section Manager sprang from his bed, stepped outside, and looked down. He was not able to see his feet, which means another 6 weeks of dieting....

We also are seeing Hams coming out from their shacks and gathering at the early Hamfests. Mansfield was well attended, and I was glad to see many faces and shake many hands. The ARRL forum and OSSBN Meeting were very active. We're starting to hear rumblings of weather spotter training, and the word "Dayton" is being heard already. I'm hoping the price of gas does not derail your plans to travel to the many Hamfests that the Section has to offer.

The Ohio State Convention will be held on August 4 in Columbus, Ohio. The planning committee is moving forward with reviewing all submitted topics and speaker requests. More information will be coming as plans shape up.

Enjoy these last few weeks of winter. Let's hope Buckeye Chuck is right!

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

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ARLB004 ARRL Publishes New Guidelines for 60 Meters 2/28/2012

Thanks to the *FCC Report and Order* issued November 18, 2011, amateurs will enjoy a number of new privileges on the 60 meter band beginning March 5, including a boost in effective radiated power from 50 to 100 W, as well as the ability to use CW and certain digital modes.

Late last year, the ARRL HF Band Planning committee surveyed 60 meter operators to gather opinions about how to best use the new privileges. On the subject of creating a specific band plan, the survey results indicated little consensus beyond the fact that 5403.5 kHz should retain its status as a de facto "DX channel." On the other hand, survey respondents made a number of suggestions for general operating practices.

Based on the survey results and subsequent research, the committee declined to propose a specific band plan for 60 meters at this time. The committee instead created a "Recommended Practices" document that is now available for downloading from the ARRL Web.

The link can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-publishes-new-guidelines-for-60-meters>.

The 60 Meter pages on the ARRL Web will also be updated to reflect the changes brought about by the *Report and Order*.

The April issue of *QST* magazine will also include an article by ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson N1ND, which offers a detailed discussion of the new 60 meter privileges and recommended operating practices.

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How many days in a week? 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday -- in "Retirees' List" by Tom Condon in *BURPS* dgst 1366, 2-23-12

What's coming in March 2012 ...

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| 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 EWashington, StBernard Program: T2T Redux, presented by Jay Slough K4ZLE (details pg 3) |
| Wed Mar 7 | 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q |
| Sat Mar 10 | 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, Ron's Roost, 3853 Race Road, 45211 |
| Sun Mar 11 | Daylight Savings Time begins |
| Tue Mar 13 | 7:00 PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD |
| Wed Mar 14 | 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI |
| Fri Mar 16 | 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 DanaAv, Evanston |
| Sat Mar 17 | St Patrick's Day Road trip to Mendelson's, 340 E 1 st St, Dayton (see pg 3) |
| Wed Mar 21 | 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA |
| Tue Mar 27 | 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, location TBD |
| Wed Mar 28 | 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN |
| Tue Apr 2 | 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 EWashington, StBernard Program: TBD |

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News of members & students in recent classes

New members since 1st of year

Thank you (to *Ye Ed*) for your welcoming e-mail. I go by Michael (rather than Mike) and I do not have my Amateur Radio License (back) yet. It has been a while; I had my Novice License back in the late 70s (WA8SXI) while attending an electronic vocational Class at Aiken High School that was taught by one of your past presidents, William "Jack" Foster K8DYD (SK)...By the way, I was a member of OH-KY-IN then as well. I recently had the honor of seeing your club give a presentation at our First Masonic District Officer Association meeting and decided as I am older now and have the time, to pick up the hobby that I loved back then. I have been studying the manual and can't wait until classes start back up so that I can get involved again!
73, **Michael L. Sien**

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Lloyd E. Opp W8OPP has been licensed since 1979; his original call was WD8ECS. Activity has been off and on. He lives near but not quite in Norwood (ZIP of 45212). He works HF and is interested in slow-scan, but currently lacks gear for that. He'd like more info on it from those who took part in that net while it ran. Lloyd, an Extra, said he's glad to be back on the air.

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OH-KY-IN 2012 Committee Appointments

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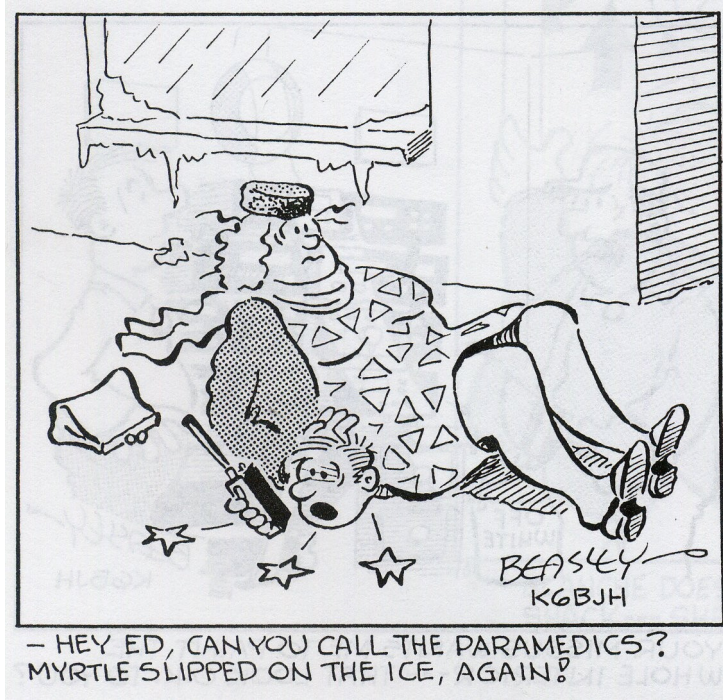
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W8ZJT ex **KD8QPL**, belongs to **Zach Tumbusch** who lives in West Chester, student in last regular classes (*Ye Ed* so believes, anyway) and the other new member. *Ye Ed's* heard Zach on .67; ran this last month.

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What's the biggest gripe of retirees? There's not enough time to get everything done. in "Retirees' List" by Tom Condon in *BURPS* dgst 1366, 2-23-12



Robert E Beasley K6BJH granted reprint permission for his work as long as he receives a copy of the publication he's reprinted in. *Ye Ed* will make this so! Cartoon above on pg 12 of *The Best of Beasley*, c June 1994, printed by Worldradio Books.

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