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

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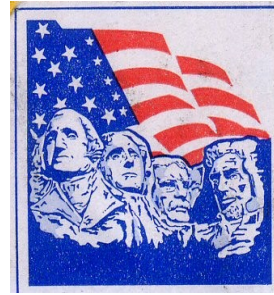
The Q-FIVER is **now** mailed and e-mailed, it's hoped, **7 days before the club meeting**. Normal copy deadline is the weekend before that. Please send submissions for *The Q-FIVER* (including notice of upgrades & call sign changes) to Ye Ed Susie N8CGM. These may be:

- snail-mailed to or dropped off at 6351 Daleview Rd Cinti OH 45247
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- e-mailed to n8cgm@arrl.net or to sscott@iglou.com

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Words from Our Pres

Summertime is winding down. It has been an active summer around the club.

Let me start by thanking all who helped at the museum event. We had a great time and display. A lot of people stopped by our table and got a taste of amateur radio. We are looking to do another visit there in January. We **will** let you know the date, please come and join us.

Also, we just finished our third year in a row of participation in the Ohio QSO Party. Several of us joined up at Ross Park in St. Bernard for a 12 hour (ok, 11 ½) hour operating marathon. I'm not sure yet what our score was, but we had great fun.

Photos of both events are on the web page.

Thanks to Nathan KA3MTT, we have 2 fun events starting in September. First is the OH-KY-IN Fantasy Football League. Keep an eye out to see who wins this one. Also, we have the return of the golf scramble. If you are interested please contact Nathan, he is looking for the next Tiger!

A full slate of fall classes is on the schedule. Want to upgrade, now's the time! A Technician class will be held for those wanting to get started in the hobby. Look for class details further back in the newsletter.

Like I said, a busy time. Want to get the most from your hobby? Come out and join us. Oh, and don't forget the great repeaters we have; make the most of them too!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday, September 4. Program will be Citizens On Patrol, present-ed by a friend of member James Baird W8JRB. Please come hear; these locally-based groups do more than you may know to keep us safe!

OH-KY-IN meets at the St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Hall) at 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard (corner of Washington & Tower), on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please go in through the doors that face the high school on Washington.

73, *Bzian KC8FJN*

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Minutes for members' meeting Tuesday 8-7-2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM. The program for the evening was all about weather, and WARN. I thought it was a very interesting evening, but you have to understand that your recording secretary is a real weather freak. We had 23 members, and 3 guests as best I could determine. Our break was at 8:10 PM.

The meeting resumed at 8:23 PM., Approval of the minutes in *The Q-Fiver* was tabled until the next meeting. The treasurer's report was presented, and July was a good month.

Tech committee reported about 3 repeaters. 440 is in the basement. The com controller is back for .67.

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Classes and prep for exam upgrades will begin Sept. 27. Gordon West will be used for the Extra class. In Fundraising, Bruce N8BV reported that we had taken in about \$2000 during our involvement with Red White and Blue Ash.

There is a foxhunt scheduled on Saturday, the 11th. Lastly, we heard that Tech Talk continues to do well. There was no further business, so we adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul KD8JDF, Recording Secretary



Too many other things going on simultaneously for a large group to gather at Pompilio's in New-port on Aug 11 for brunch. Staff person took the picture. It's hoped this *won't* be the case when the next **Brunch Bunch** meets Saturday, September 8 at Walt's Barbeque in White Oak. Walt's is located at 6040 Colerain Avenue, 45239. The Brunch Bunch gathering starts at 1PM.

Walt's menu and a map is available on their website at www.waltsbarbeque.com

The Brunch Bunch meets the second Saturday of every month at 1PM at a location to be announced each month. Do you have a favorite restaurant that you'd like to recommend that we visit next? Please let me know.

73, *Bruce N8BV* 513=251-1555 n8bv@juno.com

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ARLB020 Vanity Call Sign Fee to Increase September 4

On August 3, the FCC announced via a Final Rule in the *Federal Register* that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from \$14.20 to \$15. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 4, 2012, the first day the new fee is in effect. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term **big snip >8**

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

ARLB021 Summer Section Manager Election Results Announced

Two Section Manager elections this summer were decided by member balloting: ARRL Connecticut Section Manager Betsey Doane K1EIC was re-elected to a new term, and John Mueller K2BT was elected as the new ARRL Western New York Section Manager. New terms of office start October 1, 2012. Ballots were counted at ARRL Headquarters on Tuesday, August 21.

Doane, of Shelton, received 493 votes. Her opponent -- Charles Motes Jr K1DFS of Plainville, received 214 votes. Doane has served as Connecticut Section Manager since December 1991. In 2012, she received the 2012 George Hart Distinguished Service Award and the EmComm Mentor of the Year Award.

In Western New York, John Mueller K2BT of Falconer was elected to his first term as Section Manager, with 416 votes. Incumbent Western New York Section Manager Steve Ryan N2ITF of Ashville received 361 votes. Mueller has been club president of the Chautauqua County Amateur FM Association, and he has served as an Emergency Coordinator, Instructor and Volunteer Examiner.

Puerto Rico will get a new Section Manager starting October 1: Rene Fonseca NP3O of Fajardo will take over from Roberto Jiminez KP4AC, who has served as Section Manager since 2007. Jiminez decided not to run for another term of office.

The following incumbent ARRL Section Managers did not face opposition and were declared elected for their next two-year terms of office, beginning October 1, 2012: Ed Stuckey AI7H, Idaho; Skip Jackson KS0J, Minnesota; Lynn Nelson W0ND, North Dakota; **Frank Piper KI8GW**, Ohio; Kevin O'Dell N0IRW, Oklahoma; David Fowler K4DLF, Southern Florida; Fred Kleber K9VV, US Virgin Islands. Chris Stallkamp W0ADZ will start an 18 month term of office as South Dakota Section Manager.

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ARLB022 FCC Releases Congressionally Mandated Study on Amateur Radio

On August 20 -- in response to a Spring 2012 Congressional directive -- the Federal Communications Commission released its findings on the Uses and Capabilities of Amateur Radio Service Communications in Emergencies and Disaster Relief: Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 6414 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

This report contains the FCC's "review of the importance of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States; and recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio operators in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and recommendations for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in the planning and furtherance of initiatives of the federal government." It also required "that the study identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications and provide recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments." . **huge snip >8**

Read the complete FCC report on the web at,

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0820/DA-12-1342A1.pdf.

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The following operation is **approved for DXCC credit**: Solomon Island H44UD, 2012 operation. In *ARLD031 & 032 DX News* 8-2-12 & 8-9-12

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, the *OPDX Bulletin*, *425 DX News*, *The Daily DX*, DXNL, "Contest Corral" from *QST* and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all (as always).

From the OH Section website on Aug 28, ARRL DXCC Desk has concluded that the 1998 XU1A DXpedition to Cambodia **will be valid for DXCC credit**. If you had QSLs rejected for this operation, please send a request via e-mail to be placed on the list for update. If you remember the submission in which you included the QSL, *please note this in your e-mail*, as this info will aid your update.

DX Spots – September 2012 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5R8- Madagascar thru 9-3 - - - - - V55V-Mabiba thru 9-8
2 FR-Reunion thru 9-10 	3 LABOR DAY 	4	5 3B9-Mauritius thru 9-12 - - - - - NH8S-Swains Isl thru 9-18	6 KH0-Mariana thru 9-9 	7 E6M-Niue thru 9-21 	8
9	10	11	12 JW8DW- Svalbard thru 9-19  link is there	13 XP21- Greenland thru 9-17 	14 P49T-Aruba thru 9-21 	15
16	17	18 HB0- Liechtenstein thru 9-23 	19	20	21	22 KH6-Hawaii thru 10-6 
23	24 3D2C- Conway Reef thru 10-5	25	26 VP2V-Br Virgin Isl thru 10-1 - - - - - FR-Reunion thru 10-21	27	28	29
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Contests

September 2012

- 1-2 CO QSO Party; TN QSO Party; Russian RTTY WW; IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB; All Asia Contest, SSB; DARC 10 m Digital Corona Contest; AGCW Straight Key Party, CW; CWops CW Open
- 3 Labor Day Sprint, CW; OK1WC Memorial Contest
- 4 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW
- 7-9 SNS and NS Weekly Sprints, CW; QCWA Fall QSO Party, all modes; **Ohio State Parks on the Air**, all modes; AR QSO Party; WAE DX Contest, SSB; NA Sprint, CW; ARRL September VHF QSO Party, all modes; QRP ARCI VHF contest, all modes; 070 Club KA3X Memorial Sprint, digital; SKCC Straight Key Weekend Sprint
- 14 CWops Monthly Mini-CW Test
- 15-16 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest, all modes; Classic Exchange, CW; WA State Salmon Run, all modes; SC QSO Party, all modes; Feld-Hell Hell on Wheels Sprint, digital; CIS DX PSK Contest; Fall VHF Sprint, 144 MHz all modes; NA Sprint, SSB
- Classic Exchange, Phone; Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW
- 17 Run for the Bacon, CW; 144 MHz Fall VHF Sprint
- 20 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW
- 22-23 FOC QSO Party; BARTG Sprint 75, digital; Classic Exchange, SSB & AM
- 25 222 MHz Fall VHF Sprint
- 26 SKCC Straight Key Sprint; TX QSO Party, all modes; CQ WW RTTY Contest

Fall contest season may finally arrive. For more information see QST, CQ, or

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>

73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Some players are unable to make the **Oh-Ky-In Golf Outing** on Sunday, September 16, so I had to change the course. We will now play at a 9-hole course in Boone County called Meadowood. It's a course that's gotten a good bit of treatment in the past few years and seems to be getting popular in the area for a leisure-ly round.

We will play at 10AM, so if all of you can arrive by 9:45, that would be great. They gave me a fall dis-count for everyone of \$15 per person which includes the cart. There is a restaurant right in the clubhouse called "The Dugout", which has some excellent burgers, wings, etc. They also have 807s that flow from taps, hi hi.

The address of the course is 1911 Golf Club Drive in Burlington, KY.

If you're coming from the North: Travel South on 75 to exit 181 (Florence/Burlington). Drive approximately 4 miles on Burlington Pike until you pass Walgreens and Kroger on your left side. After you pass Walgreens and Kroger, turn right at the first light onto KY 237 or North Bend Road. The course is not even ¼ mile down on the right side. I look forward to seeing everyone and having a good time.

The current list of players:

Russ WB8ZCC	Nathan KA3MTT	Harry KM4CS	Tim KJ4HPG	Duffy WB8NUT
Brian KC8FJN	Eric N8YC	Lynn WD8JAW	Gerry KD8ASL	Larry KD8MX

73, *Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT*



Free Amateur Radio Licensing Classes will be held in Saint Bernard Ohio this fall.

Entry (Technician) and General Level classes begin October 25th.

Extra begins September 27th.

Classes end November 15th with testing taking place Saturday November 17th at 9am.

Morse code is no longer required for any Ham License!

All Classes are held in St. Bernard Centennial Hall (Below City Hall) 7-9pm, Thursday nights. Although classes are free, a current study guide will be required. Testing will be in the same location.

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society is sponsoring the classes. The Club meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Upper Hall of the St. Bernard Municipal Building at 7pm. Visitors are always welcome!

Questions? 513-347-6396 or email to classes@ohkyin.org

The Extra classes will use Gordon West WB6NOA material, Technician & General will use that from ARRL. All of these can certainly be picked up at

R&L Electronics,
1315 Maple Ave in
HAMILTON OH,
513=868-6399

(unpaid/free advertisement).

Please purchase yours a bit ahead of time, if you can, so you'll Be Ready when **your** desired class begins!

The **DX Sherlock web site** of real-time QSO maps has a new URL: www.dxmaps.com. (Thanks, Dave N7DB) in News, Publ Rel & Gen Interest, *ARRL Contest Update*, Aug 15, 2012 Ward Silver N0AX, Ed

from OH Section News from Aug 20, 2012

Nick Pittner K8NAP receives Allan Severson Memorial Award

His quiet work in the Ohio Statehouse the past several years gave Amateur Radio operators in the Ohio Section a new set of legislative tools focused on antennas. For that work, ARRL State Government Liaison

Nick Pittner K8NAP of Plain City was made the 19th recipient of the Allan Severson Memorial Award. The award was presented to Nick at the ARRL Ohio State Convention, held at the Columbus Hamfest on August 11.

The Allan Severson Memorial Award is bestowed on an amateur radio operator in the Ohio Section who has demonstrated a continuing dedication to the advancement of amateur radio and to the Ohio Section.

Usually one Ohio Section member is awarded per year and usually at the Ohio Section Conference in September.

The award was established in 1992 and named "Ohio Ham of the Year" until 1999. That year it was re-named after Allan, of Lakewood OH, who became a silent key in 1997. The award winners listed here are all hams who, like Allan Severson, have dedicated themselves to the advancement of the American Radio Relay League in Ohio.

Although Allan served the Section as Section Manager and went on to a distinguished career as Great Lakes Division Director on the ARRL National Board of Directors, the annual award announcement only mentions one sentence about him which is part of every memorial award, certificate. That sentence quickly

demonstrates the reason for the renaming of this award. "Allan's devotion to serve amateur radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section leadership."

NE OH newsletters dominate OH Section Newsletter Contest

During the ARRL Ohio State Convention, 3 Club Newsletters were given awards as the top winners of the OH Section Newsletter Contest. All 3 winners were from the Northeast part of the Section this year.

The winners were:

First Place – *The Radiogram* – Portage County Amateur Radio Service. Tom Parkinson KB8UUZ, Editor.

Second Place – *Feedback* – Massilon Amateur Radio Club, Gary Kline WC8W, Editor.

Third Place – *Zero Beat* – Alliance Amateur Radio Club, John Myers KD8MQ, Editor.

Congratulations to all three winners!

OH ARES notes

8< snip The Fldigi/NBEMS forum was packed!

I counted over 50 people. Many thanks to Harry W3YJ for making the trek from Pittsburgh to educate us on the wonderful world of Fldigi/NBEMS. If you had the misfortune of missing Harry's presentation, it's available for download from www.wpaares.org.

It's no secret we've been talking about a Statewide Digital HF Net since the ARES Leadership Conference back in March. So I am sure some of you are thinking, why does it take 6 months to get a net operational? Most of you know me by now, but my philosophy is *we either do it right or we don't do it all*. I am not in-terested in just slapping something together and hoping for the best. From here on out, we'll always be training and exercising with Fldigi/NBEMS, but I can say we're getting ready to exit the training phase of the plan and move into the operational phase. The major piece of this puzzle was to recruit a net manager.

It is my pleasure to announce Official Emergency Station and Preble Co AEC Gary Hollenbaugh NJ8BB as the Net Manager for the Statewide Digital HF Net. Gary has been given the "green light" to develop and implement this project as he deems fit. Some of you may recognize Gary's name, as he was the Dayton Hamvention® Ecomm Display Coordinator. Many thanks to Gary for accepting this awesome opportunity to make a difference in the Ohio Section.

We're getting there, ladies and gentlemen. We now have a net manager who will recruit volunteers, work on the net script, net schedule, and net control rotation. But as I have said many times before, this is all meaningless without you. This net will truly be for all volunteers to practice their skills and put their equipment on the air. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. snip >8

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

Plus! Please mark your calendars for the **all-OH ARES Conference**, Saturday, November 3 at Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg OH 43068

Calling all Emcomm Vehicles! Come show off your Go-Box! Plans are afoot to have VE Testing on-site!

This conference is open to all ARES volunteers! All participants must register online; Walk-ins are authorized but not recommended. Pls register at http://www.arrl-ohio.org/SEC/ares_conference.html

Updates available here too.

New EC-001 Field Instructors added to Section

Please welcome SEC Matt Welch W8DEC of Painesville and William Watson K8WEW of Beavercreek as new ARECC Field Instructors for the Introduction to Emergency Communications (EC-001) course.

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Notes from Section Traffic Manager

Another award, during the OH Single SideBandNet meeting at the ARRL Ohio State Convention was the **Garlock – K8BYR Memorial Merit Award**. This award is given once each year to a member of the OSSBN who has demonstrated commitment and support to the operation of the OSSBN and to traffic handling. This year's recipient was net control and liaison station Tony Baker KC8PZ. Tony is always

willing to step in and fulfill the NCS or liaison position when one is needed. An example of Tony's commitment to net operations and amateur radio was his notifying me of an audio problem and helping me clear a problem of RF on my audio. snip >8

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

Affiliated Club News

I enjoyed the State Convention and the Columbus Hamfest. It was good to get to meet and re-meet so many people. I truly look forward to this event again. It was especially nice to meet ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN. Kay pointed out in her talk the importance of the ARRL to amateur radio. She's right and I hope every club takes the message to heart. Ohio is fortunate to have so many affiliated clubs. I hope every club is supportive of the League and that you actively promote the League to their membership.

Also, in her presentation she stated "New engineers are beginning to see where RF and amateur radio fit into their skill sets." This hits home to me for many reasons. Ham radio is pertinent to our young people and to the future of our society. Think about how many times you have heard a variation on the phrase, "My kid knows everything about computers." Sorry to burst the bubble. Most kids today are fantastic at 'doing stuff' on a computer, but know very little about them. We need ways to introduce our children to science, math, technology and engineering. Our hobby is the perfect mix. There is a fine line between entertainment and education. Wise folks won't try to make a distinction between the two. Participating in ham radio combines both.

So how do we get kids involved? First we start close to home with our own kids and grandkids. How do we share our radio passion with our children?

Next make friends with a teacher, or scout leader, or youth minister. Demonstrate how much you enjoy operating your radio. Putting a microphone or key in hand or reaching an antenna to the sky will entertain.

Then come the questions. How does this work? Did you make this yourself? Taking the time to answer and to show and to 'Elmer', begins the education process.

Where do clubs come into play here? Clubs are breeding ground for ideas, support and expertise. I would like to challenge every club in Ohio to find a way to involve their kids to ham radio. Bring them to a meeting where you can build something with them. Take one net a month and help your children key up and introduce themselves. Take them to a hamfest. Buy them something. A key, or components to build something simple. I hope to read in your newsletters about all the fun and unique ways you helped introduce your kids and grandkids to radio.

When you get that far, then consider going to school with them someday, to help them share their new hobby with their classmates.

Come on folks, reach out. It won't just set our children up to be the engineers and scientists of the future; it will also begin a special bond that will last a lifetime.

Until next month, "get out of meeting mode!"

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

Public Information Coordinator Report

I wish could have attended the Ohio State Convention last week in Columbus. From what I have heard and read, it was **something**.

Congratulations to the winners of the Newsletter Competition. First Place went to *The Radiogram* (PCARS), second place went to *Feedback* (Massillon) and third place to *Zero Beat* (Alliance).

I have been watching the newsletters this year and have been impressed by the quality of the layout and articles. For your information, I recruited this year's judges from where I work, *The Vindicator* in

Youngstown. Each in their own way contributed to the judging by their own expertise in what they do here at *The Vindy*. The judges were very impressed with the entries. One judge said at first she was a little in-timidated by the technical content, but as she read on "it was quite interesting". Another judge said how

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impressed he was with the layout and the use of pictures, graphs and colors. The third judge commented on how most of the newsletters have embraced the electronic modes rather than print.

All of the entrants should be proud of your newsletters. You are all doing your readers and amateur radio a service. We all should remember that many more people than members of our clubs read these publications.

In conclusion, please thank the people in your clubs that contribute articles and put these publications together, as they do a lot in helping the image of Amateur Radio to our own members and the public.

Finally, thanks to Section Manager Frank Piper KI8GW and Assistant Section Manager Scott Yonally N8SY for your help, and thank you to all the entrants for your professionalism.

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

OH State Parks On The Air coming up in September

2012 will be the fifth year for OSPOTA. This fun contest could not succeed without your continued participation. We want to extend our gratitude to those HAMS that have been so loyal to our once unique contest.

I say "once unique" because several groups in other states have picked up the ball and are forming their own Parks On The Air events. Indiana already has one year under its belt for their contest and it is rumored that Arizona and Georgia are on the horizon.

This is very encouraging to the OSPOTA committee and those of us in PCARS who brainstormed this event into being.

As we have posted in previous years, the OSPOTA contest was conceived with three main goals in mind:

To promote public awareness of ham radio and Ohio's beautiful state parks system

To contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology

And to promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio operators.

Your participation has allowed these goals to be achieved. Now they spread to other groups of amateurs who believe that this is a fun event not only to take part in but to sponsor.

The Rules and other documents for OSPOTA 2012 have already been posted on the website

(<http://parks.portcars.org>). We are counting on everyone doing even better in 2012.

So until September 8, 2012 and on behalf of the OSPOTA Committee, 73!

Chuck Patellis W8PZ Chair, Ohio State Parks On The Air snip >8

From the Section Mgr's (extremely cluttered) Desk...

First, I want to thank the Alliance Amateur Radio Club for having me up for their August meeting on the 8th. It was a great afternoon/evening drive, and the reception I was given made the trip worthwhile!

Just to give you some insight on how the Section News is put together, it starts with begging and pleading the members of the Section Cabinet for articles around the first of the month. Then, about a week later, I will receive some REALLY GOOD articles. I read over the articles, look up the latest events and Hamfests, then it comes down to my portion of the news...and the cursor just sits and blinks at me, as if to say "Well, you called me here...what do you want?"

My inspiration this month comes from the Convention, and the articles that have been written by the Cabinet. Each person experienced the Convention in a different way, and in the end, I'm glad we made it happen this year. My Elder, Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, said to me that having a State Convention in Columbus was a dream he had always wished would come true. This one was for you, Dad!

So, what's next? Where do we go from here? 2012 has been a great year for the Ohio Section, with the passing of PRB-1 for Ohio, the State Convention, and an upcoming ARES Conference that is sure to be the fireworks finale of 2012 for the Section.

One of my favorite music groups is RUSH. They recently released a new album "Clockwork Angels". As I was listening to this album in the car, leaving the Convention last weekend, the song, "Caravan" was play-

ing. The main lyric just made a perfect moment for the future, "I can't stop thinking big..." And, I believe it was related to the Ohio Section, not my waist size!

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

Links from OH Section website to 2 stories, both in arrl.org/news ...

2012 ARRL Field Day Logs Posted (08/27/2012)

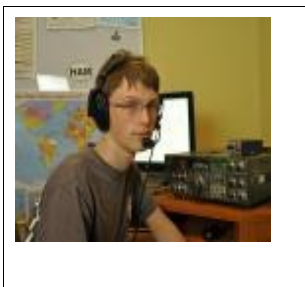
More than 2600 submissions have been received for the 2012 running of **ARRL Field Day**. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, this is yet great showing in the number of entries received for what is one of Amateur Radio's most popular on-the-air operating events. The combined list of Logs Received for Field Day has been **posted online**. The list includes all logs submitted via the www.b4h.net website, as well as those submitted via e-mail and US Mail.

Because Field Day is not a "Cabrillo-format" event, there is no automated robot for processing entries. When you go to the website to look to see that your submission was received, look near the bottom of the page under "Other Reports." Click on the link to open the PDF for the 2012 listings. If you find your listing is missing, please contact Henderson via **e-mail** or by phone 860-594-0200. If you find a typographical error in your listing -- or if your log is marked as a "Checklog" -- please contact Kathy Allison, KA1RWY, via **e-mail**. Logs marked as "Checklog" indicate that required necessary information is missing that is needed to properly process your entry. All problems must be resolved by Friday, August 31.

Henderson explained that the current list only shows general categories; the various sub-categories are added when the data is merged into the master database. Claimed scores or bonuses are also not included, as these are not publicized until the results are officially released. The results from the 2012 ARRL Field Day will be posted online on or around November 1, as well as in the December issue of *QST*. The 2013 ARRL Field Day is scheduled for June 22-23.

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North Carolina Teen Named Recipient of ARRL's 2011 Hiram Percy Maxim Award



Derek Brown W4DTB of Chapel Hill NC was named the recipient of the 2011 Hiram Percy Maxim Award. Brown, 14, has been licensed since 2010 and holds an Amateur Extra class license.

Derek first became interested in Amateur Radio after reading an article in *Make Magazine*. "After I read the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, I went to the local club, the Orange County Radio Amateurs ([NCO CRA](http://www.ncocra.org)) to take my Technician test," he told the ARRL. "That same evening, I met my Elmer, Bruce Meier N1LN, who inspired me to finish the next two tests. He helped me build a station that included my first radio that I bought at a swap meet. With his help, I put up a vertical antenna in my back yard. Unfortunately, a tree knocked down the antenna about two weeks ago and broke the mounting

bracket, so I'll be offline until after we get the replacement parts."

Meier recalled meeting Derek when he first came in to take his Technician exam in September 2010: "Derek had just turned 14. He had discovered Amateur Radio and was starting to get involved. His interest quickly grew, and by November 2010, he had his General ticket and then in March 2011, his Extra. In February 2011, Derek and his father went to a hamfest and found his first rig. Since Derek lives in an antenna-restricted area, he started to research different stealth antennas. As he wanted to start to work on his WAS, DXCC and WAC awards, and potentially get in involved in contesting (he got exposed to contesting at my QTH), he wanted something beyond stealth. So because of the woods behind his house, he was able to put up a vertical antenna and not bother any of the neighbors. He was now on the air."

Meier told the ARRL that Derek started out with SSB, but because of his skills in computers and computer programming, he became interested in the digital modes. "Derek modified his radio (by himself) and interfaced

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an interface board to enable the necessary control signals, wired up a home brew soundcard interface and was then able to operate digital modes,” Meier explained. “He now operates PSK 31, RTTY, PSK 63, Olivia 250, JT35 and even SSTV. Not bad for a 14 year old!” Derek is working on his CW skills, and recently earned his DXCC Award and only needs Vermont to complete his Worked All States Award. He also enjoys operating on the satellite modes, as well as developing software for his local HSMM Mesh.

Meier said that Derek competed with him and his team of operators in the 2011 CQ WW SSB contest. “We operated as a Multi/Two entry and were fortunate to place first in North America,” he said. “Derek has also operated from his own home in CQ WPX SSB Contest, The ARRL Rookie Roundup and several other contests.”

Derek is also involved in Public Service activities. Meier’s wife, Laurie Meier N1YXU was ARES Emergency Coordinator for Orange County NC (she and Bruce are now Assistant ECs). Through them, Derek became interested in public service activities and started to take the various ICS courses. He has now taken and passed ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 and IS-3. Meier said that Derek is ready to help with both ARES drills, Public Service events and ARES activations.

Derek is an active member of NCO CRA and his local ARES® group. He has worked with the club’s public relations officer to revamp the club’s website. He is the founder of the Youth Amateur Radio Club of America (YARCA), which aims to further youth in Amateur Radio; one of YARCA’s initial target audiences is Scout troops. The site includes license test training and a Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge Workshop. Derek said he is currently planning for YARCA to hold a Badge Day for local Boy and Cub Scouts. He is also an ARRL Public Information Officer (PIO). When not on the radio, Derek spends time as a Computer Science intern, where he is creating computer programs in a variety of languages. He is also a Lincoln-Douglas debater and will travel to tournaments across the country this year. He will enter his freshman year at Durham Academy in Durham NC this fall.

The [Hiram Percy Maxim Award](#) is given to an ARRL member under the age of 18. It is intended to provide a tangible reward to those deserving young amateurs who contribute their time, skills and energies daily through their commitment to Amateur Radio. As models for their peers, and inspirations to us all, these fine young people are highly visible boosters of Amateur Radio awareness. The ARRL continues to recognize and encourage their hard work and contributions at every opportunity.

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Hamfests &c.

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15 Richmond KY Hamfest at Madison Co Fairgrounds, 3237 Old KY Rte 52, sponsored by Central KY ARS. 8AM-3PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, tailgating, VE sessions at 1PM (not ARRL but there's a fee, ~\$14). Talk-in: 145.37 (192.8 Hz). \$6. Info: Mike Rogers KE4ISW, 859=624-9156, ke4isw@arrl.net, www.qsl.net/ckars/hamfest

16 Cincinnati Hamfest at Diamond Oaks Career Development Ctr, 6375 Harrison Ave (exit 11 off I-74, Harrison-Rybolt Rds). 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE sessions 9AM (walk-ins OK, pre-registr appreciated); also hidden transmitter hunt, directions & xmtr cards at 10:45AM. Talk-in: 145.27, 146.88 (both 123 Hz). \$6. General info: Stan Cohen W8QDQ, 513=531-1011, hokie49@zoomtown.com; inside vendors/fleas info: Tom Denham K8VOE, 513=779-3951, tdenham@fuse.net, www.gcara.org

23 Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show at Cuyahoga Co Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Rd, Berea OH sponsored by Hamfest Assn of Cleveland. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE sessions 2PM sharp at Berea Public Library, 7 Berea Commons (\$15, ARRL exams, walk-ins welcome). Talk-in: 146.73 (110.9 Hz). \$6. Info: Glenn Williams AF8C, 800=CLE-FEST, info-list@hac.org, www.hac.org

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

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

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

2d Thu each month except March & December: Milford OH, sponsored by Milford ARC at Faith Church, 5910 Price Rd. Register 6 PM. Walk-ins OK. No exam fees at Milford; they use Laurel. Info: Barb Steward KA8AXY, 513=625-8651, <blzsteward@yahoo.com>

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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What's coming in September 2012

Wed Aug 29 Sep *Q5r* distrib begins

9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Rick KD4PYR



Mon Sep 3

Labor Day

Tue Sep 4 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: Citizens On Patrol

Wed Sep 5 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q

Fri Sep 7 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

Sat Sep 8 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
1:00 PM Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch at Walt's Barbeque, 6040 Colerain Avenue, 45239 (White Oak)



Tue Sep 11

Patriots' Day

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

Wed Sep 12 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI

Wed Sep 19 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA

Fri Sep 21 8:00 PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston

Tue Sep 25 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, location TBD, Oct *Q5r* distrib begins

Wed Sep 26 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8JFN

Thu Sep 27 7:00 PM Extra license classes begin, Centennial Rm downstairs from City Hall, 110 E
Washington, St Bernard

Tue Oct 2 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard
Program: TBD

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2012 OH QSO Party Aug 25

Although it was a casual affair, a number of the OH-KY-IN faithful managed to acquit K8SCH rather well, with over 200 QSOs on 80m, 40m and 20m, which included 47 of the 88 Ohio counties and real DX as far away as Kazakhstan and Thailand.

It was a fun affair and a LONG 12 hours (okay, it was more like 9 hours) for the few folks we had behind the mike and keyboards.

BTW, I the WebGeezer am accepting appropriate suggestions for the QSO Party pix, all are on website.

73 *Russ WB8ZCC*

