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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 ALWAYS welcome!

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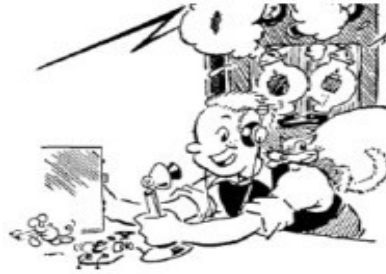
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## Where is spring????

As I write this we are “celebrating” the first day of spring, with flurries! However, we can all rest assured that spring is not far away.

Our March meeting was subject to a last minute cancellation, due to an incoming snowstorm. After much discussion, it was decided to err on the side of caution and cancel rather than have someone in an accident due to the weather. Fred K9OHE had a great program lined up, to build an antenna. This will be rescheduled in the near future.

If you are interested in digital modes, or even a little curious, our April meeting will be the place for you to be. Duffy WB8NUT will give us a great update on digital operating. Duffy has a wealth of knowledge on this facet of the hobby. You don't want to miss this meeting.

Lots of things are happening in the club. Want to be up to date? Check our webpage, it always contains the most current activities. Also, if you have any information of personal interest to share, including photos, please send them to the Webgeezer. He's always looking for fresh content!

I hope to see everyone at the April meeting. Until then, please stay warm. I hope to chat with you on one of the Club's repeaters!

*73 Gazy KB8MYC*

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## Next meeting, Tuesday, April 2, 7:30PM

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. Please enter through the doors that face the high school on Washington. For more information, please click [HERE](#). (in PDF copies only pls).

Our April meeting program features member Duffy Beischel WB8NUT, who'll tell us more than we may wish to know about digital radio modes (PSK, CW, MFSK, D-Star and more). This is an ever-changing and interesting area of technology, particularly in digital voice. Duffy's website, [wb8nut.com](http://wb8nut.com), has been recognized by ARRL "Surfin'" columnist Stan Horzempa WA1LOU as "[excellence in websiting](#)" regarding the digital modes.

We hope to see everyone there!

*73 Russ WB8ZCC*

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**Minutes of March 5, 2013 members' meeting** None. Meeting cancelled due to threat of heavy snow.

## Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 2013

The Board of Directors of OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society met on Tuesday evening, February 25, 2013. All members were present. One other Society member attended.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Coffey at 7:11 PM.

The Minutes of the January 22, 2013, meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

There are 82 members who have renewed or joined the Society for 2013. Many used PayPal. There was discussion of sending postcards or otherwise notifying members who had not renewed that renewals are now due. It was decided to use the 2011 and 2012 membership list as the basis of this action. It was decided to do this in-house because the Post Office no longer offers a post card service and alternate services are very expensive. 2012 members who have not renewed will be sent an email. 2011 members who have not renewed will receive a post card.

Fred Schneider presented corrected Treasurer Reports for November and December of 2012 and the Treasurer's Report for 2013. These will be presented at the March members' meeting.

Russ Hines gave the Technical Committee report. The Committee met the evening of Tuesday February 19 at LaRosa's in Clifton. The Committee plans to place the ARCOM repeater controller in service at the .67 site during March. The phone line will be terminated at the .925 site. The phone line to the .67 site was down for most of a week earlier this month and Cincinnati Bell [unnecessarily] had to send multiple crews before it was restored. Alternate ways to control and access .67 repeater will be explored, but may not be feasible. An effort to re-coordinate the UHF repeater will commence. There was a brief update on possible relocation of the .925 repeater; much is still up in the air. The Committee now plans to meet regularly on the third Tuesday of the month.

The program for the March members' meeting is a VHF/UHF portable antenna building workshop. Fred Schneider discussed the workshop plans. It was agreed that the club would fund the project and suggest that a \$5.00 donation be made by each builder to help offset the cost. It was moved and seconded that the Club reimburse Fred up to \$100 for supplies for the workshop.

There was also some discussion of future meeting programs, with several possibilities and suggestions. The June program will be about Field Day.

Old Business:

Jerry Schipp reported about progress toward a net to assist the Board of Health in emergencies. One net was held during February and a meeting of concerned persons will be held Friday, March 1. There is a need for more members to participate so that grant applications can be submitted for equipment needed to run this program can be purchased. Jerry reported on progress working with a Boy Scout group. 12 persons are very interested - 8 Scouts and 4 adult leaders, including one with a General Class license who has never operated. It is likely that a Technician License class will be held for this group yet this Spring.

Jerry continued: The St. Bernard Festival will be held Saturday May 11, one week before the Dayton Ham-Venture. There was brief discussion. A station should be set up and operated. More to come.

Jerry also reported that Blue Ash may not put on Red, White and Blue Ash this year due to a serious cutback in summer programming. Again, more to come.

Russ reported that some changes had been made to the membership section on the club website.

New Business:

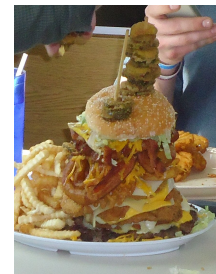
Gary reported that the Club Presidents' group had some discussion of a joint club hamfest, with GCARA stopping their hamfest. More discussion is needed.

Gary asked that the club purchase an LCD projector for use at club meetings and other events. There was

considerable discussion of specifications, cost, etc. It was moved and seconded that a suitable LCD video projector be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$425 plus the cost of shipping. The motion passed. Jerry presented a receipt for \$21.12 for books for the Scout project. There was a motion and second to repay Jerry this amount. The motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, which passed by acclamation. Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider K9O9LE* Secretary



Below is Sunnyside Grill's WTF Burger, at \$22 including the French fries



The Brunch Bunch on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Sunnyside Grill on Wesselman Rd.




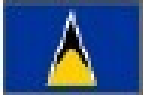



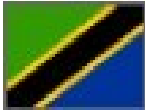

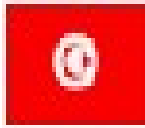

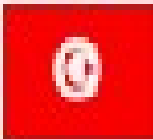
The next **Brunch Bunch** will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM at City Barbeque in Bridgetown. City Barbeque is located at 6475 Glenway Avenue, 45211, about midway between Bridgetown and Lawrence Roads. City Barbeque has their menu as well as a map at: [www.citybbq.com](http://www.citybbq.com). Hope to see you on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The warm weather has to be here by then!! I'm always looking for suggestions or recommendations on what restaurant we should visit next or into the future.  
73, ..... *Bzuce N8BV*

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

Over 3-16&17 the **Voice of America (VOA) Radiogram** program conducted a digital test sending streams of text (and one image), inviting listeners to submit reception reports. According to *Radiogram* host Kim Andrew Elliot KD9XB, response from amateur and SWL communities was impressive with reception reports from 16 countries & many US States. Thanks to successful test, *Radiogram* has now officially debuted as a regular VOA program with continuing digital transmission experiments. *Radiogram* airs:

Sat 1600-1630 UTC@17860 kHz, Sun 0230-0300 UTC@5745 kHz, Sun 1300-1330 UTC@6095 kHz, Sun 1930-2000 UTC@15670 kHz. Reception reports welcome at [radiogram@voanews.com](mailto:radiogram@voanews.com). More information is available at the [Radiogram website](http://Radiogram website), [www.voaradiogram.net](http://www.voaradiogram.net) -- ARRL, 3-21-2013 by permission, edited!

## DX Spots on the Air – April 2013 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<p>1 ES1DXX-South Cook Isl thru 4-13</p> 	2	<p>3 <a href="#">V63XG-Micronesia thru 4-11</a></p> 	<p>4 <a href="#">TK-Corsica thru 4-18</a> - - - - <a href="#">5W0M-Samoa thru 4-18</a></p>	<p>5 J6-St Lucia thru 4-16</p> 	<p>6 V31-Belize thru 4-12 - - - - FR-Reunion thru 4-29</p>	
<p>7 <a href="#">5H3MB-Tanzania thru 5-8</a></p> 	<p>8 <a href="#">PJ4-Bonaire thru 4-20</a></p>	9	<p>10 VK9LT-Lord Howe Isl thru 4-15</p> 	11	12	13	
14	<p>15 V63- Micronesia thru 4-20</p> 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Following operations approved for DXCC Credit:</b>            4S7DXG, Sri Lanka, only operations in 2008 &amp; 2011;            8Q7VR, Maldives, only operations in 2008 &amp; 2011; in <i>ARLD009</i>, 2-28-13; Rwanda, 9X0ZM, 2013 operation in <i>ARLD012</i>, 3-28-13</p> </div>				<p>20 5H1DX-Tanzania thru 4-28</p> 	
21	<p>22 <a href="#">JD1BMH-Ogasawara thru 5-4</a></p> 	<p>23 8Q7KP-Maldives thru 4-30 - - - - ZK3N-Tokelau thru 5-8</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Bulletins are made possible with information provided by NC1L, <i>The Weekly DX</i>, the <i>OPDX Bulletin</i>, <i>425 DX News</i>, <i>The Daily DX</i>, DXNL, Contest Corral from <i>QST</i> &amp; the ARRL Contest Calendar &amp; WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all. DX info reprinted by permission of American Radio Relay League.</p> </div>			26	<p>27 TS8IT-Tunisia thru 5-4</p> 
<p>28 <a href="#">JD1BLY-Ogasawara thru 5-4</a></p> 	<p>29 <a href="#">TS8TI-Tunisia thru 5-6</a></p> 	30					



## Contests

April 2013

- 1 VHF Spring Sprints, all mode; Low Power Spring Sprints, CW  
*What, no April Fools Contest? -Ye Ed*
- 2 ARS Spartan sprint, CW
- 5-6 MO QSO Party; OK1WC Memorial Contest; Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party; NS Weekly Sprints; PODXS 31 Flavors Contest; SP DX contest, SSB & CW; EA RTTY Contest; LZ Open 40 m Contest, CW; QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party, CW; Low Power Spring Sprints
- 10 CW Ops Monthly Mini-CWT Test; NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint
- 13-15 MT QSO Party; WW EME contest; JA International DX Contest, CWne; Run for the Bacon; GA QSO Party; NM QSO Party; EU Spring Sprints, CW & SSB; Yuri Gagarin DX Contest, CW; International Vintage Contest, Phone & CW (incl. AM surely!); VHF Spring Sprints
- 19-21 TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix contest; MI QSO Party; SD QSO Party; ND QSO Party; NE QSO Party; ONT QSO Party; EU Spring Sprints, Phone; ARRL Rookie Roundup; YU DX Contest, CW; Holyland Contest, all modes; ES Open Championship; EA QRP contest; Feld Hell New Member Sprints; ES Open HF Championship
- 24 VHF Spring Sprints
- 27-29 10-10 Spring Digital Contest; QRP to the Field, CW; Helvetia Contest; SP DX RTTY Contest; FL QSO Party; BARTG 75 Sprint

April showers bring **contests!** For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)  
73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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from *ARRL Contest Update* 3-13-13

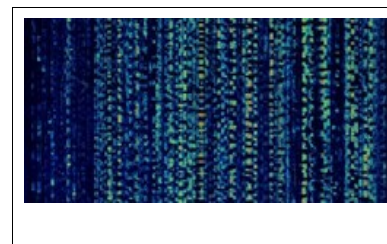
**Hamfests:** The famed Friedrichshafen hamfest, properly known as the "Ham Radio 2013 Convention" will take place from Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30. Join 15,000 other visitors from around the world in this second largest of all ham radio gatherings!

**PR & General Interest:** "My old man's a radio 'am" - no, it's not Herman's Hermits with a remake of "Henry the Eighth" but a brand-new original song about GJ2A's ham radio adventures. (Thanks, Tim K3LR)  
<https://soundcloud.com/steveontherock/radio-ham-song> Old version seems to require Facebook to gain access; \$ for new version after 14day free trial

### Sights&Sounds

In memory of Gene Zimmerman W3ZZ, the Delmarva VHF and Microwave Society (DVMS), K8GP and the Grid Pirates Contest Group (GPCG) are republishing a webinar given by Gene on VHF Contesting - "What To Do and How To Win". The presentation, originally given in 2010, is about 90 minutes long and covers station siting, station design, station integration, winning strategies, digital modes and the ideal stations. (Thanks, Chuck W4XP)  
<http://www.k8gp.net/>

If you wondered why you couldn't find even a smidgen of a clear frequency during the ARRL DX Phone contest, this waterfall display of the band captured by Bryce KB1LQC tells the story. **Way** taller in article. *CQ* contest!



## Hamfests&c. April 2013

**6** Elizabethtown KY Hamfest sponsored by Lincoln Trail ARC at Elizabethtown Community College Campus, 630 College St Rd. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, ARRL VE exams: register 9:30AM, exams 10AM. Talk-in: 146.98 (no PL!). \$5 advance, \$6 door. Info: David Gregory K4DCG, 270=872-7634, [david.gregory@gmx.com](mailto:david.gregory@gmx.com), [www.qsl.net/ltarc/](http://www.qsl.net/ltarc/)

**13** 30<sup>th</sup> Columbus IN Hamfest sponsored by Columbus ARC at Bartholomew Co Fairgrounds Community Bldg, 750 W County Road 200S. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, ARRL VE exams. Talk-in: 146.79 -600 kHz (PL 100). Advance \$4.50, door \$5. Info: Matt Bruner KC9BWO, 812=375-4860, [kc9bwo@att.net](mailto:kc9bwo@att.net), <http://www.carcnet.org>

59<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuyahoga Falls OH Hamfest sponsored by Cuyahoga Falls ARC at Emidio & Sons Party Ctr, 48 E Bath Rd. 8AM-1PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments. Talk-in: 147.27. \$6. Info: Ted Sarah W8TTS, 330=688-2013, [w8tts@w8tts.com](mailto:w8tts@w8tts.com), [www.cfarc.org/ham,fest2013.html](http://www.cfarc.org/ham,fest2013.html)

**20** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual North Central Indiana Hamfest co-sponsored by Cass Co, Miami Co, Grant Co & Kokomo ARCs at Miami Co 4-H Fairgrounds, 1029 W 200 N, Peru. 7AM-1PM. Dealers, fleas, free parking, handicapped access & parking, likely refreshments, ARRL VE exams 8-10AM (free admission if you get your license or upgrade here). Talk-in: 147.35+. \$5, 17 & under free. Info: Steve Shepler WA9RVM, 765=661-5260, [shepler1@gmail.com](mailto:shepler1@gmail.com), <http://nci-hamfest.net>

Jackson OH Hamfest sponsored by Jackson Co ARC at OSU Extension Facility, 17 Sandpipe Rd. 9AM-1PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, ARRL VE exams. Talk-in: 146.79 (167.9 Hz). \$5. Info: Sid Grant W8SFC, 614=354-9477, [ggrant5@roadrunner.com](mailto:ggrant5@roadrunner.com)

**28** Athens OH Hamfest sponsored by Athens Co ARA at Athens Community Ctr, 701 E State St. 8AM-1PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, ARRL VE exams (register 9:30, exams 10). Talk-in: 145.15. \$5. Info: William McFadden WD8RIF, 740=593-7176, [wd8rif@arrl.net](mailto:wd8rif@arrl.net), [ac-ara.org/](http://ac-ara.org/)

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## VE exam opportunities

**1st Sat each month:** Cincinnati-Hartwell OH at Hartwell Presbyterian Church. Register 8:30 AM; walk-ins only! ARRL exams, so fee's payable. All license classes. Info: Dale Pritchett KC8HJL, 513=769-0789, [kc8hjl@arrl.net](mailto:kc8hjl@arrl.net)

**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; precedes regular club meeting. No exam fee; Milford uses Laurel. Info: Barb Steward KA8AXY, 513=625-8651, [blzsteward@yahoo.com](mailto:blzsteward@yahoo.com)

**Sun April 21 2013**, 6PM at Beavercreek OH Fire Station #61, 2195 Dayton Xenia Road . Near corner of Dayton -Xenia Rd & Orchard Ln, up the hill from Site Gas Station on US Route 35 between Dayton and Xenia. These tests sponsored by Laurel VEC & are free. Walk-ins welcome. Please see requirements for all exams below (Parents can vouch for their children without a picture ID). If you have queries or special needs *i.e.* large print, test to be read to you, please email Jim Bishop N8GTE <[bish.sr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bish.sr@sbcglobal.net)>, Fred Stone W8LLY <[w8lly\(@\)arrl.net](mailto:w8lly(@)arrl.net)> or Dave Crawford KF4KWW <[kf4kww@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kf4kww@sbcglobal.net)>

In all cases, tests require 2 IDs (preferably at least one with photo). Bring with you the original, as well as photocopies, of current licence & CSCEs, pen & at least 1 pencil. \$15 remains ARRL/VEC exam fee for 2013 where applicable; exact change, check or money order appreciated.

If you are applying for your *very first* licence, please go to <https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do> to obtain an FRN (Federal Registration Number). This website is self-explanatory & the FRN is free.

**Also please see Hamfests&c for VE exam opportunities**

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## Ohio Section News for March 21, 2013

In this issue: space limits require omissions. Please read it **all** at <http://www.arrl-ohio.org>

- Youth&EdOutreachPgUpdate - Ohio ARES Updates
- Duck,Duck,Goose:AreYouReadyForSevereWeather? - Affiliated Club News ( pls go to website)
- Youth&EdOutreach- Amazing5-YearOld,&LessonForAllOfUs
- Public Information Coordinator Notes ( pls go to website) - Inside the Web ( pls go to website)
- News from the Technical Coordinator ( pls go to website) - Out and About in Southeast Ohio (webst)
- Central Ohio Happenings ( pls go to website) - Special Event Stations in Ohio (webst)
- Ohio Hamfest Calendar (see Hamfests&c pg 8 pls) - From the Desk of the Section Manager

### Youth & Educational Program Outreach Update

The Youth and Educational Outreach program I spoke of last month, and at many of the Hamfests, is beginning to take shape. We began interviews of potential candidates, and should have the interviews wrapped up next week. Once the appointments are made, I will announce the new cabinet members via this e-mail reflector, the Ohio Section Website, and the Ohio Section Facebook page.

73, *Frank Pipez KJ8GW* ARRL Section Manager – Ohio [ki8gw@arrl.org](mailto:ki8gw@arrl.org)

### Ohio ARES Updates (as compiled from Matt Welch W8DEC's "Ohio SEC Notes & Stuff")

The Ohio Section website has a listing of Ohio Counties and the known ARES and local nets within those counties. The webpage address is rather long so I placed it in this LINK. When you go to the page, just click on any county you want and the information provided will be listed. Keep in mind this information is only as accurate as the person who provided it. So if you have any additions or corrections, please notify ASM Scott Yonally at [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com). Also, I have gone to this webpage using Firefox version 19.0 and the links to the counties do not come up on any of my computers. But when I use Internet Explorer 8, the links work just fine. I do not have Google Chrome on any of my PCs so I am not sure if the links will work or not.

Speaking of ARES websites...Mahoning County ARES just got a brand new website. Looks nice, good job! Check it out! <http://www.mahoning-ares.org/>

I am finding that many ARES volunteers own the Wouxun KGUV3D2/440 2M/440 HT or a variation thereof. I own one too. I also know many who own the TYT, Baofeng, and Quansheng radios. I do not own any of them and somewhat unfamiliar with them, so I will not discuss them here. If someone would like to write up a paragraph or two describing their experience, I am more than happy to add them in my weekly *Ohio SEC Notes & Stuff*. Those of us who own the radio know there is a "learning curve" to it. Meaning, it takes a bit of getting used to, compared to the Yaesu, Icom, Kenwood, and Alinco transceivers.

However, since I've owned the radio, I have learned a few tips and tricks and would like to share them with you. First, we all know the manual looks like it had been run through an English translator. There's no doubt some of the manual information looks "lost in translation". What I have found is [www.powerwerx.com](http://www.powerwerx.com) has a free quick start reference guide for the KGUV3D2/440. Here is the link:

(<http://www.powerwerx.com/download/PowerwerxQuickStartReferenceSheet.pdf>)

It's nice because it provides you step by step instructions. Of course, you can always buy one of those Nifty Quick Reference cards for the radio as well.

Training. A good amateur radio operator should know how to operate their transceiver. Becoming familiar with the radio is a no-brainer but programming frequencies on the fly takes time and effort. If you are not proficient in operating your equipment, I encourage volunteers to break out the manual or Nifty Quick Reference manual and learn your transceiver. I encourage volunteers to operate the transceiver for different

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nets like traffic nets, ARES nets, club nets, and even ragchew nets. While it may not seem like it, I can assure you these activities will help you become or stay an effective and efficient operator.

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**Duck, Duck, Goose ...are you ready for severe weather?**

Duck, Duck, Goose is a traditional children's game often first learned in pre-school or kindergarten then later adapted on the playground for early elementary students. The object of this game is to walk in a circle, tapping on each child's head until one is finally chosen to be the new goose. The "goose" then rises and chases and tries to tag the "picker", while the "picker" tries to return to and sit where the "goose" had been sitting. If the picker succeeds, the "goose" is now the new picker and the process begins again.

DUCK is the watchword when storms loom. The National Weather Service uses the acronym to remind children and adults alike that there are key safety rules during severe storms--especially those that might lead to tornadoes. "These simple phrases can be a quick reminder for anyone of their safety plan during the chaos of a storm," said Knapp, who directs the Kansas Weather Data Library, based at Kansas State University.

According to Kansas State Climatologist Mary Knapp, the acronym DUCK stands for:

--**Down** to the lowest level; --**Under** something sturdy; --**Cover** your head; and  
--**Keep** in the shelter until the storm has passed.

When we talk about tornadoes we often think of tornado alley out in Oklahoma or Kansas. However the Columbus Dispatch Ohio Tornado Database contains reports of over 1,000 tornadoes that have touched down in Ohio between 1950 and 2012. According to the database 51 tornado reports were found in the year 2010, 38 tornado reports were found in the year 2011 and 11 tornado reports were found in the year 2012. You can view a map of where the tornado first touched ground and view a report of the size and duration of the tornado on the Columbus Dispatch Ohio Tornado Database at their website

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/pages/data/weather/tornado.html>

You can search the database by county, year or Fujita scale magnitude. You can also view the 10 closest tornadoes to any address, city or ZIP code. Additional information and safety tips are available on the National Weather Service and Federal Emergency Management Agency websites: [www.NWS.gov](http://www.NWS.gov) and [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov). snip 8<...

Peak tornado season in Ohio is generally April through July, and they usually occur between 2PM and 10PM. Tornadoes have happened in Ohio in the months of January and December so it is apparent that they can happen at any time of the year in Ohio.

The Enhanced Fujita Scale is a set of wind estimates (not measurements) based on damage. It uses three-second gusts estimated at the point of damage based on a judgment of eight levels of damage.

Enhanced Fujita Scale OPERATIONAL EF SCALE EF # = 3-Second Gust (MPH)

0 = 65-85 1 = 86-110 2 = 111-135 3 = 136-165 4 = 166-200 5 = Over 200

Tornado Loss Prevention Tips

Of utmost importance is the prevention of loss of life. Follow the DUCK rules above and take shelter before a tornado strikes.

The following steps are suggestions that homeowners should take before a tornado or other natural disaster occurs to assure speedy and hassle-free recovery.

The Insurance Information Institute has a web tool that makes conducting a home inventory a breeze. Now you can catalog your possessions online, room by room. Once completed, you can add items and photos. Maintaining a comprehensive inventory will come in handy, should you need to file a claim or reevaluate the amount of insurance you carry. It's good for renters too. Visit <http://www.knowyourstuff.org> to start.

Home Coverage and Preparedness Tips

Tornado losses are most often covered by the "windstorm peril" under the homeowner's insurance policy.

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Check with your homeowner insurance agency to assure adequate coverage is provided by the policy. Notify the insurance agency of any additions or improvements to the home. Consider purchasing the replacement cost coverage endorsement for the home and its contents. It would give the option to rebuild or replace damaged property at current costs rather than depreciated values. If you experience a storm-related loss to your home that is covered by your insurance, notify your insurer in a timely manner, as required by your policy.

A Home Inventory will assist you in settling your claim. You should videotape, photograph or compile a written inventory of your home and belongings. Keep the inventory off premises in a bank safe deposit box or other secure location. The inventory will provide a record for you and the insurance company, should a loss occur. Update your inventory every time you move or every two to three years.

When doing a written inventory go through each room of the home and list every item. Include the purchase date, price and model numbers. You should include professional, written appraisals of antiques, jewelry and other costly possessions. If you need a sample of a personal property inventory form visit here:

[http://www.ohioinsurance.org/renters\\_insurance/images/inventory.pdf](http://www.ohioinsurance.org/renters_insurance/images/inventory.pdf)

When doing a video or photo inventory pan the camera around the room to capture all items. Obtain close-ups of expensive items such as jewelry, china and furs and consider grouping items together for easier inventory. Narrate the video by noting purchase costs and dates. Include model and serial numbers for appliances and electronic devices. If there is threatening weather, shelter your vehicles to prevent damage from winds, flying debris and hail. Vehicles are protected under the "other than collision" (comprehensive) portion of an auto insurance policy, if damaged by windstorms or hail.

After the loss, photograph any damage and inventory losses. Photos will assist when settling claims. Secure property from further damage or theft and save related receipts, since many insurers will reimburse for these expenses. If required to seek temporary housing due to a covered loss such as a tornado, check your policy for "loss of use" coverage. Many policies cover such expenses up to a stated amount.

And above all keep your Skywarn training current! When storms approach keep your eyes to the sky and be prepared to DUCK and take immediate action for your safety.

Skywarn Spotter training should be announced for your area. In the meantime, make use of these online courses and the two PDF files on the [www.nyc-skywarn.org](http://www.nyc-skywarn.org) webpage.

Online courses & modules from MetEd:

Skywarn Spotter Convective Basics: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_module.php?id=816](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_module.php?id=816)

Skywarn Spotter Training: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_course.php?id=23](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23)

Role of the Skywarn Spotter: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_module.php?id=817](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_module.php?id=817)

Squall Lines & Bow Echoes: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_module.php?id=18](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_module.php?id=18)

Summer Severe Weather: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_course.php?id=2](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=2)

Winter Weather: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_course.php?id=6](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=6)

Tsunami: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_course.php?id=38](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=38)

Hazardous Weather/Community Risk: [https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_module.php?id=890](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_module.php?id=890)

Additional websites of interest: <http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/TornadoFacts.aspx>

<http://www.disastercenter.com/ohio/tornado.html>, <http://skywarn.org/>

<http://skywarn.org/local-skywarn-groups/ohio/>

73, *David Maynard WA3EZN* Ohio Section Traffic Manager [wa3ezn@arrl.net](mailto:wa3ezn@arrl.net)

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**Youth & Educational Outreach – Amazing 5-Year Old, & Lesson For All Of Us**

"Grandpa, will you play with me?" A simple question that should have only one correct answer. "Okay, I'd

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love to play with you."

More than anything our kids want to spend time with us. How that time is spent is up to us. It really doesn't matter if it's reading or coloring or walking or fishing or playing. Time is our most precious and important resource. How often have we said, "They grow up too fast." So, let's take the time to spend time with our kids and grandkids.

I know this is a continuous theme with me and I am not going to let up. I want to bring to your attention a story about a five year old ham, Ethan Kemp KK4ORG. Please follow this link, <http://tinyurl.com/c9ncn7h> to see the video of an interview between young Ethan and *HamRadioNow's* Gary Pearce KN4AQ. The interview starts about nine minutes into video. After the short interview Gary shows a video of Ethan's first QSO, with his Dad. But I hope you watch the video all the way through. The best part is the interview with Ethan's Mom and Dad, Mitzi KK4OJD and Kevin KK4LMP. They talk about getting his interest and holding his interest.

Basically he wanted to do what he saw his dad do. Ethan recognized his dad's voice on the scanner and wanted to interact with his dad on the radio. Ethan can read; his mom, Mitzi, helped him go online (QRZ.com/hamtest) and begin studying the elements. They worked through each element one at a time until he mastered that element and then moved to the next. About half way through the material Mitzi took her exam and Ethan tagged along and tried. He didn't pass on his first try but he came close, missing only 14 questions. He later completed going through the elements and when he was ready he passed with a score of 28. He doesn't know all the theory and his dad admits he did a lot of memorization, but Kevin also brags that he does understand some of the theory and can carry on a conversation with other hams. This part of the interview gets a little more into the background of his parents and how they worked with him. They didn't overdo it. They studied in parts and when he started losing interest let him go off to do other things.

Mitzi helped him peck away at it until Ethan was ready. When Ethan's Dad, Kevin, was asked how long he was a ham, he answered that he got his license last October. Kevin's dad was a ham too, but Kevin confessed that, although he spent a lot of time with his dad doing technical stuff, "I never saw Daddy talk on the radio." He wishes he had because he would have been a ham a lot sooner. Now grandma wants to get a license so she can talk more with Ethan. Ham radio is truly family friendly.

I know there are many that wonder if a five year old is ready to get to be a ham. I am not even going to get into that debate. Just remember Ethan's response as he describes his rig. His interest is clear. My point here is, we need to be encouraging our youth, teaching them and working with them. If our kids have an interest nourish it, no matter what the interest is. Don't be afraid to put yourself out there and make friends with your kids. My hat is off to Ethan, but just as much for Mitzi and Kevin Kemp.

73, *E. Mike McCazdel KC8YLD* Asst Section Mgr – Youth & Education Outreach [kc8yld@arrl.net](mailto:kc8yld@arrl.net)  
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**From the Section Manager's (I could hide Easter Eggs on my) Desk...**

March found me travelling around the Section. I attended the March meeting of the Sandusky Valley Amateur Radio Club. The drive to Fremont would have been a bit shorter, if had not listened to my cell phone navigator! Despite arriving a bit late, the meeting was fantastic, and I met a lot of great people from their club. I wish Ray NN8R great success in moving their club forward.

Last weekend, I attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio Section ARES Leadership Meeting in Columbus. Well over 80 attendees, each holding an ARES leadership appointment, attended the meeting at the State EOC in Linworth. Section Emergency Coordinator Matt Welch W8DEC hosted a great meeting. As I stated in my talk that morning, I am humbled by the drive and passion that our ARES program demonstrates each day.

Last Sunday was the first time my schedule allowed for me to make a visit to the TMRA Hamfest in Per-

rysburg. If you have never attended this Hamfest, please put it on your list for next year. Great venue, with a lot of new item vendors, and many, many used items for sale. I truly enjoyed co-hosting the ARRL forum with Great Lakes Division Vice-Director Dale Williams WA8EFK.

It's hard to believe, that while I'm looking at snow on the ground this morning here in Pickerington (it IS the second day of spring...right?), that I am thinking about the Dayton HamVention, now just under 8 weeks away. The Ohio Section will once again host a booth at the ARRL EXPO, with focus on the Field Service Organization program. The Ohio Section Cabinet is developing plans for the booth, and various cabinet members will staff it throughout the 3 days of the event. We hope you will come out to visit us while at the HamVention!

73, *Frank Pipez KJ8GW* ARRL Ohio Section Manager [ki8gw@arrl.org](mailto:ki8gw@arrl.org)

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**Weaver's words-- Time to "Play Ball!"** 3-1-13 [Reply only to [k8je@arrl.org](mailto:k8je@arrl.org) unless noted otherwise.]

- KY4Z will serve another Term as SM -Michigan QSO Party is April 20 - Correction on Scout Strip

-Something to Think About - Scheduled Hamfests and Travel <http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org>

+++ **KY4Z will serve another Term as SM** +++

Kentucky SM Jim Brooks KY4Z will serve another 2-year term in this office. Jim was unopposed in the scheduled election. His new term begins April 1. Jim, thanks for caring enough about Amateur Radio in the Commonwealth to want to continue serving the ham community.

+++ **Michigan QSO Party is April 20** +++

My friend Hank N8XX pointed out that the 2013 Michigan QSO Party is April 20 from noon to midnight EDST (1600Z April 20 to 0400Z April 21). Rules and other info at <http://www.miqp.org> Even though I seldom have the opportunity to participate fully in state QSO parties, I like to get in as much operating time as I can. They are very enjoyable. I recommend them to anyone willing to test the water. State parties are laid back enough so that they can be fun even for non-contesters.

+++ **Correction on Scout Strip** +++

"You are correct in that the Amateur Radio Operator strip is worn on the Scout's right sleeve. However, the Morse interpreter strip is worn over the right pocket, not the sleeve. "Alfred A. Nickerson, NL7CF"

Alfred is one of three readers who caught my error and wrote to me. Thanks for the correction, fellows.

+++ **Something to Think About** +++

My 2-cents worth. Let's say you have an idea about how ARRL should be run or what it should be doing. Maybe you think there is a new project it should take on . . . Or that one of its ongoing projects is being managed poorly -- or that your Uncle Dudley who cur-rently herds sheep in Montana could do a better job of running Headquarters than anyone currently on staff. What do you do about your idea? Drop it? Contact CEO Dave Sumner K1ZZ? Complain to the FCC? Talk to your family minister?

I suspect that many of you simply drop the idea. This is too bad. Even though many ideas may be impractical for one reason or another to implement, they often contain a wrinkle that when added to the best of one or more additional ideas make a very good idea that should be adopted.

I suspect that many of you opt to take your idea "to the top" and telephone or e-mail Dave Sumner. This is natural considering that Dave is about as approachable and as interested in the well-being of ARRL and Amateur Radio as a person can be. But . . . I suggest this is seldom the best thing to do. As approachable and as interested and as personable as Dave is, he has a lot on his plate, already. I believe that most questions and suggestions he receives can and should be handled by other staff members or even by people out in the field.

As I see them, Dave's critical tasks involve managing HQ and our interfaces with US and International government agencies. As a result, peppering him with questions or suggestions that can be handled more



appropriately by others keeps him away from duties that only he can manage for us.

OK, so who should you contact with what?

If you have questions or comments on the operations of your Section (state in our case), try working through the Section staff, first.

Questions or comments about ARES™ should go first to the Section Emergency Coordinator or maybe the Section Manager. Public Relations? To the Section Public Information Coordinator or SM. In brief, contact the assistant Section Manager of an administrative area first and the Section Manager second when you know who the assistant is. If your question relates to ARRL policy (which is established by the Board of Directors), contact the Direct -- Vice Director if the Director is not readily available.

If you question is about an operation at ARRL HQ, contact the correct manager. This would be the Chief Operating Officer in most instances although it could be the Chief Financial Officer or the Chief Development Officer. The CDO handles the fund-raising events for the League. Questions about VE licenses go to the VEC.

If, as one may expect, you do not readily know who to talk with, telephone HQ and tell the operator what you want to talk about and ask to be connected to the correct person. You can also go to the ARRL web site and file a written request that will be forwarded to the right person.

Don't get me wrong, Dave Sumner is available to talk with most anyone about most anything ham radio. He certainly is much more available than CEOs of most corporations. The fact of the matter is that hardly ever is his time used best in talking with someone who has a complaint about such topics as the length of time it takes to receive an item ordered from the ARRL "store," or that Logbook of the World is not working right, or that a Section officer is not doing the right thing, or . . . These discussions can be handled effectively by other people ranging from the HQ staff through those of us elected from the Field or our appointees. What do you think? >8 Pls read rest of this if you move fast at <http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org>

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE* ARRL Gt Lks Dist Dir etc 513=459-1661 [k8je@arrl.org](mailto:k8je@arrl.org)  
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### What's coming in April 2013

Tue Mar 26 *Q-Fiver* distribution begins  
Wed Mar 27 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8FJN



Mon from WRARC *Wave Bender*; also Easter Monday  
Tue Apr 2 7:30PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard  
Program: Duffy WB8NUT on Digital Modes  
Wed Apr 3 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q  
Fri Apr 5 8:00PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc  
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot  
Wed Apr 11 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI  
Sat Apr 13 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunts may resume: hounds gather at Mt Storm Park;  
talk-in to start on 146.67 rptr  
1:00PM Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch at City Barbeque is located at 6475 Glenway Avenue, 45211  
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Tue Apr 16 7:00PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD  
Fri Apr 19 8:00PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston  
Wed Apr 25 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, Dennis KB8ROA



## OH-KY-IN 2013 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Chair  
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair  
Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Chair  
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PIO Jerry Shipp W1SCR  
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John W. Hughes AI4DA

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May *Q-Fiver* copy deadline

- Tue Apr 30 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard; May *Q-Fiver* distribution begins
- Fri May 3 8:00PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot
- Tue May 7 7:30PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard Program: TBA

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**Microcontrollers** are gaining a foothold in the ham radio world. Here are some resources to help begin your explorations. By Stan Horzepa WA1LOU, ARRL Contributing Editor

I've added a new book to my library: [\*Ham Radio for Arduino and PICAXE\*](#), edited by Leigh L. Klotz Jr WA5ZNU.

No, Arduino is not a new entity on the DXCC list, but rather a single-board microcontroller, that according to the [Arduino website](#), provides “an open-source electronics prototyping platform based on flexible, easy-to-use hardware and software. It’s intended for artists, designers, hobbyists, and anyone interested in creating interactive objects or environments.”

Similarly, PICAXE is a microcontroller that is “designed to be the brain of your electronic project.” According to the [PICAXE website](#), the PICAXE system was “[o]riginally designed as an educational system for schools, [but] has now also been widely adopted by hundreds of thousands of ‘hobbyists’ due to its ease of use.” >8. --ARRL, 03/22/2013 | [Surfin’ : Microcontrollers -- Small But Mighty](#)

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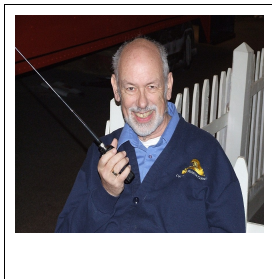
Not a Member however --

**Kent Oliver Jones KC8ZPS** died Feb 3, 2013 at his home in Moscow OH at age 66. He was a Vietnam Veteran of the US Army in the Defense Language Institute. Kent earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business at UC & did graduate work in Family Studies at Miami University. He worked as an exhibit program special-ist at the Cincinnati History Museum, **servng as museum contact for Oh-Ky-In & other groups**. He was on the Mos-cow Village Council. Kent was also a big band DJ on 88.7 FM, authored a book on local history & was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Oxford. Kent enjoyed automobiles & had a passion for helping others, serving as a Butler County CASA.

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Please keep scrollin'! There's more!! --Ye Ed



I had the pleasure of working with Kent Jones KC8ZPS several times in his capacity as Exhibit Coordinator for Cincinnati Museum Center. When I first met Kent he had been diagnosed with cancer and clearly had difficulties recovering from his surgery; but our meeting was both enjoyable & informative. He was passionate about Morse Code, & especially about introducing children to the wonders of CW. He demonstrated CW for some years, but contacted our club to expand this into an exhibit of amateur radio.

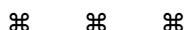
Kent was very appreciative of the club offer to help; our first venture together was quite a success. Kent asked us to participate in several other events, & we did--each time with his enthusiastic support & gratitude.

Kent had his Extra Class license, but had never made a radio contact. He took the exams *merely as a means to continue learning.* Of course we had to get him on the air; we did so during our first Museum event (& have a picture to prove it, shown here).

As a friend to the club he'll be missed, & I'll personally miss him as we had the chance to get to know one another a bit & share some of our life stories. He was an interesting man, to say the least. I enjoyed listening to Kent & his wife's show on WOBO radio several times on Saturday nights as they played Big Band Music.

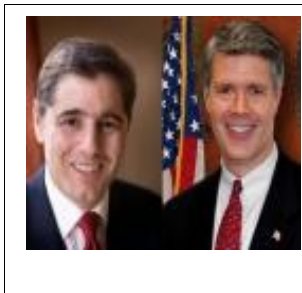
As so often is the case, the cancer won out eventually, but Kent went down swinging, as we like to say. He refused to give in to the cancer which might have easily prevented him from doing what he loved. I admire his spirit & tenacity. Kent Jones KC8ZPS, SK, RIP.

*Robert AK3Q*



### **FCC Chair Julius Genachowski, FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell to Step Down**

Photo: *GenachowskiL- McDowellR*



FCC Commissioner Julius Genachowski and FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell both announced last week that they would leave the Commission.

McDowell **announced his resignation** during the FCC's open meeting on March 20, while Genachowski **made his announcement** in remarks to FCC staff on March 22.

Genachowski was nominated by President Barack Obama to lead the Commission in June 2009. McDowell -- who was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2006 and **re-appointed** by President Obama in 2009 -- has served on the Commission since 2006. Both commissioners' terms are up later this year. Neither Genachowski nor

McDowell Photo: *GenachowskiL- McDowellR* has announced their post-Commission plans.

#### **Chair Julius Genachowski**

In his announcement, Genachowski noted that during his term as Commissioner, the FCC heavily promoted broadband connectivity for all Americans, auctioned and adjusted spectrum, guarded against digital threats, strengthened cybersecurity, enforced rules and regulations, adopted rules "to preserve Internet freedom and openness" and **more**.

"Although occasionally we disagreed, sometimes profoundly, [Genachowski] leaves office with my utmost respect," **McDowell said in a written statement**. "He proved that through hard work, persistence and creativity, bipartisanship and compromise in policymaking can occur in Washington, even in these days of sharp divisions and gridlock... Since becoming Chairman, he has been an eloquent and effective advocate for repurposing valuable spectrum to meet the needs and demands of American consumers. The results may not come to fruition for years, but many of his efforts in the wireless sector will help spur investment, innovation and economic growth."

Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel called it a privilege to work with Genachowski at the FCC. "He is responsible for

developing our first national broadband plan,” she said in a [written statement](#). “To his credit, he did more than create a plan, he took this blueprint and used it to bring broadband and make high-speed services more accessible to more Americans.”

### **Commissioner Robert McDowell**

Robert McDowell announced on March 20 that he would soon be stepping down as FCC Commissioner. “After nearly seven years of carrying out the incredibly high honor of serving the American people at the FCC, it is time to turn more of my energies towards an even higher calling: serving my family,” McDowell said in a [written statement](#). “After a great deal of deliberation, I have decided that I will step down as a commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission in a few weeks.”

FCC Chair Julius Genachowski called McDowell “an extraordinary colleague [who was] deeply knowledgeable about the vital and growing communications and tech sector, creative, wise, and a great partner on the Commission.” He said McDowell “has been essential to major FCC achievements like the landmark reform of universal service and intercarrier compensation, and many steps to unleash spectrum. Rob’s thoughtful engagement in Commission policy has always improved the quality of our work.”

The departure of Genachowski (a Democrat) and McDowell (a Republican), leaves Mignon Clyburn and Jessica Rosenworcel as the FCC’s Democrats, and Ajit Pai as its sole Republican, giving Democrats a 2 to 1 voting advantage. Only three commissioners at a time may be members of the same political party. With two seats open on the FCC, the Obama Administration could advance a Republican and a Democratic nominee simultaneously, as it did [with Pai and Rosenworcel in 2012](#). --ARRL, 3-22-2013

*Ye Ed* notes that 3 remaining Commissioners are all women; one of them may well be the next Chair.

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**Field Day packets** are now [available for download](#) (have been since 2-2-13) & include 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 get-on-the-air stations & a kit for publicizing your event with the local press. New for 2013: Stations operating as Class A or B may begin setting up at 0000 UTC on Friday (which will be Thursday 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT & 5 PM PDT). Groups may start & stop their set-up, resuming the set-up later, but may spend only a maximum of 24 hours cumulative time for setting up their sites.

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### **ARLX003 3-26-2013 National Traffic System Developer George Hart W1NJM (SK)**

George Hart W1NJM --chief developer of the National Traffic System (NTS) -- passed away Sunday, March 24. He was 99. An ARRL Charter Life Member, Hart spent more than 4 decades as a member of ARRL Headquarters staff & continued to be an active amateur & regular participant in Field Day. In 1984, the ARRL Board of Directors named him an ARRL Honorary Vice President.

First licensed in 1929 as W3AMR in PA, Hart began his ARRL career in Aug 1938 as a second operator at the W1AW Maxim Memorial Station (new at the time). He took over as Acting Communications Mgr in 1942. After time out for USAAF service in WW2, he first announced the National Traffic System in Sep 1949 *QST*. In his article "New National Traffic Plan: ARRL Maps New Traffic Organization for All Amateurs," he outlined the new national system. Hart retired as ARRL Communications Mgr in 1978. In 2009, the ARRL Board of Directors created the George Hart Distinguished Service Award. This annual award is conferred upon an ARRL member whose service to the League's Field Organization is of the most exemplary nature. Selection criteria include nominee's operating record with NTS, participation in ARES & appointments/leadership in ARRL Field Organization.

A memorial service is being planned for late April. (Bulletin *heavily* edited –*Ye Ed*)

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