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Regular monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM local time at the St Bernard Recreation Hall, 120 Washington Avenue (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!

For membership information, please contact

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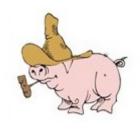
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*THE Q-FIVER* is now mailed & e-mailed, it's hoped, **a week before the club meeting.** Normal copy deadline is the weekend before that. Please send sub-missions for *THE Q-FIVER* (including notice of upgrades & callsign changes) to Ye Ed Susie N8CGM. These may be:

- snail-mailed to or dropped off at 6351 Daleview Rd, Cinti OH 45247
- telephoned to 513=385-5201 any time (answerer takes up to 4 min dictation)
- e-mailed to <u>n8cgm@arrl.net</u> or to <u>sscott@iglou.com</u>





pig with pipe saved from some club in 2008

#### **Good Stuff Keeps Happening!!**

As the summer months keep rolling, lots of things are happening in our club. First, I am very excited that our membership continues to grow. For the first time in several years, we have exceeded the 100 mark in membership. This continued growth is a testament to the work by every member. The primary way to grow our numbers is by having a friendly and active club. Being a friendly club begins the very minute a visitor walks through the door. Please make a continued effort to introduce yourself and welcome them. A couple kind words can go a long way. Second, we need to maintain a high level and quality of club activities. This takes the effort of every member. When help is needed, step up and lend a hand. Have a great idea, don't just sit around and talk about it, get active and make it happen. The odds are very good that if you have an interest in some facet of the hobby, someone else in the room and club is interested too. Step up and make it happen!

Next item this month is a big congratulations to Susie N8CGM for her work on this newsletter you currently read. *The Q-Fiver* received second place in the Ohio Section newsletter contest. There are a lot of great newsletters in the state; it takes something special to earn this achievement. Susie puts in a lot of hours every month editing and publishing this newsletter. Everyone should personally thank her for this effort.

Our recent meeting programs have been a wealth of information. Robert AK3Q did an awesome job telling us about the SDR project he has been working on. There are very few things in our hobby that can bring a better "bang for the buck" than this project. Give it a try.

Finally, August brings us the annual Ohio QSO Party. This year's event will be on Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will once again operate K8SCH from Ross Park in St. Bernard. The contest runs from noon until midnight. If you have never participated in a contest operation this is a great opportunity. It is a nice paced contest and will help build your appetite for more. We will begin setting up around 11 AM and be ready to start operating at noon sharp. Later in the day we will fire up the grill and enjoy some dinner. Plan to be there!

Until next month, let's hope the bands stay as hot as the weather. I hope to hear you on the repeaters, they are working great!

73, Gazy KB8MYC

# Next Meeting

Are-do-WE-know a way to make **this** play? For this month's program at our Aug 6 meeting, we're happy to present **Andrew Rohne KE8P** who'll show us some of the magnificent things you can do and build with an **Arduino** (are-do-WE-know) microprocessor.

Need a frequency counter? The Arduino can do it! How about a rain gauge reader for your weather station? The Arduino is your chip! Don't know how it works or how to process it? Not a problem! You can learn – KE8P will show you how to get started.



Andrew is current Secretary of the Milford ARC and has a website packed with information at <u>www.ke8p.us.</u> OH-KY-IN meets at the St. Bernard Municipal Building (Rec. Hall) at 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard (corner of Washington & Tower), on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30PM. Go in through the doors that face the high school on Washington. For more information, click HERE.

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

73, Russ WB8ZCC



July 13 **Brunch Bunch** at Cabana on the River, Sayler Park. Photo by waitress; exposed beams overhead cropped out. 18 humans & 2 service dogs attended this one! You are invited to join us at the next Brunch Bunch to be held Saturday, August 10, at Frisch's located at 1001 Gest Street, 45203, in Queensgate. The restaurant is located at the corner of Gest *The QFivez, OhKyIn ARS Aug 2013 pg 4*  Street and Freeman Avenue just off I-75. As usual, we'll meet at 1PM. The club will demonstrate amateur radio that same day at the nearby Museum Center.

For a look at the menu and a map, please go to: www.frischs.com

The Brunch Bunch is always held the second Saturday of every month at 1PM at a different restaurant each month. We always look forward to seeing you. Why not visit with us August 10 at Queensgate Frisch's?

# 73, ..... **Bruce N8BV**

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WKRC-TV wishes as many people as possible to send their home weather station data to the **Citizens Weather Observer Program (CWOP)**, care of Ch 12 meteorologist Scott Dimmich <u>scott@local12.com</u>. Queries about CWOP &/or how to configure are also welcome.

"Data from weather stations is shared both with the National Weather Service and media in real-time. WKRC monitors local weather stations constantly during active and severe weather, and data from local weather stations is very important to verifying warnings and giving us confirmation for what weather is occurring. The more weather stations we have online in our area, the better informed meteorologists - and in turn, the community - can be, especially when it counts," Mr Dimmich sent. Provided & relayed by *Rick KD4PYR* who has a home weather station.

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

It was a very rainy day for the **2013 Red White & Blue Ash** event although that did not keep the crowd away. Things started out rather slow due to the rain, but we did get a window of about an hour or so that it either did not rain or it just drizzled a bit. Once Foreigner hit the stage the place was rockin' and no one cared about the rain any longer.

A special thank you goes out to Russ WB8ZCC who brought with him an EZ Up shelter for us to use. It certainly helped to keep us mostly out of the rain. Greg WG8Z who lives just about a mile away from the event reported that he measured more than 2,5 inches of rain from 12AM to 12PM on the event date. Those of us who worked the event will likely agree with that!

This is the first year that the event was held at the new location of Summit Park (the new name for the old Blue Ash Airport), just across the street from the previous location. This new site worked well. We look forward to the development plans for that location which include an amphitheater to come in the next couple of years. Surprisingly, we managed to sell just about the same amount of beer this year with the rain as we did last year when it was extremely hot and no rain. The tips received this year were slightly lower than those of last year. Once again we look forward to next year!

Our commission check for this year was \$384. The tip jars netted us \$142, with a total of \$526 going into the OH-KY-IN club treasury.

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# DX Spots August 2013 de Nathan KA3MTT again at last!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Special event stations listed in ARLD029, 7-18-13. This bulletin 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, especially to the ARRL. ж

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#### **Big Snip** 8<...

Since there is no Section Conference this year, I announce the Newsletter Contest winners in this Section E-Mail. The winners will be contacted this week (week of July 10) on how to receive their certificates.

So, without further delay (I really need a drum roll sound effect here...), here are the winners of the 2013 Ohio Section Newsletter Contest (in ascending order):

THIRD PLACE: CARA COMMUNICATOR - Cambridge Amateur Radio Association - Editor Lyn Alfman N8IMW scored 93 points of 100

SECOND PLACE: THE O-FIVER - OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society - Editor Susie Scott N8CGM scored 96 points of 100

AND THE FIRST PLACE WINNER OF THE 2013 OHIO SECTION NEWSLETTER CONTEST IS .... THE RADIOGRAM - Portage County Amateur Radio Service - Editor Tom Parkinson KB8UUZ scored 97 points of 100

Newsltr Contest continued after RWBA

# Contests

## August 2013

2-4 EU HF Championship, SSB & CW; South Africa DX Contest, SSB; NA QSO Party, CW; Ten-ten Summer Phone QSO Party; TARA Grid Dip Shindig, Digital modes; ARRL UHF Contest, 432MHz and up; NS Weekly sprints, CW; Lighthouse Lightship Weekend, all modes

5 OK1WC Memorial Contest, SSB & CW

10-11 Straight Key Weekend Sprint, CW; Worked All Europe, CW; MD-DC QSO Party; Fall VHF Sprints; NJQRP Skeeter Hunt, CW

14 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, SSB; CWops Mini-CWT Test

17-18 ARRL 10 GHz and up Contest; Dominican Republic Contest, SSB; Japan Keymen's Club Contest, CW; NA QSO Party, SSB; SARTG WW RTTY Contest; Russian District Award Contest, SSB & CW; Feld-Hell Gridloc Sprint, Digital; SARL Digital Contest; ARRL Rookie Round-up, digital modes; Run for the Bacon, CW

24-25 **OH QSO Party**; HI QSO Party, all modes, plenty of laughs; YO DX contest, SSB & CW; KS QSO Party; ALARA Contest; SCC RTTY Championship; South Africa DX Contest, CW

31 CWops CW Open

It's hot out! The shack has A/C. Why ever leave?? For more information see QST, CQ, or <u>www.arrl.org</u> 73, **Dan K = 4AV** 

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Oh-Ky-In beer booth/tent at WET Red White & Blue Ash July 4. Pic N8BV

Big thanks go to those who worked the event as well as those who were on standby just in case they were needed.

Workers: Russ WB8ZCC, Pat KD8PAT, Dale KC8HQS, Kelli, Bruce N8BV StandBy: Ted NC8V, Jeff KB8UAQ, Lynn WD8JAW 73, ...... Bruce N8BV The QFiver, OhKyIn ARS Aug 2013 pg 7 E-comments afterward:

Well done to all of you. It's remarkable that we did so well. Fred K9OHE

Considering that Bruce let me "off the hook"--anticipating low turnout--the efforts of the "core" volunteers this year become even more notable! This continued success should bolster the conces-sionaire's opinion of us as a group that gets the job done. Thanks to you all! *Ced NC8V* 

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#### *Newsltr Contest* continued from pg 6

(Tom Parkinson KB8UUZ's a Buckeye Beau – **Ye** Ed)

*THE RADIOGRAM* will be submitted as the official Ohio Section entry into the Joseph J. Phillips K8QOE Newsletter Award contest for the ARRL Great Lakes Division. The winner will be announced at the ARRL Great Lakes Convention and Columbus Hamfest, to be held August 3, 2013 in Columbus OH. For more information on the Convention and Hamfest, visit <u>http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/convention.html</u> (#s1 & 3 to be presented at Gt Lks Div Convention; #2 at Oct 1 ARRL Night)

Congratulations to the winners, and a heartfelt thanks to each and every club newsletter editor who keeps the word of Amateur Radio spread across the world!

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73, Frank J. Piper KJ8GW ARRL Section Manager, Ohio

All, **Thank you very much** for your e-mailed conga-rats & -cats sent at announcement of contest results. I assemble what you send in & what I gather from other newsletters; try to compose only when I must. *The Q-Fiver* actually won Section Newsletter Contest in 1994 (saved few copies of page with award photo of Joe Phillips K8QOE [SK], Clara Longano KB8DCH [SK] & me, sharing in Minutes insert). OH SM Frank KI8GW recounted some history I snipped: "Club newsletters have come a long way, from hard copies, printed by dot-matrix printers, and snail-mailed to each member..." *The Q-Fiver* in 1994 was typed in proper width & glued with white school paste, to pages that Jack KA8JFE (SK), sons & colleagues of & at Keystone Printing printed up. Clara was a vital part of Circulation Cmte, helping me collate, staple (now illegal), label & stamp each month. I will admit, it surely is easier now with Advancement of Technology! 33/73 *Susie M8CGM Ye Ed* 

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We have a great opportunity to offer a **Technician Class** coming up in August at Hamilton County EMA (many thanks to Ed Frambes K8EAF!) which will last for 4 weeks. Class information is listed below. Please pass the word around and feel free to post the information below to any interested parties!

Technician Class sponsored by the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

Starts August 22, 2013; Ends September 12, 2013 Time(s) 7-9 PM Thursdays Class Level Technician Number of sessions 4 Pre-registration required? Yes

Fee? 0 Pre-study required? Yes Exam Offered? Yes (\$15 fee Exam Date TBD)

Additional Information -Book Required (to be purchased by student):

*Technician Class: Ham Radio License Manual*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (\*\*make sure to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition!\*\*)

- Available at ARRL Store, R&L Electronics, Amazon or other online sources

\*\*\* Homework and study required between classes!

- Please plan to read (as minimum) Introduction and first 2 chapters before first class

Class Location: Hamilton Co EMA (where we took a tour 2 yrs ago) 2000 Radcliff Dr Cincinnati OH 45204 contact email: <u>classes@ohkyin.org</u> Tell a buddy, bring a friend, but don't you dare miss it! Cheers! *Robert AK32* 

#### Hamfests &c.

#### Aug & Sep 2013

3 Gt Lks Div Convention & Columbus OH Hamfest sponsored by GtLksDiv & Voice of Aladdin ARC at Aladdin Shrine Ctr, 3850 Stelzer Rd. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, ARRL VE exams from 9AM, Div Banquet 1PM (food a la carte at attendees' expense). Talk-In: 146.97 (PL 123.0). \$5, under 12 free. Info: Barry Mertz KC8SXG, 614=876-3099, <u>kc8sxg@arrl.net</u>, <u>http://arrl-</u> greatlakes.org/convention.html

7 Louisville KY Hamfest sponsored by Gr Louisville Hamfest Assn at Paroquet Springs Conference Ctr, 395 Paroquet Springs Dr, Shepherdsville. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams (signup from 8AM, exams 9AM-12N; fee \$10 cash only, bring picture ID, original & 1 copy of licence &/or CSCE. Pls e-mail Dick Truax k9rt@aol.com or ring him up at 812=246-6377). Talk-in: 146.7 (79.7 Hz). \$6 advance, \$7 door. Info: Bob Myers K4RVM, 502=713-7135, glh2013@louisvillehamfest.com, louisvillehamfest.com

11 Lawrenceburg KY Hamfest sponsored by Bluegrass ARS at American Legion Post #34, 745 W Broadway. 8AM-4PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams, ARRL VE exams 11AM (walk-ins OK). Special Event MARS Station, State EmergencyCommu- nications Vehicle. Talk-in: 146.76, 444.125. \$5 advance, \$6 door. Info: Jeanie Dalton KB8QLC, 859=619-8164, jeanie@insightbb.com, www.BluegrassARS.org

17 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ripley Co ARC Hamfest at Rom-Weber Marketplace, 7 S Eastern Ave, Batesville IN. 8AM-1PM. Dealers, fleas, free parking, likely handicapped access, likely refreshments, tailgating. Talk-in: 147.135+ (PL 146.2) or 441.775+, easy access from I-74. \$5. Door prize: Baofeng 144/ 440 HT. For more info or to register as vendor pls e info@rcarc.net or ring 513=627-9191. GPS coords N 39 17.79 W 085 13.17

18 Cortland OH sponsored by Warren ARA at Trumbull Co Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Rd. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, ARRL VE exams (register from 9:30AM, exams at 10). Talk-in: 146.97. \$5. Info: Jacqueline Williams N8JMW, 440=636-2806, <u>warrenhamfest@gmail.com</u>, warrenhamfest.blogspot.com/

24 Spencer IN co-sponsored by Owen Co ARA & Bloomington ARC at Owen Co Fairgrounds. 7AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams 1PM. Talk-in: 146.985 (136.5Hz). \$5. Info: Katie Smith K9INU, 812=829-2140, <u>k9inu@arrl.net</u> <u>www.owencountyara.org/</u>

<sup>25</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CFARC Tailgate Fest sponsored by Cuyahoga Falls ARC at Robert Pinn Armory, 4630 Allen Rd, Stow OH. 8AM-12N. Ham radio, electronics, computer, tailgating (is outdoor), pls bring OWN FOOD as caterer cancelled, ARRL. Talk-In: 147.270 +600 (PL 110.9). \$5/vehicle, extra spaces 2/\$5. Info: Frank Tompkins W8EZT, 330=928-4048,

#### W8EZT@arrl.net, http://cfarc.org/tailgate2013.html

Sep 7 Austintown OH sponsored by 20/9 ARC at Austintown Sr Ctr, 100 Westchester Dr. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating, ARRL VE exams 9AM. Talk-in: 147.315

(156.7hZ). Free! Info: Dorothy O'Neil-Meleski KC8SYF, 330=651-8420, k8tkanews@hotmail.com

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South Bend IN sponsored by Michiana ARC at Elks Club Lodge #235, 3535 E McKinley. 8AM-1PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, Silent Auction, VE exams 3PM after licence-ina-a-day class. Talk-in: 147.225. \$5. Info: John Lackman KC9RPS, 574=287-3283, kc9rps@att.net

8 Findlay OH Hamfest sponsored by Findlay RC at Hancock Co Fairgrounds, 1017 E Sandusky St. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, OSL card checking, refreshments, seminars, tailgating. Talk-in: 147.15. \$7. Info: Bill Kelsey N8ET, hamfest@kangaus.com, w8ft.org

#### **VE** exam opportunities

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1st Sat each month: Cincinnati-Hartwell OH at Hartwell Presbyterian Church. Register 8:30 AM; walk-ins only! ARRL, so \$15 fee All license classes. Info: Dale Pritchett KC8HJL, 513=769-0789, kc8hil@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

2d Sat even numbered months: Huber Hts OH sponsored by DARA at The Forge back of 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church, 6114 Fishburg Rd (betw Bellefontaine &Brandt Pk), 9:30-11AM local. Walk-ins welcome, ARRL so \$15 fee. Wed, Aug 14: Verity Lodge Miami Univ-Middletown, Middletown OH sponsored by DIAL ARC. Register 6 PM, exams for all classes begin soon after. Must complete all registration by 7 PM. No test fee for these exams. Special accommodations for this exam must be requested at least 2 weeks prior to test date. Additional info/spl accommodation from Dave Williamson KD8W 513= 424-5819 or Carl Morgan K8CM 513=433-5428.

Talk-in on W8BLV/R 146.61 (-600) 77 Hz PL

In almost all cases: Applicants furnish original & photocopy of current license (if any), ditto of any certs of successful completion of exam (CSCE) held, positive(photo) ID, & social security (SSN) or Licensee ID number (FRN), pen & pencil, calculator with memory cleared, fee if applicable (exact change cash or check). If applying for first license, please go to https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do to obtain FRN. Website is selfexplanatory; no charge for FRN registration.

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Dayton leftovers The Dayton 2013 FreezeFrame slideshow mostly shot & definitely produced by Joe Eisenberg KONEB may be seen at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-R5yCF1GIRw.

It's worth it; especially if you didn't get to go or haven't seen it yet. Kristen Andrews KB3OQV did a bit with her hair & her callsign; Joe spotted her too & coaxed her into a photo with him for the slideshow (right). Ж Ж

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2013 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year is Padraig Lysandrou KC9UUS, announced in ARRL Letter of July 18. 2013. Padraig wrote cover story for May 2013 QST; he, parents Carolyn KCV9UUR & Plato KC9VIL took photos for story.

The story on a DXpedition to Cyprus won a QST Cover Plaque award too. Mother Carolyn is an



# **Ohio Section News for July 21, 2013**

all of it at <a href="http://www.arrl.ohio-org">http://www.arrl.ohio-org</a> In this issue **only** room for:

# Great Lakes Division Convention Coming Aug 3!

The 2013 GLD Convention will be held in Columbus OH on August 3, 2013. The convention will be held in conjunction with the Voice of Aladdin ARC hamfest. Dave Sumner K1ZZ will be present along with a slate of other Great Lakes Division and Section officials from Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan.

Convention information is here: <u>http://arrl-greatlakes.org/convention.html</u>

Here is a list of the forums to be held at the convention: •

Public Service - 08:30 ·

Propagation Forum - Carl Luetzelschwab K2LA- 08:30 ·

Amateur Radio License Testing - 09:00 ·

National Traffic System Forum - David Maynard WA3EZN - 09:30 ·

Club Growth - Kitty Hevener W8TDA - 09:30 ·

Voice of America VOA - Jay Adrick K8CJY -10:30

OSSBN Bi-Annual meeting - open to all - 10:30 ·

ARRL Forum - 11:30 '

ARRL Banquet - keynote speaker - David Sumner K1ZZ - 13:00 ·

Wouff Hong - Ohio Section volunteers - After Banquet ·

QSL Card Checking - Keith Kemper N8KOL will be on hand

Local Club information booths

Don't forget the Banquet with Dave Sumner K1ZZ as keynote speaker.

This will be a great opportunity to hear Dave speak about the state of Amateur Radio. We hope to see you there!

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# **OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society Inc Minutes of June 4, 2013 Members' Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. One guest was in attendance. New Licenses and Upgrades: 1 passed the Technician Class test last Saturday; 2 upgraded to General Class; and 2 upgraded from Technician to Extra Class. 1 took the Technician Class test this evening and passed.

Self Introductions were made.

Health and Welfare: Fred K9OHE saw Gene NU8U at Llanfair Retirement Community. He is well but with little vision and has no radio equipment. He sent his greetings.

Good News: Emily K4MLE gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Ted NC8V found his lost radio. All who attended the Dayton Hamvention had a good time. Paul KD8JDF has two antennas in his living room. Next came the program about Field Day (really, getting organized as a group for Field Day).

Eric Neiheisel N8YC is the club's head for Field Day. He told us that he is trying to get laptop computers connected for logging again. Last year K8SCH was first in Ohio in 3A. There is a

minimum. Field Day is about working as many stations as we can - in field conditions -

in an emergency mode. Ham Radio exists to provide emergency communications as a public service. The contest begins on June 22 at 2:00 PM EDT and ends on June 23 at 2:00 PM.

John KC8VQU explained the food situation. Friday evening those present order out for the evening meal. Saturday evening is the club picnic. Overnight there will be snacks. At midnight is a steak cookout - bring your own meat. Breakfast on Sunday morning. He is looking for round tables.

John will have a 6 meter station on the air - this is a free station, not counted in the 3A cate-gory, so the points are added to the overall score.

At 8:15 PM the break began. At 8:28 PM the meeting resumed.

The Minutes were discussed. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes as printed in *The Q*-*Fiver.* The motion passed.

The Treasurer distributed the Treasurer's Report. The accounts balance. The Christmas Party Fund is in lieu of an attendance prize and will be used to purchase prizes for the annual Christmas Party.

The Audit Committee report was presented by Harry Davis WA8LOJ. All was found to be in order with thanks to Fred K9OHE and Brian K4BRI. The report was accepted by acclamation.

The Dayton Hamvention Report was presented. We reserved 4 spaces and sales were good. In all, sales totaled \$1250. The club cut was \$125 plus an additional \$20 donation. Unused, surplus Club equipment was sold, total of \$187. In all, the club made more than \$300 this year; this will be considered again next year.

The Technical Committee met at Hughes High School a couple of weeks ago. The UHF repeat-er was installed, a Motorola DeskTrac transceiver. It is operating at low power for the time being.

This repeater receives on 443.7625 and transmits 5 MHz up (448.7625). This repeater is in the coordination process, pending with OARC for 90 days.

Education Committee: Classes and exams were successful. (See New Licenses and Upgrades above!) The next Fox Hunt is this Saturday at 10 AM sharp. There are usually seats for riding along - or try it yourself.

Robert AK3Q reported on the Newcomers and Elmers net Sundays at 7 PM. There were 7 checkins on Sunday, the first net. Do check in on the .67 repeater.

The website needs content. Pictures, stories, updates, etc., are welcome.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Brunch Bunch meets at TGIFridays on Glenway Avenue at 1 PM this Saturday.

Red White and Blue Ash - July 4 at Summit Park, the former airport. We do have a beer booth. Workers are needed.

In August, the Museum Center has invited us to participate in a program. We need 1940s era equipment to display and perhaps put on the air. Dates are August 10 & 11. Contact Gary KB8MYC. The Club Library is in 8 boxes in Gary's basement.

established.

Next meeting program: Robert AK3Q will present a program on use of inexpensive SDR radio on computer flash drives.

On July 4 there is also a party in St. Bernard, its annual Festival. There will be a station in the park to operate with a G5RV antenna.

There was a grab bag drawing. Winners were K9OHE, KC8HQS, N8YC, KD8SOH, NG8A, KD8JDF, KM4CS and NG8A.

Split the pot was \$52 and went to WA8LOJ.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider K904* E Secretary

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# OH-KY-IN ARS, INC. Minutes of July 2, 2013 Club Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:36 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Two new licensees were present: Brian Whitehead KD8VCL and new club member John Ko KD8VCN. Selfintroductions were made. 37 people present.

The Minutes of the last meeting had not been prepared - the Secretary was away. The QFivez,

There were 101 members as of this meeting; 2 new members joined prior to the start of the meeting.

The Treasurer distributed the Treasurer's Report. "The treasury remains healthy."

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There were no Silent Keys to report.

Technical Committee: All four repeaters are on the air. .67 is at 50 watts with a preamp and amplifier about ready to install. The UHF repeater is at 1.25 watts erp, but an amplifier is almost ready to install. The Technical Committee will meet on the third Tuesday this month, at LaRosa's in Clifton at 7 PM.

This month's Fox Hunt will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> - leaving Mt. Storm Park at 10:00:00 AM

Tech Talk needs more check-ins. Every Wednesday at 9:00 PM on the 146.67 repeater.

The Elmers Net is active, Sundays at 7 PM and over by 8 PM for the TriState Amateur Traffic Net. There have been some questions. A new topic is discussed each week.

Fund Raising: Red, White and Blue Ash is on July 4. If it rains, fewer volunteers will be needed and email will alert volunteers. We may be close to the stage this year, a good thing. The St. Bernard event is covered.

QCEN: Pat KD8PAT reported that the last meeting was used to prepare for Field Day. Antennas and stations were set up. On July 20 their Annual Picnic will take place.

Old Business: The President thanked all who helped for Field Day. A good time was had by all. Six meters opened up and "rocked." Digital contacts more than doubled from last year. GOTA went well.

New Business: Robert A3KQ will lead the Museum Center event on Aug. 10 and 11, We are to place emphasis on WW II equipment.

There is no facility available for the regular November meeting date; it is Election Day. There-Che QFivez, OhKyIn ARS Aug 2013 pg 13 The Webgeezer seeks Field Day pictures. Please email them to him at webgeezer@ohkyin.net. The Marion Co IN (Indpls) hamfest is the 13<sup>th</sup> at the FairGrounds just off I 74. The Ripley Co IN (Batesville) fest is August 17. The ARRL Great Lakes Division Conference is on August 3. (Pls see Hamfests &c.  $-\mathcal{Y}_e \mathcal{E}d$ )

There was a break.

The Program was "Software Defined Radio on the Cheap." "It's not the size of the dongle, it's the chip inside." It was a very interesting program. Many members crowded to the front after the meeting. Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider*, *K90*48 Secretary

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#### What's coming in August 2013

Tue Jul 30	7:30 PM	Aug <i>Q-Fiver</i> distribution begins
Wed Jul 31	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, Rick KD4PYR
Fri Aug 3	8:00 PM	Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communic Ofc Conference
_		Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot
Sun Aug 4	7:00 PM	Newcomers & ElmersNet:146.67 pls see <u>www.ohkyin.org/elmer_net.php</u>
Tue Aug 6	7:30PM	Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120E Washington, St Bernard
		Program: Arduino by Andrew Rohne KE8P
Wed Aug 7	9:00PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q
Sun Aug 11	7:00 PM	Newcomers & ElmersNet:146.67 pls see <u>www.ohkyin.org/elmer_net.php</u>
Wed Aug 14	4 9:00PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI
Sat Aug 10	9AM-5PM	/ 1940s Weekend, Cincinnati Museum Center Pls see Bd Min insert!!!
Sat Aug 10	10:00 AM	Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunt, hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start
		on 146.67 rptr
	1:00PM	Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch at Queensgate Frisch's, 1001 Gest Street, 45203
Sun Aug 11		M 1940s Weekend, Cincinnati Museum Center Pls see Bd Min insert!!!
		Newcomers & ElmersNet:146.67 pls see <a href="https://www.ohkyin.org/elmer_net.php">www.ohkyin.org/elmer_net.php</a>
Wed Aug 14		
Fri Aug 16		
Sun Aug 18		Newcomers & ElmersNet:146.67 pls see <u>www.ohkyin.org/elmer_net.php</u>
Tue Aug 20		e ,
Wed Aug 2	1 9:00PM	A ·
Thu Aug 22	7-9 PM	Technician Theory Class, Hamilton Co EMA, 2000 Radcliff Dr, 45204
Fri Aug 23		Sept <i>Q-Fiver</i> copy deadline
Sun Aug 25		
Tue Aug 27	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard
		Sept <i>Q-Fiver</i> distribution begins
Wed Aug 28	3 9:00PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Rick KD4PYR

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Ch Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Ch Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Ch Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Ch PIO Jerry Shipp W1SCR **O-Fiver** Editor Susie Scott N8CGM Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HOS Fox Hunters Ch Dick Arnett WB4SUV DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC WebGeezer Russ Hines WB8ZCC Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV Fundraising Ch Bruce Vanselow N8BV Life Members: John W. Hughes AI4DA

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\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Technician Theory Class, Hamilton Co EMA, 2000 Radcliff Dr, 45204 Thu Aug 29 7-9 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67 pls see www.ohkvin.org/elmer net.php Sun Sep 1 7:00 PM 7:30PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard Tue Sep 3 Program: TBA

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#### **Club News: Field Day Update**

Confirmation of Web Submission follows: All supporting info sent to fieldday@arrl.org in 12 emails. Oh-Ky-In ARS Field Day Submission for Scoring has been submitted and is now complete as of 9:22 PM July 21, 2013. Thanks to all! Ezic N8YC

More Club News - 1940s Weekend in Bd Min etc insert Ħ æ Ħ

Moving Up at ARRL HQ, right

New ARRL Media & PR Mgr Sean Kutzko KX8X, moved up from Contest Branch Mgr as printed last issue. New CBM is Mike DeChristopher N1TA who ran Logbook of the World (LoTW) before. Now you know what they look like! Ħ

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9th W4DXCC & Contest Convention coming Sept 27 & 28 to Mainstay Suites, Pigeon Forge TN, "easy drive from here." TenTec Hamfest Sep 28, scheduled so both can be done in same day. ARRL event! Dave Anderson K4SV 7.18.13 Info at http://www.w4dxcc.com/

September Q7iver copy deadline: 7ri August 23 please!

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But this isn't all! There's more!! Please Scroll On Down —



Mike DeChristopher, N1TA, left, and Sean Kutzko, KX9X. Photo repr permission ARRL

Hi Folks -

The time approaches for our **1940s event at Cincinnati Museum Ctr** (old Union Terminal) on August 10 (just under 2 weeks away). We would like to display WWII era things, but also modern amateur radio. In the past we have had a Morse code station as well as a satellite setup, & HF/UHF/VHF capabilities. Depending on weather, we might be able to have some-thing set up outside as well.

The event is Saturday & Sunday. We would like to have a presence both days, but Saturday for sure. Tables & chairs were provided in the past, but having an extra table or two available would be a good backup just in case.

Please let me know **ASAP** if you would be:

1. able to help

2. which day(s), and

3. what you would be able to bring

If you have equipment or materials available but cannot come, please let me know & we will try to arrange to get it.

Setup times would begin about 9:00 AM, & the event would go from 10 until about 2 (or beyond if there is interest).

It is a good time for all, as there is fellowship and the opportunity to introduce children & adults to Amateur Radio.

Thanks!

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Robert Gulley AK3Q / AAR4IS <u>ak3q@ak3q.com</u> 859=638-2043

All the world's a stage ... and there sure are a lot of drama critics! Shakespeare & Ernie

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Open Office won't permit all the close-in cutting & pasting that MSWord used to. So please Keep Scrolling On Down for Board Minutes & *Q Fiver* History promised/threatened earlier--

# OH-KY-IN ARS INC, Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting May 28, 2013

The Board of Directors met in the St. Bernard, Ohio, City Hall building. The meeting began at 7:02 PM on Tuesday May 28, 2013. All Board Members were present.

The Minutes of the April meeting were presented. One correction was made: members of OH-KY-IN staff the Health Department St. Bernard site. A motion was made and seconded to approved the Minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

There was no report of the current number of members.

It was reported that Eric N8YC expects to be away on Field Day weekend; he will have all in readiness. It was also reported that since the beginning of 2013, \$540 of dues have been paid through the PayPal web site. [That is a significant amount.]

Treasurer's Report. The audit report for 2012 is due; an oral report was received that all was found to be in order. A written report will be made.

It was moved and seconded that \$200 be advanced to John Phelps KC8VQU for purchase of food for Field Day. The motion passed by acclimation.

The May Split the Pot was \$38. The club's share of sales of equipment at the Dayton Hamvention was \$187; more may yet come in. It was moved and seconded that the total Hamvention proceeds be placed in the Repeater Fund. Following discussion, the motion passed.

The Repeater Fund was discussed. It was moved and seconded that the Repeater Fund may be used to purchase new equipment and for repair of equipment, but not for operating expenses. After discussion, the motion passed.

Technical Committee: Last Tuesday, May 21, the UHF repeater was installed at the Hughes High School site. It was placed in operation on low power, with only the barefoot unit currently installed. In addition, talks are ongoing about moving one of the VHF repeaters. A draft agreement in now in print, but it needs review and approval.

Programs: The June program will be about Field Day. An organizational meeting will be held at 6 PM preceding the June club meeting. Frank Piper KI8GW, OH Section Mgr, has accepted the invitation to join us at the October meeting to talk about the ARRL and its current activities.

In November, the normal elections will displace us from the usual meeting place; the November meeting this year will be the second Tuesday of the month in the usual place if the location can be scheduled. Currently no program is scheduled.

Old Business: The Brunch Bunch met on Saturday May 11. Following the lunch, the group set up and operated a station for the St. Bernard event. Between 40 and 50 contacts were made. As of this date, 6 paper QSL cards have been received.

Red, White and Blue Ash will be held July 4. We have a beer booth, but we do not yet know which one. Volunteers are needed.

St. Bernard has asked that we "man" a booth for their July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival. Volunteers are needed.

There is an August event at the Museum Center. We have been asked to participate and to show WW II era equipment.

Volunteers are needed to help sort out the Club Library now in storage at Gary KB8MYC's house. A work day will be established for this purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider K904E*, secretary

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# OH-KY-IN Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Revised, St Bernard City Hall Bldg, June 24, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by the President. A quorum was not present at the meeting, therefore meeting will be for discussion purposes only, no votes may be taken.

Present were: President Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Vice President Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Director Bruce Vanselow N8BV and Treasurer Brian DeYoung K4BRI. Club member Brian Fulmer KC8FJN was also present No minutes of previous meeting were available.

Membership report – 96 members as of this time

**Treasurer** – Monthly report as of June 24 was distributed. Balance of \$958.40 in checking and \$11,128.36 in saving for a combined total of \$12,066.63. There are Field Day receipts outstanding.

Russ gave the treasurer the June meeting's split the pot proceeds of \$54 Donations to the Repeater Fund at Field Day were approximately \$42 and given to the treasurer at the Field Day site.

Technical Committee – Committee will meet in July.

Amp is ready for install at the 440 repeater, preamp will be ordered and replaced at the .670 site. Harry Riggs KM4CS is reviewing the tower agreement documents for the possible move of the .925 machine.

**Education** – Classes and exams have concluded. There is some discussion of conducting a tech class in the summer months based on demand.

July Club Program – Robert AK3Q will do "SDR on the cheap".

Frank Piper KI8GW, Ohio Section Manager, is confirmed for the October meeting.

November meeting will be held on the  $2^{nd}$  Tuesday of the month to due meeting space not being available. **Old Business** – Wrap up of field day activities was discussed.

Bruce discussed fund raising events in St. Bernard & Blue Ash on 7/4.

Museum Center event coming in August.

**New Business** – Discussion on switching our VE affiliation to the Laurel group. Advantage to this is exams are at no cost. Brian DeYoung expressed concern about the amount of recalled test sessions Laurel has had. Bruce will check into this and report. We will also explore monthly exams.

Upcoming Ohio QSO party was discussed. WCVOA is inviting clubs to set up at their location as a joint venture. Matter will be taken to the membership.

Brian DeYoung brought up the Club's Heathkit SB200 amplifier. It has not been used in close to 10 years. He has checked it out and it needs major overhaul, exceeding the value. Discussion centered around disposing of it to a club member, Board vote will be taken.

No other discussion, meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Gazy KB8MYC* (President due to absence of Secretary)

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Joe Phillips K8QOE, center, with Clara Longano KB8DCH, left & Susie Scott N8CGM, right, the 1st-place newsletter contest wallpaper & the book at the Oct 2 ARRL Ohio Section Conference. K8QOE & KB8DCH now both SK

# Section Newsletter Winners Announced

This year it's <u>our</u> turn: the <u>Q-Fiver</u> is the 1994 winner in the ARRL Ohio Section's 3d annual newsletter contest. 2d place was <u>Triple States RAC News Bulletin</u> (near Steubenville) & 3d went to DARA's <u>RF Carrier.</u> <u>Bulletin COARES</u> of Central OH ARES, Columbus, <u>AR Beacon</u> of Toledo ARA & <u>Airwaves</u>, a co-production of 2 Mansfield clubs, all drew honorable mentions.

Joe Phillips K8QOE, Ohio Section Public Info. Officer, bestowed the various kudos at the Oct 2 Ohio Section Conference in Columbus. Ye Ed Susie N8CGM & circulation committee member Clara KB8DCH were able to

attend to accept Oh-Ky-In's awards – a 1994 <u>ARRL Handbook</u> in addition to the certificate, which was reproduced on page 12, big enough to see.

Southwest Publishing in Cincinnati employs the 3 non-ham judges, who scrutinized the 26 entries. Extra credit went for service to & contributions from members, & content. Design, style & grammar were rewarded to a lesser extent. Average scores were up this year, indicating that competition does indeed improve the breed. The <u>Q-Fiver</u> scored 85 points of 100, <u>TSRAC</u> 82, <u>RF Carrier</u> 80. The honorable mentions scored 77 & 76. Other scores ranged from 40 upward. Since winners are exempt from competition for 5 years, the <u>Q-Fiver</u> now gets a bye until the year 2000!

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There have been recent comments about sans serif (Arial & related) being better for smaller print than serif (Times & related). **ThereFore!** Back to use of sans serif except for script, starting with Sept 2013 issue.

33/73 *Susie N8CGM Ye Ed* =30= at long long last