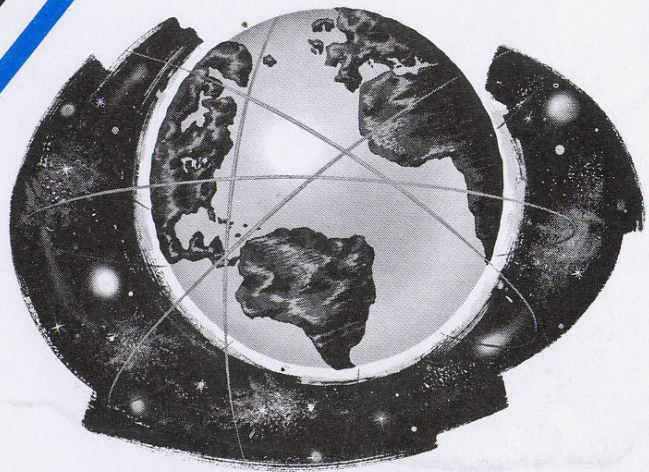




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OH-KY-IN Cafe Press page! <http://www.ohkyin.org/fundraising/php>

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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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 submissions 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 n8cgm@arrl.net or to sscott@iglou.com



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Summer Marches On

As I write this, Field Day 2013 has just wrapped up. It was another successful event. I want to thank Eric N8YC for his hard work as chair. He, along with numerous others, put a lot of hours into the prep. With their work, it looked seamless from the outside. I would be remiss by not making a special thanks to John KC8VQU for once again serving as our Chef. Even if the bands are lousy, we always eat good!!!

It was very encouraging to see the large crowd at last month's meeting. Russ WB8ZCC has lined up some awesome programs for our meetings through the end of the year. I want to see everyone continue coming out to enjoy these programs and have some great fellowship with your fellow amateurs. We have also had quite a few visitors and new hams present. Make sure to greet them and make them feel welcomed.

We have two major fund raisers coming on July 4th. They are the Red White & Blue Ash festival and the St. Bernard July 4th celebrations. We work a booth at both events. Bruce N8BV is again coordinating these events and could use a few more helpers. Please contact him & pitch in!

Until next month, stay cool and please do get on the repeaters. They are working great.

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting

Yes, indeed! At our meeting on July 2, Robert AK3Q will introduce us to "SDR on the cheap!" Using a USB dongle, a moderate computer, and some free software, you can enter the world of SDR (Software Defined Radio) for around \$20-\$30.

We'll cover some basics of hardware, software, and some of the types of signals you can receive. We'll also cover some specialized uses of these dongles, for example, monitoring aircraft transponders (ADS-B) and broadcast FM RDS!! Come join us and get in on one of the hottest new areas of the amateur radio hobby!

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*

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Minutes of Members' Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2013 & Board of Directors' Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2013 not available for this issue. Secretary Fred K9OHE unfortunately left files & notes at home when they went on vacation. He promises/threatens double minutes next time! --*Ye Ed*



Brunch Bunch at TGIFridays, 6330 Glenway Ave on June 8

On July 13 we'll meet at Cabana on the River, 7445 Forbes Rd in Sayler Park. Menu, directions, etc at www.cabanaontheriver.com. We were there once before, a few years back. Please look for this:



The Brunch Bunch is always held the second Saturday of each month at 1PM. We always look forward to seeing you.

73, *Bruce N8BV*

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Some shout-outs

Seen in June 2013 *CQ*: The "Zero Bias" op ed lauds Duffy Beischel WB8NUT for his clear explanations in April 2013 sister publication, *WorldRadio Online's*, article, "Diving into the Alphabet Soup: An Update on Popular Digital Modes, with a 'Sound Show' to Boot," pp. 8+.

Also in same *CQ* issue: Bob Frey WA6EZV and his Boy Scout charges show off their homebrew DF antennas in a pic from the "Results of the 2012 CQWW Foxhunting Weekend" report on pp. 50+.

73, *Ted NC8V*

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Below is a clickable link with information about the **2013 Red White & Blue Ash**.

<http://blueashevents.com/red-white-and-blueash.php>

Although I still have not received information on exactly *which* beer booth we will work at this event, OH-KY-IN *has* received confirmation of the assignment of 1 beer booth this year.

(We're also doing one at St Bernard's 4th of July event.)

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The website shows the event to be held at Summit Park which caused me to call for clarification. I was assured that it WILL be held at the same location, the new name of Blue Ash Airport is Summit Park. As of Tuesday, Board Meeting night, we were still **short 3 workers** for this. Please remember, this helps the club treasury rather well. Red White & Blue Ash is *always* a good time with great entertainment. This year Midnight Special and Foreigner will perform, not to mention the fantastic fireworks show that closes the event. Please e-mail or call to volunteer!

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

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May 22, 2013 -- Ft. Myers, FL -- Larry Zimmer W4LWZ, ARES EC for Lee Co & leader of A.L.E.R.T. was presented the **General James H. Doolittle Award** by Lee Co EOC Operations Chief Sandra Tapfumaneyi.

The General James H. Doolittle Award is "Presented to volunteers who exemplify the volunteer spirit in their generous commitment of time, effort, and support to our endeavors". The award is relatively new, with the first recipient being John Ludlum in 2010. Larry is only the second volunteer to receive it.

Tale via QCWA direct send to members



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Greetings!

Thank you all for coming out to the Oh-Ky-In Field Day event! From setup to teardown I have to say it is one of the best I can remember. We had a great turnout to help setup on Friday enabling us to complete most of the work that night. By 8pm we had all shelters up, all dipoles raised, electric mains run, generator on standby and then we enjoyed a relaxing wind down at Wild Mike's for dinner. Then on Saturday morning, all we had left was to raise the beam and set up station equipment. We were sitting very ready by the start time of 2pm with no technical issues or problems.

As all stations came alive we still had a lot of openings on the signup sheets, but within the first hour and then throughout the event, more people were arriving and just got in there and started operating or logging. I couldn't even pry them out of their seats when it came time to eat! Several people including a few brand new hams got in there and took ownership of their time on the radio. With a little practice, newer or rusty hams then became elmers to the newest hams and we had a few more people hooked on Field Day just as I was about 20 years ago. I will never forget my first Oh-Ky-In Field Days, and now there are a few more hams who have seen what Field Day is all about. I can't thank you all enough for stepping in and just getting the job done...and having a great deal of FUN!

I would like to make special mention of Dan Curtin KF4AV and Harry Riggs KM4CS for heading up the CW station this year and obtaining 80 CW contacts! It's harder each year to find code enthusiasts to continue the art and skill of CW but still got it done this year. Ted Morris NC8V helped us in multiple stations as he

usually does, particularly in the wee hours and popped into the CW tent for a few contacts himself. Thanks to the CW team!

And then we have John Phelps KC8VQU, otherwise known as our Chef John. From the breakfast on Saturday morning, then the picnic on Saturday, to the Steak Out at midnight, breakfast and lunch on Sunday, you are the true hero of Oh-Ky-In's Field Day event, with culinary dedication unparalleled in all of Field Day! Because of you, we outdo ourselves in feeding the troops, and it is truly a labor of love, and the toughest job of all! Thanks John!

Special thanks to Mick Cook KD8IOQ for arranging for Jim Sullivan NG8T to come out with us to enjoy Field Day and demonstrate amateur radio satellite communications. Jim was also one of my college professors at OCAS a number of years back, and it was an honor to have him and his wife come out to our event. Thanks Mick and Jim!

Thanks again to Mick for spearheading the Digital Station. Thank you Dick Arnett WB4SUV and Brian DeYoung K4BRI for the SSB Station 1; Jerry Shipp W1SCR, for the GOTA station and Solar contacts; and Chef John for the 6M Station. Thanks again Ted for taking care of the NTS traffic.

We had a number of guests this year, ham and non ham, that came out to see what our Field Day is all about and weren't afraid to jump in and give us a hand. This year was a tribute to teamwork in all aspects. I can't thank everyone enough for how quickly we setup and tore down and more importantly, operate a virtually smooth running Field Day!

Except for the heat on Friday's setup, we had a couple relatively cool nights to enjoy and all are extremely thankful that the thunderstorms that threatened us a couple of times went around us every time. Thank you Carol!

During the next couple of weeks, I will assemble all the data and documentation to submit our Field Day package to the ARRL for scoring. Any pictures taken this weekend, especially documenting our special bonus points, please email them ASAP. I will also contact a number of you to follow up and/or fill in any last minute details. Once I complete the package and obtain our submitted score I will post it on the reflector.

Forgive me if I left out someone here, but EVERYONE contributed greatly to this year's event, and as always. Thank you all for another GREAT Oh-Ky-In ARS Field Day!

73, *Eric N8YC*

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DX Spots

July 2013

Nathan KA3MTT was off on the Left Coast when articles were due, requested *Ye Ed* to scabble together what she might.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Special event station DT60US is QRV during 2013 to celebrate the 60-year long partnership between South Korea and the USA. QSL via WX8C. ARLD023

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

Lakshadweep Islands, VU7KV, May 2013 operation. If you had this contact rejected in a recent submission, send an email to bmoore@arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update to your record.

In ARLD023 DX News (6-6-13)

BAHRAIN, A9. Dave, A92IO has been QRV on 17 meters around 0400z. He is active until December 2013. QSL to home call.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Juergen, DL4SDW is QRV as DL4SDW/HI3 until July 26. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using mainly CW with some SSB and digital modes. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. Jimmy, W6JKV is QRV as V31IV from San Pedro until July 1. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

CHAGOS ISLAND, VQ9. Jim, ND9M will be QRV as VQ93JC from Diego Garcia from June 22 to July 7. He will be active most days from 1230 to 1615z. QSL to home call.

HONG KONG, VR. Kazuhiko, JH1OGX is QRV as VR2KF from Ma Wan Island, IOTA AS-006, until 2014. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, *The Weekly DX*, 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. in ARLD025 DX News (6-20-13) reprinted by permission of ARRL with due credits given

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Contests

July 2013

- 1 Canada Day Contest, have Timbits ready!; 10-10 Spirit of '76 QSO Party
 - 4 MI QRP July 4 Sprint
 - 6-7 DARC 10 m Digital Corona Contest; Venezuela Independence Day Contest; DL DX RTTY Contest; 070 Club Firecracker PSK31 Sprint; QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Contest
 - 9 OK1WC Memorial Contest, SSB & CW; ARS Spartan Sprint
 - 10 CWops Mini-CW Test
 - 12-14 NS Weekly Sprints, CW & Digital; FISTS Summer Sprint. CW; IARU HF World Championship, SSB & CW; Straight Key Week-end Sprintathon; VHF+ Alaska QSO Party; CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush Contest
 - 18 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW
 - 20-22 RSGB Low Power Contest, CW; DMC RTTY Contest; Feld-Hell 10m Sprint; NA RTTY QSO Party; CQ WW VHF Contest; Run for the Bacon, CW
 - 27-28 NJ QSO Party; RSGB IOTA Centenary Contest, SSB & CW; 144 MHz Digital EM Championship; MARAC US Counties QSO Party, SSB & CW; Flight of the Bumblebees, CW
- Field Day is done. Now some contests in your air-conditioned shack. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or www.arrl.org

73, Dan ~~KF4AV~~

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Weaver's Words. June 2013 - The Great Lakes Division Newsletter

Actually, this month, the Newsletter is "Dales' Tales" in disguise, as Director Weaver is taking a well deserved break. [Reply only to k8je@arrl.org unless noted otherwise.]

- Field Day - ARRL Centennial Convention in 2014
- Great Lakes Div Convention / Aladdin Hamfest - Scheduled Hamfests and Travel

+++ **Field Day in Review** +++

Whew, Field Day is just a few days behind us and I can well imagine there is some recuperating going on among our fellow hams. What a great event - always - despite the heat (cold), sun (rain), bugs (insert critter of your choice) to

make things interesting. Still, it is the largest US/Canada operating event of the year and has been a traditional showplace for ham radio. I truly hope that all of our Great Lakes Division's clubs were able to muster some FD activity and get on the air. Speaking of get on the air, FD's traditional Get-on-the-Air (GOTA) stations have afforded potential hams as well as newly licensed ops the chance to operate in this event. GOTA is a wonderful recruitment and PR tool.

+++ ARRL Centennial Convention in 2014 +++

The ARRL was founded in Hartford, CT in 1914. Its centennial anniversary, then, will be next year. A major celebratory Centennial National Convention is being planned for next June in Hartford. This will be a tremendous opportunity for members to visit HQ – including W1AW, to attend interesting forums and to view the great history of Amateur Radio. Watch *QST* and www.arrl.org in coming months for details as these are announced. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate Amateur Radio and the organization that remains so crucial in keeping it a viable avocation.

+++ ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention set for August 3 +++

Our own division Convention is coming up soon. It will be August 3 held at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3950 Steltzer Rd. in Columbus, OH. Here is the web page link - <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/convention.html> which provides all of the up-to-date information.

In addition to the Aladdin's impressive hamfest, the Great Lakes Convention brings the some absolutely outstanding events. We have attempted to bring well known subject matter experts in to conduct and moderate our forums. The Convention Committee is confident you will find each of the sessions interesting and informative. The first sessions will kick off at 8:30 AM.

Track 1:

Propagation Forum - Carl Leutzelschwab K9LA; Club Growth - Kitty Hevener W8TDA; OSSBN Bi-Annual meeting - open to all

Track 2:

Voice of America VOA - Jay Adrick K8CJY; Public Service - Jim Brooks KY4Z; National Traffic System Forum - David Maynard WA3EZN

Plenary Sessions:

ARRL Forum - Jim Weaver K8JE, Dave Sumner K1ZZ, Dale Williams WA8EFK

Convention Luncheon: At 1 PM we will hold a luncheon where ARRL Executive Director Dave Sumner K1ZZ will speak. The link to the luncheon registration form is posted on the Convention web page. Following Dave's keynote address, the Division Awards will be made. These will include the Division Newsletter Award, Ham of the Year, Youth Ham of the Year, Technical Achievement Award, DX Achievement Award and the coveted George Wilson Award.

Wouff Hong - Ohio Section volunteers. The Ohio Section will host a not-to-be-missed meeting of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong which, by the way, can only be held at ARRL National, Division and State Conventions. This is a rare opportunity to become a member of this honored and very special Order.

The Convention/Hamfest will also host Amateur Radio License Testing, plus QSL Card Checking (Keith Kemper N8KOL will be on hand) plus there will be a number of local club information booths.

Remember the date and please plan to be there, Columbus, OH on August 3.

+++ Scheduled Sanctioned Hamfests and Travel +++

The following is a schedule of travel planned by the Director, Vice Director and Section Managers in the Great Lakes Division at this time. These trips represent an excellent opportunity to discuss ARRL and what it is doing to support Amateur Radio.

Hamfest chairs: It is never too early to apply to have your hamfest sanctioned. You are encouraged to apply for sanctioning six months before your event. The following is the tentative schedule by ARRL Division and Section

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officials to attend hamfests/swaps as indicated. Especially now that DXCC submission can be made online, it would be a good idea to invite a QSL Field Checker to your hamfest and publicize he will be there. This invitation will cost only an admission ticket and the use of one table. A listing of Card Checkers is available at www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-search. Obviously, Card Checkers are available consistent with the timing of the hamfest and the distance they would need to travel. I will be happy to note on the listing of hamfests which of these will host a Card Checker if I am given the information.

The following listing is of hamfests that have been sanctioned by their sponsors through ARRL. Sanctioning essentially confirms that the sponsors of a hamfest and ARRL are mutually interested cooperating in furthering Amateur Radio. There are additional hamfests for which this sanctioning has either not been requested or has not been given. Readers are requested to send any corrections regarding sanctioned hamfests to k8je@arrl.org.

Jul 18 - PSC Meeting, Newington, CT - K8JE

Jul 19-21 - ARRL BoD Meeting, Newington, CT -- K8JE, WA8EFK

Jul 20 - NOARSFEST, Elyria, OH

Jul 20 - GMARC Summer Trunk Swap, Utica, MI

Jul 21 - Van Wert AR Hamfest, Van Wert, OH -- OH Cabinet

Jul 27 - CMARC Outdoor Hamfest, Lansing, MI - WB8R

Jul 28 - Portage Hamfair, Randolph, OH - WA8EFK, OH Cabinet

Aug 3 - Columbus Hamfest & Great Lakes Division Convention, Columbus, OH - ****(QSL CHECKING)** - K8JE, KI8GW, OH Cabinet

Aug 3 - UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI

Aug 11 - Central KY ARRL Hamfest, Lawrenceburg, KY - ****(QSL CHECKING)** - K8JE, KY4Z

Aug 18 - Warren Hamfest, Cortland, OH

Aug 24 - SARA Swap & Trunk Sales, Owosso, MI

Sep 7 - Greater Louisville Hamfest 2013, Shepherdsville, KY - ****(QSL CHECKING)** - K8JE, KY4Z

Sep 7 - 20 Over 9 RC Tailgate/Hamfest, Austintown, OH

Sep 7 - GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI

Sep 8 - Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - WA8EFK, KI8GW

Sep 15 - Adrian Hamfest, Adrian, MI

Sep 21 - GMARC Trunk Sale, Utica, MI

Sep 21 - Richmond KY Hamfest, Richmond, KY - KY4Z

Sep 22 - Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show, Berea, OH - ****(QSL CHECKING)** - K8JE, KI8GW

Oct 5 - Straits Area Hamfest, Petoskey, MI

Oct 5 - Vette City Hamfest, Bowling Green, KY - KY4Z - ****(QSL CHECKING)** - K8JE, KY4Z

Oct 6 - USECA Hamfest, Madison Heights, MI

Oct 18-19 - Microwave Update 2013, Space Science Center, Morehead, KY

Oct 19 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Muskegon, MI - K8JE, WB8R

Oct 20 - Kalamazoo Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI - K8JE, WB8R - ****(QSL CHECKING)**

Oct 26 - Hazard Hamfest, KY Mountains ARC - KY4Z

Nov 3 - Massillon Hamfest & Auction, Massillon, OH - ****(QSL CHECKING)** - KI8GW

Dec 8 - LCARC Hamfest/Swap, Harrison Twp., MI

73 from both of us,

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Dale Williams WA8EFK Vice Director, Great Lakes Div. 291 Outer Drive m Dundee, MI 48131 734=529-3232; e-mail wa8efk@arrl.org ARRL: The reason Amateur Radio Is Members: The reason ARRL is

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I've tracked **Dayton Hamvention Attendance** over the years and here is the data:

Brief Dayton Hamfest History

* In 1964 the Hamvention moved to Hara Arena, its present location.

** In 1973, Hamvention expanded into a two-day event, and Sunday was added to make it a three-day event the following year (1974).

*** Hamvention officials agree that 30,000 visitors is critical mass given the current facilities at Hara. Anything over 28,000 pushes it at Hara says Matthews. It pushes our restroom facilities, it pushes our food concessions, it pushes our transportation, and it pushes our human comfort factor, which is important.

**** Putting on Hamvention costs in excess of \$700,000 each year.

1991 33,500 (ross.m.brown@...)	1992 33,000 (ross.m.brown@...)
1993 33,669 (Peak before the change from April to May)	1994 35,000 (e) (<i>Dayton Daily News</i>)
1995 33,000 (e) (<i>Dayton Daily News</i>)	1996 no data available
1997 28,000 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)	1998 28,120 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)
1999 28,176 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)	2000 28,804 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)
2001 26,151 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)	2002 24,832 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)
2003 22,168 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)	2004 19,869 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)
2005 20,411 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)	2006 20,324 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)
2007 19,318 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)	2008 17,253 (<i>ARRL Newsletter</i>)
2009 18,877 (Dayton Hamvention direct query)	2010 19,750 (Dayton Hamvention direct query)
2011 22,312 (Dayton Hamvention direct query – WA8APB)	
2012 24,483 (Announced at Friday night's DARA Meeting)	
2013 24,542 (Announced by DARA 6-06-13)	

73, **Rick Kouzey K4KQ** Marvin/Charlotte, NC posted on Hamvention Reflector

Anyone else have data for earlier? Rick's queried Hamvention chairs to no avail. Please advise to rkourey@carolina.rr.com

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Ohio Section News for June 20, 2013

In this issue: deletions/crops may be read at OH Section website, <http://www.arrl.ohio-org>

- Ohio Section ranks high in 2012 SET
- ARRL Field Day Was- Governor's Resolution
- Gt Lks Div Conv Aug 3-Call For Nominations
- Notes from Section Traffic Manager (deleted)
- Affiliated Club News (all FD, short)
- Public Info Coordinator Notes – 2013 Ohio Section Newsltr Contest
- News from Technical Coordinator (Wouff Hong only)
- Legislative Notes
- Around The Web (deleted)
- Special Event Stations in Ohio
- Ohio Hamfest Calendar replaced by Hamfests&c, follows Section News

Ohio Section ranks high in 2012 SET

It was a pleasant surprise to open my July *QST* and see how well the Ohio Section did during the 2012 Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Ohio ranked third for ARES activity in the Nation, and fourth for Section/Local Nets. Broken down, Erie County ARES came in first, and for Section/Local Nets, the Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN) took first place for Ohio, as well as the entire Great Lakes Division. For more details, see page 70 of the July *QST*.

My many thanks to all the volunteers who spent countless hours operating and passing message traffic last October, and who still spend many hours the other 363 days a year making sure the National Traffic System

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Gov. Kasich signed Field Day resolution for Ohio

As Field Day weekend drew near, Ohio Governor John R. Kasich signed a Resolution declaring that June 22 and 23, 2013 be recognized as "Amateur Radio Operator Appreciation Days" throughout Ohio.

The Ohio Section website (www.arrl-ohio.org) has links on the main page to a PDF of the Resolution document. My thanks to State Govt Liaison Nick Pittner K8NAP for heading up the project with the Governor's office for this recognition for all Ohio Amateur Radio Operators.

73, *Frank J. Pipez KJ8GW* ARRL Section Manager – Ohio

Gt Lks Div Conv Aug 3 in Columbus -Call for Award Nominations

The Great Lakes Division may recognize licensed radio amateurs occasionally for exemplary performance as amateurs and citizens by issuing awards (e.g. Wilson, Amateur of the Year). In selecting recipients for the awards the Director may appoint a Committee Chair to manage the selection process or may lead the process him/herself. When a Chair is appointed, he/she will appoint with the concurrence of the Director a three-judge panel to review and recommend recipients for the awards, If possible, one judge will be appointed from each the Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio Sections. The Chair will instruct the judges in the criteria for the awards. The Chair will also arrange to issue call(s) for nominations. The calls may include notices published in Director's e-newsletters to the Division.

Information made available to potential nominators will include the:

- name of, description of and requirements for each of the awards,
- general recommendation for material that would be helpful to support a nomination,
- manner in which nominations are to be submitted,
- name and address of the person to whom nominations must be sent, and
- deadline for receipt of nominations.

Nominations submitted in the designated manner will be reviewed by the Chair to ensure they meet minimum requirements for the respective awards (e.g. age, ARRL membership and number of years as licensed amateurs). Deadline for nominations is July 10, 2013. Nominations may be submitted by visiting the ARRL Great Lakes Division Website: http://arrl-greatlakes.org/awards/award_nomination_2013.html

Copies of eligible nominations will be provided by the Chair to the Director and to each of the judges to re-view as possible award recipients. The panel of judges will determine which, if any nominee(s) it will recommend to the Director as the recipient(s) of each award. If practical, the panel of judges is encouraged to confer with each other in reaching its decisions regarding award winners. The Director will make the ARRL Conference Bridge teleconference system available to the judges for such conferences.

The Chair will forward the judges' recommendations to the Director for final review and concurrence.

Awards list & descriptions in **Ohio Section News for June 20, 2013** on section website <http://www.arrl.ohio-org>

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Affiliated Clubs news

All related to Field Day, which has been. 60+ clubs in OH were on the Field Day Roll Call listed by *E. Mike McCardel KC8YLD* Ohio Section Affiliated Club Coordinator kc8yld@arrl.net

Public Info Coordinator Notes – 2013 Ohio Section Newsltr Contest

snip8<... A tip for Field Day **next year**, please make sure you have weights to hold your material on your information table. (for other events too, especially those outdoors). In my opinion, having some nice paperweights is way better than some rocks or a crescent wrench.

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WIAGP and Mike Corey K1IU at The League. I will relay more information to you as it becomes available.

Entries for the 20th Annual Newsletter Contest must reach me by June 30, 2013.

Rules for the Contest & 18 entries received are listed in my column in the **Ohio Section News for June 20, 2013** on section website <http://www.arrl.ohio-org> Snip 8<...

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

News from Technical Coordinator

Fellow Amateurs, it's almost that time again. The date of our Great Lakes Division Convention and Columbus Hamfest is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for Saturday August 3, 2013 and plan to attend. The line-up of speakers and events will be exciting.

For those of you who missed the Wouff Hong ceremony last year, we will again conduct the induction of members into the "Royal Order of the Wouff Hong". This is a great event featuring a cast of players offering insight into our past as well as gentle and often humorous jabs at both good and bad Amateur practice. All members are welcome to attend and present themselves for induction into the Order.

Once again, I seek a few select individuals who have obtained their admission into the Wouff Hong to play a role in the ceremony. It's easy and we have a script that will be read. There is no need to memorize or other-wise stress about participating. The Ohio Section has the appropriate costumes and we need a cast of six players to perform the ceremony. If you are interested, please drop me a line at w8erw@arrl.net and I will send you the script. Else I may have to twist some arms and draft you into submission, Hi HI.

Don't miss this special event for the Great Lakes Division Convention! Snip 8<...

Many of your Ohio Section Cabinet members were out and about again this year visiting your Field Day sites. We sought to take some pictures which you will later find on the Ohio Section web site, <http://arrl-ohio.org/> and answer your questions, concerns etc. wee snip 8< We enjoy the opportunity to meet with you wherever we are and be of assistance however we may.

73, *Jim Yodetz W8ERW* Ohio Section Technical Coordinator w8erw@arrl.net

Legislative Notes

How's It Working?

It has been nearly a year since H.B. 158 (the Bill) became law in Ohio. Local zoning authorities are now required by both federal and Ohio law to afford reasonable accommodation to requests for approval of amateur radio antennas.

Successful use of the Bill requires understanding on both sides. Hams need to understand what they are, and are not entitled to, while local zoning authorities need to understand their obligations under the Bill.

For hams, it means that they are entitled to reasonable accommodation of zoning requests for amateur radio antennas. It does not, however, eliminate the need to apply for a building permit and a zoning variance if re-quired by local regulations for the desired antenna installation. Other local restrictions, such as setback limits may also apply.

Local zoning authorities need to understand their obligation to provide accommodation for amateur radio antennas, even if the request exceeds what would otherwise be permitted under local zoning regulations. The Bill also places the burden on local zoning authorities to show that they have complied with the Bill in the event that an appeal is taken from the denial of a variance request.

The Bill applies to municipal, township and county zoning ordinances. According to Wikipedia, Ohio has nearly 1300 townships, 88 counties and 932 municipalities, each with authority to adopt its own zoning ordinances. There is no requirement of uniformity for local zoning ordinances, so that each one may have different requirements. Given the potential variance it is difficult to develop "across the board" guidance for hams seeking approval for new antennas.

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Based on what we have heard so far it appears that many local zoning authorities have never heard of either PRB-1 or H.B. 158 and have a great deal of trouble understanding why radio amateurs are entitled to relief from local zoning regulations in ways that do not apply to non-amateurs. Thus, successful variance applications will involve educating those authorities, about the new requirements imposed upon them by the Bill.

As we continue to explore ways to help get more hams on the air, we need to hear from you. Let us know, both about the successes and the failures. Every antenna variance application creates precedent for the one to follow - good precedent if it is granted, bad precedent if it's rejected. Thus, your success is important, not only for you, but also for those who will follow. Let us know your experiences. You can email me at k8nap@arrl.net or Frank at ki8gw@arrl.org.

73, *Nick Pittnez K8NAP* Ohio State Government Liaison k8nap@arrl.net
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Special Event Stations in Ohio

- 07/12/2013 | Delta Chicken Festival – Jul 12-Jul 14, 1700Z-1700Z, K8BXQ, Wauseon, OH. Fulton County Amateur Radio Club. 14.270 7.270; 14.070 PSK31; 147.195. Certificate. FCARC, PO Box 521, Wauseon, OH 43567.

k8bxq.org

- 07/13/2013 | 150th Anniversary of Morgan's Raid through Guernsey County --Jul 13, 1400Z-2200Z, W8VP, Cambridge, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association. 14.260 7.235. Certificate & QSL. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. 150th Anniversary of Morgan's Raid thru Guernsey County. 7th Special Event in CARA's year-long 100th Birthday Celebration. QSL. Certificate available for anyone who works ALL 12 of CARA's monthly Special Events of 2013 www.w8vp.org

- 07/21/2013 | Kelli Lambert Memorial Event – Jul 21, 0000Z-2359Z, K8L, Wellston, OH. Jackson County Amateur Radio Club. 21.280 14.280 7.280 3.880. QSL. K8L, 112 Montgomery Mdw, Wellston, OH 45692. In remembrance of 10th anniversary of Line of Duty Death (LODD) of Wellston (Ohio) Police Officer Kelli Lambert (EOW July 21, 2003). All QSL cards received will be presented to Kelli's family. www.qrz.com/db/K8L

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Hamfests &c.

July-Aug 2013

13 43d Indpls IN Hamfest Communications & Technology Expo sponsored by Indpls ARA at Marion Co Fairgrounds, 7300 E Troy Ave. 6AM-3PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams 9AM-12N, \$15 cash or check, walk-ins OK. Talk-in: 146.76. \$6 advance, \$8 door. Info: Bill Akin K9YDO, 317=261-6658, k9ydo@comcast.net, www.indyhamfest.com

20 Summer NOARSFEST sponsored by N OH ARS at Lorain Co Community College, Spitzer Conf Ctr, 1005 N Abbe Rd, Elyria OH. 5th yr at this site. 8AM-1PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating. Talk-in: 146.7 (110.9 Hz). \$6 Info: Darlene Ohman KA8TVS, 216=398-8858, dohman@roadrunner.com, www.noars.net

21 26th Annual Van Wert OH Hamfest sponsored by Van Wert ARC at Van Wert Co Fairgrounds, Rt 127 S. From 8 AM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, tailgating. Talk-in: 146.85. \$5 Info: Stephen Kouts WA8WKF, techserv@embarqmail.com, w8fy.org

28 27th Annual Hamfair sponsored by Portage ARC at Portage Co Fairgrounds, 4125 Fairgrounds Rd, Randolph OH. 8AM-3PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams. Talk-in: 145.39-. \$5 advance, \$6 door. Info: Joanne Solak KJ3O, 330=274-8240, kj3o@hotmail.com, hamfair.com

Aug 3 Gt Lks Div Convention & 23d Annual Columbus OH Hamfest sponsored by Voice of Aladdin ARC at

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Aladdin Shrine Ctr, 3850 Stelzer Rd. 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, field checking of QSL cards, refreshments, seminars, tailgating, VE exams check in before 9 AM, walk-ins welcome. ARRL event, so \$15 fee highly likely. Talk-in: 146.97. \$5 Info: Barry Metz KC8SXG, 614= 876-3099, kc8sxcg@arrl.net, www.columbushamfest.com

Each VE exam applicant must have:

- 1) Original current amateur radio license (to show VE team & copy for file, if any).
- 2) Original & copy of any CSCE or other paperwork which to be submitted for credit.
- 3) Government issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license or passport)

Application process requires either Social Security Number (SSN) or FCC Registration Number (FRN). If you have had any correspondence with the FCC in the past few years, they may have already issued you a FRN. The FRN has been printed on amateur licenses issued in recent years. If you have other FCC licenses, you may have a FRN from that. If you don't have a FRN & prefer not to give out your SSN, or don't have a SSN, please visit the FCC website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>

- 4) Pen with blue or black ink, clean paper to calculate on or calculator with memory cleared
- 5) \$15 cash or check if **ARRL VE exams**

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VE Exam opportunities besides Hamfests

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

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

Please see also **Hamfests &c.** above for requirements for all.

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What's coming in July 2013

Tue Jun 25 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard
May *Q-Fiver* distribution begins

Wed Jun 26 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, Brian KC8FJN

Sun Jun 30 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net: Going Mobile! 146.67

Tue Jul 2 7:30PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120E Washington, St Bernard
Program: SDR on the Cheap! Robert Gulley AK3Q

Wed Jul 3 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q

Thu Jul 4 US Independence Day, Red White & Blue Ash, St Bernard 4th

Fri Jul 5 8:00PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communic Ofc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot

Sun Jul 7 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net: Basic Antenna Theory 146,67

Wed Jul 10 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI

Sat Jul 13 10:00 AM Monthly Oh-Ky-In fox hunts hounds gather at Mt Storm Park; talk-in to start on 146.67
1:00PM Oh-Ky-In Brunch Bunch at Cabana on the River, 7445 Forbes Rd, Sayler Park

Sun Jul 14 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net: Antenna Options for 2m & 440

Tue Jul 16 7:00PM Technical Committee meeting if needed, location TBD

Wed Jul 17 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dennis KB8ROA

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OH-KY-IN 2013 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Chair
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Chair
Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT, Chair
Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Chair
Shipp W1SCR
Q-Fiver Editor Susie Scott N8CGM
Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
Fox Hunters Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV
Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC
WebGeezer Russ Hines WB8ZCC
Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Chair Bruce Vanselow N8BV

Life Members:

John W. Hughes AI4DA

ARPSC Representative open
QCEN Representative Pat Maley KD8PAT Membership
WARN Representative open
Rptr Control Ops Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV PIO Jerry
Librarian open
Field Day Chair Eric Neiheisel N8YC
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K8SCH QSL Mgr Gerry Weimer KD8ASL Fundraising
TVI/RFI Chair Dick Arnett WB4SUV
Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
Karl R Kaucher KJ4KWR

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August *Q-Fiver* copy deadline

- Fri Jul 20 8:00PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av45207
- Sun Jul 21 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net: Simple HF Rcv&Xmit Antennas
- Wed Jul 24 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8FJN
- Sun Jul 28 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net: Experiment with Different Antennas
- Tue Jul 30 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard
August *Q-Fiver* distribution begins
- Wed Jul 31 9:00PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Rick KD4PYR
- Fri Aug 2 8:00PM 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 & Elmers Net: topic TBD, on 146.67
- Tue Aug 7 7:30 PM Club meeting at St Bernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, St Bernard Program TBA

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A sincere "thank you!" to all those **Newcomers and Elmers** who have been turning out for our Sunday Night Net. We have had a great response, and have had a number of folks listening in to the net in addition to those checking in.

Our goal is to have a topic each week to direct the net, but also to entertain any and all questions related to the radio hobby. To that end, I wanted to let folks know about the topics for the month of July, listed in calendar above. We meet each Sunday Night at 7:00 PM. on the 146.670- (PL-123 Hz) repeater. See you there!

73, *Robert AK3Q*

*Copy deadline for August Q Fiver is
Wednesday, July 17*

but wait! There's a bit more –

PR-PIO-Newsletter News

Dale KC8HQ5 has agreed to become *Ye Ed* for the Butler Co club he also belongs to. *Ye Ed* here offered him conga-cats & -rats for agreeing to become one, & he e'd back "I've been hanging around the Butler County guys long enough. They haven't had a newsletter in a longtime so I decided to volunteer for it. I'm using some open source (free) software called Scribus."

Ye Ed N8CGM hopes OH SM Frank KI8GW will make Dale a PIO too fairly soon. Legendary SM Joe Phillips K8QOE (SK) made a whole raft of PIO appointments Ago, including her own.

& a snip from "Meet the Managers" in *ARRL Contest Update* 6-19-13

As you have probably heard, there is a new Contest Branch Manager (CBM) at the ARRL. Sean Kutzko KX9X has filled the CBM chair since October of 2007 and moves up to become new ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager. (A special note of thanks to Allen Pitts W1AGP who has filled in for the PR position even after his formal retirement at the end of 2012.) The new CBM is Mike DeChristopher N1TA with whom you may have spoken to get help with your [Logbook of the World](#) (LoTW) account.

Also meant to include in hard copies, mention of **this** –

RCARC
7th Annual Ham-Fest
Saturday, August 17th 2013 8am-1pm



Ripley County Amateur Radio Club
Located at Rom-Weber MarketPlace
7 S Eastern Ave, Batesville, IN

- Easy access from I-74
- Free Parking
- General Admission starts at 8:00 AM
- Price of Admission \$5
- Tables Available \$4
- Vendor setup starts at 6:30 AM
- Tailgating is free with price of admission
- Door prize will be a Baofeng 144/440 HT
- Radio in on 441.775+ or 147.135+w/PL146.2

GPS coordinates N 39 17.79 W 085 13.17

For more info or to register as vendor pls e info@rcarc.net or ring 513=617-9191

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