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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!

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Another Year Draws To A Close

It's probably one of the most spoken cliques, where has the time gone. As we pull the curtain on 2014, we can chalk this up as another successful year for our club. Our membership has continued to grow, meeting attendance has been great (Jerry W1SCR has given us some great ones this year), & our club has remained financially strong. Our repeaters, especially the 146.670 machine, have become some of the "go to" machines for groups all over town.

The other thing that comes to a close in 2014, is my tenure as your President. It has been an honor to have served in this role for the past 5 years. We have shared a great number of successes during this time. This was not the result of my doing, it was the collective effort of each & every member. In the past 5, a lot of areas clubs have seen declining numbers, a couple have even faded away. The fact that we have grown steadily shows our members' commitment. As a new slate of officers takes over, I have one simple request of our members: step up & help them out. As it is seen in a lot of groups, 80% of the work is accomplished by 20% of the membership. You don't have to be an out in the front leader, if that's not in your comfort zone. There's plenty to do behind the scenes. We are a powerful force in amateur radio, we are even more powerful all together.

Now, bring on 2015! Happy & safe holidays to each & every one of you & your families!
73, Gazy KB8MYC

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Nominations for Election at December Meeting

The following persons were nominated for elected positions for 2015:

President: Fred Schneider K9OHE was nominated by Kitty Hevener W8TDA, & Paul Jordan KD8JDF nominated himself.

The Nominating Committee nominated Michael Sien KD8SOH for Vice-President

The Nominating Committee nominated Fred Schneider K9OHE to be Secretary. (In response to a question, Fred said that if he was elected President the Board would appoint a Secretary.)

The Nominating Committee nominated Brian DeYoung K4BRI to be Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee nominated Ted Morris NC8V & Ryan Williamson W1RYN for the 1 Director Position to be elected to a 3 year term.

All of these people agreed to serve if elected.

A motion was made & seconded to close the nominations. The motion passed. The election will be held during the December club meeting.

De *Fred Schneider K9O9LE*, Secretary

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Next meeting...

...in St. Bernard Municipal Building (Recr Hall), usual location, at 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard (corner of Washington & Tower), on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Please enter through the doors that face the high school on Washington. For more information, please click [HERE](#) (in PDF copies only please). Dec 2 Program: *Election for 2015 & Christmas party with pizza!*

73 *Jetzy W1SCR*

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OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society: **Minutes of November 4, 2014 Club Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Coffey at 7:39 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. 46 persons introduced themselves in the self-introductions. There were no health & welfare announcements. There was a brag session.

The program was Rick Haltermon KD4PYR presenting valuable information about signing up for & using the ARRL's Logbook of the World.

Following the program there was a break from 8:10 PM to 8:35 PM, when the business portion of the meeting began.

It was moved & seconded to approve the Minutes of the October meeting with the correction that Michael Sien KD8SOH is chair of the Nominations Committee. The motion passed.

Membership at meeting time was 136. Dues for 2015 are now due.

The Treasurer presented a preliminary Treasurer's Report; the exact amount received by PayPal was not then known; this will be corrected for a final report at the December Meeting.

It was moved & seconded to approve the Preliminary Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Thankfully there were no new silent keys.

Technical Committee: Brian DeYoung K4BRI reported. Our repeaters are working – use them. We are inching towards putting the UHF repeater back on the air. The 146.670 repeater is probably the busiest repeater in the area.

Education: It was reported that there are 8 students in the Tech class, 9 in the General class & 2 in the Extra class. Exams will be in the lower level of the St. Bernard City Hall on Saturday November 22 beginning at 9:00 AM. VEs are needed.

The monthly Fox Hunt will be this Saturday starting in Mt. Storm Park (Cincinnati) promptly at 10:00 AM.

The Wednesday evening Tech Talk Net has had as many as 35 checkins. We are always looking for new net control operators. The Sunday evening Newcomers & Elmers Net has had very good participation, with 30 to 35 checkins regularly. There are a number of good questions.

QCEN: Pat Maley KD8PAT reported that the Red Cross area now includes almost 1/3 of the state. Therefore QCEN participated in the SET by checking communication ability in this wide area by use of repeaters & simplex. Their next meeting is Friday November 21 at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross building. The club's station will be open prior to the meeting.

Old Business: The President announced that there was an incomplete business meeting in October.

New Business. The November Brunch Bunch will be at Hooligan's in Pleasant Ridge. The Nominating Committee made its report. It had no candidates for president. Michael Sien KD8SOH was nominated for Vice-President; Fred Schneider K9OHE was nominated for Secretary; Brian DeYoung K4BRI was nominated for Treasurer; & Ted Morris NC8V & Ryan Williamson W1RYN were nominated for the three year term as Director. Nominations from the floor were opened: Fred Schneider K9OHE was nominated for President & Paul Jordan KD8JDF nominated himself. A motion was made & seconded to close nominations. The motion passed. Each of the persons nominated agreed to serve if elected.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held during the December meeting. Door prizes are being arranged by Bryan KD8ZFF.

Split the pot was \$40 & won by Fred KD8DLB.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider K9OHE* Secretary

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OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society: **Minutes of November 4, 2014 Board Meeting**

The Board of Directors met on November 4, 2014 in St. Bernard (instead of meeting in October). The meeting began at 6:03 PM.

The President took notes of the September Board meeting in the absence of the Secretary. He will prepare the report for the November Board meeting.

There was no membership report this month. 7 joined at the Hamfest & 2 at the last Club meeting. It was believed that current membership is 136 or so.

The Treasurer distributed a Preliminary Treasurer's Report. Corrections will be made next month. A motion was made & seconded to approve the Preliminary Treasurer's Report with the understanding that the necessary changes would be made for next month's meeting.

The motion carried. The Sales Tax return has now been filed.

Hamfest: The ticket stubs have not been counted. About 35 club members attended. 7 new members signed up at the Hamfest. About 250 attended. A meeting to evaluate the Hamfest will be held.

Education: There are 8 students taking the Technician Class class, 9 in the General Class class & 2 in the Extra Class class.










Technical Committee: The Arcomm controller is ready for the UHF repeater. There was brief discussion of the other sites.

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DX Spots – December 2014 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
V6 – Micronesiat hru 12-4 	1 E6XG – Niue thru 12.6 - - - A6 – United Arab Emir- ates thru 12.25	2 Harald DF2WO QRV as XT2AW Nv17-Dc2 on HF bands on CW & SSB. QSL v M0OXO. Also Marko N5ZO QRV as ZD8O same	3 JD1BOX- Ogasawara thru 12-12 	4 <i>Frm Dc2 dates on HF. QSL via OH0XX. – Peter DC0KK QRV as 4S7KKG fm Moragalla Sri Lanka IOTA AS-003 to Ap10 on HF on CW & digital. QSL DC0KK – Vittorio DJ0ML QRV as HI7/DJ0ML on 80,40,20,15,10&6,stay in Dom Rep to Jn2015. QSL to DJ0ML. All these ARLD046 11.13.14</i>	5	6
7 Spl evt stn IY1EY QRV Nv1- Dc31 to comm Marconi activity from Elettra yacht 1919-1936. On all HF bands on CW & SSB. QSL via IK1QBT. ARLD044 10.30.14	8 	9 EA6 - Canary Isthru 1-8 	10 Joeke PA0VDV QRV as PJ2/ PA0VDV Nv20- Dc26 on HF on CW only QSL PA0VDV. ARLD046 11.13.14	11 7P8NH – Lesotho thru 12.14 	12 D44TWO - Cape Verde Is thru 1-8 	13 Spl evt stns S507SLG & S507PMC QRV to Ja5 2015 to comm Slovenj Gradec's role as Peace Msn- gr City. QSL v bur. ARLD046 11.13.14
14 21	15 22	16 23	17 24 	18 25 T8CW - Palau thru 1-4 	19 26 VK9N – Norfolk Isl thru 1-1	20 27 KH2 – Guam thru 12-30 Mbrs of Club Oceanien de Radio et D'Astronomie QRV as FO9AA/p to end 2014 for 80 th anniv on HF on CW, SSB, PSK, RTTY, JT65. QSL via op instrs. ARLD045 11.6.14
28 Svein LA9JKA QRV as JW9JKA on BearIsland- Svalbard IOTA EU-027 to Apr2015 on HF & 6m. Wkg for MeteorolSvc. QSL to LA9JKA ARLD045 --Fran EA7FTR QRV as D44KA from BoaVista CapeVerde IOTA AF-086 to Dc5 holiday style on 40-6m on SSB&RTTY. QSLvia EB7DX. ARLD046 11.13.14	29	30	31 	Weekly ARLD Bulletins made possible with info provided by OPDX Bulletin , 425 DX News , The Daily DX , DXNL , "Contest Cor- ral" from QST & ARRL Contest Calendar & WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.		

Year ending W1AW Centennial QSO Party ops (still in Wrong Place! Belonged/s under **Con-**
tests): ending Nov 26: DE LA PR. Start Dec 3: IL ME. Start Dec 17: GA HI MD. Start Dec 24:
 IA PA. Dec 31 only: Red Badge Day. From ARRL 2014 W1AW Portable schedule &
 elsewhere, in Dc2014 [QST](#) o r online, by permission which is always highly appreciated!

Contests

December 2014

- 3 CWOps Weekly Mini-CWT Test
 - 5-7 ARRL 160 Meter Contest, CW; ARRL EME Contest; Top Operators Activity Contest (TAC), CW; TARA RTTY Mêlée; AWA Bruce Kelly QSO Party, CW; SARL Digital Contest; VU International DX Contest, SSB & CW; Ten meter RTTY Contest; Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon; Great Colorado Snowshoe Run, CW
 - 8 OK1WC Memorial Contest
 - 9 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW
 - 10 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint
 - 12-14 ARRL 10 Meter Contest, SSB & CW; NS Weekly Sprints; NS Weekly RTTY Sprints; 28 MHz SWL Contest; UBA Winter Contest, all modes; Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint
 - 15 Run for the Bacon, CW
 - 17 NAQCC Milliwatt Sprint, CW
 - 18 Russian 160-Meter Contest, CW & SSB
 - 20-21 ARRL Rookie Roundup; Croatian CW Contest; OK DX RTTY Contest; Feld-Hell Rudolf Hell Sprint; Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party
 - 24 SKCC Straight Key Sprint
 - 26 DARC Christmas Contest
 - 27-28 RAC Winter Contest, CW & Phone; Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge; Iron Ham Contest, all modes; RAEM Contest, CW; Original QRP Contest
 - Jan 1 ARRL Straight Key Night
- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. May Santa be good to you & put lots of ham gear under your tree! For more info see QST, CQ, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests>.
- 73 Dan K74AV

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Nov4 BdMin continued from pg 5 Nomination: The Nomination Committee reported that there were nominations for Secretary & Treasurer & three for Director, but none for President & Vice-President. After some discussion, it was decided that we will see how the nomination process plays out. Our Constitution & Bylaws provide that the Board can appoint persons to vacant positions. It was noted that QCEN & GCARA are in the same position. Awards: A committee report was received by email. The Ham of the Year will be honored at the meeting.

It was announced that Susie Scott N8CGM plans to step down as Editor of the Club's *Q-Fiver*. She will be honored for her long service to the Club, which includes honors received by *The Q-Fiver* during her tenure as editor. A new editor has agreed to serve effective upon Susie's retirement.

The December meeting will begin with the usual party, followed by the business meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider K9OHE*, Secretary

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Fine folks on next pg came out to Hooligan's Pub & Eatery on Highland Ave in Pleasant Ridge for the Saturday, November 8 **Brunch Bunch**. *The Q-Fiver, Dece2014 page 7*



The next **Brunch Bunch** will be held Saturday, December 13th at 1PM. The location will be the Hyde Park Hitching Post in, well, Hyde Park. Hyde Park Hitching Post is located at 2715 Madison Road, at the corner of Madison Road & Edwards Road, in the Hyde Park Center. The Hyde Park Hitching Post is famous for the "World's Best Fried Chicken".

For a look at the menu, please go to: www.hydeparkhitchingpost.com

Remember that the Brunch Bunch always meets the second Saturday of every month at 1PM at a location to be announced each month. If you can't join us this month, maybe you'll be available to join us in the months ahead.

I'm always looking for suggestions on what restaurant **you** think might be a good place for the Brunch Bunch to visit soon.

73, Bruce N8BV

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My December QST arrived yesterday (11.14.14 to Refl). **Field Day results** are in it! K8SCH (with W1SCR) is **highest scoring Ohio entry with 6082 points**. Next highest Ohio result is our neighbor to the north, Dial Radio Club with 6046 points. Those last few QSOs made a difference! Thanks to all who helped in any way, operating or not. Especially thanks to Eric N8YC, for spear-heading Field Day once again, always doing a fine job. 73, Fred K9OHE

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Hi Folks! (to club Refl on 11.26, Highly Cropped by *Ye Ed*) Just wanted to give hearty **"Well Done!!"** to all who took **license tests** Sat 11.22. Will leave official tallies to Brian K4BRI as he's VEC; believe 20 out of 22 passed. Several came for Tech & left with Gen, & 2 of those passed Extra. Extra Special "well-done!!" to them!

Licensing classes went quite well, with 22 total. (Several of Brian's General students passed before Sat, again "well done!!", & we had several walk-ins Sat 11.22 for testing).

Special thank you to all teachers involved, incl Fred K9OHE & Ted (NC8V Extra), Brian K4BRI (Gen), & GaryKB8MYC, Kitty W8TDA, and Pat KD8PAT (Tech). Students gave very positive comments for all involved; know it's labor of love for all who participated. & a **really big, big "Thank You"** to Jerry W1SCR who faithfully "minds store" for us at City Bldg in order to let us to hold classes. He commits a lot of time & effort to give us great place to teach & learn!

Make sure to give all a heart-felt "Thank You" for giving of their time & talents! The club would not be quite the great place it is now without their efforts!

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Knew I forgot something (old age creeping up!) Big **"thank you!!"** to all VEs who turned out to help with testing (hope not leaving anyone out): Brian K4BRI (of course!), Bruce N8BV, JerryW8BUN, Jerry W1SCR, Gary KB8MYC, Lynn,WD8JAW & Ted NC8V. Lot of test-takers, numerous 2nd tests & crowded room - all of which are good things!

Absolute best thing of day: young man of 9 yrs passed Tech, depicted at right - hugged his Mom, Dad & Gary, while whole room burst out in applause!

Thanks all for making this a Memorable Day!

Cheers! *Robert AK3Q*

Wow! Another Newcomers and Elmers Net!

Great Email from Dave Shugar KD8EVN alerted us to another Newcomers & Elmers Net inspired by ours! *Gazy KB8MYC* --Just wanted to pass on Good News of how successful our NW OH Newcomers & Elmers Net has been. We started this net 11/24/2013 after reading about your net & the graduation of our November 2013 Tech Licensing Class.

Our Sunday night TMRA Q & A Net had fallen into disuse & we wanted to give it a boost, & give the new Techs a place to get on the air ASAP. We started on the TMRA 2M repeater at 147.270 to be easy to find & tune into for the new folks with a new HT or mobile rig at 2000hrs on Sunday nights.

The first net had 8 check ins & lasted 75 minutes, but word soon got out! Now we average 20+ check ins for 90 to 120 minutes! The net boosted our attendance for a Spring Tech Class & got a lot of new hams on the air in a friendly atmosphere of fellowship & learning.

As we celebrate our 1st year anniversary & graduation of another November Tech class we want to thank your club for the idea of this net & outreach to Newcomers in amateur radio. Our attendance at Field Day is up & our Tech Cmte has sponsored several workshops for Newcomers to build antennas & learn about amateur radio.

Club meetings are more lively with Newcomers attending & having face to face QSOs with Elmers they have met *on the net*. Elmers are rejuvenated with enthusiasm of Newcomers & look forward to the net, & answering questions & giving advice.

In our Net Script we give OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society credit for the idea of the net & recommend your website for further information.

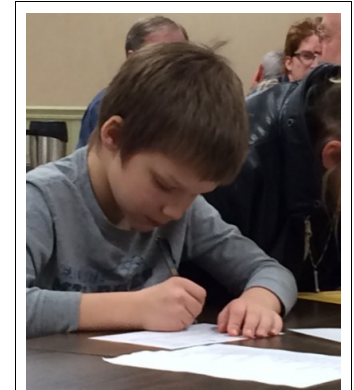
73, *Dave Shugar* KD8EVN Maumee OH

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In WT Docket 14-161 Nov 5, FCC proposed to **cease issue of hard copy (paper) licenses** to amateur radio ops after they receive 1st paper license after becoming new ham. ARRL issued comments to FCC that hams who'd like to continue receiving paper licenses have ability to do so by request. More said about this on ARRL Web site: <http://www.arri.org/news/arri-asks-fcc-to-continue-issuing-hard-copy-licenses-to-those-who-want-them> Comments closed Nov 10, sorry about that. To club reflector on 11.6.14

If you're freshly licenced, maybe you'd best frame yours to hang on the wall & keep it safe!

– An Opinion from *Ye Old Ed*



Jason Nivers Jr, 99,4%
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Dc 2! Foto Gary KB8MYC

Hamfests &c.

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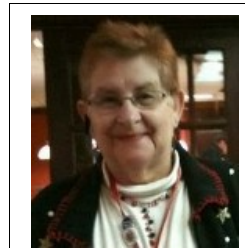
6 **Fulton Co ARC Hamfest** at Delta Memorial Hall, 401 Main St., Delta OH (W of Toledo). 8AM-1PM. Dealers, handicapped access, refreshments, ARRL VE exams at 10 AM in Delta public library across street. Pre-registration may not be necessary but is suggested; VE Team Liaison Tom Servoss KC8UOM at either 419=388-6057 or benson@embarqmail.com Talk-in: 147.195. \$5. [K8bxq.org/ node/200](http://K8bxq.org/node/200) hamfest@k8bxq.org , kb8elg@hotmail.com

6 **Intl Brotherhd of Radio Operators (IBRO)** at 1723 S University Blvd, Middletown OH. 8AM-2PM. Info, barter, free VE exams by Dial RC & Butler Co ARA (registr start 8:30AM, exams shortly after, walk-ins OK). Hamfest & table reserv (\$15/1, \$25/2) queries to Robert Howard KD8IVF, kd8ivf@yahoo.com, 937=765-2105. Exam queries to Carl Morgan K8CM, k8cm@arrl.net, 513=422-9384. Talk-in freq not given, \$5 door.

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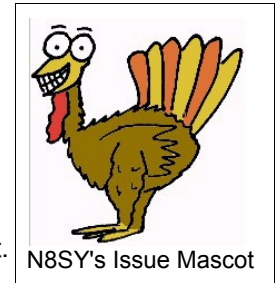
OH Section Journal, Nov 2014 (copied & greatly edited)

ASM Connie Hamilton N8IO Retires End 2014



ConnieHamiltonN8IO

Some months ago Connie approached me about retiring from the Ohio Section as one of its Asst Section Mgrs. Just recently she formally requested that she be allowed to retire effective 01 January 2015. I very reluctantly accepted her resignation after much discussion with her about it. Connie recently reminisced to me about how she originally accepted the position of ASM back in 1999, when then Section Manager Joe Phillips K8QOE was forming his Cabinet after he was elected Section Manager. As she described it, he approached her numerous



times about serving in the capacity of ASM before she finally accepted. She told me that Joe was very persistent as she didn't think that she was ASM material at first. I'm sure all of you will agree with me that Connie was very wrong about that. She's been one of the most outgoing ASMs that the Ohio Section has ever had.

I know that Connie loves the job of ASM very much, & this was a very difficult decision for her to make. I do applaud her for all of the years of service that she has done, not only for the Ohio Section Cabinet, but for ALL the hams in Ohio as well. Connie, we ALL salute you!! &, we ALL have a very special "HUG" just for you. You are one grand lady who none of us will ever forget. "Hugs & Teddy Bears" to you & yours Connie.

Interested in succeeding Connie N8IO? I'll take applications from anyone interested in being SE ASM til 01 Dec 2014. Please send me a bio on yourself & your accomplishments within Amateur Radio (ie.. appointments, elected offices you've held, awards you've earned/won, etc..) to n8sy@arrl.org

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Educational Outreach - Scouting

With the winter season quickly approaching, you would think that scout camping would be on hiatus until warmer weather comes back next spring. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Most Boy Scout troops camp out all year long, in all types of weather. For scouts, it doesn't matter if it's warm, rainy, cold or snowy. The fact that they're outside using their scout skills & having fun in the process is what it's about.

As a scout leader, one of the things we try to instill in the minds of our scouts in the scout motto:

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“Be Prepared”. Nearly 100 years ago, a young British Boy Scout asked Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, what exactly it was he should be prepared for. Baden-Powell’s famous answer was, “Why, for any old thing, of course!” A lot of hams try to “Be Prepared”, especially if they are involved with emergency communications. & if you’re prepared for it, cold weather operating at a scout campout or Winter Klondike can be a whole lot of fun! If you’re involved in your local ARES group, it’s a good way to practice operating in “not-so-perfect” weather conditions.

A Winter Klondike is a Boy Scout Camporee held during the winter. Scouts compete in competitions ranging from knot tying & fire building to first aid & scout knowledge. to name a few. I recently read an article about a Scout troop in Florida that’s hosting a camporee for their district. One of the things they include in the competition is amateur radio. They will send a Morse code message & another scout will have to copy the message in the quickest time possible.



Going to camporees & summer camps over the years, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting other scouts who were licensed ham operators. Once they realize that I’m a ham, they’re quick to introduce themselves (& their call signs) to me. They’re always excited to tell me about some of the contacts they’ve made & the fun they’ve had in our wonderful hobby. At the Ohio Valley Fall Camporee earlier this month, there were 3 ham scouts there who covered all 3 license classes. KD8QLS, K5ETH & KD8VNK (Extra, General & Technician, respectively). With scouts like this being in the scouting program, it really helps to show other scouts that ama-teur radio is not just an “old person’s hobby”.

I encourage you to look into getting involved with the scouting program. If it’s taking amateur radio to a scout campout, becoming a “Radio Merit Badge” counselor, or putting on a radio demonstration at a scout meeting, the rewards will be paid back ten-fold! Boy Scout & Cub Scout leaders are always looking for people willing to come to a meeting & talk to the boys.

If you’d like to help, but aren’t sure how to get started, feel free to contact me & I’ll help you get started any way I can! My email address is: kc8itn@arrl.net

By the way, another event’s coming up that’s a lot of fun. It’s not scout related but I want to share it with you. January 4, 2015 is “Kid’s Day”!! This is an event where kids can get on the air & talk to other kids. It is held from 1800 UTC to 2359 UTC Sunday January 4. The ex-change is simple: favorite color! This helps break the ice (& mic fright!) then they can talk about anything they want! My kids use to participate in Kid’s Day years ago before they were licensed. Now my oldest son KD8QLS pays it forward by participating as a licensed ham. Additional information about Kid’s Day can be found in the December 2014 issue of QST (pg. 88) or at: www.arrl.org/kids-day .

Until next time: Take care, stay safe, & make a difference is someone’s life!

73, *Scott Hixon KC8JCN* ASM Educational Outreach, Scouting

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LET’S TALK From: Scott Yonally N8SY - Section Manager n8sy@arrl.org

Hi Everyone, Wow.. Winter is here! (Words re Tgvg writ before Day, 8<) I’ve an announce-ment to make... this month I turned 62. Like many baby-boomers I’m retiring from my profes-sional job at the end of the year. I’m turning over my calipers, micrometers & statistical pro-cess control software to a younger Engineer, saying goodbye to that part of my life. This wasn’t something I did in a snap decision; Janie and I have for many years planned for this. Some folks will think that this is sad, but as I’ve been taught when one door closes another one opens. My plan now is

since I'll no longer have a full time job getting in the way, I can serve the Ohio Section even more. As such I'll now be able to spend **full time** in the Section Manager position. I do plan on being even more active, visiting more clubs & hamfests than I did before. The Ohio Section is the largest and best section in the country. You deserve a full time Section Manager, & I'll do my best to fulfill that need.

Congrats on all of those Ohio Clubs that participated in Field Day this year. As most of you know (especially those of you high in points) know that the Field Day results have just been released. I'm so very proud of all the Ohio Clubs that are very high in the rankings. It's great. I did happen to notice that the "(A) category big guns" of Mahoning Valley, Delaware & Port-age clubs really did themselves proud this year. I also noticed that a number of other Ohio Clubs ranked very high in the (B) category as well.. Congrats to ALL of you, you all have lots to be very proud of. I know that I harp on this a lot, but please make sure that you've signed up to receive emails from the SM & Gt Lakes Dir with the ARRL. It seems that no matter how much I mention this here, I go to a meeting & someone asks me how come they don't see any of the messages I put out. If you want to keep apprised of what goes on in the state or within the Division you need to be registered with the League to receive these! You need to log onto your account with the League & mark the box that states "receive email from the Section Manager / Director"; that's all there is to it. You'll now **get** those special emails.

Now, for those of you who may not want to go to all that bother, or are not League members, you still have a chance to get these important emails. All you have to do is "Opt-In" on the Ohio Section website.. Here's the link: <http://arrl-ohio.org/forwarder/forwarding.html> You can also find this link on the bottom left corner of the main page of the Ohio Section website. I urge you all to make sure that every-one, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, knows that they can always "Opt-In" at any time. Oh, didn't know that the Ohio Section had a website?? We do.. You can find it at: <http://arrloho.org> If you don't have this website set as your home page, I urge you to do so. This website is one of the exceptions to the rules.. It changes all the time, it's never stagnant & it's forever changing. I would recommend that you check into the website at least 3 times per week.

U.S. House Bill HR 4969 still works its way around Congress. It's being reported that 16 more Congresspersons have promised to help sponsor this bill. Have you written to your Representative yet? Many have. Let's keep this campaign going strong. If you haven't written your letter yet, there's a lot of good ideas on how to compose it on the League website. Just follow the HR-4969 link on their front page. It will take you to all the latest info & letter suggestions.

Ohio's Speaker Bureau.. Need a speaker for your club meeting? Don't forget to invite one of the Ohio Section Cabinet members to your next club meeting. The entire Cabinet is Ohio's Speaker's Bureau. If you'd like any of us to come be a speaker at your function for FREE, please feel free to give **any** of us a call, we'll do our very best to be at your function.

I still do a lot of traveling to hamfests & club meetings & do have to tell all of you, the Ohio Section is the greatest. Everywhere I go I'm greeted by fantastic folks. I want to thank all of you for your kind words & graciousness to not just provide a space for me at your hamfests, but give me a helping hand when needed, & being very pro-active in having things all ready to go & set up for me when I get to your hamfest or club meeting. It's really great to know that you care that much. I & the entire Section Cabinet really do appreciate it.

Have you noticed the FCC taking a more aggressive approach to those folks that do not want to follow the Rules or the law itself? As our Section Traffic Mgr mentions in his article, a number of folks have chosen to "do as they please" when it comes to identifying their stations, just being

jerks & deliberately interfering with other stations, just because they feel they can. If you haven't read the latest, now the FCC has reversed its previous decision & revoked an Amateur Radio License because the guy is a sex offender. The FCC said that given "known risks of Amateur Radios in the hands of sex offenders, such misconduct is *prima facie* disqualifying, & has resulted in loss of licenses in past cases."

In focusing on the impact of this particular ham's misconduct on his qualifications to hold an Amateur Radio license, the FCC concluded, "we would be remiss in our responsibilities as a licensing authority if we continue to authorize this ham to hold an Amateur Radio license that could be used to put him in contact with children." Folks, what this all boils down to is this, if you break the Rules, or law, you WILL lose your license, no doubt about it. Please keep one thing in mind with all of this, the ARRL is NOT in the licensing or policing business, that is the job of the FCC or law enforcement. We are Amateur Radio Operators, licensed by the federal government, nothing more, nothing less. &, as an OO I can tell you, OOs only exist as an "Auxiliary" function to the FCC. Not as an enforcement officer, but merely as the "eyes & ears" of the FCC. We as OOs cannot enforce, only report.

That'll do it this month from here.. I hope to see all of you at various hamfests or meetings soon & who knows, maybe you'll be one of the lucky ones to get a "mug" on me. Oh, by the way, the mugs are now filled with some extra surprises..

Have a question? Feel free to give me a call or write to me. My email and phone number are always listed on the Ohio Section Website <http://arrloho.org> as well as on page 16 of QST..

73, *Scott N8SY*

Oh-Ky-In 2014 Sweepstakes Wrap-Up

So, what does a golf scramble have in common with ham radio?

Well, I grew up always wanting to get into golf, & as the years went by, I kept wanting to get into golf. Then *still* wanted to get into it up to about 10 years ago when I finally played for the first time. It only took 40 years! But it was my involvement with a great bunch of people, a group known as Oh-Ky-IN that got me going. Nathan Ciugo KA3MTT hosted a golf scramble for the club & he was working on filling the teams. I hesitated because I'd never played & didn't even have a set of golf clubs. Then I thought maybe it wasn't a good idea for me to play, I wouldn't be at par with other players. It took a bit of encouragement from Nathan & others, a borrowed set of clubs from my father-in-law, & the incentive of a wonderful Italian meal cooked by Nathan's YL after the event to get my butt to the golf course. I had the time of my life! I probably didn't play worth a @\$%, but my team won & I was hooked! A week later, I bought my first set of clubs & have been in many scrambles since! I still don't have a backswing though.



So, what the heck does this have to do with ham radio? The entire time leading up to that first game of golf, the theme of everyone's encouragement was that no matter what your skill, EVERYONE is a hero in a golf scramble. No matter what your skill or experience, ANY hit of the ball gets the team closer to the 18th hole, & hopefully to victory. In the process, you learn! Even though most of my first hits of the ball went behind me, I was starting to hit the ball in the right direction. & having a BLAST!

Folks, as in many ARRL contests, that is just what ARRL Sweepstakes is all about!

Quoting the ARRL, "ARRL's annual November Sweepstakes is the oldest domestic contest beginning in 1930.

Sweepstakes paused during World War II but came back stronger than ever. It's a competition between North American stations - individuals, teams, & clubs. For many US & Canadian hams, it is their first contest operation & remains a regular event on their yearly schedule for a lifetime. The contest is somewhat unique in that each station may only be contacted once & the number of different recognized locations ("multipliers") is limited to ARRL & RAC sections. Working all of the sections is called a "Clean Sweep" & allows the station to claim one of the coveted Clean Sweep coffee mugs - there are other awards, as well."

Presently, there are 83 sections, & once again, your Oh-Ky-In Sweeps team worked them all Nov 15-16. The club's effort started at the 4PM local contest start time on Saturday afternoon led off by the first duo Brian DeYoung K4BRI & YF Margie KJ4ZKC followed by team Gary Coffey KB8MYC & Mike Sien KD8SOH (sweeps newcomer). Both teams had a great start in bringing in the first sections when we had a short break for a Wild Mike's wing feast. By that time we had a full house of operators, always filling in for those taking a break. I don't think we had the mic ever unmanned for less (more? *Ye Ed*) than 10 minutes! It was veteran operators Dick Arnett WB4SUV & grandson Addison KJ4VCV who arrived & gladly let newcomer Robert Louie KD8WLV sit in for a bit. Around 11PM, team Dick & Addison were followed by Phil Smith KG8AP & me who kept the radio going to about 4AM with 16 sections left to go. On Sunday morning, Nathan KA3MTT & his son Nathan Anthony KA3MTU started us off from around 9-noon when relieved by Dan Curtin KF4AV & John Phelps, N8JTP who helped us out till around 2PM. Then we were down to I think 4-6 sections. John stuck with me to the end to fight for the last 2 NAILBITING sections, Pacific & Alaska. It was around 3:30PM when they came out of the fog & into 10 & 15 meters like gangbusters! John pulled in both just around 4PM, .a CLEAN SWEEP! Thanks John!

Just like a golf scramble, EVERYONE was the hero. EVERYONE pulled in sections, each as important as the other, for all 83. & for those who just participated in their first Clean Sweep, congratulations to Mike, Robert & Nathan Anthony!

Once again, whether it's Field Day, Sweeps, Hamfests, or even a golf scramble, it's all about teamwork, education, experience & down right FUN. Thank you Oh-Ky-IN!

Preliminary Results:

Total Contacts 248, Sections Worked 83, Earned Points 41,168 (almost double last year) I'll submit our log to the ARRL for contest scoring within the next week (last week of Nov).

As quick notes, I want to thank Phil for bringing the doughnuts & breakfast sandwiches for Sunday morning, & John for the White Castles for Sunday afternoon! With the wings on Saturday night, we were well fed!

Thanks! 73, *Eric Neiheisel N8YC* Sweeps host

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What's coming in December 2014

Tue Dec 2 7:30PM Club Meeting at St Bernard RecrHall, 120E Washington, St Bernard
Program: Election, honours, more; & Club Christmas Party

\$\$\$\$\$ 2015 Dues Are Due Please! \$\$\$\$\$

Wed Dec 3 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Robert AK3Q

Fri Dec 5 7:30 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co Communications Ofc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot

Sun Dec 7 Pearl Harbour Day, 73d observance *The Q-Fivet, Dec 2014 pg 14*

OH-KY-IN 2014 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Ch
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Ch
Membership Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT, Ch
Education Robert Gulley AK3Q, Ch
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TV/RFI Dick Arnett WB4SUV, Ch
John Phelps N8JTP
John W Hughes AI4DA
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Rptr Control Ops Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
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K8SCH QSL Mgr Gerry Weimer KD8ASL
Life Members:
Kenneth E Wolf N8WYC
Karl W Kaucher KJ4KWR

7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67 146.67, Topic: Packet Radio,
NCS Robert AK3Q
Tue Dec 9 TBD Technical Cmte meeting?
Wed Dec 10 9:00PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI
Sat Dec 13 10:00AM Monthly Fox Hunt leaves from Mt Storm Park, talk-in to start 146.67
1:00PM Brunch Bunch at HydePk HitchingPost, 2715 Madison Rd 45209
Sun Dec 14 7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Digital Fun Part 1, NCS
Robert AK3Q
Tue Dec 16 Hanukkah begins at sunset
Wed Dec 17 9:00PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS
Fri Dec 19 8:00PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av,45207
Copy deadline for January Q-Fiver; pls send to **New Ye Eds!**
Sun Dec 21 7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Digital Fun Part 2, NCS
Robert AK3Q; also Winter Solstice
Wed Dec 24 9:00PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian KC8FJN
Thu Dec 25 all day **Merry Christmas!**
Fri Dec 26 all day Boxing Day (CDN, UK, AU, NZ), Kwanzaa begins
Sun Dec 28 7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67 146.67, Topic: Operating
Excellence! NCS Robert AK3Q
Tue Dec 30 7:00PM Board of Directors meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard:
Jan Q-Fiver distribution begins
Wed Dec 31 all day New Year's Eve; Red Badge Day, end of W1AW Cent Remotes
Thu Jan 1 all day New Year's Day
Fri Jan 2 7:30 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, HamiltonCo Communications Ofc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot
Tue Jan 6 7:30PM Club Meeting at StBernardRecHall,120EWashington,StBernard
Program: Find Your Niche in 2015! by Mike Sien KD8SOH

Copy Deadline for Jan Q-Fiver to New Ye Eds, Fri Dec 19 please

