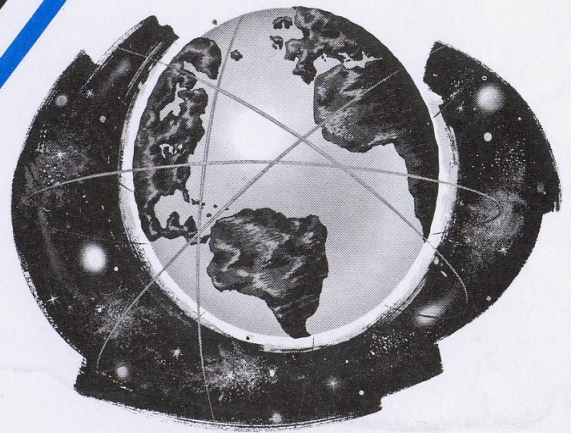


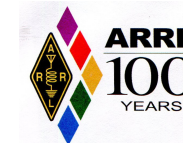


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443.7625 (+5) - off air now, at Hughes HS, Clifton Hts

UHF PL tone of 123 Hz required for access. APRS: K8SCH-10 Edgewood WIDE, on 144.39

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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

Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT, 6323 Cinnamon Ridge Dr, Burlington KY 41005, 859=586-2435
<membership@ohkyin.org>. Dues are due Jan. 1 each year **last chance to renew is March 31**

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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
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- e-mailed to n8cgm@arrrl.net or to sscott@iglou.com

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Enough Winter Already!!

January has proven to be perfect weather for hibernating in the shack! As I sit & write this, it's minus 2 degrees, enough already!

2014 has gotten off to a great start for OHKYIN. Thanks you to everyone who has renewed for 2014, we are well ahead of the previous year's pace. If you have not renewed, please take a moment to do so. You can renew via mail, at a club meeting, or the easiest way, online via PayPal. Links and forms are available on our webpage.

I want to thank everyone who took a couple minutes to complete the online survey. We had better than 50% of our members complete this for us. We have gained some great data on how we have served our membership in the past & have some great direction from you on how to proceed in the future. I will present the results of the survey at the February meeting. Also, the survey results will be posted to the club webpage.

Be sure to come out & join us for the February meeting. Brian K4BRI & Dick WB4SUV will give a presentation on foxhunting & ARDF. For anyone who does not know, both of these members are among the most accomplished foxhunters in North America. They have competed, & won medals at competitions at the national & international levels. Be sure to be present to learn all about this facet of the hobby.

Until then, stay in, stay warm, & use our repeaters!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next Meeting Tue Feb 4, 7:30 PM

OH-KY-IN meets at the St. Bernard Municipal Building (Recr. Hall) at 120 Washington Ave. in St. Bernard (corner of Washington & Tower) on the first Tuesday of every month (except when elections conflict) at 7:30 PM. Please enter the doors that face the high school on Washington. For more information, please click [HERE](#). (in PDF copies only pls).

Ardee Fox...



Program: **DFing** also called. **Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) & Fox Hunting**. A regular practise of Oh-Ky-In for many years now! **Brian K4BRI & Dick WB4SUV** tell you all about it.

73 *Jetzy W1SCR The Q Fiver, OhKyIn ARS, Febzuazy 2014 pg 3*

...official ARDF mascot & wee companion Hamlet. Taken at N America Oct 2013 ARDF contest near Asheboro NC. Map of lovely Uwharrie Ntl Forest event site near Asheboro, shown here, issued to competitors. Photo & info Joe Moell K0OV, ARRL ARDF Coordinator, Homing In.com website & more. Reprint permission granted

OhKyn ARS Minutes, January 2, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Coffey KB8MYC at 7:37 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. One guest, John W9NMT, was present. 26 members responded to the call for self introductions.

Brag Session: Robert AK3Q reported that he had qualified for DXCC. Kitty W8TDA reported (via Gary) that she worked Santa on 20 meters.

The program was presented by Russ WB8ZCC. He had a Power Point explanation, aided by an actual duplexer and a test instrument by which is showed how to tune and detune a duplexer. It was a very interesting program, continued after the end of the Business Meeting.

After a short recess, the Business Meeting reconvened at 8:14 PM.

Two months of Minutes were considered, one by one. It was moved and seconded to approve the November 12, 2013, Minutes as printed. The motion passed by unanimous vote. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2013, Meeting as printed, corrected for mis-titling in print as November. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was no membership number announced. Membership renewals are due. Any member who refers a person to the club during 2014 and the person becomes a member will receive a \$5 discount on 2015 membership.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. There were unusual expenses in December because of the Christmas Party; the Christmas Party Fund was exhausted. The Report showed \$777.04 in the checking account and \$11,911.89 in the checking account for a total of \$11,911.89 in the bank. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Technical Committee: The 146.925 repeater was installed at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Northern Kentucky during December. Thanks to Dick WB4SUV for procuring permission for the repeater to be installed, and to Russ WB4ZCC for his hard work to install it. An existing OHKYIN feed line and antenna, previously installed at this location, were used. The repeater is working very well. In addition, 3 CAT repeater controllers are being repaired and will be placed in operation this month. The club will have a portable repeater and handheld HTs for special occasion use.

Education Committee: Classes will be held early this year. Classes for the Extra Class license will begin on February 3 at 7 PM. Classes for the General License and the Technician Class Licenses will begin on February 24. Exams will be scheduled.

Fox Hunts: More people are needed to reactivate the monthly fox hunts. Contact Brian K4BRI or Dick WB4SUV for more information. Our regular fox hunters do well in competitions.

Tech Talk: There are 15 or 20 check-ins each week. Others are welcome.

Elmers' Net: There usually about 18 checkins and it seems like usually 1 or 2 are new checkins.

Old Business: The Club's Library needs sorting. Ted NC8V and Eric KD8MEM volunteered.

New Business: Brunch Bunch will be Saturday at Diane's on Anderson Ferry between Crookshank and Sidney. The North American SSB Contest is this weekend, said to be a good contest. An Audit Committee is needed, with a report due at the March meeting. Volunteers should contact Gary KB8MYC, our President. The Mansfield OH Hamfest will be Feb. 16. There is some interest in starting a revived club Hamfest. The location would have no cost and indoor and outdoor facilities – it could all be indoors. A committee is needed to explore this possibility and make a recommendation. Eric KD8MEM and Ted NC8V volunteered. We were asked if there was sufficient interest in again having a booth at the Dayton HamVention ©. It was informally agreed to spend \$100 and have a 4 space booth again. Gary announced that he had

sent out a Club Questionnaire on-line; he already had 40 responses. He asked all of us to respond by completing the questionnaire on-line.
Split the Pot was \$31, won by Dennis KD8ILY.
The business meeting adjourned at 8:37. The program resumed with the duplex demonstration.
It ended at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Fred K9OHE*, Secretary



Brunch Bunch on Saturday, Jan 8 was rather better attended than the East Side one in December. **All these good folk** showed up at **Diane's Restaurant**. 1951 Anderson Ferry Rd in Covedale between Crookshank & Sidney despite Diane's not having a web page. Next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, February 8 at the Incline Public House located at 2601 W 8th St, 45204, in Price Hill. Of course as always we'll order at 1pm.

The Incline House is located directly underneath the broadcast tower at W 8th Street & Matson Place. That tower used to transmit the old WSAI radio station back when I was a kid. The WSAI AM studios were located on the same property that the Incline Public House is now, directly under the tower. The dining room at the Incline Public House features panoramic views of the Ohio River & Downtown Cincinnati. This is the **exact** location of the old Price Hill House that was very near the top of the Price Hill Incline which ran from the bottom on Glenway Avenue near State Street up to the top in Price Hill at Matson Place. For a look at the menu as well as a map and directions go to www.inclinepublichouse.com

If you can't make it to the Brunch Bunch this time, remember that we meet the 2d Saturday of every month at 1pm at a location to be announced each month. We'd be happy to have you join us when you can!





If you have a favorite restaurant that you'd like to recommend the Brunch Bunch visit, please let me know.

73, *Bzuce N8BV*

Radio's Plus Joe Davidson KB8SBN
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DX Spots – February 2014 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Following operations approved for DXCC credit: Afghanistan, T6EU, current operation through May 3, 2014; Chad, TT8ES, this operation previously approved for 2012 & 2013. License extended through Feb 28, 2014. Special Event Stations: W1AW Centennial Stations W1AW/2 in New York & W1AW/5 in Oklahoma are QRV until 2359Z on 28 Jan. In addition, W1AW Centennial Stations W1AW/0 in Minnesota & W1AW/5 in Texas will be QRV starting at 0000z on 29 Jan. They will be active until 2359z on 4 Feb. - ARLD004 DX News Jan 23 14</p>						<p>1 S9TF – Sao Tome & Principe thru 2-13 </p>
<p>2 5I0DX - Tanzania thru 2-13 </p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 V73MW - Marshall Isl thru 2-14 </p>	<p>5 TO7CC - Reunion thru 2-17 </p>	<p>6 HR2 – Honduras thru 2-18 </p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 TO4YL - Martinique thru 2-22 </p>
<p>9 FG – Guadeloupe thru 3-25 </p>	<p>10 3B9- Rodrigues Isl thru 2-18 </p>	<p>11 7P8ID - Lesotho Thru 2-16 ----- YJ - Vanuatu thru 2-25 </p>	<p>12 8Q7KB - Maldives thru 2-24 </p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15 XV2BM - Vietnam thru 3-5 </p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 FK – New Caledonia thru 2-23 </p>	<p>19 VP9 – Bermuda thru 2-27 </p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 J7Y – Dominica thru 3-10 </p>	<p>22 PJ7AA – St Maarten thru 3-16 </p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 FS – St Martin thru 3-3 A35AX Tonga thru 3-7</p>	<p>25 5X1XA – Uganda thru 3-16 XU7ACQ – Cambodia thru 3-21</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Bulletins made possible with info provided by NC1L, the <i>Weekly DX</i>, the <i>OPDX Bulletin</i>, <i>425 DX News</i>, <i>The Daily DX</i>, DXNL, “Contest Corral” from QST & the ARRL Contest Calendar & WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.</p>

Contests

February 2014

- 1-2 EPC WW PSK Contest; FYPO Winter QRP Field Day, SSB & CW; Straight Key Party; XE International RTTY Contest; Black Sea Cup International, SSB & CW; 10-10 Winter Phone QSO Party; NA Sprint, CW; VT QSO Party; MN QSO Party; BC QSO Party; DE QSO Party
- 3 OK1WC Memorial Contest, SSB & CW
- 4 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW
- 7-9 YLISSB QSO Party, CW; NH QSO Party; OMISS QSO Party; YL-OM Contest, all mode; CQ WW RTTY WPX; Dutch PACC Contest, SSB & CW; Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW; FISTS CW Winter Sprint; Classic Exchange, phone; RSGB First 1.8 MHz Contest, SSB & CW; NS Weekly Sprint, CW; Milwaukee FM Simplex contest, 50-440 MHz; AM QSO Party; Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon
- 10 School Club Roundup
- 12 CWOps Mini-CW Test; NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW
- 14-16 PODXS Valentine Sprint, digital modes; ARRL CW DX Contest; Russian PSK Contest; Feld-Hell WAS Sprint, digital; ME 2m FM Simplex Challenge
- 17 Run for the Bacon, CW
- 19 Semiautomatic Key Evening
- 21-24 CQ WW 160 m SSB Contest; NC QSO Party; REF Contest; UBA Contest; NA QSO Party, digital modes; CQC Winter QSO Party, SSB & CW; SARL Youth Day sprint
- The shortest month, but plenty of contests. For more information see *QST*, *CQ*, or <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
- 73, *Dan KJ4AV*

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Effective with the February issue of *CQ Amateur*, content from *Popular Communications*, *CQ VHF & WorldRadio Online*, will be incorporated into *CQ's digital* edition as a supplement called "*CQ Plus*" – making *CQ Amateur Radio* the single source for articles on the broader aspects of hobby radio, from shortwave listening & scanner monitoring to personal two-way services & Internet radio, as well as amateur radio. --Reprint OK granted by Those In Charge @ *CQ*

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The Ohio Section Journal 1-21-14 Leading Ohio Amateurs into a New Century
Please take note that we now have the *Ohio Section Journal* in a format where we can include pictures, graphs & all kinds of neat items that you *won't* see in the text version. Please, I want to encourage ALL of you to go to http://arrl-ohio.org/sm/Section_News.html to get this more enriched version of the *OSJ*. --New SM N8SY Also as everything **never** fits in print **here**, pls go **there!**

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From Section EC

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Happy New Year! Welcome to 2014! Greetings & salutations from the NE corner of the Buckeye State where it's a blustery 33 degrees with snow falling at the time of this writing!

I begin my first monthly article of the new year by introducing my staff. I have selected three Assistant Section Emergency Coordinators since I was appointed in January 2012. The Asst Section ECs are available for consultation & to answer your questions. Feel free to email them at any time & they'll respond back in a timely manner.

Scott Phillips N8SX is the Assistant SEC appointed for Northern Ohio. He is responsible for maintaining the Ohio Section Training Database & his collateral duty is the development & implementation of Ohio's first ARESMAT Team. His email address is n8sx@arrl.net.

Mark Griggs KB8YMN is the Assistant SEC appointed for Central Ohio. He has been assigned the collateral duty of recruiting. He is the primary source of recruiting new volunteers & seasoned veterans into ARES as well as retaining them in the program. His email is kb8ymn@arrl.net.

Gary Stephenson WW8O is the Assistant SEC appointed for Southern Ohio. He has been assigned the collateral duty of training. He is the primary source of training new ARES volunteers & seasoned veterans alike. His email is ww8o@frontier.com.

Attention all ARES volunteers...

Please contact your Emergency Coordinator & verify your contact information, especially email address & telephone number. There will be times throughout the year where you **will** be called upon. Wrong contact info could lead to delays in staffing important assignments. I recommend verifying your contact information on a quarterly basis or when anything changes.

If you are not an ARES member, but would like to be, or at least are thinking about it...

Please contact your County Emergency Coordinator. They will get you started in ARES & guide you in the right direction. You can find their contact information on the Ohio Section website www.arrl-ohio.org.

What if I do not have an Emergency Coordinator in my county? Excellent question. All 88 counties are grouped into 10 ARES districts. Every district has an appointed District Emergency Coordinator. Their contact information is also located at www.arrl-ohio.org.

Just a friendly reminder about the Intro to Emcomm Class (EC-001) starting in March at the Center of Hope in Ravenna. Contact Jim Aylward KC8PD at aylwardjim@aol.com for details.

Be sure to follow & bookmark the Ohio Section ARES Blog. <http://ohiosectionares.blogspot.com/>

I post announcements, information about upcoming events, & other miscellaneous items of importance on that blog.

Saturday, January 25 and Sunday 26 is Winter Field Day sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio (SPAR). (It'll be history by time you receive this – *Ye Ed*)

The event starts at Noon on Saturday & concludes at Noon on Sunday. It's very similar to Field Day held in June but with the premise that emergencies & disasters don't always happen in warm weather. In 2013, there were only 47 Winter Field Day logs submitted to SPAR. I'd really like to see Ohio contribute to that. So here's my challenge to you...I'd like to see as many stations from Ohio as possible participate in Winter Field Day. I can tell you several of us from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association will be on the air that weekend and I hope to hear you on the air. Check out their website <http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php> for more details for **next** year.

March 15 is the Ohio ARES Leadership Meeting at the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center in Columbus. The meeting starts at 10am & will conclude at 3pm. All volunteers that hold an ARES appointment including Official Emergency Stations & Assistant Emergency Coordinators are encouraged to attend. We have quite the agenda to get through & your participation is greatly

appreciated. All counties & districts are expected to be represented at this meeting. Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOM) course is coming to Hamvention again this year. Many of us completed this course & let me tell you the instructors were great. I highly recommend taking this course.

Registration for the 2014 course opens **February 1**. See details at www.hamvention.org.

Ladies and gentlemen, that's all I have for this month. Thank you very much for all you do for amateur radio.

73 de *Matt W8DEC* Section Emergency Coordinator w8dec@arrl.net

Affiliated Club Coordinator Report

As the new Ohio Section Affiliated Clubs Coordinator (ACC), I have been receiving newsletters from clubs around the state. I want to thank the editors for their hard work. I know first-hand the joys of being a newsletter editor, so I appreciate the effort. If I am not on your club newsletter distribution list, please add me so I can report to everyone the accomplishments, events & other happenings from your club. I would like to extend congratulations to the new club officers around the state. It can be a tough job, but it can also be very rewarding. I wish all the new & returning club officers the best this year, & hope to get around the state & visit as many clubs as time allows. While I am always happy to speak at club meetings, I also enjoy sitting with the club members & having a "round table" type of discussion about what direction you would like to see your club move in.

If your club is **not yet** an ARRL Special Service Club, this may be the year to do it! Go to <http://www.arrl.org/ssc-application> for information & the Special Service Club application. If you think your club is ready to take this step, & you wish assistance filling out the form or discussing what you need to do, contact me. If your club is not yet ready to take this step, contact me & we can discuss how we can turn your club into a SSC.

Club News

Morrow County Amateur Radio Association held election in November. The new Officers of the club are listed below.

President: Len Robinson W8ULT, Vice-president: Matt Strimmel KD8VIB, Secretary/Treasurer: David Franklin, WW9DF

West Park Radiops (Cleveland) – On their list for 2014 meeting programs; SKYWARN, antenna tuners, SKYPE with Bob Heil, shack videos, possibly a fox hunt, & Field Day planning.

Mount Vernon ARC – They are have a Technician Class Course scheduled to begin Thursday, January 16. Information can be found on their website at www.mvarc.net. They also have a Member Profile that spotlights a different club member each month, what an excellent idea!

Marion ARC – The 2d annual New Years Eve ball drop happened in Marion thanks to MARC. The lighted ball was lowered down from a mobile tower to the delight of the crowd. Great public relations MARC! The MARC newsletter also has a fantastic "Tech Page" article, this month's article by Larry K8BU is about Crimp-On Connectors.

Buckeye Belles -The Buckeye Burr – Many great articles including a "Century of Memories" about 100 year old Pete Wessel K0CM who has been on talking on the radio for 75 years. (Pete's YL Martie K0EPE is an Associate Belle – they never lived in OH. -*Ye Ed*)

Alliance ARC -Zero Beat – Article on their Ham of The Year Ben KD8KMQ (congratulations Ben!), & their January meeting will be a series on computer logging.

Western Reserve ARC - The Wave Bender - Results from their December testing session showed that everyone who came walked away with a license, or an upgrade. They also encourage

folks to “challenge the Elmers with questions”.

Thank you for sending me your newsletters, I enjoyed reading through them especially during the Polar Vortex while it was -10 degrees. I look forward to getting around the state and meeting as many of you as I can!

I have been fortunate to follow in the footsteps of E. Mike McCardel KC8YLD who along with Scott N8SY (in the future, see how many times I give Scott my call of N8YS without realizing it) has been a great help to me in my first few weeks of being the ACC.

Remember to include me on your club newsletter distribution list and if you are a social media person, follow me on Twitter, Facebook and on my ACC blog.

73, *Sandy N8YS* Affiliated Clubs Coordinator sandymackey@gmail.com

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SW OH Happenings

Say it ain't so, but southwest happenings took a break. Smile!

Seriously, this is a slow month as I have nothing to report, other than perhaps my encounter with Santa. I knew my visions of towers & beams popping up in my backyard weren't going to happen when he gave me a 5-9-9 on 40 CW. Smile!!

While I couldn't make out all the details, I did hear him having an honest to goodness QSO with a kid on 40 meter sideband. His signal was so weak it was apparent that he needed the beam more than me. Smile!!

73 *Kitty Hevenez W8TDA* Assistant Section Manager (SW) w8tda@arrl.net

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From the Technical Coordinator

The New Year is here & the Ohio Hamfest season will start shortly.

Perhaps I will see some of you at Mansfield for the Mid-Winter Hamfest, Sunday, February 16. The IARC folks do a great job each year & Ohio's first Hamfest of the season is a great opportunity to renew old friendships. We anticipate a new Technical Associate will join our team shortly. I hoped to make that announcement in this edition of the Section News. With all the snow & cold weather we have had recently, I imagine things have gotten slower in Newington as they have here in Ohio. As I have mentioned, we always seek talent & welcome those who wish to volunteer their time & expertise assisting fellow amateurs in Ohio. The Ohio Section is well equipped to handle any questions you may have relative to issues that may arise in pursuit of our hobby. I encourage all amateurs to make use of the wealth of knowledge & expertise our Section Manager has assembled to serve your needs. While on the subject, let's all welcome our **new SM Scott Yonally N8SY**. Scott assumed the SM position with the resignation of Frank Piper KI8GW effective Jan 1. Scott brings a lot of experience to the leadership role of SM, & all of us on the Ohio Section Cabinet are pleased with his selection to fill the remainder of Frank's term. Welcome aboard Scott.

New additions to the Ohio Cabinet include John Perone W8RXX as Official Observer Coord replacing Rick Swain KK8O, Sandy Mackey N8YS replacing E. Mike McCardel KC8YLD as Affiliated Club Coord & John Ross KD8IDJ who picks up the responsibilities of Public Information Coord while Scott Yonally N8SY moves to SM.

Please welcome to these **very capable new members** of the Ohio Cabinet!

So what are we doing this year? Without a doubt it will be busy in Ohio as well as the country with the ARRL Centennial Celebration in full swing. I won't list all activities in store, but there are many including contests & the gathering in Connecticut later this year.

Several regional gatherings are also scheduled. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to visit one of the ARRL conventions, this year will certainly be a great time to do so. They are a great opportunity to meet &

talk to the ARRL officials who work very hard to support your interests in Congress, the FCC & internationally to insure we have access to spectrum & are not unreasonably restricted in the practice of our hobby.

Writing from Sunny Florida this week after the frigid week past in Ohio along with some challenging driving conditions including a level 3 snow emergency called in Seneca Co, is a welcome change. It was 86 here near Ocala the day after I arrived! I can tell you that it certainly feels good. My only regret is that I didn't pack the portable station this time since I opted for the cheap flight including charges for **every piece of baggage**. However, although I was not aware of it, the oranges & tangerines are ripe here & I've taken advantage of the trees in the back yard daily. What a huge difference there is between what can be found at the local grocery back in Ohio. I wish I could bring back some of this for everyone to enjoy.

We work on a training session in Seneca Co to assist our ARES members with assembling Power Pole connections. The group did this about 2 years ago & it was a great success. For those of you who might be interested in applying Power Pole connectors to your station environment, there is a wealth of info available on the web regarding the proper methods to make those connections & all appropriate wire gauge specifications to insure best possible results. I will report next month including reference to many of the information sources that I have discovered. Power Poles are the official ARES standard for DC power connections. They are both robust & well suited to amateur needs.

As always, your Ohio Section Cabinet welcomes your questions & comments. We are here to serve your needs & enjoy the opportunity to speak with you regarding any of those issues that may interest you or present difficulty in your station operation.

73, *Jim Yoder* W8ERW, Technical Coordinator w8erw@arrl.net

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Out & About in SE OH

I made a run up to Cambridge & they asked me for help on their VE testing on 1/11/14. They had 2 Extra Class passed, 8 Tech/General passages & one that failed.

The upcoming Hamfests are SCARF in Nelsonville on Jan. 19, TUSCO in Strasburg on Jan. 26 & The Mansfield Hamfest at the Richland Co Fairgrounds; the last two are the ones I will attend.

Mansfield also has several forums, MARS, ARRL & OSSBN as well as VE testing.

I'll be glad when Spring gets here!

73/88, *Connie Hamilton* N8JO Assistant Section Manager - SE Ohio n8io@arrl.net

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From the Public Info Coordinator

Hi everyone...I thought you might want hear from your new Public Info Coordinator even if it's only a short blast!

It's great to be involved & a part of this organization for a lot of reasons. I look forward to meeting as many as I can, going to as many hamfests as I can, & getting as involved as I can. Amateur Radio has been a driving force my whole life & from that many good things have happened.

I've spent the last 2 weeks reading newsletters from clubs around the state & I'm more convinced than ever that we have a lot of talented, dedicated & experienced hams. I'm envious at the depth of ,knowledge & your willingness to share with other hams & club members. I'm sure you can teach me many things &, believe me, I have many questions!

I hope I can use my background in broadcast media & public relations to spread the word about what we do, who's doing it & how important our hobby is to everyone including non-hams. I'll do whatever I can to help...please ask for anything you need, questions you have or, more impor-

tant...ideas! Together I know we turn all of the suggestions & ideas into something positive. Just a little bit about me in case you missed some of the earlier information, I've been a ham since I was about 10 years old. My dad & I built a couple of walkie-talkies when I was about 8 years old. I took them down the street to a ham operator to tune them up & as soon as I walked into his shack...I was hooked! All of the equipment piqued my interest in electronics & electricity & before you know it was building stuff from old TVs I would rescue from the trash.

Fast forward ahead a few years & I got involved in public address systems, radio announcing, part-time work at a local TV station...& eventually ended up as a news reporter, TV anchor & News Director for several Ohio radio stations. One thing led to another & I moved to public relations for several local & state agencies.

Right now, I've just started my 20th year at A&TT Ohio as a Network Analyst...how I ended up working for Ma Bell is a whole different story!!

I'm working a couple of ham-related articles. One story is about the hams at AT&T, past & present, who laid the foundation for telephone & radio communications as we know it today. The other is about a ham I've known since I was 10...who at 92 years old...is still on the air!

I look forward to meeting all you & working with you...it's an honor to be a part of the Ohio Section. Please call me, email me, talk to me on the air and tell me how I can help...or what I should be doing!!!

73, *John Ross KD8JDJ* Public Info Coord k8idj@arrl.net

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From State Govt Liaison There is very little legislative action of interest to the amateur radio community to report at this time **gre big snip 8<**

73, *Nick K8NAP* State Government Liaison goodsonrd@netwalk.com

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Scott yacks

Hi Gang, January has really come in like a Lion.. Wow.. some weather we're having! Update on my ankle: cast came off & I'm now just hobbling on both feet. I'm getting stronger every day, so I hope it won't be too long before I can just walk normal once again. I've graduated from the crutches to a cane now & don't use that all the time.

Ok, enough of that & on to business..

I do want to **announce & say congratulations to Kay Craigie N3KN for her re-election as President of the ARRL**. I've spoken with Kay on a number of occasions over the years & really admire her common sense approach to many of the problems in today's Amateur world.

The League invites nominations for awards that recognize educational & technological pursuits in Amateur Radio. Anyone interested in nominating anyone for the following?

The Hiram Percy Maxim Award; the Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award; the ARRL Microwave Development Award; Technical Service Award; Technical Innovation Award or the Knight Distinguished Service Award. Please send me a bio on the person you want to nominate & I'll get it into the League.. Please see the ARRL website for full details & requirements for each of the awards.

I want to continue to encourage you to watch the RSS feeds for all the updates to the website. You can set your browser / email programs to "watch" for updates coming through on these RSS feeds as well. This way you'll be notified quicker that something has been added.

I've added to the Quick Links section of the main webpage a section where you can quickly see all the upcoming ARRL Approved Hamfests. I've also linked them to their respective websites so if you need

more information about a particular hamfest, you can just click on the link & go there without all the muss & fuss..

I also added a link to a new video from the ARRL. It's called *ARRL at 100*. It's ~25 minute video all about the first 100 years of not only ARRL, but Amateur Radio. It's really a good video & I do encourage all of you to take the time to watch it. It's worth it, believe you me.

I want to thank all of you who have invited me to your functions. I enjoy going & visiting with all of you. Please don't forget that the entire Cabinet is Ohio's Speaker's Bureau. If you'd like any of us to come speak at your function, please feel free to give any of us a call.

Hamfest season once again starts to heat up. Please don't forget to register your hamfest with the League to be an Approved ARRL Hamfest. There's lots of advantages to registering..

Have you noticed that we have a new survey? I would like you to spend just 2 minutes of your time to complete this survey. It only has 3 (Yes/No) questions on it, but it will mean so much to all of us if you complete it.

Incoming QSL Bureau note.. please go to Section website for this, room's otherwise needed 8< snip
Have a question? Feel free to give me a call or write to me.. My email & phone number are always listed on the Ohio Section Website..<http://arrloho.org>

73, *Scott N8SY* Section Manager n8sy@arrl.org

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Special Event Stations in OH

Celebrating the **Birth & Birthplace of Thomas Edison** Feb 8-Feb 9, 1500Z-2100Z, NI8G, Milan, OH. The Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club. 28.370 21.270 14.270 7.270. Certificate & QSL. Jack Hubbard, 13113 River Rd, Milan, OH 44846. SASE required; e-QSL available.

Freeze Your Acorns Off Feb 15, 1500Z-2100Z, K8BF/FYAO, Kent, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service. 28.350 21.300 14.250 3.875 EchoLink thru the K8SRR Node.

Certificate. Robert Hewett K8FEY, 3670 Sea Ray Cv, Reminderville, OH 44202.

FYAO Stations will use their own call/FYAO. For 8x10 color Certificate, send appropriate sized SASE. www.portcars.org

Hamfests &c

February 2014

2 Winter Hamfest & Computer Show sponsored by NOARS at VFW Post 1079, 500 S Abbe Rd, Elyria OH. 9AM-1PM. Door prizes, pancake & sausage bkfst w \$6 adm. Talk-in: 146.7-(PL100.9)

Info: Darlene Ohman KA8VTS, 216=398-8858, dohman@roadrunner.com, <http://NOARS.net>

16 MidWinter Hamfest & Computer Show sponsored by InterCity ARC at Richland Co Fairgrnds, 750 N Home Rd, Mansfield OH. 7AM-3PM. VE sessions 1PM. \$6 door, \$5 advance via PayPal.

Talk-in: 148.94 (PL71.9)

22 3d Ann Brownsburg IN Hamfest sponsored by Hendricks Co ARS at Am Legion Post 331, 636 E Main St (US 136). 7AM-3PM. Dealers, fleas, refreshments, free parking, . \$5. Talk-in: 147.015

(+). Info: Robert Thompson KB9PGG, 317=892-8113, hcars46122@gmail.com,

<http://www.hcars.org>

Dugger IN Hamfest sponsored by Dugger ARC at Dugger Community Bldg in Park, SR 54 W. 8AM-2PM. Vendors invited, refreshments, hourly door prize drawings, free VE sessions 11AM

(info KB9QJY, onewjf@yahoo.com, 812=798-0457) \$5, incl free table. Talk-in: 146.775(136.5).

Listed Info: Dave Love W9XTZ, w9xtz@arrl.net, can send flier, 812=699-0202

CabinFever Hamfest sponsored by LaPorte Co ARC at LaPorte IN Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. 7AM-1PM CST. ARRL fest, free parking, ARRL VE sessions 8 AM, food, door prizes. \$5 adult, under 12 free. Talk-in: 146.61 (131.8). Info: Brian Seltzer KB9HMR, 219=229-5927,

cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com, <http://lparc.org/> *The QFiver, OhKyIn ARS Febzuary 2014 pg 13*

What's coming in February 2014 – A Whole Lot!!!

Fri Jan 31 Chinese New Year

Sun Feb 2 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net: Best Amateur Practices
Groundhog Day

Mon Feb 3 7-9PM OhKyln Tech, Gen & Extra classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard

Tue Feb 4 7:30 PM Club Meeting at St Bernard Munic Bldg, 120 Washington Ave
Program: DFing aka FoxHunting, etc by Brian K4BRI & Dick WB4SUV

Wed Feb 5 9 PM Tech Talk, 146.67, NCS Robert AK3Q

Fri Feb 7 8:00 PM Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co CommunicationsOfc
Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr – pls park in Bd of Educ lot

Sat Feb 8 1:00 PM Brunch Bunch at Incline Public House located at 2601 W 8th St, 45204
in Price Hill, pls see pg 5

Sun Feb 9 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)

Mon Feb 10 7-9PM OhKyln Tech, Gen & Extra classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard

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



Fri Feb 14 Valentines Day Mar 2014 Q-Fiver copy deadline

Sun Feb 16 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; (More) Simple Wire Antennas

Mon Feb 17 7-9PM OhKyln Tech, Gen & Extra classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard

Wed Feb 19 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dale KC8HQ5

Fri Feb 21 8:00 PM QueenCity Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston

Sun Feb 23 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; Getting Ready For Skip Season!

Mon Feb 24 7-9PM OhKyln Tech, Gen & Extra classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard

Tue Feb 25 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard;
Mar Q-Fiver distribution begins

Wed Feb 26 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8FJQ

Sun Mar 2 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; TBA

Mon Mar 3 7-9PM OhKyln Tech, Gen & Extra classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard

Tue Mar 4 7:30 PM Club Meeting at StBernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard
Program; TBA

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Weather Spotter Training

Budget cuts have taken toll on NWS funding for spotter training, fewer training classes available this year out of Wilmington office. Classes currently listed in Cincinnati area are: Warren Co, Jan 30; Hamilton Co, Feb 6 & Mar 28; Boone Co, Feb 11; Switzerland Co, Feb 12; Pendleton Co, Feb 18; Butler Co, Feb 20; Clermont Co, Feb 27; Campbell Co, Mar 19; Ripley/Franklin Co Apr 7. Full Wilmington OH NWS training schedule can be viewed at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/iln/training.php>. Some details now being finalized, so you may need check back for updates such as locations or start times. Best be prepared. When it's time for cold winter weather to leave, it may not do so without a fight!

73 Mike Nie W8VMX, PIO, Weather Amateur Radio Network & Cincinnati SkyWarn
mnie@warn.org tnx N8BV for post to reflector

Please check your license expiration date --

OH-KY-IN 2014 Committee Appointments

Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Ch
Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Ch
Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Ch
Education Robert Gulley AK3Q, Ch
PIO Jerry Shipp W1SCR

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Fox Hunters Ch Dick Arnett WB4SUV
DXpedition Coordinator Eric Neiheisel N8YC
WebGeezer Russ Hines WB8ZCC
Tech Talk Net Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
TVI/RFI Ch Dick Arnett WB4SUV

John W Hughes AI4DA

John Phelps KC8VQU

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Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC

Karl W Kaucher KJ4KWR

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Welcome Ad Hoc Amateur Radio Society to local groups!

News of Members & Former Members

Conga-cats & -rats to **Robert Gulley AK3Q** on achieving DXCC!

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Two previous members now SK



REILLY, J. Eugene, beloved husband of late Betty Reilly N8POZ (nee Newberry) Loving father of Jim (Vickie) & Gene (Holly) Reilly KA8JIG. Dear grandpa of Danielle (Mike) Shoup, Vince & Carlee. Dear brother of Margaret Shaw, George Reilly, Phyllis Alexander, and the late Gordon and Jack Reilly. Died Jan. 22, 2014 Age 85 yrs. Gene was Elder & Sunday School Teacher at Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, active Amateur Radio Operator NU8U & OhKyIn Education Tm member when able. Services held Saturday, from 11:30am until time of memorial services at 12:30pm at Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home 3155 Harrison Ave Westwood.

Memorials may be made to Reilly Family Scholarship Fund c/o Treasurer, Oak Hills Local School District, 6325 Rapid Run Rd (45233) or Oak Hills Presbyterian Church 6233 Werk Rd (45248) www.neidhardminges.com

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VANSELOW, Donna M. (nee Haneberg) **N8HXO** Loving mother of Dallas "Dale" KC8HQS & Kelli Vanselow. Devoted daughter of Roger & Joan Haneberg. Cherished sister of Ruth Haneberg, Nancy (Vince) Castille & the late Russ Haneberg. Former wife of Bruce Vanselow N8BV & dearest friend of the late David Thatcher. She passed on Saturday January 25 at the age of 54. Family & friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial Saturday February 1, 2014 at St. Jude Church 5924 Bridgetown Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248 & a visitation Friday evening from 5-8 PM at the Dalbert, Woodruff & Isenogle Funeral Home 2880 Boudinot at Queen City Avenue. The family suggests memorials be made to the ALS Association Kentucky Chapter 2815 Amsterdam Rd. Villa Hills, KY 41017, a charity that Donna supported in memory of her late Aunt Audrey Murphy. To contribute, or to express your condolences, please visit:

www.dwifuneralhome.com

Match copy deadline Fri Feb 14 Valentine's Day

