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146.670 (-) Clifton 146.925 (-) Colerain Twp 146.625 (-) St Eliz Hosp, Edgewd KY
 UHF 443.7625 (+5) --off air now, at Hughes HS, Clifton Hts
 PL tone of 123 Hz required for access. APRS: K8SCH-10 Edgewood WIDE, on 144.39

Web Pages

Club: <http://www.ohkyin.org> Section: <http://www.arrl.ohio.org>
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 Club Website issues may be directed to webgeezer@ohkyin.org

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

Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT, 6323 Cinnamon Ridge Dr, Burlington KY 41005, 859=586-2435
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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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Hello 2014 --

I hope everyone had a happy and joyous holiday season. Time always seems to fly between Thanksgiving & Christmas.

As we enter 2014, I want to thank the membership of our Club for the faith and trust you have placed in me and each member of the board. 2013 saw a great amount of growth and prosperity for us. This is not achieved without the help of everyone. In the next few days you will receive, via email, a link to take an online survey (we did this a few years ago as well). We will collect vital information that will help us continue guiding our organization forward. Many organizations, including amateur radio clubs, are falling onto difficult times. They are seeing declining membership, declining participation, and financial difficulties. Through the work and support of every member we are not one of those. We see the highest membership number we have seen in over 5 years. Our meeting attendance continues to grow. Our repeaters have become the "go to machines" in the tri state area. Help us continue this in 2014 by giving of your talents and time when the call is put out. Two personal notes this month. First, I want to personally thank Russ WB8ZCC for serving as Vice President in 2013, a job very well done. We had some excellent meeting programs that helped bring people out. Russ will continue to chair the technical committee. Second, I want to congratulate Fred K9OHE and his wife Karen as they celebrate, with their family, their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish you many many more.

Until next month, stay in front of the radio & stay warm. I hope to hear you on the repeaters!

73, *Gazy KB8MYC*

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Next meeting Tue Jan 7, 7:30 PM

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

Program: Duplexers. What are they, how do we use them and how are they tuned by Russ WB8ZCC

73 *Jetty W1SCR*

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Minutes – OhKyIn Members' Meeting November 2013

The November meeting was held on Tuesday November 12, 2013, because Tuesday November 5 was Election Day and the usual meeting room was used for the election. The meeting was

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called to order by President Gary Coffey at 7:36 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary KD8TDA was a guest. 35 members responded with self-introductions.

There were no Health and Welfare announcements.

Brag Session: Kitty W8TDA reported that she worked the CW SweepStakes and worked 49 of the 50 US States. Earlier she worked many DX stations on CW. Brian, K4BRI, reported on the combined IARU and USA Fox Hunt Contest held in the forests of North Carolina. Margie KJ4ZKC won two Gold Medals. Brian won a Bronze and a Silver Medal. Dick WB4SUV won one Bronze medal. Susie N8CGM told of a singing show and ticket opportunities.

Jerry Shipp W1SCR gave the program – explaining the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, including HF and Digital Nets, and also VHF and UHF nets. The Ohio Association of Radio Emergency Services wants a list of equipment available for emergency use. A 5 minute break was announced at 8:3 PM. The break ended at 8:43 when the President called the meeting back to order. One additional member arrived during the break.

The Minutes of the October meeting were printed in *The Q-Fiver*. It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes as printed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Club had 113 members before the meeting and 114 by the time the meeting reconvened.

The Treasurer's Report was announced as slightly inaccurate due to inaccurate information about the split the pot at the last meeting.

The Technical Committee had no report.

The hall has been renewed for 2014. Note that security cameras are now installed in the meeting room.

The Education Committee reported that classes will be held early next year and will probably start in January. The classes for Technician Class and General Class Licenses will last 4 weeks; the class for the Extra Class License will last for 8 weeks and begin 4 weeks before the other classes begin.

As usual, the Tech Talk net continues on Wednesdays at 9:00 PM on the 146.67 repeater. The Elmers' Net meets on Sundays at 7:00 PM, averaging 18 to 20 checkins each week, also on the 146.67 repeater. New hams join each week. It was announced that Net Notes are posted on the club's Web Site.

The Webgeezer wants information and content for the Web Site.

QCEN now has EchoLink and has linked two repeaters. Its next meeting is next Friday at 7:30 PM at Red Cross Headquarters.

Old Business: 5 additional hams are needed for the Thanksgiving Parade.

New Business: The Nominating Committee reported its nominations: Gary Coffey KB8MYC for President, Jerry Shipp W1SCR for Vice President, Fred Schneider K9OHE for Secretary, Brian DeYoung K4BRI for Treasurer, and Bryan Hoffman KC8EGV for a 3 year term on the Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded to accept the nominations as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The Election will be held in December.

Next month will be the usual Christmas Party with door prizes, pizza and more.

Brunch Bunch will meet this Saturday at Price Hill Chili.

The SSB Sweep Stakes will be held this Saturday and Sunday at the home and shack of Eric N8YCL, beginning at 4:00 PM on Saturday.

St. Bernard will host Santa this month, including a live Nativity Scene and Trains in the basement. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider K9OHE*, Secretary *The Q Fiver, Jan 2014 page 4*

Minutes – OhKyn Members' Meeting November 2013

The December 2013 meeting of the OhKyn Amateur Radio Society was called to order by President Gary KB8MYC at 7:40 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two guests present and 31 members responded with self-introductions. There were no Health and Welfare reports.

The Brag Session: KC8ZYB is a new licensee. W1SCR placed 3rd in the Ohio Parks on the air contest. Kitty, W8TDA found herself challenged in the CQ CW World Wide DX contest. Brian, K4BRI reported that the club station at N8YCL had a clean sweep in the SSB Sweep Stakes Contest.

There were no Minutes to consider.

Membership stands at 114, probably the largest number in the past 7 or 8 years.

Technical Committee report: The 146.625 repeater is off the air. It had to be removed from the site because the locks had been changed and there was no electricity. It will be relocated. The UHF repeater controller will be repaired and it will be on the air yet this month.

Education Committee: Classes for all amateur radio license classes will be held early in 2014 and will probably begin in February.

Nets are running fine. The Elmers' Net has had as many as 27 checkins.

There was no Old Business.

The Treasurer reported total assets of \$12,124.24.

New Business: The annual Election was held. There was one candidate for each position. It was moved and seconded to elect to office by unanimous consent. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In responses to a question about hamfests, the President reported that there is some discussion on-going about a hamfest sponsored by several clubs. No decision so far.

Brian, K4BRI reported that the Thanksgiving Parade went very well. He thanked those who participated.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM for food and soft drinks, with Door Prizes awarded later in the evening.

Door Prizes: WB8NUT won a book. Pocket Repeater Directories were won by KC8HQS, W8TDA and N8CGM. Books were won by KM4CS and KD8ILY. Desktop Repeater Directories were won by KD8OTK, (John Phelps) and KC8EGV. Dual Band Handhelds were won by WA8LOJ (Yaesu FT60R), N8BV (BaoFeng), WD8JAW (TYT), KC8SOH (BaoFeng), and KD8SOH (Alinco 596).

Respectfully Submitted, *Fred Schneider* K9DQIE Secretary

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Following operations are **approved for DXCC Credit**: Rwanda, 9X0XA, 2013 operation; Lakshadweep Islands, VU7AG, November 20, 2013 through December 10, 2013 operation.

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Spl Event Stations. W100AW, ARRL HQ Station. Look for special call W100AW to begin operations from ARRL HQ Maxim Memorial Station at 0500Z on 1 January. See ARRL website (mast pg) for more info about QSLing & about Centennial QSO Party. *The Q Fiver, Jan 2014 page 5*

DX Spots – January 2014 de Nathan KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 C6A - Bahamas thru 1-31	2 V5 – Namibia thru 1-18	3 6W7SK – Senegal thru 1-21	4
5	6	7	8	9 XU7AEU – Cambodia thru 1-14	10	11 FM - Martinique thru 1-12 ----- ZF2PG – Cayman Isl thru 1-19
12	13	14	15 J79 - Dominica thru 1-16	16	17 FM - Guadeloupe thru 1-18	18 VP2M – Montserrat thru 1-22
19	20	21 V47AJ – St Kitts & Nevis thru 2-21 ----- E51CDW - S Cook Isl thru 1-27	22	23 J79 – Dominica thru 1-29	24 FT5ZM - Amsterdam thru 2-12	25
26 XT2AW - Burkina Faso thru 2-28	27	28	29	30	31	

More Spl Event Stations: W1AW, Centennial Stations. Look for W1AW/4 in NC and W1AW/8 in WV to be on air starting at 0000Z on 1 January. They will be active until 2359Z on 7 January. See ARRL website (mast pg) for more info about QSLing & about Centennial QSO Party

Weekly bulletins made possible with information provided by NC1L, QRZ DX, the *Weekly DX*, the *OPDX Bulletin*, *425 DX News*, *The Daily DX*, *DXNL*, “Contest Corral” from *QST* & the *ARRL Contest Calendar* & *WA7BNM* web sites. Thanks to all, **especially** to ARRL for OKs to reprint!

Contests

January 2014

- 1 ARRL Straight-Key Night; New Years Snowball Contest, SSB & CW; SARTG New Year RTTY Contest; AGCW Happy New Year Contest, CW
- 3 NS Weekly Sprint
- 4 ARRL RTTY Roundup; **QRP Pet Rock Sprint, CW**; WW Peace Messenger Cities, SSB & CW; EUCW 160 Meter Contest; 070 PSKFest
- 5 **Kid's Day, SSB**
- 6 OK1WC Memorial Contest, SSB & CW
- 7 ARS Spartan Sprint, CW
- 8 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 11-12 DARC 10 Meter Contest, SSB & CW; North American QSO Party; YLISSB QSO Party; MI QRP Club Jan QRP Contest, CW; Straight Key Weekend Sprintathon
- 15 Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest
- 16 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint, CW; Locust QSO Party, CW
- 18-20 International United Teenager Contest, SSB & CW; North American QSO Party, SSB; HA DX Contest, SSB & CW; Feld-Hell Gridloc Sprint, RTTY; LZ Open Contest, CW; ARRL January VHF Contest; Run for the Bacon, CW
- 23 QRP Winter Fireside SSB Sprint
- 25-27 CQ WW 160 Meter Contest, CW; NAQCC Special 160m Sprint; REF French Contest, CW; UBA Contest, SSB; BARTG RTTY Sprint; Winter Field Day, all modes; WAB Top Band Phone Contest; Classic Exchange, CW

Happy New Year! Hot contests in the cold mid-winter. For more information see QST, CQ, or www.arrl.org
73, Dan KJ4AV



Massive turnout at Eastgate Golden Corral **Brunch Bunch** on Sat, Dec 14! From left, Ryan W1RYN, Jerry W1SCR, Cindy KB8WEI, Gary KD8VOQ, Greg KA8MQD. Photogr: N8BV
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It's back to the West Side for the January **Brunch Bunch**.

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, January 11 at 1pm, at Diane's Restaurant located at 1951 Anderson Ferry Road 45238 in Covedale, between Crookshank and Sidney Roads.

Diane's is a mom & pop type place serving true home cooking at reasonable prices.

Diane's does not have a website however if you enter "Dianes Restaurant Cincinnati" into your favorite search engine you will have the opportunity to not only read some reviews on Diane's but also view a map. When I tried later to locate the picture of their menu I saw, it refused to locate.

Ye Ed found a review stating *This family owned-operated business has a large menu with selections varied from sandwiches to full dinners. The cost is very affordable, especially the daily specials.* If you can't make it to the Brunch Bunch this month, remember that we meet the second 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, *Btuce N8BV*

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Classes! Yes, coming soon!!

OhKyIn will offer **Technician, General & Amateur Extra** licensing classes beginning Mon Feb 3, 2014. **All** classes run from 7 to 9 PM on Mondays. The 4 week Tech & General Classes will end Feb. 24th. The 8 week Extra Class will wrap up March 24th. Exams follow on Sat Mar 29. **All** classes & exams will be held at St. Bernard City Building (Centennial Hall) 110 Washington Ave, St. Bernard, OH 45217. Pre-class reading, between-class study & reading required: please acquire *ARRL License Manual 2d Ed* for Tech & General, *Extra Class 2012-2016* by Gordon West for Extra. Please plan to read (as minimum) Introduction & at least questions relating to E1-E3 (+E4 would be great!) before first class. Books available at R&L Electronics, Amazon or other online sources. For registration or more information about classes & exams, please contact:

classes@ohkyin.org

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On the Air: Get Ready -- The ARRL Centennial QSO Party Kicked Off January 1!

As part of the mix of events marking the League's 100th anniversary, the [ARRL Centennial QSO Party](#) gets underway at 0001 UTC on January 1. This is a year-long operating event, in which participants can accumulate points & win awards, as well as work new stations & make new friends. During 2014 W1AW will be on the air at least twice from every US state and from most US territories, & it will be easy to work all states solely by contacting W1AW portable operations. This will be the first ARRL-sponsored operating event for which every member is worth at least one point. The event is open to all, although only ARRL members and appointees, elected officials, HQ staff, & W1AW are worth [points](#). Working the ARRL's president, for example, earns 300 points!

To qualify for points, all contacts must be two-way (no cross-band or cross-mode contacts), using CW, phone (FM, SSB, AM, digital voice), digital (any digital mode, such as PSK31,

RTTY) on 160, 80, 40, 30, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6, 2 & 1.25 meters, plus 70 centimeters and satellite.



The ARRL celebrates its centennial in 2014.

Stations [exchange](#) signal report & ARRL abbreviation. Contacts do not have to be contest-style, & providing ARRL organizational information is not required. A centennial database will assign point values to all logs submitted electronically. Those **not** submitting electronically, however, will need to obtain the QSO information during the contact. Since this is not a contest, participants may make contacts in any fashion they prefer.

The Centennial QSO Party is scored by totaling the values of all eligible contacts. There are no multipliers or bonus points. Logs submitted via Logbook of the World ([LoTW](#)) will be scored automatically. For full information, visit the [ARRL Centennial QSO Party](#) webpage. [Contact us](#) if you have questions. -- Reprinted by permission from *The ARRL Letter* Dec 19 2013

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Hamfests &c

Jan-Feb 2014

19 Sunday Creek AR Federation Hamfest sponsored by SCARFARC at Tri-County Adult Career Ctr, 15676 SR 691, Nelsonville OH. 7AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments, VE session 12N. Talk-in: 147.15. \$6 gate. Info: Jeremy Duncan KC8QDQ, 740=767-2553, duncan10847@embarqmail.com, www.scarfarc.com

26 TUSCO ARC Hamfest at Wallick Auction House, 965 N Wooster Ave, Strasburg OH from 8AM. Dealers, handicap access, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.73 (71.9 Hz). \$5 gate. Info: Janice Green KB8YDK, 740=922-4454, k8wfn@tusco.net, www.tuscoarc.org

Feb 2 NOARS Hamfest at VFW Post 1079, 500 S Abbe Rd, Elyria OH. 8AM-12N. Dealers, fleas, handicap access, refreshments. Talk-in: 146.7 (110.9 Hz). \$6 gate. Info: Darlene Ohman KA8VTS, 216=398-8858, dohman@roadrunner.com, NOARS.net

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VE exam opportunities

1st Sat each month : Cincinnati-Hartwell OH at Hartwell Presbyterian Church. Register 8:30 AM; walk-ins only! ARRL exam so \$15 fee remains for another year. 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

Sat Mar 29 for all licence classes following OhKyIn theory classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard City Bldg, 110 Washington Ave, St Bernard OH 45217. Pls see **Next mtg** pg 3 for map, directions: More info: pls see **Classes!** Earlier

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The Ohio Section Journal December 2013 Edition

Leading Ohio Amateurs into a New Century

In this issue: (won't all fit here, please read rest at <http://www.arrl.ohio-org>)

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New Cabinet Appointments Made

It's my great pleasure to announce that all interviews are completed & appointments made for the recently opened **OH Section ACC & PIC positions**.

First let me say "thank-you" from all of the Ohio Section to E.Mike McCardel KC8YLD our

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previous ACC, & to Jack Sovik KB8WPZ our previous PIC. They both did a very good job & we have appreciated their hard work & devotion these past years. And now.. (drum roll please) it's my great pleasure to announce the newest Ohio Section Cabinet members.

Let me introduce you to our newest **ACC**. She is **Sandy Mackey N8YS** from Delaware Ohio. & NO, I didn't make a typo in her call. She just happens to have the reverse of mine. Sandy is a member & former Vice President of Delaware Amateur Radio Association (DELARA), an Assistant Emergency Coordinator & Public Information Officer for Delaware County ARES. She was a former member & Treasurer/Secretary for Garden City Amateur Radio Club/GCARC (Garden City, MI), former Sunday Night Net Control for GCARC. Currently she is Public Information Officer/Outreach Coordinator for the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. She's an active ARRL, W5YI, & Laurel VE & DELARA Field Day Coordinator. For those of you who may not have kept score this past Field Day, DELARA came in 2nd in the nation this year in their class. Her training is very extensive as well. She is a Skywarn Weather Spotter, CPR/AEP, Smart Triage, ARRL PR-101, Professional Mediation Course, Advanced Mediation Course, WebEOC, FEMA/NIMS courses, 100, 100.PW, 120.a, 200, 230.c, 235.b, 240.a, 241.a, 242.a, 244.b, 271, 300/400, 700, 702.a, 703, 800, 907, 20.13, G-290, G291, Professional Series. She is an integral part of the inter-workings of an extremely active club, DELARA, that not only gives classes to encourage the general public to join the ranks & then holds testing to get them licensed, but donates radios to those newbies to encourage & Elmers them along the way, & one that takes a very active role with local government agencies to help in times of need. Her husband Gary KE8O & son Andrew W8DRE are also licensed & active in Amateur Radio & club activities as well. She was first licensed in 1998 & obtained her Extra Class in 2005.

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Our newest **PIC** is none other than **John Ross KD8IDJ** from Columbus OH. John is an award winning journalist & public relations practitioner. He's received honors from Associated Press, United Press International & many major network news operations. As a journalist he's worked as a radio & TV news reporter, on-air talent & anchor & as a guest columnist for many different types of publications. In addition, he has been honored by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) & many other organizations for his work across many different public relations activities including crisis management, media relations publications editing. John has served as the Public Information Officer for The Ohio State University, State of Ohio, & several county and local organizations. For over 25 years John has been a consultant for Wilson Group Communications, a Columbus, Ohio based crisis management and public relations firm. All of his communications & PR work spans his 20-year career with AT&T as a Network Force & Load Manager. John is also a lifelong musician, He began playing the trumpet at age 8 & took lessons from some of the most talented & prestigious instructors in the country. He was a 5 year member & squad leader of the Ohio State University Marching Band (TBDBITL) & is also an Army trained musician serving with the 113th United States Army Band & the 338th Army Reserve Band. He's played with the Louis Bellson band & with Doc Severinsen.

His interest & passion for Amateur Radio & electronics began when he was 10 years old. With the help of his father he built a "walkie-talkie" & took it to a nearby Amateur Radio operator for the final tune-up. From then on he was hooked & with the help of the neighborhood ham, he was licensed as a Novice. He built much of his own equipment salvaging parts from old televisions. John also went on to obtain all of the licenses necessary to operate & maintain commercial broadcasting stations.

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John Perone W8RXX from Galena was appointed to be the Official Observer Coordinator (OOC). John started his career as a low voltage contractor in the professional sound, commercial video, & MATV/CATV business learning the trade. He then got into the manufacturer representative business which allowed him to teach others how to design, sell, & install systems. It was at this time he also decided to get a pilot's license to better serve his territory. His interest in aviation became strong enough to obtain his commercial license.

John is married & his wife Laura KA8IWB is active on low bands & VHF.

John has been involved with a number of organizations over his years. He is a ARRL VE, Official Observer, past President of the Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC), American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) & Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) just to name a few.

John was first licensed in January, 1967 as WN8VPZ.

Sandy, John & John start their new positions as I will on January 1. Please help me to welcome them to their new posts.

73, *Scott Yonally N8SY*, Incoming Ohio Section Manager

(Folks, I officially "pass the torch" on to Scott with this edition of the OSJ. It's been a great ride, & I am glad to have had the experience to make many friends over this period of my life. Catch you 18r down the log! 73 de *Frank KJ8GW*)

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Great Big Snip here – Section Emergency Coordinator Matt Welch W8DEC has made 3 county-level appointments but needs make more. Besides New Year's wishes, One final note..

September 12, 13, & 14, 2014 have been selected for **ARES Training Camp** at Camp Falling Rock in Newark, Ohio. I have bounced these dates off the Emergency Coordinators & District Emergency Coordinators & haven't seen any scheduling conflicts. Now I ask for your help. Please review your calendar & advise of any scheduling conflicts. Thanks. Anyone interested in serving on staff or willing to be an instructor is asked to contact me at w8dec@arrl.net. Speaking of ARES Training Camp...I have posted a few menu items for training camp on my Facebook page. Take a look at that www.facebook.com/w8dec & let me know whatcha think.

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

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Around the Web

Hi Gang, This will be a Thanksgiving/Christmas for my family & friends to remember. For those of you who haven't heard, I took a tumble on Thanksgiving morning just before everyone gathered to eat all the goodies my wife had prepared. My tumble ended up with me in the hospital with my right ankle being broken in two places. The long story short of it was that I had to have surgery the next day & 8 screws & a stainless steel plate were installed to hold everything together.

I'm ok now, but on crutches for the next 6 weeks (~ end Jan). This means that right now I hobble around the house on crutches & my office chair! Yes, my office chair makes a great "wheeled" chair. I can cruise all around the kitchen with little effort. Thanks to my son-in-law! He moved my

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computer setup to the kitchen. So, I'm able to get on-line and do things. My radios are all down-stairs & I haven't been able to get to them yet, but I'm working on that one. I have figured a way to get down to the lower level without using my right nleg, but my trip back upstairs is where I have problems. I'll get there before Christmas, you can bet on that one!

Now, like I said, I'm home & because I am, I have some time on my hands. So, I decided to change the entire website again. I wanted it more efficient & smarter looking & definitely easier to use. I believe I have it so it is all those things & more. I have even added some color to it as well. I think you'll like it.

I continue to encourage you to watch the RSS feeds for all the updates to the website. You can set your browser/email programs to "e watch" for updates coming through on these RSS feeds as well. This way you'll be notified quicker that something has been added. 8<Snip

I do want to thank the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association (CARA) for the hospitality they extended to my wife, Janie KB8YPW & me at their 100th anniversary party on December 14. It was fun getting out & about. I have pictures of the event posted on the website. Please go take a look. You'll find the link to it on the front page of the website.

That's going to do it for this month.. As I write this article I'm thinking it will be the last time I write to all of you as the ASM Webmaster. It's been my title for a lot of years. I will continue to maintain the website as before, but as of January 1 it will be as your Section Manager.

Frank, I will miss you greatly & the sometimes very lengthy talks that we've had over the years. You've been a real friend & I do appreciate it.

To all of you, please have a safe & joyous holiday & New Year. 2014 will be an exciting year as the League turns 100 years old. There are many celebrations planned all over the country. If you can, try to participate in some of these celebrations. You'll have a lot of fun! Enjoy your family, enjoy Amateur Radio.

73, *Scott Yonally N8SY*

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Anthony Luscre K8ZT, Ohio ASM for **Education Outreach** to present at 2014 Ohio Educational Technology Conference. Session Title: Radio Technology in the Classroom, Cross Curricular, STEM Oriented Lessons for Grades 5-12, will be presented 1/28/2014 at Columbus Convention Center. The Ohio Educational Technology Conference is the third-largest state educational technology conference in the nation. Each year, more than 5,000 educational technology professionals & enthusiasts come together to explore the forefront of P-20 learning & innovation in Ohio. Anthony has presented at previous years of this conference on a wide variety of technology & educational oriented subjects.

Session full description: "Often when one hears of Radio in the Classroom their thoughts go back to Educational TV or even further back to early days of "wireless" radio shows and networks.

Most people fail to realize that Radio Technology is more important than ever as it is basis of our mobile technology devices, cell phones, tablets, remote controls, robotics & other 21st Century Tools. This session will discuss ways that you can bring radio technology into your classroom in a wide variety of curriculum areas. The inclusion of Radio Technology injects STEM concepts & thinking into all areas of curriculum. Don't know much about radio, electronics, robotics, satellites? This session will get you started with a wide variety of resources & professional development opportunities for you to start from zero & gain confidence to include Radio Technology in your classroom. We will also present you with pre-made lesson plans, community resources & other aids to get you started. Did I mention that much of this is FREE? A variety of nonprofit, com-

mercial & government agencies have come together to provide Teacher professional development in Radio Technology at no cost to participants. They also provide grant funds you can utilize to for equipment & teaching materials. With the recent "Makers" movement the ideas of building, experimenting & innovation are taking off & you can bring your class along for the ride!"
73, *Anthony Luscke K8ZC* Assistant Section Manager - Educational Outreach k8zt@arrl.net

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Special Presentation

You're Invited to a VERY SPECIAL PCARS Meeting on Feb 10, 2014 at 7pm to hear Bob Heil K9EID of Heil Sound. PCARS will host a LIVE Skype presentation with "Yes" THE Bob Heil. The Skype presentation will be Mon - Feb 10, 2014 - 7 PM at Stringz & Wingz - Located at 1543 State Route 303 in Streetsboro, Ohio.

Since this is something extraordinary, everyone & anyone who would like to attend is invited to see Bob's presentation. We got the room & PCARS looks forward to your being there!

In Bob's own words: "I have no set scripts for my presentations. We get into audio, antennas as well as some theory - keeping it simple." If you need more information? Contact PCARS President - Tom WB8LCD@portcars.org

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Special Events Stations in OH

Celebrating **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 Co Amateur Radio Service. 28.350 21.300 14.250 3.875 EchoLink thru 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

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What's coming in January

Wed Jan 1	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Robert AK3Q
Fri Jan 3	8:00 PM	Amateur Radio Public Svc Corps, Hamilton Co CommunicationsOfc Conference Rm, 2377 Civic Ctr Dr - pls park in Bd of Educ lot
Sun Jan 5	7:00 PM	Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; FCC Rules & Regulations
Tue Jan 7	7:30 PM	Club Meeting at StBernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard Program; Duplexers presented by Russ WB8ZCC
Wed Jan 9	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian K4BRI
Sat Jan 11	1:00 PM	Brunch Bunch at Diane's Restaurant, 1951 Anderson Ferry Road 45238, in Covedale between Crookshank & Sidney Roads - see pg 8
Sun Jan 12	7:00 PM	Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; Participating in Nets
Wed Jan 15	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Dale KC8HQS Feb 2014 Q-Fiver copy deadline
Fri Jan 17	8:00 PM	QueenCity Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av, Evanston
Sun Jan 19	7:00 PM	Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; Remote Operation
Mon Jan 20		Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday, observed
Wed Jan 22	9:00 PM	Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Brian KC8FJQ
Sun Jan 26	7:00 PM	Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; Incident Command System

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Tue Jan 28 7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard; Feb Q-Fiver distribution begins
 Wed Jan 29 9:00 PM Tech Talk on 146.67 repeater, NCS Rick KD4PYR
 Sun Feb 2 7:00 PM Newcomers & Elmers Net:146.67; TBA
 Mon Feb 3 7-9PM OhKyIn Tech, Gen & Extra classes, Centennial Hall, StBernard, pg 8
 Tue Feb 4 7:30 PM Club Meeting at StBernard Recr Hall, 120 E Washington, StBernard Program; TBA

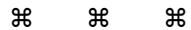


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 SVARC Wave Bender 1401
 Jane K8JAA, *Ye Ed* there

Thanks to our Webgeezzer Russ WB8ZCC, it's much easier to renew your OH-KY-IN ARS membership, particularly if Santa **didn't** leave your renewal in your stocking last week. Please go to www.ohkyin.org, click **Membership** in left column where you can renew using the printable application, or you can use PayPal. You don't even need a PayPal account - you can use **any** credit card to renew. This saves you time and postage!

Regular membership dues are \$20/year.
 Dues for each additional family member living at the same address, are \$5/year with a separate application required for each additional member.
 Dues for members age 65 and over, or who are disabled, are \$15/year.
 Dues are waived for full-time students, who are non-voting members.
 Life memberships in OH-KY-IN are available for 20 times the regular annual dues rate.
 Dues are **due** Jan 1, **overdue** after March 31. If you have any questions or need help with renewal, please don't hesitate to contact me! See mast page (inside front cover) please.

73, *Nathan KA3MZZ*



On the Air: Kids Day is January 5! relates to **Contests**, page 7
 The next [Kids Day](#), sponsored by the ARRL & The Boring (Oregon) Amateur Radio Club, will be Sunday, January 5, from 1800 to 2400 UTC. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio & Amateur Radio satellites to youngsters & let them get some firsthand experience.

Share the excitement with your own children, grandkids or youngsters in the neighborhood! For the youngsters, their positive ham radio experience may foster an interest in getting licensed one day. For veteran radio amateurs, it's a chance to share their love of Amateur Radio & their stations with the next generation.

To attract attention call "CQ Kids Day." The suggested exchange is name, age, location, & favorite color. There is *no* limit on operating time, & stations may work each other more than once, if the operator has changed.

The suggested HF frequencies are 28.350 to 28.400 MHz, 24.960 to 24.980 MHz, 21.360 to 21.400 MHz, 18.140 to



OH-KY-IN 2013 Committee Appointments Newcomers&Elmers Net Mgr Robert Gulley AK3Q
 Technical Committee Russ Hines WB8ZCC, Ch ARPSC Representative open
 Volunteer Examiners Brian DeYoung K4BRI, Ch QCEN Representative Pat Maley KD8PAT
 Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, Ch WARN Representative open
 Education Gary Coffey KB8MYC, Ch Rptr Control Ops Mgr Bruce Vanselow N8BV
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Life Members: Kenneth E. Wolf N8WYC
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= = = = = 18.145 MHz, 14.270 to 14.300 MHz, 7.270 to 7.290 MHz, & 3.740 to 3.940 MHz. Repeater contacts (with permission of the repeater's sponsor) are okay too, & satellite contacts may provide a *real* thrill. Be sure to observe third-party traffic restrictions when making DX contacts.

All participants are encouraged to post stories & photos to the [Kids Day Soapbox page](#) & are eligible to receive a colorful [certificate](#). You can download the free certificate, customized with the youngsters' names, after filling out the Kids Day Survey found on the same page as the certificate generator. Alternatively, you can send a 9 x 12 SASE to Kids Day Certificate Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. ARRL Kids Day is always the first Sunday of January and the third Saturday of June. – From *The ARRL Letter* Dec 19, 2013, reprint by ARRL permission

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News of Members & Students in Recent Classes

All of OhKyn wishes to congratulate Fred Schneider K9OHE and his lady wife Karen as they celebrate, with their family, their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish you many many more!

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Sun has 'flipped upside down' magnetically

The sun has “flipped upside down”, with its north & south poles reversed to reach the midpoint of Solar Cycle 24, NASA has said. Now the magnetic fields will once again start moving in opposite directions to begin the completion of the 22 year long process which will culminate in the poles switching once again.

“A reversal of the sun's magnetic field is, literally, a bnig event,” said NASA's Dr Tony Phillips. “The domain of the sun's magnetic influence (also known as the 'heliosphere') extends billions of kilometers beyond Pluto. Changes to the field's polarity ripple all thje way out to the Voyager probes, on the doorstep of interstellar space.”

on qrz.com, 12-31-13, submitted by Wayne M Lees M1WML

Copy deadline for Febzuary QFivez is Wednesday, Januazy 15

Weaver's Words! Doesn't usually make print deadline – **Late Bonus!!!**

[Reply only to k8je@arrl.org unless noted otherwise.]

- It's the "Mother" of all QSO Parties; its open to all Hams
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+++ It's the "Mother" of all QSO Parties; it's open to All Hams +++

It began January 1, 2014 and will extend through December 31, 2014? It is the "mother" of all QSO parties. Judging from the first few hours of the New Year, this will be a very successful party, too. So what are the basics of it?

The ARRL Centennial QSO party actually is two distinct-but-related activities. These involve working W1AW from each state (W1AW Worked All States) and a Centennial Points Challenge. The W1AW WAS is possible because throughout 2014, W1AW will be operating portable from each state for considerable periods of time. There, of course, will be W1AW/1 in each of the FCC Area 1 states, W1AW/2 in each of the Area 2 states, etc. through W1AW/0. Most US territories will also operate W1AW portable (e.g. W1AW/KH2 W1AW/KP2, etc.). To get a W1AW WAS, simply work W1AW portable from each of the 50 US states from January 1 through December 31. W1AW will operate portable from each state twice during the year.

The Centennial Points Challenge is equally as simple, but involves QSOing as many ARRL officials and members as possible . . . & club stations for ARRL affiliated clubs. Collect points by contacting every ARRL member from President through individual member. One note of importance: all entries into the Centennial Challenge **must be made via LoTW**. Other awards made be requested

Details of the operating schedules for W1AW portable operations, the point schedule for the many ARRL members & details of the QSO party go to www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

See you on the bands.

+++ **Dale's Tales for December, 2013** +++

Greetings all. HNY

As 2013 comes to a close, all I can think of is "Whew". It really has been an interesting year & it seems the case, no matter what one's perspective may be. I, for one, am glad to see it pass into history. It is not that plans went awry; the year was simply so very busy.

Therefore, in 2014, I resolve to examine the landscape in greater detail when I volunteer to take on a task, just to see how involved I may be. Hopefully, the chunks I bite off will be a bit smaller. I will certainly continue to volunteer, help out where needed & assist wherever I can. Volunteering is one of the ways I can repay past favors to those who helped me along the way. This is not quid-pro-quo. I don't play that game. It is simply doing a favor to help a new ham because someone "Elmered" me along this journey. I do hope that you can likewise help a fellow ham or two.

Like each new year, we go into it with new challenges. This will be no different. The unexpected curve balls will be thrown at us & we'll each have to make allowances. So despite what may be thrown at us, let's all plan to make Amateur Radio a little better this year. Let's answer a few more CQs, make a few more CQs & help out a little more at each club meeting. In fact, let me suggest we each step a little outside of our personal comfort zones & drag along a potential new club member to one or two meetings this year. It could be a very rewarding adventure.

From Judy and me, the very best wishes for a safe and happy 2014.

73, *Dale Williams* *WA8EFK* Vice Director, Great Lakes Division wa8efk@arrl.org

+++ **Ramblings** +++

This is a short issue of *Weaver's Words*. Time has passed so quickly this past month & a number of activities have taken my attention.

Two activities of particular note occurred in December. These were attending the centennial celebration banquet of the Cambridge (OH) ARA & presenting a member with a 60-year membership recognition plaque. Each event was most enjoyable.

CARA was founded in December 1914. This was about six months before the ARRL was founded. What a unique situation. The banquet & program that celebrated CARA's centennial were great.

The 60-year membership recognition was earned by Ron Moorefield W8ILC of Dayton, OH. Ron is a consummate ARRL member, having been fully immersed in ARES and similar public support, DXing & club activities over the years.

Operating & restoring my operational capability played a major part in occupying my spare time last month. A rather novel problem with my HF amp was finally solved by unplugging the ALC line to it. After being totally stumped by the problem, I called in some of my local friends who are excellent technicians. After being equally stumped initially, one of them called me later & suggested I unplug the ALC.

Ge. The amp works fine. Why it suddenly decided not to work while connected with the ALC I have no idea.

The second problem was that my logging computer -- an old tower -- somehow glitched & apparently reverted my logging program to its "freeware," trial version which, then, stopped working altogether. With the computer repaired, the logging program was restored by re-entering the key code, but in the interim, what a hassle!

Now, I'm fully operational on 440, & 6-20M. For 160-30M, I still need to get one end of my low band wire back up after the city cut down a tree that had previously been used for this purpose.

The tree was the victim of a street widening project.

Look for me & for many other ARRL officials & members on the air during 2014. The Centennial WAS & Centennial Points Challenge should be a lot of fun. Then, there will be the ARRL 100th Anniversary Convention in Hartford, CT.

Have a great 2014.

73, *Jim Weavez K8JE*

+++ Tentative Travel & Hamfest Schedule +++

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan 12 - Hazel Park Hamfest, Hazel Park, MI - WB8R

Jan 16 - Programs & Services Committee, Newington, CT - K8JE

Jan 17-18 - ARRL Board of Directors, Newington, CT - K8JE, WA8EFK

Jan 19 - SCARF Hamfest, Nelsonville, OH

Jan 26 - Tusco ARC Hamfest, Strasburg, OH

Feb 1 - HARA Swap & shop, Negaunee, MI - WB8R

Feb 2 - NOARS WinterHamfest, Elyria, OH - WA8EFK, N8SY, Ohio Cabinet

Feb 8 - Cherryland ARC SWAP & Shop, Traverse City, MI - WB8R

Feb 16 - Mid Winter Hamfest & Computer Show, Mansfield, OH -- QSL Checking -- WA8EFK, N8SY

Feb 16 - Livonia Hamfest, Livonia, MI - WB8R

Mar 1 - Cave City Hamfest, Cave City, KY - K8JE, KY4Z

Mar 15 - Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall, MI - WA8EFK, WB8R

Mar 22 - Mid-Ohio Valley ARC Hamfest, Gallipolis, OH - Ohio Cabinet
 Apr 5 - Lincoln Trail ARC's Hamfest, Elizabethtown, KY - K8JE, KY4Z
 Apr 12 - Cuyahoga Falls ARC 60th Annual Hamfest, Cuyahoga Falls, OH - Ohio Cabinet
 Apr 12 - Milford Swap, Highland, MI -- QSL Checking -- WB8R
 Apr 27 - Athens Hamfest, Athens, OH
 May 3 - Cadillac Amateur Radio & Computer Swap, Cadillac, MI -- WB8R
 Jun 7 - Princeton Kentucky Hamfest, Princeton KY - KY4Z
 Jun 15 - Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI -- WA8EFK, WB8R
 Jul 26 - Tusco ARC Hamfest, Strasburg, OH
 Jul 27 - Portage HaMFAIR '14 - Randolph, OH -- WA8EFK, Ohio Cabinet
 Jul 20 - Van Wert Hamfest, Van Wert, OH -- Ohio Cabinet
 Jul 26 - 2014 CMARC Outdoor Hamfest, Lansing, MI -- WB8R
 Aug 17 - Warren Hamfest, Cortland, OH -- QSL Checking
 Sep 13 - Richmond Hamfest, Richmond, KY - KY4Z
 Sep 28 - Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show, Cleveland, OH -- QSL Checking
 Oct 5 - Conneaut ARC Hamfest, Conneaut, OH
 Oct 18 - Muskegon Color Tour Hamfest, Muskegon, MI

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----- **Final Reprint of this --**

Sweet, clean, non-smoking environment **Ten-Tec Omni VI Plus** (that has extra CW crystals installed) is **offered for sale**. It has been bundled up in storage since ex-XYL & I went our separate ways Some Time Ago. Heard of same model offered there not that long ago, owner requested **\$1500 or best offer**. This rig presently lives in Indianapolis, . Transfer by arrangement. Sale of this rig would benefit a non-ham colleague of both me & your Editor who lives in NJ, has been unemployed for more than a year & has an ailing aging cat to care for. Neither of us wish them to be evicted! Please contact: quantum_jellyroll@sbcglobal.net or Susie N8CGM, info on mast page as usual. 73 *Rick Reneau KB9NDJ*



Bennie Pic L is **Ardee Fox**, official ARDF mascot photoed by Joe Moell K0OV at ARDF gather this fall. Reprint OK by both ARRL & K0OV—*Ye Ed*

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