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OH-KY-IN Cafe Press page! <http://www.cafepress.com/ohkyinars>

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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*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 your 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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Please Do Remember to



**Before Coming to Members'  
Mtg Nov 4, Downstairs !!!**

**Presidential Words for November**

If you missed the October meeting, you missed a great meeting (as always)! We had a great turnout of our Great Lakes & Ohio Section ARRL staff. Thanks go out to Scott Yonally N8SY for travelling all the way down here to give us a presentation on 100 years of ARRL dedication. Also big thanks to Tom Delaney W8WTD and Kitty Hevener W8TDA as well for being with us.

As November approaches, our Nominating Committee is hard at work seeking candidates for the 2015 officer positions. As of my last check, there were still a couple offices with no nominees. Please consider helping out! Our club has been growing & expanding steadily for the past few years. In a time when many organizations (not just amateur radio) are shrinking and even fading away, OHKYIN has grown & remained strong. The future looks bright for us; please help this continue.

Finally, winter nights are just around the corner. It's the time to check & button up all those antenna connections & make sure things are secured for the winter. Remember, safety is #1. *Never* climb without proper protective equipment & maintain proper clearance from electrical wires. Every year we hear of amateurs being killed from falls & electrocutions. Stay safe & enjoy the hobby!

*73, Gary KB8MYC*

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**Next meeting**

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 each month at 7:30 PM. Please enter through the **western downstairs door** this month only; our normal meeting room is a polling place for St Bernard residents today. For directions, please click [HERE](#) (in PDF copies only please). Nov 4 program: **Logbook of the World** by member Rick Haltermon KD4PYR.

*73 Jetzy W1SCR*

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**OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society: Minutes of October 7, 2014 Members' Meeting**

Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. 34 people gave self-introductions, which included 4 guests & 30 members.

It was announced that Don Eikhoff WD8IDJ became a silent key. He was very active during his years in Cincinnati & will be much missed.

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The brag session included several items.

Gary KB8MYC thanked all who participated in the Hamfest. There was a good turnout from members, vendors & others. The club earned more than \$1000!

The Nominating Committee consists of Kitty W8TDA, Pat KD8PAT & Russ WB8ZCC.

Nominations are due to the November meeting. We will elect the 4 officers & 1 director at the December meeting.

The Fox Hunt will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday this month.

Classes for the Extra Class license have begun. Classes for Technician & General Class licenses will begin on October 20.

Brunch Bunch will be this Saturday at Price Hill Chili at 1 PM.

There was a question about participating in the CW Sweepstakes. The club will not sponsor a station. However, members who participate should note they are members of OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society in the proper place in the logs they submit. Club scores are reported.

Bryan KC8EGV thanked members who participated in the emergency net on Saturday. He noted that communicators were still needed for this coming Saturday's Queen Bee mara-thon.

The 146.67 repeater will be used.

Gary KD8MYC introduced the Program, the annual ARRL Night. He introduced Scott Yonally N8SY, Section Manager for the Ohio Section; Tom Delaney W8WTD, Vice-Director for the Great Lakes Division; & OH-KY-IN member Kitty Hevener W8TDA, an Assistant Section Manager for the Ohio Section. Scott began the program with the ARRL video celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday year. A Q & A session followed Scott's brief comments.

The program ended at 8:36 PM.

The November Club Meeting will be in the basement of the building. Enter the door on the west side of the building.

Drawings for prizes were conducted: 2 tickets to *Cabaret in 4 Parts* (Susie N8CGM's chorus show) were won by Harry WA8LOJ; Mr. Huler won a Starbucks Gift Card; & Mike KD8SOH won \$38 from split the pot.

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Fred Schneider K9O9IE*, Secretary



Oct Brunch Bunch on the 11<sup>th</sup> at **Price Hill Chili**, a favourite location. Wait staff took photo. The **next Brunch Bunch** will be held Saturday, November 8 at 1PM. The location will be **Hooligan's Pub & Eatery in Pleasant Ridge**. Hooligan's is located at 3340 Highland Avenue, 45213, next to the Days Inn. This is just east of the intersection of Ridge & Highland just a short distance from I-71. We will be in the public dining room toward the left past the hostess station. Hooligan's won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Great Ohio Rib Cookoff, also praised by *Cincinnati Magazine* & others. For a look at the menu as well as for a map or directions please go to:

<http://www.hooligans-pub.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, ..... *Bzuce N8BV*

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#### Hamfests &c.

**November 2014**

**Nov 1 21<sup>st</sup> annual Grant ARC Hamfest**, "best little Hamfest in OH" in ABCAP Bldg, 401 W Plum St, **Georgetown OH 45121** (just off SR 125E). 8AM-2PM. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, refreshments, free Laurel VE exams 10AM. \$2 each, top prize Icom IC-7100. Talk-in: 146.73

(162.2hz). Info: Rodney Crawford WD8CTX, 937=446-2338, [wd8ctx@juno.com](mailto:wd8ctx@juno.com), [www.garcoho.net](http://www.garcoho.net)

**2 54<sup>th</sup> annual Massillon OH Hamfest** sponsored by Massillon ARC at Massillon Boys&Girls Club. 730 Duncan St SW. 8AM-2PM. Auction, dealers, fleas, free parking, handicapped access, QSL card checking, refreshments, seminars, ARRL VE exams from 9AM (registr from 8AM0). \$5. Talk-in: 147.18 (110.9hz). Info: Terry Russ N8ATZ, 330=837-3091, [truss@ssnet.com](mailto:truss@ssnet.com), [www.w8np.org](http://www.w8np.org)

**15-16 IN State Convention & 42d annual Ft Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo**, sponsored by Allen Co Amateur Radio Technical Society at Allen Co War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave (corner SR 930/Coliseum Blvd & Parnell), Sat 9AM-4PM, Sun 8AM-12N. Dealers, fleas, handicapped access, QSL card checking, refreshments, seminars, ARRL VE exams Sat 9-12N. Talk-in: 146.88. \$6 both days, \$4 Sun (door only), \$5 Coliseum parking. Info: AC-ARTS/Ft Wayne Hamfest, 260=579-2196, [chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com](mailto:chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com), [www.fortwaynehamfest.com](http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com)

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#### VE exam opportunities in addition to those at Hamfests

ARRL VEC exam fee \$15, to remain so thru 2015

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat each month:** Cincinnati-Hartwell OH at Hartwell Presbyterian Church. Register 8:30AM, walk-ins only! ARRL, so \$15 fee. All license classes. Info: Dale Pritchett KC8HJL, 513=769-0789, [kc8hjl@arrl.net](mailto:kc8hjl@arrl.net)

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**DX Spots – November 2014 de Nathan KA3MTT**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Bulletins made possible with info provided by <i>OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, DXNL, "Contest Corral"</i> from QST &amp; the ARRL Contest Calendar &amp; WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.</p>				<p><a href="#">FT4TA – Tromelin 10-30 thru 11-10</a></p> 		<p>1 <a href="#">6W – Senegal thru 11-13</a> - - - P4 -- Aruba thru 11-16</p>
<p>2 E6 – Niue thru 11-9</p> 	<p>3 VP9 -- Bermuda thru 11-10 - - - 5R8IC – Madagascar thru 11-12</p>	4	<p>5 KH8 – American Samoa thru 11-18</p> 	6	<p>7 SV5 – Dodecanese thru 11-10 - - - T88XC – Palau thru 11-16</p>	<p>8 VK0MH – Macquarie Is thru 11-22 - - - J6 – St Lucia thru 12-5</p>
9	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>Mbrs of Ome ARClub QRV as <b>8J150ZYG til Dec31</b> to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniv of town Ome, Japan. QSL via bureau. Take JG8NQJ QRV as <b>JG8NQJ/JD1 to mid Dec</b> in spare time, working at <b>Minami Torishima</b> weather station. Activity on HF using CW. QSL direct via JA8CJY.</p>		14	<p>15 VU4KV – Andaman Is thru 11-30</p> 
<p>16 J89HA – Rodrigues Is thru 11-24</p> 	<p>17 XT2AW – Burkina Faso thru 12-2</p> 	18	<p>19</p> <p>Sarath VU3RSB is QRV with spl event call sign <b>AT2HFI to Nov 10</b> during <b>Hamfest India</b>. Activity mainly on 40 &amp; 20 meters. QSL direct via VU3RSB.</p>	<p>20 <a href="#">7QAA – Malawi thru 12-2</a> - - - FS – St Martin thru 12-2</p>	21	22
<p>23 CE0Y – Easter Isl thru 11-28 - - - <a href="#">VP2EIM – Anguilla thru 11-30</a></p>	24	25	26	<p>27</p> 	<p>28 V6-- Micronesia thru 12-4</p>	29
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## Contests

November 2014

1-2 **ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW**; Ukraine DX Contest, SSB & CW; Radio Club of America QSO Party, SSB; Collegiate ARC Championship, CW; DARC 10m Digital "Corona" Contest; Himalayan Contest (VU land); IPA contest, SSB & CW

3 OK1WC Memorial contest

4 ARS Spartan sprints

6 CWops Mini-CWT Test

7-8 NS Weekly sprints, CW & RTTY; WAE DX contest; JA International DX Contest, SSB; OK-OM DX Contest, CW; KY QSO Party; CQ Western Electric, all modes; 10-10 Fall digital QSO Party; SKCC Weekend Sprintathon; **ARRL EME Contest**

15-16 **ARRL November Sweepstakes, SSB**; Feld Hell Turkey Shoot; Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB; Homebrew and Oldtime Contest, CW; LZ DX Contest, SSB & CW; RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW; All Austria 160 m Contest; Russian WW Multimode Contest; ARS HF Contest

17 Run for the Bacon, CW

20 NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint

26 SKCC Straight Key Sprint

27 Top Band Sprint

29-30 CQ WW CW contest; Full Day of Hell (Feld-Hell)

**Sweeps!** but also CQ WW, & more! **November is Contest month.** For more information see QST, CQ, or [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

73, Dan KJ4AV

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### W1AW Portable Centennial QSO Party Ops in Nov 2014

Oct 29-Nov 4 W1AW/1 Massachusetts; W1AW/7 Wyoming; W1AW/KP2 US Virgin Islands

Nov 5-11 W1AW/7 Washington; W1AW/0 Kansas; W1AW/KH8 American Samoa

Nov 12-18 W1AW/1 Rhode Island; W1AW/5 Mississippi; W1AW/KH8 American Samoa

Nov 19-25 W1AW/4 Florida; W1AW/5 Arkansas

Nov 26-Dec 2 W1AW/3 Delaware; W1AW/5 Louisiana; W1AW/KP4 Puerto Rico

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### more VE exam opportunities besides at Hamfests

**2d Thu each month except March & December:** Milford OH, sponsored by Milford ARC @ Faith Church, 5910 Price Rd. Register 6PM, walk-ins OK; precedes regular club meeting. No fee, Milford uses Laurel. Info: Barb Steward KA8AXY, 513=625-8651, [blzsteward@yahoo.com](mailto:blzsteward@yahoo.com)

**Wed Nov 19:** Examination session for Technician, General & Extra Classes Amateur Radio Operator's License in the Verity Lodge, Miami University-Middletown, Middletown OH, Doors open for registration 6PM, exams will commence shortly thereafter. Please plan to arrive early as all registration activities are to be completed by 7PM.

There is no test fee required for these examinations.

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Special examination accommodation must be requested at least 2 weeks prior to test date.

Additional info or special exam accommodation: Dave Williamson KD8W 513=424-5819

<[kd8w@arrl.net](mailto:kd8w@arrl.net)> or Carl Morgan K8CM 513=422-9384 <[k8cm@arrl.net](mailto:k8cm@arrl.net)>.

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

**Sat Nov 22:** OhKyIn ARS class-ending exams at Centennial Hall (beneath City Hall, 110 Washington Ave), St Bernard OH 45217. 9AM, walk-ins OK. ARRL, so \$15 fee. All license classes. Info: Robert Gulley AK3Q, 859=638-2043, [classes@ohkyin.org](mailto:classes@ohkyin.org)

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

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**Dale's Tales for October 2014** sent out 10.2.14 @8:44 AM

Greetings everyone,

**HB 4969 Progress Report:** At the last writing of this column, ARRL & our supporters had garnered 28 Congressmen to co-sign the legislation. At that time, Congress was in recess, so no one could sign the bill.

Upon return from recess, ARRL continued to work for additional co-sponsors & now we have more than 55 who have signed on or agreed to do so.

To the members of the Great Lakes Division, I sincerely want to thank all of you for your continued effort to contact your congressman & ask for his support in passing HB 4969, the Amateur Radio Parity Act.

As you are aware this bill is aimed at directing the PRB-1 style "reasonable accommodation" provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including areas with deed restrictions & restrictive covenants, hence the term "parity".

"CC&Rs" (covenants, conditions & restrictions) are the prohibitions & limitations placed on properties by builders or home-owner associations (HOAs) which prevent licensed Amateurs from erecting even modest antennas. Details & updates are posted at <http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>

Great Lakes Division Vice Director Tom Delaney W8WTD offers his monthly commentary: A common theme I've heard at some of the ARRL forums I've attended this past month at hamfests is: What About the Future of Ham Radio? Some think we're doing fine, since the number of hams is at an all-time high. Others worry on more practical terms --who's going to do what we are doing? & some of that is quite practical. Who will maintain club repeaters, club gear, & help instruct the next generation of hams? In fact, what about the clubs? How do we get more active members?

Food for thought, but there is also a lot being done. Every time these questions come up, there are also people there with some answers. Maybe not one big answer that covers everything, but simple solutions they are taking in their communities to help recruit, train & mentor new hams.

For instance, in Cleveland, there were several answers to the question of how to interest young people who already have so many distractions, & who are tied to their cell phones & would never imagine themselves talking on radios. One team is working with the STEM (Science, *The Q-Fivez*, Nov2014, pg 8 Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) programs in their local



schools. But other people suggested that the interest in Robotics is another way to generate interest. & yet another person suggested that MESH could interest students who already know about WiFi, because it would open up their possibilities for using a common technology they already know about.

Some of the other questions are not so easily answered. But if we keep talking about it, & sharing ideas, on the air, in print, & in person, maybe we'll find some good solutions. Ham radio is still vital. The activities of the Centennial year are certainly showing that. Lots of great participation in the W1AW portable operations, & all the other things going on. & a lot of thought being given to how to interest the next generation. Each one of us has something we can do. Take a few minutes, & figure out what your contribution will be!

73, *Tom W8WCD*, Vice Director, Great Lakes Division

Tom's observations should be considered by all of us, as we look to Amateur Radio's future. 30 years ago, for example, autopatches played an important part of ham radio emergency preparedness. We all counted on them & we all used them. Today, it is rare to hear some-one using a patch because technology has moved us to the use of cellphones.

Time & technology have brought change & in many ways ham radio ops have played a vital part in advancing that technology. We move ahead.

We must continue that effort & we need to see that our youth are offered the opportunity to know what ham radio can offer as they will soon lead the technology push. How do we do this? How do we reach our youngsters? Admittedly, the most successful ham programs seem to be in our public schools and those flourish where an instructor who holds a ham license is directly involved with the students. From a practical sense, that is not always possible & in many cases a licensed ham from the community serves as counselor & mentor to the school's program. Other truly viable programs are those dedicated to ham radio youth, again with a truly dedicated sponsoring ham. Either way, serious commitment is required & it appears few of us are prepared to take those steps.

So what **is** the solution? We talk about it - a great deal. We have heard our young hams tell us what needs to happen. We really know what we need to do.

The application period for ARRL Foundation scholarships opened Oct 1. Here is an opportunity to assist students who could use help in paying for their college educations. Please pass the word that the ARRL Foundation scholarship program is available to help out & encourage students to apply. Details at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/the-arrl-foundation-invites-scholarship-applications-for-2015-16-academic-year>

Here is the current ARRL Hamfest Schedule for the Great Lakes Division (Oct 's are done):

Nov 1 - Grant County - Georgetown, OH

Nov 2 - Massillon ARC Hamfest, Massillon, OH -- QSL Checking - N8SY

Dec 6 - Fulton County Winterfest, Delta, OH

Dec 12 - Lanse Creuse, Harrison Twp, MI - WB8R

A note about hamfest attendance by your ARRL elected officials. We strive to insure that ARRL is properly represented at **every** ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest. Conflicts can arise, such as hamfests which might occur on the same day. It is always a good idea for your hamfest chair to contact the Section Mgr, Vice-Dir or Dir early in the planning stages to insure his attendance at the activity. This will allow time to prepare for alternate representation in the

event of time conflicts. **73 all, see you on the bands.**

Dale Williams WA8EJK Director, Great Lakes Division wa8efk@arrl.org



OH Section News ~20 Oct 2014

**VILLAGE OF SWANTON SEEKS APPEAL TO OHIO SUPREME CT**

by: Nick Pittner K8NAP – SGL [nickpittner9@gmail.com](mailto:nickpittner9@gmail.com)

The Village of Swanton has requested review by the Ohio Supreme Court from the order of the Sixth Appellate District dismissing the Village's ap-peat in the Gary Wodtke antenna case. In that case, Gary Wodtke WW8N appealed to the Fulton Co Common Pleas Court from the Village's denial of his request for permission to erect an antenna tower & associated an-tennas. The Court, relying on the recently enacted H.B. 158 reversed the Village's order & permitted Wodtke to erect the antennas requested. The Village

appealed to the Sixth District Court of Appeals. However, before appellate briefs were filed, the Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal on the grounds that it had not been timely filed by the Village. The Village now seeks review of that order in the Ohio Supreme Court. Fairly big 8< snip ...

The case is *Gary Wodtke v. Village of Swanton*, No. 14-1670 in the Ohio Supreme Court, You can read all of pleadings on the Court's web site. In the meantime, stay tuned.

73, Nick K8NAP

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**AFFILIATED CLUBS COORDINATOR REPORT** by: John Myers KD8MQ – ACC [kd8mq@arrl.net](mailto:kd8mq@arrl.net)

Wee snip 8<... A lot of our local clubs are preparing for their annual elections. I doubt that it's much different in other parts of the state. It's always important for Hams to get involved & attend their club meetings; but there's **no meeting more important than that when they hold the elections of officers**. The elected are the ones who will run your club over the next year; perhaps 2.

In some clubs, the folks elected have told me that they ran because no one else would, & "just so that we'd have someone in office". Then they fulfill their duties like they're on auto-pilot. I'm sorry, but this is just wrong!

Following is a (are? – Ye Ed) quote(s) from the preamble of the *AARC Presidents' Book* which is handed down to each incoming President:

"Being president of any organization can be a challenge, but also can be extremely rewarding."

"You can choose to just run the meetings, & do nothing else."

"You can actively look for programs, or not."

"You can choose to do PR, or not."

"The end results will be dependent on just how much work you are willing to put into your job as club president."

Granted, if you step up & run for office, it may not be easy, but it will be rewarding. I know this from experience. By the way, I am not talking about monetary rewards here; some things are more important. So, off my soap box here, I'll wrap up this subject by reminding everyone to get that club information updated each time there is a change of any sort in your club contact info. Also, whenever your leadership changes. If you have any questions, just contact me. I can be reached via E-mail at [kd8mq@arrl.net](mailto:kd8mq@arrl.net).  
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A few weeks ago, I made my first trip to Berea in several years. I'm impressed at how much it's grown since my last visit some 30 years ago. I sat in as an observer on the ARRL Forum, & would recommend it to anyone in a club leadership role. Our section leadership did a great job on bringing us up to speed on HR-4969. The discussion on attracting youth to Amateur Radio was

similarly interesting. It was great talking to Wes W8IZC, president of Mahoning Valley ARA. Snip 8< Massillon Hamfest comes up on Nov 2 . As usual, it's on the same weekend as the SS-CW contest. I'll be there in an unofficial capacity as I clean out the basement & make room for more junk er. . . good stuff in the year ahead.

Thanks to the wonders of the internet, John WA8KIW has kept his *Monday Morning Memo* going even while on a trip out west. He warns us that even dipoles are not safe anymore as one of the Hams in SW OH had his stolen. The thieves even tried to strip his coax!

Thanks to the Mahoning Valley ARA for adding me to their mailing list. I just received the most recent issue of the *Voice Coil*, their monthly newsletter. MVARA just held their annual corn roast. Mark K8MSH includes a lot of good information, including information on HR 4969.

According to *The Spark*, from the Cincinnati FM Club, DMR, or Digital Mobile Radio has come to Cincinnati. The club has put a new Motorola repeater on the air on 443.400.

The Massillon ARC is in full Hamfest planning mode, preparing for their Nov 2 event. This ham-fest is usually a "don't miss" on my schedule. Another fund raiser that Massillon participates in is parking cars at the annual Swiss Festival in Sugar Creek. Speaking of Massillon, a team of Massillon ARC & Alliance ARC members are making plans to operate the 2015 SPAR Winter Field Day in January. Alliance ARC's 440 repeater came back online after a tower raising last month. This was in conjunction with a fall cookout at the KD8MQ QTH. Lots of fun was had by several local Hams; all friends & members of Alliance ARC. Alliance ARC also holds a DX contest for members only, & has an upcoming Homebrew night to look forward to in a few weeks.

According to *DELARA News*, edited by our own Section EC, Hams in the Delaware area are doing a lot with MESH. Not sure what MESH is? Neither was I until I heard Stan speak at the ARRL Forum in Berea. At the October DELARA meeting, they held a "Boat Anchor Swap". Sounds like a great idea for a program at a club meeting.

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Cuyahoga Falls ARC is working on holding a Two Meter FM Squares Contest next year.

Scioto Valley ARC will run an "Extra Hour" Special event station on the weekend of Nov 1 & 2.

Portage County ARC (PCARS) has fielded teams for the NA SSB Sprint & the CA QSO Party. Some required antenna repairs were finished just in time for the CA QSO Party. No word on how it went, but I bet there was a full clubhouse both days. Their latest issue of the *Radiogram* includes an article on how to sell your surplus gear on EBay.

That's about it for this month. Keep those newsletters coming.

Till next time, 73 DE *KD8MQ*

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*FROM THE SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR* by Stan Broadway N8BHL  
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OH SET is complete & there's a lot to brag about! I was very pleased at how many counties participated this year. It's impossible to speculate on our state score, since each county EC submits that county's score directly to the ARRL. [County ECs you have submitted, right?? Puh-leezee!!

Things that make you smile - Our ability to activate the entire state worked flawlessly. We were able to reach all the DECs & they immediately went about rustling up the troops.

Our ability to contact The Sarge (W8SGT) at Ohio EOC on 40. Solid signals, lots of traffic hand-led.

We wore their operators out! The digital net transferred a few IS-213s into the SEOC! This is exactly the kind of traffic we can expect in a real emergency, & it worked. *The Q-Fivez, Nov 2014, page 11*

Ohio SSB traffic net & the COTN (Central Ohio Traffic Net) were up to the challenge of sending a boatload of messages to The Sarge. Wally & his folks at W8SGT were up to the challenge & ready to

go...even if we did overextend on waffles prior to the kickoff. We had to brief somewhere~, right? Many counties took the original premise of the drill (setting up a communications network) & launched their own activities. A couple counties rightly used their own local drills as SET events- the recent nuke plant drill up north, an excellent radio drill in Portsmouth. Other similar events can be counted so if your county didn't do anything for the SET, consider scoring your own local drills (from Sep thru Dec).

District nets were up & running, helping to provide a regional view. Many counties made contact with surrounding areas. Ashtabula even went to far as to rack up numerous state capitals. I hear they caused quite a commotion on MIDCARS. Several districts were able to connect into the Columbus 147.06 repeater, & work The Sarge direct.

Things that make you shrug your shoulders-VHF system at The Sarge didn't work as expected. Possible feedline troubles kept our VHF contacts low. (Much better to discover this during a drill!) It did prove however, that SEOC can directly interact with counties effectively. SSB & digital nets were run on 80, signals faded & made it tough. 40 is a much better daytime band! CW frequency was being monitored, but there was no formal net activity during the morning hours so we didn't get much CW action. Activity seemed to vary by region (or district). Those that were active were really active. Those that were not...crickets. Fair sized snip 8< ... here

Buckle up, kids! We're going for a ride. How many of you go to church? OK- put your hands down, thanks. What church do you go to? Are you Baptist, Catholic, or Anglican? Thanks, put your hands down. So in your small town, is there more than one church? WHAT? They must be a real threat to you! Why, they meet for the same purpose, even at the same day and time as your church! Oh- why aren't they a threat?

Let me ask another question. Your little town is protected by a fire department? Perhaps a volunteer fire department? "Why, yes...& I'm proud to say we have a lot of volunteer firefighters in our church!" But wait- this volunteer fire department...doesn't it have fund raisers? Fish fry? Pancake day? "Well, sure, but they need specialized equipment and trucks that cost a lot. Gotta get the money somewhere. Why, we even contribute a small amount from the church in good will." Those funds- that's money that people could be putting in the offering!!

"But we need the fire department, & we urge people to participate & eat pancakes."

So- your church is probably run by a board, with an outreach committee, a music committee, & a few others? "Sure- it's the way we get things done." When those trucks roll up to Mrs Smith's barn with fire 40' into the sky, do the firefighters jump off the truck, gather in a huddle & using parliamentary procedure vote on a plan to deal with this fire? Of course not. It's the Chief's job to start yelling, "Engine 1 pull a 2 ½ & attack the west side. Engine 2, lay into engine 1 from the road. Tanker 1, drop your tank at the road & supply engine 1. Dispatch, send me 3 more trucks from the next county to assist!!" The Chief is responsible for the action plans, recruiting, training, & general operation of his or her department. He delegates responsibility to Assistant Chiefs, of course. Ah- I see you're catching on here. Firefighters are your church members but are performing a specific service. They're not in competition with your church even though they might look like their own organization. Do you get this?

ARES is something ham operators ~DO~, something they ~are~ but NOT a club. Members from all clubs, or hams who don't belong to any club may all participate. Just like the fire department above, members of ARES should be welcomed into radio clubs & organizations! The clubs who are smart encourage their members to join ARES & participate!

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Like the fire dept, ARES is structured so that 1 person (your county Emergency Coordinator) calls the shots. That EC should be smart enough to have Assistant ECs to advise & conduct some of the

business. But the EC is in charge because the EC is accountable- to each of the agencies like EMA, Red Cross, & others whom we serve. It's the EC who has to know Incident Command forward & backward. It's the EC who has to structure the emergency plans for that county. It's the EC who has to always be ready for that phone call. It's not a power thing, it's a ~function~ thing. ARES people: encourage the clubs & start participating! If you're not impressed with your local club- do something to improve it! Club people: Stop worrying about ARES "taking over" your club. News flash...we don't want it! We have enough to work on just doing our own jobs. So your members are joining ARES? Super! That's exactly how it's supposed to be. This is a hobby. Step back, take a deep breath. Have fun. Make it fun. Make a friend. Amen...go in peace. 73, Stan N8BQL

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**SOUTHWEST OHIO HAPPENINGS** \_from: Kitty Hevener W8TDA – Asst Sec Mgr (SW) [w8tda@arri.net](mailto:w8tda@arri.net)

**SIGHTINGS**.. On Sept 26, Great Lakes Div Vice Dir Tom Delaney, W8WTD, OH-KY-IN pres Gary Coffey KB8MYC & I met with Ohio's 1<sup>st</sup> district Congressman Steve Chabot to ask for his support of HR4969. He told us he is **seriously considering co-sponsoring** the bill, & that his Washington staff still works on his position.

Milford ARC invited me to speak at their Sept meeting. I felt privileged to be with them & had a wonderful time. Perhaps the biggest takeaway for club members was easy things they could do to enhance their revenue.

I attended the OH-KY-IN hamfest & connected with several hams at the ARRL table & forum. OH-KY-IN pres Gary KB8MYC commented that the club was quite pleased with the support & looks forward to future growth.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**..Kudos to those hams who responded to the call for communications help for various public service events. These include: 18<sup>th</sup> USAF marathon on Sep 20; Little Miami Canoe Run & bike triathlon Oct 5; Inaugural Queen Bee half marathon in Cincinnati on Oct 11; & annual Dayton River Corridor Classic Half-Marathon & 5K Run/Walk on Oct 12.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**..On Nov 1-2 Scioto Valley ARC will activate W8BAP for their annual "Extra Hour" special event station. It will operate around 28.445, 14.280, 7.250 & 3.860 from 0000z to 0600z. [boycejr4@roadrunner.com](mailto:boycejr4@roadrunner.com) for info. Always a fun station to contact.

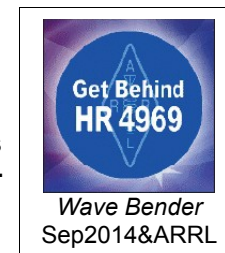
**UPCOMING HAMFEST**.. Grant ARC will hold its annual hamfest in Georgetown OH on Nov 1. In a time when many hamfests try to survive, the Georgetown 'fest just keeps growing. Rodney WD8CTX states 110 tables have been reserved to date & he knows more requests will come in as the date gets closer. Tickets are going quickly too! Highland ARA is assisting with ticket sales this year & had about 20 left. (*Ye Ed* comment: You Need Go if you can. *Q-Fiver*! I'll go out way too late for remote ticket buying!) The main prize is an ICOM IC-7100. There are also loads of hourly door prizes. All this for only \$2 per ticket! Support ham radio in rural Southern Ohio & attend this hamfest. If you can't, consider buying a few late tickets as a donation. Contact WD8CTX (G'town hamfest info contact, pg 5) & he'll let you know how you can do this. Additionally, W8UJM reminds us there'll be a Laurel test session at 10 that morning for those wanting to get their first license or to upgrade 73, Kitty W8TDA

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**LET'S TALK** from: Scott Yonally N8SY - Section Manager [n8sy@arri.org](mailto:n8sy@arri.org)

Hi Everyone, Wow.. Winter is just around the corner. I know this because I spent this past weekend polishing up the motorcycle & getting down to the bike shop for winter storage. This is always the



hardest thing for me to do, as my ability just to get out & away from everything has also been put to bed for the season. Yes Virginia, Santa Claus will soon be coming, but unless you're a bike rider, you can't *really know* the sadness that comes when you have to put the bike up for the winter.

Have you taken in the fall colors yet? I can't imagine a prettier time of year than when fall comes around. The trees are multicolored & just absolutely beautiful this time of the year. Ohio is really blessed to have as many forests & woods as it has. It's absolutely spectacular!!

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U.S. House Bill - HR 4969 is still working its way around Congress. Have you written to your Congressman 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's website. Just follow the HR-4969 link on their front page. It will take you to all the latest information & letter tips. Snip8<...

I've been doing a lot of traveling to hamfests & club meetings lately. 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, but in giving 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 really do appreciate it.

That's going to do it this month from here.. I hope to see all of you at the 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 e-mail & phone number are always listed on the Ohio Section Website <http://arrloho.org> as well as on page 16 of QST..

73, *Scott N8SY*

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Reminder that **2014 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes** takes place Nov 15 & 16; **operators are needed!** Please contact me as soon as you can to be put on the roster. More information of what Sweeps is all about can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

Please don't hesitate to drop me an email ([neiheisel@fuse.net](mailto:neiheisel@fuse.net)) or ring me up (513=598-1659) if you have further queries. Begins 5PM EST Sat, runs through 10:59PM Sun. Please join us for a weekend of great fun! Thanks!

73 *Eric N8YC*

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### What's coming in November 2014

Sun Nov 2 2:00 AM Daylight Savings Time ends, please move clocks back 1 hour  
7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67 146.67, Topic: When Things Go Wrong! NCS Robert AK3Q

Mon Nov 3 7-9PM Extra & Tech-General Classes, Centennial Hall, 110 E Washington

Tue Nov 4 7:30PM Club Meeting at St Bernard RecrHall, 120E Washington, St Bernard  
Downstairs! Program: Logbook Of The World by Rick KD4PYR

Wed Nov 5 9:00 PM Tech Talk, NCS Robert AK3Q

Fri Nov 7 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

Sat Nov 8 10:00AM Monthly Fox Hunt leaves from Mt Storm Park, talk-in to start 146.67  
1:00PM Brunch Bunch at Hooligan's Pub&Eatery, 3340 Highland Ave 45213

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- Sun Nov 9 7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67 146.67, Topic: Traditional Radio Options, NCS Robert AK3Q
- Mon Nov 10 7-9PM Extra & Tech-General Classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard
- Tue Nov 11 all day Veterans Day in US
- Wed Nov 12 9:00PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI
- Sat Nov 15 5:00PM 2014 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes **begins** @ Eric N8YC's
- Sun Nov 16 7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Software Defined Radio Options, NCS Robert AK3Q
- 10:59PM 2014 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes **ends** @ Eric N8YC's
- Mon Nov 17 7-9PM LAST Extra & Tech-General Classes, Centennial Hall, St Bernard
- Wed Nov 19 9:00PM Tech Talk, NCS Dale KC8HQS
- Fri Nov 21 8:00PM Queen City Emergency Net, Red Cross HQ, 2111 Dana Av,45207  
Copy deadline for December *Q-Fiver*; *gladly* accepted earlier!
- Sat Nov 22 9:00AM VE exams sponsored by Oh-Ky-In, Centennial Hall, St Bernard
- Sun Nov 23 7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Shortwave Radio Is The BEST!, NCS Robert AK3Q
- Tue Nov 25 7:00PM Board of Directors meeting, Centennial Hall, St Bernard:  
Dec *Q-Fiver* distribution begins
- Wed Nov 26 9:00PM Tech Talk, NCS Brian KC8FJN
- Thu Nov 27 all day Thanksgiving Day in US
- Sun Nov 30 7:00PM Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67 146.67, Topic: Christmas Gift Ideas!! NCS Robert AK3Q
- Tue Dec 2 7:30PM Club Meeting at StBernardRecHall,120EWashington,StBernard  
Program: Election, honours, more  
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No **Members' News** this time, sorry

*Copy Deadline for December Q-Fiver, Fri Nov 21 please*