

Q-FIVER

The Official Newsletter of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society



Field Day 2017

This past weekend, we enjoyed one of the best Oh-Ky-In Field Day events I can remember. Friday afternoon to early evening was a wet, muddy, uncomfortable and miserable experience, and did I say wet...no, Monsoon. However, we were rewarded to the best weather we could imagine on Saturday and Sunday! Because of the heavy rains on Friday, there was much more to do on Saturday morning but everything was up and operating by the start time of 2pm. At the beginning of ops it seemed that the band conditions were down and we were off to a slow start but WOW...things greatly improved and enabled us to achieve the numbers UNPRECEDENTED in Oh-Ky-In history. Here are the numbers:

CW Contacts: 797
Phone Contacts: 1216
Digital Contacts: 135
Total raw points: 3080

This was the year of the key and PSK31! NEVER has Oh-Ky-In achieved these numbers! While Nathan, Nathan Anthony, Dan Curtin and Kitty Hevener got this done for us on CW, Robert Gulley spearheaded the Digital station aided by Cesi DiBenedetto and others. On phone, as band conditions went up and down, we seized every opportunity to exploit the good and did a great job on SSB, GOTA and 6M/VHF!

Going back to the terrible conditions of Friday, we were reminded of the true reason why we do Field Day. It is an exercise to set up in emergency conditions and, these emergencies seldom come with great conditions such as good weather. We were tested, and we got the job done. And it is only because of each and every one of you who came out to help setup, operate, and tear down. Once again, the true spirit and teamwork of our membership is to be applauded. I can't thank enough the souls who came out to brave Friday!

So, as we started drying out on Saturday, everything improved exponentially. The day started with an incredible breakfast served by our Chef John Phelps to get us going in the morning. As final setup completed and ops tempo increased, Chef was in gear to prepare for our annual Field Day picnic which was a success as always! And then behind the scenes, Chef was cleaning up and regrouping for our Midnight Steak Out.

At dusk, there is this one ham who comes out every year and always has to have his bonfire. And for some reason he has to use every piece of firewood that the park leaves us and no less to build a mountain of fire. Most years, it is so hot you can't get near it. Well, it turned out very well this year, particularly because it was so pleasant out, cool and not hot and muggy as it usually is in late June. This gave us a great opportunity to sit around the fire and enjoy one great time...at a slight distance. As the numbers of QSOs rose, midnight quickly approached and we enjoyed our wonderful steaks and all the fixins! A great unwinding for those

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OH-KY-IN Repeaters

146.670 (-) Clifton

146.625 *(-) Withamsville

146.925 *(-) Colerain

443.7625 *(+5) Clifton

A CTCSS (PL) tone of 123.0 Hz is required for access to all OH-KY-IN repeaters. All repeaters also transmit a CTCSS (PL) tone of 123.0 Hz

** Fusion Repeater*

APRS on 144.390 mHz

K8SCH-10 Edgewood WIDEn

Packet on 145.010 mHz

K8SCH-7 Digipeater

For membership information, please contact Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT, 6323 Cinnamon Ridge Dr, Burlington KY 41005, (859) 586-2435 or Email membership@ohkyin.org. Renewals of Club Memberships are due by the end of March. Permission is hereby granted to any amateur radio group to quote or reprint from this publication, if proper source credit is given, unless permission is otherwise reserved.

THE Q-FIVER is now mailed & e-mailed, it's hoped, a week before the club meeting.

Normally copy deadline is the weekend before that. Please send your submissions for THE Q-FIVER (including notice of upgrades & callsign changes) to Brian K4BRI

These may be: snail-mailed to or dropped off at 6901 Backus Drive, Alexandria KY 41001 or telephoned to (859) 635-3095 any time



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The Monthly Mobile Foxhunts have been put on hiatus until August due to the upcoming ARDF championships. We will be holding many on-foot ARDF style hunts.

July Calendar

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| Sun Jul 2 | 6:30 PM | Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Digital Explorations —NCS Robert AK3Q |
| Wed Jul 5 | 9:00 PM | Tech Talk, NCS Robert AK3Q |
| Sat Jul 8 | 1:00 PM | Brunch Bunch at Cabana on the River, 7445 Forbes Road, 45233 |
| Sun Jul 9 | 6:30 PM | Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Sound Card Interfaces and Power Blocks —NCS Robert AK3Q |
| Tue Jul 11 | 6:30 PM | Club Picnic at Ross Park in St Bernard. |
| Wed Jul 12 | 9:00 PM | Tech Talk, NCS Brian K4BRI |
| Sun Jul 16 | 6:30 PM | Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Emergency Power Options —NCS Robert AK3Q |
| Wed Jul 19 | 9:00 PM | Tech Talk, NCS Dale, KC8HQS |
| Sun Jul 23 | 6:30 PM | Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Antennas For VHF and UHF —NCS Robert AK3Q |
| Tue Jul 25 | 7:00 PM | Board of Directors meeting at My Neighbor's place —3150 Harrison Ave. |
| Wed Jul 26 | 9:00 PM | Tech Talk, NCS George N3VQW |
| Sun Jul 30 | 6:30 PM | Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: Optional Accessories for HTs, Mobiles, and Base Rigs —NCS Robert AK3Q |
| Mon Jul 31 | 10:00 AM | ARDF Championships start—Practice at Green Twp Veterans Park |

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who worked so hard!

Never is there a Field Day without technical challenges along the way, but that is the nature of the animal. From having to come up with a cable or software at the last minute, or having to make a new network cable impromptu, to experiencing interference from one antenna to another, we look at these as challenges. Because of everything that happens at Field Day, we all grow, learn and persevere!

Once again, I hail Chef John for a great breakfast on Sunday morning, and then as the day progressed, we had a wonderful and beautiful Sunday as the clock ticked down towards 2pm. We usually take the beam down early but band conditions were so good we kept the QSOs going up till the last minute. Immediately at the end, everyone started tear down and pack up, and in record time! What a fantastic job by all!

In the next few weeks, I will be working on our submission package for scoring by the ARRL. Then the long wait till December for the results.

Once again, I can't remember a greater Oh-Ky-In Field Day!

I sincerely thank you all for the hard work!

Eric Neiheisel, N8YC
Oh-Ky-In Field Day Chair



June 6th 2017 Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with pledge of allegiance and introductions of those present.

Health & Welfare: John Bennets wife has passed.

Ed Sulek, WD8NMB, has passed away

Karen Schneider, wife of Fred, K9OHE, is ill.

No Brag session or news, meeting turned over to Eric, N8YC and Brian, K4BRI to discuss field day plans and operation of the club's new Yaesu FT-1200 radios.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve as printed. The motion passed.

Current membership report at 105 members

Treasurers report - presented, motion to accept by Dick, WB4SUV and second by Eric, KC8NMP.

The motion passed.

Silent Key report - John Bennets wife and Ed Sulek

Technical Committee report - .67 on the air and operating. Lease for .925 site is expiring and will not be renewed, a new home for this repeater is being researched. .625 is temporarily on the air in Northern Kentucky. UHF is off the air pending repairs by Yaesu.

Fox hunts & ARDF - Mobile fox hunt in August. Discussion of upcoming ARDF championships. Volunteers needed. Contact Brian, Dick or Bob to volunteer.

Nets - Bruce & Robert reported nets are seeing good check in numbers and occurring as scheduled.

Website - George, N3VQW, requested any updated information or announcements be sent to him so it can be posted.

Old Business - None

New Business - Intentional interference on the repeaters was discussed. As per usual, ignore the interference and continue your QSO. As interference becomes trackable we will look for the source. We will again be staffing a beer booth at Red White & Blue Ash as a club fundraising event on July 4th. Help is needed, please contact Bruce, N8BV to volunteer. A solar eclipse is occurring on August 2nd. Boy Scouts will be launching a balloon with GPS gear and may be requesting our help to track it. More to come.

September 23rd is the CF Bike ride, see Mike Neihaus to volunteer to help.

Split the pot won by Cesi, KD8OOB

Motion to adjourn by George, N3VQW, second by Robert, AK3Q. Passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Coffey KB8MYC, in the absence of Fred Schneider, K9OHE

Brunch Bunch

The next Brunch Bunch will be held **Saturday, July 8th, at 1pm**. The location for July is **Red Squirrel in Colerain Township**. Red Squirrel is famous for their **Double Deckers**. They are located at **8227 Colerain Avenue, at the corner of Colerain Avenue & Galbraith Road, 45239**.

Red Squirrel does not have a website, however, their menu can be found on several other websites, just do a Google search to find them.

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

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

73,Bruce, N8BV

Ohio State Parks on the Air

Come join OH-KY-IN this September at East Fork State park for the

2017 Ohio State Parks on the Air

When : Saturday, Sept 9, 2017









Where : East Fork State Park, Turkey Ridge Shelter

Times : Be there at 8:00 for setup, Contest runs from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Please let George, N3VQW know if you plan to be there.

Email: ggardei@msn.com, Cell: 513-410-3406, or send a NTS radiogram.

July 2017 DX Spots de KA3MTT

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 OJ0V - Market Reef thru 7-7 ----- SX9VK - Crete thru 7-9 ----- V4 - St Kitts & Nevis |
| 2 | 3 XW4XR - Laos thru 7-14  | 4 FP - St Pierre & Miquelon thru 7-18  | 5 | 6 | 7 YJ0GA - Vanuatu thru 7-13  | 8 YN2RP - Nicaragua Thru 8-4  |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 V47JA - St Kitts & Nevis thru 8-5  | 13 4L - Georgia thru 7-20  | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 8Q7PW - Maldives thru 8-1  | 19 | 20 RI0C - Russia thru 7-24  | 21 | 22 |
| 23 V29SH - Antigua thru 8-7  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 TX5EG - Marquesas Thru 8-6 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

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!

The next meeting of the Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society will be Tuesday, August 1st at 7:30 PM

In July we do not have a regular meeting—we have a PICNIC!

July 11th starting at 6:30 PM
Ross Park in St. Bernard

Bring a side/dessert

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