

# Q-FIVER

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



## The President's Corner

Howdy Folks!

Well, most of us have barely digested Thanksgiving Turkey (or Tofurkey – you know who you are!) and our Christmas plans are well underway. And speaking of Christmas, our December meeting is right around the corner and with it comes our annual Christmas party with prizes, food, and fun! And elections of course! We'll also be presenting awards and Lifetime Member Plaques, so make plans to be there!

We'll have pizza and drinks as usual, and ask that you bring some side dishes/desserts to share.

Elections are exciting this year as we have a full slate of volunteers ready to take up the good work of running the club next year, and ensuring our club continues to be the great promoter of Amateur Radio we have come to expect!

And speaking of great things in our club, Field day was again a resounding success, thanks to the hard work of so many folks, headed up by Eric (N8YC). Oh, and we got a clean sweep for the club during the November Sweeps! Way to go, gang!!

November also saw a special event station put in operation by Cesi to honor the Cincinnati Observatory's historic celebration. Good job, Cesi, and the many folks who came out to help! Look for more special events in the coming year as OHKYIN seeks to expand our participation in the many activities of the Tri-State area.

For me personally, I have been very encouraged by the growth of our club, and the many new hams who have not only joined our group, but who are already actively participating in events and sharing their excitement with us! Thank you!! After all, amateur radio is best when it is shared!

See you all at the Christmas Party!!

Robert AK3Q

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146.670 (-) Clifton

146.625 \*(-) Edgewood

146.925 \*(-) Delhi

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

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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 December foxhunt will be a mobile hunt, starting from Mt Storm Park in Clifton. Setup at 9:30, starts at 10AM. Ride along is available, as well as loaner equipment if you let us know in advance. Come out and try it!*

## December Calendar

Sun Dec 2	6:30 PM	Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: <b>Annual Christmas Gift Round-up!</b>
Tue Dec 4	7:30 PM	Club Meeting in St Bernard—Topic: <b>Christmas party and Awards ceremony</b>
Wed Dec 5	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Robert AK3Q
Sat Dec 8	10:00 AM	Monthly Mobile Foxhunt—starting from Mt Storm Park in Clifton—setup starts at 9:30 AM
	1:00 PM	Brunch Bunch at <b>Price Hill Chili</b> <b>located at 4920 Glenway Avenue</b>
Sun Dec 9	6:30 PM	Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: <b>Shortwave: Our (Not So Distant) Cousin</b>
Tue Dec 11	7:00 PM	Board of Directors meeting at My Neighbor’s place –3150 Harrison Ave.
Wed Dec 12	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Eric N8YC
Sun Dec 16	6:30 PM	Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: <b>More Radio Astronomy</b>
Wed Dec 19	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS Dale, KC8HQS
Sun Dec 23	6:30 PM	Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: <b>Software Defined Radio: Uses and Options</b>
Wed Dec 26	9:00 PM	Tech Talk, NCS George N3VQW
Sun Dec 30	6:30 PM	Newcomers/Elmers Net, 146.67, Topic: <b>Beware of Antenna Shortcuts!</b>

# Minutes of the November 2018 Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Robert AK3Q with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Guests:

- Bruce KE8KUB
- Tom – W8WTD

## New or Upgraded Licenses:

- Brad KE8JTM
- Bruce KE8KUB
- Dave KE8KUW

## Self Introductions: 49

Health and Welfare: Julia KE8IUU and her mom were involved in a car wreck recently. She has a bit of brain trauma and a broken C1 vertebrae. She is recovering quickly and has returned to school, but still tires out easily and requires plenty of sleep. Her mom has a broken rib, a few chipped teeth and lots of beat up muscles and is very sore, but otherwise okay.

## Brag Sessions:

- Cesi KD8OOB received seven of the 12 SSTV images from the ISS for the ARISS SSTV event, including one pass where he was able to visibly track the ISS! He also worked the N4A special event station for the Stuart Airshow in Martin County, FL. He also worked the WW1USA special event station to commemorate the end of WWI.
- Robert AK3Q also participated in the ARISS SSTV event
- George N3VQW has upgraded his 80m capabilities and is participating in the Ohio SSBN. He also has made several PSK31 contacts, the furthest being Utah at 40m.
- Robert AK3Q, Brian K4BRI, Bob WA6EZV and David NU8H worked the Ducie Island DXpedition.

Joe KA2YUB needs a ride to Universal Radio in Columbus, OH to get a new shortwave receiver. George N3VQW has offered to drive him.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Accepted as published in the Q-Fiver.

Membership: 143 at last count with five or six more new members being processed.

Treasurer: Brian K4BRI submitted a revised September report and submitted the October Treasurer's Report, both of which have been filed for audit. Note that someone anonymously donated \$1 to modify the net income from the club's hamfest from \$666 to \$667!

Silent Keys: None, but we were reminded that we need a new Silent Key Chair since Bruce N8BV has stepped down as chair.

## Tech Operations:

- Brian K4BRI reported there is lots going on, but not much to report.

- The Henry amp is back and has been tuned up differently at the factory and is waiting to be installed at 625.
- 670 is still experiencing lots of noise as WLWT continues to work on the tower.

#### Fox Hunts and ARDF

- Bob WA6EZV reported that he won the October mobile hunt! Phil KG8AP put out a 50W signal from a strip mall near the intersection of Galbraith and Winton. There were a total of four teams this time.
- The next fox hunt will be a 2m ARDF-style hunt on foot at AJ Jolly Park in Kentucky. Brian K4BRI will setup foxes for both beginners and advanced participants. It will be this Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at AJ Jolly Park, 2161 Race Track Road, Alexandria, KY.
- 50+ Boy Scouts were introduced to ARDF fox hunting at Camp Friedlander. There was plenty of interest.

#### Nets

- Bruce N8BV reported that Robert AK3Q will be net control for Tech Talk on Wednesday at 9:00 PM on the 67 repeater. Bring questions!
- Robert AK3Q reported the Newcomers' and Elmers' Net has been well attended with a record breaking 54 checkins last Sunday! Join him on Sunday at 6:30 PM on the 67 repeater.

Website: Rocky KE8DZS reported that there have been no problems with the website. He is looking at doing a year end retrospective, so email him at [webmaster2@ohkyin.org](mailto:webmaster2@ohkyin.org) with ideas.

Digital Group: Jerry W1SCR reported that this past meeting was the last meeting of 2018. Again, it wasn't too well attended due to an Honor Flight on the same day. The next meeting will be January. The WinLink Gateway is now up and running! There is a WinLink net on Wednesdays, it's a good way to practice.

#### QCEN:

- Tom W8WTD reported that the next meeting is being moved to Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM to allow people to participate in the November Phone Sweepstakes contest. They meet at the Cincinnati Red Cross Building at 2111 Dana Ave, Cincinnati, OH.
- Special thanks go out to Brian K4BRI for the tower work done on the remote site!

ARES: nothing

#### Old Business:

- Special Event: Cesi KD8OOB reported that everything is ready for the club to operate the special event station for the Cincinnati Observatory's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are operating from the Cincinnati Observatory on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM EST. The observatory is located on Observatory Place in Mount Lookout, Cincinnati OH. Help is needed setting up and tearing down as we need to be out of there ASAP. People can also operate under the K8SCH callsign over the weekend to attempt to make QSOs. Please respect the callsign and send all logs to Cesi at [kd8oob@gmail.com](mailto:kd8oob@gmail.com), preferably in ADIF format.

- Nominating Committee:
  - Michael KD8SOH submitted the nominations letter. The nominations are:
    - President – Ryan Owens AC8UJ
    - Vice President – Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
    - Treasurer – Brian DeYoung K4BRI
    - Secretary – George Gardei N3VQW
    - Board of Directors – Mike Niehaus KD8ZLB
  - Robert AK3Q opened up nominations from the floor. There were none.
  - Nominations were closed.

#### New Business:

- Next month is the club Christmas party. There will be door prizes, food and club elections. Please also renew your membership for 2019!
- Brunch Bunch: Bruce N8BV told us that November's Brunch Bunch will be held on Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 PM at Christine's Casual Dining at 5770 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. It is located in an old Pizza Hut near the Harbor Freight.
- Bob WA6EZV received a QSL request for a QSO on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 on 40m CW under the club call K8SCH; can anyone confirm this contact?

The meeting was recessed at 8:09 PM and resumed at 8:27 PM.

Tonight's Program: Third Annual DIY Night with an added bonus of Ham Shack bragging. Thanks to all who participated!

Split the Pot: The pot held \$170 with \$85 going to Mike KE8KOM.

Jim Weaver's 60' tower in Mason, OH is free for the taking.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB, Secretary.

## ARRL Sweepstakes

This past weekend, the Oh-Ky-In ARS participated in the 2018 ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes at my QTH and I am very proud to announce that we made the Sweep! Nathan, KA3MTT wins the broom and his first Sweep at the mic, at 14:09L on Sunday!

On Saturday, even though Brian, K4BRI and Marji, KJ4ZKC had to leave early on Sunday for a cruise, they couldn't miss the opportunity to once again open the event at 4PM on Saturday followed with Dick, WB4SUV and grandson Addison, KJ4VCV. Next was Cesi, KD8OOB with daughter Julia, KE8IUU. Cesi & Phil, KG8AP and myself continued into the wee hours of Sunday morning with 19 sections left, but we were spent at 03:16!

Phil and I took to the couches and were traditionally waken by Bob, WA6EZV at 06:50. Bob quickly started whittling down more sections and soon was joined by Mikey, AC4XS and then around noon by Nathan. I can't thank everyone who came over as they do every year for this event to help out and it was a fantastic time of great contesting, camaraderie, food and fun!

Because Bob, Mikey and Nathan stayed as late as they did it took a HUGE load off me since in the last few years I was the only one left on Sunday evening to try to get the sweep...OH thank you guys so much! And Phil was with me this year from the very beginning to the end and was a huge help in running the station...and the house, my co-host each and every year. Thanks to ALL!!

Eric, N8YC

## Stone Soup

The story of Stone Soup is an old one. Usually it starts with a group of traveling soldiers entering a village. They are hungry and looking for food, but none of the villagers claim to have anything to spare. So, the travellers produce a large pot of water and begin to make, what they call, stone soup.

Curious as to the goings-on, the villagers stop by one by one, asking what's going on. The soldiers explain that while stone soup is amazing, if only they had a bit of spice, or a bit of vegetable, a piece of meat, the soup would be so much better.

The village butcher, driven by curiosity provides a large hunk of sausage. A farmer provides a small sack of potatoes, another some carrots. By the time the entire village comes to the square, each providing a small bit, a rich hearty stew is ready for all to enjoy. The soldiers remove the stone, and serve the soup. It is an overwhelming success.

How does this relate to OHKYIN? Our club is kind of like that village. We are a rather large village in the world of ham radio. We expect to excel at everything we do. This year, OHKYIN held our reputation. With class and style, we tackled those things we are known for.

Again, OHKYIN proved we are a service organization. Many OHKYIN members continue to provide time and resources for ARES and RACES, work. We have helped on many parades and community events. Our members were pivotal in the October Cystic Fibrosis Ride. Our members and repeater were once again critical in the successful execution of Cincinnati's Flying Pig Marathon weekend events.

Our volunteers worked their frigid fingers to the bone working a beer booth at Red, White and Blue Ash. They stood for hours manning the gates at the Harvest Home festival in Cheviot. Once again, our Hamfest was a great success, bringing prestige, as well as income to our club.

We had an amazing Field Day again this year. The weather was much better than in years past, we had some new operators and, most importantly, we narrowly beat out DIAL for first place in Ohio.

Besides our premiere events, this year, we branched out of our comfort zones to prove to OHKYIN is everywhere radio. We had our first ever Ham Radio Seminar in the Spring. This event, lead by members, included sessions on FT8 and WSJT-X, Hands-on Soldering and Circuit Board Design. A great time was had by all and we all left with at least a little more knowledge.

We had a contingent of our foxhunt group introduce over hundred Boy Scouts to ADRF style direction finding contests at Camp Freelander. We also had a booth at the Cincinnati Makers Faire, where we also had a direction finding demonstration. We introduced our hobby, and our club to over a hundred people interested in building and learning about radio.

Without our members, none of this would have been possible. When a committee, or just a group of hams want to do something new, or find a way to support the club, it requires help and experience of our members.

Like the soldiers in our story, the committee head has to knock on each villager's door. More often than we would like, they are sent away hungry. It's only when a cauldron is filled, and a stone is thrown in the pot, that the villagers come out and create things like this amazing list of accomplishments of this year.

So as 2018 comes to a close and 2019 begins, as a village, we need to think about how we can contribute our unique talents to our club. There are important roles that need filled. We have new people in new roles. Ask them, they may need a bit more help. The more who help, the less each member has to throw into the pot!

The next time someone has an idea, or a call for assistance, seriously considering giving them a hand without being asked directly. Let's see if we can really create an amazing stone soup.

Hopefully, we can just skip the part about the stone.

Rocky - KE8DZS

## Cincinnati Observatory Special Event Station



Rocky KE8DZS, Drew KE8JTL and Cesi KD8OOB setting up the G5RV.

On Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>, several members of OH-KY-IN activated the Cincinnati Observatory Center as a special event station to commemorate the Observatory's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Using the club's callsign K8SCH, the club's Yaesu FT DX 1200 radio SSB1 and a G5RV antenna hanging from a pine tree, Julia KE8IUU, Drew KE8JTL, Justin KE8COY, Rick KD4PYR, Rocky KE8DZS and Cesi KD8OOB were able to make 13 successful contacts in a three hour period. Operations started on 20m and then shifted to 40m as the band faded. 40m was a challenge as SSB1's internal antenna tuner was not able to find a good match to the G5RV antenna, but successful QSOs were still made. Several other operators attempted to make contacts off-sight throughout the weekend with Rocky successfully adding two more QSOs to our total.

All told, 15 contacts were made with nine on 40m and six on 20m. Most contacts were on SSB with two made via FT8. Locations ranged from local contacts in Cincinnati and Anderson Township to Michigan, North Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Idaho and Montana.



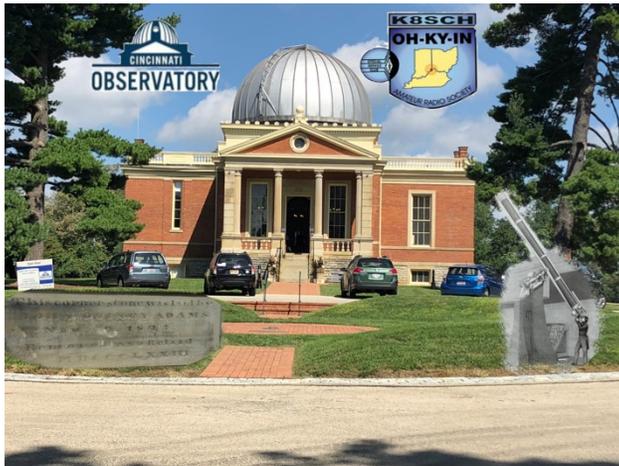
Drew KE8JTL setting out the banner.

While not a smashing success, everyone agreed that it was a fun time and all would like to do it again. Hopefully in 2019 OH-KY-IN can host several more special event stations to commemorate many of our region's cultural institutions. Several other ideas include the Cincinnati Reds' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, an Indian-Kentucky-Ohio state admissions event and Indian Mounds on the Air.



*Cesi KD8OOB, Julia KE8IUU, Drew KE8JTL and Rocky KE8DZS tuning the radio.*

Special thanks to Dean Regas, Al Scheide W8AVK and the rest of the Cincinnati Observatory Center staff for being helpful and accommodating!



*Justin KE8COY designed the QSL card based on a picture provided by Cesi KD8OOB.*

73!

Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB

## Brunch Bunch

**The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, December 8th, at 1pm.**

**The location for December is Price Hill Chili located at 4920 Glenway Avenue in Price Hill. Price Hill Chili is located on Glenway Avenue, near the intersections of Glenway Avenue, Cleves Warsaw Pike and Guerley Road.**

**“Price Hill Chili is a traditional stopping place for generations of families on the West side of Cincinnati. Our restaurant is also well known to, and frequented by, people from all over the Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and Southeast Indiana area. We've been serving quality food, along with friendly and efficient service, since we first opened our doors in 1962. Stop in and find out what keeps our regular customer's coming back time after time.”**

**You can take a look at the menu as well as a map at:**  
[www.pricehillchili.com](http://www.pricehillchili.com)

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

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

73, .....Bruce, N8BV



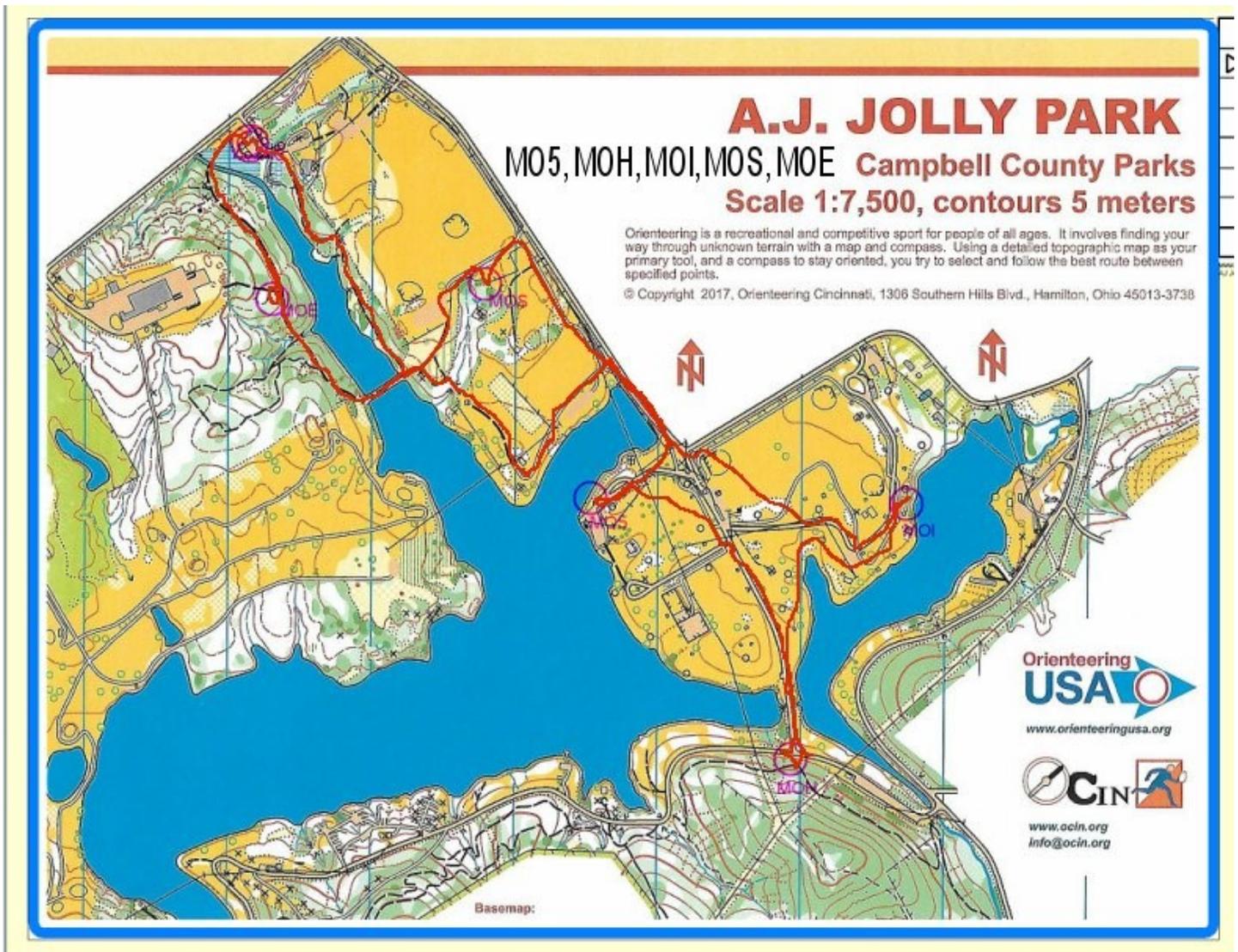
November Brunch Bunch at Christines



## Foxhunting and ARDF

In November, I set a 2m ARDF style course at AJ Jolly park in Alexandria, KY. I wanted to have both some easy controls and harder ones for everyone who could attend. It ended up being 4.5km long if you found every control in the right order. It turned out to be a great day and (hopefully) everyone enjoyed it.

Marji KJ4ZKC	100 mins	1-3-5
Bob WA6EZV	65 mins	5-4-2-3-1
Bill KA8TWB	<i>radio issues</i>	
Cesi KD8OOB	141 mins	3-5-2-4-1
Matthew AA9YH	<i>didn't write down his results—sorry Matt</i>	



Bob, WA6EZV's route and the transmitter locations

# December 2018 DX Spots de KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4W - East Timor Thru 12-3  	YN - Nicaragua thru 12-6  	FS - St Martin thru 12-7  	VP2M - Montserrat Thru 12-10  			1
2	3	4 TX0A - Fr Polynesia Thru 12-18  	5 T32NH - East Kiribati thru 12-11  	6	7 6V1A - Senegal Thru 12-9  	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 YJ0AFU - Vanuatu Thru 1-19  	19	20	21  	22
23  	24	25  	26	27	28	29
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 November Meeting, Tuesday November 6th, will be held in the downstairs hall. This hall's entrance is off the lower parking lot behind the building we meet in now, so plan on parking in the lower lot.

The next meeting of the Oh-Ky-In Amateur Radio Society will be Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 PM

Program:

# Christmas Party, Awards Ceremony And PIZZA!!!

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