

# Q-FIVER



**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OH-KY-IN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**  
**CINCINNATI, OHIO — WWW.OHKYIN.ORG**

### *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Tuesday	August 3 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting @ Bicentennial Park & Zoom
Wednesday	August 4 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	August 10 @ 7:20 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	August 11 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	August 18 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	August 25 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 1 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	September 7 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Location TBD)
Wednesday	September 8 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	September 14 @ 7:20 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	September 15 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 22 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)

### *OH-KY-IN Repeaters*

146.670 (-) Clifton  
 146.625 (-) Edgewood (Fusion)  
 146.925 (-) Delhi (Fusion)  
 443.7625 (+5)  
 All repeaters require a 123.0 Hz CTCSS (PL) tone.  
 APRS on 144.390 MHz  
 K8SCH-10 Edgewood WIDEn (off-air)  
 Packet on 145.010 MHz  
 K8SCH-7 Digipeater (off-air)

### *Meeting Information*

Our August meeting will be held at Bicentennial Park in Green Township (2885 Diehl Rd.). We will continue to offer Zoom video conference as an option. Please join us at 7:30 PM Eastern time each first Tuesday of the month. The Zoom call will open at about 7:20 PM for you to join. The passcode is 146670

<https://zoom.us/j/996062859>

If you are unable to join online, you may join by telephone at (301) 715-8592 with a meeting code of 996 062 859 and passcode of 146670. Long distance rates will apply.

### *Life Members*

John Phelps	N8JTP
Kenneth E Wolf	N8WYC
John W Hughes	AI4DA
Karl R Kaucher	KK4KRK
Howard Hunt	NG8P
Fred Schneider	K9OHE
Dan Curtin	KF4AV
Steve Weeks	AA8SW
Kelly Hoffman	K8KAH
Cindy Shipp	KB8WEI
Jerry Shipp	W1SCR
Bob Craig	K8RC
Mick Cook	KD8IOQ

### *Another Grant!*

We are excited to announce that OH-KY-IN received a grant from Walmart Giving for \$500 towards our repeater repair efforts! We want to thank the store manager at the Ferguson Road (Western Hills Store #2447) for making this possible. Given the significant expense and lack of fund raisers recently, we really appreciate the support!

### *In-Person Meeting*

Based on feedback to the survey, we have decided to hold the August club meeting at Bicentennial Park in Green Township. The park is located at 2885 Diehl Road in Monfort Heights and we will be in the shelter. We will also still offer Zoom for those who do not wish to attend in person. Since this will be our first attempt at a hybrid meeting like this, please be patient if we have any technical difficulties.

### *Brunch Bunch*

The Brunch Bunch returns in August. Do you remember that the Brunch Bunch was always held on the 2nd Saturday of every month? We had a heck of a run going since February 2011. Then came the pandemic that put a stop to it. The last Brunch Bunch was held on March 14, 2020. It is now time to get the Brunch Bunch going again.

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, August 14th, at 1pm. The location for August is Skyline Chili located at 5444 North Bend Road, 45247. This Skyline Chili Restaurant is just north of I-74.

As you probably already know, Skyline is famous for their incredibly delicious Cheese Cones and 3-Ways. Their unique chili is still made with the original secret family recipe passed down through generations of the Lambrinides family. It's extremely craveable. Some would even say addictive. People love it and Skyline love's serving it to their family and friends.

For a look at the Skyline Chili menu go to: [www.skylinechili.com](http://www.skylinechili.com)

Remember that the Brunch Bunch always meets the second Saturday of every month at 1pm at a location to be announced each month. Please plan to join us to find out if we get 5 people to attend or 25 people to attend.

If you can't join us this month, maybe you'll be available to join us in the months ahead.

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

73, Bruce N8BV

# DX Spots/Special Events

## August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 HI9 - Dominican Republic thru 8-30</p> 	<p>2 FO - French Polynesia Thru 8-23</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4 US Coast Guard 231st Birthday Aug 4, 1400Z-2300Z, K1CG, Port Angeles, WA. CG CW Operators Association. 21.052 14.052 7.052 3.552</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Aug 6-Aug 8, 1900Z-2359Z, W8AL, Canton, OH. Canton Amateur Radio Club. 3.980 +/- 7.280 +/- 14.280 +/-</p> 	<p>7 100th Anniversary of the 1st Professional Baseball Game Radio Broadcast Aug 7, 1200Z-2359Z, KD3KA, Saxtonburg, PA. Butler County Amateur Radio Public Service Group. 7.040 7.240 14.040 14.240.</p> 
<p>8 Steel City ARC - 80th Year Anniversary Aug 8-Aug 15, 0000Z-2359Z, W3KWH, Carnegie, PA. Steel City Amateur Radio Club. 28.495 3.985 146.550</p>	<p>9 The Brickyard 400 - Race Three Aug 9-Aug 15, 0000Z-2359Z, W9IMS, Indianapolis, IN. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club. 18.140 14.245 7.245 3.840</p> 	<p>10 Navajo Code Talkers Aug 10-Aug 14, 0000Z-0000Z, N7C, Chinle, AZ. N7HG. 14.265 21.265 7.265 18.133</p>	<p>11 VP9EE - Bermuda thru 8-16</p> 	<p>12 Celebrating the return of the 2021 Illinois State Fair Aug 12-Aug 21, 0500Z-0500Z, K9Y, Rochester, IL. K9ZXO. 14.070</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 USS Midway Museum Ship Special Event: US Coast Guard Birthday Aug 14, 1600Z-2300Z, N1G1W, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 PSK and CW on various HF bands DSTAR on various reflectors</p> 
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 D-Day Ohio D-Day Reenactment and WWII Living History Special Event Station Aug 19-Aug 22, 2000Z-0400Z, W8D, Conneaut, OH. D-Day Ohio Radio Amateur Club. 1.885 3.885 7.290</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 OJO - Market Reef Thru 8-28</p> 
<p>22 J68HZ - St Lucia thru 9-30</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Amateur Radio Software Awards Aug 27-Sep 5, 0500Z-0459Z, K2A/K2R/K2S, Ames, IA. Amateur Radio Software Award. 14.250 7.185 3.950 7.078</p>	<p>28 Buhl Day Celebration Aug 28-Sep 7, 0800Z-2200Z, W3B, Sharon, PA. Mercer County Amateur Radio Club. 7.185 14.240 145.350</p>
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*Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT*

*July, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

*Prepared by Ryan Owens, AC8UJ (no minutes submitted by club secretary)*

Called to order at 7:31 PM by Ryan AC8UJ

Pledge of Allegiance recited

No guests noted

Bruce KE8KUV upgraded to Amateur Extra following completion of our online tutoring series

Health and Welfare:

George N3VQW suffered a fall at his house and is recovering. Ted NC8V is still wearing a back brace part time. Sonny KE8SOC is suffering from poison ivy.

Sonny KE8SOC asked about options for adding HF capability to his shack. Much discussion followed on this topic.

Brag Session:

Mike KG4DSG shared that a podcast about the ARDC grants may have hinted at OH-KY-IN's grant. Steve AA8SW earned the ARRL Triple Play award for all 50 states on SSB, CW and Digital. Dan KD8AA worked 13 colonies with a modest rig; Kitty W8TDA also worked 13 colonies event on 20m & 40m CW and got all but K2I and several on SSB. Cesi KD8OOB participated in the 13 colonies event SSB QRP. Bob WA6EZV almost got a sweep in 13 colonies using a ham stick antenna.

Motion made by Ted NC8V to accept the minutes from the last Q-Fiver (June, 2021) as published. Steve AA8SW seconded. The motion passed.

Membership report: 160 members so far this year.

Treasurer's report:

Brian K4BRI noted that he will now show the financial report in three sections to facilitate accounting for the two ARDC grants we received.

Silent Key:

Bryan KC8EGV reported that we were contacted by a woman cleaning out her father's ham shack (AA8Z). Roger Higley's family was contacted by us but did not return our call.

Tech Committee:

The Mobilcomm contract has been accepted. The antenna has been ordered and we're waiting on delivery to set up a climb date.

Classes and Exams:

We held a VE session at Field Day. We had several take tests and pass.

Foxhunts and ARDF:

There will be a Fox-O event at YOTA camp next week

Nets:

Tech Talk – Every Wednesday evening at 9:00 PM on the 146.67 repeater.

Winlink Net continues. Contact Ed, K8EAF for info.

Digital Group: Meetings still on hold but QCEN has an Elmers' Zoom meeting the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

QCEN: Pat, KD8PAT reports that the picnic is on Saturday 7/17 at McDonald Commons at noon.

Brunch Bunch: Will return in August on the second Saturday.

Events:

July 24 MS Bike Ride

August 7 Paddlefest

August 18 USAF Marathon @ WPAFB

Sept 10-12 Harvest Home Fair - We will need people to work the "Big 6" booth - contact Bruce N8BV

Oct 29-31 Flying Pig weekend - contact Steve AA8SW

Old Business:

Cesi KD8OOB reported that we used the W8M callsign for the International Museums Weekends event and our preliminary totals were 688 total contacts. 523 were FT4/FT8 by Steve AA8SW.

Field Day was very successful. A number of people camped out at the park. We had 929 CW, 1,442 phone and 505 digital contacts. Several satellite attempts were made but still working on checking recordings to see if we had a successful contact. The steak out was great. We also had some visitors from Michigan from the Grand Valley State University club. They helped quite a bit with the late night shift.

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Ryan AC8UJ has started purchasing computer equipment for the repeater sites and will start building one PC soon with ARDC grant money. Cesi KD8OOB will be starting to purchase satellite gear soon as well.

New Business:

Ryan AC8UJ reminded people to complete the meeting preference survey.

Rocky KE8DZS suggested that the club participate in the World's Longest Yard Sale. If you are interested in selling some gear, contact Rocky.

Motion was made by George N3VQW to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jerry W1SCR.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM

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### **Harvest Home Fair**

Great News!!! Now all we need is some good weather and a lot of workers.

I was contacted recently by the Harvest Home Fair and was asked if we would like to come back this year to run the Big 6 booth.

Of course I told him ABSOLUTELY!!!! Due to the pandemic we were not able to work any fundraising events last year and this will be the only fundraising event for this year.

The Harvest Home Fair will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 10th, 11th and 12th. Help will be needed to work the Big 6 booth on Friday night from 5pm - 11pm, Saturday Noon - 11pm and Sunday Noon - 6pm. If you do not know how the Big 6 booth works, no worries, it's not hard and I can teach you in just a few minutes!

We'll again need quite a few workers to pull this off so tell your friends and other club members. The club has had some very large expenditures this year and we need to work hard at the Big 6 booth to help our club treasury BIG time. The more players we can get to play the game results in more money for our treasury.

It's not too early to sign up, send me an email at N8BVbruce@gmail.com or give me a phone call at 513-251-1555.

73, ..... Bruce N8BV

### **Newsletter Submissions**

Please send any submissions you would like included in upcoming newsletters to Ryan, AC8UJ. All content is welcome! You can e-mail content to him at his callsign at arrl.net. Please send all content either as plain e-mail text (attach any photos or graphics) or as a PDF file. Depending on the spacing needs of the particular issue, Ryan may reformat your content and adjust the layout. Because of this, if you send a PDF, please also include any graphics used as attachments.



## A Truly Historic Coincidence

Submitted by Ryan Owens, AC8UJ

Sometimes you stumble across things that prove that truth really is stranger than fiction. Such was the case for me recently. To tell this story though, I need to start back in the spring of this year and tell you a bit about my home. The house my wife and I live in is nearly identical to our next door neighbor's house. The reason for this is because the two houses were built in 1961 by my neighbor's relative, who was the original owner of my house. This past spring, I decided to put some ropes up in my trees before the leaves came out and it happened that one day while I was working on this, one of my neighbor's family members was doing some yard work for her and stopped to talk to me (admittedly it does look strange to be throwing ropes into trees and draws a bit of attention). Putting some piece together, he asked me if the ropes were for ham radio — he noted the antenna on my car and figured it out. Upon confirming his theory, he went on to explain that the original owner of my house was also a ham radio operator and had a tower where my shed now sits. Neat! We conversed briefly about it then each of us went back to our tasks. I didn't think much more of it (other than wishing that tower was still there).

More recently, I had reason to check my property records on the county auditor's website and in the course of poking around there, it occurred to me that perhaps I could find the name of my home's original owner and see if I could figure out if he was still around somewhere and licensed. After a little digging on the website, I did find the name of both he and his wife: Earl & Vera Schweikhart.

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MO.	DA.	YR.	
7	12	61	SCHWEIKHART, EARL F. & VERA H.
6	15	71	JOSTWORTH, EARL JAMES & JANE E.
7	6	78	BLACK, EARL R. JR., & BARBARA J.

An FCC ULS search led me to believe that they had both been licensed at some point but no longer were. Then a thought hit me: I wonder if they were part of OH-KY-IN? How could I figure that out? Maybe I could e-mail some of the members that have been around a while and have them check old directories? Maybe I could search through old Q-Fivers? Hmmm...

After poking around the OH-KY-IN website for a bit though, I made a surprising discovery. Check this out:

Past Presidents		
It is with great respect, we list those members who have previously served as <i>President</i> , without whose leadership OH-KY-IN would not be the amateur radio organization it is today.		
Term	Name	Callsgn
1960	Charles Williamson	K8HKP
1961	Doc Saunders	K8GYH
1962	Phil Winters	K8THT
1963	Bob Weisgerber	K8JZA
1964 & 1965	William "Jack" Foster	K8DYD
1966	Bob Weisgerber	K8JZA
1967 & 1968	Earl Schweikhart	K8OPH
1969	Charles Woeber	W88PRO
1970 & 1971	Jack Silvernell	W88STY

I think the original owner of my house, the man who built it, was president of OH-KY-IN for two years while he lived in my house! What are the chances of that? Two OH-KY-IN presidents who owned and lived in the same house, separated by about 54 years! What are the odds?

It really is a small world! If your memory happens to go back that far or if you have records from that time, I'd love to have confirmation that these are both the same person. Please e-mail me (ac8uj@arrl.net) if you can confirm where K8OPH lived when he was club president.

## Committee Chairs & Appointments

Technical Operations . . . . .Gary Coffey KB8MYC  
 ARPSC Representative . . . . .Jerry Shipp W1SCR  
 Volunteer Examiners . . . . .Brian DeYoung K4BRI  
 QCEN Representative . . . . .Pat Maley KD8PAT  
 Membership . . . . .Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT  
 Fundraising . . . . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 Education . . . . .Michael Niehaus KD8ZLB  
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 PIO . . . . .(Open)  
 Librarian . . . . .Justin Moore KE8COY  
 Digital Group . . . . .Jerry Shipp W1SCR  
 Q-Fiver Editor . . . . .Ryan Owens AC8UJ (interim)  
 Field Day . . . . .Eric Neiheisel N8YC  
 Historian . . . . .Dale Vanselow KC8HQS  
 Fox Hunters . . . . .Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
 Equipment Manager . . . . .(Open)  
 Webmaster . . . . .George Gardei N3VQW  
 Silent Key . . . . .Bryan Hoffman KC8EGV  
 Tech Talk Net Manager . . . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 K8SCH QSL Manager . . . . .Bob Frey WA6EZV  
 TV/RFI . . . . .Dick Arnett WB8SUV

## OH-KY-IN Officers

President . . . . .Ryan Owens, AC8UJ  
 Vice President . . . . .Cesi DiBenedetto, KD8OOB  
 Secretary . . . . .George Gardei, N3VQW  
 Treasurer . . . . .Brian DeYoung K4BRI  
 Director . . . . .Mike Niehaus, KD8ZLB  
 Director . . . . .Bruce Vanselow, N8BV  
 Director . . . . .Dennis McGrath, KD8ILY  
 Trustee . . . . .Bruce Vanselow, N8BV

## Consider a Donation to OH-KY-IN

Did you know that OH-KY-IN ARS has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization? That means anyone who itemizes on their Federal return can take a charitable deduction for a contribution to OH-KY-IN, as long as it qualifies under the general rules applicable to all other charitable contributions (for example, the contribution must be in cash, or other property which the organization has agreed to accept; the value of volunteered services is not deductible). Membership dues, such as the cost of a life membership, may even be deductible; consult your own tax advisor for details if considering that. Posthumous donations by Will or by naming the organization as beneficiary of a financial account are also welcome. SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY under COVID legislation — extra deductions may be possible. Please consider taking advantage of this one-time opportunity if you don't itemize.



Please remember to **renew** your membership!

We need all of you to keep OH-KY-IN going strong!



OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society is one of the leading amateur radio organizations in the Cincinnati, Ohio area and has been for most of its 50-plus year history. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of all things radio.

No matter the amateur radio interest, OH-KY-IN members are involved.