

# Q-FIVER



**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OH-KY-IN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**  
 CINCINNATI, OHIO — [WWW.OHKYIN.ORG](http://WWW.OHKYIN.ORG)

### *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Tuesday	July 6 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting
Wednesday	July 7 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	July 13 @ 7:20 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	July 14 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	July 21 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	July 28 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	August 3 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting
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)

### *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*

For the foreseeable future, our meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video conference. Please join us at 7:30 PM Eastern time each first Tuesday of the month. The call will open at about 7:20 PM for you to join. The passcode is 146670 (hopefully that sounds familiar!)  
<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

## *International Museums Weekends*




Several club members had a great time activating the Cincinnati Art Museum for the last two weekends of June as part of the International Museums Weekends radio event. Cesi KD8OOB led the effort and found the museum to be very amicable to supporting our efforts, even providing their logo and other support to make the event great. Four members operated from the museum grounds during the first weekend of the event and several other members added contacts from their home stations. Cesi KD8OOB and Julia KE8IUU operated at the museum on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and Dennis KE8LBY and Ryan AC8UJ set up there on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Joe K8NW, Steve AA8SW, Nathan KA3MTT and Andew N8ADK

all contributed from home and maybe others as well. Thank you to all who participated in some way. Bob WA6EZV reported that we have already started receiving QSL cards from the event. Steve AA8SW alone contributed 523 contacts in 46 states and 38 countries! Everyone agrees the event was a success and a great time!



# W8VI

# DX Spots/Special Events July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
VP5 - Turks & Caicos Thru 7-2  	OJ0 - Market Reef Thru 7-4  	KL7RRC - Alaska Thru 7-3  	HB0 - Liechtenstein Thru 7-4  	1 NSS Annual Convention Jun 26-Jul 2, 1800Z- 1800Z, K6V, Weed, CA. National Speleological Society. 14.285 14.050 7.195	2 Boy Scouts of America/ Michigan Crossroads Council - Trail To Eagle XXVII Jun 29-Jul 2, 1200Z- 1000Z, K2BSA/8, Meta- more, MI. Garden City Amateur Radio Club (GCARC). 14.330 7.270 3.840	3 Colonial Williamsburg Special Event Jul 3, 1400Z-2000Z, K4RC, Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club. 7.265 14.265
4 VP2V - British Virgin Is thru 7-17  	5	6 P4 - Aruba thru 7-14  	7 KL7 - Alaska Thru 7-16  	8	9 South Carolina Peach Festival 44th Anniversary Jul 9-Jul 11, 2000Z- 0400Z, W4W, Gaffney, SC. Cherokee County Coroner's Office . 145.250 147.240 145.190 442.500	10 40th Anniversary O.M.I.S.S Traffic & Awards Net Jul 10-Jul 11, 1200Z- 1200Z, W4O, East Berlin, PA. WO4L. 14.290 7.180 3.825 18.155
11 Blandenburg World War I Memorial Jul 11, 1600Z-2000Z, N3TAL, Lanham, MD. American Legion 275 Amateur Radio Team. 7.275	12	13	14	15	16 Memorializing the First Chairman of the FCC Jul 16, 1400Z-1800Z, K5S, Aberdeen, MS. Shiloh Amateur Radio Club. 14.270 7.170	17
18 John Glenn's 100th Birthday Celebration - John Glenn Museum Jul 18, 1300Z-2100Z, KY8C, New Concord, OH. Cambridge Area Maker Group. 14.290 14.275 7.275 7.240	19 Public Safety Cadet National Conference Jul 19-Jul 22, 1220Z- 1220Z, WX4SOC, Gatlin- burg, TN. Special Opera- tions Radio Team. 3.975 LSB 7.725	20	21 JW0W - Svalbard thru 7-26  	22	23 J88PI - St Vincent Thru 8-3  	24 Ohio Salt Fork State Park 61st Anniversary Jul 24, 1700Z-2100Z, W8VP, Cambridge, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association. 7.235 14.245
25 CT8 - Azores thru 9-4  	26	27	28	29	30 OA7 - Peru thru 9-17  	31 66th Season at Penn Can Speedway Jul 31-Aug 1, 1400Z- 1900Z, N3P, Susque- hanna, PA. Binghamton Amateur Radio Associa- tion. 28.350 14.260 7.260

*Prepared by Nathan Ciuffo, KA3MTT*



*From Eric N8YC:*

Field Day 2021 was an absolute success!

With the return to our traditional location of Mitchell Memorial Forest, everyone was excited to be back. You could feel the energy and enthusiasm from all at the beginning of setup, to the height of ops tempo then all the way to the end of teardown. It was great to be back to a sense of normalcy. Not only did we just get back to Mitchell, we blew Field Day out of the Park!

SSB1, Digital/SSB2, CW Main Log:

CW 929

Phone 1442

Digital 505

Total QSO Points 4.310

That is absolutely FANTASTIC! I believe the best scores ever obtained!

In the next couple of weeks and as I get all the remaining logs and data in, I will submit to the ARRL our scoring package.

We can't thank everyone enough who came out to help and operate. And, it seems like we get better at setup every year. More and more is complete on Friday night and this year left little for Saturday morning. Except for a bad solder joint on the Beam up on the hill which was quickly corrected on Friday night, everything worked flawlessly!

Digital always involves a learning curve. Once again, with a great collaboration, bugs were worked out and then went into warp speed.

It was great to see new faces, this year! We had a few new first Field Days to always be remembered. We even had some members out of state that heard of our Field Day, and since they could not operate their event, they dispersed as a contingency. We are proud that they chose to join with us and they supplemented ops manning where we needed it the most!

And of course, not enough can be said about our Chef John who has the hardest job of all. Thanks John!

There will be a lot more to follow, so please stay posted. This is just the beginning!

Thanks to All!

## *A Look Back (and forward) at Field Days*

*Submitted by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT*

I'll never forget my first ARRL Field Day when I was still living in Pittsburgh. I was 14 years old and the sunspot cycle was booming. My parents even bought a nice but used tent just for the occasion from a family friend. My father and I were in charge of 15 Meter phone for the weekend, and it was hopping.

Fast forward to last year – a year that everyone will remember due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since I work in healthcare, I had to miss Field Day 2020. Not only did I miss Field Day, I missed the camaraderie, the challenge, the food, the pileups...you get the picture. While I worked Field Day 2020 from home and had a decent score, it just wasn't the same.

I have always likened OH-KY-IN's Field Day to an intricate timepiece – a watch with very sophisticated parts that all work together. I also feel like Field Day is the “Super Bowl” of events for OH-KY-IN annually. For me, missing Field Day is like investing into your favorite NFL team (...and we all know it's the Pittsburgh Steelers), watching the entire season, and then not even watching the Super Bowl – even if your team isn't in the big dance.

I was very hesitant to get excited about Field Day 2021. I didn't want to get my hopes up, and then have the proverbial carpet get pulled out from under me. I also realized that it's not just about the carpet being pulled out from under ME, but it's about EVERYONE who makes Field Day happen. Then we got the word that we were allowed to be back at Mitchell Memorial Forest for the event this year. The planning ensued, and Eric, N8YC, began firing emails out left and right.

The weekend had a few hiccups in the beginning during setup, which were all handled with style and grace. That style and grace is the oil that keeps an engine running smoothly. For example, the 40 Meter CW dipole had a short on the shield side of the antenna. Dick, WB4SUV, and Bob, WA6EZV, were able to troubleshoot the problem and fix it with ease. My pal Mike, AC4XS, was signed up to work the 8pm-10pm SSB shift with me. Unfortunately, he broke his arm and was unable to make it this year – very understandable – and Eric, N8YC, stepped in and worked the shift with me. We had pileups the entire two hours.

We were then approached by members of two clubs in Michigan: Greg, KN4CK, and Jared, N8CZ. The Field Day they planned on attending was cancelled due to impending weather – talk about a hiccup !!! They asked if they could join us for the weekend. OH-KY-IN of course welcomed them with no questions asked. When they arrived, they even told us they had approached other clubs, and were told “We don't want unknown operators” by one club in this area! Jared and Greg were with us the entire weekend, helped wherever needed, operated stations with us, and we now have two new club members from Michigan! We look forward to many more good times together.

Without a doubt, Eric and the crew really brought the best to Field Day this year. There are way too many people to thank for helping OH-KY-IN in the Amateur Radio Super Bowl this year. However, one thankless job is always handled by Chef John, N8JTP. Thank YOU John for providing nourishment for the weekend. You continue to outdo yourself year after year.

If you missed Field Day for whatever reason this year, you missed an awesome one. If you're hesitant to coming out and joining the biggest Amateur Radio event of the year for OH-KY-IN, please think about joining us for 2022.

I want to thank everyone who helped make Field Day happen this year. It was very memorable for me.

73,

Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

*June, 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

No new licenses or upgrades noted

Health and Welfare:

Pat KD8PAT had eye surgery today

Brag Session:

Mick KD8IOQ noted that Bruce N8BV ranked well for the ARRL November Sweeps in the Single Op Low Power category.

Dan KF4AV reported that he made 160 contacts on 20 meters with under 4 watts for the CQ WW WPX contest.

Motion made by Ed K8EAF to accept the minutes from the last Q-Fiver (May, 2021) as published. Jerry W1SCR seconded. The motion passed.

Membership report: 151 members so far this year.

Treasurer's report:

Nothing noteworthy in the past month to report.

Tech Committee:

Gary, KB8MYC reported that we received a quote from Mobilcomm for \$6,650 to climb the 67 tower, test the antenna and hardline and replace the antenna if needed (this price includes a new antenna). He requested approval from the club to accept this proposal. Jerry W1SCR motioned to approve up to \$7,000 for Mobilcomm. Mike KD8ZLB seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Classes and Exams:

No update at this time from Mike, KD8ZLB

Brian K4BRI reports that we had an exam session on 5/22 with four people testing. Three techs and one general candidate. All passed their first test. One participant passed all three tests.

Foxhunts and ARDF:

In May, we had an ARDF event in Milford at Live Oaks. There was a good turnout and it was a good event. The next event will be 6/19 at Eden Park at 10:00 AM, probably on 80 meters.

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 next meeting will be June 18th and it will be a hybrid meeting. If the weather is good, it will be live outdoors at the VND site (bring a chair to sit in). It will be available on Zoom as well. If the weather is bad, it will be a Zoom-only meeting. The topic is Field Day planning. QCEN will host a Field Day event at the VND site.

Brunch Bunch: Still on hold but considering options for July.

Events:

June 19,20,26,27 International Museums event

June 26,27 ARRL field day

July 4 Red White and Blue Ash

July 24 MS Bike Ride

Sept 10-12 Harvest Home Fair

Oct 29-31 Flying Pig weekend

Old Business:

Ryan, AC8UJ reports that the two grant proposals we submitted to the ARDC group were both accepted. We will be receiving two checks sometime in the new few weeks. One of these grants is to establish internet access to our repeater sites and to enable two of the sites for WIRES-X functionality. The other grant is to build out a portable satellite station similar to what we used for the ARISS event in early 2020.

New Business:

Bruce, N8BV states that we need to consider some fundraising. Stay tuned for the Harvest Home event.

*Continued on page 7*

*Continued from page 6*

Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards are also sources of some income. Contact Bruce if you need help signing up for either.

Rocky KE8DZS asked if there had been any discussion regarding returning to in-person meetings. Ryan AC8UJ said that the board will be discussing this at the next board meeting.

Program: Brian K4BRI shared a few thoughts on Field Day plans.

Motion was made by Dan, KF4AV to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bob WA6EZV.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM

---

### **Brunch Bunch**

The Brunch Bunch will return 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's now July 2021. As I called around with hope that I'd find a restaurant that would accommodate a group such as ours I quickly found out that many still will not. In fact, one of the favorite restaurants that the Brunch Bunch has frequented actually told me that it is rather doubtful that they will ever be able to fully reopen all rooms. And to make things worse, I have no clue as to how many people will actually attend. Are people still reluctant to go out to a restaurant where there is a large group of people? Are people so happy that things are starting to get back to normal that they will come out? I have no idea whether we'll have 5 people or 25 people attend the next Brunch Bunch.

Well we're going to find out. I'm not sure of the location as yet but the Brunch Bunch is going to make a comeback on the 2nd Saturday in August. That's Saturday, August 14th and of course at 1pm as usual. Keep an eye out for more information to be available soon as to the location. Please plan to join us to find out if we get 5 people to attend or 25 people to attend.

73, ..... Bruce N8BV

### **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.





**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.