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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday	June 1 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting
Wednesday	June 2 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	June 8 @ 7:20 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	June 9 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	June 16 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sat & Sun	June 19, 20, 26 & 27	International Museums Weekends
Wednesday	June 23 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sat & Sun	June 26 & 27	ARRL Field Day
Wednesday	June 30 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
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)

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

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John Phelps	N8JTP
Kenneth E Wolf	N8WYC
John W Hughes	AI4DA
Karl R Kaucher	KK4KRK
Howard Hunt	NG8P
Fred Schneider	К9ОНЕ
Dan Curtin	KF4AV
Steve Weeks	AA8SW
Kelly Hoffman	K8KAH
Cindy Shipp	KB8WE
Jerry Shipp	W1SCR
Bob Craig	K8RC
Mick Cook	KD8IOQ



The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society will proudly be conducting its annual ARRL Field Day event on Saturday and Sunday, 26 and 27 June 2021 at our usual Mitchell Memorial Forest location. Setup will be on Friday, 25 Jun starting at 2pm (24 hours before actual operation). Please come on down to the park for a weekend full of amateur radio at its best! Field Day is a yearly operating event that starts at 2PM on Saturday and concludes at 2PM on Sunday.

As Field Day Chair I am honored that our Club conducts THE best Field Day operation in the area and continuously, one of the top FD events in our state, region and the nation. With the hard work of so many of you throughout the years, planning each year's event gets a little easier every time. That's due to the fact that we've gotten so good at this that there is very little we need to change. So this year, we will once again go forward with our same planning, but of course, it is an open discussion. Suggestions and comments are always welcome and we always adapt accordingly.

I must do a shout out to what the Park Board has done for us this year. Two years ago, we didn't have the pandemic but we did have imposed new regulations that the Parks had to abide by. They stood by us and worked special permission for us to conduct our operation. And this year, they asked me again to write up a detailed description of what we do at Field Day so they can try their best to help us out. They want us, and they believe in what we do. However, before I even got my 'paper' out, they made the decision for us...Plan for Mitchell, they were just issued the permits for this year! They thanked us before hand in 'still being Covid Friendly'. Or in my words, just use common sense.

And that was before the announcement of the lifting of pandemic restrictions on 2 June, personal safety will be up to the individual and what they feel as safe. What we will do as a Club though is to suspend the annual Field Day Picnic this year as an abundance of caution. However, Chef John will be taking care of those who come out to help and operate. Enough said.

We will again be operating five stations: SSB Station 1: 10,15,20,40,80M Digital/SSB Station 2: 10,15,20,40,80M CW Station, 20 and 40M 6 Meter/VHF/UHF Station GOTA (Get on the Air Station)

At 10AM on Saturday, the club will be sponsoring an ARRL Volunteer Examiner test session to anyone who would like to become a ham or to upgrade their license

Sometime, Saturday afternoon we will sponsor a 'Fox Hunt', a radio direction finding exercise for beginners and experts alike.

We will also have demonstrations for our bonus points in Solar, Satellite/Digital/APRS and National Traffic System operations among others. If there is any amateur radio technology you would like to bring out to demo, this is the perfect place!

Field Day is a great annual event geared to veteran and beginner operators alike, and of all ages. Anyone, regardless of their skills are free to sign up for any station and there is always someone available to help you along. The GOTA station is a great place for those interested in amateur radio (but have not yet been licensed) to get introduced to the fun of what most often becomes a lifelong hobby!

Come out and join us for a great time of great fun and camaraderie. Also, please feel free to pitch a tent Friday and/or Saturday night and stay the whole weekend if you like...a good number of us have been doing it for years. There is nothing better than the sound of QSOs through the night having a duel with the crickets!

Visit the ARRL's website for a wealth of information on Field Day at: http://www.arrl.org/field-day

I will be sending out more info soon as we continue to develop this year's event.

Thanks and see you soon! Eric, N8YC

DX Spots/Sp. Events June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
VK9XX - Christmas Island thru 6-11	5N7MSF - Nigeria Thru 6-20	1 A35JP - Tonga Thru 6-30	2	3 VP2V - Br Virgin Is Thru 6-14	4 USS Midway Museum Ship: Museum Ship Weekend (event is TBD) Jun 4-Jun 5, 16002- 23002, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (cv-41) Museum Ship. 7.250 14.320 14.070 (PSK31) DSTAR via PapaSystem repeaters. QSL	5 Museum Ships Week- end Jun 5-Jun 6, 1421Z- 1621Z, K8E, Toledo, OH. Toledo Mobile Radio Association. 14.260 14.039 7.260 7.039
6	7 Dog Island DXexpedition Jun 7-Jun 18, 0001Z- 2359Z, K4D, Dog Island, FL. K5TEN. 40 through 6 meters, SSB CW digital; 50.130 28.310 21.285 14.260 10.110 7.188.	8 OX3LX - Greenland Thru 7-10	9	10 JD1BLY - Ogasawara thru 6-12	11 King Kamehameha Celebration Jun 11, 0000Z- 2359Z, K6K , Kaneohe, HI. KH6ML . 14.268 7.188 146.505	12 1st Annual US Island Special Event Week Jun 12-Jun 20, 1200Z -2100Z, K3USI, Fred- ericksburg, VA. US Island Awards Pro- gram. 28.460 21.260 14.260 7.260
13	14	15 185th Anniversary of Arkansas Statehood Jun 15-Jun 20, 1400Z -2100Z, N5A, Spring- dale, AR. Razorback Contest Club. 14.260 14.040 7.220 7.040	16	17	18	19 International Museums Weekends 2021 - Cincinnati Art Museum Jun 19-Jun 27, 0000Z -2359Z, W8M, Cincinnati, OH. OH-KY-IN ARS. 7.250 14.250. QSL. Robert Frey WA6EZV
20	21	22	23	24	25 OH-KY-IN ARS 2021 Field Day	26 OH-KY-IN ARS 2021 Field Day
27 OH-KY-IN ARS 2021 Field Day	28 250th Anniversary of Peru, Ma Jun 28-Jul 9, 0000Z- 2359Z, K1P, Hinsdale, MA. K1TTT. 14025 14074 14085 14250	29 HB0 - Liechtenstein thru 7-4	30 KL7RRC - Alaska Thru 7-3			

Prepared by Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT

May, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Called to order at 7:30 PM by Ryan, AC8UJ

Pledge of Allegiance recited

No guests noted

No new licenses or upgrades noted

Health and Welfare:

Ted Morris, NC8V reports that is is back home from extensive back surgey on April 15th and subsequent acute rehab at Jewish Hospital. He was discharged April 30th and expects to be back on the repeater regularly as he completes his convalescence at home. He sends many thanks to all who have supported him through these anxious times! Everything seems to be going well and the pain he was having is resolved.

Brag Session:

Cesi, KD8OOB is now a Volunteer Examiner through ARRL VEC.

Pat, KD8PAT is now a great grandmother. Dan, KF4AV received a QSL card for a CW contact in Iceland and another for FT8 & CW from Botswana.

Jerry W1SCR & Cindy KB8WEI's daughter was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the US military.

Motion made by Jerry, W1SCR to accept the minutes from the last Q-Fiver (April, 2021) with corrections. Ted NC8V seconded. The motion passed.

Membership report: 135 members so far this year.

Treasurers report:

Some income was received in April from dues payments. We had significant expenses since the bill for the 67 tower work finally arrived.

Tech Committee:

Gary, KB8MYC reports that we're still chasing issues with the 67. The tower company came back down and swept the line, checked connections, etc. Gary has sent some scans off to an expert to have them

examined more carefully and see what we can learn. We'll continue to provide updates as we have them. Brian K4BRI went to St. E. to check on the APRS which dropped off the air. The power was disconnected from our rack, the antennas had all been removed and the feedlines had all been cut. Some other organizations had the same thing happen over there. We will be looking for a new home for that. We'll have a tech committee meeting Thursday.

Classes and Exams:

No update at this time from Mike, KD8ZLB

Tom, W8WTD reports that our online tutoring sessions have 3 tech students, 1 general and 3 extra students. Brian, K4BRI asked for confirmation regarding a testing session. Tom confirmed that we will have on tentatively on May 22nd at 10 AM but we're waiting on confirmation on the location.

Foxhunts and ARDF:

Last month, the 80 meter event went well at Stanbery Park with a challenging course. This Saturday, May 8th, there will be a 2 meter course at Live Oaks in Milford at noon.

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 meeting is the third Friday of the month, May 21st at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Contact n8tfd at fuse.net for details. This month's program will be Dale Williams speaking on the latest regulations regarding RF measurements that will be required.

ARES: The Flying Pig events will happen this year the last weekend of October. Contact N8TFD if you are interested. The USAF marathon at WPAFB will be in September and they will be looking for volunteers.

Brunch Bunch: Still on hold.

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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

Old Business:

Ryan, AC8UJ reports that two grant proposals were submitted to the ARDC group.

New Business:

Bruce, N8BV reports that he applied for a grant from the Walmart Community Fund. They require at least 60 days before we can follow up. This was for a repeater upgrade.

Program: Cesi KD8OOB presented an overview of the MMSSTV YONIQ package.

Motion was made by Dan, KF4AV to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brian K4BRI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Exam Session Held

OH-KY-IN held a VE exam session on Saturday, May 22nd. This is our first session since before the pandemic. Thanks to that testing session and the online tutoring partnership with QCEN, we now have several new hams! Congratulations to those who passed and those who achieved upgrades!



OH-KY-IN Officers

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Vice President Cesi DiBenedetto, KD8OOB
SecretaryGeorge Gardei, N3VQW
TreasurerBrian DeYoung K4BRI
DirectorMike Niehaus, KD8ZLB
DirectorBruce Vanselow, N8BV
DirectorDennis McGrath, KD8ILY
TrusteeBruce Vanselow, N8BV

Special Event Station Activation

OH-KY-IN is planning to participate in the International Museums Weekends (http://www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/) annual event this year. The event runs the last two weekends in June and OH-KY-IN will be activating the Cincinnati Art Museum. Since the second weekend of this event overlaps with ARRL Field Day, there will be some challenges trying to operate both weekends but depending on interest, there may be some options. Cesi KD8OOB has already secured a 1x1 special event call sign, W8M, for this event and we should have enough flexibility to find a way to make it a great event no matter what the COVID situation is at that time. This should be a relaxed, fun event. Contact Cesi KD8OOB or Ryan AC8UJ if you are interested in participating.

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 EducationMichael Niehaus KD8ZLB Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV PIO(Open) Librarian Justin Moore KE8COY Digital GroupJerry Shipp W1SCR Q-Fiver Editor Ryan Owens AC8UJ (interim) Field Day Eric Neiheisel N8YC Fox Hunters Dick Arnett WB4SUV Equipment Manager(Open) WebmasterGeorge Gardei N3VQW Silent Key Bryan Hoffman KC8EGV Tech Talk Net Manager Bruce Vanselow N8BV K8SCH QSL Manager Bob Frey WA6EZV TV/RFIDick Arnett WB8SUV



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.