

# Q-FIVER



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

### *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Wednesday	August 31 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	September 5 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	September 6 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	September 7 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Friday - Sat.	September 9, 10 & 11	Harvest Home Fair - Big 6 Booth Fundraiser
Monday	September 12 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	September 13 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	September 14 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	September 19 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 21 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	September 26 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 28 @ 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 monthly club meeting will be held at Lockland Church of the Nazarene (335 W. Wyoming Ave.). We will continue to offer Zoom video conferencing 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
Fred Schneider	K9OHE
Dan Curtin	KF4AV
Steve Weeks	AA8SW
Kelly Hoffman	K8KAH
Jerry Shipp	W1SCR
Bob Craig	K8RC
Mick Cook	KD8IOQ

## *Harvest Home Fair — Big 6 Booth*

I am still in need of workers at the Big 6 booth at the Harvest Home Fair. Without the funds in the treasury that we get for operating the fundraisers that we do, like the Big 6 booth and the beer booth at Red White & Blue Ash, your club would not be able to do some of the things that we presently do.

Please consider helping out by volunteering to work at these events.

The Harvest Home Fair is being held on Friday, September 9th, Saturday, September 10th and Sunday, September the 11th. The club operates the Big 6 booth at the Fair. Your help is needed on Friday from 5-11pm, on Saturday from 12-11pm and on Sunday from 12-8pm. Even if you can only work for a few hours that would certainly be helpful!!

Please give me a phone call or send me an email to let me know what times you are available to work. Just because you don't know how the Big 6 booth works, no worries, I can show you very quickly.

I look forward to hearing from you at 513-251-1555 or at N8BVbruce@gmail.com.

73, ..... Bruce N8BV



## *Brunch Bunch*

*by Bruce Vanselow, N8BV*

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. The location for September is Skyline Chili in Monfort Heights. This Skyline location is at 5444 North Bend Road, 45247. Skyline Chili is just a short distance north off I-74.

“Skyline is famous for our incredibly delicious Cheese Cones and 3-Ways. Our 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. All we know is people love it. And we love serving it to our family and friends.”

For a look at the menu as well as a map, go to: [skylinechili.com](http://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. 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.

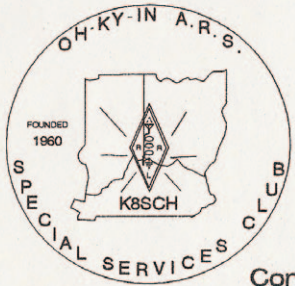
73, ..... Bruce N8BV

## *Meeting Location*

The board has decided that we will continue meeting indefinitely at Lockland Church of the Nazarene, located at 335 West Wyoming Avenue in Lockland. It's right off I-75 at exit 12 (the Reading/Lockland exit southbound and the Davis St./Lockland/Reading exit northbound). Enter through the glass door by the mailbox under the awning. Be aware that there are about 5 steps down into the meeting room. Thanks to Steve N8PUP for making this facility available to the club for our meeting! We will also continue to offer Zoom for those wishing to join us online. If you have any symptoms of illness, please join us online to protect other club members.

Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

**Hamilton County, Ohio**



# K8SCH

**Ohio - Kentucky - Indiana**

Confirming 2-Way SSB CW QSO with Radio

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73 PSE/TNX QSL Manager WA6EZV

## *QSL Card Design Contest*

Bob WA6EZV, the QSL Manager for K8SCH, says that we're getting low on QSL cards to send out — so let's design a new one! We're going to make a contest out of this and the winner gets bragging rights and the pride of having designed the QSL card the club will likely use for several years. The current design is about 20 years old and, while classic, is showing its age a bit. The rules for this contest are pretty simple and are listed below. Submit all entries to [ac8uj@arrl.net](mailto:ac8uj@arrl.net) as print-ready image or PDF files no later than noon eastern time on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The rules:

- Each club member may submit up to three entries.
- Any artwork used in your design must be freely usable by the club and evidence supporting this must be included with your submission (e.g. a statement that you created the artwork, a link to the artwork showing a permissive license, etc.). Watermarked images/artwork must not be used.
- Any design including images of people must include permission from them to use their likeness.
- Ryan AC8UJ reserves the right to disqualify any design for any reason.
- By submitting a design, you agree that OH-KY-IN may use it indefinitely without compensation to you.

All accepted designs will be published without attribution in the October Q-Fiver along with instructions on how to vote for your favorite. The winning design, along with attribution for all designs, will appear in the November Q-Fiver.

Show us your creativity!

Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

## *K8SCH DXCC Info*

*By Bob Frey WA6EZV*

Long Overdue: I have been pouring over decades, literally, of K8SCH QSL cards and thought people might be interested in the results.

First: The ARRL was able to merge the old paper records with the LOTW records to provide the following information.

DXCC Award	New LoTW QSLs	LoTW QSLs in Process	DXCC Credits Awarded	Total (All)	Total (Current)
<a href="#">Mixed *</a>	7	0	106	113	112
<a href="#">CW</a>	7	0	50	57	56
<a href="#">Phone</a>	13	0	56	69	69
<a href="#">Digital</a>	10	0	0	10	10
<a href="#">80M</a>	3	0	1	4	4
<a href="#">40M</a>	7	0	3	10	10
<a href="#">20M</a>	10	0	62	72	71
<a href="#">17M</a>	0	0	3	3	3
<a href="#">15M</a>	8	0	28	36	36
<a href="#">10M</a>	4	0	9	13	13
<a href="#">6M</a>	1	0	0	1	1
<a href="#">Challenge</a>	33	0	105	---	138

Second: After reviewing existing QSL cards going back to 1988, I found and have submitted 20 new entities to the ARRL for approval. Once this clears, there are 7 more new countries in LOTW that will be submitted

WAS: Of more interest, and well within the reach of the club in general is the status of WAS for K8SCH. With a small effort and some band openings for 10 meters the remaining 24 States required for 5 band WAS is a real possibility.

WAS Award	New LoTW QSLs	LoTW QSLs in Process	WAS Credits Awarded	Total
<a href="#">Mixed</a>	50	0	0	50
<a href="#">80M</a>	44	0	0	44
<a href="#">40M</a>	49	0	0	49
<a href="#">20M</a>	50	0	0	50
<a href="#">15M</a>	47	0	0	47
<a href="#">10M</a>	36	0	0	36
<a href="#">6M</a>	18	0	0	18
<a href="#">CW</a>	49	0	0	49
<a href="#">Phone</a>	50	0	0	50
<a href="#">Digital</a>	44	0	0	44

Here are the needed States on each band. Bruce, N8BV is the holder of the K8SCH call but should you hear or want to work one or more of the states as K8SCH I suggest giving Bruce a call and ask permission to use the club call to obtain a contact.

Send contact info to me, WA6EZV. I will enter into the K8SCH database and then upload to LOTW when possible.

Needed States by Band:

80 Meters: Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

40 Meters: Alaska

20 Meters: None

15 Meters: Delaware, Michigan, West Virginia

10 Meters: Arkansas, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming

## *We Won!!!*

The Q-Fiver is once again an award-winning publication! The ARRL Ohio Section Newsletter Contest judges reviewed newsletters from many clubs around the state and OH-KY-IN's newsletter came out on top! The last time we won this award was in 1994. For the mental well-being of some more senior club members, we won't say what the current editor was doing in 1994, but nevertheless, that was a long time ago.

Although we don't know exactly what it is that set us apart, certainly a major factor must have been the diverse, high quality content provided by our members. Over the past year or more, we've had some excellent articles written by club members. Please keep those articles coming and maybe we'll be able to repeat again next year!

Thanks to all who have contributed to help make the Q-Fiver an award-winning publication!



## *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.

## *John Major KD8MMY, OH-KY-IN Member, SK*

John William Major departed this world peacefully on August 12, 2022, surrounded by family in his 73<sup>rd</sup> year. John leaves behind his beloved wife of 52 years, Karen, son Brian, daughters Kelly (Brian) Daley, and Stacy (Daniel) Hof, as well as seven grandchildren Claire, William, Andrew (Daley), Kylie, Kasen, Korynn, Kennedy (Hof), and one great grandchild. He will also be missed by nephews James (Rachael) and Jason (Heidi) Laplante, and great nephew, Austin Laplante. He is preceded in death by his parents, Nettie and Paul, brother Paul David, sister-in-law Marsha (Paul) Arnold, and daughter-in-law Becky Reed.

John's family could count on him for anything and everything. He took every opportunity to visit with family or to watch his grandchildren in their various activities. His grandchildren thought he knew everything, preferring to ask Grandpa over Alexa. His answers often came with some of the best and most ridiculous "dad" jokes and his advice always came from the heart. John inspired his children and grandchildren to simply do everything they could in life and be satisfied with what they did, never looking for praise or gratitude.



John will be missed by many friends and colleagues. He could fit into any gathering, he never met a stranger, and if you met him, you loved him. Throughout his professional life he created connections between people, businesses, and communities. He retired from a long career in Communications beginning with his service in the Ohio Air National Guard and ending as a respected employee of Central Investment LLC. As an avid Amateur Radio Operator, John enjoyed volunteering countless hours with area Amateur Radio Clubs. Whether providing communications for the Red Cross during natural disasters, keeping runners safe during the Flying Pig marathon, assisting first responders during times of potential dangers such as Presidential visits, or helping elementary students talk with the astronauts aboard the International Space Station, he truly enjoyed serving the community.

A celebration of life and memorial for family will be held at a later date. In honor of John's dedication to serving the community during natural disasters, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Chapter at 2111 Dana Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45207 513-579-3000 or [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)



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## *DX Trivia*

*By Bob Frey WA6EZV*

Here is an interesting bit of trivia. I came across a card saying Yugoslavia from 1995. Legit???

The once, Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY) consisted of six republics. Can you name them? Find the answer later in the newsletter.

## *Support OH-KY-IN by Shopping*

Of course we appreciate your membership dues and all of the ways you give time and energy to the club, but did you know you can also support OH-KY-IN just by doing things you already do?

Kroger Community Rewards is a great source of income for the club and requires no effort! Visit <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/> and set us as your charity. We are organization **QY352**.

You can also support us through Amazon Smile. In the first quarter of 2022 (January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>), we earned a \$30.23 donation from Amazon Smile!

Contact Bruce N8BV for details about either program.



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## *DX Trivia Answer*

In 1991 - Slovenia and Croatia declared their independence ending SFRY's existence.

Macedonia as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina declared their independence in April 1992.

The two remaining republics declared the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) on April 27 1992.

In 2003 the FRY was re-named as a state Union of Serbia and Montenegro.

This ended in 2003 following Montenegro's formal declaration of Independence on 3 June 2006 and Serbia's on June 5th, 2006. — Good Dx de WA6EZV

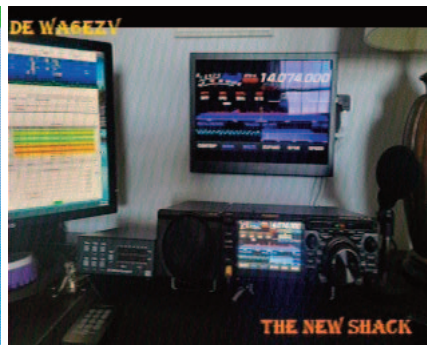


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### OH-KY-IN SSTV Net Samples

Here's a sample of the images you could be receiving if you tuned into the weekly SSTV net on the 146.670 repeater. The net meets every Monday night at 9:00 PM Eastern time. No special equipment is required. If you have a 2 meter receiver and a computer or smart phone, you can receive images. If you don't know how, check in to the weekly Tech Talk net Wednesdays at 9:00 PM Eastern and ask for help. Hope to hear you all on the nets!



## *August, 2022 Meeting Minutes*

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society  
Minutes for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Ryan AC8UJ with the Pledge of Allegiance. The club held a hybrid meeting at the Lockland Church of the Nazarene and via Zoom.

Guests: None

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Attendance: 29

15 in person

14 via zoom

Health and Welfare: Steve N8PUP has been sick for the past several weeks.

Brag Sessions:

- Bob WA6EZV, Dan KF4AV and Cesi KD8OOB all obtained clean sweeps of the annual 13 Colonies special event.
- Bob WA6EZV was going through the club's box of awards and notes we are 24 away from the five band WAS award; he will get the list out and look into DXCC as well.
- George N3VQW is working on creating his own ham test website on his website.

Prior Meeting Minutes: None; Steve N8PUP has been sick and will get them out soon.

Membership: Not present. Current count is 147 members.

Treasurer: Brad KE8JTM reported he received the check for Red, White and Blue Ash. His report has been filed for audit.

Silent Key: Not present, none reported.

Tech Committee: Not present

Ryan AC8UJ - close to WIRES-X on 625, he just needs someone to drive over and flip the switch. Note that the controller will be disconnected, so no courtesy tones or announcements; will see how that goes for a while.

Eric KD8MEM & Dennis KD8ILY – The UPS at 67, two of them, will need extra batteries to run the amp.

Classes and Exams: Not present.

Ryan AC8UJ spoke with KD8ZLB to discuss fall classes. The holdup is lack of instructors.

Fox Hunts and ARDF: Bob WA6EZV reports nothing locally, worldwide ARDF competition is going on right now with several locals participating.

Library: Justin KE8COY is requesting some money for some new books. Ryan AC8UJ is asking for details to present to the board. Justin also recommends emailing the club if you have a special request and possibly a member would buy it, read it and then donate it. Some books are here at tonight's meeting.

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Nets:

- Bruce N8BV reports the Tech Talk net has seen in an increase in the number of checkins including some with questions!
- Ed K8EAF reports the WinLink net is still going strong.
- Devin KE8PEQ reports the SSTV net is still on, but the number of checkins is extremely low; he will keep the net going so long as there are checkins,

Website: Rocky KE8DZS will update the website to add a link to the club's YouTube channel.

QCEN: Bob W8MRG reports there is no meeting for August, but invites OH-KY-IN members to join QCEN for the Ohio QSO Party the last weekend of August.

ARES: Not present.

Ryan AC8UJ reports meetings are back to in person the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM ET at the ROC.

Brunch Bunch: Bruce N8BV reported Brunch Bunch will be this Saturday, August 13th at Jim & Jacks on the River in Riverside at 1:00 PM ET. Visit <http://www.jimandjacks.net/> for a menu and map.

Events:

- 8/6 – Paddlefest – Chris KD8YVF badly needs operators, at least 5 more. Time is 7:00 AM ET to 1:00 PM ET with a mix of land and water positions. Email him at kd8yvf at arrl.net if you can help.
- 9/9-9/11 – Harvest Home Festival – Bruce N8BV needs volunteers to run the Big 6 Booth for Friday evening and all-day Saturday and Sunday. The club made \$2,200 last year, so this is a big fundraiser for us. The more workers, the more money we can make. He needs at least eight people for Friday and Saturday evenings.
- 8/13 – KYPOTA
- 9/10 – OHSPOTA – Cesi KD8OOB is gathering a group to operate at a local state park under the club call. Email him at kd8oob at gmail.com if you want to participate.

Old Business

- By-laws Updates: Still on hold
- Repeater Internet Connectivity Grant: Ryan AC8UJ reports that the project is almost complete.
- Portable Satellite Ground Station Grant: Cesi KD8OOB reports that the project is almost complete with two open items: address the elevation rotor issue and purchase protective storage/transportation boxes.
- Red, White & Blue Ash – Bruce N8BV reports we did a great job and received good money with enough people that volunteers were able to take breaks.

New Business: None

Program: Ryan AC8UJ presented a video tutorial on using SDR to monitor trunking systems using the sdrtrunk software.

Split the Pot: \$50 was collected with \$25 going to KD8ILY and \$25 to the club.

Ryan AC8UJ entertained a motion to adjourn, which was made by Justin KE8COY and seconded by Mike KG4DSG, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted, Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB, Vice President

*Editors note: The July meeting minutes are still pending and will be published when available.*

# Please renew your membership, if you haven't already



## **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 Ciufu KA3MTT  
 Fundraising . . . . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 Education . . . . . Michael Niehaus KD8ZLB  
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 PIO . . . . . Devin Spielman KE8PEQ  
 SSTV Net Mgr . . . . . Steve Crase N8PUP  
 Librarian . . . . . Justin Moore KE8COY  
 Q-Fiver Editor . . . . . Ryan Owens AC8UJ (interim)  
 Field Day . . . . . Eric Neiheisel N8YC  
 Historian . . . . . Dale Vanselow KC8HQS  
 Fox Hunters . . . . . Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
 Equipment Manager . . . . Andrew Cornuelle K8AKC  
 Webmaster . . . . . Rocky McGrath KE8DZS  
 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 . . . . . Steve Crase N8PUP  
 Treasurer . . . . . Brad Hast K8JTM  
 Director . . . . . Drew MacDonald KE8JTL  
 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.

# DX Spots - September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A35JP - Tonga thru 9-25  				1 OY - Faroe Is thru 9-5  	2  	3 JD1BOW - Ogasawara thru 9-5  
4 SV5 - Dodecanese Thru 9-11 ----- XT2AW - Burkina Faso thru 9-18	5	6	7	8	9 ZL7 - Chatham I Thru 9-21  	10 SV5 - Dodecanese Thru 9-23 ----- PJ2 - Curacao thru 9-25
11	12	13	14	15 JD1 - Minami Torishima thru 9-30  	16 5K0T - San Andres & Providencia Thru 9-28  	17 3A - Monaco thru 9-20  
18	19 JW0A - Svalbard Thru 9-26  	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	TX7G - Marquesas Thru 10-15  

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

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.