

Q-FIVER



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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday	December 5 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	December 6 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	December 7 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	December 12 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	December 13 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	December 14 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	December 19 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	December 21 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	December 26 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	December 28 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 2 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	January 3 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)

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
Steve Crase	N8PUP
Joe Felix	K8NW

From the Membership Chair

by Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT

I hope this note finds everyone well, and all are looking forward to a great holiday season coming soon. With the end of the calendar year in the windshield, comes the time for all of us to renew our membership with OH-KY-IN ARS. I am hopeful that everyone receiving this message will consider the renew their membership. There are so many examples of advantages to being a member of OH-KY-IN ARS.

To name just a few, the club has a definitive flag-ship repeater, 146.670. With our son in college at U of L, and our daughter choosing between U of L and UK, we travel often to Louisville and/or Lexington. I can tell you that 146.670 has tremendous coverage, and the upgrades made over the last year have really made .67 the top choice for so many hams in the area. Additionally, I have heard many stations since our hardline upgrade state they have substantially better use of the repeater in all areas of Cincinnati. I even heard a station as far as Brookville, IN making the machine recently!

OH-KY-IN ARS is also embracing the digital world by installing and having WIRES-X digital mode on two other repeaters, once all testing and quality improvements are made. I have already been able to have a nice QSO with an individual in Wisconsin using WIRES-X on the 146.625 machine.

What is a club and its repeaters without nets? Check out any or all of the following:

- Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net, 8PM – 7 days a week
- OH-KY-IN ARS Slow Scan TV Net – Mondays at 9pm
- OH-KY-IN ARS Tech Talk Net – Wednesdays at 9pm (this includes the AB4WS Radio Show as well as Amateur Radio Newline)

OH-KY-IN ARS holds monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. The meetings are currently being held at Lockland Church of the Nazarene in Cincinnati. The meetings are ALSO available in real-time using Zoom, with link information on our website. Doors open at 7pm for sign in and conversation before we start. Most of the time we're wrapped up by 9pm. We sell tickets for a Split-The-Pot drawing during the meeting, so bring along some cash! There is also a monthly meeting presentation topic which aims to educate members and visitors on a variety of topics.

OH-KY-IN ARS also participates in many different events, such as ARRL Field Day, ARRL Sweepstakes, Winter Field Day, Foxhunting, Brunch Bunch, to name a few.

I hope the above highlights will prompt you to join or renew your membership with OH-KY-IN ARS. The club has made it easier than ever to do so. The easiest way to send payment is by using ANY major credit/debit card or PayPal using this secure link: <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>

You can also choose to mail your payment with a printable form at the following address: http://www.ohkyin.org/docs/Applications/Membership_App_2022.pdf (Please note this address will change once the 2023 application is posted to the website, and you'll be able to find the updated address on: <http://ohkyin.org/wp/about-oh-ky-in/membership/>)

As always, if anyone has any questions on joining or renewing your membership, please contact me at ka3mtt@yahoo.com. You can also call or text me at the following number: 859.760.9262

73,

Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chairman

Winter Field Day

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ



OH-KY-IN's Winter Field Day event is fast approaching! Once again we'll be using the barn at Harvest Home Park in Cheviot. Although perhaps not quite as majestic as the scene pictured to the left, this has been a great site for us several times in the past and works very well for this event. Mark your calendars for Saturday January 28th and Sunday January 29th and plan on joining us! Setup will begin on Saturday sometime between 10:30 AM and noon.

We aim for a more experimental approach to Winter Field Day (as compared to the summer ARRL Field Day event).

Have a radio you want help with? Bring it! Want to try a new antenna? Let's try it!

We held a planning meeting on October 18th and decided on a few things. Much will remain the same as previous years, but we are making a few changes. First, we plan on handling the food a bit different this year. Although we greatly enjoyed Chef John's chili in the past, the impact of unpredictable weather for this event makes it very hard to estimate expected turnout far enough in advance to purchase and prepare the right quantity. To simplify things, we'll be offering a couple of different options this year instead. For dinner on Saturday, participants may either opt to bring food potluck-style or chip in for a food run (similar to the Wild Mike's run at the summer event). There is an outstanding Italian restaurant (Giovanni's Family Italian) right across the street from the park and would be this author's recommendation. Additional food options may also be provided if needed, but that will be a day-of decision.

For Sunday morning, Ryan AC8UJ will plan on bringing donuts again this year and Rocky KE8DZS has volunteered to provide a hot breakfast casserole of some sort. We will of course have hot coffee available.

For physical accommodations, please plan on bringing your own chair to sit in. For those that attended our first year at this site, you may remember the round metal picnic tables that were there. Those were not actually supposed to be there — we just got lucky. Last year, those were not present, so the only seating we had was what people brought with them.

Last but not least, we could really use some overnight help. Last year, Rocky held down the fort overnight by himself. We want to make sure he doesn't have to do that again this year. If you are able, please consider volunteering to keep him company for at least a few hours overnight. If we get several volunteers, we can work out shifts so no one has to stay the whole night (and we'll make sure no one has to be there alone).

Please consider participating in this fun event! Even if you just stop by for a short time to visit, we would love to see you there!

Silent Keys

Longtime club member Gene McCoy N8KOJ passed away on November 10th after a long battle with prostate cancer.

We were also informed that a former member, Charles Robert (Bob) Crouch KD8JRR passed away on November 17th after years of battling cancer and other ailments.

Photo by Annie Spratt on Unsplash



Brunch Bunch

by Bruce Vanselow N8BV

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, December 10th, at 1pm. The location for November is LaRosa's Family Pizzeria in Price Hill. The Price Hill location is at 2411 Boudinot Avenue, 45238. The dining area at this location was closed for several months while they completely renovated it.

Welcome to LaRosa's Boudinot

"Our flagship! Buddy LaRosa and some friends opened his first pizzeria on this very site in 1954. It became a fast favorite of West Side families and launched what, over the next 60+ years, became a Cincinnati icon. Select from our entire menu of LaRosa family recipes in our dining room, from our famous pizza and hoagys to pasta, salads and more. And, we serve the entire menu both for pick up or delivery in the neighborhood, too."

For a look at the menu as well as a map, go to: <http://www.larosas.com/locations/boudinot>

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



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Holiday Party & Prizes!

Have you been buying split the pot tickets at the 2022 club meetings? Well, if so, you're in luck! We've got some great prizes to give away at our annual December meeting / party! **ALL** split the pot tickets purchased during 2022 are entered for the prize drawings at the December party. Want to increase your odds? Don't worry, we'll still be selling tickets at the meeting, so bring your cash! Remember that even if you can't make it to the meeting in person, you can still buy tickets.

For those not attending the meeting in person, you can use the renew.ohkyin.org website to purchase split the pot tickets. Simply select to make a donation on the site and indicate in the donation comment that it is for split the pot tickets. Tickets are \$1. We request that only those not attending in person purchase online and we also ask for a minimum \$5 purchase if using the website. You do NOT have to renew your membership online to purchase tickets - simply remove the membership renewal from your virtual "shopping cart."



Photo by Julia Morales on Unsplash

What are we giving away you might ask?

FOUR YAESU HANDHELDS!

The club has procured two Yaesu FT-70DR C4FM-capable handhelds and two FT-4X dual band handhelds. The more tickets you've bought throughout the year, the better your odds of winning. Sometimes additional surprise prizes show up at the party as well! You do NOT have to be present to win one of the club-sponsored prizes (i.e. the four handheld radios).

What else is happening? Well, we'll have LaRosa's pizza for those attending the meeting in person, at no cost to the club, compliments of Lockland Church of the Nazarene! Members are welcome to bring additional items to share if they wish, but doing so is totally optional.

See you all there!

WIRES-X is Live!

WIRES-X is now operational on the 146.625 and 146.925 repeaters. Currently the .625 is running in analog mode and the .925 is running in digital mode. You may continue to use the repeaters as usual, but you may also now take advantage of the WIRES-X connectivity. Anyone with DTMF capability can use WIRES-X on the .625, since it is in analog mode. You will need a C4FM WIRES-X capable radio to use WIRES-X on the .925.

Additional details and training will be presented at the January meeting, so if you are curious about WIRES-X, be sure to join us in person or virtually for the January meeting. We still have a bit of work to do on the .625 and it will likely switch to digital operation in the future. Also worth noting is that the .625's CTCSS transmission should once again be working.

November, 2022 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of November 1st, 2022, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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: Dominick and Trent

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Attendance: 26

- 15 in person
- 11 via zoom

Health and Welfare: Debbie Case from Debco Computers passed away recently.

Awards & Achievements: None

Prior Meeting Minutes: Devon KE8PEQ made the motion, and Tom W8WTD seconded accepting the meeting minutes for October as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 153 have renewed for the year out of 166 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

Treasurer: Brad KE8JTM - Treasure's report read and filed for audit.

Silent Key: None

Tech Committee: The 925 is having some issues, Gary and Ryan will be checking it this week and they will also be installing Wires-X.

Classes and Exams: Tom W8WTD advised that they are hoping to get something going by the end of January.

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. None

Library: Contact Justin KE8COY if you would like to check out items from the library.

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Nets:

- Bruce N8BV reports the Tech Talk net has been fine with 15-17 check-ins per week, could use some more questions. 9:00 PM Wednesday evenings on the 67 repeater.
- Ed K8EAF reports the WinLink net is up and running with a lot of check-ins. Send Ed K8EAF a message and he will get you on the roster.
- The SSTV net is on Monday at 9:00 PM on the 67 repeater. There is also a Slack channel for the net and other items at OH-KY-IN.

Website: Rocky KE8DZS reports that the website is being updated.

QCEN: Pat KD8PAT reports the next meeting will be 11/19/22, the meeting will begin at 7:30PM at the Red Cross on Dana Avenue in Cincinnati. The meeting will also be on Zoom.

ARES: Need some more members.

Brunch Bunch: Bruce N8BV reported Brunch Bunch will be 2nd Saturday of the month, at 1PM at Chandlers Burger Bistro on the West Side.

Events:

- ARRL phone sweeps on November 19th starting at 4PM
- January 28th and 29th will be winter field day at Harvest Home Barn

Old Business

- By-laws Updates: Still on hold
- Repeater Internet Connectivity Grant: 925 should be on Wires-X soon.
- Portable Satellite Ground Station Grant: Cesi KD8OOB advised nothing at this point going on.
- QSL contest, Rocky KE8DZS won the design contest.
- Nominations:
 - All incumbent officers will be running again.
 - President: Ryan Owens AC8UJ
 - Vice-President: Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
 - Secretary: Steve Crase N8PUP
 - Treasurer: Brad Hast KE8JTM
 - Director: Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 - Devin KE8PEQ self-nominated from the floor for the Director position.
 - Dennis KD8ZLB moved to close the 2023 nominations. George N3VQW seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Lockland Nazarene church will be donating the pizza for the club Christmas Party.
- We have two Yaesu FT-70DR that are Wires-X capable and two Yaesu FT-4X dual band radios for door prizes at the December party.

Program: Show N Tell

Split the Pot: \$32.00 The winner will receive \$16.00. The winner this month is Justin KE8COY

Rocky KE8DZS made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Justin KE8COY. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:42PM ET.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary

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 1st through March 31st), we earned a \$30.23 donation from Amazon Smile!

Contact Bruce N8BV for details about either program.



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Meeting Location

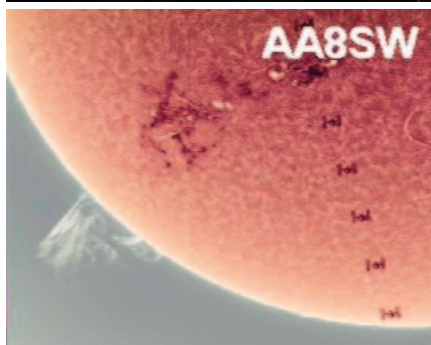
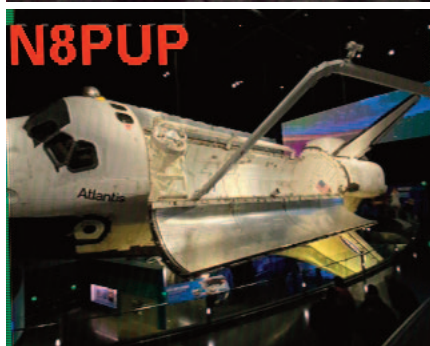
The board has decided that we will continue meeting indefinitely at Lockland Church of the Nazarene, located at 335 West Wyoming Avenue in Lockland. It's right off I-75 at exit 12 (the Reading/Lockland exit southbound and the Davis St./Lockland/Reading exit northbound). Enter through the glass door by 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.

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 arrrl.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.

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!



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 Ciufo KA3MTT
 Fundraising Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 Education (open)
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 PIO (open)
 SSTV Net Mgr Steve Crase N8PUP
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 ARRL Field Day Eric Neiheisel N8YC
 Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
 Fox Hunters Dick Arnett WB4SUV
 Equipment Manager (open)
 Webmaster Rocky McGrath KE8DZS
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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/Sp. Events - December 2022

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5H3FM - Tanzania Thru 12-13 	3D2AG/p - Rotuma Thru 12-20 	T88RC - Palau thru 12-5 	TO9W - St Martin Thru 12-9 	1 YJ0CA - Vanuatu Thru 12-9 	2 81st Anniversary of Civil Air Patrol Dec 2-Dec 4, 1500Z- 2300Z, W9CAP, Saint Charles, IL, Illinois Wing Civil Air Patrol. 7.255 14.250 18.125 28.450	3 Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Har- bor Dec 3, 1400Z-2000Z, NE1PL, Fall River, MA. USNR. 20 meters 40 meters
4 8Q7BB - Maldives Thru 12-17 	5	6 H44SHD - Solomon Is thru 12-20 	7	8	9	10 S21DX - Bangladesh thru 12-16 
11	12	13	14	15	16 National Wreaths Across America Day Dec 16-Dec 19, 0000Z-2359Z, W1A, Milbridge, ME. Maine Ham Radio Society. 7.240 14.240 21.340 28.440	17 Christmas in Beth- lehem New Mexico Dec 17-Dec 24, 1400Z-2300Z, KC5OUR, Belen, NM. Valencia County Amateur Radio Association. 21.283 14.283 7.183 3.883
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 
25 	26 American Revolu- tion - Battle of Trenton Dec 26-Dec 31, 0000Z-2359Z, W2T, Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association. 14.250	27	28	29	30	31 

Prepared by Nathan Ciuffo, 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.