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Holiday Party Recap

We had a great December meeting / party! If you missed it, then you missed out on a good time. We had LaRosa's pizza provided by Lockland Church of the Nazarene, which was delicious, we re-elected our current slate of club officers and we gave away from great prizes. Our "split-the-pot" total was impressive, with a total pot of \$252, meaning that our lucky winner, Joe K8NW, walked away with \$126. The club also gave away two Yaesu FT-70 C4FM handhelds, which went to Brad KE8JTM and Dennis KD8ILY, two Yaesu FT-4X handhelds, which went to Tom W8WTD and Julia KE8IUU. Finally, Jerry Shipp W1SCR donated a complete Baofeng kit with handheld radio and Digirig digital interface which was won by Ted NC8V.



Photo by Julia Morales on Unsplash

Congratulations to our winners and thanks again to Lockland Church of the Nazarene for picking up the tab for our pizza, not to mention allowing ongoing use of their facilities for the club meetings.

See you all in 2023!

Brunch Bunch

by Bruce Vanselow N8BV

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, January 14th, at 1pm. The location for January is Patrick's Sports Bar & Grill in Western Hills. Patrick's is located at 5060 Crookshank Road, 45238. Patrick's is located directly across the street from O'Charley's Restaurant.

Although I personally do not use Facebook, I do understand that Patrick's has a webpage there. You might want to check that out.

For a look at the menu, go to <https://image.zmenu.com/menupic/2758127/fbdf40e6-5c61-4b54-b30a-ca40e2946d67.jpg>

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

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 renewing 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)
- Hamilton County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp Training Net – Thursdays at 9pm

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 will be here in just a few weeks! 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 with 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!

Much will remain the same as previous years, but we are making a few changes this time around. 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!

The Reading & Radio Ranch: Notes from the Library

by Justin Patrick Moore, KE8COY

Welcome to 2023 gang! Perhaps, if you are the type to make resolutions, reading more books is on your list. If so the club library can help you with that. This year we'll have some funds provided by those who play split the pot to buy some new books for the library, and we always accept gifts, donations, requests and suggestions.

One recent suggestion and request came from Mark Landis, KD8ZLD, that he thought would be useful to our friends in Hamilton County ARES: *Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio* by Michael Corry, W5MPC and Victor Morris, AH6WX. I obtained a copy of this for the club, and Mark was quick to put a hold on the book. Here is the blurb on it from ARRL:

“Storm Spotting and Amateur Radio is a resource for the Amateur Radio operator who volunteers as a trained storm spotter. This book includes information on resources, training, equipment, safety, storm spotter activation procedures, reportable weather criteria, developing a local storm spotter manual, and the experiences of storm spotters from around the country. It also provides some meteorological information about severe weather such as hurricanes, tornadoes, hail, floods, damaging wind, and winter weather.”

So, when Mark is done reading it, this will be another resource available to other club members.

Jerry Shipp, W1SCR, also recently donated some new titles to add to our collection and catalog. These include *Oscilloscopes for Radio Amateurs*, by Paul Danzer, N1II, *Dits and Dabs: the A B C of Morse Code Operating* by Ed Tobias, KR3E and *The Interference Handbook*, by William R. Nelson, WA6FQG. Jerry also gave us a number of electronic training manuals and several extra copies of titles we already have, or dups as we call them in the library biz. Thanks as ever for your generosity and service to the club, Jerry!

These and other titles from the many bins of books that make up our club library will be available at our club meeting. I also intend to set up a library table at our Winter Field Day event this year, the last weekend in January, Saturday and Sunday the 28th and 29th at the barn in Harvest Home Park, Cheviot.

In addition to request and suggestions we also accept returns. Please bring your books back when finished before you rack up a huge late fee. I don't want to have to get a collection agency involved in our operations.

Until next time keep your batteries charged & your aerials up!

You can reach your club librarian via email at: justinpatrickdreamer@gmail.com



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Silent Keys

It is with sorrow that we share news of the passing of two OH-KY-IN members.

Bob Craig K8RC was a Life Member of the club. Bob worked for many years as an engineer at WKRC, channel 12 television here in Cincinnati. He had a wealth of knowledge about all things RF, particularly related to video transmission.

We also learned that Chris Thomas KD8YVF passed away on December 24th after an illness. In addition to being a member of OH-KY-IN, Chris was also an active member of Hamilton County ARES and coordinated the amateur radio activities for Paddlefest for a number of years.



December, 2022 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of December 6th, 2022, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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: 38

- 29 in person
- 9 via zoom

Health and Welfare: None

Awards & Achievements: Bob WA6EZV received the Triple Play Award. Dan KF4AV made 126 contacts on the World Wide CW contest on 15 meters qrp.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Drew KE8JTL made the motion, and Bob WA6EZV seconded accepting the meeting minutes for November 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: None

Classes and Exams: None

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: None

Website: None

QCEN: None

ARES: None

Brunch Bunch: None

Events:

- January 28th and 29th will be winter field day at Harvest Home Barn

Old Business

- Mike KD8ZLB made a motion to elect the slate of officers for 2023. David KQ4AUD second. All in favor.
 - President: Ryan Owens AC8UJ
 - Vice-President: Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
 - Secretary: Steve Crase N8PUP
 - Treasurer: Brad Hast KE8JTM
 - Director: Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 - Devin KE8PEQ removed his nomination due to personal reasons.

New Business:

- Both WIRES-X repeaters are now working.

Program: Christmas Party

Split the Pot: \$252 The winner will receive \$126.00. The winner this month is Joseph K8NW

Door prize winners:

- FT-70 Brad KE8JTM
- FT-70 Dennis KD8ILY
- FT-4X Tom W8WTD
- FT-4X Julia KE8IUU
- Baofeng Digirig kit (donated by W1SCR) Ted NC8V

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary



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!



DX Spots - January 2023 DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 FW - Wallis & Futuna thru 1-15 	2 VP2MDX - Montserrat thru 1-31 	3 D44TWO - Cape Verde Is thru 1-21 	4	5 PJ4 - Bonaire thru 1-13 	6 TN8K - Congo thru 1-21 	7
8	9	10	11	12 T33 - Banaba I Thru 1-24 	13 T8 - Palau thru 1-20 ----- 8P9CB - Barbados Thru 1-25	14
15 FM - Martinique Thru 3-15 	16	17	18 P4 - Aruba thru 2-2 	19	20 T8 - Palau thru 1-27 	21
22	23 3Y0J - Bouvet I Thru 2-28 	24	25	26	27 MJ5E - Jersey thru 1-29 	28
29	30	31 V47JA - St Kitts & Nevis thru 2-15 	31	31	31	31

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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)
Wednesday	January 4 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 9 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	January 10 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	January 11 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 16 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	January 18 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 23 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	January 25 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sat & Sun	January 28 & 29	Winter Field Day @ Harvest Home Park
Monday	January 30 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)

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.

OH-KY-IN Repeaters

146.670 (-) Clifton

146.625 (-) Edgewood (Fusion & analog WIRES-X)

146.925 (-) Delhi (Fusion & digital WIRES-X)

443.7625 (+5) (off-air)

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)

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
Mick Cook	KD8IOQ
Steve Crase	N8PUP
Joe Felix	K8NW

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.

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
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 Fox Hunters Dick Arnett WB4SUV
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 Webmaster Rocky McGrath KE8DZS
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 K8SCH QSL Manager Bob Frey WA6EZV
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 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.

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.