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Ham License Exams

The ham license classes being offered jointly by OH-KY-IN and QCEN are in full swing and going great! We've had a great group of engaged students for both Technician and General classes. That means that we're planning an exam session soon as well.

The exam session is tentative planned for Saturday, March 25th at the American Red Cross building at 2111 Dana Avenue in Cincinnati. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tom Delaney W8WTD at hamtutor@ohkyin.org for details. Thank you to Tom and others for organizing this and for QCEN's partnership and use of facilities.

Brunch Bunch

by Bruce Vanselow N8BV

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, March 11th, at 1pm. The location for March is the brand new Roy Rogers Restaurant in Cleves. Roy Rogers is located at 151 Cooper Avenue, 45002, a very short distance off US 50. It is next to Skyline Chili and very near Taylor High School.



Roy Rogers is a western-themed fast-food chain named for the Cincinnati-born actor and cowboy. This historic franchise, founded in 1968, is known for items like fried chicken, roast beef sandwiches and their iconic Double R Burger, a quarter-pounder topped with American cheese and ham on a Kaiser roll. It also has its famed "Fixin's bar" allowing customers to top their burgers with their choice of condiments and veggies.

For a look at the menu, go to: royrogersrestaurants.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

The Reading & Radio Ranch: Notes from the Library

by Justin Patrick Moore, KE8COY

March is here and with it the rain. A lightning storm might not be the best time to think about switching your antennas or doing maintenance on them, but it might not be a bad time if your antennas happen to be inside. And it's not just the people who have HOA's who might benefit from having an indoor, or otherwise clandestine antenna. It might be the people who want to keep their radio operations more on the covert side, even if totally legal and above board. Maybe you just don't want anyone in the area to ask you about an antenna, or maybe you just like to hide things in plain sight.

To that end, two useful books from the OH-KY-IN library might be what you need to keep things on the down low.

Stealth Antennas by Steve Nichols, GK0YA. "Stealth Antennas remains the solution for those of us with tiny postage stamp-size gardens, intolerant neighbours, planning permission problems or living in apartments. Beginning with fascinating real-life case studies you can see what can be achieved with the dozens of original and ingenious ideas this book contains. This book ranges widely across antennas for the roof or loft space, low profile external antennas and even really stealthy antennas. There are receive antennas, top band antennas and reviews of a host of commercially available antennas that might provide exactly the right solution for your situation. *Stealth Antennas* does not neglect VHF/UHF antennas which can be easier to conceal because of their small size compared with HF antennas but what are the effects of mounting a VHF antenna in the loft? This is discussed here as is the fear of interference and other



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EMC issues which is not forgotten with a whole chapter dedicated to avoiding interference and EMC issues."

Another title useful for the would be signals intelligence operative, or just regular ham is *Low Profile Amateur Radio: Operating a Ham Station from Almost Anywhere* by Al Brogdon, W1AB. The contents of this book include: Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Low-Profile HF Antennas, Disguised Antennas, Indoor Antennas, Operating Modes and Tips, Interference, Antenna Tuners, Transmitter Output Power, Low-Profile VHF/UHF Antennas and Mobile Operating. If nothing else, pretending you are a spy has its own advantages.

Until next month keep on practicing you're three R's: Reading, Radio and Ranch dressing! After all, if you find you are at a restaurant that doesn't have ranch, you might not be in America anymore!

And always Remember: Keep Your Batteries Charged & Your Aerials Up!

Your club librarian can be reached via email at: justinpatrickdreamer@gmail.com

Imaginary Stations

Click on the radio, turn out the lights, and let sounds from distant towers carry you far away. These are stations that never were, but might yet be. There is so much in radio that hasn't yet been done. The medium is still in its infancy, compared to other artistic endeavors such as poetry, painting, sculpture and the novel. Much work is needed to bring into being the full artistic potential radio has for program creators and listeners. This is the broad unmapped territory Imaginary Stations set out to explore...

Do you remember lying in bed
With the covers pulled up over your head
Radio playin' so no one can see?
We need change, and we need it fast
Before radio's just part of the past
'Cause lately, it all sounds the same to me.

One of the first steps in such an exploration is getting out to a location where the electrical interference is low or non-existent to search the dial for existing signals. With a sensitive receiving system new call letters for stations yet unlogged and potential themes are zeroed in on. Next comes the collecting phase. The musical archives are scoured, the listening libraries plundered, the media channels scanned, sampled, and soundbites selected that fit into the intuitive flow of the theme. These are then taken into a tripartite playground, where radio is still a fun game, able to be played with relish. After each mix is concocted from the plethora of available materials, a version is then created by our chief engineer at a secret laboratory near the 45th parallel.

Interested?

Listen to **Imaginary Stations on 9395 kHz via WRMI @ 2300 UTC (6:00 PM Eastern)**, Sundays. Brought to you by DJ Frederick Moe and featuring contributions from One Deck Pete and Justin Patrick Moore.

An Imaginary Station is a Station where we can do what we want to do.

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February, 2023 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of February 7th, 2023, 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: Don, Kelly

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Attendance:

- 20 in person
- 11 via zoom

Health and Welfare: Ted NC8B had cataract surgery on both eyes and can see much better.

Awards & Achievements: None

Prior Meeting Minutes: George N3VQW made the motion, and Devin KE8PEQ seconded accepting the meeting minutes for December as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 90 have renewed for the year out of 148 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

Treasurer: Brad KE8JTM. Treasures report will be made available for the March meeting.

Silent Key: None

Tech Committee: None

Classes and Exams: With a joint effort between QCEN & OHKYIN they 6 students for General Class and maybe 6 for Tech class.

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. None

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

Nets: None

Website: Rocky needs help with the settings on the website. George N3VQW volunteered to help.

QCEN: Next meeting will be February 17th at 12:30PM at the Red Cross building. Meeting is available on Zoom.

ARES: Next meeting will be February 21st at the ROC. Meeting is available on Zoom.

Brunch Bunch: Saturday February 11th at Price Hill Chili at 1PM

Events:

- Field Day June 24-25th
- Dayton Hamvention May 19th-21st

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Old Business:

- By-laws Updates: Still on hold
- Repeater Internet Connectivity Grant: Filing final updates on the grant at this point.
- Portable Satellite Ground Station Grant: Cesi KD8OOB advised nothing at this point going on.
- The audit committee has received all the info they need and should be finished in the next two weeks.

New Business:

- None

Program: Cesi KD8OOB Winter Field Day Recap

Split the Pot: \$43.00. The winner will receive \$22.00. The winner this month is Andrew KE8JTL

Motion to adjourn made by George N3VQW. Seconded by Ted NC8B. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary



Kroger Community Rewards Pays Out

We received our quarterly check from Kroger Community Rewards recently for \$86.31. This is essentially free money into the OH-KY-IN treasury earned simply by our members shopping at Kroger and designating OH-KY-IN as your charity of choice.

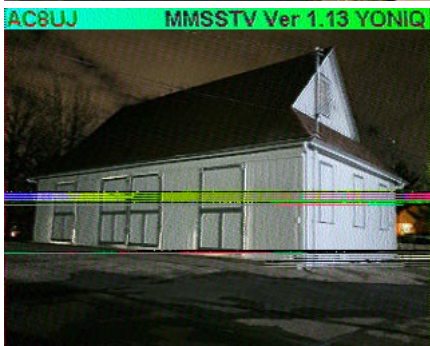
If you are a Kroger customer, please consider designating us as your charity. See page 10 of this Q-Fiver for instructions.



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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!



DX Spots - March 2023

De KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
J8NY - St Vincent Thru 3-7 	3B7M - Agalea & St Brandon thru 3-8 	TZ1CE - Mali thru 3-16 	1 PJ7 - Sint Maarten Thru 4-1 	2 EA6 - Balearic Is Thru 3-10 ----- VU4T - Andaman Is thru 3-5	3 HD8M - Galapagos Thru 3-10 	4 HP0 - Panama thru 3-10 
5 V4 - St Kitts & Nevis thru 3-17 	6 4K7DK - Azerbaijan thru 3-13 	7 PJ2 - Curacao thru 3-22 ----- J8 St Vincent thru 3-14	8 D44KIT - Cape Verde Is thru 4-5 	9 D67 - Comoros Thru 3-22 	10 FT8WW - Crozet Thru 3-17 	11
12 HI0LT - Dominican Republic thru 3-19 	13	14	15	16	17 VK9NT - Norfolk I Thru 3-31 	18
19 V4 - St Kitts & Nevis thru 4-1 	20 CY0S - Sable I thru 3-29 	21 FM - Martinique Thru 3-28 	22 9G4X - Senegal thru 3-30 	23	24 V26EI - Antigua & Barbuda thru 4-2 	25 CQ3W - Madeira Thru 3-26 
26	27	28 PJ5 - Saba & St Eustatius thru 4-4 	29	30	31	

Prepared by Nathan Ciuffo, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday	March 6 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	March 7 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	March 8 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	March 13 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	March 14 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	March 15 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	March 20 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	March 22 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	March 27 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	March 29 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	April 3 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	April 4 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)

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**.

Contact Bruce N8BV for details about the 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 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.

Please renew your membership, if you haven't already



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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.

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.