



# Q-FIVER

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## *Training Update*

*by Tom Delaney W8WTD*

The greater Cincinnati area has three new hams and eight more General class hams, thanks to the education program jointly sponsored by OHKYIN and QCEN. The program consisted of three in-person sessions, and three on-line sessions. That seemed to work pretty well for participants and instructors alike.

The club needs to thank Gary, KB8MYC, and Dan, KF4AV, for their work with the General Class upgrades, and Bob, W8MRG, Kitty, W8TDA, and Tom, W8WTD, for instructing the Tech class.

A VE session was held at the end of March. Gary, KB8MYC, was the coordinator, and the other VEs were Bruce, N8BV, Cesi, KD8OOB, Bryan, KC8EGV, and Michael, KE8PLM. Thanks to all of them for helping.

A few people expressed interest after it was too late to join in the classes. So there are people out there who would also like to either become hams, or upgrade. We will have to figure out an appropriate time in the summer or fall to offer these sessions again. We also need to see if someone is interested in teaching/mentoring for the Extra class license.

All in all, the program was a success. Don't forget to welcome the new hams if you hear them on any of the repeaters.

## *Brunch Bunch*

*by Bruce Vanselow N8BV*

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. The location for April is Chicken on the Run. Chicken on the Run is located at 7255 Ohio Avenue, 45236, in Deer Park. It is at the corner of Ohio Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue.

It's a nice idea to order perfectly cooked burgers, chicken tenders and chili. Delicious beer is waiting for you at this restaurant. The homely atmosphere of Chicken On the Run allows customers to relax after a hard working day. Many visitors find the staff energetic. Service at this place is something one can name terrific. Prices are good for the quality you get. Google gives it 4.5 so you can choose this spot to have a good time here.



Unfortunately, Chicken on the Run does not have a website.

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

Sometimes a touch of history is just the ticket that is needed for a bit of radio reading. Since the existence of radio waves was first proven by Heinrich Hertz in 1886 a lot of history has happened. One thing right after another in fact. For WWII buffs there is quite a bit of reading on radio that can be done, and one book in our club's library explores some of the virtuous uses of the technology.

*World War II Radio Heroes: Letters of Compassion*, by Lisa L. Spahr is such a book. Here is the blurb:

“More than 60 years had passed before I found them. Dozens of letters written to my family during WWII -from total strangers- to tell my great-grandmother that her son had been captured and was being held as a POW. How did they know this? Through short-wave radio, POWs were allowed to state their names and hometowns and sometimes relay a short message to their families. Scores of Americans, listening to the German propaganda from so far away, heard my grandfather's information and took it upon themselves to write to my great-grandmother. All of these dear people wanted to give my great-grandmother a measure of comfort to know her son was alive. This was only the beginning of my journey. This book is a dedication to them — the radio heroes of WWII.”



The book is filled with amateur radio and short wave listening connections and the letters sent by concerned radio enthusiasts. It really is one of the many testaments to the good nature of so many of the people within this hobby. May it continue to be so!

This month I will not be able to be at the club meeting with the library, but plan to return for the May meeting. If you have an urgent need for a specific book or ham radio topic drop me a line and get in touch. I can bring you a book, you can pick one up, or we could meet at a clandestine location to make the book exchange.

Until next time, keep on practicing your three R's: Reading, Radio and histoRy. Let us read it so we can have a better shot to not repeat it.

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

Your club librarian can be reached via email at: [justinpatrickdreamer@gmail.com](mailto:justinpatrickdreamer@gmail.com)

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# OH-KY-IN ARS

## *Lifetime Member Spotlight*

### *Joe Felix - K8NW*

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OH-KY-IN ARS Membership  
Chairman

#### Current Station Radios/ Antenna

- Yaesu FT-991A HF/VHF/UHF All-Mode Transceiver
- Kenwood TM-V71A 144/440MHz Transceiver
- Baofeng -F8HP
- For HF: End-fed Random Wire with 9:1 Unun to LDG Tuner
- For VHF/UHF: Copper pipe J-Pole

#### Other interests/hobbies outside of Amateur Radio:

Plays keyboard for a local band  
Handler for dog agility competitions

#### Favorite Contests and Awards Received:

CQ NAQP Contest  
Winter Field Day  
State QSO Parties  
Chasing POTA Stations

**WAS Digital**  
**WAS SSB**  
**Gold Level State QSO Party**  
**Cert.**  
**Aficionado Level QSO**  
**Party Cert.**  
**POTA Enrubio Certificate**

#### Some History about Amateur Station K8NW

Joe took a Novice Class offered by OH-KY-IN ARS and received his first call, KA8TWE, in 1984.

Many years later, he retired from an IT career in 2018, but his amateur license had expired. Having taken college courses and spent subsequent years studying about electronics theory, Joe passed the Technician Exam in 2019, with the callsign KE8MYO. Two weeks later, Joe passed the General License Exam. He then passed

the Extra License Exam in October of the same year - all in two months!

Joe enjoys attending Dayton Hamvention, & said he enjoys learning from club members at OH-KY-IN's Field Day, Winter Field Day, and the Tech-Talk Net.

Joe became interested in the hobby during his childhood from a neighbor, and eventually joined his high school radio club, W8GYH.



Yaesu FT-991A

Kenwood TM-V71A



Baofeng F8HP

#### Joe's "15 Minutes of Fame"

Joe is very involved in dog agility competitions. He is a "handler" who directs dogs on a predefined path through an obstacle course, using no leash, no treats, or toys, and without touching the dog. The dogs are judged on their accuracy and speed.

His first dog, Brandi, has earned more than FIFTY AKC agility titles, including two AKC Master Agility Champion titles, and two AKC Preferred Agility Champion titles! In 2017, Joe and Brandi were televised on ESPN2, where they placed FIRST in the Eukanuba Performance Games, which is a national event!

Joe has been rescuing dogs since 2010. Not only does he give them a great home, but he has worked at training all of them for agility competitions. His other furry friends are Buddy, Hope (SK), Stinky, and Benny.

## *Brian DeYoung, K4BRI, SK*

Brian was a long-time member of OH-KY-IN, serving in a wide variety of roles and offices within the club. In addition to club activities, he was very active in the ARDF community. His obituary follows:

Brian Carl DeYoung of Alexandria, KY passed away on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the age of 62. We were not expecting such a huge loss so soon and there is an enormous gap in the universe now. Brian was an amazing human being. He was kind, generous, and brilliant. He could fix anything. He could solve any problem. Brian (K4BRI) was a longtime member of the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society serving in leadership positions and was a mentor to many amateurs. He was also a member of ARDF, Orienteering Cincinnati, Divers Alert Network (he loved deep sea diving), and Cincinnati Astronomical Society. He worked as an Event Frequency Coordinator for the NFL at Paul Brown Stadium and volunteered as a camera operator at Crossroads Church in Florence, Kentucky. He earned his private pilot license. Brian was a loyal Cincinnati Bengals fan no matter their record. Brian loved his job as an Electronics Engineer at Dixon Bayco in West Chester, OH, working in development and he was ecstatic that he had a published patent. He loved completely. In his big strong arms, or when we heard his deep booming voice, we felt lucky, loved, protected and cherished. Brian will always be remembered with much love by his wife, Marjorie Garrett, and his golden retriever son Korben Dallas. Brian was preceded in death by his parents William and Hendrikje DeYoung, and his brother Allen DeYoung. He will also be remembered by his children Angela (Bradley) Weyman, Amanda DeYoung, Olivia (Matthew) Bezold, and Emily DeYoung, grandchildren Spencer, Zackary, Ethan, Trevor, and Lily, and his siblings Diane (Darrell) Johnson, Lynne (Robert) Schwartze, Joy Grosser and numerous nieces and nephews. To honor Brian's memory, a Celebration of Life will take place on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 PM at Crossroads Church Chapel, 828 Heights Blvd. Florence, KY, 41042. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Crossroads Church ([crossroads.net/florence](http://crossroads.net/florence))



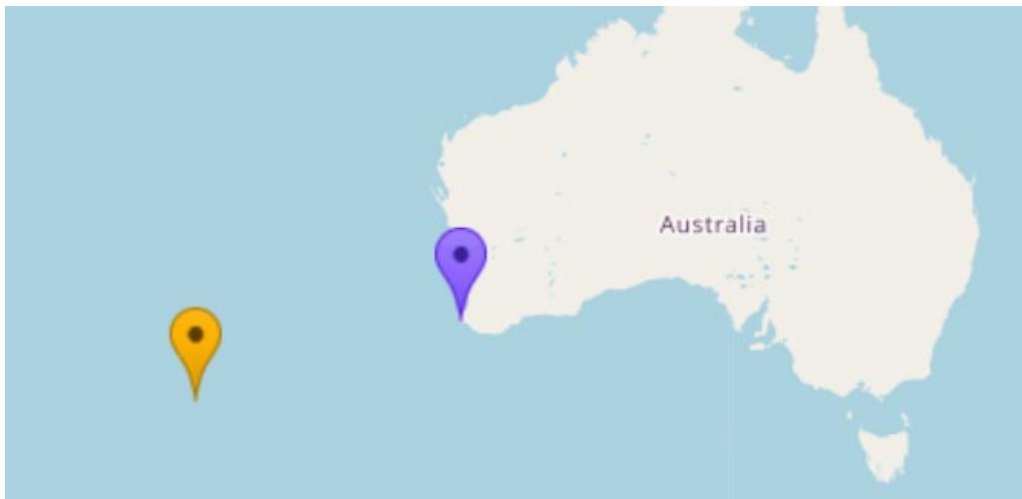
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## *What the Heck is an Antipode?*

*by Steve Weeks, AA8SW*

Did you ever wonder where you would come out if you dug a hole straight through the center of the Earth from Cincinnati? That point is called the antipode and for Cincinnati, it is located in the Indian Ocean, about 1,200 miles west of the southwestern corner of Australia. Since the circumference of the Earth is about 24,900 miles, the distance to the antipode is half of that, or about 12,450 miles.

There are no significant islands in that area so on populated dry land, the farthest point that you can go from Cincinnati is south of Perth on the western coast of Australia, which is a maximum of about 11,250 miles from here. On this map, the orange marker is the antipode and the purple marker is Augusta, Western Australia, which is the closest city to the antipode. Perth is the most distant major city from us and is in the rarefied category of more than 11,000 miles away.



From a ham radio standpoint, that is VK6 territory. With the greatly-improved long-distance propagation that we are now experiencing with sunspot Cycle 25, contacts in that area are very feasible, even for those who have limited HF stations. I am one of those limited people and I have several contacts within 100 miles of the 11,250-mile theoretical maximum.

If you work HF, check to find your most distant contact (start by searching for VK6's, then expand the search if those are absent). The longest will probably be in Australia, if you have any QSO's there, since most Australian contacts are over 9,000 miles and there are few other populated areas that far away from here. Now that you know what an antipode is, you can impress your friends with your knowledge of geography and, hopefully, the impressive length of your longest contact as well. 73!



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## ***DX Skills: Canada Sections***

*by Bob Frey, WA6EZV*

So just to keep things Straight. Here are the new RAC, Canada, Sections. Note that YT, NU, and NT have been deleted. Ontario, ON is now ONE and Greater Toronto Area, GTA is now Golden Horseshoe - GH

### 14 Canada Sections:

Alberta AB	Ontario East ONE
British Columbia BC	Ontario North ONN
Ontario Golden Horseshoe GH	Ontario South ONS
Manitoba MB	Prince Edward Island PE
New Brunswick NB	Quebec QC
Newfoundland and Labrador NL	Saskatchewan SK
Nova Scotia NS	Territories TER

The Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) section is comprised of Newfoundland (VO1) and Labrador (VO2)

The Territories (TER) section is comprised of Yukon (VY1), Northwest Territories (VE8), and Nunavut (VY0).

## ***March, 2023 Meeting Minutes***

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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: Edwin Clements KE8MYA, Bill Snead KB8ZJC

New Licenses or Upgrades: Kelly upgraded to general

Attendance:

- 17 in person
- 13 via zoom

Health and Welfare:

- Ted NC8V had successful eyelid surgery.
- Brad KE8JTM had stomach surgery and will require a round of chemo still.

Awards & Achievements:

- Greg KA8MQD attended the Cave City ham fest.
- Steve AA8SW received the ARRL DXCC award for 100 countries on CW & SSB

Prior Meeting Minutes: Drew KE8JTL made the motion, and Ted NC8V seconded accepting the meeting minutes for February as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 111 have renewed for the year out of 148 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

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Treasurer: Brad KE8JTM. Treasures report read and filed for audit.

Silent Key: None

Tech Committee: None

Classes and Exams: With a joint effort between QCEN & OHKYIN, classes are going good, and testing is scheduled for March 25 at 12PM

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. There will be a short 2 meter course on April 1st and hopefully an 80 meter course on April 8th

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

Website: None

QCEN: None

ARES: Test of the MARCS system will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Brunch Bunch: Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> at the new Roy Rogers at 1PM

Events:

- OHKYIN Testing Day March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM
- Ohio NVIS day April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Field Day June 24-25<sup>th</sup>
- Dayton Hamvention May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

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 completed the 2022 audit, and found all the records were kept very clearly, and found no issues. The audit committee made a motion to accept the reports and to close the 2022 audit, seconded by Ted NC8V. All in favor.

New Business:

- None

Program: Dan Curtin KF4AV Getting started in Ham Eq Building

Split the Pot: \$37.00. The winner will receive \$19.00. The winner this month is Bruce N8BV

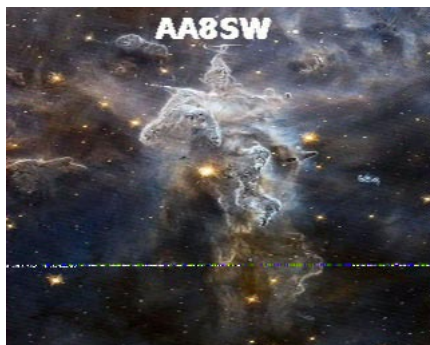
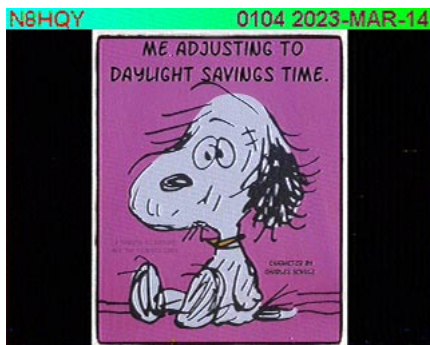
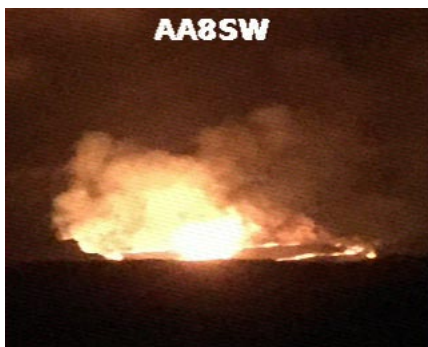
Motion to adjourn made by Drew KE8JTL. Seconded by Cesi KD8OOB. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

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 - April 2023 De KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FH - Mayotte thru 4-9 ----- 3A8AB - Monaco Thru 4-30 ----- P9 - North Korea Thru 4-1
2	3 H31W - Panama thru 4-8  	4 VP5 - Turks & Caicos thru 4-11  	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11	12 VP9KF - Bermuda Thru 4-26  	13 E51 - South Cook Is thru 4-28  	14	15 TG9ADM - Guatemala thru 4-16  
16	17	18 VP2V - Br Virgin Is Thru 4-22  	19 6Y - Jamaica thru 4-23  	20 3A - Monaco thru 4-23  	21	22
23	24 5X2I - Uganda Thru 5-10  	25	26	27 8Q7KB - Maldives Thru 5-7  	28	29
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*Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT*

## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

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)
Wednesday	April 5 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	April 10 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	April 11 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	April 12 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	April 17 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	April 19 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Saturday	April 22 @ 10:00 AM	Ohio NVIS Day
Monday	April 24 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	April 26 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	May 1 @ 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**.

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](mailto: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



## **Committee Chairs & Appointments**

Technical Operations . . . . . Gary Coffey KB8MYC  
 ARPSC Representative . . . . . Jerry Shipp W1SCR  
 Volunteer Examiners . . . . . (open)  
 QCEN Representative . . . . . Pat Maley KD8PAT  
 Membership . . . . . Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT  
 Fundraising . . . . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 Education . . . . . (open)  
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 PIO . . . . . Devin Spielman KE8PEQ  
 SSTV Net Mgr . . . . . Steve Crase N8PUP  
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 ARRL Field Day . . . . . Eric Neiheisel N8YC  
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 Fox Hunters . . . . . Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
 Equipment Manager . . . . . (open)  
 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  
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 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.

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.