



Q-FIVER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OH-KY-IN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
CINCINNATI, OHIO – WWW.OHKYIN.ORG
VOLUME 63 ISSUE 12 – DECEMBER, 2023



In this issue:

- Help needed!
- New net news
- Party details
- Phone Sweeps report
- ...and much more!

A hand in a white knitted sleeve holds a wooden sign against a background of evergreen branches. The sign contains text and graphics for a holiday party.

PARTY TIME

Join us Tuesday, December 5th @ 7:30 PM for the annual OH-KY-IN Holiday Party!

LaRosa's pizza will be provided courtesy of Lockland Church of the Nazarene and of course there will be prizes!

This year, in addition to our regular "split-the-pot" ticket drawing for prizes, we will also be drawing true door prizes! Each person present or on Zoom will receive one entry each.

Thanks to MTC Radio for donating some of our prizes. Our prizes this year include:

TWO Yaesu FT-70DR handhelds, a 30 amp power supply, TWO ICom V80 Sport handhelds, a mini temperature controlled soldering station and several other items!



MTC

2707 Lamar Ave
Paris Tx 75460
903.737.0773

"Surplus Electronics and Radio"

www.mtcradio.com

Photo by Sarah Shull on Unsplash

New(-ish) Net!

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

After taking some time off, moving to a new home, changing callsigns and who knows what else, Robert Gulley K4PKM has decided to bring back The Newcomers Net! The schedule is going to be a little different than before, with the net being held on the **first and third Sunday** of each month at 7:00 PM eastern time on the 67 repeater.

The Newcomers Net was largely responsible for bringing me to OH-KY-IN when I got licensed back in 2015, so I'm personally really glad to see it return.

For those not familiar, Robert will lead the net, allowing time for questions from new hams (similar to our Tech Talk net, but with more of a focus on questions newer hams have) and then he often has a prepared topic he presents as well. I know I learned a lot from his nets and many of the topics he presented were things I never would have even thought to look into. It is also a good net for new hams to learn proper net operation and etiquette and to observe a skilled net control operator in action.

Robert will send an e-mail out on the club mailing list when he is ready to kick it off, so watch your e-mail and if in doubt, monitor the 67 repeater at 7 PM on the first and third Sunday of each month!



The Reading & Radio Ranch: What Books Should We Have in Our Library?

by Justin Patrick Moore KE8COY

Last year we began an experiment. It didn't have anything to do with mind control or AI run amok. It didn't even have anything to do with bubbling beakers inside a greenly glowing cellar, with a couple of mad scientists lurking around. In fact, it wasn't even an experiment. All that was just to get your attention. Last year the club did make the decision to set aside the money from our ever popular split-the-pot, to go to a fund for the library.



None of the money from 2023 has been spent on any books yet. After December there will be a little more. January seems like a good time to me, to break open the piggy bank and get some new reading material for OH-KY-IN members. So what kind of books do you want to see in the library? I have some ideas of my own, but it's your library (as long as you've remembered to pay your club membership dues anyway). (Speaking of which, I need to remember to do that!)

Please send your suggestions by email to: Justinpatrickdreamer@gmail.com. I suppose you could send me a radiogram with your request if you like. Until next time...

Keep Your Batteries Charged & Your Aerials Up!



Brunch Bunch

by Bruce Vanselow N8BV

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, December 9th, at 1pm. The location for November is Bob Evans Restaurant in Western Hills. Bob Evans is located at 6318 Glenway Avenue, 45211. This location on Glenway Avenue is between Parkcrest Lane and Westbourne Drive, near Home Depot.

“Whether you’re in the mood for our famous farmhouse breakfast served all day, a juicy burger, a fresh salad, or one of our signature homestyle entrees, we have something for everyone. If you’re looking for the best place to eat in Cincinnati, stop in and enjoy something fresh from down on the farm!”

For a look at the menu, go to: www.bobevans.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

Help Wanted (actually, Needed!)

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

Like many clubs and similar organizations, OH-KY-IN depends on our members to volunteer to accomplish the things that keep the organization running. Unfortunately, also like many other organizations, more often than not the bulk of the work falls to a minority of the members. For years, Bruce N8BV has been our fundraising chairman and through his work, the club enjoys the funds to keep our equipment running and to fund events that we enjoy. Our members enjoy ARRL Field Day, Winter Field Day, our annual party in December and various other events through the year. We expect our repeaters to be on the air and well maintained. All of these things take money. Even keeping our website online requires money. While membership dues are an important part of this, (very) roughly about half of our annual income is from fundraising activities, primarily Red, White and Blue Ash and the Harvest Home Fair Big 6 booth.

Bruce has shared that he is no longer physically able to be responsible for these two events, as they are both physically demanding in various ways. Bruce is happy to continue being our fundraising chairman and will also provide guidance and mentoring to new volunteers, but we must find new volunteers to be event chairs for these two very important events. I know we had a bit of interest expressed at our last club meeting, but we could really use more volunteers. Qualified volunteers are those who are responsible, dependable, capable of organizing teams of people, managing scheduling of volunteers and ensuring that all required tasks are handled. Bruce can provide additional information about the jobs and the events. If you are willing to help out, please talk to Bruce for more information.



Photo by Tim Mossholder on Unplash

OH-KY-IN ARS Performs a Clean Sweep for the ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes!

Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB

Members of OH-KY-IN ARS gathered at Eric Neiheisel N8YC's house the weekend of November 18/19 to participate as K8SCH in the annual ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes and accomplished a clean sweep! The clean sweep has been difficult over the past several years with hurricane's keeping Puerto Rican stations off the air and several sections only having one station actively calling CQ. This year, OK, ONN, SB, SF, TER and WPA proved to be troublesome, but they were all eventually worked.

Along with operating radio, there was food, drink and camaraderie. There were plenty of Wild Mike's wings consumed and Jet's Pizza eaten.

Thanks to Eric N8YC for hosting and to all who stopped by: Cesi KD8OOB, Dick WB4SUV, Greg KA8MQD, Joe KA2UYB, John N8JTP, Julia KE8IUU, Mike KD8ZLB and Phil KG8AP.

November, 2023 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of November 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: Rick KA8RTG

New Licenses or Upgrades: Several people got their licenses or upgraded at our recent testing session.

Attendance:

- 22 in person
- 13 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: None

Awards & Achievements: None

Prior Meeting Minutes: Bruce N8BV made the motion, and Cesi KD8OOB seconded accepting the meeting minutes for October as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 159 have renewed for the year out of 156 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

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

Silent Key: None

Tech Committee: No update.

Classes and Exams: Tom W8WTD - exam session had 15 or 16 participants and went well. We had 11 start the tech class, but several dropped out before the end. Very successful round of classes. We will plan to do it again in the spring.

Continued on page 6

Continued from page 5

QCEN: The next meeting will be Friday, November 17th at 7:30pm at the Red Cross building.

ARES: Mike KD8ZLB noted that HamCo ARES participated in the Ohio SET exercise last month. ARES is always looking for new members.

Brunch Bunch: Bruce N8BV reports that the next one will be at Cracker Barrel in Harrison, Ohio on Saturday, November 11th.

Events:

- ARRL Phone Sweeps 11/18 - 11/19
- Winter Field Day January 27th & 28th - Ryan AC8UJ reports that the Harvest Home Barn has been secured for the event once again.
- Solar Eclipse QSO Party April 8th

Old Business:

- By-laws Updates: Still on hold
- Portable Satellite Ground Station Grant: Cesi KD8OOB. No updates
- Nominating committee report - Drew KE8JTL, Dan KF4AV, and Kitty W8TDA
 - Dan KF4AV made the following nominations on behalf of the committee:
 - President: Ryan Owens AC8UJ
 - Vice President: Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
 - Secretary: Steve Crase N8PUP
 - Treasurer: Kevin Tribbe K8ZOZ
 - Director (one to be elected): Mike Niehaus KD8ZLB and Dennis "Rocky" McGrath KE8DZS
 - Following the committee report, nominations from the floor were solicited. There were none.
 - A motion was made by Drew KE8JTL to close the nominations, seconded by Ted NC8V. The motion passed.
 - Following the closure of nominations, Rocky KE8DZS withdrew his nomination for Director, leaving all races uncontested.
- Ryan AC8UJ noted that we still need event chairs for the Harvest Home Fair and the Red, White and Blue Ash fundraiser events. See Bruce N8BV if you are willing to consider it.
- Ryan AC8UJ reported that there were no online split-the-pot tickets purchased this month.

New Business:

- December club party: Ryan AC8UJ reports that the Lockland Church of the Nazarene is once again supplying pizzas for us. Club members may volunteer to bring things if they would like. Please see Ryan AC8UJ if you would like to volunteer to bring something. Ryan also noted that MTC Radio sent us a box of items to use for prizes, including two ICom HTs, a small temperature controlled soldering station, a couple of desoldering pumps and several bundles of paracord.
- Remember we will hold elections at the December meeting.
- Bob WA6EZV shared that there are some nice upgrades available for the ham clock software, including POTA support and other features.

Program: Show and Tell - a number of members presented projects including Dan KF4AV, Bob WA6EZV, Rocky KE8DZS, Tom W8WTD, Cesi KD8OOB and Ryan AC8UJ.

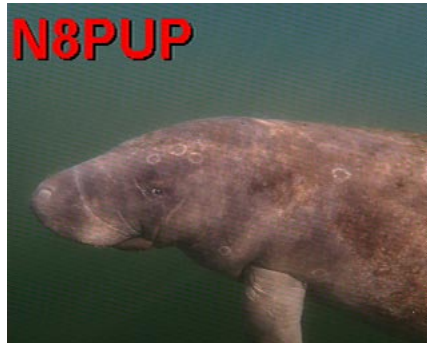
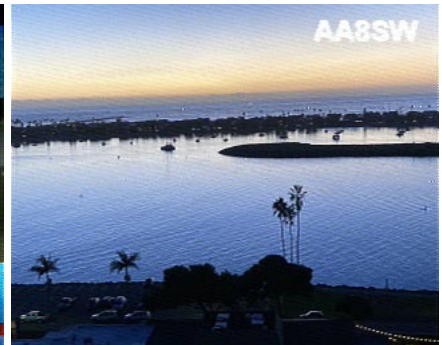
Split the Pot: \$95.00. The winner will receive \$48.00. The winner this month is Bob WA6EZV

Motion to adjourn made by Ted NC8V Seconded by Cesi KD8OOB. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:22PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ryan Owens AC8UJ, President

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 - December 2023

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5H3FM - Tanzania Thru 12-5 	TO9W - St Martin Thru 12-8 	5R8VE - Madagascar thru 12-3 	VK9CY - Cocos Keeling I thru 12-7 	3W9C - Vietnam Thru 12-9 	1 T32TT - E. Kiribati Thru 12-21 	2
3	4 VP2VMM - Br Virgin Isl thru 12-12 ----- V6EU - Micronesia Thru 12-16	5 VU7A - Lakshadweep thru 12-10 	6 XT2AW - Burkina Faso thru 12-19 	7 PZ5NH - Surinam Thru 12-14 	8	9 V47JA - St Kitts & Nevis thru 12-18 
10	11 D44MCS - Cape Verde Is thru 12-22 	12	13	14	15	16 VU4N - Andaman & Nicobar thru 12-26 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25 	26	27 3B9AT-Rodrigues I Thru 1-6 	28	29 TO2FY - French Guiana thru 1-16 	30
31 						

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday	December 4 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	December 5 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	December 6 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	December 11 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	December 12 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	December 13 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	December 18 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	December 20 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	December 25 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	December 26 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 1 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	January 2 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	January 3 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 8 @ 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)

All repeaters require a 123.0 Hz CTCSS (PL) tone.

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.



PANDA/stock.adobe.com

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 Gary Coffey KB8MYC
 QCEN Representative Pat Maley KD8PAT
 Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT
 Fundraising Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 Education Tom Delaney W8WTD
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 PIO Steve Crase N8PUP
 SSTV Net Mgr Steve Crase N8PUP
 Librarian Justin Moore KE8COY
 Q-Fiver Editor Ryan Owens AC8UJ (interim)
 ARRL Field Day Eric Neiheisel N8YC
 Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
 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
 Vice President Cesi DiBenedetto, KD8OOB
 Secretary Steve Crase N8PUP
 Treasurer Brad Hast KE8JTM
 Director Drew MacDonald KE8JTL
 Director Bruce Vanselow, N8BV
 Director (Vacant)
 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.