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Holiday Party Recap

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

As usual, our December meeting was also our annual holiday party and we had a great time. Our turnout was very good with over thirty people attending in person and even more joining via Zoom. We continued our tradition of having prize drawings during the party, this year giving away **four** handheld radios (including two Yaesu WIRES-X capable units), a 30 amp power supply and more. For those not familiar with how our prize drawings work, throughout the year, we sell split-the-pot tickets during our meetings. At each meeting, we draw a winner and award half of the money collected that evening, but all tickets are saved and go into the pool for our holiday party prize drawings. The remainder of the money not awarded each month is split in half between two virtual funds: our party fund and our library fund. The library fund is earmarked for purchasing new books for our library and the party fund traditionally pays for pizza and door prizes. In recent years though, the **Lockland Church of the Nazarene**, which hosts our meetings, has generously covered the cost of our pizza, leaving more money available for door prizes. We are very grateful to them for their generosity both in letting us use their building each month and for covering a major portion of our party costs.

Some prizes were donated this year by **MTC Radio** (mtcradio.com), so we are also grateful to them for their generosity. They donated a mini soldering station, two desoldering pumps, two Icom V80 Sport handheld radios and four bundles of paracord. We have ordered our prizes from them the past two years and I recommend checking them out. They are a small business based in Texas, with fast shipping and great customer service.

For a full list of our prizes and winners, refer to the meeting minutes contained later in this Q-Fiver issue. Thanks to all who attended whether in person or online and congratulations to our prize winners!



◆ Karl KG8GC, winner of an Icom V80 Sport HT



◆ Edwin KE8MYA, winner of a desoldering pump



◆ Justin KE8COY, winner of a paracord bundle



◆ Bob WA6EZV, winner of an Icom V80 & a desoldering pump



◆ Ted NC8V, winner of some paracord



◆ Phil KE8LYG, with his new mini soldering station



◆ Kitty W8TDA, won a V80, declined it and then won a power supply!

Photos by Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB

Newcomers Net Kicks Off on January 7th

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

Robert Gulley K4PKM has announced that The Newcomers Net will (re)launch on Sunday, January 7th at 7:00 PM on the 67 repeater. I say “relaunch” because many of us remember Robert’s Sunday evening net from years past, back when he was known as AK3Q. This new incarnation of the net will be held on the **first and third Sunday** of each month at 7:00 PM eastern time.

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.

Please check it out, particularly if you are a newer ham — but all are always welcome!



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!

A Note from the President

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

Club members,

As we start 2024, I want to take a moment to share a few thoughts. First, I was very surprised and honored that the Board chose to present me with a Meritorious Service award at the December meeting. I really appreciate it and it means a lot to me. While I do a number of things for the club, as I've said before, what keeps the club going is all the things that we all do. No one person can make a club of our size work. It's a team effort. I'm thankful for the Board members and all of the club members who step up and make things happen, whether coordinating events, staffing fundraisers, handling the business of the club, and so many other things, big and small. If I started naming names of all the people that contribute time and energy, it would be a very long list and I would inevitably miss some people. Thank you all!

Second, as I enter my sixth term as club President, this marks a milestone. I will be the club's longest serving President, surpassing Gary Coffey KB8MYC's record of five terms. The question that comes to my mind is whether this is a good thing or a bad thing. On the one hand, I appreciate that the club has had the confidence in me to allow me to continue to serve this long and I'm thankful for all of the help that I've had along the way from the other officers on the Board over those years. On the other hand, I believe I've been unopposed in every election during that time. For our club to remain strong and healthy, we have to continue to have members willing to step up and serve in leadership roles. We lost one of our Directors, Dennis McGrath KD8ILY this past year due to a long illness and our Treasurer, Brad Hast KE8JTM chose to not seek re-election after dealing with his own health problems. Fortunately, Kevin Tribbe K8ZOZ, a fairly new club member, and Mike Niehaus KD8ZLB, a former Board member, stepped up to fill these holes in our leadership going into 2024 and I'm grateful to both of them for their willingness to serve the club. Rocky McGrath, KE8DZS was also willing to run for his father Dennis' Director seat if needed, but ultimately decided to let Mike run unopposed. We need more club members willing to lead. I say it every year when we start looking for officer candidates in the fall and I really do mean it — I would love for the club to have a real choice at election time, selecting from multiple candidates instead of simply electing the only people willing to volunteer. If running for an officer position isn't your thing, take a look at the list of committee chairs and appointments on page 12 of this issue. Are there areas listed there where you can help out? If so, reach out to the chairperson listed or talk to me and I'll help you get in touch.

I started off this note thanking everyone for all that they do and then I urged you to consider stepping up and doing more — so which is it? Well, it's both. We have a lot of people that do a lot of things and that is what keeps OH-KY-IN going. We're only as good as our members. But our needs also continue to evolve. For example, we really need a few people to volunteer to help with our two big annual fundraiser events because Bruce N8BV has done it for years and physically can't keep doing it (see page 5). We've got other areas where we could use your help as well. My request is that as we go through 2024, look for opportunities where you can help the club, maybe just a little more than you already do. If we all pitch in just a little bit, the work is that much easier for everyone.

Thank you for five great years as club President and thank you for all that you will do for the club in 2024!

Thank you!



Brunch Bunch

by Bruce Vanselow N8BV

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, January 13th, at 1pm. The location for January is West Shine Family Restaurant. West Shine is located at 3245 Westbourne Drive, 45238, in Green Township. West Shine is a short distance from Western Bowl.

“Our family is excited to serve fresh awesome food to the West Side!!! Our menu represents recipes handed down for generations and some new ones from our culinary team! Our restaurant has become our second home and we hope it becomes your second home as well!”

For a look at the menu, as well as a map, go to: www.westshinerestaurant.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

Winter Field Day 2024

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

It's January, so that means that Winter Field Day is right around the corner! OH-KY-IN will once again be hosting an "outdoor" event at Harvest Home Park in Cheviot, Ohio. This location has served us well in past years and we're looking forward to another fun time this year. The event is the last weekend of January, falling on the 27th and 28th this year. On air operations run from 2 PM Saturday to 2 PM Sunday, local time. We usually begin setting up sometime between 10 AM and noon, just depending on when people arrive. We run our WFD event as a pretty laid back event, with an emphasis on trying out things people bring to try and providing learning opportunities for less experienced operators. Have a radio you want to try out or maybe get some help with? Bring it! Want to try a new portable antenna? Put it up and we'll try it!

Coffee and such will be provided, but beyond that food will be a combination of potluck and local restaurant pickup at your own expense. We always need volunteers to help overnight, as we can't leave the gear unattended and we don't want one person stuck there by themselves. Please consider if you can volunteer to be there for at least a few of the overnight hours (roughly 11 PM to 7 AM). Donuts will be provided Sunday morning as a thank you for our overnight workers.

If you have questions, contact Ryan Owens AC8UJ or Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB. You can learn more about the event in general at <https://winterfieldday.org/>. The rules have changed a bit this year, so we may mix things up a bit, depending on what our group decides.

December, 2023 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of December 5th, 2023, 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:

- 33 in person
- 9 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: None

Awards & Achievements: None

Prior Meeting Minutes: Drew KE8JTL made the motion, and Justin KE8COY 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. Treasurer's report read and filed for audit.

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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.

Nets: None

Website: None

ARES: None

Brunch Bunch: Bob Evans at 6318 Glenway Ave December 9th 1:00PM

Events:

- January 27th and 28th will be winter field day at Harvest Home Barn
- Solar Eclipse QSO Party Monday April 8th 2024

Old Business:

- Still need help with the club events, see Bruce N8BV or the last newsletter for information.

New Business:

- Ted NC8V made a motion to elect the uncontested slate of candidates for 2024 officer positions. Kitty W8TDA second. All in favor, motion passed.
 - President: Ryan Owens AC8UJ
 - Vice-President: Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
 - Secretary: Steve Crase N8PUP
 - Treasurer: Kevin Tribbe K8ZOZ
 - Director: Mike Niehaus KD8ZLB
- The Board presented President Ryan Owens with the Meritorious Service Award

Program: Christmas Party

Split the Pot: \$163.00. The winner will receive \$82. The winner this month is Rob N8JMV

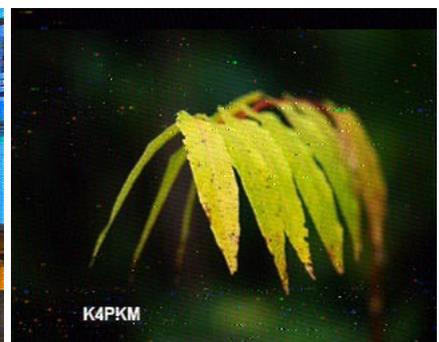
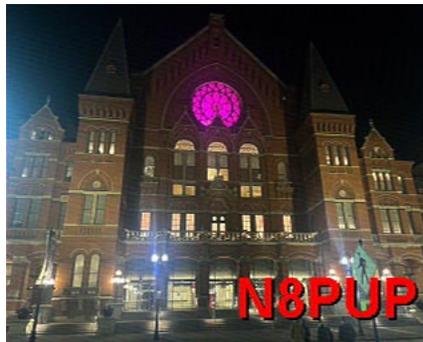
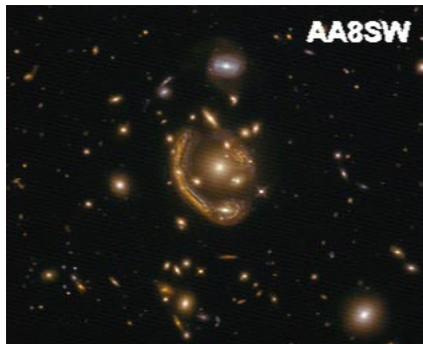
- Door prize winners:
 - KB8URA Paracord
 - KE8MYA Solder Sucker
 - KG8GC Icom V80 Sport Radio
- Prizes From All Tickets
 - WA6EZV Solder Sucker
 - KQ4AUD Paracord
 - KE8COY Paracord
 - NC8V Paracord
 - KE8LYG Solder Station
 - WA6EZV Icom V80
 - W8TDA 30 AMP Power Supply
 - KB8MYC Yaesu FT70DR
 - KQ4AUD Yaesu FT70DR

Motion to adjourn made by Cesi KD8OOB, seconded by George N3VQW. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

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 2024

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
V5 - Namibia thru 1-11 	1 JW - Svalbard Thru 1-5 	2	3 HR9 - Honduras Thru 1-10 	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 8P9CB - Barbados Thru 1-24 ----- Vr - St Kitts & Nevis thru 1-25 ----- VP2MDX - Montserrat thru 1-30	12 T8 - Palau thru 1-18 ----- ET3AA - Ethiopia Thru 1-20	13
14	15	16 ZD7Z - St Helena Thru 2-4 	17 J79 - Dominica thru 1-24 	18 TX5S - Clipperton Is thru 2-1 	19 P4 - Aruba thru 1-31 	20 ZL7D - Chatham I Thru 1-27 
21 IG9 - African Italy Thru 1-28	22 YB9 - Indonesia Thru 2-1 	23	24 8Q7WR - Maldives Thru 2-6 	25 7O2WX - Yemen Thru 2-12 	26	27
28 VP6 - Pitcairn Is 	29	30	31	31	31	31

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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)
Sunday	January 7 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 8 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	January 9 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	January 10 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 15 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	January 17 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sunday	January 21 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 22 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	January 24 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 29 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	January 31 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk 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.



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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

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 Ciufu KA3MTT
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 Education Tom Delaney W8WTD
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 PIO Steve Crase N8PUP
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 Librarian Justin Moore KE8COY
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 Fox Hunters Dick Arnett WB4SUV
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 Silent Key Bryan Hoffman KC8EGV
 Tech Talk Net Manager Bruce Vanselow N8BV
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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 has been a leading amateur radio organization in the Cincinnati, Ohio area for more than 60 years. 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.