



# Q-FIVER

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◆ Left to right, Phil KE8LYG, Rocky KE8DZS and Cesi KD8OOB hang the dipole for Winter Field Day at Harvest Home Park

## Winter Field Day 2024 Photos

by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

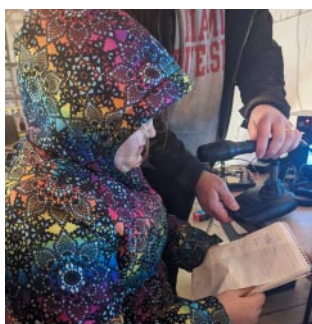
We had a great time at Winter Field Day once again this year. Cesi KD8OOB will be submitting our logs so I'll leave the details of our QSO count, points, etc. for him to report, but here are some photos from the event for you to enjoy. The weather kind of cooperated, in that the temperatures were somewhat mild for January (30's to low 40's), but it sure was wet! I think this is also our first Winter Field Day event to include a thundrstorm, which caused us to go off the air for a short time.

Thanks to all of those who joined us and made the event great. If I try to name everyone that was there, I'll definitely miss people, but special thanks to our overnight crew which included *at least* Rocky KE8DZS, Ted NC8V, Justin KE8COY, Eric KE8BNZ and Trent KE8ZLM. Others stayed well into the night and some arrived early Sunday morning as well. If you were part of the overnight crew and I missed listing you, please accept my apology. Thank you as well to those who brought food to share, heaters to keep us warm, batteries, generators, fuel, etc. One of the things I truly love about this event is that it is fun, relaxed, and kind of "radio potluck," where different people bring different parts and we put it all together to make a great event. We even got a 220 MHz contact with QCEN's operation via Cesi's handheld and a 6 meter contact with a dipole I strung up inside the barn during a thunderstorm (also QCEN)! A handheld contact was also made with Kitty W8TDA.

In addition to the photos below, Jeff KF8PO took a number of photos at the event and captured some audio, which you can view on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ewCCZZ1oV5U>.



◆ Cesi KD8OOB with Rocky's son making a contact



◆ Rocky's daughter making a contact



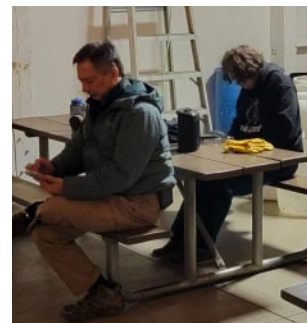
◆ Phil KE8LYG, Rocky KE8DZS & Cesi KD8OOB hanging a dipole



◆ The "kerosene campfire" social area, with Andy K3CAQ, Justin KE8COY & Fitz N8FTZ (left to right)



◆ George N3VQW, Rocky KE8DZS, Eric KE8BNZ, Cesi KD8OOB (at radio) & Dennis KE8LBY (left to right)



◆ Phil KE8LYG & Trent KE8ZLM (left to right)

Photos by Rocky McGrath KE8DZS (top left and top center) and Ryan Owens AC8UJ (remainder)



## *Brunch Bunch*

*by Bruce Vanselow N8BV*

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. The location for February is Price Hill Chili Family Restaurant in, of course, Price Hill. Price Hill Chili is located at 4920 Glenway Avenue, 45238. It is near the intersections of Glenway Avenue, Cleves Warsaw Pike and Guerley Road.

“Price Hill Chili is a family owned and operated restaurant on the western side of Cincinnati. It is a popular and well known establishment to anyone who was raised or resides on the west side. It’s fame and popularity has also spread well beyond the boundaries of the west side and it has become a Cincinnati legend.”

For a look at the menu, as well as a map, go to: [www.pricehillchili.com](http://www.pricehillchili.com)

“The Brunch Bunch got its start back in February, 2011. At that time, I would have never thought that we’d still be doing this 13 years later. Although our group has gotten smaller over the years, we continue to have a good meal, great friendship and interesting discussions. You are certainly welcome to come out and join us!”

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: 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 greeny 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](mailto: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!



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## *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 Unsplash

## *December, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society  
Minutes of January 2, 2024, 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: Allen KE8ZRL and Rob KD8PCT

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Attendance:

- 20 in person
- 13 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: None

Awards & Achievements:

- Cesi KD8OOB received a clean sweep on the 12 days of Christmas event

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Prior Meeting Minutes: Ted NC8B made the motion, and Kevin K8ZOZ seconded accepting the meeting minutes for December as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 79 have renewed for the year out of 166 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

Treasurer: Ryan AC8UJ, Treasurer's report read and filed for audit.

Silent Key: None

Tech Committee: Gary, everything is working as it should.

Classes and Exams: More classes coming in the spring. We picked up eight new members from the classes.

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. None

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

Nets: None

Website: None

QCEN: Next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30PM

ARES: None

Brunch Bunch: January 13<sup>th</sup> at West Shine Family Restaurant at 1:00PM

Events:

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

Old Business:

- Still need help with the club events, see Bruce N8BV or the last newsletter for information.
- Discussion on Winter Field Day

New Business:

- New officers were installed:
  - President: Ryan Owens AC8UJ
  - Vice-President: Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
  - Secretary: Steve Crase N8PUP
  - Treasurer: Kevin Tribbe K8ZOZ
  - Director: Mike Niehaus KD8ZLB
- Audit Committee is established, and the report will be due at the March meeting.
  - George N3VQW
  - Andy K3CAQ
  - Drew KE8JTL

Program: Cesi KD8OOB on Satellite Operations

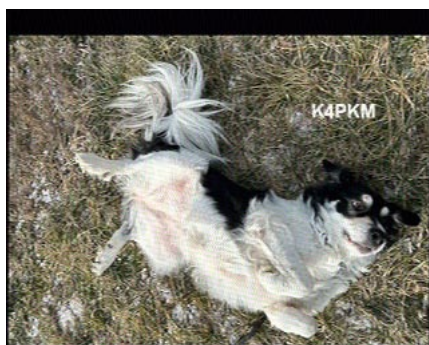
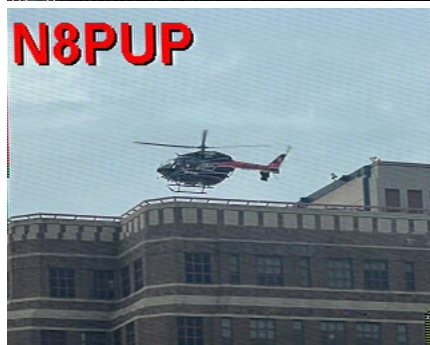
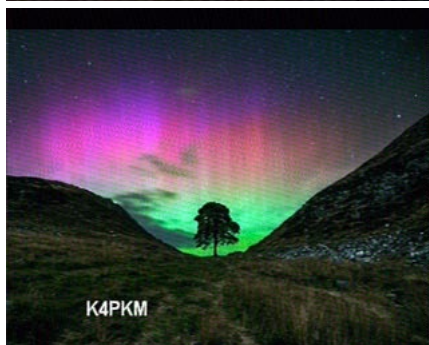
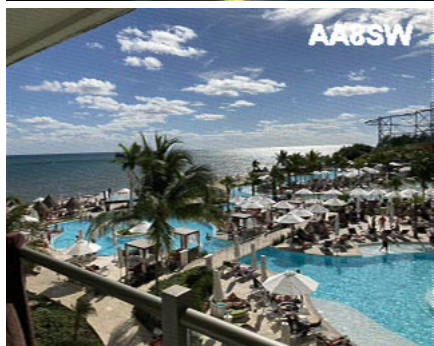
Split the Pot: \$63.00. The winner will receive \$32. The winner this month is Phil KE8LYG

Motion to adjourn made by Cesi KD8OOB and seconded by Justin KE8COY. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 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 - February 2024

## DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 VK9N - Norfolk I Thru 2-7  	3 6W7 - Senegal thru 4-16  
4 DU3 - Philippines Thru 2-9 ----- YJ - Vanuatu thru 2-11	5	6 V26CV - Antigua & Barbuda thru 2-20  	7 6W7 - Senegal thru 2-29  	8	9	10 4L - Georgia thru 2-18  
11 CBOZA - Juan Fernandez thru 2-24  	12 H44MS - Solomon Is thru 2-28  	13	14 8R7X - Guyana thru 2-24  	15	16	17 V4 - St Kitts & Nevis thru 3-4 ----- 5R - Madagascar Thru 3-3
18	19 FW8 - Wallis & Futuna thru 3-9  	20 3B8 - Mauritius thru 2-27  	21	22 H40WA - Temotu Thru 3-7  	23	24
25	26 XU7GNY - Cambodia thru 3-15  	27 VK9L - Lord Howe I thru 3-3  	28 NP2R - US Virgin Is thru 3-4  	29		

*Prepared by Nathan Ciuffo, KA3MTT*

## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Sunday	February 4 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	February 5 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	February 6 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	February 7 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	February 12 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	February 13 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	February 14 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sunday	February 18 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	February 19 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	February 21 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	February 26 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	February 28 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sunday	March 3 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	March 4 @ 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.



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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 . . . . . Gary Coffey KB8MYC  
 QCEN Representative . . . . . Pat Maley KD8PAT  
 Membership . . . . . Nathan Ciufu 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 Paper QSL Mgr . . . . . Bob Frey WA6EZV  
 K8SCH Elec. QSL Mgr . . Rick Haltermon KD4PYR  
 TV/RFI . . . . . Dick Arnett WB8SUV

## OH-KY-IN Officers

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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.