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Renewal Time

by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Happy New Year to all of you! It seems crazy that another year is in the rear view mirror. I hope the 2024 holiday season was great for everyone.

With the new year, comes the time for all of us to renew our membership for the year 2025, if you have not already done so. I have already received many renewals – thank you!

Joining and/or renewing is quite simple.

The easiest way to send payment is by using ANY major credit/debit card or PayPal using this secure link:

<http://renew.ohkyin.org/>

Thank you to Ryan, AC8UJ, for putting together the nice video on the above website that shows you how the secure link works, for anyone with questions regarding that.

You can also choose to mail your payment with a printable form at the following address:

http://www.ohkyin.org/docs/Applications/Membership_App_2025.pdf

As always, if anyone has any questions on joining or renewing your membership, please contact me at KA3MTT@YAHOO.COM. You can also call or text me at the following number: 859.760.9262

73,

Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chairman

Holiday Party Report

Our annual holiday party was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. We had the usual LaRosa's pizza provided by the club as well as some other items brought by members.

This year, we had our usual prize drawings and several members took home some nice prizes. Three of the prizes were awarded based on a drawing from all the split the pot tickets purchased during 2024. DX Engineering donated a \$100 gift certificate, which was won by Edwin KE8MYA. Additional prizes included a \$100 prepaid MasterCard won by Dennis KE8LBY and a \$75 DX Engineering gift certificate won by Kevin W8SM.

In addition to those prizes, we also had a door prize drawing this year, which was \$50 to spend on personalized callsign items from a vendor of the winner's choice, won by Bruce N8BV.

We also had a live auction to liquidate items remaining from our recent online auction as well as some estate items donated to the club. Several members took home some pieces of radio history for a steal. Thanks to all who attended!



Winter Field Day is Coming

In just a few weeks, Winter Field Day will be upon us once again. This is one of the club's major events of the year and will be held on January 25th and 26th. As in previous years, we will once again operate from the Harvest Home Park barn in Cheviot at 3961 North Bend Rd, 45211.

If you are unfamiliar with Winter Field Day, check out <https://winterfeldday.org/> for details about the overall event. Our event has all of the same social aspects as the club's ARRL Field Day event in June but with the added element of winter weather. The barn provides us shelter from precipitation while still allowing us to qualify as an "outdoor" operation since it is an uninsulated structure with no heating system. While we try to provide a little bit of warmth with some propane heaters, you will still want to dress appropriately for the weather. If you are willing to help with setup and/or teardown, you should also plan for your footwear to potentially get muddy, depending on conditions. Note that you should bring your own chair.

Another aspect that is different from the June event is that at WFD, there is more of a focus on experimentation. Have a radio you want to get some help with? Bring it and we'll see if we can get it on the air. Want to try out an antenna you've got? Find a place to set it up and we'll plug it in and see what happens. Basically as long as whatever you want to try is compatible with the rules of the event, good radio practices and fits in our classification, we'll probably help you try it.

We'll follow the same food plan as last year, which means that there are no specific organized meals, but if you wish to bring something to share (or just for yourself), feel free to do so. There are several restaurants close by, so we may organize a food run if desired. Bring cash if you plan on participating in that. For those that work overnight, there will be donuts brought in around 8:45 AM and there may even be a hot breakfast as well (no promises on that though).

The big news this year is that Cesi KD8OOB is not going to be able to participate. Cesi has historically been a key player in this event, doing much of the setup and organizing. We will need extra help to fill that gap this year. We have several other regulars that keep the event going (and we greatly appreciate their help!) but we can always use more people, especially during the overnight hours.

Please plan to join us (even if just for a bit)! It's a fun time and there will be plenty of operating opportunities for anyone interested. If you are willing to help out (especially over night), please e-mail ac8uj@arrl.net and let Ryan know when you plan to be there. Hope to see you there!

P.S. Here are some photos from last year's event...



Newcomers Net

The Newcomers net continues, with great participation. Robert K4PKM holds the net each **first** and **third** Sunday of the month at 7:00 PM on the 146.67 repeater. The net is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and those interested in becoming licensed are encouraged to listen in as well. The net focuses on topics of interest to newer hams, but participation by experienced hams is also encouraged. If you haven't already, check it out soon! The January 5th topic will be "Propagation Banners" and on the 19th the topic will be "Amateur Radio on a Budget."



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Brunch Bunch

by Bruce Vanselow, N8BV

Let's give it another try. The Brunch Bunch went to Roosters back in March and everyone agreed that the food was great, however, unfortunately the waitress we had was less than just ok.

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, January 11th, at 1pm. The location for January is Roosters located at 5050 Crookshank Road, 45238, in Western Hills. Roosters is very near the intersection of Glenway Avenue and Crookshank Road. Although Roosters is well known for their wings, they do have a very wide selection of food available on their menu.

"Bob and Corrine Frick hatched something special when the first Roosters opened in 1988. Bob's passion for food has always been part of his make-up, although for years he thrived as a teacher, a coach, and a trainer. So the long hours of developing recipes and taste tempting foods were a labor of love. Corrine, who has never met a stranger, possesses a genuine hospitality toward people which is the cornerstone of Roosters culture. Outgoing, friendly, and positive attitude are essentials for a Roosters associate!"

For a look at the menu as well as a map: <https://roosterswings.com/locations/view-all-locations/western-hills/>

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

December, 2024 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of December 3rd, 2024, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Ryan AC8UJ with the Pledge of Allegiance. The club meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Guests: Gary and Diane Hollbrook

New Licenses or Upgrades: N/A

Attendance: 25 in person; 14 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: None

Awards & Achievements: None

Prior Meeting Minutes: Kitty W8TDA made the motion, and Bob WA6EZV seconded accepting the meeting minutes for November 2024 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 156 have renewed for the year out of 166 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

Treasurer: Kevin W8SM, Treasurer's report read and filed for audit.

Silent Key: N/A

Tech Committee: N/A

Classes and Exams: N/A

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. N/A

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

Nets: SSTV, the net will continue the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9:00pm on the 146.670 repeater

Website: N/A

QCEN: Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30PM. Tom W8WTD will be the new QCEN liaison for the club.

ARES: Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the ROC at 7PM.

Brunch Bunch: 12/14 1:00pm at Red Robin in Florence Ky on Houston Rd.

Events:

- Winter Field Day January 25th & 26th

Old Business:

- Bylaws update: Ryan AC8UJ — Failed to achieve quorum at the December meeting.
- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No updates.

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- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot. One participant.
- All radios were auctioned off at the meeting or online.
- All Officers were voted back in office with an uncontested election. Ted NC8V made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation. Kitty W8TDA seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business:

- N/A

Program: Annual Christmas Party

Split the Pot: \$181.00, Split \$91.00. Joe K8NW. Joe donated back the prize to the club.

Motion to adjourn made by Drew KE8JTL, seconded by KD8TMO. Meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary

Join the SSTV Net!

The SSTV net has attendance has been declining a bit recently. If you find SSTV interesting, we would love to have you join us. Don't know how to do SSTV? We can coach you on that!

Please check us out, the first and third Monday of the month at 9:00 PM on the 146.67 repeater.

OH-KY-IN SSTV Net Samples

Here's a sample of the images you could be receiving if you tuned into the SSTV net on the 146.670 repeater. The net meets every month's **first and third 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!



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DX Spots - January 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
J7tK - Dominica Thru 1-4 	HD8FG - Galapagos thru 1-14 	KH0 - Mariana thru 1-3 	1 8R1TM - Guyana Thru 2-8 	2 	3 	4 C5RK - Gambia Thru 1-5
5 HR9 - Honduras thru 1-12 	6 	7 	8 	9 FG - Guadeloupe Thru 1-26 	10 TY5C - Benin thru 1-31 	11 6W1RD - Senegal Thru 1-12 
12 KH8 - American Samoa thru 1-15 ----- TX7N - Marquesas Thru 1-27 	13 	14 	15 	16 	17 C8K - Mozambique Thru 2-2 	18 P40AA - Aruba Thru 1-28 
19 FM - Martinique Thru 1-27 	20 	21 ZD7DPX - St Helena thru 2-3 	22 	23 VP5 - Turks & Caicos thru 1-26 	24 	25
26 	27 9X2AW - Rwanda Thru 2-15 	28 VP5 - Turks & Caicos Thru 2-2 	29 	30 	31 	

Prepared by Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	January 5 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 6 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	January 7 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)
Wednesday	January 8 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	January 14 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	January 15 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sunday	January 19 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	January 20 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	January 22 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sat & Sun	January 25 & 26	Winter Field Day @ Harvest Home Park
Wednesday	January 29 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sunday	February 2 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	February 3 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	February 4 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)

Meeting Information

Our monthly club meetings are held at the Village of Arlington Heights Town Hall (601 Elliott Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215). Enter using the exterior elevator to the second floor at the rear of the building. We also 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
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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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

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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 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.