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Renewal Time

by Nathan Ciufo, 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 Ciufo, KA3MTT

OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chairman

Help Needed

It's that time of year again when we must appoint an audit committee to audit the club's financial records. The audit committee is composed of three club members and usually just one meeting (potentially virtual) to review the Treasurer's records from the previous year. At the time of this writing, we only have one volunteer so far. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Ryan AC8UJ know. The audit report is due at the March club meeting.

◆ **Cover photo: Greg KA8MQD (left foreground) and Rocky KE8DZS (right foreground) chat around a heater while (left to right background) Justin KE8COY, Jeff KF8PO and George NV3QW work the radios in the background.**



Winter Field Day Report

by Ryan Owens, AC8UJ

We had another great event this year and a good time was had by all! The weather was on the colder side, but at least it was dry this year. There was still a good amount of snow covering the grassy areas of the park, but it was frozen pretty solid so walking on it was not a problem. We operated as a “2O” class this year, meaning we had up to two transmitters on the air at any one time and we qualified as an “outdoor” station, since the barn we were in had no insulation and no installed heating system. We rented two patio heaters this year to take the chill off for our operators and those socializing. Special thanks to our overnight crew, Rocky McGrath KE8DZS and Justin Moore KE8COY, with an assist from Joe Felix K8NW. George N3VQW provided our digital station and a vertical wire antenna (and the antenna survived the event!), recording 52 digital contacts, 19 on 40 meters and 33 on 20 meters. Our phone station was one of the club’s Yaesu FTdx 1200’s on a RadioWavz 80 meter Windom OCF dipole. Between the two stations, we logged 120 phone contacts, spanning 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters. While the digital station was idle, we also picked up two 2 meter contacts and one 1.25 meter contact (thanks W8VVL!) using a couple of mobile radios running on battery with a slim jim hanging from a ceiling support for 2 meters and a mag mount 220 MHz antenna on a pizza pan on top of a ladder. In total, we had 175 total contacts covering 50 sections. Based on our log, we had a total of eight different people operate.

From a multipliers perspective, we got +1 for using 100% alternative power (all station equipment was powered by either generator or battery), +3 for being away from home, +1 for deploying multiple antennas, +6 for operating at least six different bands, +2 for using multiple modes (phone and digital) and +2 for operating at least six continuous hours.

I won’t try to list everyone that helped in some way, because I know I would miss someone, but many thanks to all those who helped set up (one member even skipped out on his wife’s birthday to help!), those who operated, those who visited and those who helped clean up. We had at least one non-ham visitor stop by to see what we were up to, which was pretty cool.

Please check out some photos from the event on this page and the next!



Photo by Joe Felix K8NW

◆ Setting up one of the patio heaters while a couple of people work the phone station.



Photo by Joe Felix K8NW

◆ Phil KE8LYG and George N3VQW setting up George’s wire vertical antenna.



Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

◆ Both photos: Justin KE8COY (seated, left) at the SSB station, Jeff KF8PO (standing) and George N3VQW at the digital station (seated, right).

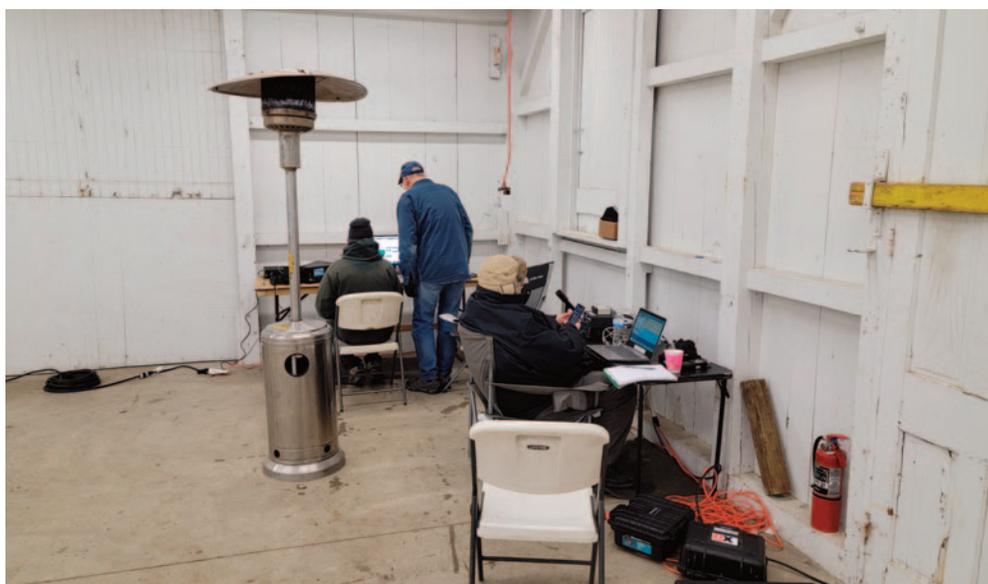


Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

Newcomers and Old-Timers Net

The net continues! 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 February 2nd topic will be "Propagation Banners" and the topic for the 16th will be "Amateur Radio on a Budget."



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Brunch Bunch

by Bruce Vanselow, N8BV

Happy Anniversary – It's been 14 years!!

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, February 8th, at 1pm. The location for February is Strong's Brick Oven Pizzeria, the Westside location. Strong's is located at 6166 Bridgetown Road, 45248. They are at the corner of Bridgetown and Taylor Roads.

"Everyone speaks of brands, brand recognition and brand expansion. At Strong's we strive to be much more than a brand. We are a Family and our Family grows with every loyal customer and employee. When you walk into a Strong's establishment you will receive a warm welcome and super friendly service, after all you are family. You can be reassured that each pizza is made to order, from scratch, with the freshest ingredients possible. So come on by for an Old World Italian Pie and help us grow our family! Thank you, The Strong Family"

For a look at the menu as well as a map: www.strongsbriickenpizza.com/westside

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 14 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

January, 2025 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of January 7th, 2025, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Ryan AC8UJ with the Pledge of Allegiance. The club meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Guests: N/A

New Licenses or Upgrades: N/A

Attendance: 3 in person; 22 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: Joe KA2UYB is in the hospital with a broken hip. N3VQZ was diagnosed with Alzheimers disease

Awards & Achievements: Dan KF4AV got his DXCC up to 280 mixed and 275 CW

Prior Meeting Minutes: Drew KE8JTL made the motion, and Greg AB8GJ seconded accepting the meeting minutes for December 2024 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 77 have renewed for the year out of 157 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: Still having problems at the 625 site.

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.

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

Brunch Bunch: 1/11 1PM at Roosters in Western Hills

Events:

- Ohio VHF Simplex Event January 18th 2pm-6pm
- Winter Field Day January 25th & 26th

Old Business:

- Bylaws update: Ryan AC8UJ — Progress is being made. We will try to approve the changes at a meeting

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in the future if we have a quorum

- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No updates.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot. None.

New Business:

- All the incumbent officers were installed.

Program: Winter Field Day

Split the Pot: N/A

Motion to adjourn made by George N3VQW, seconded by Craig KD9ZKL. Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

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 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!



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.

DX Spots - February 2025

DE KA3MTT

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 8R1TM - Guyana Thru 2-8  | V47JA - St Kitts & Nevis thru 2-5  | J52EC - Guinea Bissau thru 3-1  | 9X2AW - Rwanda Thru 2-15  | TZ1CE - Mali thru 2-20  | 5N9DTG - Nigeria Thru 2-8  | 1 9G5IK - Senegal Thru 2-6 ----- C5PL - Gambia Thru 2-6 |
| 2 6W7 - Senegal thru 2-28  | 3 | 4 VP2ECV - Anguilla Thru 2-18 ----- S79 - Seychelles Thru 2-20 | 5 D440A - Cape Verde Thru 2-18  | 6 5V0DX - Togo thru 2-14  | 7 P4 - Aruba thru 3-11  | 8 AD7KYD - St Helena Thru 2-15  |
| 9 | 10 | 11 VK9 - Cocos Keeling Thru 2-18 ----- V73WW - Marshall Is Thru 2-23 | 12 C6ADA - Bahamas Thru 2-16  | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 PJ7 - Sint Martin thru 3-4 ----- FP - St Pierre & Miquelon thru 2-25 ----- FS - St Martin thru 3-4 | 17 | 18 VK9XU - Christmas I Thru 34  | 19 FS - St Martin thru 2-27  | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 8Q7FL - Maldives Thru 3-6  | 27 | 28 | |

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| 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) |
| Wednesday | February 5 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Tuesday | February 11 @ 7:30 PM | Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting) |
| Wednesday | February 12 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Sunday | February 16 @ 7:00 PM | Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Monday | February 17 @ 9:00 PM | SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Wednesday | February 19 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Wednesday | February 26 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Sunday | March 2 @ 7:00 PM | Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Monday | March 3 @ 9:00 PM | SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater) |
| Tuesday | March 4 @ 7:30 PM | Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall) |
| Wednesday | March 5 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater) |

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

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|----------------|--------|
| 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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 QCEN Representative Tom Delaney W8WTD
 Membership Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT
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 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
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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
 K8SCH Paper QSL Mgr Bob Frey WA6EZV
 K8SCH Elec. QSL Mgr . . Rick Haltermon KD4PYR
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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.