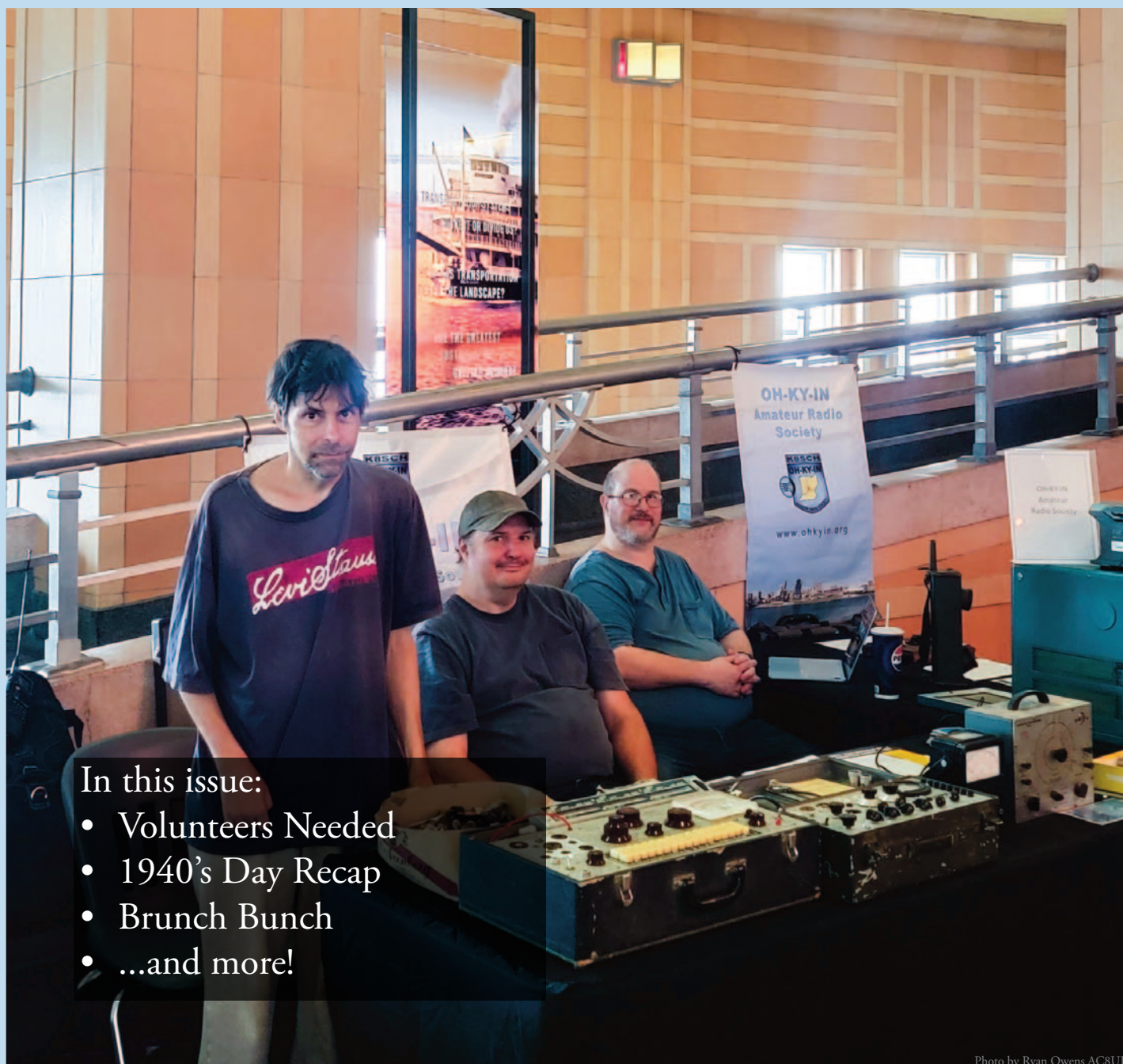




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Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

◆ "1940's Day" at Cincinnati Museum Center. Left to right: Greg KA8MQD, Eric KE8BNZ and George N3VQW

Volunteers Needed: : Run the Big Six Wheel at the Harvest Home Fair!

by Rocky McGrath KE8DZS

The Harvest Home Fair is right around the corner, and the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Club needs your help to make this year's event a success. We are looking for club members and friends to step up and volunteer at our Big Six booth. Working the booth is a fun, high-energy way to represent OH-KY-IN, engage with the local community, and help raise vital funds that support our repeater systems, public service events, and club activities throughout the year.

We need coverage during the main fair hours:

- Friday, September 11: 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- Saturday, September 12: 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- Sunday, September 13: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

Volunteer Details

- Role: Spinning the wheel, managing bets, handing out prizes, and sharing a friendly smile.
- Shifts: Flexible 2 to 3-hour shifts available throughout Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Experience Required: None! We will show you everything you need to know on-site.

How to Sign Up

Please let us know your availability by next Friday, September 4th. You can reach out directly to Rocky McGrath (KE8DZS) by phone at (513) 477-6224 or by e-mail at dennismcgrath@gmail.com

You can also sign up in person at the next club meeting. Thank you for supporting OH-KY-IN — we can't do it without you!

Brunch Bunch

by George Gardei, N3VQW

The September Brunch Bunch will be at Price Hill Chili, 4920 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45238, on Saturday, September 12th at 1:00 PM.

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. If you have any suggestions on what restaurant you think might be a good place for the Brunch Bunch to visit in the future, please let me know.

George N3VQW

1940's Day at Cincinnati Museum Center

OH-KY-IN once again had a table at the event and did our best to represent Amateur Radio while blending in with the theme of the day. 1940's Day is always a fun event with classic cars, live music and lots of people, and the old Union Terminal is the perfect place for an event like this. This year, there were a total of five club members working the event including George Gardei N3VQW, Eric Spendel KE8BNZ, Greg Vicars KA8MQD, Dan Curtin KF4AV and Ryan Owens AC8UJ.

Special thanks to George for organizing the event and to Eric for bringing part of his collection of vintage (and some modern) gear for display. Eric's collection makes for a very nice display. This year, he brought a box of vacuum tubes for people to handle, a couple of portable tube tester kits, some test equipment and a vintage 100 MHz oscilloscope alongside a comparable modern unit. Being able to show people how technology has advanced was a great conversation starter. We had many guests stop by the table and chat. Lots of kids were really intrigued by the vacuum tubes and loved pushing buttons on the tube testers. Many older guests shared stories from times past of going to the corner drug store to test tubes from their televisions and buy replacements when needed. All in all, it was a great day sharing our club with the public. Thanks to all who helped out!



Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

◆ Left to right: Greg KA8MQD, Eric KE8BNZ and George N3VQW

August, 2026 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of August 4th, 2026, 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: Bryan KC8ZRL

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Attendance: 15 in person; 13 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: N/A

Awards & Achievements: WA6EZV got Continental US on 6M

Program: Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH on the Volunteer Monitor Program

Prior Meeting Minutes: George N3VQW made the motion, and Robert WA6EZV seconded accepting the meeting minutes for July 2026 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 122 have renewed for the year out of 157 from last year. Please renew at <https://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

Treasurer: Kevin W8SM, report filed for audit.

Silent Key: N/A

Tech Committee: N/A

Classes/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: Tech Talk could use some more check ins.

Website: The website has been moved to the new hosting platform.

QCEN: Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30PM at the Red Cross building.

ARES: Meeting are held the 3rd Tuesday of alternating months at 7PM

Brunch Bunch: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00pm. Steak 'n Shake, 4949 Ridge Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45209

Events:

- 8/15 - Great Lakes conference at Cincinnati Hamfest
- 8/22 - 1940's Day @ Museum Center
- 9/11 - 9/13 - Harvest Home Fair
- 9/12 - OHSPOTA

Old Business:

- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No Update.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot. N/A

New Business:

- The property audit committee work is underway.

Split the Pot: \$26.00 Split \$17.00 to KE8LYG. Donated back to the club.

Motion to adjourn made by Cesi KD8OOB, seconded by Kitty W8TDA. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary

DX Spots - September 2026

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	CT9 - Madeira thru 9-6 	1 J3 - Grenada thru 9-12 	2	3	4 T88PB - Palau Thru 9-7 ----- Z68PX - Kosovo Thru 9-11 ----- 3W9C - Vietnam Thru 9-12	5
6	7	8	9 RI1FJZ - Franz Josef Land thru 9-25 	10	11	12 JD1 - Ogasawara Thru 9-19 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 8Q7H - Maldives Thru 10-10 	21 5W0AF - Samoa Thru 10-12 	22	23 VP9I - Bermuda Thru 9-29 	24 JD1 - Ogasawara Thru 10-6 	25	26
27	28	29	30 9T0MD - Dem Rep Congo thru 10-11 			

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday	September 1 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)
Wednesday	September 2 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	September 8 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	September 9 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 16 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 23 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 30 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	October 6 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)
Wednesday	October 7 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	October 13 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	October 14 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	October 21 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	October 28 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)

Meeting Information

Our monthly club meetings are typically 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 typically 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 qfiver@ohkyin.org. 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.

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Please renew your membership, if you haven't already

Committee Chairs & Appointments

Technical Operations Gary Coffey KB8MYC
 ARPSA Representative (open)
 Volunteer Examiners Gary Coffey KB8MYC
 QCEN Representative Tom Delaney W8WTD
 Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT
 Fundraising Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 Education Tom Delaney W8WTD
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . . Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 PIO Steve Crase N8PUP
 Librarian Justin Moore KE8COY
 Q-Fiver Editor Ryan Owens AC8UJ
 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 Haltermmon KD4PYR
 TV/RFI Dick Arnett WB8SUV

OH-KY-IN Officers

President Ryan Owens AC8UJ
 Vice President Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
 Secretary Steve Crase N8PUP
 Treasurer Kevin Tribbe W8SM
 Director Drew MacDonald KE8JTL
 Director Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 Director Mike Niehaus KD8ZLB
 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.

Special Note for Seniors: Anyone who is over 70½ can make a donation to OH-KY-IN from their IRA and enjoy a tax benefit even if they don't itemize deductions, using what is called a QCD. Simply direct your IRA custodian to make the donation directly to OH-KY-IN (not payable to you) and the distribution will not result in any taxable income to you, even without itemizing deductions on your return. Contact your IRA custodian for the proper form to use.

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 65 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.