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Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

◆ “America 250” display piece at the Harvest Home Fair, near OH-KY-IN’s “Big 6” booth

November Meeting is ONLY via Zoom

Due to our meeting coinciding with election day, our normal meeting location will be unavailable. Because of this, we will hold the November meeting only via Zoom.

Brunch Bunch

by George Gardei, N3VQW

The October Brunch Bunch will be at LaRosa's Pizza, 2411 Boudinot Ave in West Price Hill, on Saturday, October 10th 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

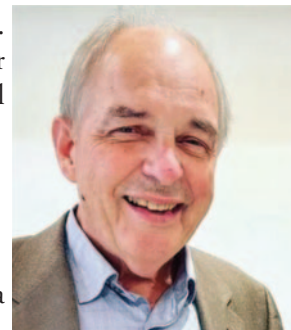
W. Thomas Delaney, W8WTD, Silent Key

Tom was a long-time member of multiple amateur radio clubs, including OH-KY-IN. Tom was a tremendous help to us by organizing multiple events, coordinating our classes, providing his videography services for our meetings and much more. Tom will be greatly missed.

You can find his obituary [here](#).

Tom's Bio from QRZ.com

Tom Delaney, W8WTD, is past president of the Queen City Emergency Net, and a member of the OH-KY-IN club, and the Champaign Logan Amateur Radio Club. He is the editor of the QCEN newsletter, the Listening Post. He is also the trustee for one of the QCEN repeaters. He served six years as Vice Director for the Great Lakes Division of the ARRL.



Tom spent many years as the volunteer Chairman of the Communications Committee for Disaster Services at the Cincinnati Area Chapter, American Red Cross. He has been active in many disaster relief efforts over the years, including the 2012 tornados in Ohio and Kentucky, the 1999 tornado in Blue Ash, Ohio, and the 1990 tornado in Harrison, Ohio. But the one he remembers most was the Ohio River flood of March 1997. He served as the Communications Officer for Red Cross for the first three weeks of the relief effort. He utilized not only the hams from QCEN, but several other local and regional groups, to keep communications open over a large area, some of it totally without telephone service.

His training includes the ARRL Emergency Communications courses, as well as the Disaster Services Technology training courses, and many other courses offered by the Red Cross. He is an ARES member.

He has been a volunteer instructor for many years, helping a number of hams get their Technician licenses.

On HF, his favorite band is 15 meters. He enjoys working Field Day and the Jamboree on the Air.

A Letter from our Membership Chairman

by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Greetings to all,

I hope this note finds everyone well, and all are looking forward to some cooler temperatures associated with Fall.

With the last quarter of the calendar year in the windshield, comes the time for all of us to renew our membership with OH-KY-IN ARS.

I am hopeful that everyone receiving this message will consider renewing their membership. There are so many examples of advantages to being a member of OH-KY-IN ARS. To name just a few, the club has a definitive flag-ship repeater, 146.670. I often hear a station from Brookville, IN checking into nets consistently.

What is a club and its repeaters without nets? Check out any or all of the following:

- Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net, 8 PM – 7 days a week
- OH-KY-IN ARS Tech Talk Net – Wednesdays at 9 PM (this includes the Amateur Radio Newsline)
- Hamilton County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp Training Net – 9 PM on Thursday
- Hamilton County ARES Net – 7 PM on 1st Monday of the month

OH-KY-IN ARS holds monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. The meetings are currently being held at the Village of Arlington Heights Town Hall, located at 601 Elliott Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. It's not far off I-75 at the Galbraith Road exit (southbound exit 10 – Reagan Hwy/Galbraith Rd and northbound left exit 10B – Galbraith Rd). The meetings are ALSO available in real-time using Zoom, with link information on our website. Doors open at 7 PM for conversation before we start. Most of the time we're wrapped up by 9 PM. We sell tickets for a Split-The-Pot drawing during the meeting, so bring along some cash! There is also a monthly meeting presentation topic which aims to educate members and visitors on a variety of topics.

OH-KY-IN ARS also participates in many different events, such as ARRL Field Day, ARRL Sweepstakes, Winter Field Day, Foxhunting, and Brunch Bunch, to name a few.

I hope the above highlights will prompt you to join or renew your membership with OH-KY-IN ARS. The club has made it easier than ever to do so. The easiest way to send payment is by using ANY major credit/debit card or PayPal using this secure link: <https://renew.ohkyin.org/>

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

<https://www.ohkyin.org/docs/Applications/Membership%20App.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

Scouting Activities Update

by Shawn Grubb, KE8BBC

Scouts on the Air in Ohio & Northern Kentucky: Fall Kick Off!

The Dan Beard Council Radio Scouting Committee had a busy spring and summer! May brought a Morse code challenge at Camp Michaels for Scouts headed to the National Jamboree. Thanks to NKARC and AI4BJ for stepping up! Then came five straight Wednesday nights at Camp Friedlander in June and July, operating as KY4BSA on VHF and HF with eighty-seven Scouts getting on the air. One night we had twenty-three Scouts on the radio logging contacts all over the US and Latin America, plus hearing stations in Slovakia and Russia. In June, Scouts joined NKARC at Lincoln Ridge Park for Field Day.

Since January 2026: 197 Scouts and 46 adults on the air across ten activations.

Three ways to get in on it. **First, hunt +500,000 Scouts internationally during Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), October 17 and 18.** Locally WC8VOA and the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester will be hosting TriState scouts and leaders from 12 until 4 PM at the VOA.

Second, Troop 674 is participating in JOTA Campout as the capstone of a three-session Radio Merit Badge training program on October 17th. We are going to complete training, sign-off on the Radio Merit Badge, and then get all 30 scouts on the air from 1 to 4 PM at camp here locally. We could use a couple more POTA-experienced operators. Email ke8bbc@arrrl.net if you can help.

Third, join the committee. This is getting big, and we need help. We are looking for leaders who can organize activations, POTA people who like working with kids, educators willing to learn-do-teach the Radio Merit Badge, and connectors who can help us get the word out. Contact Shawn Grubb, KE8BBC, at ke8bbc@arrrl.net, or find us here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61585942053513>



Want more? Here are a couple podcasts the team has been on!

Hamateur Hour, “Introducing Scouts to Ham Radio at ARRL Field Day”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xt63P8JM-c8>

Ham Radio Kids Table “How To Teach Radio To Scouts: A Behind The Scenes Look”
<https://www.youtube.com/live/K0T9IMak6ro?t=59s>

Hamvention: “Building a Radio Scouting Committee Lessons Learned”
<https://youtu.be/sDEb41ptZPM?t=2>

September, 2026 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of September 1st, 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: Chris KF8HEN and Scott N8SY

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Attendance: 15 in person; 9 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: Andy K3CAQ is now a grandfather

Awards & Achievements: None

Program: Dan Curtin KF4AV on Polar Modulation and Amplifiers

Prior Meeting Minutes: Drew KE8JTL made the motion, and Bruce KE8KUV seconded accepting the meeting minutes for August 2026 as corrected in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 125 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. Only running 5-6 check-ins.

Website: N/A

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. Price Hill Chili.

Events:

- 9/11 - 9/13 - Harvest Home Fair
- 9/12 - OHSPOTA
- 10/10 - Queen Bee Half Marathon

Old Business:

- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No update.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot. N/A
- Property Audit Committee work should be underway

New Business:

- We need volunteers for the nominating committee.

Split the Pot: N/A

Motion to adjourn made by Stephen KE8TEY, seconded by Cesi KD8OOB Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary

DX Spots - October 2026

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	FW1P - Wallis & Futuna thru 10-17 	ZC4OL - Cyprus Thru 10-2 	9T0MD - Dem Rep of Congo thru 10-11 	1 V61GSE - Micronesia thru 10-7 ----- XR0Z - Juan Fernandez Is thru 10-31 ----- C5R - Gambia thru 11-4	2 	3 H44MS - Solomon Is thru 11-20 
4	5 6O2M - Somalia thru 10-25 	6	7 JW5X - Svalbard Thru 10-12 ----- TF - Iceland thru 10-17 ----- H49A - Solomon Is Thru 10-21	8 ZA - Albania thru 10-30 	9	10 9H6C - Malta thru 10-12 
11 YJ1JXA - Vanuatu Thru 10-16 	12	13	14	15 3DA0GY - E Swatini thru 11-2 	16 S21HRG - Bangladesh thru 10-20 ----- 7P8GE - Lesotho Thru 10-29	17 VP9 - Bermuda thru 10-20 ----- S9R - Sao Tome & Principe thru 10-31 ----- JD1BQP - Ogasawara thru 11-2
18	19 5H3MB - Tanzania Thru 11-19 	20	21	22 V63SC - Micronesia Thru 10-26 	23 9N7XT - Nepal thru 10-31 	24
25	26 7P9EA - Lesotho Thru 11-25 	27	28 V47JA - St Kitts & Nevis thru 11-6 ----- 6W - Senegal thru 11-9	29	30 V26JJ - Antigua thru 11-6 ----- KH8A - American Samoa thru 11-12	31 FW3GT - Wallis & Futuna thru 11-14 

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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)
Tuesday	November 3 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom Only)
Wednesday	November 4 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	November 10 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	November 11 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	November 18 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	November 25 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	December 1 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Party (Zoom & Arlington Hts. Town Hall)
Wednesday	December 2 @ 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.

Do you have a photo you think would look good on the cover? Send it! Cover photos must comply with a few requirements. Most importantly, like all content included in this publication, we must be able to clearly determine that we are allowed to reprint it. This can be proven in one of two ways. Method one is if it is original artwork you personally created and you can attest to it being your property, created by you. Method two is for you to provide clear evidence of where you obtained the artwork along with a reference showing that we are free to reproduce it (e.g. a link to the license terms for the artwork, written permission from the creator, etc.). Cover photos/art must also be composed in such a way that the masthead at the top of the cover page will not cover the main subject of the photo/art and space exists for the "In this issue" box. Images that relate in some way to radio are preferred but other pieces will be considered as well.

Please renew your membership, if you haven't already

Committee Chairs & Appointments

Technical Operations Gary Coffey KB8MYC
 ARPSC Representative (open)
 Volunteer Examiners Gary Coffey KB8MYC
 QCEN Representative (open)
 Membership Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT
 Fundraising Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 Education (open)
 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

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 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.