



# Dial Radio Club



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## Minutes of the February 16, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

### Attendance

K8CM, KD8CPV, WD8DFK, WA8DTU, W8EH, KD8FKO, N8GGE, KD8GXD, N8HP, KI8I, WB8MYT, N8NRF, N8OZN, KF8PD & Tommy, NR8R & Barb, AF8T, N8TFH, W8WCQ, W8WFO, W8WLM, KC8WOF

### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:00 p.m.

### Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting as published was made by Rick, AF8T, and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed with 1 nay.

### Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 84 members representing 59 families. Ron stated that 9 of last year's members had not renewed as of yet. Ron read the nine names and asked attendees to encourage them to renew. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Bob, K8RJH, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported some strange behavior of the repeater was noted during the high winds that were experienced recently. Otherwise the repeater system is doing well.

### Activity Report:

Don, WA8DTU, presented the Activity report for Lorie who was in class. He reminded those in attendance of the Dial Intercom Net on Thursdays at 9:00 pm local time.

### Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, announced that Dial will sponsor an Amateur Radio Examination Session on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, and that as a result, the extra class license preparation course would not be meeting that night. The exam will be in Verity Lodge, Miami University, Middletown Campus. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm and exams will begin around 6:30.

### Old Business

Ernie, W8EH, reported that we have no reservations for flea market spaces at Hamvention at this time. He also reported that we have a permit to use Smith Park during Field Day weekend in June.

Next Meeting: Monday March 16, at the **Golden Corral**

## New Business

Membership: Ron presented applications for membership in Dial from two individuals. Tom Ristaneo, K8DTR was sponsored by Don, WA8DTU. Ron, N8QF, made a motion to approve Tom's application and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Paul Web, KC8PZX, was sponsored by Barney, N8HP. In spite of his sponsor, Ron, N8QF, moved and Carl, K8CM, seconded a motion to approve Paul's membership. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome to Dial, Tom and Paul.

Rick, AF8T mentioned several difficulties associated with the courtesy tone on the repeater when it is linked via Echolink to the 'DoDropIn' Echolink conference. There was some discussion of how to mediate the problem involving Rick, Ernie, Carl, and others that the Secretary may have missed. Apparently the fix will require that the sub-tone squelch and the carrier squelch be used simultaneously.

## Adjournment:

Mark, WD8DFK, made a motion to adjourn and John, W8WCQ, seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

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## News and Information

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### WEAVER'S WORDS -- Time for the March Hare

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+++ Library Section Dedicated to Memory of W4OYI +++

The Owensboro (Kentucky) Amateur Radio Club in cooperation with ARRL and the Daviess County Kentucky Public Library has dedicated a section of Amateur Radio books to the memory of former Great Lakes Division Director and ARRL President George Wilson, III (W4OYI, SK). The dedication was made on

February 17. Wilson was a highly respected resident of Owensboro.

George Wilson is the only member of the Great Lakes Division to have become president of the ARRL. Division Legislative Action Chairman and former Kentucky SM John Meyers, NB4K and I were privileged to represent the League and the Division at the dedication.

+++ Swedish Amateurs become more Accessible +++

QSOs with Swedish amateurs should become more frequent beginning 1 April when Sweden expands its 40 meter band to 7.0 to 7.2 MHz. This change follows the opening earlier this year of 6M (50-52 MHz) to normal amateur use. Swedish amateurs can use up to 200 w. output power on 6. The change in 6M operation in Sweden means amateurs there will no longer need to obtain a special license at extra cost for this band.

The addition of the 100 kHz segment to the 40M band brings Sweden into line with International Telecommunications Union (ITU) action in 2003.

At this time, ITU delegations approved moving all international broadcasting out of the 7.1-7.2 MHz segment and to allocate 7.0-7.2 MHz only to Amateur Radio use. Expansion of the international 40M band by the ITU was in response to work by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

The ITU action; however, does not require any country to give additional privileges to amateurs. The decision to give more frequencies on 40 M to its amateurs is up to each country.

+++ Should It be "Our Way or No Way"? +++

In this country we have generally been raised with the thought that we should be independent thinkers. "Think out of the box," is a very popular admonition given to us. This is just another way of saying, "Don't follow one another like a flock of geese walking from one location to another."

Individualism is great. Pushing the sides of the envelope to see what we can accomplish by developing a new "paradigm" offers many benefits.

Without individual thinking, we would not have electricity, the light bulb, telecommunications and so many other inventions that were developed by Edison, the Maxims and many others who were not tied to the world of their "today."

However, there are times when following the leader is the best way to go. Fighting this truism is a sign of impracticality. There are times when letting go of the detail we have learned is good and accepting different differing detail is preferable under the circumstances.

For example, we who matured our message handling skills using National Traffic System (NTS) procedures might think this is the only way to handle traffic. This isn't true. The military,

government and other emergency support agencies have their own message handling systems.

Although the NTS way is good, it isn't the only way. Depending upon the total situation, it might not even be the best way. (If you are still reading this, you know I haven't been struck by lightning . . . yet!)

As it says in the Bible, 'Render unto Cesar that which is Cesar's and unto God that which is God's.' Applying this wisdom to message traffic, we might say, "Put into Emergency Management Agency format the traffic which is EMA's and into ARRL NTS format the traffic which is NTS's."

The bottom line is that when we provide communications service to a served agency (EMA, Salvation Army, Red Cross), we should follow their requests provided they are legal, ethical and moral. The discipline and skill we gained through learning to use the NTS message system will provide the discipline and skill we need to communicate using any procedures preferred by EMA, SA, RC or other agency.

We need to avoid offering our service only to place irrelevant restrictions on the manner in which we will provide the service.

+++ Triple Play Award and Logbook +++

First, let me correct an error in my comment last month about the early winners of the Triple Play Award. The call sign given for Jeffrey Wheeler, winner of the second Award earned, was incorrect. His correct call is W7JW, not W7JIO. Sorry, Jeffrey.

My Triple Play comment brought a question. To summarize, the question is, "Why has ARRL initiated the new, Triple Play Award (ed., Available only through Logbook of the World.) but still requires paper QSL cards to be submitted for the VHF/UHF Century Club Award?"

This is a good question. On the surface, initiating a new award that requires confirmation only by LoTW, but not allowing LoTW to be used for VUCC doesn't make sense -- on the surface, this is.

Below the surface, the answer and the logic are quite simple. Resolving the issue is more complex. It involves programming. LoTW simply was not set up to service VHF/UHF Century Club.

For the Triple Play, the only thing that was needed was to tweak the existing WAS portion of Logbook to add the new award. In the case of VUCC, the programming hurdle is much greater.

Marrying VUCC with LoTW is a definite objective of the ARRL officers, senior staff and each of us 15 Directors. The fact, though, is that the project to complete the redo of the ARRL web site has much more precedence. The VUCC-LoTW project must wait for now.

+++ Wouff Hong at the National Convention-Hamvention +++

Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK was quick to provide a little history lesson on The Royal Order of the Wouff Hong. I noted last month that the script SM Phillips uses for the Wouff Hong was first used at the second annual ARRL Michigan State Convention in Flint on February 11, 1923. I added, "This probably wasn't the first exemplification of the Wouff Hong, but it had to be among the earlier ones."

Dale nicely pointed out that records prove the 1923 presentation of the Wouff Hong was the first time it was offered anywhere.

This original script will be presented at the ARRL National Convention-Dayton Hamvention(r) on Saturday night at 11.

+++ International Amateur Radio Union happenings +++

On 10 February 2009 the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) counted ballots in its regular election for new officers and on accepting two additional national societies into membership. When the counting was finished, IARU had elected new officers and accepted two new national societies into membership.

Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA of Canada was elected the new president.

He succeeds Larry Price, W4RA who retired from the position. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, was chosen Vice President. Terms of office for IARU President and Vice President in the IARU are five years.

The election involved voting by 73 member societies. The societies cast votes (aye or nay) or abstentions in each of the four ballots.

Fifty seven affirmative votes were required for adoption. Each proposal was approved without dissent.

Upon being elected IARU President, Mr. Ellam said: "I am very honoured to have been elected as President of IARU and look forward to working with all three Regions and the Member-Societies during my term in office. We no doubt will face many issues in the run up to the 2011 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-11), but I look forward to working as a team to meet the challenges ahead. (Courtesy IARU.)"

While ranking officer of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Ellam was a guest at ARRL Board meetings. He is a very knowledgeable amateur.

+++ The ARRL A-1 Operator Club +++

One of the relatively unheralded awards given by ARRL is the A-1 Operator Award. This Award recognizes good personal operating and good equipment operation. It is an award each of us who take Amateur Radio reasonably seriously should want to achieve.

Before I get jumped on by someone who has the mistaken idea this award is for CW ops, only, let me say this is not correct. It is open for ops using any mode available and on any band assigned to amateur use.

One unique feature of the A-1 Operator Award is that the recipient must be nominated by two amateurs who already hold it. In most instances, the recipient of the award does not even know they have been nominated. A-1 Operators are eligible to receive a nice lapel pin that identifies them as members of the club.

Information about the A-1 Operator Club is available at [www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/](http://www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/). Members of the Club are listed at [www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/roster](http://www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/roster). Rules the procedure for nominating amateurs to the club are at [www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/a1v11.html#who](http://www.arrl.org/awards/a1-op/a1v11.html#who).

As of January 30, 2009, there are 5,252 members of the A-1 Operator Club. Why not double check your operating procedure against Club requirements. One never knows when two Club members will hear or work you and nominate you to join the Club.

+++ More Triple Play Winners +++

Additions to the Triple Play Award roster since my last e-letter are Ernest S. Jurusik, W8DCH, Columbus, OH; James F. Tullis, W8CZN, Hudson, OH; Robert A. Daniels, K8KWT, Kentwood, MI; James D. Main, N8FV, Muskegon, MI; John S. Comella, N8AA, Hamilton, OH; Daniel N. Hardy, N8VV Newcomerstown, OH; Eric Kindig, W8EJK, Sidney, OH; Mad River Radio Club, W8MAD, Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, K8CC, Ypsilanti, MI; D. Douglas Friend, WB8TLI, Troy, OH; John A. Wulf, K4FT, Crab Orchard, KY. 2/20/09

+++ W1AW CW Transmission on 160 M changes Frequency +++

Beginning March 9, ARRL's W1AW will shift its CW transmission on 160 M to 1802.5 KHz. This move is to help avoid interference with increasing activity that is developing near the 1817.5 kHz frequency previously.

+++ And, in Miami the Winner is . . . +++

Ohio SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE is a theatre aficionado and well he should be. He taught theatre at Princeton High School in Springdale, OH for many years. This was a very good program.

Since retiring from his teaching duties, he has continued his love affair with the stage by following movies and the legitimate stage whenever his schedule permits. Included in his activities is putting together his best estimate of the winners at the annual Academy Awards. He has just issued his list for 2009.

Anyone who follows the Academy Awards to any degree might wish to make a note of Joe's selections and compare them with the actual winners.

Why? If he is pretty well on target, one could congratulate him for his great insight. If he is well off target, a good razzing might be in order.

K8QOE's Academy Award predictions for 2009 are:

Best pix: Slumdog Millionaire

Best actor: Mickey Rourke for The Wrestler

Best actress: Kate Winslet for The Reader

Best supporting actress: Marisa Tomei for The Wrestler

Best supporting actor: Heath Ledger for The Dark Knight

Best director: Danny Boyle for Slumdog Millionaire

Best original screen play: Dustin Lance Black for Milk

Best adapted screen play: Simon Beaufoy for Slumdog Millionaire (adapted from the book Q&A)

Best cinematography: Anthony Dod Mantle for Slumdog

Millionaire Best foreign film: Israel for Waltz With Besir

+++ Division Travel Philosophy +++

The past two years generally saw Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA and I travel together to most hamfests/swaps and other events in the Division. This was logical. Because of the way we did this, the two of us were able to travel nearly as inexpensively as if only one of us had made the individual trips.

The disadvantage of following the general plan of traveling together is that time constraints on each of us made it impractical to visit several areas of the Division that we could have visited by travelling separately.

This year we are changing our plan for travel. Gary and I will typically go to different hamfests and, much of the time, we will have another member of the Division Cabinet join us. We believe this will allow us bring more ARRL representatives to more areas of the Division while enabling us to live within the Division budget.

The two cabinet members who most often can be expected to join Gary and me are Jay Slough, K4ZLE and John Meyers, NB4K. Jay will be able to discuss the operation of the 8th Region Incoming QSL Bureau that he manages. John, as Division Legislative Action Chairman, will be able to share the operation of the ARRL Legislative Action Program directly with members.

+++ Tentative Travel Schedule +++

The tentative travel schedule (through June) for Great Lakes Division officers and chairpersons is shown below. This schedule will be expanded to additional months in future issues of Words. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA and I, Division Legislative Action Chairman John Meyers, NB4K and 8th Area ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau Manager Jay

Slough, K4ZLE will join in some of our trips to discuss the programs they head.

This year, we are working especially hard to optimize the value members receive from our travel. Gary and I may not appear together at a number of hamfests. In addition, instead of being at the "same old" hamfests as in the past, we may visit hamfests in parts of the Division that have not been covered during recent years.

If you would like any of us to consider visiting your hamfest/swap, meeting or event, please contact me at

Date.....Event.....Division Representative(s)

- 7 Mar: Cave City, KY; Mammoth Cave ARC -- Gary. John(?)
- 14 Mar: Marshall, MI; SMARS & Marshall HS club -- Jim & John
- 15 Mar: Toledo, OH; Toledo Mobile AR -- Jim & John
- 10 Mar: Waynesville, OH, Bellbrook ARC dinner -- Jim
- 28 Mar: Reynoldsburg, OH; Section ARES Conference -- Gary. Jim(?)
- 19 Apr: Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls ARC -- Jim & Gary
- 26 Apr: Athens, OH; Athens Co. ARA -- Jim & Gary
- 15-17 May: Dayton Hamvention(r) -- Jim, Gary & John
- 6 Jun: Olive Hill, KY; Little Sandy RC -- Gary
- 6 Jun: Grand Rapids, MI; Independent Repeater Assoc. -- Jim & John
- 7 Jun: Chelsea, MI; Chelsea ARC -- Jim & John
- 20 Jun: Midland, MI; Midland ARC -- Jim and Jay
- 21 Jun: Monroe, MI; Monroe Co. RCA -- Jim and Jay
- 26 Jul: Randolph, OH -- Portage ARC -- Jim

NOTE: Please apply to have your hamfest/swap sanctioned well in advance of the date it will be held. The sooner it is sanctioned as an ARRL event, the sooner it will appear on the listing of hamfests and conventions on the ARRL web site. This will provide more publicity for the event.

73,

Jim

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director  
ARRL Great Lakes Division

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### **OHIO SECTION NEWS for MARCH '09**

(Hamfests and Cabinet Listing for the Ohio Section is at the end)

By Joanne Solak, KJ3O

### **Affiliated Clubs Coordinator Ohio Section**

We are just about into the month of March and the Spring Season. One wouldn't know it to look outside and see all the snow piled everywhere. Northeast Ohio has had it's share of Lake effect snow this year. We are told this is the worst weather in 10 years. It has been really cold along with the high winds and snowfall. We had the January thaw in February and now the Winter took over again and this weather can't seem to level out one way or the other. I can't wait for Spring! Or will it turn into an April Fool trick?

However I have heard say this is good antenna weather?  
Anyone agree?

Many first of the Year Club Meetings were canceled because of the bad weather so lots of Clubs are meeting in February as their first meeting of the new year. PLEASE if you have elected new Club Officers or made any changes in your Club that needs to be sent to the League, FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT FORM. It is very simple to do. Just simply go on line to the League page. HYPERLINK "<http://www.arrl.org/clubs>" [www.arrl.org/clubs](http://www.arrl.org/clubs) then follow the prompts to the Annual report form on line, make the updates and submit. That's all there is to it.

The 2009 Club membership dues are due for most Clubs NOW! So support your Club and pay those dues. With the economic situation as it is, Clubs really need to count on the membership support to pay Club expenses. This year the cost of maintaining a Club could be the most ever. With Field Day and other Public Service events, expenses are expected to be higher than last years. If a Club or Clubs sponsor a hamfest, attend, volunteer your help, and support the event in whatever way you can.

The Ohio Section has set the week of March 22nd to the 28th as Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week with the Statewide Tornado Drill set for Wednesday, March 25th at 9:50 AM. Many Ohio Counties and Ohio Section Clubs have scheduled SKYWARN Training Sessions to coincide with this Ohio Schedule. Make sure your Club makes your session available to the Public if you decide to sponsor one of these sessions. Advertise in your local paper or even e-mail your County Officials and First Responders. Fliers can be placed on Bulletin Boards in stores and don't forget to invite your local Police and Firemen.

The 20/9 Amateur Radio Club is getting the Club 2009 plans lined up ready to go. I really think they started last year. They are a very busy club and that's why they are an ARRL Special Service Club. Under the leadership of their President Allan Avnet, AB8AA and Vice President Jim Sekinger, KC8HSD, the Club moves steadily along. SKYWARN training is scheduled for March 24th at Austintown Fitch High School at 6:30 PM.

The Massillon Amateur Radio Club has held it's last Safety Break at the Dover Exit on Interstate 77. They will be replacing that event with a new type of fundraiser. Their first meeting for

their newly elected officers was February 8th. The new President, Rodger Trompower, KA8FTS, along with the Vice President, Carl Cunert, AB8CC, and other Club Officers will lead the Club into 2009. They have tentatively planned their annual Skywarn Spotter Training Program for Wednesday, March 18th at Stark State College of Technology. It starts at 6:30 PM. The MARC will sponsor Technician Classes scheduled to start February 23, 2009 at the Senior Center at 7PM and will last approximately 6 weeks. The primary instructor will be Gary Kline, WC8W. Gary is also the Newsletter Editor.

Grant ARC, Club Call Sign W8STZ, President, Al Norris, W8UJM, is in the state of shock having been elected President of the Club. Members of the Club will take good care of him I'm sure.

The OH-KY-IN is busy planning their year. One of the things first and foremost on their busy schedule is the Amateur Radio Classes. To find out more about these classes go online to <Classes@ohkyin.org>. You can find all the details there. This is a really busy club and the members are to be commended for their accomplishments.

The Dayton Hamvention is scheduled for May 15th through May 17th. And the DARA Hamvention Committee is very busy getting everything ready for the Big Day.

The Ohio Single Side Band Net changed from Winter Operations February 18th. The frequency is 3.972.5 MHZ and the time of operation is 6:30 PM (only the evening session)

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee is currently reviewing the Technician Class Element 2 question pool. The next pool for the Technician Class will become effective July 1, 2010.

Reports are that the Mansfield Hamfest was well attended.

The switch from analog to digital TV has been delayed from the February 17th date to sometime in June, possibly the 12th. There is plenty of time for your Club to sponsor a DTV awareness event.

The Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service held their 2008 Awards and recognition Meeting which was well attended. There were many award recipients and a good time was had by all.

Have you checked into the Ohio Section Web Site at <HYPERLINK "<http://www.arrloho.org>" [www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org)>? Try it. The Web Master is Jeff Slatery, N8SUZ of Athens, Ohio. You can find a list of VE exams, Hamfests, and lots more on the Ohio Section Web Site.

Remember the Spotlight Club of the Month is still alive and well. If you wish to have your Club in the Spotlight send me the information about your Club by the 12th of the month. If you

have any news about your Club you wish to share with the Ohio Section, send me the information by the 12th of the month and I will get it in the Monthly.

Thank you all for sending me your e-mails and newsletters etc. Always glad to receive your information. I read each and every e-mail and newsletter complete. So keep them coming.

Support your Local Club. Pay your Club Membership Dues. Volunteer to help our with Club events. Join the ARRL if you aren't a member already and if you are an ARRL member enjoy the benefits of ARRL membership. And remember.....FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT FORM!

Well that's it for this time around. THINK SPRING! Remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

Until then, Best 73

Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC Ohio Section

OHIO MARCH HAMFEST  
(15) SUNDAY - TMRA HAMFEST @ COMPUTER SHOW.  
For more information,

visit <[www.tmrhamradio.org](http://www.tmrhamradio.org)>. Located at the Lucas County Rec Center, in Maumee (suburb of Toledo).

OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at <[www.arrloho.org](http://www.arrloho.org)>); ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: Dave Coons, WT8W, New Carlisle; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, Austintown; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells, KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner, K8NAP, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka, W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

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ARRL Ohio Section

Section Manager: Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE

### **February DIAL VE Testing Session**

There were eleven candidates for examination. All were successful, resulting in (2) Amateur Extra, (4) General, and (4) new Technician licenses or upgrades. One candidate failed to provide evidence of a Technician license; consequently, she received examination element credit only. Upon verification with the ARRL/VEC, her General class upgrade will be

processed.

Both Amateur Extra candidates are members of DIAL's ongoing Amateur Extra class.

Thanks go out to our VEs; Ernie Howard, W8EH; Andrew Rohrbach, KD8GKL; Ron Spaulding, N8QF; Barney Taylor, N8HP; Don Urschel, WA8DTU; Lorie Urschel, W8LKU; and Dave Williamson, KD8W.

73, Carl Morgan K8CM

### **Great Lakes Division Convention**

The 2009 Great Lakes Division Convention will be Saturday, September 13 in Findlay, Ohio.

Former Astronaut Tony England, W0ORE will be the principal speaker.

September 13 is the day before the annual Findlay Hamfest.

Watch for further information. Mark your calendar.

ARRL Great Lakes Division  
Director: James Weaver, K8JE

### **License Exams**

**DIAL Radio Club of Middletown Exam dates:**  
April 29, 2009

**Butler County VHF Association Exam dates:**  
May 9, Sep 12, and Nov 14, 2009



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### Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that on three occasions he had witnessed the '61 repeater losing power. He diagnosed the problem as the power amplifier, which he replaced. He also adjusted the squelch to make the repeater more accessible to users in its fringes. The West Middletown repeater is working well.

Carl, K8CM, announced that the radio used to connect Echolink to the repeater had been replaced with a Motorola unit operating on 2 meters. He, Rick, AF8T, and Ernie, W8EH, exchanged comments about possibly low audio on W8BLV when on linked to the server on Echolink. Rick expressed appreciation for the efforts.

### Activity Report:

Don, WA8DTU, presented the Activity report for Lorie who was in class. His main point was that Lorie, W8LKU, will be in a Thursday evening class next quarter and will need someone to cover the Dial Intercom Net for 11 weeks. Rick, AF8T, and Jason, KD8GXD, expressed a willingness to help but also encouraged other amateurs to volunteer. Interested individuals should send Lorie an email.

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### New Business

Ernie, W8EH, reported that our permit to use Smith Park during Field Day weekend in June had been accepted and that he should have the documentation shortly.

Rick, AF8T, asked for volunteers to become the Dial Newsletter Editor. Due to health issues he is trying to reduce his responsibilities. Carl, K8CM, asked Rick what the duties entailed, and Rick responded they were mostly to gather interesting articles and add them to the skeletal newsletter provided by the Secretary. Anyone willing to consider becoming the Newsletter Editor should contact Rick or Barney, N8HP.

Ernie, W8EH, showed his CQWPX certificate from last year, where he won OH in his category. He encouraged those in attendance to participate in contests and consider operating in the 'assisted' -i.e. dx cluster spotting - category, as not many people enter that category for single, low power operators.

Ed, KF8PD, brought up the prospect of buying a 43 foot vertical antenna from DX Engineering for Field Day use. There was some discussion of the issue and a general sense that not enough was known to merit buying one at this time.

### Adjournment:

Carl, K8CM, made a motion to adjourn and Ernie, N8EH, seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

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## **News and Information**

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### OHIO SECTION NEWS APRIL 09

(Hamfests in Ohio and Ohio Cabinet listing is at the end of this issue)

By AFFILIATED CLUBS COORDINATOR, JOANNE SOLAK, KJ30

### GREETINGS OF THE SPRING! FROM THE OHIO SECTION.

FINALLY Spring has sprung. And the Easter Season is just ahead. Many Clubs are busy planning their many public service events they will participate in this year.

SKYWARN is really popular with the many Counties in the Ohio Section. There is nothing like being prepared for severe weather. Did you remember to check into your local ARES/SKYWARN NET during the Spring Severe Weather Awareness week. The statewide Tornado drill was scheduled for March 25th at 9:50 AM.

Now speaking of SKYWARN, this column goofed in the March edition. The SKYWARN of Mahoning County (Youngstown) is NOT affiliated with any club. The March edition associated it with one of Mahoning County's two active ham radio clubs. Both clubs are active in support of SKYWARN. Thanks to Dean DeMain, W8YSU, of Boardman, for getting to us promptly with the correct information.

CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB SECRETARY to see if your Club's ANNUAL REPORT form has been filed this year. There are some clubs scheduled for the "inactive list" if you do not file that form NOW! If you need to file it..go on line to HYPERLINK "<http://www.arrl.org/clubs>" <http://www.arrl.org/clubs> then follow the prompts to the Annual report form, make the updates and submit. That's all there is to it and you can remain on the "active list" with all the ARRL benefits.

REMEMBER If there is anyone in your club who is not an ARRL member or has not been a member during the past two years, have them joined now and a portion of their membership dues will benefit your club. To join or re-join make the check payable to your club and your club will keep \$15.00 for the Club treasury. ( The amount due the ARRL will depend on what membership they desire. Regardless, the Club keeps the \$15.00 and sends the balance to Headquarters. ( \$39.00 is the regular membership)

The Dayton Hamvention is scheduled for May 15th through May 17th. The Dayton Hamvention Committee, including DARA members and supporters, is very busy planning the largest event in the Ohio Section. There have been many hours spent creating an online registration application for their fellow amateurs to register for this event. Carl Rose, K8CPR, Dayton Hamvention General Chairman 2009, says they will be able to better service their customer base and improve their service to them with this online registration application once it is totally developed.

The latest edition of the Ohio Section Journal is available on the Ohio Section Web site. The Ohio Section Web site has lots of information about activities in the Ohio Section. It is kept up to date by Web Master Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.

The 20/9 Club is in the middle of planning the ARRL Annual Field Day scheduled for June 27th and 28th. Steve Fabry, KC8SOY, is setting up this event for the Club. August is the Club's annual Corn Roast, and George Bennett is in charge of this event.

Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service finds their event schedule getting more active than they thought it would be. The group does the "Aladdin Shrine Circus", Arnold Sports Festival", The OSU Spring Football game, the annual Tour of the Scioto River Valley and the event list goes on and on. This is a very busy group to say the least.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club celebrated it's 35th anniversary March 14th. Their annual hamfest is scheduled for June 20th. They have been active with several events including their VE sessions.

Many Clubs are sponsoring Amateur Radio Classes and Exams. Make sure your VE Exam sessions are advertised well ahead of time by registering them with K3RC, Bob Johnson. You can obtain all Bob's information in the latest edition of the OSJ.

The Spotlight Club of the month is still alive and well. Send me your Club information by the 12th of the month to get it published in the Ohio Section Monthly News.

The Buckeye Belles annual meeting this year will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at the Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. The Belles are looking for YLs to run for office! So if one of you Belles are interested in a Belles position, please contact Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD. ( Nancy is President of the Buckeye Belles)

The Salem Club is busy getting their event calendar up to date. They do lots of Public Service Events during the year such as the Memorial Day Parade and the Super NATS for starters.

The Massillon ARC Members will again this year be providing communications support for the April MS Walk, Saturday, April 25th .

2009 Club Membership dues are now due and some past due for many clubs. Support your local Club and pay your membership dues NOW! With the economic conditions as they are, Club's are going to need to count on their membership support to pay Club expenses. Plus volunteer your time and expertise to your club. Any event sponsored by your club NEEDS volunteers to make Club events and activities a success.

Keep the Newsletters coming. Keep me informed as to what your club is involved with so I can highlight your Club events in the Ohio Section News. If I don't know what your Club is doing, I can't share your information with other Clubs. I can only report what you tell me. So, keep it coming! If the information you want in the Ohio Section News isn't in your newsletter, you can e-mail me with the info before the

12th of the month.

Some final thoughts before I say 73,----File the Annual Report Form--Support your local club--, Join the ARRL if you are not already a member, renew your membership in your local Club and ARRL, Volunteer to help out with your Club's activities and events, Become a Club Officer in your local Club. Most of all, ENJOY AMATEUR RADIO!!

Well that's it for this time around. THINK SPRING! It has arrived. And most of all remember this. Sometime, Somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU! Until then, enjoy the beautiful Springtime Season. Best 73, Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC OHIO SECTION

#### OHIO APRIL HAMFESTS

(19) Sunday, Cuyahoga Falls ARC; For More Info, write

(26) Sunday, Athens County ARA, For More Info. write;

#### OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at <[www.arrl-ohio.org](http://www.arrl-ohio.org)>; ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: Dave Coons, WT8W, New Carlisle; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, Austintown; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells, KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner, K8NAP, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka, W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

*ARRL Ohio Section Manager*

*Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE*

#### WEAVER'S WORDS -- A Convention in your Future?

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+++ Division Convention September 12 +++

After careful consideration it was decided to go ahead with a biannual Great Lakes Division Convention this year. The 2009 event takes place in Findlay, OH on September 12. This is the Saturday immediately before the Sunday Findlay Hamfest. The date had been tentative the past few months until the recent decision on the convention was made.

The Findlay Radio Club is sponsoring each event.

Previous conventions had been in 2003, 2005 and 2007. These were in Findlay, Toledo and Cleveland in order. sites for future conventions continue to be sought in Kentucky and Michigan.

With the economy straining to recover, concern had been expressed that holding a convention this year was too much to ask of members. It was decided to pursue a no-frills approach while maintaining the high quality of seminars that have come to characterize GLD conventions.

Former astronaut Tony England, W0ORE will headline the convention as its principle speaker. OM England served with NASA FOR many years and spent 8 days aboard the (spacecraft). A premier representative from ARRL is being arranged as this is written.

As in the past, Division Awards for special service to Amateur Radio will be available. These are the George S. Wilson III, Lifetime Achievement Award; Amateur of the Year; DX Achievement Award, Technical Achievement Award and Newsletter of the Year. Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA is chairing a committee to develop the criteria for a new, young amateur achievement award.

Please read the Call for Papers, immediately below.

+++ Call for Papers -- 2009 GL Division Convention +++

The Great Lakes Division Convention will be in Findlay, Ohio on Sept. 12, 2009, the day before the Findlay Hamfest. The Convention is being organized and sponsored by the Findlay Radio Club.

When the opportunity to have the Convention in Findlay came up, the Club decided that to sponsor it, but to try a few things different than in the past.

We know that hams are thrifty, so we decided to keep the cost of admission low. In fact, we decided we would pick up the cost of the convention so the admission charge will be \$0.00. (Ed. This is correct -- nada, nothing, free!)

We also decided that we would not have a standard convention banquet.

There will not be a \$30 per person sit down dinner banquet at the end of the day. Instead, we are looking into doing a chicken barbecue at the fairgrounds. Tickets for the barbecue would be available for purchase at the Convention or at the barbecue. For lunch we will take orders for box lunches that will be brought in, or you can eat at a local restaurant of your choice. The Findlay Radio Club can not take credit for any of these ideas. We are modeling the convention format after the very successful SW Ohio Digital Conference and a picnic meal the day before the Lake Placid NY Hamfest!

Our "theme" for the Convention will be attracting new hams through "Elmering-like" activities and re-interesting existing amateurs through ground-up discussions of newer technologies. We would like to provide seminars and demonstrations to help a new ham get on the air (especially on HF) and also show new and old hams alike some of the hobbies within ham radio like homebrewing, satellite, digital, ATV, ballooning, APRS, etc. In addition, we plan to showcase methods people have found that work well introducing people to our hobby. Obviously there is not enough time to really cover everything in detail, but we hope to spark interest in these areas for new and old hams alike. Attendees will learn where they can go to get detailed information and more help to get started.

We intend that the Convention will expand your horizon. Perhaps that should be the theme of the Convention - "Expanding your Ham Radio Horizon"

We need speakers. K8JE has arranged for a top notch main speaker - former astronaut Tony England W0ORE - and is arranging for a quality speaker from ARRL. All I have to do is get a dozen or so speakers to talk on topics like:

- 1 Getting On HF -- Your First Station
- 2 Getting On HF -- Your First Antenna
- 3 Homebrew -- It Is Still Being Done
- 4 Contesting -- Getting Started
- 5 The Digital Modes -- An Introduction
- 6 Getting on the Air with Satellites
- 7 The QSL Bureau -- What Is It, and How Do I Use It?
- 8 Emergency Communications -- What Can I Do to Help, And How Do I Start?
- 9 Amateur Radio in the Local Schools
- 10 Getting New Hams Through the Boy Scouts, Using Radio Merit Badge
- 11 Mobile Operation
- 12 VHF/UHF/Microwave Operation
- 13 Triple Play Award
- 14 Echolink/ILRP
- 15 Winlink
- 16 PSKmail
- 17 Other

(Please tell us the number your top four favorite ideas for seminars through the survey described below. If you click on 17 on the survey, please go to the Forum area to add your suggestions for topics as well as for speakers.)

You get the idea. If you can speak at the Convention on any of these topics or something similar to these, please contact me  
We have a good internet connection at the

Convention site, so if you can do a talk remotely, let me know and we will see what we can work out.

Our tentative plans are to start the talks at 9 AM, and go to 5 with an hour for lunch. Sessions will start on the hour, with the initial 5 minutes for speaker set up, and the last 10 minutes of the hour as a break between sessions. We have the room to do two concurrent tracks, so we should be able to get 10 or 12 speakers. If you have a topic that needs more than an hour (for example -- a panel discussion on attracting new hams or building club membership), we can combine sessions and make a two or even three hour session.

There is a huge parking lot at the Convention site. If the weather is good we can do demos in the parking lot at lunch, like erecting and trimming a dipole or working a satellite, and there is room in the hall for displays if you have something you would like to display.

Feel free to contact me if you have an idea that you think would fit in the 2009 Convention. We want to make this new, different, and the best convention ever!

Hope to hear from a lot of you soon!

73 -- Bill -- N8ET, Convention Chairman

+++ A Survey is on the Division web site +++

There is a survey on the Great Lakes Division web site. It requests your input about the coming Division Convention. Your initial views and opinions will be very helpful in our planning for the convention. To take the simple survey, please go to [www.greatlakes.arrl.org/](http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org/). At the web site, click on the Survey/Feedback link to go to the survey.

The survey is in a click-on-the-answer format. If you wish to leave comments about the survey, the convention or anything else, mark the statement at the bottom of the survey, then click on the Enter My Forum icon and add your comments.

Thanks for your help with this survey.

+++ Is a Repeater a Repeater? +++

FCC needed 15 months to decide the thorny question, but it has concluded that a repeater is a repeater. The question that was posed to the Commission was whether digital repeaters are repeaters as analog repeaters are repeaters. The issue was that there is a brief delay in digital repeaters from the time they receive the input signal until they transmit the output signal.

Technically, of course, there is a very slight delay between receipt and retransmission of a signal for analog repeaters as well. The delay in analog repeaters is generally slightly less than with current digital repeaters.

The result of the FCC clarification of the definition of a repeater means that digital repeaters need to operate in the subbands designated for repeater operation. Some amateurs had argued the delay in relaying signals by digital repeaters qualified them for use outside of these subbands.

+++ Michigan QSO Party +++

The Michigan QSO Party (MiQP) will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 1200 EDST to 2400 EDST (1600Z Saturday until 0400Z Sunday UTC).

Stations may operate the full twelve hours. The general objective of the MiQP is for amateurs outside of Michigan to operate

The objective of the Party for stations outside of Michigan is to work Michigan stations, only. For Michiganders, it is to work anyone. The objective for everyone is to have fun.

Rules are at <http://www.miqp.org/Rules/htm>. These include a description of operating categories, bands to use and multiplier factors.

+++ ARRL Legislative Agenda +++

There is an old saying that goes, "The Lord helps those that help themselves." This cannot be more true when it comes to the Legislative Agenda the ARRL Board of Directors adopted for the current, 111th Congress. Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers, NB4K offers the following poignant comments related to what will be needed to move the agenda forward:

"With the changes in Congress and the House of Representatives we have our job cut out for us no matter how you look at it. With the changes in seat holders this means that a number of our Legislative Action Assistants (LAAs) will need to establish relations with the freshman Representatives or Senators or their aides who have taken over the offices. This will need to be done as soon as possible. The time is now to start making contact with these freshman Legislators and Congressman or their aides.

"Incidentally, you are not expected to travel to Washington to perform your duties. Instead, the following discussion assumes your visits with Congressmen or their aides will occur 'back home' in a local office.

"Be aware that we often are unable to meet directly with a Congressman. Instead, we may meet with one of his/her aides. This is fine. The fact that you met and the legislative position you supported during your meeting will be forwarded to the Congressman. The support you show during your meeting will provide much assistance to the ARRL Legislative Advocate in Washington, DC. Your meeting will prove to the Congressman that voters back home are interested in the legislation.

"If you have the opportunity to drop in to meet your Congressman's aide in a local office, consider introducing

yourself. Tell them that later on you will doubtlessly contact them to make an appointment to visit the Congressman while he/she is at home, or to visit him (the aide) to discuss legislation that relates to Amateur Radio. Leave your Legislative Action business card and, if possible, a brief introduction to what Amateur Radio is and how it benefits the public."

By John Meyers, NB4K  
Division Legislative Action Chair

+++ ARRL Legislative Agenda Booth +++

Stop by the ARRL Legislative Agenda Booth at its national convention at the Hamvention(r). You will be able to discuss the ARRL legislative agenda and learn how easy it can be to promote the actions the League intends to initiate during the current, 111th, US Congress. The booth will be in the ARRL convention area at HARA.

+++ Incoming 8th Area Bureau QSL Factoids +++

Jay Slough, K4ZLE the very competent Manager of the very effective 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau reported the following activity for the bureau for the years 2003 through 2008. The year and the number of incoming QSLs handled during it follow:

2008 -- 80,248 QSL cards  
2007 -- 89,028 cards  
2006 -- 111,734 cards  
2005 -- 110,905 cards  
2004 -- 138,236 cards  
2003 -- 154,054 cards

Does anyone want to take a guess where we are in the current sunspot cycle?

+++ KYSAT-1 +++

Kentucky's first orbiting satellite - developed in part by students at

Western Kentucky University - has been selected by NASA to take flight in mid-2009. Students at WKU teamed with students at other Kentucky universities to design and build KySat-1.

The satellite has Amateur Radio capabilities along with a camera and cell phone. Students in K-12 across Kentucky will be able to use the features of KySat-1 to take photos, see the temperature and check the status of status of satellite components. The intent is to interest youngsters in mathematics and the sciences.

The satellite project cost about \$850,000. It is expected to remain in orbit for 18 to 24 months. KySat-1 is said to be unique because it was developed in conjunction with several universities and is NASA's first launch of a university-built satellite.

+++ What does ARRL do for Me? +++

Members and non-members alike have occasionally asked me what ARRL does for them that the beneficiary doesn't need to pay extra to get. It seemed to them that nearly everything the League does for members requires them to pay extra to obtain. The prevailing attitude among non-members also seems to be that unless they DX or contest, ARRL membership offers nothing to them.

Once one knows the facts, it is obvious that neither of these contentions is correct. With this issue of Words I begin a series of discussions of what ARRL really does. In these discussions you will learn which member benefits have fees associated with them and which member benefits are not associated with fees.

First, let me give a brief listing of services provided by ARRL. After doing this, I'll expand on one item that I believe is of interest to many members. The listing is below. No fees are charged to take advantage of the services marked "(n/c):"

- QST, Your Monthly Membership Journal
- Members-Only Web Access (n/c)
- Technical Information Service (TIS) (n/c)
- Outgoing QSL Service
- ARRL Field Organization including ARES® and several additional, important services(n/c)
- Operating Awards
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in Washington, DC to the FCC and Congress (n/c)
- Representation of your Amateur Radio interests in International Government Treaty negotiations. (n/c)
- A Regulatory Information Branch that provides information on FCC and regulatory questions; problems with antenna, tower and zoning restrictions; and reciprocal licensing procedures (n/c)
- Volunteer Counsel Program (n/c)
- Volunteer Examiner Coordinator program (n/c)
- Registered Amateur Radio Instructor program (n/c)
- WIAW broadcast bulletins and code practice (n/c)
- Preferred subscription rates for QEX, the ARRL Forum for Communications Experimenters
- Discounts on Continuing Education Program courses.

This listing is generally available at [www.arrl.org/benefits.html#awards](http://www.arrl.org/benefits.html#awards).

It is a fact that a number of what I consider the superficial services provided by ARRL, require the recipient to pay a few cents to several dollars. In most instances the fees are to pay for certificates and optional plaques -- the well-known and hard-sought "wallpaper" with which so many of us paper our shack walls.

Look, through the list of services for which fees are not assessed. These very importantly include the tough work ARRL does. As I will discuss later, these services relate to keeping our amateur frequency allocations, obtaining new frequencies, protecting our

frequencies from invasion by interfering individuals or services, protecting amateurs' rights to pursue the Amateur Radio Service and generally protecting the value of the Amateur Radio license.

I ask you, first, to review the frequencies you use during your personal operating. The basic fact is: None of us would have use of these frequencies if it was not for ARRL. There is no charge by ARRL for the services that resulted in obtaining these frequencies.

+++ Triple Play Certificate +++

A long-time friend and member in southwest Ohio wrote me saying he thought the quality of the TPA certificate he earned was subpar. I forwarded the comment to HQ. Staff noted the certificate looked fine in proof copies and that a respected commercial printer had printed them. On checking through the standard run of certificates they, too found it to be below League standards. A new run of the certificates was made and replaced the original batch.

Everyone who received one of the earlier, off-quality certificates will automatically receive a replacement from the new run.

Communications from members do receive attention.

+++ DTV Presentation Available +++

With the switch from analog TV (ATV) to digital TV (DTV) having been delayed from its initial February deadline, an offer by Frank Sanor, WA8WHP of the Alliance (OH) ARC remains very viable. Club members developed a presentation that includes a PowerPoint show based on FCC DTV pages.

If you would like to receive a copy of the PP presentation for possible use with the pending switch to DTV, please contact Frank at wa8whp@arrl.net. Alliance ARC members who made and have given the presentation are Tom Steele KD8JRK, John Myers KD8MQ and Frank. John developed the power point from the FCC web site.

Congratulations to all clubs that helped educate the public on the switch to DTV. With the deadline for switching to DTV delayed until June, there is still time to help educate the technologically-deficient members of the public.

+++ Travel Schedule +++

The following is the schedule of travel by Division staff for the coming weeks. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnson, KI4LA, Division Legislative Action Chair John Meyers, NB4K and 8th Area QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough, K4ZLE will visit the events shown below.

Date.....Event.....Division Representative(s)

SCHEDULE

19 Apr: Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls ARC 'fest -- Gary, Jim

26 Apr: Athens, OH; Athens Co. ARA 'fest -- Gary

15-17 May: Hamvention(r)/ARRL National Conv. -- Gary, John, Jim

6 Jun: Grand Rapids, MI; Indpdnt Rptr Assoc. 'fest -- John, Jim

7 Jun: Chelsea, MI; Chelsea ARC 'fest -- John, Jim

20 Jun: Midland, MI; Midland ARC 'fest -- Jay, Jim

21 Jun: Monroe, MI; Monroe Co. RCA 'fest-- Jay, Jim

9 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA Meeting -- Jim

16 Jul: A&F Committee meeting, Newington -- Jim

17-18 Jul: ARRL Board meeting, Newington -- Gary, Jim

26 Jul: Randolph, OH -- Portage ARC 'fest -- John, Jim

12 Sep: Findlay, OH -- GLD Convention -- All

13 Sep: Findlay, OH -- Findlay ARC 'fest -- All

19 Sep: Reynoldsburg, OH -- Ohio Section Conference -- Jim

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

16 Aug: Cortland, OH -- Warren ARA 'fest -- John, Jim

20 Sep: Cincinnati, OH -- Gr. Cin. ARA 'fest -- Gary, Jim

17 Oct: Holland, MI -- Holland ARC 'fest -- Gary, Jay

18 Oct: Kalamazoo, MI -- K'zoo ARC/SMART 'fest-- Gary, Jay

NOTE: Please apply to have your hamfest/swap sanctioned well in advance of the date it will be held. The sooner it is sanctioned as an ARRL event, the sooner it will appear on the listing of hamfests and conventions on the ARRL web site. This will provide more publicity for the event.

73,

*Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division*

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#### Hamvention 2009 Update

I received email confirmation that we will be in the same flea market spots at Hamvention this year. (3201, 3202, 3203)

The portable repeater will be the same, 147.315 with a PL of 100.0 Hz.

Anyone who has something to get into the trailer should contact me or Ron to make arrangements. The club gets 10% from all sales. (We need items to sell).

Food during Hamvention is on your own.

We will announce the day for trailer clean out on the email reflector.

*Ernie Howard Jr., W8EH*



# Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

APRS Digipeater: W8BLV 144.39

Repeaters: 52.21/53.21, 146.01/146.61, 147.915/147.315, 449.825/444.825

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June 2009

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## Minutes of the May 18, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

### Attendance

K8CM, KD8CPV, N8DHW, WA8DTU, KC8DUX, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GXD, N8HP, K18I, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, N8LRP, WB8MYT, KC8NHP, N8NRF, N8OZN, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, N8TFH, KC8TXA, KD8W, W8WCO, KB8WKL, W8WLM, KC8WOF

### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:01 p.m.

### Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by Bob, K8RJH, and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed with 1 nay.

### Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 88 members representing 63 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Bob, NR8R, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ron then went on to present a preliminary report on Dial's expenses/earnings at Hamvention. The 10% donation more than offset the cost of the spaces and the drinks/snacks provided for Dial members with a net profit of \$264.83. In addition, the Club

sold some excess equipment for \$215.00. Dave, KD8W, moved to accept Ron's preliminary report and Jason, KD8GXD, seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

It was noted that last year the "Club Table" provided \$90.00 towards the cost, and that this year there was no "Club Table".

### Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported "the same old stuff" regarding the repeater system. He did emphasize that the mobile repeater in the Club trailer that is used for Hamvention needs to be upgraded.

### Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, announced that persons planning to attend the picnic at the combined Dial/BCVHFA Field Day on June 27 should email her of their intention to attend no later than June 22 and they should bring a dish to share. The clubs will be providing meat, soft drinks, and disposable dinnerware as in recent years. She noted the need for one or more gas grills to prepare the food. If you have a grill that can be used, please contact Lorie.

### Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, announced that 9 persons had taken exam elements at the April exam session. The next exam will be in August, a week before the new Technician Class start. Details will be provided at a later date.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 15, at the **Golden Corral**

## Old Business

During the April meeting, Brian, KC8NHP, had asked for advice as to a gift for his wife on her 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. He was thinking along the lines of a new 7-element yagi or a 500 watt amplifier. Bob, NR8R, asked Brian which gift he had chosen for such a special occasion. Brian admitted that he had repaired and restored a clock that he had given to his wife on a much earlier anniversary.

## Membership

Jim Frey, W8ISZ, sponsored David F. Tritch, N8YFQ, for membership in Dial. Ron, N8QF, moved and Carl, K8CM, seconded the motion to accept David's application. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome to Dial, David.

## New Business

Dave, KD8W, noted that the Club trailer is in dire need of rust removal from its frame and repainting of its aluminum side panels. An estimate for the repairs is \$1,000. Ron, N8QF, reported on the club's checking account balance. Including predictable expenses, the repair of the trailer can be performed without having to dip into funds set aside for emergency repair of the repeater system. Don, WA8DTU, noted that the contents of the trailer would have to be removed and stored during the process. Ron, N8QF, added that the work must be performed after Field Day. Eventually the following motion was made by Dave, KD8W: That funds be allocated for the rust removal and painting of the Club trailer. The provider will be chosen after a minimum of 3 bids, and that the best of the offers will be chosen. Further, the work cannot begin until after Field Day. Bob, NR8R, seconded the motion, which passed.

Don, WA8DTU, appointed a committee consisting of N8QF, KD8W, and KC8TXA to get the quotes and have the work done. The committee is expected to report their progress at the June meeting.

Jason, KD8GXD, brought forward a motion to allow the DoDropIn Echolink server to link to W8BLV for their Saturday night net at 9:00 p.m. After some discussion it was suggested that a two month trial would be appropriate as the meeting prior to Field Day is expected to be busy. Roy, N8LRN, asked that the membership vote on the issue and Brian, KC8NHP, seconded the motion to allow the test. The motion passed with one nay.

Ron, N8QF, announced that Rick, AF8T, has passed his duties as newsletter editor to Jason, KD8GXD. As a result, the masthead needs to be updated. Also, the transition was responsible for the late arrival of the May newsletter. Thanks for stepping up Jason!

The Dial trailer will remain at Ron's (N8QF) place of business until Wednesday (two days hence). A possible reload

date is May 27<sup>th</sup> at Ernie's (W8EH) shop at 6:00 p.m. An email confirmation will be sent.

## Adjournment:

Bob, KC8DUX, moved and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary

## Editor's Post Script:

*Several members stood around for a short period of time discussing Field Day. Since the meeting had adjourned, no business could be held – which might be a good thing. Ernie, W8EH, suggested that we do "just like we did last year". Since last year's Field Day was such a success (except for the storms), that seemed like a good plan of action. Each reader is asked make the same contribution (or more??) to the Field Day effort as they did last year. Details will be discussed at the June meeting.*

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## News and Information

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## Hamvention

Hamvention appeared to be a success to me. I personally had a great time. Got to meet several people that I have talked with on the radio, hang out with friends, and I got to drool over all the new, and used equipment. But, I have to admit, this was my first trip to Hamvention as a ham, so I'll have to do a few more to give a better opinion.

It was reported that sales were up for both indoor vendors, and the outdoor fleamarket. There were decent sized crowds.



The gang was hanging out near the Dial lots.



Some were even trying to hide.



Jason KD8GXD

### President Obama to Renominate FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell for New Term

On Tuesday, June 2, President Barack Obama announced that he will renominate current FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell for another term. McDowell, a Republican, was first nominated by President George W. Bush and sworn into office in June 2006, filling the unexpired term of Republican Kathleen Q. Abernathy. McDowell, whose present term expires June 30, 2009, would need to be confirmed by the Senate. Commissioners' terms are five years long.

According to the White House, McDowell has collaborated with his fellow Commissioners to develop and establish American communications policy covering the wireless, media and Internet industries, as well as international policy matters. He has worked to create rules governing wireless auctions, establish a framework for unlicensed use of TV "white spaces" spectrum, develop incentives to encourage the development of new broadband technologies, review public interest benefits as part of the approval process of proposed corporate mergers and adjudicate enforcement proceedings.

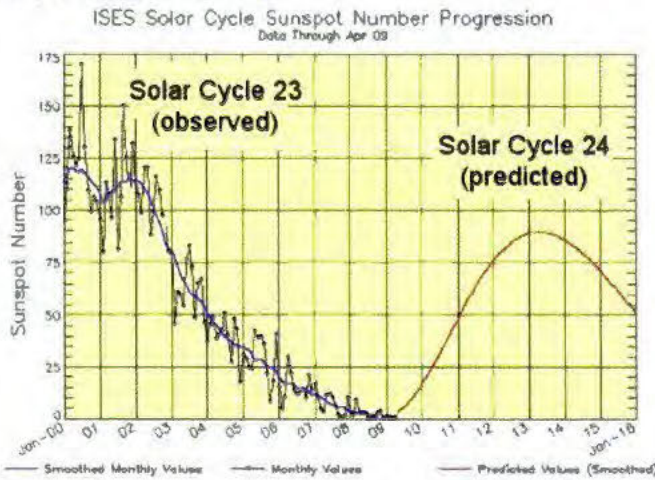
McDowell brings to the FCC approximately 16 years of private sector experience in the communications industry. Immediately prior to joining the Commission, McDowell was a senior executive for a trade association representing competitive facilities-based telecommunications service providers. He has served on the North American Numbering Council and on the Board of Directors of North American Numbering Plan Billing and Collection.

Acting Chairman Michael Copps congratulating McDowell on his renomination, saying he was "truly delighted that he will continue on as a fellow Commissioner. Since becoming Acting Chairman several months ago, I appreciate more than ever Rob's collegiality, his openness, his creative intellect, and the deep sense of purpose he brings to his work. I especially want to thank him for all the talent and energy he has brought to our work on next week's DTV transition. He has traveled near and far to help consumers prepare and he has done an outstanding job in helping us deploy an extensive DTV Call Center operation. I look forward to our continuing work together as we tackle the many tough communications issues confronting the Commission and the country."

McDowell was graduated cum laude from Duke University in 1985. After serving as chief legislative aide to a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, he attended the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. Upon his graduation from law school, McDowell joined the Washington, DC office of Arter & Hadden, a national law firm, now closed, that was based in Cleveland. McDowell is admitted to practice law before the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and the US Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, First, Fourth and Fifth Circuits, as well as the US Supreme Court. He lives in Fairfax County, Virginia on his family's farm with his wife Jennifer and their three children.  
*ARRL*

## NASA Releases New Predictions for Solar Cycle 24

An international panel of experts -- led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and sponsored by NASA -- has released a new prediction for the next solar cycle: Solar Cycle 24 will peak in May 2013 with a below-average number of sunspots. "If our prediction is correct, Solar Cycle 24 will have a peak sunspot number of 90, the lowest of any cycle since 1928 when Solar Cycle 16 peaked at 78," said panel chairman Doug Biesecker of NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC). This report clarifies a NOAA report from earlier this month that stated that Solar Cycle 24 would bring "90 sunspots per day on average."



Updated 2009 May 8  
NOAA/SWPC Boulder, CO USA  
This plot of sunspot numbers shows the measured peak of the last solar cycle in blue and the predicted peak of the next solar cycle in red. Chart courtesy of NOAA/Space Weather Prediction Center.

The latest forecast revises an earlier prediction issued in 2007. At that time, a sharply divided panel believed solar minimum would come in March 2008 followed by either a strong solar maximum in 2011, or a weak solar maximum in 2012. "It turns out that none of our models were totally correct," said Dean Pesnell of the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) and NASA's lead representative on the panel. "The Sun is behaving in an unexpected and very interesting way."

In 2007, experts varied in their predictions on when the solar cycle would peak and how strong it would be. In April of that year, NOAA, in coordination with an international panel of solar experts, predicted that the next 11-year cycle of solar storms "would start in March 2008, plus or minus six months, and peak in late 2011 or mid-2012." In the cycle forecast issued in April 2007, half of the panel predicted a "moderately strong cycle of 140 sunspots, plus or minus 20, expected to peak in October 2011. The other half predicted a moderately weak cycle of 90 sunspots, plus or minus 10, peaking in August 2012. An average solar cycle ranges from 75 to 155 sunspots. The late decline of Cycle 23 has helped shift the panel away from its earlier leaning toward a strong Cycle 24. The group is evenly split between a strong and a weak cycle."

At a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco in December 2007, David Hathaway of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, along with colleague Robert Wilson, said that Solar Cycle 24 "looks like it's going to be one of the most intense cycles since record-keeping began almost 400 years ago." They said they believe the next solar maximum should peak around 2010 with a sunspot number of 160, plus or minus 25. "This would make it one of the strongest solar cycles of the past 50 years -- which is to say, one of the strongest in recorded history." Four of the five biggest cycles on record have come in the past 50 years. "Cycle 24 should fit right into that pattern," Hathaway said.

Right now -- June 2009 -- the solar cycle is in a valley, the deepest of the past century. In 2008 and 2009, the Sun showed some of the lowest sunspot counts on record, as well as weak solar winds and a low solar irradiance, going more than two years without a significant solar flare. "In our professional careers, we've never seen anything quite like it," Pesnell said. "Solar minimum has lasted far beyond the date we predicted in 2007."

In recent months, however, Pesnell said that the Sun has begun to show some small signs of life: Small sunspots and "proto-sunspots" are popping up with increasing frequency. Enormous currents of plasma on the Sun's surface are gaining strength and slowly drifting toward its equator. Radio astronomers have detected a tiny but significant uptick in solar radio emissions. All these things are precursors of an awakening Solar Cycle 24 and form the basis for the panel's new, almost unanimous forecast.

Pesnell cautioned optimism, telling the ARRL that there is an "error bar of +/- 20." This means Solar Cycle 24's sunspot number could be as high as 110, or as low as 70. "Based upon my own personal research, I don't think we'll see 90 [sunspots in Solar Cycle 24]," he said.

When asked if such a low number foretold the beginnings of a Maunder Minimum, Pesnell said that a Maunder Minimum takes several cycles to appear: "Sunspots [in solar cycles] leading up to the Maunder Minimum took several cycles to disappear. I really can't predict what will happen in Solar Cycle 25. What we're seeing now is something that look likes a sunspot, but it looks as if someone has come along and 'stomped' on it, creating a multitude of little things. We don't have a name for this and we've never seen anything like it before."

There could be more surprises, panelists acknowledge -- and more revisions to the forecast. "Go ahead and mark your calendar for May 2013," Pesnell said. "But use a pencil." --  
*Some information from NASA*

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# Dial Radio Club



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July 2009

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## Minutes of the June 15, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

### Attendance

K8CM, KD8CPV, N8DHW, N8DRW, WA8DTU, N8GGE, N8HP, KI8I, W8ISZ & Marg, AB8LA, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, N8LRP, WD8NKJ, KF8PD, WB8QEA, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, KC8TXA, KD8W, W8WCQ, W8WLM, N8YFQ & Linda

### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Don, WA8DTU, asking everyone to introduce themselves.

### Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by Lorie, W8LKU, and seconded by Sandi, AB8LA. The motion passed with 1 nay.

### Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 89 members representing 64 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ron then went on to request that he be sent updates to the Dial Roster for those with changed addresses, privileges or email addresses.

### Repeater/Station Report:

Carl, K8CM, reported that the West Middletown remote link was having problems due to a Hamtronics transmitter losing lock. Ernie, W8EH, has replaced it with Motorola boards. The Monroe site is presently down due to upgrades at the site. The present hold up is due to waiting on the electrician to restore power. Carl indicated that the equipment rack needed to be cleaned out. He suggested an air compressor and a vacuum. Ron, N8QF, volunteered to help. Otherwise the repeater system is working well.

Carl, K8CM, reported that there are problems with the Saturday night net that makes use of W8BLV via Echolink. Rick, AF8T had reported problems with Newline after the first 45 seconds. Ernie and Carl have been through the hardware and the software without finding problems. They request specific instances of failures – possibly as audio recordings – be sent to them so they can continue to search for a cure.

### Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, announced that next Monday (the 22<sup>nd</sup>) is the deadline for letting her know if you plan to attend the Dial/BCVHFA Field Day picnic.

### Classes and Exams:

Beverley, N8GGE, announced that the next exam will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>, a week before the new Technician Class starts.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, at the Golden Corral

Don, WA8DTU, announced that exams will be given next Saturday at the Milford Hamfest.

### Old Business

Ron, N8QF, reported that the committee assigned to get the Dial trailer renovated has gotten three estimates, with the lowest being \$1,000 and the highest being over \$3,000. They would like to get one other estimate and to choose a firm by Field Day.

Dave, KD8W, moved that funds be allocated, up to \$1,000, to refurbish the trailer. The motion was seconded by Carl, K8CM, and passed unanimously. Logistic details continued to be discussed after the vote. These included where the contents of the trailer could be stored during the renovation and the time frame that would be needed.

### New Business

Gordon, KI8I, thanked Sandi, AB8LA, and Ed, KF8PD, for rejuvenating the memory card from this camera that was full of pictures.

The discussion turned to the details of Field Day: Work on the antennas will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday before Field Day. Bob, NR8R, announced that letters to local elected officials had been sent out to officials in Middletown, Monroe, local townships and Warren and Butler counties. Don, WA8DTU, reminded those in attendance that alcoholic beverages are not permitted in Smith Park. There was much discussion as to run class 3A or 4A at Field Day. The number is the maximum number of transmitters on the air at any time (excluding the VHF and the GOTA stations). Most recently we have run 3A with good success. Roy, N8LRN, announced that he wanted to have 'Sign Up Boards' for the stations, to allow more people to operate during the most desirable time periods. Ron, N8QF, announced that any bills associated with Field Day should be given to him within 10 days of Field Day.

### Adjournment:

Sandi, AB8LA, moved and Lorie, W8LKU, seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

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### Hamfest Announcement

Barney, N8HP, received a notice for the Ripley County, Indiana Hamfest to be held at the 4H Fairgrounds in Osgood, Indiana on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. Persons desiring more information should contact Delbert Felix

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### News and Information

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### Field Day 2009

Field day for the combined efforts of the DIAL Radio Club and the Butler County VHF Assoc. turned out to be another year of fun. I plan to load this issue with pictures. I want everyone to see just how much fun it was, and how much effort was put forth by so many. And I will apologize now if I forgot your call! Eventually I may have you all memorized, or I might become a better reporter, hihi.

But, I will mostly let the pictures tell the story.



Promotion of the service! I also overheard Beverly talking with people, walking their dog, about what we were doing, and why.

Set up in an emergency manner, making as many contacts as possible in 24 hours.



Setup was quite hot, but went well.



And the flag looks good up there with the 6 meter squalo.



It's nice to have a bucket truck available!



The yagi for the CW station being assembled.



Assembly of the tri band yagi for the 20 meter station seemed to go well.



Then Heading for the air!



The CW antennas up in the air, including 80, and 40 meter dipoles.



And eat! (N8GGE)



I think my personal favorite of the antennas is the 40 meter vertical Ladder Antenna.



W8WCQ & WA8DTU



After setup, it was time to rest (and test out all of the antennas).



While resting, Ernie W8EH still manages to find a gadget to work on.



W8WCQ and KC8WRO operating 20 meters.



The "CW guys" in action!

Then we also get to gather, have some good fellowship, and of course eat!







Then we eat! The food was plentiful, and very good! So many people brought great food. Seems that hams and food go hand in hand.



Sandi, and Lori flippin' the burgers. And Lori did great organizing the meal! Thanks Lori!



And, of course, we had a Kenwood that everyone liked!



I told you the food was good!





Then it started getting late, and how nice is a sunset behind nice antennas?

The operating went on Sunday, and the results came in.

*KD8GXD, thanks to W8WCQ, and K18I for the photos!*

#### The preliminary results.

Mode-QSOs

CW 697

SSB 561

Data 57

---- 1315 total QSOs - K8PI

This is the band/mode breakdown for K8PI:

	CW	Digital	Phone
	QSO	QSO	QSO
80	172	0	0
40	363	37	226
20	125	20	295
15	37	0	5
10	0	0	0
6	0	0	35
Totals	697 CW	57 Dig	561 Phone

Band breakdown for GOTA station W8BLV:

	Phone QSOs
80	54
15	41
10	1
Total GOTA-W8BLV	96 -

*W8EH*

#### Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) announces the Second Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. EDT (1600Z to 2400Z).

For hams throughout the State of Ohio this contest presents an opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the seventy-three beautiful State Parks here in Ohio. You can spend the day or even spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts you will find that the parks are one of Ohio's greatest assets. Find out more about the parks and all that they have to offer at Ohio Department of Natural Resources web site

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/default/tabid/80/Default.aspx>.

This contest places a premium on working stations at the State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300 mile range. Contacts can be made with any mode on the HF and VHF bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters and all contacts have the same point value. This is a great chance to try something new, like an NVIS antenna or two meter SSB.

Individuals and clubs can operate high or low power park stations and there are prizes and awards for top finishers! Non-park stations in Ohio as well as outside of Ohio can also compete with each other.

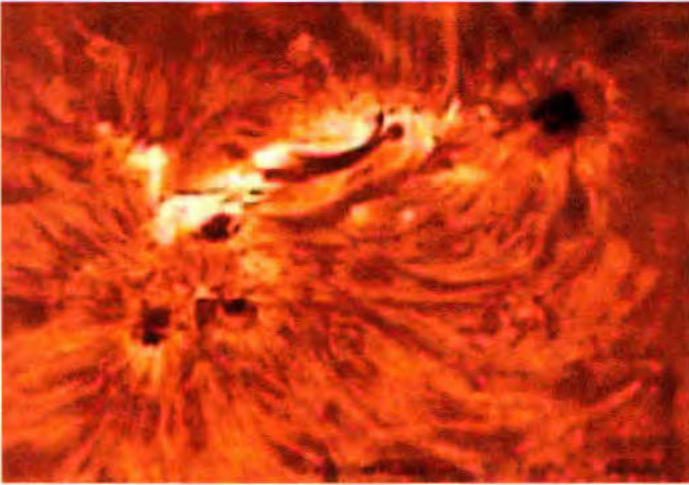
So get to an Ohio State Park and get On The Air in September. Have some fun with this contest!

You can get complete information, including rules, forms and FAQ's, at <http://parks.portcars.org>, or contact the contest chairman, Chuck, W8PT, Check back at the web site for updates as the contest gets closer, including a list of the parks that hams plan to activate.

#### SUDDEN SUNSPOT

What a difference 48 hours can make. Only two days ago the sun was blank and calm, displaying the sort of unrelenting quiet we've come to expect from the deepest solar minimum in a century. Then, with startling rapidity, sunspot 1024 burst onto the scene. Unlike other recent "sun-specks", this active region is a full-fledged sunspot group with more than a dozen planet-sized dark cores, crackling with B- and C-class solar flares.

"Sunspot 1024 is putting on a spectacular show," says amateur astronomer David Tyler of Buckinghamshire UK, who caught it in mid-flare on July 5th:



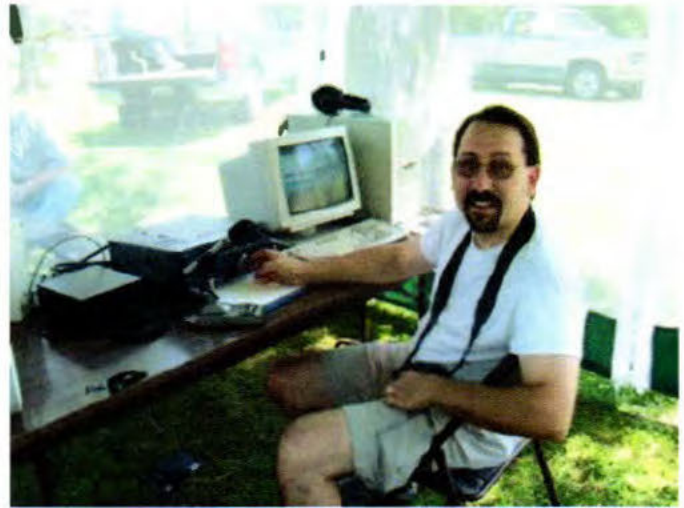
"This is the best sunspot I've seen in two years," agrees Michael Buxton of Ocean Beach, California.

The magnetic polarity of sunspot 1024 identifies it as a member of new Solar Cycle 24. That makes sense. New research shows that solar jet streams are beginning to stimulate new-cycle sunspot production. Sunspot 1024 appears to be a sign of the process at work, heralding more to come.

[www.spaceweather.com](http://www.spaceweather.com)



The 20 meter phone station waiting to go on the air.



Me, KD8GXD, waiting for 2pm.



The 40 meter phone station.



KI8I, also waiting.



The CW station



Then we get to fire up the generator, and start working!



The GOTA (Get On The Air) Station operating.



K8RJH operating the data station.



They were really trying hard!



Carl (K8CM) and Andrew (KD8GKL) at the 40 meter station, and Andrew just couldn't get out of frame.



WA8DTU operating the 6 meter station.



Here they are operating.



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## September 2009

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### Minutes of the August 17, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

**Attendance**

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, KC8DUX, N8GGE, KC8GMR, KD8GXD, N8HP, K18I, W8ISZ & Marg, W8LKU, WB8MYT, WA8PRA, WB8QEA, N8QF, K8RJH, N8TFH, W8WLM, N8YFQ & Linda

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Don, WA8DTU.

**Secretary's Report:**

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by Jason, KD8GXD, and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed with 1 nay.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 89 members representing 64 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed with 1 nay.

**Repeater/Station Report:**

Carl, K8CM, reported that the Monroe remote receiver site is still down due to waiting on the electrician to restore power. Otherwise everything is working OK.

**Activity Report:**

Lorie, W8LKU, reported that the Butler County ARES net will resume after the September ARES meeting. The Dial intercom net on 146.61 is on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local.

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, at the Golden Corral**

## Classes and Exams:

Beverley, N8GGE, announced that the next exam will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>, a week before the new 6-week long Technician Class starts. Beverley promised to get a schedule out to instructors soon.

## Old Business

Ron, N8QF, reported that the Dial trailer has been painted and has new screws, running lights and chains. The trailer is now light grey. Ron said that it looks good.

## New Business

Barney, N8HP, passed on information that he had been mailed about the Ripley County, IN "Tailgators" Hamfest on August 22.

Carl, K8CM, reported that W8BLV was no longer being connected to the Saturday night net via Echolink. Jason, KD8GXD, responded that the DoDropIn nets on W8BLV had been suspended due to audio problems. Carl reported that he had listened to "Morning Drive Time" but did not talk. He also stated that when a signal leaves the internet for W8BLV, that it travels via radio. Possibly the difficulty was with the radio not being rated for continuous transmit over the long net.

Gordon, KI8I, told those in attendance that Ed Crowthers' (WD8MQJ) son was in the hospital with 5 stents, when his wife had a heart attack. He asked that we keep Ed and his family in our thoughts.

## Adjournment:

Beverley, N8GGE, moved and Willowdean, N8TFH, seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

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## News and Information

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### **FCC Chairman Announces Enforcement Bureau Chief (Sep 10, 2009)**

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced on September 9 that he has appointed P. Michele Ellison as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau. Ellison will take the helm of the Enforcement Bureau starting on September 28, 2009. "Protecting and empowering consumers through effective and timely enforcement of the Commission's rules and policies is a top priority for the FCC," said Chairman Genachowski. "Michele is a talented leader with vast communications experience and sound legal judgment, and I look forward to working with her in her new capacity."

## **Club Corner**

*OHIO SECTION JOURNAL, AUTUMN, 2009 — PAGE 5 Joanne Solak, KJ3O*

This month, August, 2009, has been very busy throughout the Ohio Section. Every piece of information I receive from clubs has been filled with special event stations, celebrations, public service events, and picnics just to name a few.

But right now I would like to call your attention to the following information that could have a great impact on all amateur radio operators living in Ohio. This could effect us like nothing else could—in other words, get us where it hurts. Read on!

House Bill 261 was introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives to revise bills that would prohibit text messaging or typing on a keyboard, such as your laptop, while driving a vehicle. Then there is House Bill 262 that would PROHIBIT talking on a mobile

communications radio and make it a secondary traffic offense. This could affect amateur radio operators since there are no exclusions for amateur radio as the introduced bill is written.

Nick Pittner, K8NAP, SGL, will be working on a game plan to approach this problem by working with the legislators to be sure the interests of amateur radio operators are protected.

And do not forget House Bill 212, antenna regulation. These are very important bills which could HURT amateur radio operators. Keep up on information pertaining to these bills and the Ohio Section's efforts to protect all amateurs.

There are lots of changes coming up for the Ohio Section. Make sure you check out the Section News available on our Section web site for the latest updates. We, the Ohio Section Cabinet, are going to strive to keep the Ohio Section moving forward in ways that will make Joe Phillips, K8QOE, (SK) proud!

Don't forget the Ohio Section Conference scheduled for Saturday, September 19. The location will be the State Fire Marshall Office, 8895 East Main Street in Reynoldsburg. Contact Ohio Section Manager, Frank Piper, KI8GW, for further information about this important event.

Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, ASM Central Ohio has decided to resign his position at this time. Thank you, Bill, for the many years of service to the Ohio Section. Congratulations for a job well done and best wishes for the future wherever it leads you.

We welcome back to the Ohio Section Cabinet Scott Yonally, N8SY, of Mansfield, who is now our new Ohio Section web master.

There are many hamfests and club events listed throughout the rest of the year. Volunteer to help with these events; and, if you are unable to lend a hand, at least attend and show your support to other club members.

This has been a very busy summer for ARRL affiliated clubs in the Ohio Section.

The Mount Vernon Club had a very successful pass rate from their Tech classes. Members report that the Red Cross had a Tornado SET the morning of Field Day from which all involved learned valuable lessons.

They are planning to work the Ohio QSO Party contest. And then there is Don Russell, W8PEN, and his rotatable dipole. He has many chances coming up this year to demonstrate how it works for contesting. I can't wait to hear all about his adventures with it.

XWARN has really been busy and moves on with the Old Fashioned Days Parade and the US Air Force Marathon. Public service events provide many hours of training for the members.

The Greater Cincinnati ARA has been very active. The next big event is their Greater Cincinnati Hamfest on September 20. Their annual picnic is a biggie for the club also. Members look forward to this annual event.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service members have been very busy with club site renovations. The hard work is really paying off as the club site takes form. Members and invited guests enjoyed their annual club picnic. The Ohio State Parks On The Air contest is the next event planned by the group.

The Scioto Valley ARC has a special event in the future. They will celebrate their 50 year anniversary on October 10. Everyone is looking forward to it.

Public service events are plentiful throughout the Ohio Section. These are perfect training events for ARES groups. I would like to see all Ohio Section clubs supporting an active ARES group.

The Central Ohio ARES, as usual, remains active. There are Balloon & Tunes, Pelotonia Bike Tour, and the Spirit of Columbus Half Marathon, just for starters. Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC, is the EC for Franklin County and does a great job of leading his group forward.

Delaware Amateur Radio Association remains active with plans for The Horse Parade and the Veterans Day Parade.

The Portage Amateur Radio Club is active with club projects and public service events. The Portage Hamfair '09 was a complete success. The weather was nice, and the crowd was larger than last year. The group is already planning Hamfair 2010.

The Warren Amateur Radio Association, W8VTD, had a real nice day for their Hamfest. However, it was a "little warm" around the edges. I am sure it was a successful event for them! 13 members of this club "worked" the Packard Special Event, and all agree it was a great success.

Grant Amateur Radio Club celebrates its year with their annual picnic.

The West Park Radiops group remains active with more plans for the future.

The Mahoning Valley ARA group has their annual picnic where a good time is in the offing for all members and guests. The club members enjoyed the National Night-Out Crime Prevention Parade—a really good public service event for them.

The Ottawa County ARC provided communications through their 2-meter repeater for GOBA as they went through their area.

The Milford Club members are busy with VE amateur radio exams and are now planning their annual club picnic and other events.

If you have club members who are not ARRL members, or have not been a member during the past two years, ask them to join the ARRL. Your club can keep \$15 from each new membership and \$2 for each renewal through your club. Remember dues include a subscription to QST.

I do hope your club has not received a notice of "inactive status!" I have sent notices to those who are on the brink of this status if the Annual Report Form is not filed ASAP. If your club slips into the inactive status, your club will lose all benefits of affiliation. Be sure your club's secretary has filed this most important Annual Report Form!

Keep the newsletters and e-mail coming. To have your club featured in our Ohio Section Monthly News, get the information to me no later than the twelfth of the month.

Well that's it for this time around. Just remember, sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

# Upcoming Events

## Hamfests, Conventions, Symposia

SPONSOR	LOCATION	DATE	CONTACT
Ohio Section Conference <sub>2</sub>	Reynoldsburg	September 19	
GCARA Hamfest	Cincinnati	September 20	
Hamfest Association	Cleveland	September 27	<www.hac.org>
Massillon ARC	Massillon	November 1	
Grant ARC	Georgetown	November 7	

1—In conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest. Seminars to be announced.

2—At State Fire Academy. Pizza lunch featured. No flea market.

These are the Ohio Hamfests on the ARRL Hamfest list at <www.arrl.org>. For more information on any of these hamfests and/or conventions, go to the ARRL Web Site or write the contact listed.

If your activity is not listed, contact the ARRL at \_\_\_\_\_ or the Section Manager. Some Ohio hamfests may not be listed here yet because paperwork is not complete as of publication date. Get your paperwork done on-line immediately. Your ham radio activity is listed whether or not it is ARRL approved.

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### Note from the editor:

I would like to hear people's comments about the newsletter in this format. I feel it is easier to read in a digital format, but I know we can get set in our ways, and not want change. Let me know what you think, or if you have an article you would like published in the newsletter, or even suggestions/constructive criticism!

Don't forget, the next DIAL meeting is September 21, 2009, and the DIAL Intercom Nets are every Thursday at 9pm on 146.610 negative offset with a tone of 77hz.

*Jason Mossbarger kd8gxd*



# Dial Radio Club



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## October 2009

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### Minutes of the September 21, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

**Attendance**

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, W8GNV, KD8GXD, N8HP, N8HRA, K18I, W8ISZ, W8LKU, KC8NHP, WD8NKJ, WA8PRA, WB8QEA, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, W8WCQ & Ginny, KB8WKL & Barb, KA8WNF, KC8WOF, N8YFQ

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Don, WA8DTU. Don welcomed Dick, W8GNV, one of our long-time members who has not been able to attend recent meetings.

**Secretary's Report:**

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by John, W8WCQ, and seconded by Ernie, N8EH. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 89 members representing 64 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed with 1 nay – same as last month.

**Repeater/Station Report:**

Ernie, W8EH, reported "I don't know – same stuff as last month", meaning the Monroe remote receiver site is still down due to waiting on the electrician to restore power. He has called for volunteers for a work party at the Monroe site to clean out the cabinet once power is restored. An email notification will be sent to organize the party.

**Activity Report:**

Lorie, W8LKU, reminded those in attendance of the Dial intercom net on 146.61 is on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local.

**Classes and Exams:**

Beverley, N8GGE, announced that the next exam will be on October 7<sup>th</sup>, a week before the new General Class starts. Beverley promised to get a schedule out to instructors soon. She also reported having 6 or 7 students in the Technician Class that are expected to examine on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

Ron, N8QF, reported that the Dial trailer work has been completed, including the new racks built by Ed, KF8PD, to hold the poles for the shelter.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Lorie, W8LKU, moved and Ernie, N8EH, seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed with 1 nay (Frank was told that he could remain) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, at the Golden Corral**

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## Mark Johnson WD8DFK, SK

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Mark Johnson, 71, of Xenia, formerly of Middletown died Friday, October 2, 2009, at Hospice of Dayton. He was born in Erie, PA, on June 27, 1938 to parents Harry & Lela (Stone) Johnson. Mark was a member of Middletown Dial Radio Club, his call sign was WD8DFK, Jefferson Lodge #90 F. & A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton and Loyal Order Of Moose #501. Mr. Johnson is survived by his sons, Russell M.(Stephanie) Johnson and Randall M. Johnson; a daughter, Jodi L. Johnson , a brother; Lester (Carol) Johnson and grandchildren; Michael Green, Sierra Johnson, Brittany Johnson, Autumn Johnson, Irelyn Johnson; Monica Johnson and Hannah Cochran, great-grandchildren; Karlee Green; Shayla Johnson; Christian Johnson; and Harley Davis. Mark was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Nancy Lou (Beam) Johnson in 2000.

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### DIAL Radio Club General Class and Test Session

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Beginning October 14, 2009 and ending November 18th, the Dial Radio Club will offer a six-week class to prepare a candidate for taking the ARRL **General Class Exam**, with a testing session on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 For registration or additional information, contact K8CM Carl Morgan

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### STATE QSO Parties

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New York QSO Party	10/17-18
Illinois QSO Party	10/18-19
Iowa QSO Party	10/17-18

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### Three People Killed While Erecting Ham Antenna

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At approximately 8:40 PM on Monday, October 12, a man, woman and their 15 year old son were killed while trying to erect a 50 foot vertical antenna at the home of the man's mother, Barbara Tenn, KJ4KFF, in Palm Bay, Florida. The deceased were not licensed amateurs.

"It happened in an instant," Palm Bay Fire Marshal Mike Couture said in a statement. "It is an unfortunate set of circumstances that led to the most tragic result."

According to police reports, Melville Braham, 55, Anna Braham, 49, and their 15 year old son Anthony were putting up an antenna -- Tenn's second -- at night when they lost control of the antenna and it crashed into nearby overhead power lines. The impact sent 13,000 volts of electricity through the

pole the three were holding. A family friend, a 17 year old boy, was on the roof at the time of the accident. He and the couple's daughter, who was in the house at the time, were not injured.

The mother was pronounced dead at the scene. When paramedics arrived, the father and son were not breathing; rescue crews immediately tried to resuscitate them. They were transported to a hospital where they later died.

Neighbor Jim Vallindingham told television station WFTV that he called 911 when he saw the fire in the backyard and then he ran over: "I had no idea it was electrical until we got over there and saw the three people laying on the ground. So I called 911 a second time to tell them there were casualties. You know, there were people on the ground. So [the 911

operator] told me that's electric, you back away don't touch anything."

Couture said that night was not the best time to be attempting to put up an antenna. "It wasn't the best time, meaning it was night time. Obviously, in darkness, and trying to do something like this and not being keenly aware of where the power line is in the backyard, [was not a good idea]," he said.

Neighbors said that Tenn, an ARRL member, used Amateur Radio to talk with her family in Jamaica. -- *Thanks to WFTV and Central Florida News 13 for the information-ARRL*

*Keep this as a reminder to pay attention to your surroundings when hanging an antenna!*

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## Senate Introduces Companion Bill To HR 2160

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ARLB031 Senate Introduces  
Companion Bill to HR 2160

October 6, Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT), along with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), introduced Senate Bill 1755, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009. Similar to HR 2160 -- also called The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009 -- that was introduced this past April by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18), the bill, if passed, would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake a study on emergency communications. S 1755 points out that "There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given -- (A) support at all levels of government; and (B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations."

"We are delighted to have the sponsorship of both the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and especially to have the support of Senator Lieberman

from the ARRL's home state," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "The bill could not have a better pedigree." Lieberman is the Chairman of the committee, while Collins is the Ranking Member.

Like HR 2160, S 1755 calls on DHS to undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief and then to submit a report to Congress no more than 180 days after the bill becomes law. The study shall:

Include a review of the importance of Amateur Radio emergency communications in furtherance of homeland security missions relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States, as well as recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts and improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in planning and furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives. Identify

impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use regulations on residential antenna installations; and make recommendations regarding such impediments for consideration by other federal departments, agencies and Congress.

In conducting the study, S 1755 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to "utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the Amateur Radio, emergency response and disaster communications communities."

S 1755 makes note of the fact that Section 1 of the Joint Resolution entitled Joint Resolution to Recognize the Achievements of Radio Amateurs, and To Establish Support for Such Amateurs as National Policy -- approved October 22, 1994 (Public Law 103-408) -- included a finding that stated: "Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of

government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit." The bill also pointed out that Section 1805(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 757(c)) directs the Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate their activities with ham and Amateur Radio operators among the 11 other emergency organizations, such as ambulance services, law enforcement and others.

ARRL New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI said that Amateur Radio operators in the State of Maine have "an outstanding relationship" with their Congressional representatives -- plus Governor John Baldacci is KB1NXP!" Both Connecticut and Maine are part of the League's New England Division

Frenaye said that Maine Section Manager Bill Woodhead, N1KAT, dropped off a letter at Senator Collins' office in Lewiston two weeks ago, asking for her support. "After that, we had amateurs in

Maine write the Senator," he said; more than 40 Maine hams wrote Senator Collins.

The Senate bill points out many positive things that Amateur Radio operators do, including "provid[ing] on a volunteer basis, a valuable public sector service to their communities, their States, and to the Nation, especially in the area of national and international disaster communications."

It mentions that amateurs provided emergency and disaster relief communications services during both natural and manmade disasters. "The Amateur Radio Service has formal agreements for the provision of volunteer emergency communications activities with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service, the National Communications System, and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, as well as with disaster relief agencies, including the American National

Red Cross and the Salvation Army," the bill reads.

Right now, S 1755 has been read twice in the Senate chamber and referred to that body's Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. HR 2160 -- now with 27 sponsors -- is in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.  
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## November 2009

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### Minutes of the October 19, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

#### Attendance

N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GXD, N8HP, N8HRA, K18I, W8LKU, N8LRN, WB8MYT, N8OZN, WA8PRA, N8QF, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, N8TFH, KD8W, W8WCQ & Jinny, KB8WKL, KC8WOF, N8YIG & Becky

#### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Don, WA8DTU.

#### Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by Ernie, N8EH, and seconded by Jason KD8GXD. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2009 membership is presently 89 members representing 64 families. Barney, N8HP, made the

motion to accept the treasurer's report and Bob, NR8R, seconded. The motion passed with without objection.

Ron also stated that he had filed the "Statement of Continuing Existence" with the Ohio Secretary of State, which will be valid for the next five years.

#### Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, announced a work party for the Monroe remote receiver site for Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October at 9:00 am to clean out the cabinet, connect the feedline, etc, now that the power has been restored.

Ernie also reported occasional problems with the 146.82 repeater having a spur that drifts across 146.61. The last time Ernie heard the spur was on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, reminded those in attendance of the Dial intercom net on 146.61 is on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local.

#### Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, reported that no students had attended the first meeting of the General class, but two had notified her of their intention to participate, but had conflicts for the first night. The next exam session is on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm and the exams will begin around 6:30. Anyone wishing more information should contact Carl, K8CM, or Dave, KD8W.

#### Old Business

None.

#### New Business

Ron, N8QF, reported that DARA has their Hamvention 2010 website up. Others commented on the fact that the site seems to be incomplete at this time.

Ernie, W8EH, reminded those in attendance of the upcoming CQ WW DX phone contest. He suggested Sunday afternoon would be a good time

Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, at Larosa's on Roosevelt

for persons that had not worked much DX to add some more contacts to the log.

Don, WA8DTU, asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee to select a slate of potential officers for next year. After some discussion, the committee was formed. The members are: Dave, KD8W, Jason, KD8GXD, and Ron, N8QF. Anyone

wishing to volunteer to hold an office in Dial, or wishing to suggest another to serve should contact one of the committee members.

### Adjournment:

Lorie, W8LKU, moved and Willowdean, N8TFH, seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP  
Secretary*

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### Next Meeting

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The next Meeting will be held at:

**La Rosa's**  
4900 Roosevelt Blvd  
Middletown, OH 45044

On November 16, 2009. Normal time, show up around 5-6pm to eat, formal meeting at 7pm.

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### News

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**Norwegian  
Amateurs Receive  
New Privileges**  
(Nov 9, 2009) -- As  
of November 6,

radio amateurs in Norway were granted privileges on three new bands, as well as primary status on the extended 40 meter band and a frequency extension on 12 meters. According to IARU Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Norwegian amateurs received new secondary user privileges on 60 meters (5.260-5.410 MHz), the 600 meter band (493-510 kHz) and in five blocks in the 4 meter (70 MHz) band. Amateur Radio operators in Norway will also enjoy upgraded privileges on 40 meters, moving from secondary to primary users between 7.100-7.200 MHz and 1000 W output. They have also received a new secondary allocation from 24.740-24.890 MHz in the 12 meter

band, expanding upon Norway's existing primary allocation of 24.890-24.990 MHz. Garpestad said that "minor adjustments" were also made in the SHF (3-30 GHz) and EHF (30-300 GHz) portions of the band.

"Congratulations to our Norwegian colleagues," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "The new domestic allocations in Norway are consistent with the present and future spectrum requirements for the Amateur Service as determined by the IARU Administrative Council. We hope that other administrations will consider taking similar steps."

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**More  
Cosponsors for  
HR 2160** (Nov 4,

2009) -- Earlier this week, two more Congressional Representatives -- André Carson (D-IN-7), and C.W. Bill Young (R-FL-10) -- pledged their support for [HR 2160](#), *The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009*, bringing the total number of cosponsors to 31, including original sponsor [Sheila Jackson-Lee](#) (D-TX-18). HR 2160 is also sponsored by W. Todd Akin (R-MO-2), Michael Arcuri (D-NY-24), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-6), John Boozman (R-AR-3), Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam), Geoff Davis (R-

KY-4), Bob Filner (D-CA-51), Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5), Bart Gordon (D-TN-6), Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02), Maurice Hinchey (D-NY-22), Michael Honda (D-CA-15), Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH-15), Tom Latham (R-IA-4), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-16), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-9), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11), Charlie Melancon (D-LA-3), Candice Miller (R-MI-10), Dennis Moore (D-KS-3), John Olver (D-MA-1), Bill Posey (R-FL-15), Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-46), Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2), Michael Turner (R-OH-3), Peter Welch (D-VT), David Wu (D-OR-1) and Don Young (R-AK). On the Senate side of Capital Hill, [S 1755](#) -- also called *The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009* -- cleared the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee with a favorable recommendation by voice vote. It now proceeds to committee staff to prepare the report for the full Senate. [Click here](#) for information on how to encourage your Congressional representative to sponsor HR 2160.

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*And don't forget the Thursday night net at 9pm!*

## December 21, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Call to order at 1902 EST by Don, WA8DTU. Don thanked everyone for their help over the past two years. Reading of the secretary's report was dispensed with, since it was published in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was read and approved despite 1 nay vote.

### Station Report

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the repeater system had not changed in the past month and everything was working OK. There was a question about why the repeater ID's twice on some occasions. Ernie stated that it was a software problem.

### Activities Report

Lori, W8LKU, said there might be a possibility of a tour of TV station WDTN in Dayton if there was any interest. Many of those present were interested. Jason, KD8GXD, will try to make the arrangements. Lori said there will be a net on Christmas Eve, and Jason said there will also be a net on New Year's Eve.

### Education Report

Beverley reported that an Amateur Extra Class course is scheduled to begin on January 13<sup>th</sup> and run until April. The class meets from 6 until 9 pm on Wednesdays at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown. Due to the extensive preparation, we would like to have a good number of students ( at least 5) in order to justify the course. Anyone interested in the course should contact Beverley.

There was no Old Business

### New Business

Ernie, W8EH, made a motion and Bob, K8RJH, seconded to get the same spots in the flea market area that Dial has had in past years. Motion was approved.

Don, WA8DTU, requested 3 people to serve as the annual audit committee. Roy, N8LRN, and Jason, KD8GXD, and Bob, K8RJH, volunteered to serve as the audit committee.

The nominating committee report placed Bob, NR8R, for president; Dave, KD8W, v. president; Barney, N8HP, secretary; Ron, N8QF, treasurer; Lori, W8LKU, activities; and Jason, KD8GXD, newsletter. Jim, W8ISZ, motioned a close to nominations and Ernie, W8EH, seconded. Ron, N8QF, made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated and Jim, W8ISZ seconded. All present approved ( and with that, the train left the railroad station).

Dave, KD8W, made a motion to adjourn and Willowdean, N8TFH, seconded, all yea, at 1929 EST.

Minutes by Jim, W8ISZ

(if there are inaccuracies or missed items, it's due to the arm injury sustained when Barney asked me to do this)