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November Birthdays



Eric	KG8FE	11/12
Frank	WA8PRA	11/18
Robert	K8RJH	11/19
Jay	K4ZLE	11/23
Ed	KF8PD	11/28
Robert	N8TVU	11/27

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Local News

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY !



The party will be held at Golden Corral 1532 Main St. In Hamilton on Thur. Dec. 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The gift exchange limit will be \$10.00. Men bring gift for men and ladies bring gift for ladies. Tag your gift man or lady. All are urged to take part to make this a real fun thing. We need 30 to 45 folks to avoid charge for the Room. Any further info needed please call WD8MQJ, Ed, at 863 2421

Merry Christmas, Ed and Jane

Sign up for the BCVHFA QRZ Reflector: The BCVHFA reflector is a mailing list intended exclusively for use by BCVHFA members. For questions, the List Administrator is K1DRW. **Subscribe at:** <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/bcvhfa>

Usage: To post a message to all the list members, send email to bcvhfa@mailman.qth.net.



ARRL News



Atlantic Division to Host Webinar (Nov 10, 2009) -- Periodically, the ARRL's Atlantic Division hosts a "webinar" -- an interactive Web-based seminar, designed to facilitate communication between a small number of presenters and a large remote audience using the Internet. On Friday, November 13 at 9 PM EST, Chuck Blocher, PhD, KC2IQV, will present a webinar entitled *The Emotional Go Kit: Are You Prepared?* "As hams serve as emergency and public service communicators, we prepare our Go Kits and necessary gear to provide essential communications," said webinar sponsor ARRL Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR. "How prepared are you concerning your emotional wellness during one of these events? This webinar addresses

the emotional well-being and preparedness for those Amateur Radio communicators who participate in emergency and public service situations." Please click [here](#) to register for this informative, interactive Internet meeting.



Fall Frequency Measuring Test This Month (Nov 2, 2009) -- The W1AW Frequency Measuring Test (FMT) has taken several different formats over the past few years. This year, we return to the "classic" FMT -- measuring the frequency of an unmodulated carrier. Accurate frequency measurement is required of all hams for both regulatory compliance -- "stay in the band!" -- and operating convenience, particularly on the new digital modes. The W1AW FMT will run on November 12, 2009 at 0245 UTC (this is Wednesday evening, November 11, 2009 at 9:45 PM EST). It will replace any W1AW bulletin normally scheduled for that time. It is recommended that participants listen to W1AW's transmissions prior to the event to get an idea of conditions to see which band (or bands) will be best for measurement purposes.

After serving two terms as ARRL President, **Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has decided not to seek reelection when his current term expires January 16, 2010.**

At the end of September, the ARRL adopted a statement of policy with respect to the use of Amateur Radio entitled the [The Commercialization of Amateur Radio: The Rules, The Risks, The Issues](#). The document offers guidelines to assist radio amateurs and anyone wishing to use the capabilities of Amateur Radio in understanding the FCC Rules that prohibit communications in which the amateur has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. From the document's introduction:



ARES®

A reminder to all ARES ops that they should have the following certifications as a minimum level of competency in ARES emcomm facets. These are pursuant to the recommendations of the former ARRL National Emergency Response Planning Committee.

ARRL's ARECC Level 1 -- click [here](#) for information and a syllabus.

ARC combined course in [Adult CPR/First Aid Basics](#)

ARC online [Introduction to Disaster Services](#)

FEMA IS-100 ([Introduction to Incident Command System](#))

FEMA IS-200 ([ICS for Single Resource and Initial Action Incidents](#))

FEMA IS-700 ([National Incident Management System](#))

Except for the first two, all courses are free of charge, and CPR/First Aid may be free to members of the American Red Cross. CPR/First Aid is the only course which requires periodic refreshers and the only course which must be taken in person rather than on the Internet. Where FEMA courses exist in more than one current

version - aimed at somewhat different audiences - any of the currently-available versions will suffice. The American Heart Association (AHA) also offers excellent courses in Basic Life Support, and for more ambitious students, Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

Great Lakes Division

Director

Weaver's Words: www.weaver.gcara.org/

+++ Webinar Friday, November 13, 9 PM +++

You are invited to a rather unique webinar this Friday evening. Join us for a Webinar on November 13 Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/333780681>

As emergency/public service communicators we prepare our Go Kits and necessary gear to provide essential emergency/public service communications. How prepared are you concerning your emotional wellness during one of these events? **This webinar address's the emotional well-being and preparedness for those amateur radio communicators participating in emergency and public service situations.**

Major topics include:

- What are stress and trauma?
- Common emotional stressors and there effects
- How each individual is affected differently
- Reviews how stress and trauma manifests differently in individuals
- Pre-emergency/public service emotional wellness
- During emergency/public service emotional wellness
- Post emergency/public service emotional wellness
- Building your own Emotional Go Kit

Ohio Section News: www.arrloho.org

Section Manager Notes: Frank J. Piper, KI8GW

The Ohio Section Conference in September is where the 2009 Ohio Section Newsletter award winners are announced. The First place winner went to NOARS LOG, a publication of the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society.

The Second place winner went to ZERO BEAT, a publication of the Alliance ARC. **And The Third place winner is The LOG SHEET** a publication of the Butler County VHF Association. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

73, Frank **ARRL - The national association for Amateur Radio™** 614-589-4641 ki8gw@arrl.org

Coming up:

Next BCVHFA Meeting

The next meeting of the Butler County VHF Association will be **December 2nd, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.** in Room 127 at Butler Tech Career and Development Center.

Weekly BCVHFA Information Net

The Butler County VHF Association operates a **weekly net each Thursday at 7:00 P.M.** on the 146.970(-) repeater with a PL of 118.8. The purpose of the net is to provide information on meetings, test sessions, and other items of interest to members or others that check in. You do not have to be a member to check into the net and may do so using either radio or Echo Link.

BCARES Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net

The ARES net is held on each **Tuesday night at 7:30 P.M.** local time on the 147.330 (+) repeater with a PL of 118.8. You do not have to be a member of ARES to check into the net.

Next BCARES Meeting

The next meeting of the Butler County Amateur Radio Emergency Service team will be **December 9th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** in Room 127 at the Butler Tech Career Development Center.

[Bob, WA6EZV announced that the 2010 Radio Orienteering Event would be held in Cincinnati in May.](#)

[Interest was expressed by several, to participate in the Phone Sweepstakes contests at W8CCI, 3rd week of Nov-09.](#)



FT-7800 Yaesu Dual band (2m-440mhz) 50w, FM Mobile Transceiver, excellent condition - \$150 - *contact K1DRW*



Bugcatcher HF antenna (10m - 80m) with large Capacity hat, can be used mobile, ground mounted or elevated - \$45 - *contact K1DRW*

Garmin eTrex Vista C, color handheld GPS, 24meg memory with USA street mapping - Excellent condition, \$99 - *contact K1DRW*

W2FMI UNUN (UN-Multi model with 8 matching combinations) - \$40 - *contact K1DRW*



MFJ-903 6m Tuner, excellent condition, \$47- *contact K1DRW*



FT-202R 2m FM HT 1 watt, 3 channels, works fine, \$20 - *contact K1DRW*

Cushcraft ARX-450B 440 mhz 7dBd Gain vertical antenna - \$43 - *contact K1DRW*



VE Exams & Classes:

Butler County VHF Association *Exam* dates: November 14, 2009

* Special BCVFHA Exam at the R&L Appreciation Day in Hamilton, Dec 12th, 2009 8:30am

DIAL Radio Club of Middletown *Exam* dates: December 2, 2009

Hamfests

November HAMFESTS:

Ft. Wayne, Indiana November 14-15th

Contests this month

STATE QSO Parties:

Kentucky QSO Party 1400Z, Nov 14 to 0200Z, Nov 15, 2009 Nov 14 -15

Monthly Meeting *Minutes: Nov 04, 2009*

Attendance:

Gerald Dakin W8ULC, Dennis Wells K1DRW, Bob Spratt N8TVU, Carl Morgan K8CM, Rick Langford, KD8LCD, Steve Ramsey KC8VDT, Jay Slough K4ZLE, Ed Crowthers WD8MQJ, Ted Wilson K8TCR, John Delacroix W8WCQ, Jim Lancaster K8FL, Dave Williams N8DHW, Tom Cornett KA4WRR, Don Hartley K8NH, Lorie Urschel W8LKU, Robert Frey WA6EZV, Matt Fonner N3WNX, Eric Seebohm KG8FE, Bob Holmes K8RJH, Gordon Brainard KI8I, Greg Santaromita AB8RG, Don Jeffries N8KYX, Paul Levasseur KC8ZFL, Bill Harris AC8AQ, John Comella N8AA, Tim Callahan K9TGC, Tim Johnson KA8DZU, Bob Gorman K8HBT, Bob Fay WBONPN

Meeting Called to Order By President Gerald Dakin W8ULC at 1930 Hours.

Motion by Bob, WBONPN **not to read** the minutes from the last meeting as they are available within the BCVHFA LogSheet Newsletter posted on the BCVHFA website. Seconded: Matt, N3WNX

Motion was made Ted, K8TCR and seconded John, W8WCQ, to accept the **treasurer's report**.

Repeater Report read by K1DRW, submitted by N8TVU:

145.210 - Oxford -	No changes from last month.
146.970 - West Hamilton -	No changes from last month.
147.330 - East Hamilton -	No changes from last month.

W8CCI Technical Support Committee Report - (from N8TVU):

BCVHFA - W8CCI Club Station

There is an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ " LDF 4-50 hard line that is inside of the radio room that terminates at the bottom of the tower that can be utilized as ANTENNA 2 on the FT-1000 Mark V to test antennas.

ANTENNA 1 will still be the beam antenna, ANTENNA 2 will be the test CABLE - If you have put no antenna on the test cable DO NOT USE ANTENNA 2 it will damage the radio!

We will begin working on the inside projects aimed at upgrading the clubs radio room in Phases which will be based on the grants received from our local foundations.

Grant Committee Report - (from N8TVU):

We did receive a \$2500.00 grant from the Middletown Barnitz Fund to begin construction with. Other grant applications are still pending approval.

Audit Committee Report (from W8ULC): A new Audit committee will be formed in Jan-10

OLD BUSINESS:

Carl, K8CM submitted the following correction to the club minutes from 09-02-2009:

As reported in the last issue of *The Logsheet*, page 9:

Article II, Section C, Election of Trustees and Officers

“No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.” President Gerald Dakin, W8ULC, called for a vote to accept the deletion of the phrase. Passed by majority vote.”

In reality, the phrase “*No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.*” was deleted with amendments approved at the August 5 meeting. Subsequently, Don Hartley, K8NH, submitted a motion seeking to approve an amendment reinstating the phrase to the Bylaws

It was this reinstatement that was acted upon at the September 2 meeting. Don submitted a motion to restore the phrase “*No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.*” to Section C, Article II, of the Club’s ByLaws. When called to vote, the membership rejected the motion to restore.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Red, W8ULC reported that the new 40m-80m Fan dipole installation was complete.
- Jim, K8FL (nominating committee chairman) announced the **2010 club officer nominations:** Don, N8KYX (President), Red, W8ULC (Vice-President), Bob, N8TVU (Treasurer), Dennis, K1DRW (Secretary & Newsletter publisher), Jim, K8FL, (Club call sign Trustee). **A vote was taken and the committee report of nominations was approved.** (motion by K8CM, seconded by K4ZLE).
- Motion by K8CM to approve spending \$150 for the 2009 Christmas Part.

Program for the evening: Jay Slough, K4ZLE - **Trials of Tower Installation.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by ? Seconded by ?

Split the pot winner KA4WRR - donated back to the club treasury. Thank you Tom.!

Meeting end time: 2030 hours.

End of Monthly meeting minutes

Club Officers:

President

Gerald Dakin, W8ULC

Trustees

Dave Williams, N8DHW

John De La Croix, W8WCQ

Jim Lancaster, K8FL

Secretary & Newsletter editor

Dennis Wells, K1DRW

Vice President

Don Jefferies, N8KYX

Treasurer

Carl Morgan, K8CM

Repeaters 145.210(-), 146.970(-), 147.330(+) ...all PL 118.8

Echolink repeater connection via W8CCI (146.970)

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