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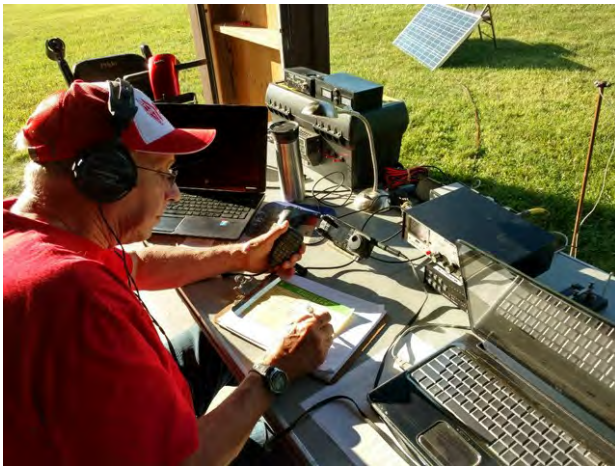
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## The "HAT"

(from Larry, KD8COV & Lynn, W8MLL)

Hello All,

Mike Floyd, W1HAT, recently became a Silent Key. Mike had many interests beside ham radio, one being meteorology. His weather forecasting ability was often more correct than the TV weather talking heads and even what was coming out of NWS in Cleveland. He loved working the computer models and studying the charts and coming up with even long-range predictions that would be right on.



Some are not aware of how Mike became known as "The Hat" or why he even changed his call to W1HAT, so with permission of Larry Bell, KD8COV, I am passing on his letter to Mike's daughter. Many thanks to Larry for doing a fantastic job of writing the description of how it all came about and agreeing to share it with us .... a wonderful memory of W1HAT.

73 de Lynn  
W8MLL

Michele:

I just want to express to you, your Mom and your family just how much Mikey's friendship meant to me and the rest of the Marion Amateur Radio Club members. I first met Mikey shortly after getting my FCC license. He was one of the first to befriend me. He understood that it was hard for non-native Marionites to integrate into the local fabric of the community. I recognized his quick wit immediately and we spent many days at the coffee "round table" at the Marion Diner comparing notes about the Marionites. Mikey just had a hilarious perspective of life and I enjoyed his commentary immensely.

Not long after joining the radio club, I decided that the meetings were a bit dry and that we needed to have more fun while discussing "all things technical." Having spent much of my adult life as an engineer, sales manager and business owner, I had developed a number of programs that were designed to get groups of people to interact to break down barriers between them that might exist. I decided to introduce the radio club to one of my characters.... Dr. Heywood Ubuzzoff..... a Russian physicist of eminent ability and renowned expertise. So, in deciding how to do this, I decided that Dr. Ubuzzoff would do a technical program on one of his recent inventions ..... a weather predicting hat that was powered by brain waves. I also decided to single out one of the radio club members to demonstrate the hat. Of course, I chose your father as the victim of my endeavor. (The reason for that was I knew he could handle a little ribbing and also that he was a bit of a performer himself in real life.) I also decided that I needed a straight man to help Dr. Ubuzzoff perpetrate.....er.....orchestrate the demonstration. That is how Lynn Lovell joined the adventure.

So, come the night of the radio club meeting when Dr. Heywood Ubuzzoff was unveiled, Dr. Ubuzzoff came dressed in his white laboratory coat and spoke in a heavy, heavy Russian accent. Dr. Ubuzzoff demonstrated the weather hat which had several scientific type instruments like thermometer, wind direction vane, rain gauge, etc. It also came equipped with a pair of glasses that had two lights affixed to the temples of the glasses that supposedly would light up if the wearer of the hat had enough brain waves to power it.



When Dr. Ubuzzoff put the weather hat on, the two lights immediately came on but that was because Dr. Ubuzzoff had secretly flipped a switch that was battery powered. Dr. Ubuzzov was sure to mention that Russians never had problems powering the hat because of their superior intellect. Then, it was poor Mikey's turn. Somehow the light switch had gotten turned off in the process of transferring the hat to Mikey. No matter how hard Mikey tried, he could not make the lights come on. Dr. Ubuzzoff told the group that he had been concerned about American's ability to power the hat ..... and of course had created a back-up power supply plan....because Russians always were ahead of the game. That statement was met with a number of boos from the audience of course. But, Dr. Ubuzzoff at that point knew that he had the group in the palm of his hand. So, Dr. Ubuzzoff pointed out the special American back-up power system that he had designed for the American version of the weather hat. On the back of the hat, Dr. Ubuzzoff had positioned a gas valve to which a rubber tube was attached. Before poor Mikey could react, Dr. Ubuzzoff placed the rubber tube down into the back of Mikey's trousers and at the same time had flipped the light switch on so that the lights lit up like torches. The audience went crazy and laughed for a long time. Mikey loved the whole episode and bore the brunt of the Russian trickery in a manner only a US Navy veteran could have done.

The whole episode was the talk of the round table for the next month and I am sure that Mikey thought the whole thing would fade away and everyone would forget it. But, Mikey did not know that Dr. Ubuzzoff had further plans for him. At the very next radio club meeting, Dr. Ubuzzoff had secretly contacted the other club members to bring cans of beans to give to Mikey so that he would be sure to have enough energy to keep the hat powered. The look on Mikey's face at the next meeting as the cans of beans piled up in front of him was something I will never forget. It was a precious memory that should never "fade away" and I only share this with you because through all of this, he handled all of this with his typical humor, humility and good cheer. By the way, he donated all of the cans of food to a local charity.

I never ever contemplated that he would embrace the "Weather Hat" episode so much that he made it a part of his life. His radio call sign, his email address and so many other things that sprang from this one little club skit was truly amazing. I hope the "Weather Hat" is still someplace in residence with you all. The Weather Hat should be in a place of honor in a museum.....both the man and the actual hat.

I will miss Mikey.....may he always sail in calm seas.

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Larry L. Bell  
KD8COV

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## One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang...

There's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! <http://arrloho.org>

I was very surprised to see the results from last week's question about whether you print off the newsletter. It seems that only around 15% of you actually do that. Well, that's why I ask these questions.

There's a new question up there, and I would once again like you hear from you. Reflecting over the "HAT" story in this issue, I really wanted to ask this as our One Question Questionnaire of all of you...

**Do you help out and participate at your club meetings to make it more fun?**

It will only take 2 seconds for you to answer it, and you can see how your answer stacks up with others instantly. If you haven't done it yet, please do. I really want to hear from you.

Hey.. If you've got a question that you'd like to see on our questionnaire, please send it to me!

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## CW Op's Guide to Contesting - 101

Hey Gang,

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT just did a really great podcast for Dit.Dit.FM. a podcast channel devoted to Amateur Radio. The podcast is about 31 minutes long.

Here's the link to Anthony's podcast. I do believe that you'll find it really interesting even if you're not into CW..

<https://www.ditdit.fm/shows/episode-12-the-cw-ops-guide-to-contesting-101>

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## Fun Things To Do

(from various newsletters and sources)



### 10/07/2017 | Michelson-Morley Experiment 130th Anniversary

Oct 7, 1200Z-2200Z, W8M, Cleveland, OH. Case Amateur Radio Club of Case Western Reserve University. 21.280 14.230 14.050 7.230. Certificate & QSL. Case Amateur Radio Club, W8EDU, Glennan Building 9A, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106. Case Amateur Radio Club will be on the air discussing the Michelson-Morley Experiment with amateur radio operators around the world. Alumni are welcome to visit, get on the air with W8EDU, and learn about the Michelson-Morley Experiment. Tours of Glennan amateur radio station will also be available.

[www.w8edu.wordpress.com](http://www.w8edu.wordpress.com)

## Ham Radio Class Now Forming November 4 and 18

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association will be holding a 2-day course where you will learn everything you need to earn your entry level FCC Amateur Radio license, and begin to talk on the radio with other hams in the area. .

Text books are \$25 (available on 1st day or prior to the class) - ARRL *Ham Radio License Manual* 3rd Ed. The test is \$15 due at time of test on the second day.

TMRA does not charge for the class. **Class Dates: November 4 & 18, 2017 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)**

Lucas County EMS Training Center - 2127 Jefferson St Toledo OH 43624 Registration is required. For more information please contact: Steve Stalker KC8TVW 419-467-3734 [kc8tvw@arrl.net](mailto:kc8tvw@arrl.net)

\* From the Monday Morning Memo - **MCM CLOSING**— WHIO television reports that Dayton area MCM Electronics has been sold and the new purchaser will close both the headquarters and the warehouse facility located in southern Dayton suburbs. Approximately 100 employees will be out of work by year end according to a WARN report released by the State of Ohio.

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## Salvation Army Seeks Amateur Radio Operators for Possible Caribbean Deployment

(from ARRL Bulletins)

The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network ([SATERN](#)) has been asked to recruit SATERN Amateur Radio operators for potential deployment to TSA's Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Division. SATERN National Liaison Bill Feist, WB8BZH, emphasizes that this is a recruitment request to be on standby only.



“This will not be an easy deployment so operators interested in deploying on behalf of The Salvation Army should carefully read and ensure that they can meet the conditions and requirements,” Feist said.

SATERN is seeking Communications Specialists who can provide their own radio gear and be able to handle at least a 2-week deployment in the Caribbean under “hardship” conditions. Deployment could be as early as next week.

[Full information](#) is available on the SATERN website.

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**Upcoming Hamfests**

**10/07/2017 | Great Lakes Hamcon at The Michigan International Speedway**  
**Oct 7-Oct 8, 1300Z-1800Z, K8MIS**, Brooklyn, MI.  
Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association. 21.300  
14.266 7.185 3.850. QSL. South Lyon Area  
Amateur Radio Club, 429 Lyon Court, South Lyon,  
MI 48178. k8mis@glhamcon.org or [glhamcon.org](#)



**10/07/2017 | Scioto Valley ARC Hamfest**  
Location: Chillicothe, OH  
Sponsor: Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w8bap/SVARC.html>

**10/15/2017 | Conneaut ARC Hamfest**  
Location: Conneaut, OH  
Sponsor: Conneaut Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/pg/W8BHZ/>

**10/29/2017 | Massillon ARC Hamfest**  
Location: Massillon, OH  
Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.w8np.org>

**11/04/2017 | Grant ARC Hamfest**  
Location: Georgetown, OH  
Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://garcoho.net/>

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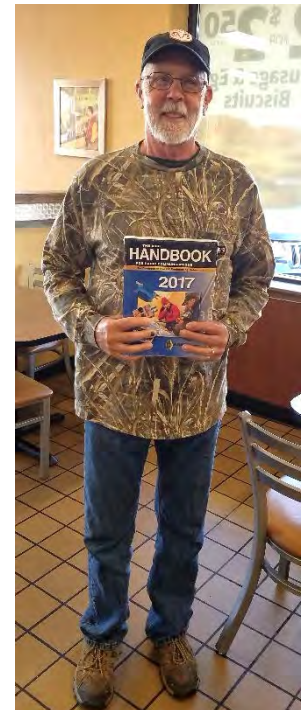
## Handbook Give Away



Hey Gang..

We had a fantastic response this month with well over 2,100 entries, but I'm sure you're more interested in knowing just who won the Handbook this month...

And the winner is.... **Ralph Bower, KC8REB** from Mount Vernon!



Since we've had such a great response with the Giveaway this month, I added some hats to "Give Away" as well !!

AND... those winners are:

**Tom Cooper, N8OSC**  
**Rodney Jones, AC8GU**  
**Greg Straley, KC8DVG**

I do want to thank everyone that participated this month. There will be another drawing coming soon so keep a sharp eye out for it on the Ohio Section Website. Look for the big RED arrow on the left side of the page.

73, and good luck to all..

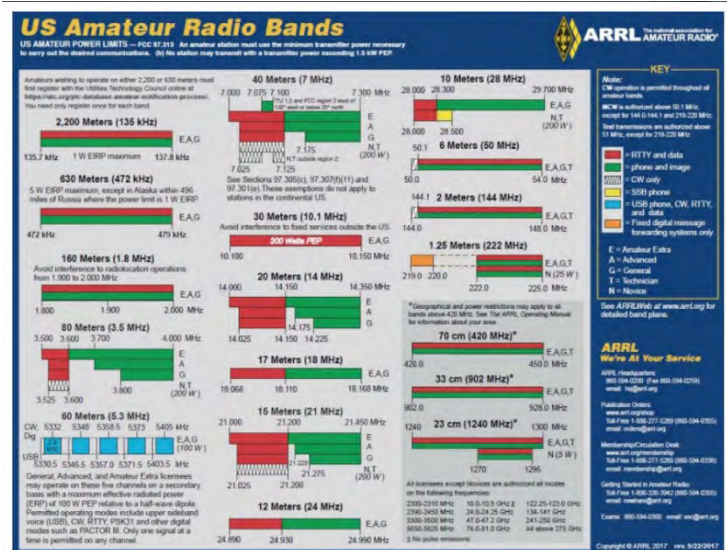
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## Revised ARRL Frequency Chart Now Available (from ARRL)

An updated ARRL frequency chart is now available for printing and downloading at <http://www.arrl.org/graphical-frequency-allocations>.

The chart has been updated to include our new bands at 2,200 and 630 meters.

- 8.5 X 11 grayscale
- 8.5 X 11 black and white
- 8.5 X 11 color
- 11 X 17 color



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## AN INTERESTING READ

*(from the Monday Morning Message)*

Ever wonder the origin of today's cell phones or your small dual band handheld? A recent on-line article--Walkie-Talkies From World War II to Nextel-is a brief but informative history of its development from prior to WWII to present. Just think—that phone you carry today in your shirt pocket or purse used to weigh 35 pounds and was carried on your back like a backpack! It later was reduced to lunchbox size and carried like one. Ever wonder where the term “hand held” came from? That information is found in the article at <http://tedium.co/2017/08/17/walkie-talkie-history>.



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## Final.. Final..

Hey Gang,

It was really great to visit with the folks at the Germantown Amateur Radio Society (GARS) last night. It was even more exciting to be able to present them with their Special Service Club Certificate and a Special Section Manager's Recognition Award for becoming a Special Service Club. Thanks so much for the hospitality, really had a lot of fun!

This upcoming weekend is the Great Lakes Division Convention weekend. Are you going to the Great Lakes HamCon?

It's a 2-day affair at none other than the Michigan International Speedway! That alone ought to bring out all motor-heads for some real fun for sure!

Our own Affiliated Clubs Coordinator will be one of the many forum speakers. There's also going to be a Wouff Hong presentation at the end of the Awards Banquet that will be held on Saturday night. If you've never done it, you've gotta' put this on your "Bucket List" to do. Here's a link for more information: [http://arrl-greatlakes.org/wh\\_form.html](http://arrl-greatlakes.org/wh_form.html)



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The winner of the Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE Newsletter Award will be announced. Want to see the newsletters in contention? Here's a link: <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/newsletter/index.html> Oh, by the way, the winners of the George S. Wilson III W4OYI Lifetime Achievement, Great Lakes Division Amateur of the Year, Technical Achievement, and Young Amateur of the Year will be just some of the awards announced there.



There's going to be a lot to see and do there for sure. So, "be there, or be square" as the saying goes!! Want more information about the Great Lakes HamCon? Here's a link: <http://glhamcon.org/> Or, just click on the Logo!

C.Q. C.Q.. Know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "Opt-In" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send me an email [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) and I'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list. I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, gets signed up to receive these Newsletters. You can always "Opt-Out" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting.



Got questions, concerns or would just like to sit and chat awhile? Heck, I'll even buy the coffee!! Give me a call at (419) 512-4445 or email me at: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

73, for now.. I will catch you on down the log for sure.

Scott, N8SY..

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