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## *Jerry Shipp W1SCR, SK*

Jerry Shipp, W1SCR, life member of OH-KY-IN, passed away on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Jerry was instrumental in many aspects of the club, including things like providing a meeting place for the club for many years through his connection to St. Bernard, starting the monthly “Digital Group” meetings for hams to come together and discuss anything related to digital operations, providing mentoring and guidance to many and so much more. He also was a big part of the local Winlink community, running an FM packet gateway from his home for quite some time before donating it to the club and moving on to additional Winlink modes. Jerry will certainly be missed.

Jerry’s obituary is printed below and also available online at <https://www.hodappfuneralhome.com/obituaries/jerry-shipp>



◆ Jerry W1SCR with his wife Cindy KB8WEI, SK, at the QCEN/OH-KY-IN NVIS Day event April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022



### *Jerry L. Shipp*

April 23, 1951 — March 15, 2024  
St. Bernard, OH

Jerry L. Shipp Sr., 72, of St. Bernard Ohio, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2024, and reunited with the love of his life Cynthia (Cindy) A. Shipp in Heaven.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jerry dedicated his life to nurturing his Family and excelled as a dedicated husband to Cindy; proud father of Jerry Shipp Jr., Leslie Shipp, and John Shipp Sr.; doting Pawpaw to his six grandchildren, Gabe (18), Mya (17), Bing (12), Crosby (9), Johnny (5), and Eleanor (3); and favorite Father-in-Law to Shondre and Brandy.

His greatest accomplishment was being Cindy’s Husband, but in his work, he was a dedicated Public Servant. As an Army Veteran, he exemplified integrity and honor by teaching his Family to always, “Do it for a pal in the Army!” Jerry worked for the City of St. Bernard as a garbage truck driver, electrician, and mechanic from 2001 before retiring in 2017. Death did not interrupt his Public Service as he donated tissue to patients in dire need thereby living on in others.

Jerry’s hobbies included bowling (how he meant the love of his life), boating, chunky-dunking, fishing, diehard involvement in Amateur Radio and a member of the Queen City Emergency Net and the OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society. Jerry’s favorite activities were chilling with a beer or highball, and porch frogging with the love of his life Cindy.

A celebration of life will be held at Hodapp Funeral Home on 20 April 2024 at 1 PM. Friends and Family can continue the celebration of his life with a wake at the St. Bernard Eagles immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers or gifts please feel free to donate in Jerry and Cindy’s name to their favorite charities Hamilton County ASPCA and the ARRL Foundation.





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## *The Reading & Radio Ranch: Notes from the Library*

*by Justin Patrick Moore, KE8COY*

April has arrived, and so have some new books purchased with money earned from the clubs split the pot earnings. Let me give you an update on these new titles!

First up in our selection of new titles is *Wired for Wireless*, the story of a lowly coffee barista who left work every afternoon totally jacked up on espresso and needed something to do with all the energy. One day she wandered into a shack in the neighbors back yard where they heard a strange pulsing sound and a rotund man tapping frantically away at a switch. She had stumbled into the world of ham radio and could never look back. After learning Morse code she finally had something to do with all that excess energy. By Jackie O'Hara, KO8FFE

The second book picked up by Oh-Ky-In for our recent purchases is *The Numbers Stations Mystery* for our many swls who are also in the club. This book is unique in that it is just a list of numbers said on the air by various numbers stations. Reading it is in fact like listening to a numbers station, or trying to read all the digits of Pi if they were printed out and bound together in a 600 page book. *The Numbers Station Mystery* is said to only be volume 1 of an ongoing series. By Shire Lincoln.

For all the dedicated homebrewers in the club we picked up a copy of the now classic, *The Dumpster Divers Guide to Hacking Together An All-Band All-Mode Quantum Transceiver from Parts You Can Find In the Trash*. Written by the acclaimed ham radio homebrewer Dr. Oscar Grouchavich, GR5BGE, this is the book that tells you how to get it done on a budget. Grouchavich shows how even the most money constrained ham can get in on the game of quantum radio and start making contacts in parallel dimensions and timelines.

Some of our members prefer the digital modes and all that can be achieved through hooking up a computer to a radio. To that end we purchased the new how-to guide from author Crosley Bendix, KA2OS, considered by many to be the guru of FT8. In this new book he previews the next digital mode currently being test-driven by a team of world class operators, FT888. FT888 has new features for making contacts backwards in time, if you happen to have a Quantum Rydberg radio that is. Getting up to speed with quantum radios will be discussed at the next meeting, so be sure to be there. We hope to have these running for summer field day when FT888 will be unleashed on the unsuspecting world.

For those who prefer to lurk and not transmit (otherwise known as scanner fans) the club is considering picking up a copy of *Amateur Radio for the Antisocial: It's Not All About the Ragchew* by Alan Hall. But if this book is for you, you probably won't be at the meeting anyway.

Please ask me about these titles at our next club meeting and I'll be sure to help you get them checked out!

And always Remember: Keep Your Batteries Charged & Your Aerials Up!

Your club librarian can be reached via email at: [justinpatrickdreamer@gmail.com](mailto:justinpatrickdreamer@gmail.com)

## *Newcomers Net*

The Newcomers net continues, with great participation. Robert K4PKM holds the net each **first** and **third** Sunday of the month at 7:00 PM on the 146.67 repeater. The net is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and those interested in becoming licensed are encouraged to listen in as well. The net focuses on topics of interest to newer hams, but participation by experienced hams is also encouraged. If you haven't already, check it out soon! The topic for April 7<sup>th</sup> will be "Battery Power Options" and April 21<sup>st</sup> will be "Understanding Resonance."



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## *Brunch Bunch*

*by Bruce Vanselow N8BV*

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. The location for April is Sugar n' Spice, the Reading Road location. Sugar n' Spice is located at 4381 Reading Road, 45229, just next door to Cincinnati Fire Department Station #9.

“About this Location; ‘The Original’, founded by Morton Keller in 1941. Sugar n’ Spice prides itself on creating a fun, comfortable, family-friendly atmosphere, serving the same great food that has kept people coming back for generations. Sugar n’ Spice has been delighting Cincinnati area diners with its secret-recipe Wispy Thin Pancakes, Huge Fluffy Omelets, Signature Creative Sandwiches, Specials and more for over 80 years.”

For a look at the menu as well as a map to the location, go to: [www.eatsugarnspice.com/reading-location](http://www.eatsugarnspice.com/reading-location)

Remember that the Brunch Bunch always meets the second Saturday of every month at 1pm at a location to be announced each month. If you can't join us this month, maybe you'll be available to join us in the months ahead.

As always I'm looking for suggestions on what restaurant you think might be a good place for the Brunch Bunch to visit in the future.

73, ..... Bruce N8BV

## *March, 2024 Meeting Minutes*

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society  
Minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Ryan AC8UJ with the Pledge of Allegiance. The club held a hybrid meeting at the Lockland Church of the Nazarene and via Zoom.

Guests: David KQ4OHF, Steve & Spencer, Mario N8MQO

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Attendance:

- 21 in person
- 14 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: None

Awards & Achievements: None

Prior Meeting Minutes: Kitty W8TDA made the motion, and Kevin W8SM seconded accepting the meeting minutes for February 2024 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 111 have renewed for the year out of 166 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

Treasurer: Kevin W8SM, Treasurer's report read and filed for audit.

Silent Key: None

Tech Committee: Gary, everything is working as it should.

Classes and Exams: 8 people are signed up for the Extra class upgrade, 4 for General, and 11 are signed up for the Tech classes.

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. Fox hunts will be starting soon.

Library: Contact Justin KE8COY if you would like to check out items from the library. The library just received 7 new books.

Nets: SSTV: Could use more check ins. Cesi KD8OOB will be presenting on SSTV at the QCEN meeting in March.

If you have questions or need help getting on the air, email Steve N8PUP or stop by the net each Monday at 9PM.

Website: None

QCEN: Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30PM

ARES: Meeting are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the ROC

Brunch Bunch: March 9<sup>th</sup> at Roosters at 1:00PM.

Events:

- Solar Eclipse QSO Party Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Ohio NVIS Day is April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Handihams Radio Club Event April 26<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Field Day June 22<sup>nd</sup> & June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Old Business:

- Drew KE8JTL has volunteered to be the event chairperson for Red White and Blue Ash
- Rocky KE8DZS has volunteered to handle the Harvest Home Fair
- No remote split the pot participants this month

New Business: None

Program: Tim K3LR From Dx Engineering

Split the Pot: \$66.00 The winner will receive \$33. The winner this month is Justin KE8COY

Motion to adjourn made by Bruce N8BV and seconded by Ted NC8V. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary



### OH-KY-IN SSTV Net Samples

Here's a sample of the images you could be receiving if you tuned into the weekly SSTV net on the 146.670 repeater. The net meets every Monday night at 9:00 PM Eastern time. No special equipment is required. If you have a 2 meter receiver and a computer or smart phone, you can receive images. If you don't know how, check in to the weekly Tech Talk net Wednesdays at 9:00 PM Eastern and ask for help. Hope to hear you all on the nets!



This space available for your image.  
Please join our net!

# DX Spots April 2024 DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 P9 - North Korea Thru 4-1  	2	3	4 VP6G - Pitcairn Thru 4-14  	5 TO4VV - Mayotte Thru 4-7  	6 HB0 - Liechtenstein thru 4-13 ----- A8OK - Liberia Thru 4-16 ----- 8Q7HZ - Maldives Thru 4-16
7 E51TLM - South Cook Is thru 4-13  	8	9	10 TO4VV - Bahamas Thru 4-12  	11 VY0 - Canada thru 4-16  	12 ZS6 - South Africa Thru 4-21  	13
14	15	16 TX7W - Austral Is Thru 4-30  	17	18 JW8EKA - Svalbard Thru 4-21 ----- A52 - Bhutan thru 5-8	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 KH0 - Mariana I Thru 4-30  	26	27 OJ0T - Market Reef thru 5-4  
28	29	30 A25SHD - Botswana thru 5-13  				

*Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT*

## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Monday	April 1 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	April 2 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	April 3 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sunday	April 7 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	April 8 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	April 9 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	April 10 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	April 15 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	April 17 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sunday	April 21 @ 7:00 PM	Newcomers Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	April 22 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	April 24 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	April 29 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	May 1 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)

### *Meeting Information*

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Lockland Church of the Nazarene (335 W. Wyoming Ave.). We will continue to offer Zoom video conferencing as an option. Please join us at 7:30 PM Eastern time each first Tuesday of the month. The Zoom call will open at about 7:20 PM for you to join. The passcode is 146670

<https://zoom.us/j/996062859>

If you are unable to join online, you may join by telephone at (301) 715-8592 with a meeting code of 996 062 859 and passcode of 146670. Long distance rates will apply.

#### *OH-KY-IN Repeaters*

146.670 (-) Clifton

146.625 (-) Edgewood (Fusion & analog WIRES-X)

146.925 (-) Delhi (Fusion & digital WIRES-X)

All repeaters require a 123.0 Hz CTCSS (PL) tone.

#### *Life Members*

John Phelps	N8JTP
Kenneth E Wolf	N8WYC
John W Hughes	AI4DA
Karl R Kaucher	KK4KRK
Fred Schneider	K9OHE
Dan Curtin	KF4AV
Steve Weeks	AA8SW
Kelly Hoffman	K8KAH
Mick Cook	KD8IOQ
Steve Crase	N8PUP
Joe Felix	K8NW



## *Support OH-KY-IN by Shopping*

Of course we appreciate your membership dues and all of the ways you give time and energy to the club, but did you know you can also support OH-KY-IN just by doing things you already do?

Kroger Community Rewards is a great source of income for the club and requires no effort! Visit <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/> and set us as your charity. We are organization **QY352**.

Contact Bruce N8BV for details about the program.



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## *Meeting Location*

The board has decided that we will continue meeting indefinitely at Lockland Church of the Nazarene, located at 335 West Wyoming Avenue in Lockland. It's right off I-75 at exit 12 (the Reading/Lockland exit southbound and the Davis St./Lockland/Reading exit northbound). Enter through the glass door by the mailbox under the awning. Be aware that there are about 5 steps down into the meeting room. Thanks to Steve N8PUP for making this facility available to the club for our meeting! We will also continue to offer Zoom for those wishing to join us online. If you have any symptoms of illness, please join us online to protect other club members.

## *Newsletter Submissions*

Please send any submissions you would like included in upcoming newsletters to Ryan, AC8UJ. All content is welcome! You can e-mail content to him at his callsign at [arrl.net](mailto:arrl.net). Please send all content either as plain e-mail text (attach any photos or graphics) or as a PDF file. Depending on the spacing needs of the particular issue, Ryan may reformat your content and adjust the layout. Because of this, if you send a PDF, please also include any graphics used as attachments.

# Please renew your membership, if you haven't already

## Committee Chairs & Appointments

Technical Operations . . . . .Gary Coffey KB8MYC  
 ARPSC Representative . . . . .(open)  
 Volunteer Examiners . . . . .Gary Coffey KB8MYC  
 QCEN Representative . . . . .Pat Maley KD8PAT  
 Membership . . . . .Nathan Ciufu KA3MTT  
 Fundraising . . . . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 Education . . . . .Tom Delaney W8WTD  
 Repeater Control Ops Mgr. . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 PIO . . . . .Steve Crase N8PUP  
 SSTV Net Mgr . . . . .Steve Crase N8PUP  
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 ARRL Field Day . . . . .Eric Neiheisel N8YC  
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 Fox Hunters . . . . .Dick Arnett WB4SUV  
 Equipment Manager . . . . .(open)  
 Webmaster . . . . .Rocky McGrath KE8DZS  
 Silent Key . . . . .Bryan Hoffman KC8EGV  
 Tech Talk Net Manager . . . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
 K8SCH Paper QSL Mgr . . . . .Bob Frey WA6EZV  
 K8SCH Elec. QSL Mgr . .Rick Haltermon KD4PYR  
 TV/RFI . . . . .Dick Arnett WB8SUV

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 Director . . . . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV  
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 Trustee . . . . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV

## Consider a Donation to OH-KY-IN

Did you know that OH-KY-IN ARS has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization? That means anyone who itemizes on their Federal return can take a charitable deduction for a contribution to OH-KY-IN, as long as it qualifies under the general rules applicable to all other charitable contributions (for example, the contribution must be in cash, or other property which the organization has agreed to accept; the value of volunteered services is not deductible). Membership dues, such as the cost of a life membership, may even be deductible; consult your own tax advisor for details if considering that. Posthumous donations by Will or by naming the organization as beneficiary of a financial account are also welcome.



Please remember to **renew** your membership!

We need all of you to keep OH-KY-IN going strong!



OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society has been a leading amateur radio organization in the Cincinnati, Ohio area for more than 60 years. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of all things radio. No matter the amateur radio interest, OH-KY-IN members are involved.