



Q-FIVER

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November Meeting Location Change

Due to election day, the **November** meeting will be held at Lockland Church of the Nazarene, our former meeting location, at 335 W. Wyoming Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45215.

Thank You to our Volunteers

Our events on the weekend of Saturday, September 6th were a great success thanks to our volunteers. First up, we had the Big 6 booth at Harvest Home Fair running Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to Rocky KE8DZS for coordinating that event. The effort resulted in a nice amount of income for the club, thanks to the handful of volunteers throughout the weekend that kept the wheel spinning and the quarters (and dollars) coming in.

We also had the 1940's Day event at Cincinnati Museum Center. This year, we opted for an inside location which had both advantages (e.g. live big band music) and disadvantages (e.g. live big band music). Thanks to George N3VQW for organizing the event and to Tom W8WTD, Eric KE8BNZ, Dan KF4AV and Ryan AC8UJ for providing display items and staffing our tables.

Brunch Bunch Change of Command

by Bruce Vanselow, N8BV

After just short of 15 years, I have decided to hang up the hat on running the Brunch Bunch. It has certainly been fun for all of those years, but it is time for someone else to take the lead.

George Gardei N3VQW has agreed to take over the Brunch Bunch for me. Anyone who has attended the Brunch Bunch in the past knows George and I believe that he will carry on with it for a long time to come.

Thank you very much to everyone who has attended the Brunch Bunch in the past and please continue to support George in his new endeavor.

73, Bruce N8BV

Brunch Bunch

by George Gardei, N3VQW

The October Brunch Bunch will be held at Price Hill Chili, 4920 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45238 on Saturday, October 11th at 1:00 PM.

“Price Hill Chili is a family owned and operated restaurant on the western side of Cincinnati. It is a popular and well-known establishment to anyone who was raised or resides on the west side. It's fame and popularity has also spread well beyond the boundaries of the west side and it has become a Cincinnati legend.”

<http://www.pricehillchili.com/menu.html>

Remember that the Brunch Bunch always meets the second Saturday of every month at 1pm at a location to be announced each month. If you can't join us this month, maybe you'll be available to join us in the months ahead. If you have any suggestions on what restaurant you think might be a good place for the Brunch Bunch to visit in the future, please let me know.

Thanks, George N3VQW

Greetings to all,

I hope this note finds everyone well, and all are looking forward to some cooler temperatures associated with Fall. With the last quarter of the calendar year in the windshield, comes the time for all of us to renew our membership with OH-KY-IN A.R.S.

I am hopeful that everyone receiving this message will consider renewing their membership. There are so many examples of advantages to being a member of OH-KY-IN A.R.S. To name just a few, the club has a definitive flag-ship repeater, 146.670. With our son living in Louisville, and our daughter at U of L, we travel often. I can tell you that 146.670 has tremendous coverage, and the upgrades made over the last several years have really made .67 the top choice for so many hams in the area. Additionally, I have heard many stations since our hardline upgrade state they have substantially better use of the repeater in all areas of Cincinnati. I often hear a station from Brookville, Indiana checking in to nets consistently.

OH-KY-IN A.R.S. is also embracing the digital world by installing and having Wires-X digital mode on two other repeaters, once all testing and quality improvements are made. I have already been able to have a nice QSO with an individual in Wisconsin using Wires-X on the 146.625 machine.

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

- Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net, 8PM – 7 days a week
- OH-KY-IN ARS Slow Scan TV Net – first Monday of the month at 9pm
- OH-KY-IN ARS Tech Talk Net – Wednesdays at 9pm (this includes the AB4WS Radio Show as well as Amateur Radio Newline)
- Hamilton County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp Training Net – Thursdays at 9pm

OH-KY-IN A.R.S. holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. The meetings are currently being held at the Village of Arlington Heights Town Hall (*ed. note: November meeting will be at Lockland Church of the Nazarene*). The meetings are ALSO available in real-time using Zoom, with link information on our website and in this newsletter. Doors open at 7pm for sign in and conversation before we start. Most of the time we're wrapped up by 9pm. We sell tickets for a Split-The-Pot drawing during the meeting, so bring along some cash! There is also a monthly meeting presentation topic which aims to educate members and visitors on a variety of topics.

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

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

You can also choose to mail your payment with a printable form at the following address:
http://www.ohkyin.org/docs/Applications/Membership_App_2025.pdf

(Please note this address will change once the 2026 application is posted to the website, and you'll be able to find the updated address on: <http://ohkyin.org/wp/about-oh-ky-in/membership/>

As always, if anyone has any questions on joining or renewing your membership, please contact me at KA3MTT@YAHOO.COM. You can also call or text me at the following number: 859.760.9262

73,

Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

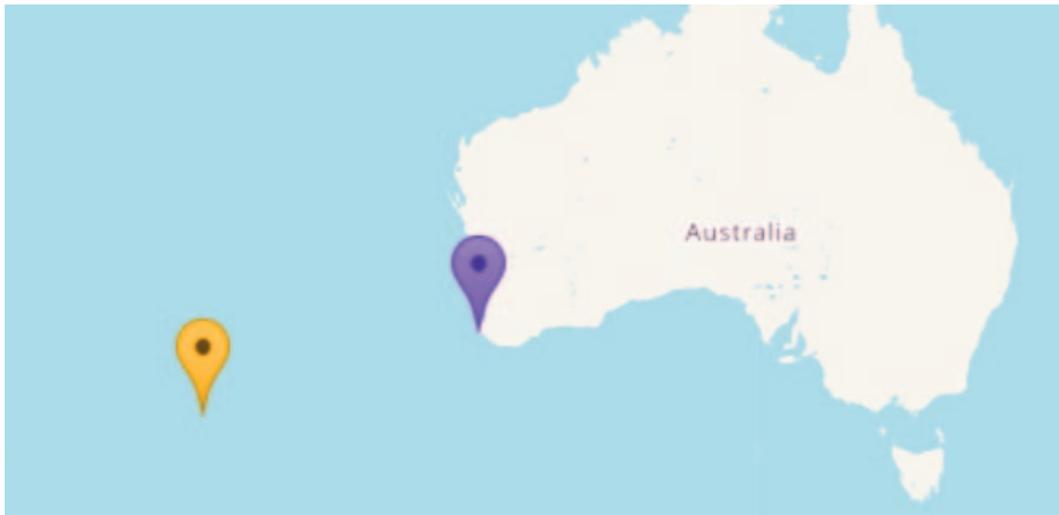
OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chairman

What the Heck is an Antipode?

by Steve Weeks, AA8SW

Did you ever wonder where you would come out if you dug a hole straight through the center of the Earth from Cincinnati? That point is called the antipode. Most people, having heard of “China Syndrome,” think that you would exit in China, but that doesn’t actually make sense — China is in the Northern Hemisphere, like we are, and a path through the center of the Earth would obviously have to end below the Equator. For Cincinnati, the antipode is located in the Indian Ocean, about 1,200 miles west of the southwestern corner of Australia (in the area of the yellow marker). Since the circumference of the Earth is about 24,900 miles, the distance to the antipode is half of that, or about 12,450 miles.

There are no significant islands in the antipodal area so on populated dry land, the farthest point that you can go from Cincinnati is south of Perth on the western coast of Australia. In southwestern Australia, the maximum distance is about 11,250 miles from here, near the purple marker which is Augusta, Western Australia — the closest city to the antipode. Perth, somewhat north of Augusta, is the most distant major city from us and is in the rarefied category of more than 11,000 miles away.



From a ham radio standpoint, that is VK6 territory. With the greatly-improved long-distance propagation that we are now experiencing near the peak of sunspot Cycle 25, contacts in that area are very feasible, even for those who have limited HF stations. I am one of those limited people and I have several contacts within 100 miles of the 11,250-mile theoretical maximum QSO distance. Last week (as I am writing this in September, 2025), I made my longest 40 meter contact ever, more than 11,200 miles on FT8 to a VK6 near the purple marker.

If you work HF, check to find your most distant contact (start by searching your log for VK6’s, then expand the search if those are absent). The longest will probably be in Australia, if you have any QSO’s there, since most Australian contacts are over 9,000 miles and there are few other populated areas that far away from here. Now that you know what an antipode is, you can impress your friends with your knowledge of geography, the falsity of ending up in China, and, hopefully, the impressive length of your longest contact as well. 73!

A version of this article previously appeared in the September 2021 Q-Fiver. We present an updated version here for our newer members and those who may enjoy reviewing the information again.

Volunteers Needed for Nominating Committee

As we approach the end of the year, we once again need to appoint a nominating committee. The role of the committee is to solicit club members to run for the various officer positions and then to nominate a slate of candidates from those interested in running. We need three members to volunteer. The positions up for election each year are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, each having a one year term and one of the three Director positions, which is a three year term.

The committee's report/nominations must be presented at the November club meeting.

If you are willing to serve on this committee, please contact Ryan AC8UJ at ac8uj@arrl.net or president@ohkyin.org or make your interest known at the October club meeting.

In addition to the committee, we always encourage members to consider running for one of the positions up for election. If you need information about any of the positions, you may also reach out to Ryan or to any of the current officers.

September, 2025 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of September 2nd, 2025, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Ryan AC8UJ with the Pledge of Allegiance. The club meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Guests: Lance KF8EEM

New Licenses or Upgrades: N/A

Attendance: 18 in person; 11 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: George N3VQW's new niece Penelope, was born premature, parents, and baby doing good.

Awards & Achievements: The Q-Fiver won first place in the Ohio Section newsletter contest

Prior Meeting Minutes: George N3VQW made the motion, and Mike KD8TMO seconded accepting the meeting minutes for July 2025 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed. No business was conducted at the August meeting.

Membership: Not present. 126 have renewed for the year out of 157 from last year. Please renew at <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>.

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

Silent Key: N/A

Tech Committee: N/A

Classes and Exams: Tech classes will be starting in September. Classes are free and will be held at the Red Cross

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building. There will be no General or Extra classes this round

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. N/A

Library: Contact Justin KE8COY if you would like to check out items from the library.

Nets: SSTV, the net will continue the 1st Monday at 9:00pm on the 146.670 repeater

Website: Still looking into changing the format of the website. Also still looking for someone to help with the website.

QCEN: Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30PM at the Red Cross building.

ARES: Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the ROC at 7PM.

Brunch Bunch: On September 13th at Frisch's at 1:00PM on Hamilton Ave.

Events:

- Harvest Home Fair 9/5-9/7

Old Business:

- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No updates.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot. N/A.
- The August gathering went well with around 25 people in attendance.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee will need to be formed in the next two months

Announcements: N/A

Program: Scott N8SY Great Lakes Section Manager. Great Lakes Division Update

Split the Pot: \$55.00 Split will be \$28.00. Justin KE8COY

Motion to adjourn made by George N3VQW, seconded by Mike KD8ZLB. Meeting adjourned at 9:08PM

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary



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DX Spots - October 2025

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	V6D - Micronesia Thru 10-6 	JD1 - Ogasawara Thru 10-2 	1 S79 - Seychelles Thru 10-12 	2 5X2I - Uganda Thru 10-10 	3 VK9QO - Christmas I thru 10-7 ----- A52G - Bhutan thru 10-9 ----- WH0RU - Mariana Is thru 10-27	4
5	6	7	8 JW - Svalbard thru 10-13 ----- PY0FB - Fernando De Noronha thru 10-15 ----- J38LD - Grenada Thru 10-15 	9 E51MWA - North Cook Is thru 10-20 	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 5H3MB - Tanzania Thru 10-20 	17 PJ6Y - Saba & St Eustatius thru 10-29 ----- D2A - Angola thru 10-28	18 C5 - Gambia thru 11-12
19	20 J79FJ - Dominica Thru 10-29 ----- FW5K - Wallis & Futuna Is thru 11-7	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 	

Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday	October 1 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	October 6 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	October 7 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)
Wednesday	October 8 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	October 14 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	October 15 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	October 22 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	October 29 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Monday	November 3 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	November 4 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Lockland Church of the Nazarene)
Wednesday	November 5 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	November 11 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	November 12 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sat & Sun	November 15 & 16	November Phone Sweeps @ N8YC

Meeting Information

Our monthly club meetings are typically held at the Village of Arlington Heights Town Hall (601 Elliott Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215). Enter using the exterior elevator to the second floor at the rear of the building. We typically also offer Zoom video conferencing as an option. Please join us at 7:30 PM Eastern time each first Tuesday of the month. The Zoom call will open at about 7:20 PM for you to join. The passcode is 146670. **NOTE: Location for November will be Lockland Church of the Nazarene!**

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

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

OH-KY-IN Repeaters

146.670 (-) Clifton

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

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

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

Life Members

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

Support OH-KY-IN by Shopping

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

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

Contact Bruce N8BV for details about the program.



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Newsletter Submissions

Please send any submissions you would like included in upcoming newsletters to Ryan, AC8UJ. All content is welcome! You can e-mail content to him at his callsign at 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.

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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 Tom Delaney W8WTD
 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
 Librarian Justin Moore KE8COY
 Q-Fiver Editor Ryan Owens AC8UJ (interim)
 ARRL Field Day Eric Neiheisel N8YC
 Historian Dale Vanselow KC8HQS
 Fox Hunters Dick Arnett WB4SUV
 Equipment Manager (open)
 Webmaster Rocky McGrath KE8DZS
 Silent Key Bryan Hoffman KC8EGV
 Tech Talk Net Manager Bruce Vanselow N8BV
 K8SCH Paper QSL Mgr Bob Frey WA6EZV
 K8SCH Elec. QSL Mgr . . Rick Haltermon KD4PYR
 TV/RFI Dick Arnett WB8SUV

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 Director Drew MacDonald KE8JTL
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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.

Special Note for Seniors: Anyone who is over 70½ can make a donation to OH-KY-IN from their IRA and enjoy a tax benefit even if they don't itemize deductions, using what is called a QCD. Simply direct your IRA custodian to make the donation directly to OH-KY-IN (not payable to you) and the distribution will not result in any taxable income to you, even without itemizing deductions on your return. Contact your IRA custodian for the proper form to use.

Please remember to **renew** your membership!

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



OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society has been a leading amateur radio organization in the Cincinnati, Ohio area for more than 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.