



# Q-FIVER

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## *Volunteers Urgently Needed!*



There's a lot going on in September and we need as many people as we can get to make it all happen! On **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, we have not one, not two, but **three** club activities all happening that day! As explained above, we have the **Harvest Home Fair**, one of our two main fundraisers for the year, happening that weekend from Friday through Sunday (the fair opens at noon and runs late into the evening). Rocky KE8DZS is the organizer for our booth. **Rocky badly needs additional assistance for the Harvest Home Fair booth. Please consider helping out!**

Also on that same Saturday, we have **1940's Day at the Cincinnati Museum Center**, running from 10 AM to 5 PM. We are making a change this year, moving inside instead of outside, to make things a bit easier for us. If being outside kept you away in previous years, please consider volunteering this year. George N3VQW is coordinating this event.

Finally, the **Ohio State Parks on the Air** event is taking place that same day. Cesi KD8OOB will be coordinating the OH-KY-IN participation in this event.

Please consider helping out / participating in these events. There's something for everyone here, whether you are looking for an operating event, an indoor public outreach event or volunteering to raise money for the club.

## *In Case You Missed It...*

We really, really, really, really need helpers for the Big 6 booth at Harvest Home Fair. Hopefully the article immediately above this made it clear, but if not, well, maybe this one will. If you can help out at all, especially Friday and Saturday evenings, please contact Rocky at [dennismcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:dennismcgrath@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Running the Big 6 booth during busy times requires an absolute minimum of four people and six works much better. More volunteers also create an opportunity for people to take breaks, making the event much more pleasant.

Please consider helping. If you know that four quarters equal one dollar and you can count to at least three, then you know everything you need to know to work this event. This event and the July 4<sup>th</sup> beer booth provide much of the funding that supports events like ARRL Field Day, Winter Field Day, the annual holiday party and many other things throughout the year. If you enjoy those events, please help us with this one.

## *We Won! Again!*



OH-KY-IN's Q-Fiver newsletter once again one first place in the ARRL Ohio Section annual Newsletter Contest! Second place went to "The Radiogram" from Portage County Amateur Radio Service and third place went to "Full Quieting" from the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club.

We were also honored with first place in the 2022 contest and second place in the 2024 contest. Thank you to all who provide content for the newsletter and thank you to the Ohio Section for this honor!



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## *Upcoming Licensing Classes*

Queen City Emergency Net (QCEN) and OH-KY-IN are pleased to announce the schedule for classes in Ham Radio starting in mid-September 2025. We will be offering a six-week, in person course leading to the entry-level, or Technician class license.

Classes will be held Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. starting on September 20<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October 25<sup>th</sup>. The location will be the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207.

There is no cost for the class. Participants will be responsible for their own instruction materials. The instructors will be working from the Ham Radio License Manual, Fifth Edition, from the American Radio Relay League. Books are available from ARRL ([www.arrl.com](http://www.arrl.com)), or from many booksellers online or in store.

Those interested are encouraged to sign up via email to [hamtutor@ohkyin.org](mailto:hamtutor@ohkyin.org). Please share this info with anyone you know that might be interested.

For those wondering about upgrade classes, due to instructor personal commitments this time around, we won't be able to offer them this time. We recommend online instruction for those wishing to upgrade. ARRL is working closely with Dave Casler, KE0OG, who has an excellent series of videos for each of the license upgrades. Detailed info can be found on the ARRL website.

## *Brunch Bunch*

*by Bruce Vanselow, N8BV*

The next Brunch Bunch will be held Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. The location for September is Frisch's Big Boy located at 11122 Hamilton Avenue in Mt. Healthy Heights, 45231. Yes, a real Frisch's, not Dolly's!

This location is a very short distance off I-275 at the US 127/Hamilton Avenue exit. Headed south on Hamilton Avenue from I-275, it is located at the first driveway on the left.

For a look at the menu as well as a map, go to: [www.frischs.com/big-boy-menu](http://www.frischs.com/big-boy-menu)

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.

I'm always 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

## *No Business Meeting Held in August*

There are no minutes from a business meeting last month because no meeting was held. In lieu of our regular format, we had an unstructured knowledge sharing night. Members were invited to gather and help each other with questions, share knowledge and experience and discuss anything else that might be of interest. A topic of "Radio Programming" was suggested, but any radio related topic was fair game. We will return to our regular format in September.

# DX Spots - September 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9X2AW - Rwanda Thru 9-27 	2 T88 - Palau thru 9-11 	3	4 TF - Iceland thru 9-8 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 KH2 - Guam thru 9-26 	12 PJ7K - Sint Maarten thru 9-22 ----- JW6VDA - Svalbard thru 9-22	13 SV5 - Dodecanese Thru 9-25 
14 VK9NT - Norfolk I Thru 9-27 	15 OH0 - Aland Is Thru 9-19 ----- FP5KE - St Pierre & Miquelon thru 9-26	16 PJ2 - Curacao thru 9-28 ----- V4 - St Kitts & Nevis thru 9-28	17	18	19 VK2 - Christmas I Thru 10-3 	20 OJ0 - Market Reef Thru 9-26 ----- FT - Reunion thru 9-28
21	22 V6D - Micronesia Thru 10-6 	23	24 JW0B - Svalbard Thru 9-28 	25	26	27 JD1 - Ogasawara Thru 10-2 
28 S79 - Seychelles Thru 10-12 	29 5X2I - Uganda Thru 10-10 	30				

*Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT*



## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Monday	September 1 @ 9:00 PM	SSTV Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	September 2 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)
Wednesday	September 3 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Fri, Sat, Sun	September 5 - 7	Harvest Home Fair Big 6 Booth (KE8DZS for info)
Saturday	September 6	Ohio State Parks on the Air (KD8OOB for info)
Saturday	September 6 @ 10 AM - 5 PM	Museum Center 1940's Day (N3VQW for info)
Tuesday	September 9 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	September 10 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 17 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	September 24 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
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)

## *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

<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 [arrrl.net](mailto:arrrl.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**

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## **OH-KY-IN Officers**

President . . . . . Ryan Owens AC8UJ  
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## **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.