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Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

◆ Phil KE8LYG, Rocky KE8DZS and Cesi KD8OOB (left to right) hanging the dipole for Winter Field Day 2024

A Note from Our Membership Chair

Happy New Year to all of you! It seems crazy that another year is in the rear view mirror.

With the new year, comes the time for all of us to renew our membership for the year 2026, if you have not already done so. I have already received many renewals – thank you!

Joining and/or renewing is quite simple.

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%20App.pdf>

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 Ciufo, KA3MTT
OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chairman



Brunch Bunch

by George Gardei, N3VQW

The December gathering was canceled due to weather, so we'll try once again for Cracker Barrel. The January Brunch Bunch will be held at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store at 7399 Turfway Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (right off exit 182 on 71/75) on Saturday, January 10th at 1:00 PM.

<https://www.crackerbarrel.com/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. 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.

George N3VQW

*Please support OH-KY-IN by
renewing your membership
for 2026!*



Winter Field Day 2026

The last weekend of January will be here before we know it and that means Winter Field Day time! We've had a great event for several years now, using the barn at Harvest Home Park in Cheviot as our operating location for this fun operation. By using the unheated, uninsulated barn, we qualify as an outdoor operation. The walls provide a decent wind break and the roof (mostly) keeps any precipitation off of us, but if you spend very much time there, you will definitely agree we are "outdoors" for this one.

The primary purpose is to encourage hams to practice field deployment in winter conditions. While the ARRL Field Day event in June encourages practicing field setup, not all disasters and emergencies happen in the warm summer months. Winter conditions can add different challenges not experienced in June. WFD gives us a chance to practice winter operating. Our focus is fun, learning and experimentation, with plenty of social engagement.

Although the event expanded the operating period to 30 hours, we still target the original 24 hour window. We will begin setup very approximately at 11 AM on Saturday, January 24th, start operating as soon as we are ready, then start cleanup **no later** than 2 PM on Sunday, January 25th. We particularly need volunteers to cover the overnight hours. Even if you don't wish to operate, we need at least two people there throughout the night to guard the equipment. Please sign up at <https://grasshoppersignup.com/s/wtftytp> for times you are willing to help.

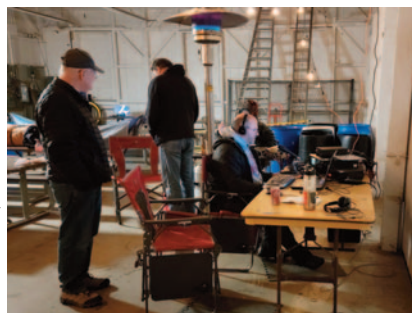


Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

◆ **WFD 2024 with KD8OOB and N3VQW (partially obscured) working the radios.**

Holiday Party Recap

The annual OH-KY-IN Holiday Party is always a great time for everyone and the 2025 party was no exception. After taking care of a little business and re-electing all of the incumbent officers, we gave out some awards and gave away some great prizes!

On the awards front, the club gave Meritorious Service awards to four individuals. Drew KE8JTL and Rocky KE8DZS each received one for their hard work organizing volunteers for our two major fundraising events. We also recognized George N3VQW for several years of helping in a variety of ways including organizing our 1940's Day event, authoring articles for the Q-Fiver, taking on Brunch Bunch coordination and more. Finally, we recognized Tom Delaney W8WTD (not present) for his work in coordinating our classes the past several years, spearheading the World Amateur Radio Day event joint event with QCEN, supporting our meetings with his video equipment, etc.

Of course we had prizes as well! Thanks once again to DX Engineering for donating a \$100 gift certificate, which was won by George N3VQW. The club also gave away a door prize of \$50 of custom callsign gear to Sean K8ZG, a \$75 DX Engineering gift certificate to George N3VQW (it was a good night for George!) and two \$50 cash prizes to Ryan AC8UJ and Stephen KE8TEY. Mike KD8TMO sweetened the prize pool by donating a new-in-box FTM-3200DR, won by Drew KE8JTL, and an MFJ tuner, won by Bruce N8BV. Kitty W8TDA reached out to the ARRL on our behalf, and they donated two books. Lance KF8EEM won the ARRL Get on the Air with HF Digital book and Gregg AB8GJ won the new Grounding and Bonding book. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to our donors! See photos from the event on the next page.



Photo by Mike Klus KD8TMO

◆ Drew KE8JTL with his award.



Photo by Bob Frey WA6EZV

◆ Ryan AC8UJ (left) presenting an award to George N3VQW.



Photo by Mike Klus KD8TMO

◆ Rocky KE8DZS with his award.



Photo by Mike Klus KD8TMO

◆ Prize winners, left to right, Lance KF8EEM, Stephen KE8TEY, Ryan AC8UJ, Drew KE8JTL, Bruce N8BV, George N3VQW and Gregg AB8GJ.

Scouting and Amateur Radio Ready for 2026!

by Shawn Grubb KE8BBC

The new Radio Scouting Committee has officially launched within the Dan Beard Council, bringing together Scout leaders and amateur radio operators to strengthen youth engagement with the amateur radio hobby. The committee held its first meeting virtually on December 16, 2025, drawing a diverse group of volunteers from local troops and clubs, many of whom are long-time hams and former scouts. The shared objective was clear: build a sustainable program that introduces Scouts to ham radio, supports merit badge advancement, and connects the Scouting and amateur radio communities in meaningful, long-term partnership.

Attendees included hams involved in emergency communications, Jamboree-on-the-Air operations, Radio Merit Badge instruction, ARISS contact events, youth nets, and large council events such as Peterloo and Summer Camp, and Camporees. Amateur radio clubs represented included QCEN, BCARA, WC8VOA, W8BLV, OHKYIN, CFMC, DeForest ARC, and K7JEP(?).

The committee discussed its initial work plan, which includes mapping out a calendar of possible events, continuing outreach to local radio clubs, and beginning direct outreach to districts, troops, and packs. Early ideas included supporting Merit Badge Challenge events, Winter Field Day, AdventureCon, council summer camps, Peterloo, Jamboree-on-the-Air, and other annual opportunities where Scouts can get on the air and learn radio skills. The group also highlighted the need to improve communication tools — exploring options such as forums, email groups, and social media — to coordinate volunteers, share resources, and keep leaders informed about upcoming activities and new requirements for the Radio Merit Badge starting in 2026.

Looking ahead, the Radio Scouting Committee plans to meet monthly, mostly virtually, with periodic in-person meetings. Volunteers are now being sought from both the Scouting and amateur radio communities to help with planning, event staffing, on-the-air activities, instruction, and behind-the-scenes coordination.

Anyone interested in supporting youth, sharing a love of radio, or helping build this new program from the ground up is invited to join the committee. The next meeting will be virtual on January 14th at 7pm.

Follow this link to register, <https://tinyurl.com/37pdcfnf> or contact Shawn at ke8bbc@arrl.net



December, 2025 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of December 2nd, 2025, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Ryan AC8UJ with the Pledge of Allegiance. The club meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Guests: Shawn KE8BBC, Brandon N0PAR and David KF8EXG

New Licenses or Upgrades: David KF8EXG upgraded to General.

Attendance: 22 in person; 7 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: N/A

Awards & Achievements: N/A

Prior Meeting Minutes: George N3VQW made the motion, and Drew KE8JTL seconded accepting the meeting minutes for November 2025 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

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

Brunch Bunch: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00pm. December will be at the Cracker Barrel in Florence Ky.

Events:

- 1/24-1/25 Winter Field Day @ Harvest Home Park Barn

Old Business:

- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot - N/A.
- Rocky KE8DZS: Harvest Home volunteer prize drawing will be drawn in January.

New Business:

- Officer elections uncontested slate. Mike KD8ZLB made a motion to accept, Kitty W8TDA 2nd. All in favor.
- Service Award presentations: Tom Delany W8WTD, Rocky McGrath KE8DZS, Drew KE8JTL, and George N3VQW.
- Prize Drawings:
 - Door prize: Sam K8ZG
 - ARRL GOTA HF Digital book: KF8EEM
 - ARRL Grounding & Bonding book: AB8GJ
 - Donated MFJ Tuner from KD8TMO:N8BV
 - \$50 Cash:AC8UJ
 - \$50.00 Cash:KE8TEY
 - \$75.00 DXE Gift Card:KE8TEY Declined - N3VQW
 - \$100 DXE Gift Card: N3VQW
 - Donated FTM-3200DR from KD8TMO:KE8JTL

Program: Party

Split the Pot: \$131 Split will be \$66 to KF8EEM

Motion to adjourn made by George N3VQW, seconded by Mike KD8TMO. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary

DX Spots - January 2025

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PJ2 - Curacao Thru 3-31 	V47JA - St Kitts & Nevis thru 2-3		1 J38WG - Grenada Thru 2-16 	2	3	4
5	6 TY5GG - Benin thru 2-6 	7 T8 - Palau thru 1-15 	8	9	10 VU7RS - Lakshadweep Is Thru 1-22 	11 P40AA - Aruba Thru 1-29 
12	13 PJ7 - Sint Maarten Thru 1-21 	14	15	16	17	18 8Q7 - Maldives Thru 1-26 ----- 8P9CB - Barbados Thru 1-30
19	20 FG4KH - Guadeloupe thru 2-10 	21	22 V6 - Micronesia Thru 1-28 ----- PJ2 - Curacao thru 3-31	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 V47JA - St Kitts & Nevis thru 2-3 	31	

Prepared by Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday	January 6 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)
Wednesday	January 7 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	January 13 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	January 14 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	January 21 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sat & Sun	January 24 & 25	Winter Field Day @ Harvest Home Park
Wednesday	January 28 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	February 3 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)
Wednesday	February 4 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	February 10 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	February 11 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	February 18 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	February 25 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	March 3 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)

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. 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
 ARPSA Representative (open)
 Volunteer Examiners Gary Coffey KB8MYC
 QCEN Representative Tom Delaney W8WTD
 Membership Nathan Ciufo 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)
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 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 Haltermmon KD4PYR
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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 65 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.