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A Note from Our Membership Chair

Here we are — into the second month of 2026 already! I'm writing this after the weekend snowfall — and sure glad it's over.

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 Ciuffo, KA3MTT
OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chairman

Brunch Bunch

by George Gardei, N3VQW

The February Brunch Bunch will be at Pig Candy BBQ at 5901 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230 on Saturday, February 14th at 1:00 PM.

<https://www.eatpigcandy.com/>

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

by Ryan Owens, AC8UJ

OH-KY-IN once again held our Winter Field Day event at Harvest Home Park in Cheviot on the last full weekend of January. This year definitely put the “winter” in Winter Field Day. With a forecast calling for highs in the teens and single digit temperatures overnight, that alone would have been a real test. On top of that, we had a Winter Storm Warning in effect lining up almost perfectly with our timing, with snowfall predicted to start about 2 PM Saturday and continue throughout the day Sunday, with a possible total accumulation of up to 14 inches! Considering all of this, we went into the event with a lot of caution. While there was definite debate about whether to cancel or not, canceling due to winter weather seemed a bit against the purpose of the event, so we decided to press on.

We began setup in earnest around 11 AM Saturday. In light of the weather, we decided to forego our normal linked dipole antenna and try for a sturdier, easier to take down end fed running from the corner of the barn for our SSB station. This would allow us to avoid coax running across areas that would be snow covered during cleanup and reduce the chance of ice breaking the antenna. After a considerable amount of experimentation and adjustment, the crew finally came up with a configuration which gave us reasonable SWR readings on our bands of interest. George N3VQW also set up his digital station for PSK31 work using his normal vertical wire antenna.

In addition to our normal operation, we also had a scheduled visit from a Scout group at 2 PM on Saturday. This included Adam KF8EKW, a 9 year old Extra class operator, who ended up being one of our rock stars on the SSB station, logging about 40 contacts in about an hour of operating.

The snow ended up arriving a bit later than predicted, finally starting to fall at perhaps 5 PM or so. Conditions began to deteriorate and participation was understandably dwindling quickly, so those of us still there made the decision to terminate our operation at about 9 PM. Between concerns about the safety of people staying overnight in the extreme cold and the likelihood of challenges getting home on Sunday, it seemed like the right thing to do.

Here are some stats from the operation:

- 201 total contacts, with 200 on 20 meters and one on 80 meters
- 196 phone contacts and four digital
- Our best run was 53 QSOs in 34 minutes
- 49 sections contacted
- 36 states contacted

Thank you to all who helped in various ways, whether taking a turn on the air, providing needed supplies like tables, chairs, heaters, etc. or just stopped by for moral support and to lend a hand where needed. Despite the challenges, it was still a good event and reasonably well attended all things considered.

◆ **Map showing sections contacted by K8SCH during our 2026 Winter Field Day event**

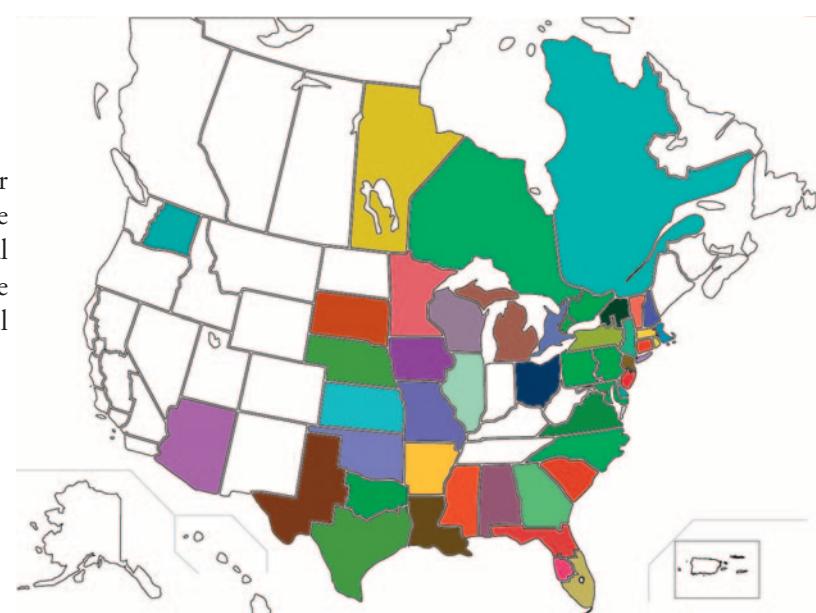




Photo by Lance KF8EEM

◆ Scout activities (above and right)



Photo by Lance KF8EEM



Photo by Lance KF8EEM

◆ Scout working the radio (above)



Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ



Photo by Joe Felix K8NW

◆ Antenna setup in progress



Photo by Joe Felix K8NW

◆ Drew KE8JTL (left) and Ryan AC8UJ working with the talk-in radio monitoring the 67 repeater. The ladder has a mag mount antenna on top of it.

February Meeting is Open Forum Night

Based on the success of the open forum night last August, we're going to do something similar once again. We will have a very abbreviated business meeting followed by open time for knowledge sharing, conversation, etc. A suggested theme for this month is Parks on the Air (POTA) but we will see where the conversations take us. Bring something to discuss or just bring your experience and join in where you can. Hope to see you there!

Note: We **will** offer Zoom this time (unlike last August), but it will be a bit experimental based on how things progress during the evening.

January, 2026 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of January 6th, 2026, Member Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Ryan AC8UJ with the Pledge of Allegiance. The club meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Guests: Paul (formerly KC8SGJ)

New Licenses or Upgrades:

Attendance: 20 in person; 9 via Zoom

Health and Welfare: N/A

Awards & Achievements: N/A

Program: Scouts & Radio — Shawn KE8BBC

Prior Meeting Minutes: Drew KE8JTL made the motion, and Justin KE8COY seconded accepting the meeting minutes for December 2025 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 61 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: Bryan KC8EGV — Phil K6IMR passed away near August 1st. Larry Smallwood (The L in R&L) passed around Christmas.

Tech Committee: N/A

Classes and Exams: N/A

Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV. N/A

Library: Contact Justin KE8COY if you would like to check out items from the library. Justin is looking for a plan to downsize the library.

Nets: Tech Talk could use some more check ins.

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

Events:

- 1/24-1/25 Winter Field Day @ Harvest Home Park Barn — need volunteers especially for overnight

Old Business:

- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No Update.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot - N/A.
- Rocky KE8DZS Harvest Home volunteer prize drawing. Phil KE8LYG won, \$92.56, donated to the club.

New Business:

- Ryan AC8UJ: Installation of new officers, same as old officers.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Need financial audit committee — Andy K3CAQ, Dan KF4AV, George N3VQW
- Ryan AC8UJ: Property audit committee has been appointed (George N3VQW, Lloyd W8OPP, Mike KD8TMO) and their report is due in the fall. If you have OH-KY-IN property in your possession, please make the committee aware of what you have.

Split the Pot: \$76.00 Split \$38.00 Cesi KD8OOB

Motion to adjourn made by Bruce N8BV, seconded by Drew KE8JTL. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary



Photo by Ant Rozetsky on Unsplash

DX Spots - February 2026

DE KA3MTT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 V31DJ - Belize thru 2-27 	2	3	4 V4 - St. Kitts & Nevis thru 3-9 	5 S9BV - Sao Tome & Principe thru 2-20 	6 D4VR - Cape Verde Thru 2-19 	7 VP8TDX - Falkland Is thru 2-14 
8 AU7RS - Lakshadweep Is thru 2-14 	9	10 OX7AKT - Greenland thru 2-17 	11	12	13	14 VP8TM - Falkland Is thru 2-28 
15 3Y0K - Bouvet I Thru 3-14 	16	17	18	19 8R1WA - Guyana Thru 2-27 	20	21 8P9XB - Barbados Thru 2-28 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Prepared by Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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)
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Wednesday	April 1 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	April 7 @ 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 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 Ciuffo 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 KC8HQH
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

OH-KY-IN Officers

President	Ryan Owens AC8UJ
Vice President	Cesi DiBenedetto KD8OOB
Secretary	Steve Crase N8PUP
Treasurer	Kevin Tribbe W8SM
Director	Drew MacDonald KE8JTL
Director	Bruce Vanselow N8BV
Director	Mike Niehaus KD8ZLB
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!



K8SCH

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.