

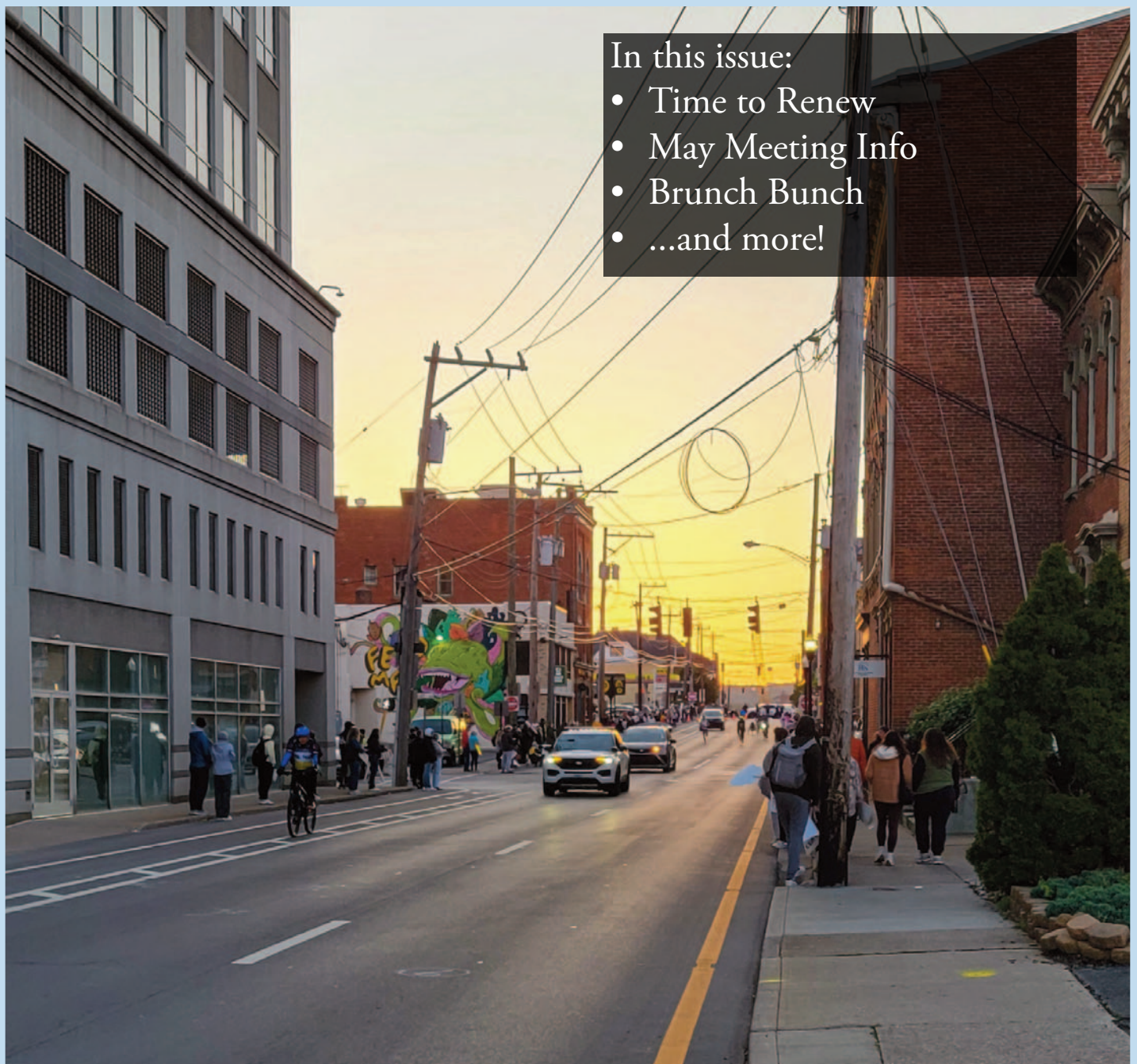


# Q-FIVER

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◆ Sunrise as spectators watch the first runner approach during the 2026 Flying Pig Marathon

Photo by Ryan Owens AC8UJ

## *A Note from Our Membership Chair*

I don't know about you, but I'm super excited that it's Spring time. While reflecting on this past winter, it didn't FEEL very long, which I am thankful for. I have already cut my grass twice!

All that being said, if you haven't already done so, please take a moment to join or renew your membership with OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society.

All of us put a lot of time and effort not only into getting our licenses, but also assembling a shack, putting up antennas, etc. Your membership in our great organization is an investment into the hobby.

We have always had a grace period of allowing members up to April 1<sup>st</sup> to renew their membership. After that date, only current members will have access to our Groups.io site, as well as receive club communications from the reflector.

Thanks to the efforts of Ryan, AC8UJ, the organization has made it very simple to join and/or renew in a secure fashion with two options.

First and easiest, use the following link: <http://renew.ohkyin.org/>

You can use ANY credit card, debit card, or PayPal account securely. On the same site there is a video that Ryan, AC8UJ, created that demonstrates the secure system used for checkout.

Second, you can use the following link: <http://www.ohkyin.org/docs/Applications/Membership%20App.pdf>

This link will provide you with a PDF file that you can print and mail in your payment to my address at the bottom.

If you have ANY question at all regarding joining and/or renewing your membership, please let me know.

Happy Spring, and I look forward to processing renewals, new memberships, and answering questions.

Best 73,

Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT  
Membership Chairman, OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society  
KA3MTT@OHKYIN.ORG  
859.760.9262

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

## *May Meeting — Online Only*

Due to our May meeting coinciding with election day, we will meet only via Zoom in May. Our normal meeting location is unavailable due to being a polling location. Please help spread the word.

The April meeting will be held as usual, both in person and on Zoom.

## *Brunch Bunch*

*by George Gardei, N3VQW*

The May Brunch Bunch will be at Red Robin at 7250 Houston Rd., Florence, KY 41042, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

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

## *Our Library is Growing*

Part of the proceeds from our monthly split-the-pot goes toward purchasing new items for our club library. Over the past few months, a number of new books have been added and most recently, we added some new materials for learning CW from the ARRL. Be sure to check out our library at one of our club meetings.

You can also reach out to our librarian, Justin KE8COY, and he will be happy to help you find something of interest to borrow. The library is just one of the benefits of being a member of our club.



Photo by Inaki del Olmo on Unsplash

## *April, 2026 Meeting Minutes*

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society  
Minutes of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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: Mariam KF8FWE & Zeke

New Licenses or Upgrades: None

Health and Welfare: Steve N8PUP suffered a heart attack and is recovering

Attendance: 20 in person; 10 via Zoom

Awards & Achievements: N/A

Program: ARRL Field Day by Cesi KD8OOB

Prior Meeting Minutes: One callsign correction noted. Phil KE8LYG made the motion, and Edwin KE8MYA seconded accepting the meeting minutes for March 2026 as published in the Q-Fiver noting one correction made to the official copy. Motion passed.

Membership: Not present. 96 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.

Classes/Exams: Tom W8WTD reports that there was not enough interest in the single day Tech class, so it was canceled. We will try again in the fall.

Library: Justin KE8COY received remaining requested new books for the library.

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

ARES: Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7PM.

Brunch Bunch: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:00pm. April will be 4/11 at Jim & Jack's.

Events:

- 4/25 - Ohio NVIS Day
- 6/27 & 6/28 - ARRL Field Day

Old Business:

- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No Update.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot. N/A

New Business:

- Ryan AC8UJ: The May meeting will be held only via Zoom. No in-person meeting in May due to elections.

Split the Pot: \$41.00 Split \$21.00 KQ4AUD

Motion to adjourn made by Bruce N8BV, seconded by George N3VQW. Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

Respectfully submitted, Ryan Owens AC8UJ, President

# DX Spots May 2026

## DE KA3MTT

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|-----|
|   |  |  |  | JD1BMH - Ogasawara thru 5-4<br>       | 1  | 2   |
| 3   | 4<br>E51TLM - S. Cook Is thru 5-9<br> | 5<br>FO - Fr. Polynesia Thru 7-20<br> | 6  | 7   | 8<br>MJ - Jersey thru 5-9<br> | 9   |
| 10  | 11   | 12   | 13<br>V4 - St Kitts & Nevis thru 5-21<br> | 14<br>A31AA - Tonga thru 5-22<br>   | 15   | 16  |
| 17<br>MW - Wales thru 5-19<br>           | 18   | 19   | 20<br>V5 - Namibia thru 6-19<br>          | 21  | 22   | 23  |
| 24<br>V4 - St Kitts & Nevis thru 6-1<br> | 25<br>ZD8KX - Ascension thru 5-28<br>ZL7IO - Chatham Is thru 6-3   | 26<br>TO3E - Martinique Thru 6-2<br>CP7DX - Bolivia Thru 6-6   | 27<br>PJ4CB - Bonaire Thru 6-8<br>        | 28<br>8Q7QR - Maldives Thru 6-1<br> | 29   | 30  |
| 31  |  |  |  |   |  |     |

*Prepared by Nathan Ciufu, KA3MTT*

## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

|           |                   |   |
|-----------|-------------------|---|
| Tuesday   | May 5 @ 7:30 PM   | Club Meeting ( <b>Zoom only</b> )                           |
| Wednesday | May 6 @ 9:00 PM   | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Tuesday   | May 12 @ 7:30 PM  | Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting) |
| Wednesday | May 13 @ 9:00 PM  | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Wednesday | May 20 @ 9:00 PM  | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Wednesday | May 27 @ 9:00 PM  | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Tuesday   | June 2 @ 7:30 PM  | Club Meeting (Zoom & Arlington Heights Town Hall)           |
| Wednesday | June 3 @ 9:00 PM  | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Tuesday   | June 9 @ 7:30 PM  | Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting) |
| Wednesday | June 10 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Wednesday | June 17 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Wednesday | June 24 @ 9:00 PM | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Wednesday | July 1 @ 9:00 PM  | Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)                            |
| Tuesday   | July 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 [qfiver@ohkyin.org](mailto:qfiver@ohkyin.org). 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     |
| Librarian . . . . .               | Justin Moore KE8COY   |
| Q-Fiver Editor . . . . .          | Ryan Owens AC8UJ      |
| 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    |

## 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!



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.