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November Meeting is ONLY via Zoom

Due to our meeting coinciding with election day, our normal meeting location will be unavailable. Because of this, we will hold the November meeting only via Zoom.

Brunch Bunch

by George Gardei, N3VQW

The November Brunch Bunch will be at Bob Evan's, 5245 North Bend Rd, on Saturday, November 14th 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.

Renewal Reminder

by Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT

Well, here we are — Thanksgiving is already quickly approaching. I hope everyone had a great fall — I don't think we could have asked for better weather. We are now staring at Christmas right around the corner. It seems as if we just completed Field Day! I don't know about everyone else, but it seems the older I get, the faster time flies.

With the new year, comes the time for all of us to renew our membership for the year 2027, 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:

https://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.

I wish all of you and your families a wonderful holiday season.

73,

Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT
OH-KY-IN ARS Membership Chairman

Cincinnati-Area Scouts Talk to the World By Radio

provided by Shawn Grubb, KE8BBC

Fifty-eight Scouts from across the Dan Beard Council got on the air October 17 and 18 as part of Jamboree on the Air, the largest Scouting event in the world.

Held every third full weekend of October since 1958, Jamboree on the Air connects more than a million Scouts in over 150 countries using amateur radio. Scouts swap greetings, compare notes on camping and school, and make friends on other continents without leaving home.

The committee ran two sites across the weekend. Forty Scouts worked the station at the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester, co-hosted with the West Chester Amateur Radio Club as WC8VOA. Another eighteen operated from a campout at Camp Friedlander in Loveland under the council callsign KY4BSA.

For Scouts from Troop 674 in Montgomery, the weekend was the finish line of a program that started weeks earlier. Volunteer counselors taught three classroom sessions at troop meetings covering radio safety, how radio waves travel, regulation, and careers in the field. The campout supplied the part no classroom can: a Scout with a microphone in hand, calling out and waiting to see who answers.

The event also counts toward advancement. Participating in Jamboree on the Air now satisfies a requirement for the Citizenship in the World merit badge, and the weekend covered the hands-on portion of the Radio merit badge for Scouts in the Troop 674 program.

More Chances to Get on the Air this Winter

The Troop 674 program was a dry run. The committee will teach the Radio merit badge at the council's Merit Badge Challenge in 2027, with sessions at Fairfield High School on January 16 and 30, and in Northern Kentucky on March 6 and 20. Before that, the committee is working with clubs in our area to host Scouts for Winter Field Day, January 23 and 24, where it plans to offer Radio merit badge sign-offs for Scouts who need the on-air requirement.

About the Radio Scouting Committee

A volunteer group of licensed amateur radio operators who bring equipment and instructors to Scout units across southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky at no cost to the unit. The committee has put 255 Scouts and 61 adults on the air since January across thirteen activations. More licensed operators are welcome; no teaching experience is required.

Media contact: Shawn Grubb, KE8BBC, Chair, ke8bbc@arrl.net
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61585942053513

Upcoming EAS Test

There is an upcoming national test of the Emergency Alert System planned for November 17th. You can find additional documentation about the test, as well as an alternate date, at https://www.fcc.gov/document/pshsb-announces-nationwide-eas-test-november-17-2026. Thanks for Lance KF8EEM for the tip!

October, 2026 Meeting Minutes

OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society
Minutes of October 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: N/A
New Licenses or Upgrades: N/A
Attendance: 13 in person; 6 via Zoom
Health and Welfare: N/A
Awards & Achievements: Dan KF4AV WAS250 completed. WA6EZV also got WAS250 with W1AW portable.

Program: Show & Tell

Prior Meeting Minutes: George N3VQW made the motion, and Bob WA6EZV seconded accepting the meeting minutes for September 2026 as published in the Q-Fiver. Motion passed.

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

Treasurer: Kevin W8SM, report filed for audit.

Silent Key: Tom Delaney W8WTD
Tech Committee: N/A
Classes/Exams: N/A
Fox Hunts: Bob WA6EZV, N/A
Library: Contact Justin KE8COY suggests reappropriating $100 from library fund to other purposes.
Nets: N/A
Website: N/A
QCEN: Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30PM at the Red Cross building.
ARES: Meeting are held the 3rd Tuesday of alternating months at 7PM
Brunch Bunch: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00pm. LaRosa's on Boudinot.

Events:
- 10/10 - Queen Bee Half Marathon
- 11/21 & 22 - ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
- 1/23 & 24 - Winter Field Day @ Harvest Home Barn

Old Business:
- Cesi KD8OOB: Satellite station grant update. No update.
- Ryan AC8UJ: Remote participation in split-the-pot. N/A
- Appoint nominating committee Stephen KE8TEY, Dan KF4AV, Cesi KD8OOB

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New Business:

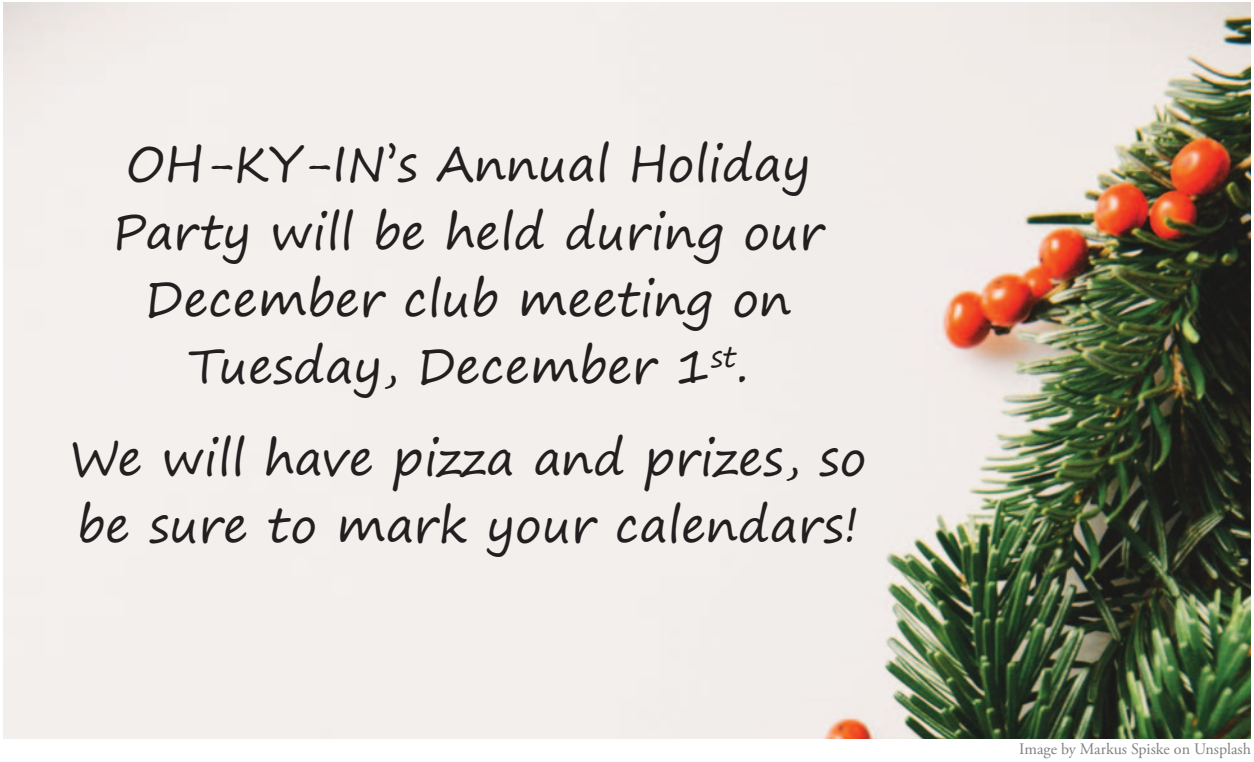
- November meeting will be held only via Zoom, no in-person due to election day.
- Ryan AC8UJ: The Board would really like feedback from the membership regarding the club. Specifically, what value do you get from your membership? What activities would you like to see that we don't currently offer? How can we make the club more valuable to you? Please share now or directly to any of the board members. KD8OOB: Since QST went digital, he hadn't been keeping up with it. This year, he decided to pay to get paper so he would start reading again. Every issue has a club profile where they talk about what clubs are doing. One club in Kentucky has an annual contest to see who can build a non-traditional antenna. The winner wins a prize. It must make at least one contact at FD. Could be a fun activity. Take a look at QST to get some ideas.

Split the Pot: $40.00, split is $20.00 won by N8BV

Motion to adjourn made by George N3VQW, seconded by Bruce N8BV Meeting adjourned at 8:41PM
Respectfully submitted, Steve Crase N8PUP, Secretary

Club Officer Elections

Nominations for 2027 officer positions will be accepted at the November meeting. President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are elected each year for one year terms and one of our three Director positions is elected to a three year term each year. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you may self-nominate at the November meeting or you may reach out to our Nominating Committee prior to the November club meeting. Our Nominating Committee this year is composed of Stephen KE8TEY, Dan KF4AV and Cesi KD8OOB.



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DX Spots November 2026
DE KA3MTT

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 XR0Z – Juan Fernandez Is thru 11-30 	2	3 VP2MCV – Montserrat thru 11-16 	4 D44 – Cape Verde Is thru 11-20 	5	6	7
8	9 C8K – Mozambique thru 11-20 	10 3X4U – Guinea thru 11-24 	11	12	13 EG9MM – Ceuta & Melilla thru 11-15 	14 E51A – South Cook Is thru 11-22
15 HD4W – Ecuador thru 11-22 	16 VK9 – Christmas I thru 12-4 	17	18	19	20 VK9DS – Cocos Keeling I thru 11-27 ——————— 3B9 – Rodrigues I thru 12-2	21
22	23 PJ7WW – Saint Maartin thru 11-30 ——————— PZ5KW – Surinam thru 12-1	24	25 HR9 – Honduras thru 12-5 	26	27	28 A35TV – Tonga thru 12-4
29 VP2V – Br Virgin Is thru 12-7 	30 FS – St Martin thru 12-9 					

Prepared by Nathan Ciufo, KA3MTT

Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday	November 3 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting (ZOOM ONLY)
Wednesday	November 4 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	November 10 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	November 11 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	November 18 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Sat/Sun	November 21 & 22	ARRL Phone Sweepstakes (contact N8YC)
Wednesday	November 25 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	December 1 @ 7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Party (Zoom & Arlington Hts. Town Hall)
Wednesday	December 2 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Tuesday	December 8 @ 7:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (same Zoom info as club meeting)
Wednesday	December 9 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	December 16 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	December 23 @ 9:00 PM	Tech Talk Net (146.670 Repeater)
Wednesday	December 30 @ 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 qfiver at 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 . . . . . .(open)

Membership . . . . . .Nathan Ciufo KA3MTT

Fundraising . . . . . .Bruce Vanselow N8BV

Education . . . . . .(open)

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

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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.