



Dial Radio Club



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Minutes of the January 19, 2009 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, KD8GXD, N8HP, N8HRA, KI8I, W8ISZ, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, WB8MYT, N8PI, WA8PRA, N8QF, AB8QP, NR8R & Barb, K8RJH, N8TFH, W8WCQ, KB8WKL, W8WLM, KC8WOF

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Don, WA8DTU, at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting as published was made by Ernie, N8EH, and seconded by Roy, N8LRN. The motion passed with 1 nay.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8QF, presented the treasurer's report. 2008 membership ended with 103 members representing 71 families. Ron presented the annual summary of the finances of Dial as of December 31, 2008. Dial is fiscally sound. Ron presented the fraction of dues for general membership and for repeater use. Thanks to limited problems with the repeater system, some of those funds are available for a rainy day. He also summarized the predictable annual expenses of Dial with liability insurance

and the repeater phone bill being the largest two normal items. Carl, K8CM, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Bob, K8RJH, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that "we're ok" with nothing further to report.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, announced that due to a Monday evening class she will miss several meetings this spring. She reminded those in attendance of the Dial Intercom Net on Thursdays at 9:00 pm local time.

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, announced that the 12 week long class to prepare for the Extra Examination would begin on Wednesday, January 21st at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown. The classes will run from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. About 10 people have expressed an interest in participating in the course.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Carl, K8CM, discussed the recent **Twenty Third Annual Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium**, which will be the last

Next Meeting: Monday February 16, at the Golden Corral

symposium to be held at Miami University Middletown. Several other venues are being investigated for next year. The symposium will be held, but not at MUM. Carl estimated the number of attendees to exceed 55. Jay Slough, K4ZLE, has indicated that he will send Rick, AF8T, a summary of the symposium for inclusion in a future Dial Newsletter.

Roy, N8LRN, presented the results of the Audit Committee's efforts. The committee found the finances to be "in good order". Ernie, N8EH, made a motion to accept the report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Don, WA8DTU, thanked the committee for their work.

Ernie, W8EH, had looked for information about Hamvention Flea Market space applications and had found that the information is not yet on their web page. Ernie, W8EH, made a motion to authorize the purchase of Dial's usual Hamvention spaces and the early admission tickets. Barney, N8HP, seconded the motion which was passed.

Ernie Sr., N8EH, made a motion to make preparations for Field Day in Smith Park, and to provide reservation fees should they be required. There was an affirmation of the desire to again hold Field Day activities with the Butler County VHF Association. Bob, NR8R, seconded the motion which passed.

Adjournment:

Ernie, W8EH made a motion to adjourn and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

News and Information

Weaver's Words February '09

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+++ FCC Names Riley's Successor +++

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when by Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH retirement as the FCC Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division. Riley held the position as FCC's enforcement guru for Amateur Radio for over 10 years. He is an

excellent man, a fine ham and did a great job.

Ms. Smith began her legal career with the FCC in the Mass Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. She also was Deputy Division Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. She left the Commission in 1998 to join the Industrial Telecommunications Association (ITA), now the Enterprise Wireless Alliance

Most recently, Smith was an attorney with the Maryland law firm of Shulman Rogers. While there, she dealt with telecommunications matters and served as counsel to numerous entities in the private radio and public safety communities. Smith has served as an industry consultant and written columns for a variety of trade publications including Mobile Radio Technology Magazine and The Private Wireless Magazine. In an October 2008 letter to then-FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, urged Martin to name a successor to Hollingsworth. President Harrison cautioned, "The appointment of a replacement Special Counsel in this position is of critical importance to the Amateur Radio Service, as the delay in finalizing the appointment stands to undermine in very short order an exceptionally successful and low-cost program of enforcement in the Amateur Service."

Although Ms. Smith apparently has had no direct involvement with Amateur Radio, her experience with other radio services should provide her with the basic background needed to fill the amateur enforcement post.

+++ Division Amateurs earn Triple Play Awards +++

When I arrived at ARRL HQ for the January meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting I quickly learned the first Triple Play Award had been received earlier in the day. During the subsequent Board meeting, the announcement was made that the second Award had been received -- from a member in the Great Lakes Division, of course.

As of the end of January 29, four members in this Division are listed as having earned the award. In the top ten are Jeffrey Wheeler, W7JIO of Plymouth, MI (#2) and Kenneth Hinkleman, NU8Z of Tecumseh, MI (#8). Coming soon after are Reno Tonsi, WT8C of Mentor, OH and Dave Vest, K8DV of Goshen, OH.

Congratulations fellows. Talk about quick action!

It is possible I did not recognize other Division amateurs if they have call signs with numbers other than 4 or 8 in them. Anyone knowing of a GLD amateur who should be on this list, please let me know.

To earn the Triple Play Award, one must confirm WAS using voice, WAS using Morse code and WAS using digital modes. Each QSO must have occurred no earlier than January 1, 2009 and must be confirmed through Logbook of the World (LoTW), only.

+++ January Meeting of the ARRL Board +++
As typical, the ARRL Board of Directors and several committees of the League met in Newington and Windsor, CT. Major committee meetings are held at ARRL HQ in Newington. Because of space requirements, the Board has been meeting in a hotel in Windsor.

Also as has been typical, we were met with low double-digit and single digit temperatures. Gary and I managed to avoid freezing; however, many scheduled flights were off-schedule thanks to delays of interconnecting flights.

Actions taken by the Board included:
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE (TTF): Having served its purpose, the TTF was dissolved by the Board. Established in 1999, TTF as well as its Working Groups studied and assessed the applicability of a variety of new technologies and technologic developments to Amateur Radio. These technologies include digital voice, high-speed multi-media and software defined radio.

It was concluded that continued work in the areas TTF had been tasked to function is no longer required. However, the resolution to dissolve TTF clearly requires ARRL to continue to explore and promote new communications technologies in the future. I believe action by the Board to dissolve TTF is fully appropriate when one considers that the prime reasons for which it was founded are increasingly being adopted by the amateur community. The use of software defined radios, the use of digital voice and the spread of several forms of digital data communications continue to expand.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: The Board passed a resolution to offer ARRL assistance in managing station K2BSA at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. We also are exploring the mutual desirability of a Statement of Understanding between the Scouts and ARRL.

The coming National Jamboree has been delayed from 2009 until July 26-August 4, 2010 to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. National Jamborees are held at Ft. A. P. Hill in Virginia.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD: The 2008 award was given to the Amateur Radio operators of the Sichuan Radio Sports Association, the Chinese Radio Sports Association and many operators from around China.

Their immediate actions and use of Amateur Radio rendered assistance to victims of the May, 2008 earthquake centered in the Wenchuan area of Sichuan Province.

FCC CALL SIGN PROGRAMS: The Board directed the Executive Committee (EC) to study FCC's sequential, vanity and special call sign programs. The study will determine if we will recommend changes in these programs to the Commission. The EC will consult with the Programs & Services Committee in the study.

PROTECTION OF PRUDENT MOBILE OPERATION: States and municipalities continue to study laws to prevent reckless driving attributed to cell phone use. Because of the increase in this activity, it is increasingly likely that the zeal to protect the public may inadvertently threaten to outlaw legitimate Amateur Radio mobile operations.

The Board directed the Executive Committee to develop a proposed policy statement that may be used prevent adoption of laws that prohibit prudent mobile amateur operation. ARRL CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ and General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD will submit a draft statement to the EC no later than February 1, 2009 for consideration.

NEW MEMBERS OF IARU: The Board approved Aye votes be cast by ARRL on IARU resolutions that would admit the Emirates Amateur Radio Society and the Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur into IARU membership.

FREE ARRL MEMBERSHIPS TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN ABROAD: A few years ago, the Board approved a temporary rule to offer full ARRL membership free of charge to service men and women who hold FCC amateur licenses while they are serving outside the US. This temporary rule was made permanent. The rule reads as follows:

"Upon request, the Executive Vice President is authorized to maintain membership privileges without charge for the duration of a member's active military deployment outside the ARRL operating territory as described in Bylaw 30, with or without the delivery of QST at the member's option."

ARRL RETIREMENT PLAN: In case anyone was not aware of this, the Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for all financial operation of the League. This includes responsibility for financial issues related to our employees -- the people who work for ARRL in Newington and Washington, DC. The financial and administrative responsibilities are generally overseen by the Administration and Finance Committee. This Committee in most instances recommends actions to the Board which in turn adopts, modifies or rejects the recommendations. One action taken by the Board in mid-January was to authorize ARRL to hire firms to be Custodian and to be Recordkeeper for our 403(b) retirement plan.

REVAMP OF ARRL WEB SITE: The Board approved continuing of a total revamp of the ARRL web site. This project is being brought in right on schedule and right on budget. We anticipate it to be finished by the deadline which is the end of this year.

A review of the project by the Board included glimpses of a number of new and improved features that will benefit individual members, clubs and ARRL. Exciting!
+++ Wouff Hong at the National Convention-Hamvention +++
The Royal Order of the Wouff Hong will be given at the Dayton Hamvention(r)-ARRL National Convention in May. The Wouff Hong presentation will be directed by Ohio Section Manager Joe

Phillips, K8QOE at 11 PM Saturday evening at the Crowne Point Plaza Hotel.

SM Phillips noted this will bring his record of directing Wouff Hong exemplifications at National ARRL Conventions in the Great Lakes Division to three consecutive. I am looking forward eagerly to learn who he taps to be the Novice in the ceremony. Watch for further details.

If you have not yet participated in a Wouff Hong ceremony, this may be your best opportunity to have the experience. No hams are sacrificed in the ritual. ;-)

Incidentally, SM Phillips reports that the script he uses for the Wouff Hong was also used at the second annual ARRL Michigan State Convention held in Flint on February 11, 1923. This probably wasn't the first exemplification of the Wouff Hong, but it had to be among the earlier ones.

+++ Update Your Affiliated Club Information +++
As Ohio Affiliated Club Coordinator Joanne Solak, KJ3O reminds, it is time for clubs affiliated with ARRL to update their information. Although our people at HQ aren't hard-nosed about this, the fact is that continued affiliation requires clubs to file periodic (preferably annual) update reports.

What is the value of filing an annual report to a club? Maintaining up-to-date information about the club and key personnel makes it easy for nonmember who are looking for a club to find you and join. In addition, up-to-date club information is the only way key information distributed by ARRL can be gotten to clubs.

To file an annual report go to www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/#affiliation. The annual report can be filed on line by clicking on No. 2 under Advantages of Affiliation.

Incidentally, if your club is not affiliated with ARRL, you might want to read through the information on this same site to see if affiliation is in the club's best interest as well as in the best interest of Amateur Radio

+++ Sanction Your Hamfest/Swap +++
While on the subject of club affiliation, it seems appropriate to comment about sanctioning hamfests, swaps, seminar or convention. The visible procedure for having a hamfest sanctioned is rather simple -- fill out and submit a sanctioning application online. With rare exception, the submitter will receive a message a few days later that says the hamfest has been sanctioned by ARRL. During the few days from submission of the application until the approval is received, the application has been reviewed by the ARRL Convention Hamfest Manager at HQ and by the Division Director who gives approval for the sanctioning.

In the case of ARRL Section or State Conventions, the ARRL EC provides the final approval. The full Board gives approval to

National Conventions.

The benefits of sanctioning include free publicity in QST, free listing as a sanctioned hamfest on the ARRL web site and a selection of nice goodies to use as prizes at the hamfest -- also free

To review the rules and helpful information about sponsoring a sanctioned hamfest, go to www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/. The application form to have hamfests sanctioned is available at this site. It can be completed and submitted online.

Clubs that plan to have their hamfests sanctioned are encouraged to submit the applications for this sanctioning, soon. The sooner the application is approved, the sooner the hamfest is publicized on the ARRL web site.

+++ Tentative Travel Schedule +++

The tentative February through May travel schedule for Great Lakes Division officers and chairpersons is shown below. This schedule will be expanded to additional months in future issues of Words. In addition to Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA and me, Division Legislative Action Chairman John Meyers, NB4K and 8th Area ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau Manager Jay Slough, K4ZLE will join in some of our trips to discuss the programs they head.

This year, we are working especially hard to optimize the value members receive from our travel. This means that both Gary and I may not appear at a number of hamfests together. It also means that instead of being at the "same old" hamfests as in the past, we may visit hamfests in parts of the Division that have not been covered during recent years.

If you would like any of us to consider visiting your hamfest/swap, meeting or event, please contact me at k8je@arrl.org.

Date.....Hamfest.....Division Representative(s)

15 Feb: Mansfield, OH; InterCity ARC -- Jim and John

7 Mar: Cave City, KY; Mammoth Cave ARC -- Gary. John(?)

14 Mar: Marshall, MI; SMARS & Marshall HS club -- Jim and John

15 Mar: Toledo, OH; Toledo Mobile AR -- Jim and John

19 Apr: Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Cuyahoga Falls ARC -- Jim and Gary

26 Apr: Athens, OH; Athens Co. ARA -- Jim and Gary

15-17 May: Dayton Hamvention(r) -- Jim, Gary and John

73, *Jim Weaver K8JE, Director, Great Lakes Division ARRL*

OHIO SECTION NEWS for FEBRUARY '09

(Hamfests and Cabinet Listing for the Ohio Section is at the end of this column)

By Joanne Solak, KJ3O
Affiliated Clubs Coordinator
Ohio Section

Here we are the second month of the New Year 2009! Are your calendars getting filled up with scheduled activities as mine is? Many Club meetings and a few activities have been canceled because of the sub-zero temperatures and the snow and ice. I know of several Club Members of various Clubs who have been contacted to provide emergency communications for various Towns/Cities. Planned events are one thing, but when it comes to emergency communications being needed, Amateur Radio Operators are right there and ready. Many Counties are making sure "hams" are included in their emergency plans. This is a good thing!

Always remember to check into your local nets. Also make a "good effort" to attend as many of your local Club meetings as you can. These nets and club meetings are the best way to stay informed about your local planned events and any ARES practice sessions coming up.

Have you volunteered your services to your local Radio Club? There is always room for volunteers in any Club. Net Control operators are needed for the local nets, if the Club sponsors a Hamfest, there are many positions available for you. Plus perhaps you have a Contest Calendar, volunteer yourself as contest manager. Field Day is June 27th and 28th this year, volunteer, you will be glad you did. There are many ways to support your club. If you attend the meetings you will become aware of the club events planned and can certainly volunteer for something. Your talents are always needed in some way. Do you like to write? Perhaps the club needs a newsletter editor? Seek and you shall find a place to volunteer in any club.

Have your club members discussed hosting a DTV awareness event? The Alliance ARC will host a DTV awareness night February 2nd at the local library in their town.

Have you scheduled your VE Exam sessions for this year? If not, contact Bob Johnson, K3RC, who compiles and edits the Amateur Radio Exams here in the Ohio Section. You can get his contact information in the latest Ohio Section Journal.

Have you paid your Club Membership Dues? If not, take out that checkbook and get a check out to the Club Treasurer Now! If your ARRL dues are now due, get them paid through your Club Treasurer also.

AND, FILE THE ANNUAL REPORT FORM WITH THE ARRL! Yes, I am going to remind you about this over and over again this year as in last years. It is really important that this form is filed yearly so the ARRL and the Ohio Section can get in touch with your Club members if need be. Seriously, check with

your club secretary and make sure your annual report form has been filed.

Some good news to share.....Nick Pittner, K8NAP, and Steve Katz, N8WL, are moving forward on the Ohio PRB-1 bill in the new Ohio General Assembly. We will keep you informed as to how it is going as things progress.

Just for your information, the VEC Exam fee has increased this year to \$15.00. I am told this increase was necessary to offset the increasing costs of maintaining the ARRL VEC Service to us.

Many Clubs are planning their annual Hamfest and please do not forget to get your event ARRL approved. Lots of advertising is essential also. Get those fliers out to the public way ahead of your event. It is called "planning". You can contact ARRL Headquarters for the latest "tips" for sponsoring a hamfest. Just click on the ARRL web page and follow the prompts.

Heard of the new ARRL Award? As of January 1, 2009, the ARRL offers another award: The Triple Play Worked All States Award. This new exciting award is available to all amateurs who confirm contacts with each of the 50 states using three modes for each state: CW, Phone and RTTY/digital. All 150 contacts must be made on or after the starting date and must be confirmed by logbook of the World (LoTW) You can find all the details by going on line at: [HYPERLINK
http://www.arrl.org/awards/#tripleplay](http://www.arrl.org/awards/#tripleplay)

Have fun! (The ARRL letter supplied this information)
Have you marked your event calendar for May 15, 16, & 17? 2009. Do you know what these dates are? Of course they are the dates for the Dayton Hamvention.

I extend a "thank-you" to the many clubs who keep me on the mailing/e-mail list and keep those newsletters coming. Please continue to do so as I read them all. It keeps me up-to-date on all the club activities in the Ohio Section. Don't forget, the Spotlight Club of the Month is still alive and well. If you would like your club to be spotlighted in the Ohio Section Monthly, send me the information no later than the 12th of the month.

Well, that's it for this time around. I hope you are enjoying the New Year 2009, I hope the New Year treats you well! And Remember sometime, somewhere, when you least expect it, I will be seeing YOU!

Until then,
VERY BEST 73
Joanne Solak, KJ3O, ACC Ohio Section

OHIO FEBRUARY HAMFESTS

(1) SUNDAY - WINTER HAMFEST by NOARS. For more information, E-mail <dfohman@att.net> or visit <www.noars.net>. Located at Gargus Hall in Lorain.

(15) SUNDAY - Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest. For more information, E-mail <metal07man@yahoo.com> or visit

<www.w8we.org>. Located at the Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield.

OHIO SECTION CABINET LISTING:

SM: Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, (to contact me, see QST page 16 or on the Web at <www.arrloho.org>; ASM-NE: Bob Winston, W2THU, Cleveland; ASM-NW: Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay; ASM-Central: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville; ASM-SW: Dave Coons, WT8W, New Carlisle; ASM-SE: Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta; SEC: Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ, Austintown; ACC: Joanne Solak, KJ3O, Mantua; TC: Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City; PIC: Emily Wells, KC8RAL, Warren; OOC: Rick Swain, KK8O, Galion; SGL: Nick Pittner, K8NAP, West Jefferson; STM: John Tipka, W8UL, Reynoldsburg.

IT SEEMS TO US

(Special Note - When I speak across Ohio, I always try to remind Ohio hams that amateur radio is a technical hobby. Yes, I realize our meetings are social, our newsletters often deal with member personalities and we are most identified publicly with emergency communications. Nevertheless we are a technical hobby. In case you forgot, remember the last FCC license exam you took.

One of the best sources celebrating our technical identification is the on going series "It Seems To Us" on page nine of every QST and written by ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. Here is a link to a reprint of the latest edition, February 2009.

In this column, K1ZZ explains that "technology" and "science," are different entities. He points to the numerous times in amateur radio's history which provides that perspective. I hope you find it as enjoying as I did. Ohio Section Manager, Joseph Phillips, K8QOE)

<http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2009/02/01/10526/>

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The 23rd Annual Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium Give Up, Give Back

Are we having issues weathering or are we withering? The 2009 Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium is now history. We would like to think "attendance was down but interest was up." Only about 60 hearty souls braved the winter weather advisory in effect for this year's program, but there can be no doubt about the interest of those attending. While the numbers were down, people traveled from at least six states to participate. This event has been sponsored by Dial Radio Club of Middletown, OH and is an ARRL sanctioned conference. Its beginning was spawned twenty three years ago to promote the new digital phenomenon known as packet radio and the breath of subjects has steadily expanded. To date, there has never been a charge for attending the symposium and there is no flea market to distract attendees from the main goals of educating and information sharing. Over the years we have been privileged to

have listened to presenters who are recognized nationally for their expertise. These are the people who have 'given up their time, and given back to the hobby.'

The last phrase was sort of a sub theme of this year's proceedings. In his opening and closing remarks, Jay Slough, K4ZLE, spoke to that need. Without people willing to step up, step out, give up and give back events such as this annual symposium can not continue. He reminded all of the audience that at one time, every presenter was not expert in their presentation topic, but they are willing to share what they know and in so doing they continue to grow. We all benefit when we share. During his presentation, the Great Lakes Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE, spoke to the same need for us to give back to the hobby if we want to see it progress.

Here is a quick summary of the speakers and the subject of their presentations:

- Mel Whitten, K0PFX, came in from Missouri to discuss digital voice techniques and to bring us up to date on various state-of-the-art digital voice protocols.

- Larry Phipps, N8LP, followed up from his excellent talk last year on his LP-100 Digital Vector Wattmeter development to tell us about his LP-Pan (panadaptor) product and how it can enhance our on-the-air enjoyment and effectiveness. Larry traveled down from Michigan to share with us.

- While the next presentation was not explicitly technical in nature it was both interesting and informative. Jeff Duntemann, K7JPD, did a remote presentation from Colorado about his work to republish the old Carl & Jerry columns from Popular Electronics. We used Skype and Mikogo to make this presentation and it went without a hitch!

- As alluded earlier, Jim Weaver, K8JE, hosted the ARRL forum and issued his challenge to us to be involved.

- We broke for lunch but were fortunate enough to have one of our speakers from two years ago available from near Chicago, IL to give an ad hoc, bonus D-Star presentation.

- Steve Coy, K8UD, and Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM, gave their annual AMSAT presentation immediately following the official lunch break.

- Bill Erwin, N9CX, followed with an excellent talk designed to get us more involved in using microcontrollers for ham projects. He used his experience in converting two Alliance U-100 rotors into a digital AZ/EL application. Bill traveled down from near Columbus, OH to be with us.

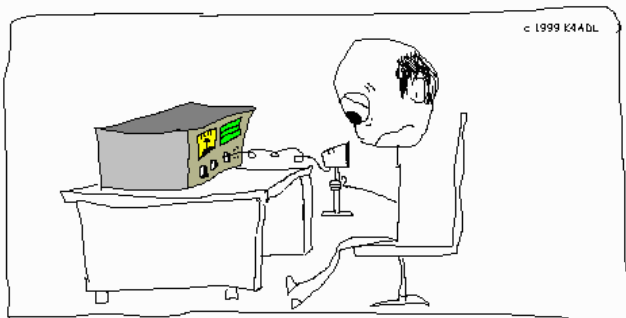
- Our last presentation was by Jim Everly, K8IKE, who gave an excellent talk on doing Third Order Intercept Point (IP3) measurements. He actually demonstrated a live test of a Yaesu FT-817ND to show how simple the procedure really is.

As in years past we had a demonstration room where several demonstrations were set up. Among which were a full stack DStar station by N8TVU, a NUE-PSK modem by K4ZLE, another portable QRP PSK-31 station by N8MIQ and the LP-PAN demo by N8LP. Overall, not a bad line up for a free symposium, put together on a shoe string, if I do say so myself! Events like this do not just happen and they do not go on for over twenty years without some individuals giving of their time and talents. In addition to those already mentioned, personnel from the Dial Radio Club provided our on-site administrative support. We must mention two people who have been key to the longevity of this symposium. One is Hank Greeb, N8XX, who used to MC the event and coordinated the program agenda until he moved to Michigan a few years ago. This year he continued to be the web meister (www.swohdigi.org) and handled the advance publicity. The other individual is Carl Morgan, K8CM, who was one of the cofounders of the event and has been instrumental in securing our location at Miami University, Middletown for all these years. Unfortunately, Carl is retiring (for real this time) and we will probably lose our venue. It is time for others to step up, step out, give up and give back. If you are willing to give it a go, contact Jay Slough, K4ZLE, at [<miscalling>@yahoo.com](mailto:miscalling@yahoo.com). Do not tarry! If you do not start now, you may miss your window of opportunity.

A CD is available of all the presentations made in 2009 and 2008. In addition, some of the presentations from 2007 will be included. Plans are to include some bonus material such as the Elmer 160 PIC programming tutorial from John McDonough, WB8RCR. The cost of the CD is \$10, post paid from K4ZLE. 'Profits' from the CD sales will be used to cover out of pocket expenses from this year and seed next year's event if there is interest in continuing.

Jay Slough K4ZLE

Ham Humor



DESTINED TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE AS A POORLY-DRAWN STICK FIGURE, CHARLES FOUND SOLICE IN CHATTING WITH PEOPLE WHO WOULD NEVER SEE HIM.



DURING A LATE-NITE STUDY SESSION FOR HER AMATEUR LICENSE, BUFFY LISTENS ON 75 METERS TO PICK UP SOME HAM LINGO.

Cartoons by K4ADL www.qsl.net/k4adl

Chef Loretta



Photographer Unknown (but he may be in a lot of trouble)

Lorrie W8LKU shown above just after try outs for the new the Campbell's Soup Kids commercial. As of press time she had not received word if she got the part.

Good luck Lorie.

Rick Slone AF8T