

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9
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Our Regular Meetings are on the **SECOND Tue** with Lunch at 11:30 AM
at the MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering

Meetings

June 9, Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM : Notes and Pictures from the Hamvention

Jul 14, TBD

*Happy Birthday
to the following*

		6/14/38	W8CRK	7/20/22	K8JXE
5/7/29	KA8GYV	6/14/51	KB1SF	7/24/47	WX8F
5/12/19	W8WTL	6/20/22	W8LIL	7/26/16	W8IFC
5/31/47	N8KPJ	6/26/18	N8ADA	7/31/19	W8FP
6/2/25	W8EWD	7/4/37	K8RCJ	7/31/25	W8KPV
6/6/20	WR8A	7/7/19	W5FHL	8/3/11	W8YAH
6/7/21	W8MK	7/12/30	K8DSR	8/7/38	W8LZW
6/10/33	WB8KMX	7/15/31	WA8IHA		
		7/16/35	WA8BOB		

President's Comments

It's hard to predict the future, and a familiar saying is: nothing is more constant than change. That is certainly true with the sunspots right now. Such a long period without spots is unprecedented. There are still occasional spots, you could say we have a sunspot of the month. The "experts" have been looking and offering a number of explanations and predictions. Nothing has come about though and we really do not know how this will develop.

Our Christmas Program was about the Dayton Art Institute, so was our program for our Hamvention banquet. Ohio is lucky to have Art Institutes in all the major cities, and Dayton is one of them. It is well worth to spend time and look at some pictures from the past, painted when there were few books, no magazines, no photography or Television. The artist had to skillfully put many details into one picture, so naturally you may not get the whole story the first time.

We are lucky to have three hams in our Chapter 9 that completed 75 years as licensed hams. First Manny, W3NNA in 2007, then Andy, W8SR in 2008, and this year Joe, W8HU. I tried to have all three together at the Banquet, but Andy who went through some surgery is in rehab and couldn't make it. However, Manny and Joe were with us at the banquet. Both are in their

nineties and lost their wives, Manny last year and Joe just recently. However, they are both blessed with loving daughters that take care of them and accompanied them.

Spring has come and gone, it certainly was somewhat like a yoyo, cold then warm. Some wind, then lots of rain. Now summer is showing its flag! The next two meetings will be about ham activities: the Hamvention and then Field Day. There are now ways for older Hams to attend the Hamvention and a visit to one or the other Field day site is also a distinct possibility! We will show pictures and talk about it. It is still possible to participate and have some fun along the way!

Let me conclude with a quote from Richard Reeves column: "The Lucky Class of 2009". This is from Wordsworth and it concerns our young friends: " Bliss was it that dawn to be alive. But to be young was very heaven."

Cu at the meetings.
Gerd.

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