

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

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Regular Meetings are on the SECOND Tuesday with Lunch at 11:30 AM at the MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering

Dec 13 Christmas Mtg. Marianist Brother John Lemker, SM : Nature Photography
 Jan 10 No regular Meeting, Casual get-together

Happy Birthday to the following

12/31/29 W9GIV	1/25/22 K2JOI	2/7/34 W8GNV
1/6/56 N8ZR	1/27/30 N8FRP	2/14/31 WB8IFM
1/13/24 WN8I	1/28/18 W8KQZ	2/14/38 W4MWZ
1/15/28 N8AEG	1/31/42 W4NWR	
1/21/15 W3NNA	1/31/52 N8LX	
1/25/20 W8ZCR	2/5/35 K8JE	

President's Comments

This certainly has been an unusually bad year and it has shown how poorly we are prepared to deal with blows from mother nature. While everybody was looking for a rise in temperature, it is the "side effects" that are killing us! And when there should be cooperation and compassion all we get is bickering. The "can do " attitude is what impressed me most when I came to this country. It was the time when Kennedy's goal "to get a man to the moon and bringing him back safely" was implemented. We should be getting ready to explore space, visiting other planets. Instead we are sending our military to far away lands looking for trouble. This is much like in the middle ages when the sovereigns sent their military on crusades to the orient.

Well, lets hope the new year brings some common sense back to the world. The problems which haunt us now are not new. Ups and downs describe human history throughout. One quote in particular attributed

to the man best known for his warning of a population explosion and consequent starvation is illuminating:

"The great question is now, whether man shall henceforth start forward with accelerated velocity toward illimitable and hitherto unconceived improvement; or be condemned to a perpetual oscillation between happiness and misery."

Malthus 1766-1834

Bill, W4NWR, secured our presenter for the x-mas meeting. He is Marianist Brother John Lemker, SM, who has been into nature photography for over 30 years. His photos have appeared in newspapers, magazines and books. He has master degrees in Physics and Scripture Study. He spent many years of teaching physics and mathematics in Marianist high schools. He will show us a selection of his nature pictures. His photography is regularly exhibited at Gallery St. John which is operated by the Marianist artists. He will also have some photographic tips for getting that

perfect picture!

As usual spouses or relatives and friends are invited. Hope to cu there.

And **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** to all of you who are unable to attend!

Gerd, WB8IFM.

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