

# Quarter Century Wireless Association    Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

## August/September 2012

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**SKs:** Dick Hilsabeck, W8YAH (100) SK, 6-12-2012  
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Aug 14: Ron Moorefield. A memorable DX-pedition  
 Sept 11: Gerd Schrick, Pictures from Germany

## *Happy Birthday to the following*

			9/16/51	KB8ZR
8/17/19	WA6ZPX		9/29/41	K8GKJ
8/23/51	N8EMO		10/1/17	K8CUA
			10/11/28	K8YDP

### President's Comments

By Gerd, WB8IFM.

I hope you made it through the hot and stormy weather we had this summer. It sure was not enticing for outdoors activity during the day. I saved my antenna work for the fall.

We have a few silent keys to report as you see above. Also Frank's, KA8GYV, xyl Mary passed away. I become more aware of the fact that quite a few of our members lost their xyls. They are fortunate, if they are living together with other family. In any case, staying at home beats a nursing home any time. Home care is vastly underrated and needs more recognition and proper funding.

Along those lines, I've been reading a book that my wife got for her birthday. It is absolutely hilarious but at the same time gives you lots of thoughts about life. It is by Swedish author Jonas Jonasson and has the unique title: "The 100-Year-Old-Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared."

We had a successful trip to the big German Ham Radio Show in Friedrichshafen, which took place over the Field Day weekend. Together with

Steve, K8UD, and both our xyls, we took a week after the show to tour the area and take in quite a few tourist attractions, such as castles, churches etc. We sampled the local beers, which were really good and each day's walking made us fall asleep real well. Waking up was a pleasure as well, as a super breakfast was waiting for us. We stayed exclusively in "Zimmers" something like a Bed and Breakfast. It was sometimes a little bit of a nail biter and a race with time to find a place, but we managed every night. This, of course gave us great flexibility and we did not really feel like traveling a lot, just shuffling from one sight to another and stopping for food! We managed a few downtown areas as well: like Innsbruck, which is in a deep valley surrounded by snow-covered mountains. Then Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace and Munich, where we timed it so we could have supper at the Hofbraeuhaus. There, to my surprise, I found my favorite: suckling pig.

To conclude, I like to reprint a very nice poem from Mary's obituary folder:

God's garden must be beautiful  
 God looked around the garden,  
 And found an empty space  
 He looked down upon the earth,  
 and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you  
 And lifted you to rest.  
 God's garden must be beautiful  
 For he only takes the best.

He knew that you were weary,  
 And he knew you were in pain.  
 He knew that you would never,  
 Be well on earth again.  
 He saw the roads were getting rough,  
 And the hills were hard to climb.  
 So he closed your weary eyelids  
 And whispered peace be thine.

Author unknown.

Cu at the meetings, Vy73, Gerd.

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