

# Quarter Century Wireless Association    Southwest Ohio Chapter 9 June/July 2013

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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

**June 11, Hamvention and more**  
**July 9, No Meeting --- Summerbreak**

### Happy Birthday to the following

6/14/38	W8CRK	7/12/30	K8DSR	7/31/25	W8KPV
6/14/51	KB1SF	7/15/31	WA8IHA	8/3/11	W8YAH
6/20/22	W8LIL	7/16/35	WA8BOB	8/7/38	W8LZW
6/24/52	NC8V	7/24/47	WX8F	8/12/51	WA8ZWJ
7/4/37	K8RCJ	7/26/16	W8IFC		
7/7/19	W5FHL	7/31/19	W8FP		

### President's Comments

Hamvention is over and again it was quite successful. I put in some volunteer work as did quite a number of us, but still found time to look around even in the flea market. I had one item on my shopping list but it had not quite all the features I was looking for, so I wound up just picking a few odds and ends from the flea market. It's easier to spend a few dollars here and there than making a larger purchase.

I am presently into building dipoles and to preserve a good match to the coax feed you have to prevent the Rf from returning over the outside of the Cable. The easy way to solve this problem is to slip ferrite beads over the coax or forming a coil with the coax. Of course, manufacturers will offer you a "balun" that does this for a lot more money. So I picked up a handful of those ferrite beads/toroids at the flea market.

We had to really scramble to make the count for the banquet and headquarter really was helpful in a last minute push. I think there are multiple reasons for this problem. As more and more groups quit sending Journals or newsletters through the mail and going to the Internet they are losing the older members. The Internet is unnecessarily complex for them and the worst part of these modern technologies: they keep constantly tinkering with it and so it is hard to keep up. The postage is also unjust to smaller groups as they are not qualifying for a nonprofit discount.

We briefly discussed these problems at the banquet and I added my "2c worth", not sure what will come out of that, but it would be OK if some occasional mailing from headquarters would be sent out, at least to the older ones (over75?). I think age is part of the database!

All enjoyed the Lincoln presentation. Then our chapter got the 55 year Longevity Award and finally we were down to the door prizes. We had callbook Cds and memory sticks and the odds were pretty good. Do the arithmetic: we had 10 prizes and 23 contenders.

I will be making another trip to Germany by the end of this month to attend with five others of DARA the German Hamradio and hope to set things up that in coming years it becomes more of a routine and doesn't require my help. So we will take a break and have no meeting in July. No programs have been found yet for the subsequent months, so your input would be welcome. Have a good summer.

Vy 73, Gerd.

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