

# Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

## June/July 2014

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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

### No Silent Keys to report.

**June 10**    **TBD**  
**July 8**     **TBD**

### *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

The 2014 Hamvention is history, hope you all had a chance to go out there and look around. For me it was No.50. In 1964 I had just arrived and when I met the first Dayton ham, he immediately alerted me to the upcoming "Hamvention". This was also the first Hamvention at Hara. Previously it had been downtown at the "Biltmore" which still exists. If you look at the Hara Arena floor plan today you see how it has grown and not always with anticipation of future growth. That makes it is hard not to get lost in there.

The ARRL was celebrating their 100th birthday so I spent some time to look around there. Picked up their pocket reference book, which is substantial.

Also purchased a book on magnetic Antennas, my latest interest. You have to rethink your usual "electrical" patterns and think "magnetic". These antennas are smaller than the dominant dipole. Therefore more of those are used and available in Europe, where real estate is scarce! However I noticed there were several commercial offerings in Dayton. To give you a feeling for size. A (circular) loop antenna for shortwave might be smaller than 3' in diameter.

Big surprise: after many years of drought I did win a minor prize in the form of a Complete Repeater Directory and some kind of computer program to help with programming Hts. Sure things I could live without.

One of the items talked about was a Chinese HT for 2m and 70cm at the ridiculous low price of less than \$ 50. But thinking of my shoe box full of Hts, I passed up on that deal.

The Friday Night Eyeball Party was a success. Although we were only 10, it was nice because everybody had time to tell his story. Word will get around and it sure will grow next year. Already we found a new venue with a bigger room and BBQ.

I met Frank, KA8GYV, with one of these handicap scooters and I picked up Carey, K8DOT(93), who can still walk short distances, but needs lots of stops, we made it across several halls. Once out the door, of course, there was good transportation with these golf carts. Carey, of course, beat me with numbers of Hamventions attended: he'd seen them all, which were 12 more at the Biltmore for a total of 62!

Our Ch.9 continues to have an attendance problem. I happen to think: this is generational. The older ones get too feeble to drive, the younger ones are too busy.

What do you think? Drop me a note, postcard OK, 34c stamp! We might skip a few months in the summer, along with school vacation. I know we will take a few trips, one already planned around the 4th of July.

CU at the mtgs, Gerd, WB8iFM, Pres.

**P.S. About Diplomas: You can check in to QCWA's website and print your own diplomas. See the extra slip in this mailing**

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Membership is \$ 5.-- per year

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