

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

We have to report **another Silent Key**: Scott Henniger, W8GS, a ham for 55 years, died after a grave battle with sarcoma a year ago this past August at age 70. Jerry Ragland, our treasurer, is still in rehab at St Leonards. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he can head for home soon.

Oct.14 Summer pictures (Slide Show)
Nov 11 TBD

Happy Birthday to the following

10/24/21	K8DOT	11/13/12	KA8ZPG	12/6/20	K8IOW
10/25/33	W8JNO	11/28/48	WA8FOZ	12/8/47	AA8LL
11/1/52	K8UD	12/4/38	W8POF	12/31/29	W9GIV

President's Column

We've been scratching our heads to figure out why our monthly meeting attendance has shrunk so much last summer. So Ron, W8ILC, our Vice, set out to call members on the good old land line. We need some success in reviving the club's attendance. We all should try to stay together and be part of Ham radio's tradition. As you know we interrupted the Sunday 75m net because we couldn't find a net control, and I am still working to get back on 75 myself-- so think about it.

Making phone calls to members, Ron found a silent key, that we missed (see above).

This and other events gave me an idea. We all know how important it is for a young ham to have an Elmer. This is an experienced person who looks after the young ham and helps out with good advice and otherwise. --- Now, shouldn't we have a younger ham

to help and look out for the older Ham, who is in the situation of "old age". This is a win-win situation. The older ham gets some help with routine maintenance and operating the new gadgets that pop up. I see the need for myself. Hanging up a dipole, which I did today takes a lot longer for me and is strenuous. The xyl gave me a hand but all the explaining I had to do... On the other hand, the younger ham gets a preview what is coming at him later. For a young person, and I know this from myself, old age is so far, far out...

To relax I get on the air for a nice QSO, but guess what, these are hard to come by. I tuned across a QSO on 40m where two guys talked like on the telephone, never mentioned their call and, of course, just like listening in, when the xyl accuses me of spying, you feel like intruding. That's another thing, hams should be aware of: they are also always broadcasting, just when you think

nobody is listening. So I went to 15 m and answered a South American station calling cq. He answered, said 59 and turned the mike over to me. Ah, another one of these "private contests." I gave him a report and introduced myself. Then surprisingly he reciprocated, said he was Carlos and from Costa Rica. Hey, I should have recognized the Costa Rica prefix. We had been to Costa Rica two years ago for the baptism of our grandson. Carlos then gave his exact QTH, we had been there also, but I didn't want to press my luck so we parted at that point. Cu at the meetings!
 Vy73, Gerd.

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 Membership is \$ 5.-- per year

P.S. We printed and included a 1-page roster (55 mbrs) with the essential data, it still lists Scott Henniger, W8GS... please mark him as SK.