

# Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

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

## Silent Keys

## Meetings

Oct 9 Tom Dempsey, County Waste Water Treatment.

Nov 13 T.B.D.

## Happy Birthday to the following

9/29/41	K8GKJ	10/25/33	W8JNO	11/28/48	WA8FOZ
10/1/17	K8CUA	10/26/18	W8TIV	12/4/38	W8POF
10/11/28	K8YDP	10/31/17	W8NFQ	12/6/20	K8IOW
10/12/40	WD8QAI	11/1/52	K8UD	12/8/47	AA8LL
10/24/21	K8DOT	11/13/12	KA8ZPG		

## President's Comments.

Ken Burns epic documentary on WW2, sometimes called the good war, attracted millions of viewers and brought back memories filling in gaps from more than 65 years ago. I was 8 when the war started and a teenager when it ended. I was on the bad side in Germany and was surprised to learn about the similarities of life during the war on both sides.

We both were lied to by our governments, the bad news was kept from us. Kids were collecting scrap metal and other war supporting material. Food was rationed more so in Germany than in the US. We had black paper shades covering the windows at night and the air warden would check if any light was leaking out. Germany had Stalingrad, the US Bataan... Our bad guys, not really humans, were the Russians, while for the US the Japanese were not normal people. Often civilians were deliberately targeted and killed. The bombing of cities was pretty much indiscriminate. The weekly newsreels were mainly propaganda to promote the war. They were very similar in tone and made up on both sides of the Atlantic.

The other day my xyl was reading a brochure about her hometown in northern Bavaria. The 30-year war was mentioned and we asked ourselves "what was

that all about?" I am sure we learned the answer in school but could not think of it. If you scratch your head to ask that question of any war, the result will be similar. Often the history book will present an answer, but it will ring phony. In the old days it was often the privilege of the kings to start a war in order to make a name for themselves in the history books and get a statue erected. This hasn't really changed that much. Men like Hitler, Stalin and Napoleon all wanted to be famous or infamous.

We passed the fall equinox and there are still very few, if any sunspots. But the conditions are improving as they always do with winter approaching. I talked to a UK mobile on 20m the other day, and he was only using ten watts. But there is nothing on ten or fifteen.

CU at the meetings  
Vy73, Gerd, WB8IFM

75m QCWA Net  
(3975 at 1:30PM) on Sunday!  
Chuck, W8TIV, net control

We are thinking of moving the net to a two meter repeater or maybe running it simultaneously on 75 AND 2! What do you think?