

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

There are no Silent Keys to report

Meetings

Feb 12 On Great White Wings. The Wright Brothers

Mar 11 History of Space and Amateur Satellites by Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM

Happy Birthday to the following

2/11/17	W8SR	2/28/18	W8HU	3/19/43	W8GS
2/14/31	WB8IFM	3/8/17	W8QDD	3/22/20	N8AEC
2/14/38	W4MWZ	3/10/20	W8ARN	4/7/38	W8LLY
2/22/54	NY1A	3/11/27	K8PKL	4/9/31	WT8W

President's Comments.

I hope you all made it through the holiday season ok. Now we are at winter's midpoint and can begin looking forward to spring and summer. We sure had a good taste of snow, of cold and a few windy days as well. My heating system was developing trouble: first it was just the blower motor, then a slow leak in the heat pump system, looks like the entire system needs replacement. The present system has served 13 years and that is about the age you can expect. When you live in a house long enough, there is always something to repair. As you get older, more is done by hired handymen and less by yourself. I still change the light bulbs, though. Don't laugh; this is not a trivial matter when it is an automobile headlight.

Most of the electronic stuff is just not worth repairing and technology advances at such a rapid pace, that the newer gadgets represent real progress and improvement. What is not so nice for us: there are too many choices, too many (unnecessary) features that result in too many pushbuttons. That's when you need your grandson's help with the programming. A friend suggested years ago (for ham equipment) to hide all the non-essential buttons etc) under a lid. When the lid is closed all settings default to the basic equipment functions needed to do "business".

Changing frequency from one band edge to the other might take a minute of cranking, but you see what you

are doing and you get there. You might be able to do faster by pushing buttons, but push one wrong button and you are in trouble!

We need to recruit new members. I found that there are eligible hams who don't know about our chapter. They might even be members of the national organization. So we need to blow our horn.

Hamvention is coming up. We've made arrangement to have the dinner held at the Holiday Inn North at North Main St and I-70. This is also the QCWA Hamvention Hotel with rooms reserved for members. Let's have a good turnout for Chapter 9. Still looking for a presentation at this time!

CU at the meetings
Vy73, Gerd, WB8IFM

It's renewal time. Send your \$5 check to
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75m QCWA Net
3975 at 1:30PM on Sunday!
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