

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

Apr 8 T B D Jack, K8CUA will conduct the meeting

May 13 History of Space and Amateur Satellites by Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM

Happy Birthday to the following

4/7/38	W8LLY	5/12/19	W8WTL	6/6/20	WR8A
4/9/31	WT8W	5/14/22	W8STX	6/7/21	W8MK
4/12/24	W8GFA	5/23/10	W8BHT	6/10/33	WB8KMX
4/24/37	W8ILC	5/31/47	N8KPJ		
5/7/29	KA8GYV	6/2/25	W8EWD		

President's Comments.

I have often expressed an interest in returning to earth a hundred years from now to see what has become of our planet. This curiosity is all the stronger the older we get and the more changes we see and remember. Last weekend I participated in the "prefix contest" and tuning up and down on 20m, I came across a call sign prefix that brought back memories. When I worked OL7 R, I felt like I was traveling back in time.

In the late 1940s I was experimenting with my friends on the use of VHF frequencies. We had no idea of regulations and had never heard of ham radio. However, we were using "call signs". Mine for some reason was TA. When, some time later, we learned about ham call signs and how they were constructed, I changed mine to OL2TA. The OL stood for "Ohne Lizens" (German for "without license") and the "2" indicated 2m band. The OL prefix has never been used until recently. It is between OK, Czech Republic and ON, Belgium: OL is now used by the former. By the way, DL2TA, who was established at the time, received QSLs for QSOs I conducted. We met each other in person later and had a good laugh about it.

This certainly has been a long winter and as usual with the Ohio spring, one day it's warm and the next day cold again. We will take a break and spend a few days with our daughter in California.

Hamvention is coming up. We lost our Miamisburg location and the banquet will be at the Holiday Inn Airport, located just off of North Main Street and I-70. It is also where many of our out-of-town QCWA guests will stay.

Let's have a good turnout for Chapter 9.
CU in May
Vy73, Gerd, WB8IFM

Banquet tickets are \$20 and are available at the meetings or by mail from Jerry Ragland, WA8BOB, 409 Park Ave., Franklin, OH 45005-3550

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