

**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

**Meetings**

Febr. 9: No presentation because of a winter storm  
Mar. 9: Beth Allen: Exploring the Azores, Islands in the Atlantic

*Happy Birthday to the following*

2/22/54	NY1A	3/11/27	K8PKL	4/9/31	WT8W
2/28/18	W8HU	3/19/43	W8GS	4/12/24	W8GFA
3/8/17	W8QDD	3/22/20	N8AEC		
3/10/20	W8ARN	4/7/38	W8LLY		

**President's**

February was here suddenly, after January seemed to linger forever. Starting late on the bulletin I got stopped by the snow. There was more snow coming down the day of the Feb. meeting. We tried to meet possible parties that had made it to the MCL cafeteria but decided about half way to turn around and head back home.

So this bulletin will be really late, but in time for the next meeting in March. A new roster will be included, however.

I had big trouble with my computer. But as much as sometimes you curse the thing, when it doesn't work, you miss it. Certain things don't get done. No e-mail. No Internet, and no way to look things up with the help of Google.

A worm had infected our machine back in October and our son had tried various "anti-virus software" to get rid of it. But we never succeeded. We usually found a way to work around the problem. One good method was to turn the machine off cold, then turn it on again. This gave us time to check e-mail. Our son left for a job in Costa Rica and I kept tinkering around the edges, when a radical treatment was needed. Then in mid January it became impossible to do anything.

I had initially checked the Internet and found numerous references and recipes to deal with this specific worm. But I did not feel up to the task. One wrong move and you could lose a lot of personnel

**Comments**

data, in particular I was worried about years of pictures I had stored. Steve, K8UD, offered to tackle the job and he managed in less than ½ hour to remove 2 bad viruses, called Trojans. After that the PC functioned practically like new for about one week. Then the worms made another appearance. A new and more radical approach was called for. To make a long story short: A new operating system on a new hard disk was installed. A very effective anti virus program: "AVG-Free" was downloaded, installed and soon the PC was working again.

I am sure you have followed the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake and seen pictures of the immense destruction and suffering there. However, very few more detailed eyewitness accounts were reported. This month's "Carrier" has an e-mail from a Catholic missionary nun. She writes very well and I recommend reading it. Anybody in a situation like this might have had similar experiences.

I remember the (minor) early Sunday afternoon earthquake here in Ohio many years ago: A floor lamp next to the sofa started to wobble. I got up and shouted to get out of the house, which we: the xyl, two kids and myself, did.

In the same issue of the Carrier, Steve also has a few comments on computer safety and anti-virus software, good reading as well.

Cu at the meetings. 73, Gerd, WB8IFM

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