

2010 Officers

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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

June 8 Lightning protection and more by Gerd, WB8IFM
July 13 "My Life: One Story at a Time" by Robert Wagley

Happy Birthday to the following

6/10/33	WB8KMX	7/12/30	K8DSR	7/31/25	W8KPV
6/14/38	W8CRK	7/15/31	WA8IHA	8/3/11	W8YAH
6/14/51	KB1SF	7/16/35	WA8BOB	8/7/38	W8LZW
6/20/22	W8LIL	7/20/22	K8JXE	8/12/51	WA8ZWJ
6/26/18	N8ADA	7/24/47	WX8F	8/17/19	WA6ZPX
7/4/37	K8RCJ	7/26/16	W8IFC	8/18/18	W8SEM
7/7/19	W5FHL	7/31/19	W8FP		

President's Comments

Hamvention came and went. The weather was cooperating and the crowd was evenly distributed between the inside and the outside. This meant you could move about easily. It had been a few years that I was mostly free to wander about and look around. I had some catching up to do. I found that equipment had gotten smaller, more automatic, more computer controlled, but the basic things had not changed a lot.

The banquet Friday night was a success. We had about 50 in attendance, most from all around the US and Canada, and a few locals.

After lightning hit my VHF/UHF satellite transceiver last year I was in the market for a new box. Checking out all my options I wound up with a Kenwood transceiver at a reasonable price. I have had homebrew, surplus, Heathkit, Drake, Tentec, Icom and Yaesu equipment before, but this is the first Kenwood.

Sunday I went with Manny, W3NNA, our old timer and his daughter to look around. We did see a few interesting displays like a boy scout set-up from way back with crystal detector and spark gap transmitter. Manny was looking for a linear and was surprised about the offerings. So he has to think about it in order to make the right choice.

Now we are already after Memorial Day, entering the summer season. Haven't been doing dx for a while, I usually am a lot less active during the summer months. But this is antenna time and there are plans. Then Field Day is coming up and I need to get ready, checking out (and learning) the new equipment.

I hope you made it through the cold season and are enjoying the warm weather. The xyl and I take every chance we get to spend time outside the house. Our patio is nicely shielded from traffic, but I wished we could escape the noise of the neighbor's lawn movers. Mowing is also contagious, meaning when one neighbor is done the next one starts.

This year we also have sufficient shade, the trees are particularly leafy! This is not so good for the reception of channel 14 from Cincinnati. The signal is often disturbed when it's windy and it passes through a neighbor's tree. I have plans to raise the UHF-TV antenna from the present 70' to the 90' level. That should bring back a clear shot to the horizon.

Notice two positions of our officers are presently vacant. We want to thank Jack, K8CUA for his many years of service, he resigned recently as he felt no longer up to this duty. Similarly Ed, W8NFQ, he is no longer able to attend the meetings. I have talked to a few members and we will discuss this issue at the meeting. Hope to cu there.

73, Gerd, WB8IFM

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