

# Quarter Century Wireless Association    Southwest Ohio Chapter 9 Apr/May 2011

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

## Meetings

Apr 12    Don DuBon, N6JRL and Dave Kalter, KB8OCP : Youth DX Adventure (YDXA)  
May 10    TBD

## *Happy Birthday to the following*

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| 4/9/31  | WT8W   | 5/12/19 | W8WTL  | 6/7/21  | W8MK   |
| 4/12/24 | W8GFA  | 5/14/38 | KA8RIO | 6/10/33 | WB8KMX |
| 4/24/37 | W8ILC  | 5/31/47 | N8KPJ  | 6/14/38 | W8CRK  |
| 5/7/29  | KA8GYV | 6/6/20  | WR8A   | 6/14/51 | KB1SF  |

## President's Comments

It is April and we can assume that the long winter is finally over. Signs of spring are showing up, including the severe and unpredictable weather conditions. So be careful, bad weather with wind rain and lightning can develop quickly.

If you have checked the bands lately, conditions have really improved, there were some contests and the bands were crowded with DX stations.

One event last Sunday morning underlines this: there was a sudden band outage on HF (I noticed it on 7 MHz). It lasted maybe ½ hour before the signals were almost back to normal. I personally remember only one previous experience. Maybe we all ran into this before without realizing it, just blamed it on "poor conditions". However, this effect, first noticed in 1930 by a German Engineer by the name of Moegel and later corroborated and reported in 1935 by the American Dellinger is known as the Moegel-Dellinger effect. A strong burst of radiation from the sun (x-rays) ionizes the lower layers of the ionosphere and prevents all short waves from getting reflected by the higher layers. It only happens during high solar activity!

There are only a few weeks to Hamvention. For the banquet we have the artist Richard Black give us the same presentation that we enjoyed at our Christmas luncheon. So if you missed it then, now you have a chance to see it.

Our speaker's long carrier started about the same time as WW2. He was transferred to Wright Patterson AB to draw up conceptual pictures of future aircraft. And who has not seen Mr. Clean or Smoky the Bear, two of his creations! Richard and his late wife made his home in Kettering, where he still resides and works. I hope we have a good showing of local hams who attend the banquet.

This month's presentation will be by Don, N6JRL and Dave, KB8OCP, both from a group that for years has traveled to Costa Rica on a dx-pedition during the time of the WW-DX contest in October. In recent years they have included a few youngsters in the party who subsequently became enthusiastic hams. Don and Dave (and others) now continue this process and have formed "Youth DX Adventure" (YDXA). Their presentation will tell us about it!

As of this writing the program for May has not been finalized yet. Looking forward seeing you on Tuesday12<sup>th</sup>.  
Vy73, Gerd, WB8IFM.

### Membership:

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Presently \$5 per year.  
Mail in or pay at a meeting.

Bring a friend to the meeting!

### Banquet Info:

**Fri 20 May 7:30 PM**  
**Holiday Inn, Dayton Airport**  
**NW corner of N. Main St. and I-70.**  
**(Engelwood)**  
**Presentation: "My Life as an Artist"**  
**by Richard Black**  
**Register with Jerry Ragland,**  
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**Include check for \$25 per person.**