

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9 June/Jul 2011

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

Meetings

Jun 14 Hamvention and Field Day (Ken Gunton, W8ASA)
Jul 12 TBD

Happy Birthday to the following

6/20/22	W8LIL	7/16/35	WA8BOB	7/31/25	W8KPV
7/4/37	K8RCJ	7/20/22	K8JXE	8/3/11	W8YAH
7/7/19	W5FHL	7/24/47	WX8F	8/7/38	W8LZW
7/12/30	K8DSR	7/26/16	W8IFC		
7/15/31	WA8IHA	7/31/19	W8FP		

President's Comments

This year the US is experiencing an unusual large number of tornados resulting in great damage.

"It snaps utility poles like pencils, tears the door handles from cars, crumbles brick walls the way a child crumbles cookies. It blows floor joists like straw, drives twigs through plate glass, strips the bark from trees, rains auto mobiles." David von Drehle. This is how a tornado is described in Time Magazine. (June 5)

But we got the bad surprise Monday night after the Hamvention when our particular area was hit hard by a mini tornado, classified by the weather people as a Gustnado, a gust of wind that started to develop but was not yet a full blown tornado. A huge tree, an estimated 100 years old hackberry, 3' in diameter, 90' tall, was uprooted and fell on our house. Fortunately it fell on the entrance way and the kitchen while we were on the opposite side of the house.

However, my antennas were a total loss and it might take me a few months to get things back to where I was. The good thing that my 100 foot tower did, was to break, with its guy wires the fall of the huge tree and take out part of its momentum. Another help was that a fat branch hit the ground exactly

perpendicular, penetrated into the ground several feet and took more strength away from the impact to the roof. Still the roof was damaged in 5 places and will have to be totally replaced. Since all antennas were mounted on this tower, they were all damaged and some are beyond repair.

This is what is called in German GAU: (größter anzunehmender Unfall --- Largest Possible Accident) in regards to the antennas! In comparison, the windstorm (remnant of hurricane Ike) and the ice storm last winter, both causing lots of damage from falling trees and broken off limbs coupled with power outages did really just minor damage to some antenna wires.

The Hamvention this time was very lucky with the weather. Attendance was good, people brought money and few complaints were heard.

I hope you had a good time, if you made it there. Our banquet also was a success! We had a low count of attendees but arranged for extra late comers. Well we exceeded our estimate, even had to bring in another table to accommodate all. So we didn't lose any money in the process which is always a possibility when you have to calculate extra portions and when fewer people show up as expected.

In a few weeks Field Day is coming up and even if you are not actively participating I recommend a visit to one of the many sites in the Dayton/Cincinnati area. I will be in Bellbrook where we stop around 5 on Saturday and have a family and friends picnic.

On a personal note: as you can see from the list of officers at the top of this bulletin, we do have vacancies! What this means is: the other officers have to carry the load, in particular finding speakers for the meetings. Suggestions therefore are welcome, but really we would like to see some younger, energetic folks step up and volunteer for a position.

See you at the meetings, 73, Gerd.

Membership is only \$ 5 per year.

Submit to our Treasurer:

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