

# Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9 August/September 2011

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Silent keys Chuck Clifton, W8TIV, SK 6-29-11 (almost 93y)  
Marie Martin, KB8CBL, SK 7-25-11 (84)

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

**Aug 9** Field Day & other Subjects  
Sept 13 TBD

## Happy Birthday to the following

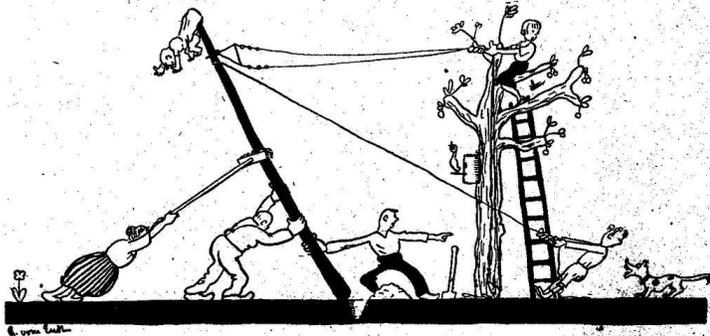
8/7/38	W8LZW	8/23/51	N8EMO	9/29/41	K8GKJ
8/12/51	WA8ZWJ	8/26/21	W8PHW	10/1/17	K8CUA
8/17/19	WA6ZPX	9/16/51	KB8ZR	10/11/28	K8YDP

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(Dayton/Cincinnati)**

**Membership is only \$ 5 per year.**

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## President's Comments

We sure had a hot summer this year with many thunder- and hail storms causing wind hail damage and power outages. The building people are very busy. We finally got our roof fixed after some two months but work continues. I sure hope to get the tower and antennas back up before winter.

We had two silent keys (see above) and our condolences go to the spouses and family. With Chuck we lost our net control and since I was the "stand-in" and lost the antenna in the first windstorm, we declared a summer holiday. But we will pick up the net again in the fall.

For the roof repair we had to clean out the attic and we've been going through some old boxes. Saved stuff we forgot still existed. Found a few old DAEA carriers and, of course, I had saved them for a purpose. Found quite a few of our members

mentioned in there. Some are now silent keys, but others are still with us.

A great find was a box with German newsletters: "Bastelbriefe der Drahtlosen" which translates into "Construction letters for the wireless people" This newsletter started in 1925 and ran to the 1940s.

Wireless in those days was a "family affair" (picture from the Nov. 1926 newsletter) and in order to get decent reception you had to have a good antenna. The broadcast stations were only running a few kW in the early years. These magazines I had obtained from the xyl of a silent key since I was speaking German. But I just looked at them briefly then put them in the attic.

One item we need to discuss is how to fill the spots that are vacant for some time. It is not fair that the job to running the Chapter is left to just the same people for years and years.

One thing I can say for holding an office, it keeps you on your toes. You have deadlines, you need to prepare this and that and in the end that is what life is about. We all think about where you finally, towards the end of your life, sit back, relax, let the young folks serve you and enjoy the rest of your life in peace and quiet. Well that is an illusion. It is correct that you get weaker, that you tire more easily that your memory plays tricks with you (you are actually losing some) but you also gain perspective to life: see the big picture! And see the young ones make mistakes. That hurts, but it's better to let them be. As it said in the cartoon: "dad, I want to make my own mistakes!"

That's it for this time, let's hope we have a nice fall, so we can escape the house and enjoy the outdoors.

CU at the meetings.  
73, Gerd, WB8IFM.