

# Quarter Century Wireless Association    Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

## Apr/May 2013

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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

**Apr 9 Mtg: History of the Mound Lab in Miamisburg / Video.**

**May 14 Mtg Hamvention Preview (Tickets available)**

#### *Happy Birthday to the following*

4/9/31	WT8W	5/12/19	W8WTL		
4/12/24	W8GFA	5/14/38	KA8RIO	6/6/20	WR8A
4/24/37	W8ILC	5/31/47	N8KPJ	6/7/21	W8MK
5/7/29	KA8GYV	6/4/21	W8RVH	6/10/33	WB8KMX

### President's Comments

"Our life lasts 70 years, maybe 80 years if you are strong. And if it was rich and rewarding, it was toil and labor. And it is going by fast as if we were flying away!"

We were 13, when one of our teachers would stand in front of the class, eyes skyward, and quoted those lines from Psalm 90. I translated this quote into English from Luther's translation of Psalm 90. Even so it does not come close to the German version. We kids would listen but otherwise we were in a different world from the teacher's whose hair was graying. As I recall, he would give his recitation at least once a month. And so it is. Life goes by, the young live in their own world... but then we are old ourselves... where has all that time gone? Now we reminisce, have reunions and associate with friends our age. But this will pass also. I remember my mother in law, when she was past the 100 mark would lament: All my friends, people of my generation are passing away! Talking to younger ones still doesn't work, they live in a different world, speak a different language, have their own problems. How about the world itself. Needless to say: there we go again. We went through this circus before and thought we learned a lesson

We are getting closer to the Hamvention. Jerry, WA8BOB tells me we have only 3 reservations for the banquet so far. We need to spread the word some more.

It is strange that in the age of "instant everything" we cannot effectively communicate any more. Getting hold of a real person by phone, like in the old days, is a lost art.

We do like to invite locals to the banquet. If you'd been to the X-mas party, then, of course, it would be a repeat, but if you missed the "Lincoln" show then, this would be your chance.

National QCWA is still looking for an 8-foot table they could borrow. Carey, K8DOT, has plenty 6 foot tables, but for some reason it has to be 8-foot.

**The transition of the journal from the paper to the electronic version is still shaky. I know of hams who are quite happy, but others who have not yet managed to take a look on their own computer, starting with the problem of checking in. If all else fails, someone could actually print copies and bring them to meetings. I would suggest paying a fee for the paper and ink. That shouldn't amount to more than a dollar or two.**

Presently, the journal is like 50 pages, many of those have nice color pictures. Printing those would be hard and expensive! So we might just print an edited version of about 15 pages in black and white! Let's discuss this at the next meeting.

We've tried now for a few Sundays to revive the net, but it was Carey, K8DOT, and me only. Last Sunday, Bill, WB8KMX, probably tried, but because of family Easter plans, I

had missed it, sri! Anyhow: to refresh your memory:

**the Chapter 9 Roundtable is Sundays at 1:30 PM on 3,975 kHz.**

We received a few corrections for the roster; we might wait a little longer and then print a new roster, or put the changes in the next bulletin.

**Very important is to know your e-mail address or what you do to access the Internet (library, credit union, senior center or hotel/restaurant).**

**If you have no way whatever, we can pursue the above mentioned option of printing!**

We have some serious illnesses to report. Frank Good had a few strokes the first right after the March DARA meeting, he then had another one, where he hurt himself badly. He was later checked into a nursing home in Englewood: Cypress Point Health Campus Rm107 tel 771-5473.

Next, Jerry Miller had a serious heart problem that made an airlift to an Indiana hospital necessary. He eventual got a triple bypass and is now recuperating at home.

Nancy Makley has been looking after Frank, He is much improved, has his appetite back and enjoys getting cards and ham visitors. We wish both well and hope for good recovery.

Cu at the meetings, Vy73, Gerd.