

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

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

SK: William F Pryor, WB8KMX, (81) Feb 10, 2015

Meetings: Apr 14 Slide Show....etc

May 12. Hamvention Preview

Happy Birthday to the following:

4/7/38	W8LLY	5/7/29	KA8GYV	6/4/21	W8RVH
4/9/31	WT8W	5/14/38	KA8RIO	6/7/21	W8MK
4/24/37	W8ILC	5/31/47	N8KPJ	6/14/51	KB1SF

President's Column

It sure has been cold this winter, about the same, maybe even colder than last year. Then it was called the polar vortex. This time it is cold air from Siberia coming over the pole where it's cooled more and then makes its way south. We were fortunate, that other than the cold we only had a few minor snow falls. Looking at the pictures out of Boston, we've been very lucky.

Anyhow, signs of spring are appearing, and the grass looks a little greener already. We've had meetings every month, however, usually just short of the double digits, in spite of the chilly temperatures. As the weather gets more favorable, there is no excuse not to come out and meet with your buddies.

I've forced myself to get on the air more often and do some real QSOs, not contesting and not nets. I usually get on around 11AM on 15 m, my favorite band. Weekdays the band is not crowded at all and often with armchair copy, there can be a meaningful conversation. But when you get to talk to someone beyond the introduction and the weather report, it makes a big difference whether the OM is close to your generation or not. It's like talking to your kids, still possible, your grandkids, more difficult, you don't understand them and they never heard of tubes and real antennas.

Today's emphasis is on electronic toys and as we older hams see not much use in them. The young ones are gung ho! You see them with their smart phones, bent over and rapidly swiping and typing with their thumb. One finger typing has been replaced by one thumb typing.

We had another SK: Bill Pryor, WB8KMX, passed away on Feb. 10 after an extended illness.. He had been a licensed ham for 34 years and was life member of QCWA. The obituary, is reprinted in the RF Carrier for March!

Jerry, WB8BOB, is home from rehab but still has problems, we wish him luck. **Carey Alexander, K8DOT**, had to get into a nursing home, it had become a problem for him to move around without danger of falling. He is at the **Liberty Nursing Home** on the North end and right side Grange Hall Rd shortly before you meet I 675.

Most Ham Radio clubs have difficulty getting members to attend meetings, even more to volunteer for offices and our Chapter 9 is no exception. But from my years as ham and now one of the older hams, I can tell you, not just your body, but everything is slowing down.

Even the computer, as often as it helps you, slows you down other times. It acts, like as a college from work some 20+ years ago used to put it, like a naughty 3-year old. And in a book I am reading, the author claims that the washing machine saves more time than the computer. Then I see my friends and relatives try to do w/out a computer and don't like, what I see either. We are in the proverbial situation of being between a rock and a hard place.

Bring a friend to the meeting, maybe we gain a new Member. Cu there, Vy73, Gerd,

Chapter 9 Membership is only \$5 per year. Apply to the treasurer: Jerry Ragland, WA8BOB, 409 Park Av. Franklin, OH, 45005-3550.