

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

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Regular Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month with lunch at 11:30 AM in the MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave. in Kettering. The Meeting starts at 12:00 noon.

12 June Meeting Hamvention review
No Meeting in July, Enjoy the Summer!

Happy Birthday to:

W8CRK	6-14-38	K8DSR	7-12-30	W9NBS	8-6-38
KB1SF	6-14-51	WA8IHA	7-15-31	W8LZW	8-7-38
NC8V	6-24-52	WA8BOB	7-16-35	WA8ZWJ	8-12-51
AC8NS	6-25-44	WX8F	7-24-47	KB8KEB	8-23-44
W5FHL	! 7-7-19!	W8KPV	7-31-25	N8EMO	8-23-51

President's Column:

Summer is ahead, still some cool mornings, just got my sweater out, xyl refuses to play with the thermostat!

The Hamvention was great, I have encountered very few complaints. There was some rain and I was caught in it. Walking through the infield of the horse track, I had almost reached the far end, when it started. I sought shelter under a vendors canopy and looked around. Of course, I had left my umbrella in the car, and the car was as far away as it could be. This did not look like a brief shower and I asked the vendor if I could borrow his umbrella. He agreed and I was on my way. This was quite a hike covering the flea market and the entire length of the exhibit area. I made my way back with two umbrellas. So I got more than my daily exercise...

As you probably know, for years now DARA has sponsored a Balloon launch from the convention grounds carrying a beacon that can be picked up from the ground. Often the balloon can be retrieved somewhere in

East Ohio.

I remember, we went once with a search party on such a mission to Wayne Forest in SE Ohio. We did not find it! Interestingly the balloon was spotted later that year right on the first day of the hunting season in that same area.

A lot has changed since those days. The Balloon is a lot smaller now, and the equipment more sophisticated. However, the surprise was great when reports came in that the balloon was heading out over the Atlantic, then Africa, then on Wednesday after the Hamvention the beacon was picked up in northern Turkey, close to the Black Sea. There will be a full report by one of our new members: Joe Muchnij, W8QOD, coming up.

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Membership Renewal:

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