



Cleveland Chapter One NEWSLETTER

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Attend our Spring Luncheon on Saturday April 14th

An Illuminating Meeting



Most of us know Chapter 1 member **Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ**, for his skills in repairing Drake and other classic ham rigs and for his prolific articles in *Electric Radio Magazine*.

However, Jeff has another, more recent passion and that is the LED lightbulb. He has been purchasing, studying, comparing and evaluating these efficient light sources since they became available to the general public.

WA8SAJ will share his knowledge and experience with us, including the potential of these rf generating devices to interfere with our ham radios.

This is a program that you won't want to miss. Be sure to let us know that you are coming so that the restaurant will be able to satisfy our requirements.

Join us starting at 11:30 A.M. at **The Play Arcade and Kitchen, 5900 Mayfield Road in Mayfield Heights**. We plan to meet in the ground floor "Theatre." Eat off the lunch

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menu for about \$10.00. Door prizes, 50-50 raffle, music, and fellowship awaits! **RSVP on the Wednesday night net or to w2thu@arrl.net** ■



Future Luncheon Dates

July 14, 2018

October 13, 2018

January 12, 2019

April 13, 2019

FINAL CALL FOR DUES

Please send 2018 dues to our treasurer, **Jim Arcaro, WD8PFK**, at the address on page 2. A \$10.00 check drawn to "QCWA Cleveland Chapter 1" will suffice. No dues required if you are 90 years or older.



Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter

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Meetings: Second Saturday of January, April, July, and October at the *Play Arcade and Kitchen*

Dues: \$10.00 per year.

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Please notify Secretary Al Moriarty of any changes in your address, e-mail etc. so your roster information can be kept current. Thanks.

PEOPLE

New Members of Chapter 1:

Joan Andrews, N8YFF, Ashtabula, Ohio

Welcome! Be sure to check into our Wednesday night net at 8 PM on 146.85MHz, PL 110.9. Please note that all new members and friends are announced on the net and then they are called by net control.

Sunshine:

Still no news is good news?

Recent Activities:

Don Ritchie, K8ZGW, has recently become involved with his local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) as a radio officer.

Metro Sinko, W8MET, was first licensed as WN8ALM on March 29, 1968 at the age of 15 and celebrates his 50th anniversary in our great hobby. (See page 4; He will receive his 50 year anniversary award at the October awards luncheon! ed.)

Jim Arcaro, WD8PFK, has been working with a team that is restoring the Reading steam locomotive 2100 which was recently relocated to Cleveland from Tacoma, Washington.

Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ, published an article in the March 2008, *Electric Radio* magazine about the Hallicrafters S-76.

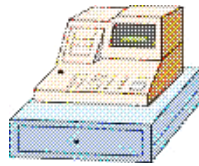
George Mistic, KE8RN, published an article in the *Classic Radio* section of the April 2018 *QST*, entitled: *The Drake 2-C Receiver*.

Silent Keys:

Larry McCalvey, WA9JMO, QCWA Vice-President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By **Jim Arcaro, WD8PFK**



The balance in the bank account is \$7,029.20. However it will decrease as we pay bills for this newsletter, and other bills that have not yet been turned in. Renewals continue to trickle in, and I will be accepting cash and checks at the April meeting. I know some of you wanted to pay at the January meeting, but unfortunately I came down with a 24 hour "bug", and I had to leave before the meeting even started. Thanks to **Jeff Covelli WA8SAJ** for handling things in the absence of both President **Bob Winston, W2THU**, who was out of town, and myself.

So where does the money that comes in go? Now that I have been treasurer for about a year and a half, I can tell you. About 7 dollars of your annual dues goes to pay for the printing and postage for the newsletter. Each newsletter production costs about 175 dollars. We have just over 100 members and friends. So, that's \$1.75 each, 4 times per year - which equals 7 dollars. The rest of that ten dollars of dues is used to pay for door prizes, awards, etc. We also collect a little bit of money from the 50/50 raffle. I have been using the Chapter's half to pay for the lunch of our guest speaker, as has been custom. Any money left is deposited into our checking account.

I would like to thank those that have already paid their 2018 dues, and some who have paid two or three years in advance ! If you are not sure what your status is, I will have the latest updated member list of members and friends at the April meeting. You are a "Member" if you are also a member of QCWA National. You are a "Friend" if you are not yet a member of National because you were not licensed 25 years ago or longer. Note: If you are a Member, or Friend, in good standing, and are 90 years of age or older, you are no longer required to pay local dues. It has been suggested that we may discuss lowering that age to 85, at this or a future meeting. If you have any questions, you can Email me at jgarcaro@juno.com. If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues, and can't attend the

quarterly meeting, you can mail a check for 10 dollars to: QCWA, PO Box 324, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. Thank you all for your understanding and co-operation.

Jim, WD8PFK, Treasurer

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MEMBERSHIP BADGES ?

New members have asked about those yellow QCWA Chapter 1 badges that you see at our luncheons. Who gets them and how does it happen? I don't know for sure how it started, but long ago Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO (SK) made these badges from a machine that he kept in his basement. As Jack aged, he made fewer badges and finally stopped. (He also made a very similar badge for Friday Lunch Bunch regulars.)



We are looking for a member who would be willing to take over this job. I suggest that badges would be made only for those who will use them. Based on my experience as the badge orderer for LEARA, issuing badges to all new members is a waste of club funds as few wear them, even to meetings.

Contact Bob, W2THU via his email address on page 2 if you want to help out.

Sunshine Reports
 Hear weekly updates on the
 Wednesday net by WA8TPP



Birthdays this Quarter

Happy Birthday to the following Chapter 1 members ~

April

W8JH	Joe Hoffman	4/8
W8GR	Raymond Lotenero	4/9
N8QE	Robert Hajdak	4/12
KC8FQV	Mark Studer	4/14
W8TAB	Thomas Bishop	4/22
W8MET	Metro Sinko	4/27

May

N5JED	Charles Joseph	5/3
W1HEO	Dee Logan	5/3
WA8TPP	Richard Ingraham	5/6
K8LPC	Larry Caskey	5/10
K8YSE	John Papay	5/15
AB8SB	David Parris	5/16
KC8UIQ	Bob Robertson	5/18
K8DBT	Donald Thomas	5/18
WA8YVF	George Ingmand	5/29

June

K8OCK	John Esborn	6/1
KE9UL	Joe Nocifora	6/7
W8IMO	Robert Sull	6/14
W8LE	Byrness Haworth	6/15
W8FDN	Richard Scott	6/20
WI3U	Henry Schultz, Jr.	6/23

*Is your birthday missing or wrong?
(Corrections to Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP;
reingraham@oh.rr.com*

Birthdays are announced each week during the chapter's Wednesday night net at 8:00 p.m. on 146.850 pl 110.9. Join us!

W8MET, 50 years a ham!



Metro Sinko, W8MET as he appears today in his shack

On March 29, 1968, being 15 years old and after passing the required code test at 5 wpm and the written Element 2 in the FCC building in downtown Cleveland, I was licensed as WN8ALM. Using 75 watts xtal control from a Drake 2NT xmitter and a Hammarlund HQ-110 receiver I was working the world.

Then I took the required code test of 13 wpm and Element 3 written test three months later and received my General, then Advanced Class as WB8ALM. My code speed at that time was 25 wpm.

Finishing high school and working for a living and then 30 years later in March 2002 I went for my Extra Class and passed Element 4 and received my vanity call of W8MET.

It has been 50 years as a licensed radio operator. 50 years later and I am still an active operator and a VE.

73, Metro W8MET

President's Perspective

By Bob Winston, W2THU

I am occasionally asked the benefits of joining QCWA. As you know, we are a local chapter of an international organization, called The Quarter Century Wireless Association. One way to answer this question is to quote from the opening sentence of their mission statement: *To promote friendship and cooperation among Amateur Radio (Wireless) operators who were licensed as such at least a quarter of a century ago.* (Full text on page 7.)

Since Cleveland Chapter 1 is the very **first chapter** ever organized in the worldwide QCWA amateur radio community, our local founders set an example of how to promote friendship and cooperation outside of the New York City area, where QCWA was organized in 1947. Our chapter provides an opportunity for Cleveland area QCWA members to meet regularly at our quarterly luncheons, on our weekly nets and at the Cleveland Hamfest. Although few of our members are checking into our nets, a good percentage of you come to the luncheons, which no doubt is a result of our interesting programs (or maybe hams just like to eat!).

As a reminder, the international organization that you joined in order to become a **member** of Chapter 1, also runs nets, conducts an annual meeting, sponsors a QSO party and a cruise and publishes a monthly *Journal* that is emailed to you, all to promote friendship and cooperation.

Of course they do much more, such as awarding student scholarships and issuing various awards recognizing your years of service as an amateur radio operator (anniversary awards), or your contributions to our hobby (Meritorious

Awards), or the lesser known Worked 50 States, Worked 60 Chapters and Worked 100 Members Awards.

The QCWA International nets are as follows: SSB on Sundays on 14.347 MHz at 2000 zulu. CW on Wednesdays on 7.035 MHz at 2000 Eastern, with a QSY at the conclusion of the 40 meter net to 3.535 MHz.

For you D*Star enthusiasts, there are two nets on Sundays at 0800 and 1700 Eastern time zone on Reflector 026A.

The QCWA annual meeting is traditionally held at the Dayton



WHY I WASN'T AT THE WINTER LUNCHEON (STAYING WARM IN FLORIDA)

Hamvention on Saturday. This year it will be held at noon in Forum Room 4 at the Xenia Fairgrounds. (See you there!)

The QCWA QSO Party is held in March. This year's results are still being tabulated at headquarters.

For our Chapter 1 "Friends" we do expect you to join the international QCWA as soon as you meet the 25 year rule. After all, this is their **bylaw requirement** to be a member of **any** local chapter.

See you at the luncheon!

73, Bob W2THU

Why 'HI' ?

By Bill Chaikin, KA8VIT
February 2018

(This is a rewrite of an article I first wrote about 25 years ago and was published in a few amateur radio club newsletters.)

Most of us know even if we're not CW ops, that “HI HI” or “di-di-di-dit dit dit di-di-di-dit dit dit”, is Morse code for laughter or a laugh. Younger hams can equate it to LOL as used today in text messages and on social media. So universal is its meaning that its usage has even crept into the phone and digital bands. “That's a funny story old man, HI HI”. I'm guilty of doing that myself. But have you ever wondered *why* we laugh that way?



If the Internet or social media were to give us a clue, you'd think that the way we would laugh in lazy man's shorthand would probably be “HA HA” or “HE HE” as these are in common usage on the Internet. Some believe that “HI HI” was really “HEE HEE” like someone giggling and that over the years the two “Es” have been run together so that instead of sounding like “di-di-di-dit dit dit” it now sounds like “di-di-di-dit di-dit”. I even read one post where one ham was telling another that “HI” is a pro-sign for “HUMOR INTENDED”. That *really* made me laugh... HI HI.

But, it is not “HI HI” or “HEE HEE” we're sending when we laugh in Morse code. It's “HO HO”. Like Santa's laugh. What? No, really. Let me explain.

Many things with today's International Morse code usage can be traced back to its roots in the old American Morse code, (also known as the Land-line or Railroad Morse code).

In American Morse code there is a longer intra-character space used in the characters C, O, R, Y and Z, (and also the & character) which is two element times long, (see figure on next page.)

So, back in the day, the telegraphers laughed by sending, “HO HO”, and it sounded like, “di-di-di-dit dit dit”. ***With a noticeable pause between the last two dits.*** Why “HO HO” and not “HA HA”? That can be attributed to mid-nineteenth century American English.

Later on as radio telegraphy came about and some land-line telegraphers took their skills to the air waves, “HO HO” went along with them.

Over time the Morse code went through some changes to become what is now known as the International Morse code. One of the changes was dropping the two element time intra-character space which lead to a simpler, more efficient Morse code. This is what has led to a lot of the confusion over the origin of “HI HI”. *(Please turn to page 7)*

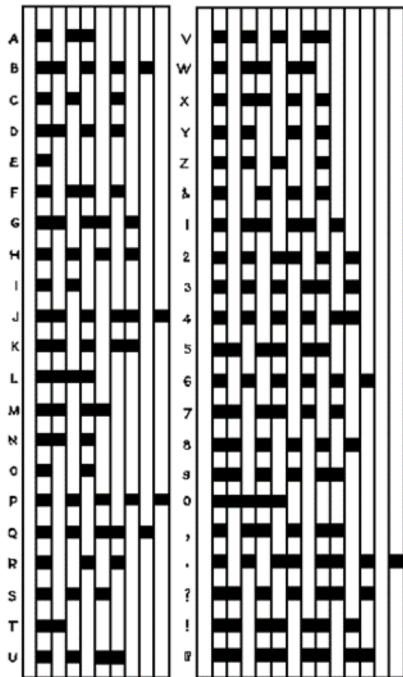
Hi Hi

(Continued from Page 6),

So, as a CW op, history and tradition dictate that when we send “HI HI”, we send it as “di-di-di-dit dit dit”, *with a noticeable pause between the last two dits.*

That's my story and I'm sticking to it...
HI HI.

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1911 Chart of the Standard American Morse Characters

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Icom IC-735, CD-45 Rotor Controller, LDG AT-7000, Tigertronics Signalink USB, Icom IC-7000, Astron VS-35M, Dentron Supertuner, Icom IC-T7H.

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VIEW MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO QCWA

QCWA MISSION STATEMENT

To promote friendship and cooperation among Amateur Radio (Wireless) operators who were licensed as such at least a quarter of a century ago.

To operate exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, and more specifically to promote interest in Amateur Radio Communications and the advancement of the electronic art; to use the reservoir of knowledge and experience represented within the membership of QCWA for the benefit of all Radio Operators, and the furtherance of the Public Welfare through Amateur Radio Communications; to support scholarship(s) for deserving Amateurs pursuing higher educational objectives; to encourage participation in QCWA chapter meetings and local amateur radio and public interest groups.

FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Every Friday around 11 AM, a group of hams meet at the Manhattan Deli, located on Ridge Road, just west of SOM Center Road in Willoughby Hills. This is not a QCWA event. All hams, and even non hams, are welcome. The food is very good and the camaraderie is even better. **Come join us!**