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Chapter One's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, 12 April 2025, at Noon

*How Going on the Air From Home Can
Get You Into Trouble!*



Join us for an interesting program by our chapter president, Bob Winston, W2THU, who represented a ham that faced two criminal complaints arising from his amateur radio operations. Bob will describe the conduct that was challenged, the court's decision and the role of the FCC in bringing the matter to a conclusion.

This will be followed by a group discussion about the program or any other amateur related topics that you would like to discuss. Expect a lively meeting that may probe both nostalgia and gripes in addition to door prizes, 50-50 and live music! Bring a friend.

**Denny's Restaurant
(Private Dining Room)
6207 Wilson Mills Road
Highland Heights, OH 44143**

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***Our Winter Zoom Luncheon:
Axel Fisser, K8AXX***



Bad weather was no excuse for missing our winter luncheon. The Zoom only program was a very interesting and informative talk by K8AXX regarding his solar powered amateur radio station.

Axel thoughtfully "donated" his Power Point file to our chapter for those who weren't able to attend the meeting. Contact secretary **Marc Barnett, KA8CPB**, for more information.

Future Luncheon Dates

*July 12, 2025, October 11, 2025,
January 10, 2026, April 11, 2026*



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



New Members & Friends:

Sara Torak, KC8KSU, of North Olmsted, Ohio, is a member of QCWA and Chapter 1.

Ralph Okonieski, N8BAY, of Stow, Ohio is also a member of QCWA and our chapter.

Welcome! New members are announced and invited to call in on our Wednesday night nets at 8PM. Presently, we are using the NORMA repeater, 147.015 MHz

Happenings:

Bob Hajdak, N8QE, participated with the PCARS Black Squirrel Contesting Group at their Clubsite Contest Station. The Black Squirrel Group in 2024 finished first in Ohio and USA for the Multi-Multi Low Power category in the California, Minnesota and British Columbia QSO Parties and fifth in the Ohio QSO Party. Bob also personally finished first in Ohio for the 2024 World Wide RTTY WPX Contest in the Limited Antenna Low Power All Bands category.

Jim MacMillan, WA8ZHN and spouse Gail MacMillan, WD8EHL, were recently sworn in to the Community Outreach Program of the Rocky River Police Department.

Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ wrote an article in *Electric Radio* for the March/April issue about the chief engineer Milt Sullivan for the R.L. Drake Company.

Fred Freer, K8IG reports that The Antique Wireless Association (AWA) has appointed him as the editor of the *AWA Journal* (a quarterly publication). Previously, he edited the classified ads and Silent Key (SK) submissions for the Journal. The AWA has about 1,400 members in 50 states and 16 countries.

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School Update Report by Jeff Meyer, K4DKW

Greetings all from K4DKW, the School Club Guy:

I thought it was time to let you all know how things are going in my continued efforts to expose the public to the hobby we all share. Well here goes:

1. My Communion of Saints Elementary ARC, in Cleveland Heights, won the October 2024 School Club Roundup and decided to compete as a middle school in the February 2025 contest. We broke all our QSO records and are currently waiting on the results, but should be in the top three in the nation. April 4th is our annual Fox Hunt with Case Western's ARC and our last meeting of the year is April 11th.

2. I have assembled the only fully accessible Amateur Radio community station, in the nation, at the **American Federation for the Blind Service Center in Akron**. The antenna is up, training has begun and we should have them on the air beginning in May.

3. I was recently contacted by **Sts. Joseph and John School in Strongsville** about starting an after school amateur radio club there, in the Fall. They already have a thriving broadcasting program, with the older kids doing the news, weather and sports on their live in house cable TV channel. As the upperclassmen are the ones in front of the cameras, the rest of the kids are left waiting in the wings. By supplementing their program with Amateur Radio, we can show the kids what goes on behind the curtains and train the upcoming younger kids on communication skills and confidence, so they are even more polished when their time comes. This is truly a marriage made in heaven and I'm really looking to working with them.

Onward and Upward



REMEMBERING ELECTRONICS PARTS STORES

By Jim Arcaro, WD8PDK

Many Hams only remember Radio Shack as the local electronics parts store. But many years ago, these stores were almost as common as bakeries. There you could buy tubes, fuses, capacitors, resistors, switches, transformers and almost every other part you could think of a Ham might need. Since their main business was parts, tools, and equipment for Radio and TV repair shops (remember those ?), you often could find Howard W. Sam's Photofacts there too, which printed schematics of the most popular radio and TV equipment. Some of the Ham and SWL receivers, made by Hallicrafters, Knight, and a few others, were covered too. I still have a couple of old Photofacts indexes on my shelves.



Many libraries stocked them too. So when it came time to fixing the parents Magnavox, or cousin's Zenith, I knew where to start looking for information.

Some of the stores I remember shopping at:

Winter Radio in Cleveland
Euclid Radio & TV in East Cleveland
(later relocated to Willowick)
Fox International on Lee Rd., later in
Bedford Hts.
Morrison's in Painesville and Ashtabula
Superior in Parma
Olson's in Willoughby and Mayfield Hts.
Lafayette at various locations
Which ones do you remember ?

WHY I AM RIDING AN “E” BIKE

By Fred Freer, K8IG

After more than 60 years and approaching my 83rd birthday, I've long been an ardent bicycle rider. But age has taken a toll, and I cannot ride as far or as fast or as long as I could 15 or 20



K8IG's New "E" Bike

years ago! Duh! But, 50 years ago, I used to enjoy weekly runs with my neighbor, Bob, and we would log 35 or 40 miles a week. Now those runs are just memories.

With my wife's loss last November, and after more than 30 years together, I needed to find activities that would invigorate, inspire and motivate me to attempt to replenish, at least in part, some of what had been lost both mentally and physically. I'm not a crossword puzzle or Wordle guy. I do enjoy Sudoku occasionally. I prefer to read informative non-fiction books and magazines. Books on personal well-being, archaeology, amateur radio, history and particularly WW II as well as books about our country's forefathers fill the bill. Magazines like QEX and QST and wood working magazines like Fine Woodworking and Fine Home Building entice and engage me. This is my reading list and not yours. So, I'm trying to keep my mind active.

On the radio front, I've accomplished many of my earlier goals in terms of DXCC and 8-band WAS. My radio room is arranged and equipped the way I want it, and my antennas suffice. What's missing, I asked? My code speed is not what it used to be nor what I want it to be. So, I'm trying to devote weekly time (it should be daily) to code speed practice through LICW, CW-OPS and RUFZ – XP.

On the physical front, I returned to the gym's personal trainer once a week. And I try to get to the gym at least three times a week. Note the word "try." I must say that a workout in the gym is about as satisfying as flossing my teeth.

The solution? A better bike!

Recently, I bought a very competent Trek Class 1 "E" (electric) bike (model Verve 3). Notice that I said a Class 1 "E" bike. Let me digress and explain that there are essentially four "E" bike classifications:

A Class 1 bike is pedal assisted (meaning nothing happens unless you pedal) and has a top speed of 20 miles an hour assisted.

A Class 2 bike is both throttle and pedal assisted with a top speed of 20 miles an hour assisted. The throttle assist essentially means that you don't need to use the pedals to "tell" the bike's motor what to do but you can use the throttle to accelerate the bike.

A Class 3 bike is pedal assisted with an optional throttle assist but a top speed of 28 miles an hour motor assisted.

And a Class 4 bike is capable of speeds in excess of 28 miles an hour and has a motor rated at more than 750 W.

Parenthetically, local and state parks, like the Metroparks, limit speeds on trails and pathways to 15 miles an hour. A Class 1 bike meets that requirement.

I define these classifications so that should you choose to investigate an electric bike, you can better understand some preliminary options. A Class 1 bike was my choice because I wanted the physical investment in my ride. I've had my Hondas and Harleys. Peddling was my healthy soup du jour.

My reasoning was that the "E" bike would permit me to ride farther, ride longer and faster and ride sooner and later in the season. Indeed, on my older, Cannondale R- 1000 traditional road bike, in recent years passed, I typically averaged about 7-8 miles an hour. Now, on my "E" bike, I average 11 to 12 miles an hour. A satisfying improvement.

A few words about my "E" bike. The Shimano derailleur has nine speeds. The brakes are hydraulic disc front and rear. The bike is powered by a 500 Watthour Lithium Ion battery.

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President's Perspective

By Bob Winston, W2THU

Welcome to Spring -

Well, you've made it through a more traditional Cleveland area winter, with temperatures below zero Fahrenheit and lots of lake effect snow. We were right to make our winter luncheon Zoom only. Thanks again to our wonderful speaker, Alex Fisser, K8AXX, for sharing his solar powered ham shack with us. I wonder how many watching his program have decided to emulate Alex's achievements. After all, solar energy is free and NE Ohio is one of the sunniest locations in the US in the summer!

Orlando Hamcation -

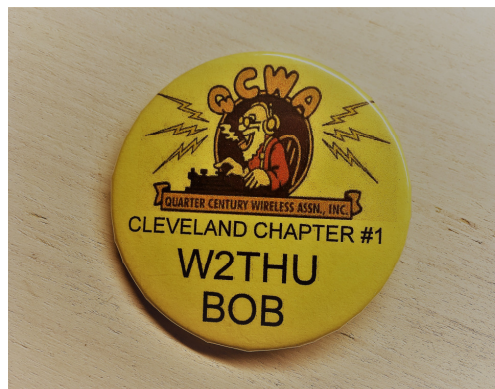
QCWA continued its tradition of participating in the second largest amateur radio hamfest in the US. This year I helped out at the table with our president, **Tom Loughney, AJ4XM**. (Tom lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and he has a very interesting bio on his QRZ page. Check it out!) We processed member renewals, as it seems that a lot of QCWA members wait until they attend Hamcation or Hamvention to renew. We also signed up new members. Interestingly, the vast majority in that group had been eligible for QCWA for many, many years but had not gotten around to it. Several bragged that they were first licensed 50 years ago, well above our 25 year requirement.

I do regret that we didn't have more help at our table except for **Stan Kroll, AC4KM** of the Orlando Chapter 45 and QCWA Office Manager **Roberta Cohen, WA2FRW**. And that leads us to the next topic...

Dayton Hamvention -

For the past few years our Chapter 1 has been staffing the QCWA table in Xenia. Please help to continue this important task by spending a couple of hours at Booth 2106 in the Tesla Building. Yes, this is a new location for us and I believe it's an improvement over past years in that we are now in with the most popular exhibitors, such as ARRL, Flex Radio and Icom.

To volunteer, send an email to me: w2thu@arrl.net.



Do you want a Chapter 1 Badge?

A Special Lady -

Byrness E. Haworth, W8LE, until recently, had been a QCWA and Chapter 1 member. Her husband Robert Hayworth, who had held her call W8LE for decades, was likewise a QCWA member probably going back to the 1960s.

When I became active in our chapter, I was curious as to who she was since she wasn't attending our luncheons and I knew that she was elderly. I asked around but none of our members knew her. I reached her on the phone a few years ago and we had a nice chat. She told me that her husband had been in the merchant marine and they would keep in touch via ham radio on the HF bands, even when he was in the Pacific!

I invited her to attend a Chapter 1 luncheon, but she said that she needed a ride, which I tried to arrange from a west-sider. When that fell through I decided to visit Bryness in Elyria, but sadly she passed away before I got there.

Her obituary says that she was 103, a longtime resident of Elyria and formerly of Rocky River. W8LE passed away peacefully on Tuesday March 18, 2025 at The Abbewood in Elyria. She was born June 15, 1921 in Sioux City, Iowa. Byrness was a veteran and served in The US Navy from 1943 to 1945. She was stationed in Washington DC and worked as a stenographer.

Like many obits for our fellow amateurs, it failed to mention that she was also a ham. Condolences to her family.

I look forward to seeing you at our spring luncheon!

Best 47 & 73, Bob W2THU

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Why I'm riding an "E" Bike

Typical riding range is 50-70 miles depending on the assist level used. I typically charge my bike battery after two rides. The "E" bike controller (a Bosch Purion 200) coupled to a Bosch hub-mounted drive motor provides five wide-ranging assist options including the "Eco," "Tour," "Auto," "Turbo" and "Walk" modes. And, of course, a no-motor option is called "off." While I typically use the "Eco" or "Auto" modes, the "Turbo" mode has allowed me to climb roadway hills that were previously more than foreboding. For me, they were not simply not climbable.

With reasonable weather permitting (no rain or snow, generally dry roads and pathways and temperatures above 40), I try to ride 3 to 4 times a week. Lately I've been averaging 17 to 20 miles per ride and riding on roads and trails that had previously been too challenging or inaccessible for this vintage rider.

PEOPLE COLUMN (continued)

Joan Andrews, K8YFF, has been selected for the Ashtabula County Choral Hall of Fame. This came as something of a surprise to Joan and her husband, Paul, N8YNI. The induction ceremony will be Saturday, May 17, at the Elks Club in Ashtabula. Congratulations!

Silent Keys:

Byrness Hayworth, W8LE, of Elyria, Ohio passed away at the age of 103. (See President's Perspective on page 5 for more information.)

The Hamfest that Usually Conflicts With Our Spring Luncheon

Many of you know that one of the finest hamfests in NE Ohio is sponsored by the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club. It leads the way out of winter and always conflicts with Chapter 1's spring quarterly luncheon. (Both events occur on the second Saturday in April.)

Some of our members are conflicted as to which gathering to join and it does cut into the size of Chapter One's luncheon attendance a bit, although it is possible to come to both festivities.

Fortunately, this year, the CFARC hamfest took place on the first Saturday in April, which greenlighted our members to attend without guilt! Several QCWA members were spotted there including **Metro Sinko, W8MET**, **Fred Freer, K8IG**, **Bob Winston, W2THU** and Chapter 21 (Canton, OH) vice-president, **Perry Werstler, N8VXQ**, who was assisting at his table.

Unfortunately for us, this opportunity will not re-occur, as an official source revealed that CFARC's hamfest will return to its usual second Saturday in April format next year.



2025 Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest

QCWA Introductory Full Membership

Be sure to tell your eligible ham radio friends that for only \$3.00 they can join QCWA for 3 months as long as they are licensed now and were licensed 25 years ago. This offer is not renewable and will begin as soon as their info is entered into the QCWA data base. Qualifying returning members are also eligible. Go to qcwa.org/promo.pdf to download the application. This offer ends 15 May before Hamcation.

QCWA Chapter 1 Net Trivia

Our Wednesday night net (147.015, pl 110.9) at 8 PM features a trivia question and a discussion question. Here is a sample of the former since the last issue. (Answers at the bottom of this page—**Don't peak!**)

1. What company manufactured the **Viking** amateur radio gear? A) Hammarlund B) Eico
C) Globe D) Johnson
2. He moved to Strongsville in 1853 and attended Cleveland Central High School. Sixty years later he was considered the richest man in the world. Was he A) John Charles F. Brush
B) Samuel Mather C) Oris van Sweringen D) John D. Rockefeller
3. Which US president is buried in Cleveland? A) Andrew Johnson
B) Grover Cleveland C) William McKinley D) James Garfield
4. Where was the Cleveland Zoo before it moved to Old Brooklyn? A) Wade Park
B) Forest Hill Park C) Rockefeller Park D) League Park
5. In the early 1900s, Plain Dealer reporter Charles Shanks coined what popular term?
A) Roadster B) Jalopy C) Automobile D) Horseless Carriage

FOR SALE

(Free advertising for all Chapter 1 members & friends)

Yaesu FT-2000 160 - 6 Meter Transceiver with FH-2 Remote Control Keypad and CT-119 Programming Cable \$800.00 for everything. Original boxes are available. Geochron GEO-4K-COMP2 new in the box \$175. ARRL 10 - 40 Meter End Fed Antenna Kit new in the box \$50. MFJ-931 Artificial Ground \$100. Contact Bob Hajdak N8QE at (330) 807-5903 or rhajdak@aol.com.

SteppIR 3 element yagi. Fully assembled but never in the air, or on the air. I paid \$1,951.20. **Sell for half price.** My loss, your gain. Bob Winston, W2THU, 216-924-3314

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



Answers to trivia: 1) D 2) D 3) D 4) A 5) C