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Winter luncheon is January 10th at Mimi's Restaurant in Parma

We will continue to meet in Parma while our regular meeting location is being converted to an upscale restaurant and bowling alley called Play.

BLETCHLEY PARK AND DISNEY



The Saturday, January 10th meeting will feature our own Craig Kollai, N8ZT, better known as Chapter 1 net control. Net participants know that Craig, an aficionado of Disney theme parks, visits them frequently.

While visiting Europe recently, N8ZT not only added Euro-Disney to his list, but he also toured Bletchley Park, the famed location of the British government's mission to crack the German codes and ciphers during WWII.

Join us starting at 11:30 a.m. for our quarterly luncheon. **We are meeting at Mimi's Restaurant, located at 7528 Broadview Road in Parma, Ohio. Exit I-77 at Pleasant Valley Westbound (Parma) and proceed about 2 miles to Broadview. Turn left and immediately turn right into the shopping plaza. Mimi's is located in the back (western edge) of the plaza.** Eat off the lunch menu for about \$10.00. Door prizes, 50-50 raffle, music, and fellowship awaits! Please bring a friend!

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CLEVELAND CHAPTER ONE HONORS KIRK SANDERSON, W8WNA WITH THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD



Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA displays the QCWA 75th Anniversary Service Award that he received at the Chapter 1 luncheon this past October. See the article on page 3.



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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

Recent Activities:

Dee Logan, W1HEO, authored an article that was published in November 2014 *CQ* entitled *To Maintain a Clean Signal, Watch the Numbers*.

Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ purchased and restored **Bob Winston, W2THU's** Swan-350 and power supply. Bob visited Jeff's QTH and he was happy to see his 1967 purchase running even better than new with sweet sounding audio.

Chuck Patellis, W8PT attended the recent W4DXCC DX conference in Pidgeon Force, TN, hosted by SEDCO, where he eyeballed with Bob Allphin, K4VEE and Bob Heil, K9EID.

Metro Sinko, W8MET, along with **K8ME, WB8N** and **NI8Z** operated W1AW/8 representing Ohio for the ARRL Centennial.

Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA reports that at the age of 94 he still likes CW but spends more time on Skype due to QRM and QSB.

Sunshine:

Al Lada, WA8OZC's vision is slowly improving and he is able to repair some projects.

Mary Ingraham, XYL of Dick, WA8TPP, is slowly regaining her strength at a rehab facility in Mentor.

Jeannie St. Marie, KC8MNW, is recovering at home from spinal surgery.

John Esborn, K8OCK is still recovering at the Cleveland VA Hospital after breaking his femur.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY

Hi everyone and a very Happy New Year to all. The very, very best to everyone in 2015!

I certainly hope that everyone's holidays were the very best !

It's hard to imagine, and even harder to believe, that another year has gone by!

I always hope that winter passes quickly as well.

I just printed 100 mailing labels for this issue of the newsletter. While there are some who have not paid dues in quite a while, it still shows that Chapter #1 is a viable, active chapter and that we have quite a large membership.

With the old winter months upon us, we really have the time to get on the radio and participate in the club net. I myself have made a New Year's resolution to participate more.

Let me remind everyone that the Friday Lunch Bunch (FLB) meets at the Manhattan Deli every Friday at 11:30 plus or minus.

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Al, N8CX, VP/Sect.

TREASURER'S REPORT Greetings!



To date, we have \$xxxx.xx in the bank. I would like to see the dues come in but they are not. I hope to see all you fine gents and ladies at the meeting! I can accept dues there also. de **Dave Foran, WB8APD**

MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT FALL LUNCHEON

In keeping with Chapter 1 tradition, our fall luncheon honored Several members.

The anniversary service award was presented posthumously to **Bob Briggs, W8MMC**, who had been continuously licensed for over 80 years. Accepting on behalf of Bob was his caretaker Steve Minalta.

Others who were present to receive their service awards were :

Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA for 75 years, **John Shott, K8IUU** for 55 years, and **Dave Foran, WB8APD, Richard Williams, NW8X and Dwaine Modock, K8ME** all for 50 years.

The prestigious President's Award was presented to **Metro Sinko, W8MET, Tom Wayne, WB8N and Gary Dewey, N18Z**, for their efforts at the Copley-Fairlawn schools in establishing an amateur radio station and bringing young people into our hobby.



Metro Sinko, W8MET (left) and Tom Wayne, WB8N receiving the President's Award from Chapter 1 President, **Bob Winston W2THU**



Birthdays this Quarter

January

WA8KHL	Robert Rhoton	1/18
N8UIN	Sherrel Wimer	1/21
W8DDD	David Dennis	1/28

February

K8TTZ	Robert Mills	2/10
KC8FF	Betty Scholz	2/18
KC8ZOE	Floyd Wimer	2/21
KE8RN	George Misic	2/22
N8IJG	William Wihebrink	2/29

March

K8EHP	Mike Cegelski	3/2
WA8NJP	Charles Whalen, Jr.	3/2
K8HLJ	George Harizal	3/2
N8OOG	Jim Wimer	3/4
K8QOT	James Pracker	3/8
N8TCN	Charles Collister	3/9
W8AZO	Marv Grossman	3/10
WA8VSJ	Arthur Lewis	3/11
AF8B	Don Norman	3/17
W8KYD	Ronald Mayer	3/18
W8DOE	Joe Gutoskey	3/24
W8WGO	Jack Goldfarb	3/29

Is your birthday missing or wrong?
Then, let our secretary know.

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! (Corrections to Al Moriarty, N8CX—n8cx@mindspring.com)

HEARD ON OUR CHAPTER NET



Instead of trying to answer a trivia question, our nets feature discussion questions.

The October 15th net asked for your favorite part of *QST* Magazine. **Dick, W8FDN, John, K8IIU, Kirk, W8WNA, Ken K8YLY,** and **Mike, K8EHP** all said they like everything.

Al, WA8OZC likes the technical articles and the advertising, while **Dick, WA8TPP** also enjoys the special events and *What's Happening* column. **John, W8VRJ** suffers from poor vision but reads the *Dr. is In* and *Hints & Kinks*, as does **Gary, N18Z** and **Ray, N8EQT**.

“What attributes of a Hamfest would entice you to attend” was asked on 5 November. **Bob, W2THU** said that the flea market, vendors and meeting new people do the trick. **Mike, K8EHP** looks for new technology and camaraderie. Many others said that a good flea market is number 1, including **W8VRJ, Craig, N8ZT,** and **Ed, KE8ZZ,** while **N8EQT, W8FDN, WA8OZC, WA8TJL, Joe, KE9UL** and **Jack, W8WGO** mentioned meeting people, especially hams they talked to on the air.

The question for the November 12th net was if price were no object what one piece of ham gear would you buy? **N8EQT** said he wanted a dualbander permanently mounted in a Lamborghini! **Bob, KC8UIQ** picked a Force 12 Delta 12 element yagi.

Why not add your 2 cents worth by checking into our weekly chapter net every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm on our own 146.85 repeater. All you need is a PL tone of 110.9 Hz.

President's Perspective

By Bob Winston, W2THU

I'm writing this column on the first day of January 2015. Like most of you, I recognize that time seems to speed up as we get older. It feels as if the Dayton Hamvention was just a few months ago, yet the 2015 version is less than 5 months away! Further, if you measure time by our Chapter One luncheons, they too arrive so quickly. How's that for a segue? I am really looking forward to Craig's program this Saturday on the topic of Bletchley Park, which has been the subject of many books and, recently, a movie. And if we are really lucky, we'll learn something about Disney theme parks to boot.

Have you been reading the QCWA National Journal? Did you see the Chapter One report written by Tom Wayne, WB8N? Well, if you go to www.qcwa.com and they don't let you in, then you might have forgotten to renew your national dues membership. The bottom line is that you need to remain a member of the national organization and our local chapter in order to receive all the benefits of QCWA.

Speaking of the national, Executive Administrator Ken Simpson, W8EK has resigned his position, although he and his wife, Sue Simpson, N8AJU remain on as QCWA Directors. You may recall that Ken was instrumental in saving the association from bankruptcy a few years ago by adopting, along with the Board, elimination of the printed version of the

Journal.

Ken and Sue often visited our chapter while traveling after the Dayton Hamvention. They were the only directors that took the time to do so. On behalf of Chapter One, we thank them for their untold hours, tireless efforts and passion for our organization.

I notice that the average number of members checking into our weekly Wednesday net is down quite a bit, although Chapter One membership remains strong and luncheon attendance is steady. If you have any suggestions to increase net participation, send me an email. Also, ideas for luncheon programs are always welcome. Finally, articles for this newsletter are scarce. We only have two regular contributors. More articles make for more interesting reading.

Jeannie, Wally and I wish all of you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

We look forward to seeing you at Mimi's this coming Saturday.

Best 73, Bob Winston W2THU



W2THU at Cornell University Amateur Radio Club, W2CXM in Barton Hall

FADA Radios of Yesteryear Gone, but not forgotten

by Dee Logan, WIHEO

Bronx-born Frank Angelo D’Andrea (FADA) was the creator of radios bearing his initials. He formed a radio company with his 16-year old brother with a goal of getting rich. As the radio boom of 1921 began, FADA manufactured crystal detectors at a frantic rate. Around 1923, FADA started making radios and added employees at its Bronx, New York plant. With rapid growth, employee relationships suffered, key employees left the firm, strikes happened, and the company fell apart, filing for bankruptcy in 1934.

The company was revived by D’Andrea and later continued by his son Andrea Jr. and his daughter Camille following his death in 1965. Today, FADA radios are well-known and desired by radio collectors because of their fabulous designs that featured metal trims and plastics.

Join the Friday Lunch Bunch

QCWA Chapter One members and other radio hams gather for lunch each Friday at 11:00 AM in Willoughby Hills. The place? The Manhattan Deli, 34601 Ridge Road. (That’s in the Pine Ridge Plaza next to Heinen’s, just west of SOM Center Road) Join us!



CORRECTION

The previous newsletter incorrectly stated that silent key James Wihebrink, Jr., KB8BLF was the son of Chapter One member, Bill Wihebrink, N8IJG. Of course, Jim was Bill’s **father**.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

Please maintain your support of our chapter by mailing your \$10.00 annual dues to our treasurer. Pay by check, made out to:

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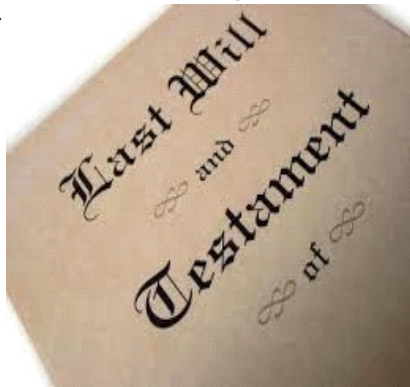
Mail to:

**Dave Foran, WB8APD
5439 Nan Linn Drive
Willoughby, OH 44094**

Note: No dues if you are 90 or older!

W8MMC's GIFT TO CHAPTER ONE

Shortly after his death, QCWA Chapter One received a letter from the estate of Bob Briggs, W8MMC, stating that he had remembered our chapter in his Last Will and Testament.



As recited in his will, Bob is donating his "remaining radio equipment and accessories not selected by his son-in-law, Dr. Steven Grossnickle."

At this point in time we are waiting to receive communication from Dr. Grossnickle as to those items that will be turned over to our chapter. We will advise the membership at that time and ask for input regarding the proper disposition of the equipment.

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(Classified advertising is free to Chapter One members)

Equipment sold or purchased: If you want to dispose of old radio equipment that you no longer want, KE8RN offers to either purchase it or sell it for you on eBay. Excellent eBay reputation. Call George Mistic on 412-486-8566 or email him at KE8RN@comcast.net.

MYSTERY PICTURE QUIZ



This is one of a group of photos sent to your editor a few months ago by chapter member, Ray Lotenero, W8GR. If you know what it is, send an email to me (w2thu@arrl.net). The winner(s) will be announced at the winter luncheon this Saturday.

CHAPTER ONE NEEDS YOU

We are still looking for a member to assume the role of vice-president. Your duties would include purchasing the door prizes, filling in when the president is unavailable and assisting at the luncheons. Please contact Bob Winston for more information.