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Fall Luncheon is October 10th at *The Play Arcade and Kitchen* in Mayfield Heights

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON



Our **Saturday, October 10th** meeting is traditionally when we recognize the amateur radio operators in our community who have made special contributions to our great hobby.

In addition, this is the time that we hand out the very popular Anniversary Award certificates that originate at QCWA headquarters. These awards recognize your years of service as an amateur radio operator.

Join us starting at 11:30 a.m. for our quarterly luncheon. **The Play Arcade and Kitchen is the old Boneyard where we used to meet at 5900 Mayfield Road in Mayfield Heights.** 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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Our Summer Luncheon



Chapter 1 wishes to thank **Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK**, for his very popular program on the Raspberry Pi. at the July 2015 meeting.

DIRECTIONS TO LUNCHEON

Exit I-271 at Mayfield Road (US 322) Westbound. Travel about 1 mile to Lander Road. Drive past Lander Road and the restaurant will be on your left after Staples. Enter through front door!



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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

Unfortunately, this column is suspended for the current issue only because your editor has received no news from the membership!

Traditionally, news and happenings from our chapter 1 members have been conveyed to me via slips of paper that are handed out at the previous luncheon. But, I was out of town on that day and no information for this column was generated at that time.

Of course, you are encouraged to communicate with me via email (w2thu@arrl.net), on our weekly net, or by calling or texting my mobile phone (216.924.3314). As in the past, we like to hear about your ham radio activities, personal or family activities, health issues, and any reports of silent keys.

Photographs are very welcome. Just attach them to your emails (jpegs please).

New members, as reported by our membership chair, Joe, KE9UL, are also welcomed in this column.

So, don't be shy. Please let all of us know what you are up to by forwarding your news and views for publication



right here. Thank you!

**MESSAGE FROM
OUR SECRETARY**



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Hi everyone,

Well, “happy fall to all.” Our October meeting is upon us.

Where has the time gone from the July summer meeting? Truly, I know that procrastination reigns supreme, but it is really time to consider getting our stations in order before it gets cold and the snow flies. Especially our antennas. I, myself, am really guilty of this one.

In the meantime, as I won’t write my next column until January, please let me wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year.

As always, if you have any additions or corrections to the roster, PLEASE email me (n8cx@arrl.net).

[Note: Look at our QCWA Cleveland Chapter 1 webpage (qcwa-cleveland-1.org) and click on Roster to verify all of your information. Ed.]

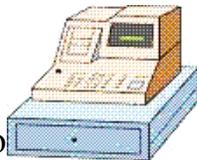
Al, N8CX, VP/Secretary

TREASURER’S REPORT

Greetings!

Marty and I will be coming to Mayfield Heights to join the luncheon this Saturday. Our chapter bank balance is \$ xxxx.xx We’ll see you upstairs at The Play Restaurant.

de Dave Foran, WB8APD



**QCWA CHAPTER 1 PURCHASES
THE YAESU DR-1X FUSION
REPEATER**



Your Executive Committee, in its infinite wisdom, has decided to join the bandwagon of other area clubs (e.g., LEARA and LCARA) and accept the generous Yaesu offer to purchase a complete VHF/UHF repeater for only \$500.00. Clearly, Yaesu will financially benefit by encouraging repeater owners to install this new digital machine that employs their so called fusion system. The more fusion repeaters around, the more fusion radios they can sell.

The terms of purchase include our agreement to operate this repeater in our area and not to resell it for at least one year.

So what is a DR-1X fusion repeater you ask? According to their promotional material it will perform as a traditional analogue FM repeater (unlike the Icom D*Star repeaters) or a digital repeater using the C4FM digital communications mode. The digital bandwidth is only 12.5 KHz, half of the analogue bandwidth. Further, the repeater can be configured to receive a digital C4FM signal and retransmit it as a traditional analogue signal for those hams who do not own a digital rig.

It appears that by operating this repeater our chapter will be able to enter the digital age of ham radio (already used by public service such as Ohio MARCS) yet continue to support those members who only wish to operate conventional analogue FM.

The best of both worlds? We shall see. The repeater is presently on back order. When it arrives, we will work with our chief radio officer, Jim, K8QOT, to arrange installation.



Birthdays this Quarter

Happy Birthday to the following Chapter 1 members. Many happy returns and many, many more birthdays as well.

October

WB8QLW	Thomas Sawyer	10/1
W8VRJ	John Mistic	10/8
N8ZT	Craig Kollai	10/19
WA8SAJ	Jeffrey Covelli	10/22
KE8ZZ	Edward Zorn	10/24
WD8IOU	Dave Autrey	10/26
W8QKO	Don Sealy	10/26
K8FH	Fred Helwig	10/28

November

W8FC	Ford Cole	11/1
N8QXE	John Parks	11/04
K8IIU	John Shott	11/13
K3OTY	John Parsons	11/20
W3SVJ	Nate Firestone	11/22

December

N8IZ	Gary Dewey	12/7
WB8ZGH	Mike Goffos	12/27

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@arrl.net)

HEARD ON OUR CHAPTER NET



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

We related our favorite ham radio activity on the 12 August net. **Ray, N8EQT** said it was operating the rig at the VA Hospital in Cleveland and handling traffic. Many favored working DX such as **Gary, NI8Z**, but mostly he enjoys teaching licensing classes and his VE work. **Larry, K8LPC**, and **Jack, W8WGO** enjoyed their contributions to constructing the most recent VA station. **Mike, K8EHP** most enjoys HF mobile, while **Joe, KE9UL** favors the Trivia Net, QCWA net and others.

What would you like to do in ham radio that you have never done before? This was discussed on 16 September. **Mark, KC8FQV** said he would love to work HF while **Craig, N8ZT** favors moon bounce. **Bob, W2THU** would like to work the satellites and **Mike, K8EHP** favors high speed (50 WPM) CW! **K8ME, Dwaine** said that after 50 years there is nothing anymore he wants to do.

On 23 September we discussed the good old days. The consensus was that our radios had discrete parts and tubes so we could build them and fix them. **Dick, W8FDN** remembers when he won an 807 tube at a meeting. You could build a rig around it!

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.

President's Perspective

By Bob Winston, W2THU

As mentioned on a previous page, I was unable to attend the summer luncheon because of an out of town commitment. There was no doubt that the program by Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK on the Raspberry Pi would be interesting and informative and all of the reports I received confirmed that. Fortunately, Jeff gave a similar program to LEARA which I did attend and he has since presented at GARA and CARS and maybe other amateur radio clubs by now. Popular programs increase the attendance at our luncheons which is good for Chapter 1. We welcome your participation both at our meetings and on the air during the weekly nets. If you have any suggestions for programs let me know.

I was also keen to hear how the new restaurant treated our club. When the Boneyard was renovated into The Play Arcade and Kitchen, it was not clear if the upstairs meeting room would still be available or what the menu would be. Well, we did meet in the same room, but with quite a different menu. No more ribs, for one. And no more chairs. No one sat on the floor, but we have to rent the chairs for the day or pay a modest room charge. It seems that the days of free meeting rooms at restaurants is over, as those establishments that accommodated us in the past (Dimitri's, Mimi's, JB Milano's) have all gone out of business. We intend to accept the extra cost in exchange for some stability. Let me

know if you have a better idea.

I am happy to report that the Estate of **Bob Briggs, W8MMC** generated approximately \$1,500 in income to our chapter. As you recall, Bob bequeathed his radio equipment to us. Since we don't have a club station, his marketable gear was sold and the proceeds were deposited in the treasury. We are very grateful that Bob remembered us in his will.

Finally, I always like to end this column with a personal note. Jeannie, KC8MNW and I were able to visit some European countries this past summer. We drove to Toronto and flew to Iceland (TF) where we rented a car and did some serious touring of that remarkable country. Did you know that almost all of their energy comes from hydro and geothermal sources? We saw the geysers to prove it. Later we flew to Stockholm to stay with SM00Y and Gunilla, rented a car and drove through SM, OZ, DL and PA.

See you at the luncheon!

Best 73, Bob Winston W2THU



Lars, SM00Y, Jeannie, KC8MNW and Lar's XYL Gunilla at the exact spot where Lars and Bob, W2THU met in 1965 in Stockholm.