



Cleveland Chapter One

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Summer lunch is An Aruba DX Getaway program

***Hear what Caribbean hamming
is like !***



Our Saturday, July 9 meeting will feature a report on what it's like to operate from a sunny QTH and how to handle big DX pileups. "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, spent two weeks there in early April, and he'll give us an up-close-and-personal report.



Join us Saturday, July 9, starting at 11:30 a.m. for our quarterly luncheon. The place is Dimitri's restaurant in the Midtown Shopping Center, 1830 Snow Road, Parma.

Lunch orders taken at noon. Door prizes, 50-50 raffle, music, and fellowship awaits! Do bring a friend! ■

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QCWA NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year, five New England chapters are sponsoring the national convention from 7-11 September in Warwick, Rhode Island. The forums include such interesting topics as QRP Made Easy, Tangier Island Iota DXpedition and Vintage Radio Museum. There will be tours of Newport and the New England Wireless and Steam Museum as well as a visit to ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut.

For more information, go to www.qcwa.org.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

I want to thank Dee, W1HEO for supplying the templates to create this Newsletter. Although I enjoyed my first attempt, and learned a lot about Publisher, I would prefer if some other member would assume this responsibility. A special thank you to Jeannie, KC8MNV! You would not be reading this edition without all of the help I received from her.



Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter

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



New members: Welcome to **Kenneth P. Kling, W8VZT** of Brecksville and **Raymond Lotenero, W8GR** of Medina.

CORRECTION

New member **Chuck Joseph's** call was incorrectly listed in last month's Newsletter. It is **N5JED**.

Radio activities: **Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA**, is doing surprising well with his 12 foot high "clothes line" antenna working 10 meter DX.....

Bob Winston, W2THU had a 2 hour mobile QSO with VA2PW in Quebec on 20 meters. Bob was driving home from Madison, WI and he spoke to Pierre while crossing Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana....**Dee Logan, W1HEO**, operated a first rate DX station while on vacation in Aruba (P4)

Other goings on: **George Mistic, KE8RN** was awarded his 35th and 36th patent, all while recovering from double knee replacement with complications. Thanks to his wonderful wife, **Barbara, KB3MPF** for her expert care...**Craig Kollai, N8ZT** ran the Cleveland 10 miler in April and the Warrior's Dash, Ohio leg in June. He also did the lighting for the Aurora Community Theater production of *Chicago* in the same month, followed by a much deserved holiday at Disney World in mid-May.

QCWA NATIONAL DIRECTOR VISITS CLEVELAND CHAPTER 1

On 27 May 2011, Ken Simpson, W8EK, who is one of 8 QCWA national directors, presented a program to about 30 of our Cleveland Chapter 1 members. Ken had contacted our chapter in March explaining that he was coming from his home QTH in Ocala, Florida to attend the Dayton Hamvention© and that he would like to visit as many chapters as possible in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Ken's itinerary did not fit in with our quarterly chapter luncheons, so I suggested that he join the Friday lunch bunch at the Firehouse Restaurant in Willoughby Hills. An invitation went out to all Chapter 1 members via the Wednesday night net and email.

Ken's talk was very informative. He explained how our national dues is spent. For example, we learned that QCWA gives away over \$300,000 in scholarships every year. The headquarters' operating budget is around \$100,000 annually, the bulk of which (\$70,000) goes to the production and mailing of the quarterly Journal. Another \$20,000 is the salary of the General Manager which is a fulltime position. The balance is used for certificates and headquarters' rent. Presently, the national has a \$10,000 shortfall which the directors are addressing.

Ken summarized the various certificates that are awarded to members, including the 75 year plaque that includes a free life membership and the century award that is given to those QCWA members whose physical age + the number of years as a QCWA member add up to 100. He reminded us to check out the QCWA website (www.qcwa.org) for more information. A question and answer session followed the presentation, during which a few members pointed out that we rarely see a director in this area. Finally, Ken reminded us that this year's national convention is in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Chapter 1 would like to thank Ken, and his XYL Sue, N8AJU for coming all the way from Florida to bring us up to date with our national organization and to answer our questions and respond to our comments.

de Bob Winston, W2THU



Ken Simpson, K8EK (standing) speaks to Chapter 1 members.
(photo: courtesy of WA8JNP)



Birthdays this Quarter

July

W8PT	Charles M. Patellis	07/04
K8SGM	George J. Keltner Sr.	07/04
WA8VMN	William Hammond	07/08
W8YEO	Marvin S. Goldfarb	07/17
WA8OZC	Alphonse H. Lada	07/25
W8ANJ	Steven Molnar	07/25
W8JZZ	Albert S. Wilde	07/26
W2THU	Robert M. Winston	07/28
WB8ADF	Gevard F. Dusa	07/29
NW8X	Richard H. Williams	07/30

August

N8CX	Alan R. Moriarty	08/05
W8WHO	Clifford P. Dice	08/08
K8ZGW	Don Ritchie	08/10
KC9IQF	Cathy D. Saccany	08/12
W8GVE	Howard L. Reichle	08/14
WD8AQH	Nadya Cole	08/15
KE8GA	George Vilican	08/17
K8SLF	Clarence Saccany	08/22
AA8BV	Robert C. Mate Sr	08/22
W8PIU	Onerio L. Sabetto	08/29
W8FSF	Fred S. Freer	08/30

September

W8WNA	Kirk Sanderson	09/06
W8CJB	Clifford E. Bade	09/11
KB3MPF	Barbara Misic	09/12
N8EQT	Raymond B. Suing	09/16
K8LXH	Harry L. Winfield	09/21

Birthdays are announced each week during the Chapter's Wednesday night net at 8:00 p.m. on 146.85

Join the Friday Lunch Bunch
QCWA Chapter One members and other radio hams gather for lunch each Friday at 11:00 at the Firehouse Grill & Pub in Wiloughby Hills. The restaurant is located at 2768 Stark Drive, which is one block west of SR 91 off of Route 6. Join us!

Treasurer's Report

By Robert Knaack, K8RDK

As of 11 June 2011, the Chapter's total assets were \$5,531.44. Of this amount, \$1,255.00 is for the repeater fund. Membership dues received through 27 May 2011 was \$745.00. All bills were paid.

HAVE YOU CHECKED INTO THE



CHAPTER ONE NET LATELY?

As with most radio clubs, only a small percentage check into the weekly net. We are averaging in the low twenties. If you have not been checking in, then here are some reasons to do so.

1. The camaraderie of communicating with fellow Chapter 1 members.
2. Keeping up with chapter happenings, including sunshine reports.
3. Participating in a directed net.
4. Celebrating member's birthdays
5. Receiving officer's reports
6. **Extra door prize ticket at the quarterly luncheons.**

We have an excellent net control station in Craig, N8ZT (and his back up, Bob, KC8UIQ). Why not join us on our chapter's own 146.85 MHz repeater (-600KHz offset, PL 110.9) every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

President's Perspective

By Robert M. Winston, W2THU

Cleveland has some cold and snowy winters, but as I write this column the weather couldn't be better. The summer solstice has just gone by and I am sitting in the garden really enjoying a delightful day of low humidity, pleasant temperatures, a cloudless sky and a comfortable breeze.

As you recall, we have been slowly changing our chapter leadership. Paul Poling, K8CKG has been patiently waiting to retire from his position as your club secretary. I am pleased to report that as a direct result of my written plea to the membership, which was strategically inserted in your 2011 membership roster, we now have a new secretary. Our newest volunteer for this very important role is **Charles W. Whalen, Jr. WA8NJP**. On behalf of Cleveland Chapter 1 I want to thank Paul for his many years of dedicated service. It is fair to say that the club secretary has the most demanding job in our chapter and we are looking forward to working with Chuck.

Speaking of demanding jobs, where would we be without our net control operator, **Craig Kollai, N8ZT**. Here's a person who is always there on Wednesday nights, really keeping the chapter together, at least on the air, by taking check ins, making announcements, conducting the trivia questions and just being a great net control. Thank you Craig!

I notice that our QCWA national is looking for a new general manager. This is a full time paid position. So, if you are

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News From Ham Radio's Wide World

Amateur Radio Not Dying: According to the FCC, the number of amateur radio operators in the US has been steadily increasing since 2007. In that year, there were 655,842 hams and at the end of last year we were up to 696,041. Worldwide, the number of amateurs is approximately 2.5 million!

But Famous Ham Does: One of amateur radio's most famous hams, Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ passed away at the age of 100 this past April. Many of us old timers remember Leo's World Radio Labs and their kits such as the Globe Scout transmitter that a lot of novices built. Leo was so respected that **QCWA Chapter 154 in Palm Springs, CA** was named after him many years ago.

See the ham: If you want to see the ham you are talking to during the QSO, then check out www.camradio.net. This group streams live video of their shack, or whatever, to your shack via the internet. Meet them on 3770 kHz at 0300 zulu.

Field Day Hams Burned: Two members of the Wichita Falls (Texas) Amateur Radio Society were erecting a vertical antenna when it fell onto a power line. Both hams were burned and shocked, but fortunately they survived their ordeal after being rushed to a trauma center. No matter how often we are told not to put up an aerial near a power line, someone still does it.

PRESIDENTS'S PERSPECTIVE (*CON'T*)

retired and want to supplement your income then you might want to check out this opportunity on their website: www.qcwa.org

Elsewhere in this Newsletter I reported about the visit from QCWA national director Ken Simpson, W8EK from Ocala, Florida. Shortly thereafter, I received a telephone call from another director, Tony Hirsch, W8RSH who lives only a couple of hours away in Columbus, Ohio. Tony and I had a nice chat and I invited him to join us at the upcoming luncheon at Dimitri's on 9 July 2011. Hopefully, Tony will be available so that

those of you who missed our informal meeting with Ken last month, can still meet a member of the Board.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Dimitri's where we can enjoy Dee's program on his Aruba DX adventure.

73, Bob Winston W2THU