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Welcome 2009! Awards marked The end of 2008 at Oct. meeting *Membership drive also caps the year*

Happy New Year! The October meeting wrapped up 2008 and featured the presentation of annual awards plus a welcome to new members.

Award winners included George, K8SGM (Ham of Year); Bob, W2THU (Merit); Ray, W8SLZ (President's Award); and Jack, W8WGO (Paul Cornell Award).



Leadership Awards: George Cox, W8PJJ; Don Ritchie, K8ZGW; Mike Goffos, WB8ZGH; and Bill Wihebrink, N8IJG. (See *People*, page two for other winners.)

The January 10 meeting program is by Joanne Bandlow, KC8YLA, Network Engineer with Time Warner Cable. Her topic: the transition to digital TV plus LCD vs. plasma HDTV.

Dues are due: If you haven't yet sent your 2009 dues to Treasurer Ray Wassum, W8SLZ, please do so. At \$10 a year, it's a bargain. See Ray's address on page two.

Welcome 2009 by attending our Saturday, Jan. 10 lunch meeting. The festivities start at 11:30 at Dimitri's Restaurant in the Midtown Shopping Center, 1830 Snow Road, Parma. Bring a friend. ■

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New chapter resource directory To list "Helping Hams" *An invitation to share your skills*

Experience is what all Chapter One members share. Whether it's basic radio and electronics, antennas, trouble shooting or construction, we in QCWA possess a wealth of information. Sharing our unique radio knowledge with others is a fine tradition.

We can build on this collected wisdom by sharing it with other members of our chapter by creating a resource directory. This "helping hams" list can identify those with special knowledge that will be appreciated by those seeking assistance.

Consider becoming a resource by sending your name, call and contact information — e-mail, telephone or both — plus your area of expertise (antennas, computers, DX etc.) to the editor. We'll publish a list in the next newsletter. Send to 9901 Cypress Circle, Mentor 44060 or via e-mail to delogan@ameritech.net. ■

Wednesdays are net nights.
Join us at 8:00 p.m.
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Welcome to new members **Jim Arcaro**, WD8PFK; **Tom Bishop**, W8TAB; **Tim Culek**, KQ8TC; **Mike Goffos**, WB8ZGH; and **Bill Wihebrink**, N8IJG

QCWA Awards were presented to these members at the January meeting: 50 Years—**John Esborn**, K8OCK, **Harry Winfield**, K8LXH, **Richard Storm**, SM5BVU; 55 Years—**Bernie Hinrichsen**, W2NTB, **Albert Wilde**, W8JZZ; 60 Years—**Joe Gutoskey**, W8DOE; Century Award—**Howard Reichle**, W8GVE, and **Donald Sealy**, W8QKO.

Global reach: His first European QSO on six meters is reported by **Bob Briggs**, W8MMC while **Bob Winston**, W2THU, visited SMØOY while in Stockholm, Sweden.

In the shacks : His new FT-897 transceiver is working great says **Paul Poling**, K8CKG, while **Tim Culek**, KQ8TC, also reports that a new LDG AT7000 tuner is a good addition to his Icom 7000. Changes in his apartment building windows allow **Kirk Sanderson**, W8WNA, to install a 40m antenna outside for CW operations. ■

Silent Key

We are saddened to report the death of Lou Angelici, W3TRZ. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

A photo gallery of the January meeting award presentations

Additional photos on the Chapter Website: <http://qcwa-cleveland-1.org>



Some award winners (clockwise from upper left) Dick, WA8TPP (l) & Jack, W8WGO; Bob, W2THU; Joe, W8DOE; George, K8SGM; John, K8OCK; Don, K8ZGW; Ray, W8SLZ; and Mike, WB8ZGH.

(Photos by K8ZGW & WIHEO)

Weekly Net Report

By Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO

September 2008 Checkins

3	21 members	0 listeners	21 total
10	21 members	0 listeners	21 total
17	26 members	0 listeners	26 total
24	23 members	1 listener	24 total

October 2008

1	21 members	0 listeners	21 total
8	24 members	2 listeners	26 total
15	22 members	1 listener	23 total
22	22 members	0 listeners	22 total
29	23 members	1 listener	24 total

November 2008

5	25 members	0 listeners	25 total
12	23 members	0 listeners	23 total
19	25 members	1 listener	26 total
26	19 members	0 listeners	19 total

Note: When our normal repeater (146.850) is down, look for the Wednesday night 8:00 p.m. net on the 147.060 repeater with an offset of +600 and a PL of 110.9. ■

QCWA TechniQuiz

A brain-jogging exercise

Were you a Novice? If so, these questions will be familiar to you. They were taken from the 1976 publication *Tune in the World With Ham Radio*. Answers below.

- The amount of current sent by one volt through a resistance of one ohm is called:**
A. a watt B. a Joule C. an ampere D. a pica
- An oscillator providing a signal to the detector to produce an audio tone is called a:**
A. VFO B. VXO C. AFO D. BFO
- The electron receiving element of a vacuum tube is called the:**
A. cathode B. plate C. grid D. collector
- Ohm's Law says that if you know the voltage and current in a circuit, you can also figure what value?**
A. capacitance B. resistance C. surge D. node
- The device that converts alternating current to direct current is called a:**
A. rectifier B. converter C. clipper D. inverter

I—C—2—D—3—B—4—B—5—A



Birthdays this Quarter

By Paul Poling, K8CKG

January

K8LP	Lester A. Peine	01/13
WD8DBQ	Dino M. Pocaro	01/13
K8EUR	Alex F. Dolgosh	01/13
WA8KHL	Robert B. Rhoton	01/18
VA3GNK	Gord Tiffin	01/19
N8UIN	Sherrell Wimer	01/21
W8DDD	David D. Dennis	01/26
N8MZJ	Ethel M. Tomazic	01/27
WB8LDV	Charles F. Martin	01/28

February

W8QHM	Clyde Rothstein	02/05
KQ8TC	Timothy Culek	02/09
K8TTZ	Robert W. Mills	02/10
WB8KYZ	Dick Cutler	02/15
K8NMY	John Petkac	02/17
KC8FF	Betty J. Scholz	02/18
KC8ZOE	Floyd C. Wimer	02/21
KE8RN	George J. Misic	02/22
W8FAZ	Joseph Zelle	02/25
W8PJN	George W. Cox	02/28
N8IJG	William Wihebrink	02/29

March

K8EHP	Michael Cegelski	03/02
N8OOG	Jim Wimer	03/04
W8SLZ	Raymond E. Wassum	03/04
K8QOT	James R. Pracker	03/08
K8CKG	Paul J. Poling	03/09
N8TCN	Charles B. Collister	03/09
W8AZO	Marvin S. Grossman	03/10
WA8VSJ	Arthur R. Lewis	03/11
AF8B	Donald E. Norman	03/17
W8KYD	Ronald L. Mayer	03/18
W8DOE	Joe Gutoskey	03/24
WA8FTW	Anthony J. Coppola	03/27
W8WGO	Jack H. Goldfarb	03/29
K8AZW	Herbert Schieman	03/29

Birthdays are announced weekly on the net.

President's Perspective

By Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP

Hello to all.....

As I write this letter Christmas, New Years, Hanukkah and New Years are just around the corner. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and New Year. May they be filled with your every wish.

Our January meeting is scheduled for the 10th of the month so plan on attending if at all possible.

Also remember that our membership drive ends 31st of December, 2008 so time is short. If you have any new recruits get them in. There are prizes for the member that recruits the most new members as well a raffle among the new members.

Mary and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next meeting. Keep on hamming up the bands. Again, I wish you the best for the Holidays.

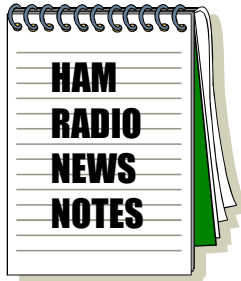
73,

Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP, President

CLASSIFIEDS

Jim Pracker, K8QOT, has a trailer load of rack panel cabinets in various sizes, some with electronics in them. Also available are 900 equipment, transmitters, receivers, and dishes from 3 feet to 12 feet in size. Contact Jim at <1Amps@windstream.net>

Classified ads are free to members. Send your ad to editor WIHEO at 9901 Cypress Circle, Mentor 44060 or via e-mail to <delogan@ameritech.net>



An Internet version of this newsletter is being discussed, so if you'd prefer that to the printed hard copy, contact Dick, WA8TPP, <reingraham@sbcglobal.net>.

A Dayton Bus trip

to the 2009 Hamvention Saturday May 16 is being organized by CARS says Dwaine, K8ME. The cost is \$35 per person. A minimum of 35 persons is needed to charter the bus. The plan is for a breakfast stop on the way over and a stop for a bite during the return. The bus will leave at 3:00 a.m. from the K-Mart parking lot (Bagley at Engle Road). Deadline for tickets is May 8. Information from Dwaine at (440) 582-3462 or e-mail him at: <K8ME@sbcglobal.net>. Money will be returned if 35 tickets are not sold. (Food and Hamvention tickets are not included.)

Solar cycle 24 is here! While "new" spots are appearing, they don't remain active very long. Get daily updates at: <www.solarcycle24.com>

Web resources: The Chapter roster is available on our Website at: <http://qcwa-cleveland-1.org>. Please contact Secretary Paul with changes. And check out the VA Hospital radio station information at: <http://www.qrz.com/detail/WA8VA>.

Congress targets FCC: The House Committee on Energy & Commerce that oversees the FCC issued a report accusing its Chairman, Kevin Martin, of "the most egregious abuses of power, suppression of information and manipulation of data" under his leadership. The 112-page report lists 12 allegations.

Golden Age of Radio covering 1930-1980 is featured in a new ARRL publication. The book includes a tour of 400 legendary radios.

Roster update: Jack Parsons, K3OTY, has moved to Florida. His new address is 3495 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952-8005. Please correct your roster. ■

Our newsletter wins award In ARRL section contest

Third place in a tight race

The 2008 newsletter contest run by the ARRL Ohio Section selected the Chapter One newsletter as its third-place winner. First place went to the Grant Amateur Radio Club of Georgetown (79 points). Second place was awarded to the Massillon Amateur Radio Club (78 points); with our third place score 76 points.

Judging was done by non-hams. They evaluate style (15%), content (35%), service to members (35%) and clarity of presentation (15%). ■



Jest A Minute

**Humor collected by
Our readers**

Amateur Radio "daffynitions" provided by Kirk, W8WNA, from DARA RF Carrier.

Adapters: Those things you have too many of when you don't need them.

Alternating current: Alternates between "on" and "off," usually due to a bad connection.

Amplifier: An oscillator just waiting for you to turn your back.

Code: The illness that stuffs up your node.

FAX: What your spouse expects when you try to explain why you bought another boat anchor.

Horizontal antenna: A vertical antenna after a windstorm.

Matching: A lot easier with paint colors than antennas

Friday Lunch (East)

11:30 at the Firehouse Grill & Pub, 2768 Stark Drive. South off route 6, a block west of route 91 in Willoughby Hills. How about a spot West or South of downtown? Let us know.



News From Ham Radio's Wide World

Hams in space marks 25 years. On Dec. 8, 1983, Owen Garriott, W5LFL, became the first Amateur Radio operator to talk to hams from space while on board the shuttle Columbia. Special activities to mark the anniversary were scheduled, including contact with schools and 9600 baud packet transmissions.

Kitty QRM: A string of mysterious "dits" heard on 7.0574 MHz was tracked to a ham's QTH in Westerville, Ohio, by OO Rick Swain, KK8O. The cause? A house cat had apparently bumped a keyer and turned on the transmitter while the owner was at work.

ARRL vs. FCC: An experimental license granted by the FCC to Digital Aurora Radio Technologies that included 7.1 to 7.3 MHz is being challenged by ARRL. The company was authorized 20kHz digital emissions at 100 KW. The League pointed out that Amateur Radio is allocated exclusive use of these frequencies.

KP5 DXpedition OK: The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has approved an early 2009 DXpedition to rare Desecheo Island. The small, uninhabited island is located 14 miles off the west coast of Puerto Rico.