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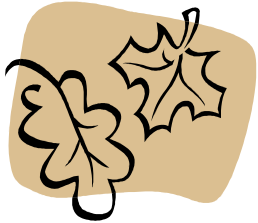
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## Time to “fall” in for our October 10th lunch meeting

*Awards, prizes, fun & fellowship*

**Autumn is here**, and we trust that your summer has been a good one for your hamming activities and family vacations. Many of us have kept in touch via our



weekly chapter one nets, but there’s nothing like a good ole eyeball QSO to nourish fellowship and renew friendships.

**Our next meeting** will feature our annual awards presentations, honoring amateurs for their years as licensees and QCWA membership. Also on the menu will be activity reports, door prizes, 50-50 raffle and happy music from our maestro. Did we mention food and drink? Certainly! Order off the menu? Yes, a limited one, but tasty indeed!

**President Dick, WA8TPP**, says that he invites everyone to attend as we recognize members for their active participation in amateur radio and QCWA over the years.

Mark the date: Saturday, October 10th. The place: Dimitri’s restaurant in the Midtown Shopping Center, 1830 Snow Road, Parma. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch orders taken around noon. ■

**Wednesdays are net nights.**  
Join us at 8:00 p.m.  
146.850, PL 110.9

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## New west side input providing Better repeater coverage

*Check it out during our Wednesday net*

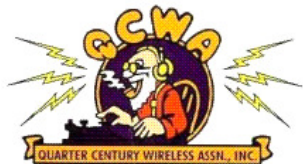
**400 feet up a tower** on the Southwest Side of Royalton is the new Chapter One 146.850 repeater input antenna. It’s filling in some of the West Side coverage “holes” that the East Side receiver doesn’t hear.

According to Radio Officer Jim Pracker, K8QOT, the new input has been tested over the past six months, “but still has some technical glitches.” Further work on the voter is underway.

**In the meantime**, Pracker strongly urges users to run more power than simple HTs to assure a good signal into the machine. “Users of five-watt HTs are marginal unless they’re quite near to the input,” he says.

For those running adequate power — say 100 watts — with a good antenna, they should be able to access the repeater from throughout a wide area. Pracker reports being able to reach it from Canton, Youngstown and Fremont.

More improvements are coming, so stay tuned! ■



## Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter

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**Meetings:** Second Saturday of January, April, July, and October. Dimitri's Restaurant, Parma.

**Dues:** \$10.00 per year.

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**New member:** Welcome to **Ross Stillisano, KB8JTZ**, of Willoughby Hills, who has joined chapter one.

**October doings:** Net control **Craig, N8ZT**, has taken up running and plans a 10K run at Disney World this month. Also heading for a Florida vacation is **Richard, SM5BVU**, from his QTH in Sweden. **Kirk, W8WNA**, keeps in touch with him via Skype and also enjoys RF activity on 80, 40, & 20 meters with a simple wire antenna. Also on Skype is **Bob, WA8KHL**, while **Charlie, N8TCN**, ops for Echolink.

**Travelog:** Scheduled to sail on the QCWA fall cruise to the Caribbean are **George, KE8RN**, and **Barbara, KB3MPF, Mistic**. Meanwhile, **Ray, N8EQT**, traveled to Calgary, Canada, for a summer getaway.

**Antennas up!** A new 160-meter skyhook is being planned by **Jack, W8WGO**, while **Joe, W8DOE**, concentrates on tower maintenance. And new General class ham **Kate, KC9IQF**, used an industrial slingshot to put up dipoles for Field Day.

**Silent keys:** We regret to announce the passing of **Joe Zelle, W8FAZ**, age 97, who received his ham license in 1931 and was the third oldest member of chapter one. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. ■

*What's new with you? Let us know, please.*



## *Birthdays this Quarter*

By Paul Poling, K8CKG

### October

WB8QLW	Thomas A. Sawyer	10/01
W8VRJ	John J. Mistic	10/08
N8ZT	Craig D. Kollai	10/19
N8BY	Richard R. Christian	10/21
WA8SAJ	Jeffrey J. Covelli	10/22
W8NUO	James A. Ditmyer	10/25
W8QKO	Donald L. Sealy	10/26
K8FH	Fred Helwig Jr	10/28

### November

W8FC	Ford Cole	11/01
K8IUU	John S. Shott	11/13
K3OTY	John B. Parsons	11/20
W3SVJ	Nate Firestone	11/22

### December

W8PL	Paul N. Licursi	12/09
W8MUA	Robert Martin	12/12
WB8ZGH	Michael J. Goffos	12/27

*Birthdays are announced each week during the Chapter One Wednesday night net.*

### **Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, SK**

The legendary CBS newsman and ham, 92, who passed away July 17 was honored by President Obama and others at a memorial service at New York's Lincoln Center. Obama praised the newsman for showing us that "journalism is more than just a profession; it is a public good vital to our democracy." ■

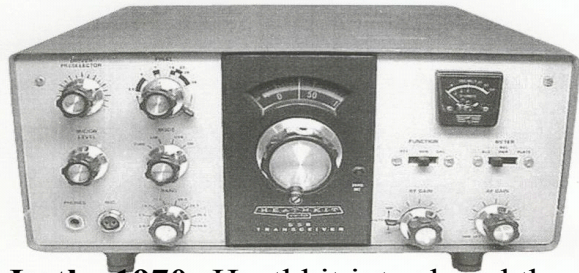
#### **Join the Friday lunch bunch**

QCWA members and others gather for lunch. Each Friday at the Firehouse Grill & Pub, one block west of route 91 and route 6, at 2768 Stark Drive in Willoughby Hills. Stark is the first left off route 6. Seating at 11:00 with orders taken at 11:30. Join us!

### Radio Classics

## The Heathkit HW-101

*You bought it, built it, loved it!*



**In the 1970s** Heathkit introduced the HW-101. It evolved out of previous models: the SB-100, SB-102 and HW-100. In production for 13 years, it sold in kit form for \$399.95 and about 40,000 were sold.

The HW-101 transceiver covered 80-10 meters SSB & CW and ran 100 watts or 180 watts PEP. An improvement over the HW-100, it included a CW filter as an option and used a better VFO and main tuning drive design. It also had better receiver sensitivity than the HW-100.

The "hot water 101" featured a pair of popular 6146 tubes and was powered by an outboard power supply. Other common tubes used included the 6AU6, 12AT7, 12AU7, 6CL6, 6HS6 and OA2. Owners learned to heed Heathkit's warning not to substitute 6146B or 6146W types, since they were impossible to neutralize.

The HW-101 takes its place in ham radio history as one of the most beloved, respected and successful transceivers ever sold. ■

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The Chapter Website has information on QCWA, call sign listings, an FCC license renewal link, newsletters and much more.

**QCWA GeoQuiz**  
*A brain-jogging exercise*

**DXapedia**

1. The equator *doesn't* run through which country?  
 A. Brazil B. Ecuador C. Colombia D. Guyana
2. The prefix for Labrador is:  
 A. VO1 B. VE1 C. VO2 D. VY2
3. Which island group lies *east* of Spain?  
 A. Azores B. Balearics C. Madeiras D. Canarys
4. The Rio Grande River ends at which city?  
 A. El Paso B. Laredo C. Juarez D. Brownsville
5. Radio hams operating from the Yucatan Peninsula would be using which call sign prefix?  
 A. XF B. XE C. V3 D. TG
6. Which island *isn't* one of the Windward Islands?  
 A. St. Kitts B. Grenada C. St. Lucia  
 D. St. Vincent (Answers below)

1. D 2. C 3. B 4. B 5. B 6. A

**Weekly Net Report**  
*By Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO*

**June 2009 Checkins**

3	16 members	1 listener	17 total
10	20 members	0 listeners	20 total
17	21 members	0 listeners	21 total
24	20 members	0 listeners	20 total

**July 2009**

1	21 members	0 listeners	21 total
8	22 members	1 listener	23 total
15	23 members	2 listeners	25 total
22	24 members	1 listener	25 total
29	19 members	1 listener	20 total

**August 2009**

5	22 members	0 listeners	22 total
12	24 members	0 listeners	24 total
19	21 members	1 listener	22 total
26	24 members	1 listener	25 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. ■

**Member profile**  
**K8OCK: Sweden to Cleveland**

**John Esborn** was born in Halmstad, Sweden in 1920 and moved here with his family at age 10. He spoke no English but learned quickly. After attending East Technical and Fenn College he began a life-long career in mechanical engineering.



In 1942 John entered the Army Air Corps, trained as a flight engineer, (his first flight was with Charles Lindburgh) and flew 18 missions including 7 as co-pilot. His B24 was shot down over Vienna in

1944 and John bailed out with a ripped parachute, landing hard and breaking both ankles.

**Surgery was successful.** But John soon faced a German firing squad, escaping death when his captors elected to interrogate him. His POW camp was abandoned by his captors as the war ended, and John recovered his health as he returned to U.S civilian life.

**Engineering** was his first love, and his career covered positions with material handling firms. He co-founded Hoist Equipment Co., worked for Lubrizol, was chief engineer at David Round Co., and retired in 1982 as Director of Engineering for Stanspec Corp.

**His ham interest** began in 1935, but not until 1958 did he receive a license. As K8OCK, he designed and built much of his own equipment — including receivers, transmitters, antennas and microphones. His handiwork led to his second contact with far off Hawaii. His station has included several HF rigs, including Ten Tec Omnis and Jupiters, but now is confined to VHF operation.

**John's family** includes two daughters, one son, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His wife Rosie passed away in 1986.

Over the years, K8OCK has traveled to most of the European countries, Africa and above the Arctic Circle.

John's other interests include reading, photography, and golf, which he once played in bare feet on a doctor's orders. ■





## News From Ham Radio's Wide World

**Sunny news:** NASA's space watchers have reported a new sunspot cluster associated with the next cycle. This, plus the solar flux number above 71 is good news for radio hams.

**More hams in space:** The recent 16-day mission to the International Space Station included additional amateur radio licensed astronauts, bringing to six the total number on board.

**Antenna firm closes:** Texas Bug Catcher Antennas will go out of business and stop taking orders for new antennas after October 31, 2009. No reason was given for the closure.

**FCC nabs importer:** A citation for marketing unauthorized RF devices was issued to The Spy Store, a Washington State company. The items were "GPS Jammers" that jam signals emitted by a GPS transmitter, disabling a receiver from finding the location.

**MFJ buys Cushcraft:** The amateur radio antenna line of Cushcraft Amateur Radio, owned by Laird Technologies has been purchased by MFJ. The line of vertical, beam and Yagi antennas will continue to be manufactured in Manchester, New Hampshire. MFJ now offers antennas by Hy-Gain, MFJ and Cushcraft in addition to products by Ameritron, Mirage, and Vecronics. ■

*The ARRL Letter*

## OPEN MIKE Commentary by W1HEO



**"I quit!"** These words can bring reactions of shock, surprise, sadness, or relief depending upon the circumstances. In business or clubs, people driven to such extreme actions often reach this point after a long period of frustration. Such an announcement can be a wake-up call for surprised associates who may wonder, "what now?"

Organizations like ours operate with a dedicated group of volunteers who serve long and faithfully with no pay and little thanks for their efforts. So we shouldn't be surprised if we hear "I quit" from their lips. Many have served for many years. For some, it may seem like a life sentence.

**A wake up call!** Let's bring some fresh blood to our operational group. Now. Before we hear those final words.

Each of us has talents and skills that we could provide with very little effort. After all, ours is a cooperative that operates from mutual effort.

**Soon** we are going to have a chapter-wide search for new leadership. Our future, and perhaps amateur radio in our area, depends on new faces and eager hearts who will keep us moving ahead. Is one of them YOU?

Please contact any of our current officers to discuss what you can offer.

Thank you! ■

Please inform our secretary of any changes in your personal information for the roster.

## QCWA Chapter One Resource List

Our members have a variety of specialized knowledge and experience that can be shared with others. Need help? Give them a call. What can *you* offer? Let the editor know. Contact him at <delogan@ameritech.net> or (440) 352-8292.

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RFI etc. Don't be shy!