

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

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Our Regular Meetings are on the SECOND Tue with Lunch at 11:30 AM at the MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering

Silent Keys to report

Walter Melnick*, W8PRK, age 87 on Nov 2, 2007; **John Bynum**, W8ML, age 86 on April 3, 2008 **Robert Johnson**, K8CVC, age 74 on April 11, **Richard Gummer**, WA8YNV age 56 on April 12, 2008; **Charles Smiley**, W8CEE, age 87 on May 5 2008; **Donald Pagan**, W8KWR (ex KC8NDF) age 64 on May 6, 2008; **John Haungs***, W8STX (ex WA8STX) age 86 on May10, 2008. *Denotes member of Ch 9

Meetings

June 10 Wright B Flyer Update (WBF) Jack Ohmart, K8CUA,
National Cemetery Dayton, Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM
July 8 TBD

Happy Birthday to the following

6/10/33	WB8KMX	7/7/19	W5FHL	7/25/21	K8BSC
6/14/38	W8CRK	7/12/30	K8DSR	7/26/16	W8IFC
6/14/51	KB1SF	7/15/31	WA8IHA	7/31/19	W8FP
6/20/22	W8LIL	7/16/35	WA8BOB	7/31/25	W8KPV
6/26/18	N8ADA	7/20/22	K8JXE	8/3/11	W8YAH
7/4/37	K8RCJ	7/24/47	WX8F	8/7/38	W8LZW

President's Comments

We missed a silent key last year. Walter Melnick, W8PRK, died on Nov. 2nd, 2007 at the age of 87. I got a letter with the obituary from his wife Nadine. Our condolences go out to her and the family.

This situation comes up off and on. We mostly know each other by first names and call signs, so it is easy to miss a silent key while scanning the obituary pages. I have suggested before inserting the call after the name. But just mentioning this to your family may not be enough. It would help to write a page with instructions, put it in an envelope and keep it with other important papers to be opened in case of death. You may also want to provide a list of all the organizations and clubs you belong to with their addresses and phone numbers, so they can be notified and newsletters, magazines and renewal notices will be stopped.

Carey, K8DOT, and I finally got around visiting the Dayton National Cemetery, which is located on the grounds of the Veteran Administration site.

Although most towns and cities have war memorials, there are only a handful of cemeteries for soldiers. Most everybody knows of Arlington Cemetery with the acres and acres of graves. It is a grim reminder of what war brings to humanity.

Hope you had a good time if you came out to the Hamvention. The weather, in spite of the dire predictions, turned out to be very nice.

The QCWA banquet was held at the Holiday Inn Airport. There were 45 in attendance, 4 from Chapter 9. National President John Johnson, W3BE, presented a plaque to Chapter 9 for many years of arranging the Hamvention banquet. The Video about the Wright brothers went over quite well

Well, summer is just a few weeks away and so is Field Day. Band conditions are still flat and the sunspot minimum lingers, but as was pointed out in the last ARRL propagation report, this is not unusual. The 11-year number is for an average cycle; there are shorter and longer ones also.

73 es cu at the meetings, Gerd, WB8IFM

75m QCWA Net: **3975 KHz at 1:30PM on Sundays**
Chuck, W8TIV, is net control