

**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**

**No Silent Keys to report.**

**Meetings**

October 14 Joshua York on Birds of Ohio

November 11 TBD

**Happy Birthday to the following**

10/12/40	WD8QAI	10/31/17	W8NFQ	12/4/38	W8POF
10/24/21	K8DOT	11/1/52	K8UD	12/6/20	K8IOW
10/25/33	W8JNO	11/13/12	KA8ZPG	12/8/47	AA8LL
10/26/18	W8TIV	11/28/48	WA8FOZ		

**President's Comments**

“ History doesn't repeat itself, it rhymes.” Mark Twain.

We are all getting older and although mind and body deteriorate, we are ahead of the young folks in experience. Although I was just born when the big depression of the 1930s hit, I remember hearing the adults often talk about it. Through this I learned that the bankers at that time were in low regard, even surpassed by the used car salesmen.

We have a situation like this now and efforts are underway to righten the ship. Let's hope the government succeeds. But one way or the other, the little guy will have to pay. The banks and big business this time played with the money and the desires of the inexperienced young ones. The administration also tried hard to play, excuse me “invest” our social security in the market, claiming it would reward the individuals with better returns. Fortunately, this plan didn't go far, as the older people did not approve. Wall Street now looks more like a big gambling casino where the house lost and is broke!

How can we as hams benefit each other; we need the young with their strength to help us with maintaining the antennas. And we need the young hams with their good eyes and hands to check and fix equipment. In turn we old hands have a lot to offer from years of experience. I went through many trial and errors building equipment and antennas. This in itself can be rewarding, but if you can get a head start by avoiding dead ends, you might get ahead a lot faster. Also, presenting your ideas, some

old hams can tell you what features you really need and what is optional.

We just had this, for our area, highly unusual windstorm, where about two thirds of the houses were without electricity. We were lucky as our outage was short (6 hours), but just across the street they had to wait 9 days before power was restored. Right there I had half a dozen ideas how to keep this or that working, like the doorbell or the telephone. Not only that but also I knew from experience exactly how to do this in a simple and sustainable manner.

We are in the fall now, a very nice time of the year for the Dayton area. I hope you are all enjoying it. I will not be at the Oct meeting, heading for the old country to visit relatives. We also will be visiting Berlin, were my xyl and I were students when we met some 50years ago. But I will be back later in the month.

Cu at the meetings!

Gerd, WB8IFM

**PS Don't forget, we have a Sunday Net:  
75m QCWA Net: 3975 KHz at 1:30PM  
on Sundays, Chuck, W8TIV, is net control**

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