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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

**Meetings**

Oct. 13: Octoberfest in Munich, Pictures and Video

Nov. 10: School children talk from the ground with Astronaut at the Space Station, Audio

*Happy Birthday to the following*

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	12/31/29	W9GIV
10/31/17	W8NFQ	12/4/38	W8POF		

**President's Comments**

Nothing is more terrible than ignorance in action. [Goethe]

With old age comes experience and experience means you come across and deal with a situation that you have lived through before. Naturally, one is tempted to relate some of what you learned to the younger generation. But it seems the young ones want to learn for themselves not realizing that even if they listened to the old folks there would be plenty of new problems left for them to be solved.

Our culture is youth oriented; the young people determine a lot what is done. But youth is often immature and we all have to live with it. Compare that with the cultures of China and Japan, where the old people are much more revered and listened to. Enough of that.

A friend recently commented on the disappearance of the wing windows in cars. They were so practical in providing an adjustable breeze that would cool you before air conditioning arrived in the 50s. Then, slowly these windows disappeared and now you are stuck with air conditioning. We sure could save a lot of gas, if the little windows still were around.

An item that disappeared before my time was the vestibule that many houses had attached to

the front door. It acted as an antechamber: to get out of the weather, get your dirty shoes off and your overcoat and hat before entering the house. Now often you walk right into the living room. The newer big houses do have a small hallway at the entrance. I did get reminded of this watching the "national Parks" series on TV: there was a picture from the 1930's of a camp with many cabins, each having a vestibule.

We finally had a couple of sunspots appearing and everybody got hopeful again. There are new spacecraft deployed to either side of the sun, a system called "Stereo". We can now "see" most of the sun at all times. There is only a segment of 60° in back of the sun missing. You can observe a composite picture of the rotating sun on the Internet over the other 300°. Fascinating! Here is one of the web sites that I frequent: [www.wm7d.net/hamradio/solar/index.shtml](http://www.wm7d.net/hamradio/solar/index.shtml)

It's been rather cool lately and the heat came on in the house. I hope we still have a bit of "Indian Summer" coming. It is too soon for the cold; antenna work needs to be done yet, hi.

Cu at the meetings,  
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