

**Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9**  
**December 2009 / January 2010**

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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**

Dec 8: Family Christmas Party, bring a few Cookies

Jan 12: TBD

*Happy Birthday to the following*

1/6/56	N8ZR	1/27/30	N8FRP	2/7/34	W8GNV
1/13/24	WN8I	1/28/18	W8KQZ	2/11/17	W8SR
1/15/28	N8AEG	1/31/42	W4NWR	2/14/31	WB8IFM
1/21/15	W3NNA	1/31/52	N8LX	2/14/38	W4MWZ
1/25/20	W8ZCR	2/4/24	K8TUY		
1/25/22	K2JOI	2/5/35	K8JE		

**President's Comments**

Suddenly, Christmas is coming up. I hope to see many of you and your spouses at our upcoming Christmas Meeting next Tuesday (December 8) As always, we welcome guests.

This certainly has been an exceptionally mild fall; we still did not have our first freezing temperature or our first snow. A fall like that we had back in 1964, our first year in Dayton. A colleague at work told me then that in the Dayton area we could expect the first snow, if only a few flakes, as early as September. I thought we had it made. But of course, every year since then has been more normal. Weather, as it always has been, is highly unpredictable and a weather book I just read, or rather studied, sure gave me some insight.

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving with family. We made the long trip to Kansas to be together. The trip took 12 hours (one way), but except for a few showers on the way the weather was just super, almost entirely nice, sunny weather. We were together for five days and undertook a few hikes, went to museums and, of course, had all the meals together. You get to know everybody a lot better that way and try to accept everybody they way they are which is the important thing in a family to do to get along!

The sun is still rather without spots. There are a few popping up here and there and, of course, everybody

is hoping for the next cycle with improved conditions on 10 & 15 m. We did get some more antenna work done, but problems with regulations and misconceptions about Ham radio still exist. A measure was introduced in the Ohio legislature to ease this situation.

Jerry, WA8BOB, our treasurer, assures me our finances are fine. The \$5 per year still covers our bulletins that go out six times a year and pays the complimentary meals for presenters and some other small expenses. The few tower removal and antenna projects for older Hams have produced some generous donations and we have now a special "building fund" for up-coming help projects. If you can afford a few extra dollars for this purpose, it would be appreciated.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our officers and directors for the efforts they put in for our chapter. Most have been doing their job for quite a number of years and nobody is getting any younger. So, I ask our younger members to consider to step up and take over a position. Also to all, help us keep our fine hobby, Ham Radio, alive by recruiting new members.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Gerd, WB8IFM.

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Presently \$ 5 per year. Mail in or pay at a meeting.