

**Quarter Century Wireless Association** Southwest Ohio Chapter 9  
**Aug / Sept 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**

Aug 10 The Potato, Staple of the Western World. (Video)  
Sep 14 TBD

*Happy Birthday to the following*

8-17/19	WA6ZPX	8/26/21	W8PHW	10/1/17	K8CUA
8/18/18	W8SEM	9/16/51	KB8ZR	10/11/28	K8YDP
8/23/51	N8EMO	9/29/41	K8GKJ	10/12/40	WD8QAI

**President's Comments**

The medical profession made great progress over the last 50 years and people getting much older these days. TV has stopped featuring the 100 year olds, there are just too many of them. In the US alone the number is in the tens of thousands. But if you make it to 111, that is still news. This lady in the UK who made it to this age was asked, how she did it. Her answer: she didn't smoke and had a spoonful of honey every day! People survive to old age, but unfortunately their physical capabilities are much impaired. Like walking, first you need a stick, then a walker, then and the wheelchair. Along with that at one point you have to give up driving as well. All this puts a tremendous strain on your way of living in our automobile oriented society.

However, what is even worse, your mind is giving up, your memory is getting selective and basically you are reverting to childlike behavior. My mother went through this stage, and it is very hard on the relatives.

We do not yet understand this disease, but research shows some promising leads. There is a series of discussions about the brain by leading researchers of this country on Public TV, hosted by Charlie Rose, which we have been tuning in to all summer, and now they are specifically dealing with the old age diseases. I want to highly recommend watching this. Unfortunately, results for all to enjoy might not be coming in our lifetime.

**Writing Stories.**

Last meeting we had bob Wagley talk about sitting down and writing stories about your relatives and friends. Stories that are interesting and add that special touch beyond "just the names and dates of birth marriage, children and deaths". It reminds me of the way we conduct our QSOs, it's usually time, date, band, call, name, location, and the weather. But what you really appreciate is when you learn something more from your partner, his profession, other hobbies, etc. Of course you need a good connection for that and a willing partner.

I am sure everybody has stories to tell, and I'd love to print them here in our bulletin. They don't need to be perfect, I can easily refine them. Adding another page also would just add 6 pennies to the bulletin.

We'll show another video at the next meeting and I promise to have the sound working properly this time.

See you Tuesday.  
73, Gerd, WB8IFM.

**Membership:**

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

**Bring a friend to meeting!**