

# Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9 Dec 2012/ Jan 2013

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No silent keys to report.

Regular Meetings are on the SECOND Tuesday with Lunch at 11:30 AM  
at the MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering --- **Net Sundays 1:30 PM on 3,975 Kc**

**Dec 11 Christmas Party:** Family & Guests welcome; Jim Crabtree will present **Abraham Lincoln**  
**Jan 8 SKYWARN** by Don Parker, KB8SPL ( maybe postponed)

## Happy Birthday to the following

12/8/47	AA8LL	1/21/15	W3NNA	1/28/18	W8KQZ
12/31/29	W9GIV	1/25/20	W8ZCR	1/31/42	W4NWR
1/6/56	N8ZR	1/25/22	K2JOI	1/31/52	N8LX
1/15/28	N8AEG	1/27/30	N8FRP	2/5/35	K8JE

## President's Comments

The year, from my perspective, sure went by fast. Already we passed the first advent and in 3 weeks there will be Christmas.

We have a treat for you for this year's x-mas party. There will be an actor portraying Abraham Lincoln, one of our great presidents. A few of us have already seen this performance and found it very good. So be prepared for 45' of excitement.

As a custom this is an affair where your xyl, family or good friends are invited and of course guests are welcome as usual. And as another treat we have various x-mas cookies, provided by some of the xyls and oms.

We are happy to announce to have voted in a new director. He is Bill Meers, W4NWR. Bill has been helpful collecting e-mail addresses from as many of you who have them and sending out messages. I think we can also soon implement a "bulletin board" where our members can post news or ask questions, which is the way to go nowadays.

You've heard about the reorganization of the national QCWA, and the move away

from the glossy print journal. This was a major membership benefit for so many years and we were always looking forward to the next issue. For the time being there still will be a plainer, newspaper-like journal, but eventually even this maybe phased out. There will also be a smaller monthly newsletter available through e-mail (the Internet). Already 500 have signed up for this so far.

If you haven't spent time with family over Thanksgiving, Christmas will be the time for this. However, often the distances involved will prevent a visit, and, of course, this is quite true with more distant family and friends. So this is the time for sending x-mas cards, making phone calls and sending e-mails. But how about some good old fashioned letter?

I received one a few weeks ago from an old school buddy. It arrived before Thanksgiving and so caught me in a rush. But now between the holidays I am getting ready to answer and honestly, I was considering writing by hand, although he had typed his letter. One aspect of communicating with guys your age is that you are on the same wavelength and need not do a lot of explaining, which is sometimes so frustrating if you talk to younger folks. They are not interested in your problems

and they do not want your advice. I keep thinking about that father-son cartoon where dad gives good advice but the son interrupts with: "Dad, let me make my own mistakes!".

An envelope is enclosed for next year's dues, it is still only \$5. Jerry, WA8BOB, our treasurer is doing such a superb job that we are getting along fine.

**One last thought: we are reviving the Sunday afternoon net at 1:30 PM on 3,975 kHz.** We had very few if any show up the last couple of weeks, So if you have the capability, please mark your calendar, we'd love to have you.

Enjoy the advent time, happy holidays and a very Happy New Year 2013

**Vy73, Gerd, WB8IFM.**

**Become a member of QCWA and our Chapter 9 (Dayton/Cincinnati)**

**Ch 9 Membership is only \$ 5 per year. Submit to our Treasurer:  
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