

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9 Feb/Mar 2013

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Regular Meetings are on the SECOND Tuesday with Lunch at 11:30 AM at the MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering

Feb 12 Meeting Nature Video. **Mar 12 Meeting** Travel Video

Happy Birthday to the following

2/14/31	WB8IFM				
2/14/38	W4MWZ	3/10/20	W8ARN	4-1-	KD8LCB*
2/22/54	NY1A	3/11/27	K8PKL	4/7/38	W8LLY
2/28/18	W8HU	3/19/43	W8GS	4/9/31	WT8W

President's Comments

I hope everybody is coping with the persistently cold weather we are having. Warmer days and spring will come.

There have been some big changes to the QCWA with the beginning of the New Year. The Journal with the last two issues printed in newspaper style has found no resonance. So from January on the Journal is published on the Internet only. The cost of printing and mailing had become unsustainable. However, the Journal is now published **every month**, so there will be more reports, more pictures and the news is fresher. Availability of the journal will be almost instantaneous. Presently posted on the first of the month. Every member will have access as soon as it is posted and, of course, you can store it on your PC and continue reading it later on.

I have looked at the January and February Journals, and they look super with more colorful pictures. You can even adjust the size of the pages making it easier to read.

How about the members that do not have a computer? I met an old colleague from work who is in that situation, although he used to be quite versed in computers. The new technology just has left him behind.

So, he is now using a computer in the Beavercreek Senior Citizen Center. This cost him \$ 30 yearly in membership fee, which, of course, has many more benefits as well.

Other places you can find a computer (for free) is at your local library or the Credit Union or at many restaurants. The MCL cafeteria is one of them.

When you check in at the members Website, you have also access to your personal data, there are the diplomas listed you qualify for.. Usually I take a look and make sure we have those available for the banquet. They also have members birthdays and recent silent keys.

Chapter 9 also has a website (courtesy QCWA) which is available to everyone. There you can find our bulletins going back to August of 2004. You will also find "flashback", a group photo from Ch9 of 1966. Furthermore there is a link to a weather page for Dayton and for Cincinnati.

We have announced the QCWA Hamvention Banquet for Fri the 17th of May at 7:30pm at the Holiday Inn North (Engelwood). We will have the presentation we had at the x-mas party (Lincoln).

A Journal add will appear in the March, April and May Journals.

A word about QCWA membership: if you have not been receiving the Journal or are rejected when signing into the members website, then you are either not paid-up presently or are not a member.

Here are the details to sign up: supply name, address, first year of ham license, call(s), e-mail, tel, DOB and mail (with check) to QCWA, 8400 NW 115th Av. Ocala, Fl. 34482-1098.-- Dues are for an individual 1y \$25, 2y \$40, 3y \$55 and Life \$ 500. For new members there is also a \$5 registration fee.

It is well worth your while. You qualify for all the awards. QCWA attends major hamfests and represents you in amateur matters. There is a yearly convention and often combined with a cruise, where they have one or more Hamstations installed. You can also sign up to a bulletin board, which is usually quiet but very handy if you have something to announce or if you have a question like what your friends address was in 1953 when you remember the call but not much else. Several members still have old callbooks.

Cu at the meetings, Vy73, Gerd.