

**Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9**  
**Feb / Mar 2014**  
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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

**Silent Keys: Marge Smothers, WA6ZPX; Byron Noe, W8ARN; Joe Hausman, W8HU.**

**Feb 11** Program: Jim Jacobs, BBB of Dayton  
**Mar 11** TBD

### Happy Birthday to the following

2/14/38	W4MWZ	3/19/43	W8GS	4/7/38	W8LLY
2/22/54	NY1A	4-1-	KD8LCB*	4/9/31	WT8W
3/11/27	K8PKL				

### President's Comments

We have more silent keys to report: Marge Smothers, **WA6ZPX**, became a SK on 1 Nov. last year, she was 94 and had been a ham for 51 years. Her great niece describes her in a letter: She was active in amateur radio, quilting, Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution; in recent years she was a hospital volunteer, who knit hundreds of caps for newborns - the one word that comes to mind with Margie is "dedicated". She was always a dedicated friend, volunteer, and relative.

On Christmas Eve (12-24-13) Byron Noe, **W8ARN** (93) became a silent key. He was a ham for 75 years. He was a disabled Veteran and served in the Army Signal Corps on Okinawa. He retired 1980 from the Engineering Lab at the Aeronautical Systems Division of the Air Force. Byron is survived by his loving wife Hilda, 2 children and grandchildren.

On Sat. 25 Jan. 2014, Joe Hausman, **W8HU** at age 95

became a silent key. He had been a Ham for 80 years. Joe was a WW2 veteran, an electrical engineer, amateur radio operator, musician, and gardener. His wife passed away 5 years ago. He is survived by 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

This sure has been an unusual cold winter so far with lots of snow as well. As always we are looking forward to spring and summer.

We had a good Christmas meeting, there were cookies... our "mystery guest" from Cincinnati did not make it though. For the January meeting we had Dave Coons, WT8W, give a talk and showed a video on the Honor Flight

Usually by this time we would have plans in place for the upcoming Hamvention Banquet. But this year there are several reasons for a delay. The Holiday Inn was sold, the attendance has dropped with last year just over 25. So we are trying to adapt to

this changed situation as best we can. Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, suggested "to find a nice restaurant that has a back or side that will accommodate the 10, 15 or so folks that show up". I think this is an excellent idea.

If you have any ideas along those lines, let us know.

Before X-mas the xyl started reading: "Signature of all Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert. A strange title and a very ordinary name. But my better half was totally enthusiastic about this book, so that I had to take a look. And, it really is a learning experience. The book mixes historical facts with fiction, a combination that makes the book so attractive you hate to put it down. So this came just in time for the many cold days we had where most of us stayd put anyway. I sure can recommend it. You will get a feel for what life was on earth almost 200 years ago. Cu at the meetings, Vy73, Gerd. WB8IFM