

Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

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No SKs to report.

Regular Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month with lunch at 11:30 AM at the MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Av. In Kettering The Meeting starts at 12:00.

12 July Meeting Keeping Log the Digital Way by John Thuermer
16 Aug. Meeting Tentative: Vacation Stories

Happy Birthday to:

W5FHL 7-7-19
K8DSR 7-12-30
WA8IHA 7-15-31

WA8BOB 7-16-35
WX8F 7-24-47
W8KPV 7-31-25
W9NBS 8-6-38
W8LZW 8-7-38

WA8ZWJ 8-12-51
KB8KEB 8-23-44
N8EMO 8-23-51

President's Column.

We had planned a short trip to a good friend we hadn't seen in years and to our son. Both live roughly 500 miles away in different directions. So we planned a big triangle trip, first to the friend in North Carolina, then to our son and family in Pennsylvania. We drove mostly freeways but also regular highways. We had not made such longer trips in a number of years and were in for a new experience.

You heard the expression from seniors of "The Good old Days!" Well, we normally don't listen! But when we'd been driving on the Interstate for a couple of hours, and we were just in Kentucky, I had to think about the last time we drove a long distance years ago and suddenly realized, I was thinking of our own "Good Old Days".

The traffic had just increased tremendously, everybody drove fast and faster, there were many more trucks, and they were driving FAST. Especially through populated areas traffic was heavy. What we call the "Interstate" in that case, is more like a suburban connector.

In comparison, if you are traveling country roads, you can still find long stretches of normal traffic. You might not get ahead quite as fast, but you preserve your sanity and get to your destination just fine. B. t. w. we did not use GPS but plain old maps (they are harder to get these days!). We find with a GPS, you just follow orders and hope for the best! In essence you become a robot!

We had a good time and enjoyed all the sights many of them new, and mostly, of course, being with good friends and family.

It is summertime and I would think that many of you will be on some trip or another, but we will try and have meetings anyway.

Keep ham radio alive, get on the air and come to the meetings.

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Chapter9 Membership is \$5 per year.

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