

# Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

July/August 2017

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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.

11 July Summer Themes

8 August Vacation Themes

### *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

### **President's Column.**

I hope everybody had a good 4<sup>th</sup> of July and a chance to ponder the Declaration of Independence (reprinted by the Dayton News paper and by many considered higher than the Constitution).

We had our daughter visiting from Kansas and spent a whole week with her, which was super. Now that she has left, I am getting back to my regular schedule and detect that work has piled up. A VHF newsletter I put out almost every month is running late and, of course, I try to get this bulletin out by tomorrow.

Summer is here, vacation time and more. We are planning a trip north to lake Erie, also visiting friends in Cleveland. I always remember the sunsets over the lake. One time, years ago, because of the hazy atmosphere the sun light was attenuated enough to really look at the sun before it hit the water surface. For the first time I saw the sun as the globe or ball shape as it is and not as a disk. This is for fishermen and sailors, of course, nothing new. But you sure don't hear about it.

As you know, we will have a total eclipse of the sun in August. This will be about 90 % in Dayton, so it will be a real good show right here at home. Of course, the young and more mobile folks will want to travel south to

Kentucky or Tennessee to see the total eclipse. And from people who have seen one, they highly recommend it.

The xyl and I will probably visit our daughter and family in Kansas. Their (total) eclipse will pass to the north not very far and my son in law is already scouting for a small hill to get the "perfect view".

Field Day with the Bellbrook Club was again quite an experience on several levels. We are presently down to one small car, but with some rearranging the interior I could fit in the antenna: a mast and a 3 el beam for 6m just fine. Then there was Friday's drenching rain that left the field (in a flood plain) soggy and with many miniature ponds. So we had to do a lot of improvising and I must say, the club and its members did wonderful. And, of course, it was a learning experience. As far as 6m went, we had two band openings towards the east coast and one to Florida netting us a total of 32 contacts. That's it for this time.

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**Chapter9 Membership is \$5 per year.**

*Submit to our treasurer:*

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Almost forgot: we have door prizes!!!