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Kick off the New Year at our January 9th lunch meeting *Sunbirds are excused!*

Winter in Northeast Ohio is something most of us have experienced without hibernating or fleeing to sunny Florida. So let's enjoy the warmth of QCWA



fellowship at our Saturday, January 9th lunch.

Our guest speaker will be Richard Swain, KK8O, the ARRL Official Observer Coordinator. Ever wonder what the OOs are hearing that requires a notification? Are there good guys who also get a report card? These and other interesting insights will be on tap during our luncheon meeting.

Fun and games: While friends and fellowship are always on tap, do enjoy some of the prizes and surprises. There's a 50-50 raffle for those who would like to donate to the chapter treasury and perhaps win some cash. Door prizes also are provided to add to the festivities.

Our January meeting will, as usual, be held at Dimitri's Restaurant in the Midtown Shopping Center, 1830 Snow Road, Parma. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch orders taken around noon. Bring a friend! ■

Wednesdays are net nights.
Join us at 8:00 p.m.
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Elections are coming *Candidates urgently needed!*

Our officers have served long and faithfully, as our editorial noted in the last issue. The right thing for us to do is to elect new officers before the current group is forced to resign, which they will do eventually.

So we urge you to consider placing your name in nomination, or recommending someone you know who could do the job. Contact any officer and discuss it with them. The elections cover the following:

President Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP, is resigning. Replacement needed. (440) 946-4879 or <reingraham@sbcglobal.com>

Vice President Bob Winston, W2THU, agrees to run for another term.

Secretary Paul Poling, K8CKG, seeks a replacement. (216) 223-3427; <k8ckg@yahoo.com>

Treasurer Ray Wassum, W8SLZ, also seeks a responsible person to take over. (440) 247-4582; <raywas@sbcglobal.net>

Operational Group includes Membership, Sunshine, and Newsletter among other functions. Can you help?

Updates will be heard on the weekly two-meter net. ■



Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter

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Meetings: Second Saturday of January, April, July, and October. Dimitri's Restaurant, Parma.

Dues: \$10.00 per year.

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Operational Group

Membership: KE9UL

Net controls: N8ZT, KC8UIQ

QCWA Journal reporter: W1HEO

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Chief radio officer: K8QOT

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Please notify Secretary Paul Poling of any changes in your address, e-mail etc. so your roster information can be kept current. Thanks.



New member: Welcome to **Francis "Frenchy" Bousquet, W8KDT;** **Dana Henry, W8DH;** and **George Vilcan, KE8GA,** of Fairview, NC, who have joined chapter one.

Travel logging: **Bob, WA8KHL,** is among snowbirds flying to Florida for the winter. He may find **Richard, SM5BVU,** there warming up during the holidays. **David, W8DDD,** also is planning his Florida escape to the Villages in the first quarter.

Dee, W1HEO, was swinging in the Caribbean during a November Jazz Cruise.

Rigging it: A new IC-718 is being enjoyed by **Ray, N8EQT,** who won the transceiver at the Findlay Hamfest.

Repeater note: Work continues on the W8LYD repeater by **Jim, K8QOT,** who is making changes to the West side input antenna.

Air time: Straight key QRP fan **Al, N8CX,** is enjoying monthly sprints, while **Charlie, N8TCN,** makes contacts on Echolink.

Sunshine note: The lengthy battle with illness continues by **Bernie, W2NTB.** Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers!

Silent keys: We're sorry to announce the passing of **Salen Wolf, W8OOJ.** Please keep him in your prayers. ■



Birthdays this Quarter

By Paul Poling, K8CKG

January

WD8DBQ	Dino M. Pocaro	01/13
K8LP	Lester A. Peine	01/13
K8EUR	Alex F. Dolgosh	01/13
WA8KHL	Robert B. Rhoton	01/18
N8UIN	Sherrell Wimer	01/21
W8DH	Dana Henry	01/25
W8DDD	David D. Dennis	01/26
N8MZJ	Ethel M. Tomazic	01/27
WB8LDV	Charles F. Martin	01/28

February

K8TTZ	Robert W. Mills	02/10
K8NMY	John Petkac	02/17
KC8FF	Betty J. Scholz	02/18
KC8ZOE	Floyd C. Wimer	02/21
KE8RN	George J. Mistic	02/22
WB8APD	David P. Foran	02/23
W8PJN	George W. Cox	02/28
N8IJG	William J. Wihebrink	02/29

March

K8EHP	Michael Cegelski	03/02
N8OOG	Jim Wimer	03/04
W8SLZ	Raymond E. Wassum	03/04
K8QOT	James R. Pracker	03/08
N8TCN	Charles B. Collister	03/09
K8CKG	Paul J. Poling	03/09
W8AZO	Marvin S. Grossman	03/10
WA8VSJ	Arthur R. Lewis	03/11
AF8B	Donald E. Norman	03/17
W8KYD	Ronald L. Mayer	03/18
W8DOE	Joe Gutoskey	03/24
WA8FTW	Anthony J. Coppola	03/27
W8WGO	Jack H. Goldfarb	03/29
K8AZW	Herbert Schieman	03/29

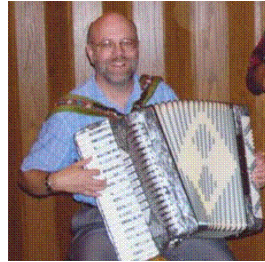
Birthdays are announced weekly on the net.

Find a new member!

Do you know a fellow ham who's been licensed for 25 years? Are they a member of Chapter One? If they aren't, invite them to join! Tell them about the weekly net, fun & fellowship at meetings, programs, the newsletter, door prizes, raffles, and more. Dues are only \$10. A real bargain!

Member memories WB8ADF's Elmers

Jerry Dusa, one of our chapter's accordion players, has vivid memories of family friend Boris Kozel, W8MMQ, who taught him Ohm's law when Jerry was only ten.



“Boris took me to a QCWA meeting at the Masonic Temple,” he recalls. “The hall was filled. I won a foreign callbook donated by

Bernie's Ham Shack. My dad was also teaching me electronics during the accordion lessons for Fran, my oldest sister.” Jerry also began lessons at age ten.

Both helped Jerry learn the code, and in 1968, at age 11, he passed his Novice and became WN8ADF. Boris loaned a Lysco 600 transmitter and GPR-90 receiver, and Jerry was on the air. A while later, smoke poured out of his rig due to a shorted capacitor. His dad replaced it, and he was back on the air.

“As an incentive to pass the General exam, my dad offered to take me to Heathkit in Benton Harbor, MI. I passed the test, and we toured the factory and came back with an SB-102.”

His dad helped build the rig, and in the early '70s Jerry worked stations in Hawaii on SSB using a bedroom dipole.

“I've enjoyed ham radio ever since my youth. I'm grateful for the help from Boris and my father. Both are not around now, but the enthusiasm they planted in me continues. I am grateful for QCWA fellowship.” ■



News From Ham Radio's Wide World

Space news: Astronauts installed new antennas for 2 meters and 70 cm during an EVA on the International Space Station. The antennas were developed by ARISS and the European Space Agency.

New Tech questions will be released on January 10th by the National Conference of VEs. The new pool is effective July 1.

Ham wins Nobel Prize: George E. Smith, AA2EJ, of Barnegat, NJ has won the 2009 Nobel Prize for Physics. He invented an imaging semiconductor circuit. Two others shared the \$1.4 million prize.

Pirate broadcaster: A San Francisco operator of an unlicensed FM station — Pirate Cat Radio — was hit with a \$10,000 fine by the FCC. For 13 years, the station protested “corporate media monopolies.”

DXers in plane crash: Four hams enroute to the Bahamas died when their twin-engine plane crashed after take-off in Jedburg, SC, October 21st. Killed were W2GJ, K4QO, K3IXD, and W3PP.

Radio firms merge: RF Concepts has purchased Alpha Radio Products, a maker of power amplifiers. Also, Vibroplex Co., the century-old maker of keys, was purchased by Scott Robbins, W4PA, formerly Product Manager of Ten-Tec.

Avoiding driver distractions: The FCC is studying ways to deal with driver distractions due to cell phones and text messaging. Mobile electronics are not included. ■

**Time to tell the truth:
Have you paid your dues?
If so, thanks a million!**

Chapter dues are still \$10 a year and were due December 31st. If you've paid yours, Treasurer, Ray, W8SLZ, says “Thanks a million!” If you haven't sent yours yet, they'll be welcome.



This bill isn't exactly real, but it does emphasize our true thanks to those who send in your dues!

Send 'em in! Here's a reminder of how to do it: First write a check for \$10 payable to QCWA Chapter One, Cleveland. If you can add a few extra bucks for the repeater fund, that would be most appreciated.

Next, locate an envelope and a nice first-class stamp and mail it to:

Ray Wassum, W8SLZ,
Treasurer, QCWA Chapter One
205 Hamlet Hills, Apt. 74
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2817

Thanks for your support! ■

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Cushcraft tri-band beam, model A3S (new, in carton never seen daylight).

Cushcraft UHF 70cm vertical antenna, model AR450 (used 6 months, then stored).

Alliance heavy duty rotor, model HD73 (new in carton, has never seen daylight).

DavidDennis, W8DDD, (440) 461-0906.
Or e-mail: w8ddd@comcast.net.

Classifieds are free to Chapter One members

QCWA Chapter One Resource List

Our members have a variety of specialized knowledge and experience that can be shared with others. Need help? Give them a call. What can *you* offer? Let the editor know. Contact him at (440) 352-8292. Thanks!

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