



# November-December 2007

## Smoke Signals

The Indian Hills Radio Club

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Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

### Special meetings ahead Nov. 12 And Dec. 10th

*A fifth Thursday coming, too!*

**Autumn has arrived**, and indoor activities are moving to center stage, so let's plan on attending the November 12th meeting to enjoy ham radio fellowship and fun.

Our special speaker is from the Al Koran



Shrine, who will report on the good works done by Shriners for crippled children and those suffering severe burns.

The meeting begins at 7:15, and we will enjoy

seeing YOU.

**Later in the month**, the fifth Thursday dinner gala is planned for Nov. 29th at The Firehouse Grille and Pub. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. The Firehouse is just south of route 6 on Stark Drive, and west of S.O.M. Center Road. Join us! (Please tell us during the next meeting if you will attend.)

**The December 10 meeting** celebrates the yule season with a party atmosphere, and we invite you to bring along a few treats or sweets. Santa will be keeping an eye on things by sending his elf to find out who's naughty or nice. (Take your pick!)

**Did you do your dues?** If you haven't yet paid your \$10.00 dues, please do so. Our treasury needs a fiscal transfusion, and your gift will be a lifesaver! Give your check or cash to Treasurer David, W8DDD, or mail it to: 30113 Robert St., Wickliffe, OH 44092.

As usual, the Indian Hills Radio Club meets at the Wickliffe Public Library, 1713 Lincoln Road, starting at 7:15 p.m. Bring a friend! ■

### Ham radio presentation Scheduled for December 1st

*The primary audience is students*

**Our radio club** is scheduled to present an introduction to Amateur Radio on Saturday, December 1st at 11:00 a.m. at the Wickliffe Public Library. Plans are well underway to invite area students to learn about our hobby, with some teachers planning to give extra credit to those who attend.

The planned program will be similar to last year, with a showing of the video "Amateur Radio: Wireless Window to the World," demonstrations of radio equipment and live contacts via ham radio.

**Thanks to Monica Waschura**, the Young Adult Librarian, special invitations to area teachers have been sent and the Amateur Radio books in the library have been reviewed. Out-of-date titles have been removed, and more recent books, such as the license manual, have been ordered.

The club will do the usual publicity releases and put up a display in the library to run from Nov. 15 to Dec. 8th. Included will be books, ham gear, and a sign promoting the Dec. 1 presentation.

**Help is needed** to prepare for the demonstration on December 1, so if you can assist, please let W1HEO or any club officer know of your interest. This year we will learn from our previous program and simplify where possible. Handouts from ARRL and the Ham Radio Promotion Project will be available. We'd like to invite some young hams to join us if possible. ■

### Indian Hills Radio Club Net

Thursday Evenings

8:00 p.m. local time

146.850 repeater

# PEOPLE

**New shack ahoy!** It's nice to be able to plan a new radio shack from the floor up, and that's what **Herb Schieman, K8AZW**, is doing these days. He's doing lots of carpentry work, plus putting in place routing for feedlines and grounds. Good luck with the project!

**Travels with David:** Our traveling treasurer, **David Dennis, W8DDD**, has gone south to the Villages in Florida recently in search of a sunny local QCWA chapter down there. He was expected back north in time to celebrate Halloween.

**More travels:** It was an overall good summer according to our Secretary **Dick Scott, W8FDN**. Among his destinations: Philadelphia and Atlantic City in July, Chicago in August, and gardening in between. Dick reports a good crop, and is planning a return to HF. "With luck," he comments, "the bands may open up!"

**Senior moments:** A recent presentation on ham radio at the Mentor Senior Center by **Dee Logan, W1HEO**, and others resulted from the observation that our hobby would be welcome by those with limited mobility etc. How true! ■

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each month, except July & August at the  
Wickliffe Public Library, 1713 Lincoln  
Road.  
Dues are \$10.00 per year.



## News Digest From The Ham Radio World

**California fires:** Hams provided communication backup during the recent California fires, assisting the medical operations centers, trauma centers and 16 community hospitals in the San Diego area.

**New ham band?** The 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference, held in Geneva recently, heard a proposal from Mexico for an Amateur band at 5.260-5.410 MHz, with hams authorized on a secondary basis. Outcome wasn't known at press time.

**FCC enforcements:** Raymond Czyzewski, Jr., WA2SEI, of Interlachen, Florida, was charged with interfering with six meter stations. Guy Weiltl, WB6HGJ, of San Diego was cited for operation out of the sub bands authorized for his General license. Darin Colville, KM0Q, of O'Fallon, MO, appeared guilty of deliberate interference, broadcasting and failure to identify.

**1296 MHz WAS #1:** The first person to qualify for Worked All States on 1296 is Al Ward, W5LUA, of Allen, Texas. His 30-year quest ended when he worked Wyoming, Utah and Idaho.

**Astronaut's son in space:** Richard Garriott, KE5QNX, son of Owen Garriott, W5LFL, was launched into space in October and was living on board the International Space Station. Owen Garriott operated the world's first Amateur Radio Station from space as part of the Spacelab mission on the space shuttle Columbia in 1983.

**Hams foil burglars:** Some hams in Florida got an earful when they heard teenagers planning various robberies over the Jupiter Farms 444.400 MHz repeater. Listening were AG4BV and KI4HTL, a retired police officer. The hams tape recorded the robbers, alerted local police, and the would-be thieves were nabbed in the act. ■

*The ARRL Letter*

### Friday Lunch

Join the gang at 11:30 a.m.  
at the Firehouse Grill & Pub  
2768 Stark Drive.

Located behind the Wright Place  
West of route 91 on route six.