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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE! READ NOW, AND VOTE!

This newsletter contains your ballot to elect an OARC Director. The NEXT OARC Meeting will be held Saturday, April 17th, 9:30 AM at Universal Radio, Reynoldsburg, OH.

Vote and return the enclosed ballot to the OARC Secretary; it must be received before April 17th.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

James A. Kvochick, WB8AZP

Welcome to the 2010 OARC Newsletter! There's a lot still going on here within the Council, but sadly, not as much drama as in previous decades. The OARC Coordinators and the staff have turned to technology to aid in processing requests, many of which are handled via e-mail.

We've been assisted by several other amateurs who have helped by converting our forms to Adobe Acrobat format for easier handling. We're still actively, (when time permits), pursuing an all electronic system for coordination requests, State Of Record (SOR) updates, and other activities. We've taken some first steps by only sending a postcard to notify you of this newsletter, and remind you of the upcoming annual meeting. Lots going on, and still lots more to do.

As you'll read following this, virtually all of our records and paper trails have been converted to electronic format. This is a huge step toward moving closer to the all electronic environment, and will allow us to stop having to buy filing cabinets!

You may have also noted the addition of a System Number (SYSNO). This appeared in your last Statement Of Record (SOR) documents, and will be very important as we migrate toward electronic filing.

I'm sure many of you are living in areas where "Digital Repeater Frenzy" has taken hold. I'm very proud of not only the OARC activity in getting systems coordinated, but even prouder of the large degree of communications between adjacent state coordinators in helping newer systems like D-STAR and P25 find a home on the air!

It's been a pleasure working with all the hams in Ohio, and with the OARC coordinators and board. In my travels, I am encouraged that amateur radio is far from being "old school", and I look forward to continuing to support all of your efforts with our activities here at the OARC. By the way, if you'd like to roll up your sleeves and pitch in, we can always use your help!

Hopefully, you'll stop by the OARC booth at the Dayton Hamvention. I'll be there, and hopefully, you will be too!

73 , Jim WB8AZP

COORDINATION CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Ken Bird, W8SMK

Hello, again, from the Coordination Chairman's office. Much like last year, we continue to process paperwork on a daily basis, and handle most communication with repeater Trustees via E-Mail. When you file anything with O.A.R.C. it sure helps to expedite any action if you include your E-Mail address (it will NOT be shared with others).

I should also let you know that the upload of data for the ARRL RD this year was completed on time, so our data will be much more accurate in their publication this year. As usual, we will probably also publish our own OHIO RD this year, just before the Dayton Hamvention.

Last year I reported that the scanning of all existing 'paper' records in our filing cabinets (about 25 years worth) had been completed. A few repeater Trustees have taken advantage of this and requested PDF copies of all their records.

The Staff had hoped to make the filing of your annual Statement of Record completely electronic from our web site in 2009. As you already know, that wasn't completed. So, we tried the next best thing (in our opinion) by uploading all the 'paper' copies to the web site for downloading instead of wasting the money to mail them out.

As you are also probably aware, the folks at Adobe didn't do us any favors when they came out with Version 9 of their PDF Reader which is not backward-compatible with the older versions of their software.

With all that having been said, I'll report that out of 815 coordinated repeaters, only 250 have returned a 2009 SOR for various reasons and 228 have paid Dues for 2010 or greater.

I have it on good authority that this project will be completed by SOR time next year. (I'm keeping my fingers crossed). I would personally like to thank those of you who have worked with us through this process.

OHIO AREA REPEATER COUNCIL ANNUAL MINUTES

Minutes of the annual OARC meeting
April 18, 2009

The annual OARC membership meeting was held April 18, 2009 at Universal Radio in Columbus. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 12, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

On motion duly made and seconded, the annual financial report, presented by Pat Hays, N8OOB, was approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, all actions of the board and staff for the prior year were ratified.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

Kevin Walsh, W8KHW, was elected to a five year term on the council, replacing Trig Tabor, K8NIO, whose term expired.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Pat Hays, N800B
Secy/Treas

OHIO AREA REPEATER COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

OARC BOD Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the OARC met April 18, 2009, following the annual meeting, at Universal Radio in Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 12, 2008 board meeting were approved.

The following officers were duly elected:

Chairman	Jim Kvochick
Secy/Treas	Pat Hays
Coordination Chairman	Ken Bird

The following area coordinators were appointed:

Central Area	Trigg Tabor
NW Area	Mike Harvey
SE Area	Dwight Bonifeld
NE Area	Cliff Bade
SW Area	Chuck DeSantis

Bill Hess was appointed Link Registrar and Jim Kvochick was appointed Newsletter Editor.

The 2008 financial reports were reviewed and approved.

Approval was given for the purchase of a laptop computer for the secretary.

Expense reimbursements were approved for Jim Kvochick and Ken Bird for the Dayton Hamvention.

Repeater directories will again be available at the Hamvention.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Pat Hays, N800B
Secy/Treas

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Candidate's Statement

I am Pat Hays, N800B, and respectfully request your consideration for my election as a director of the OARC. I have previously served as an OARC director and frequency coordinator, and am currently secretary/treasurer of the council. I am a member of the Highland Amateur Radio Association in Highland County, and the president and general manager of WVNU-FM in Greenfield, Ohio. Hopefully my past experience will help further the goals and objectives of serving the amateur community.

OFFICIAL OARC BALLOT

Vote for one (1) of the following for position of Director, OARC

_____ Pat Hays N800B

When finished mark your amateur radio callsign and number of votes that you're entitled to cast (one vote for each OARC coordinated repeater) below.

YOUR CALLSIGN _____ NUMBER OF VOTES _____
SYSTEM NO(s) _____

Mail your Official OARC Ballot to: Pat Hays, N800B, Secretary
PO Box 329
Greenfield, OH 45123-0329

To be counted, your ballot must be received no later than Friday April, 16th, 2010.

