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Pat Hays N8OOB, Secretary, PO Box 329 Greenfield, OH 45123-0329

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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 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM at Universal Radio, Reynoldsburg, OH.

Vote and return the enclosed ballot to the OARC Secretary; it must be received before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

James A. Kvochick, WB8AZP

The OARC goals are to effectively coordinate as many frequency pairs within Ohio as possible. To borrow from a recent commercial, "That's so simple, a caveman can do it...". And that's true. It is pretty simple, if RF patterns would just stay nicely within city, county, and state borders. It's simple if technology hasn't advanced to the point where 50 watt radios fit in your hand, and most repeater gear routinely performs at specifications folks only used to dream of. Again, it's simple if all the 10 watt "low profile" systems actually stayed that way. And finally, it's simple if we actually knew the reality of whether a system is on the air or not. I guess frequency coordination isn't that simple, but rather a more complex problem requiring a fair amount of effort on the part of both the coordination body (that's us) and the system sponsors (that's most of you).

You can assist in our efforts by simply not assuming we have all the facts about systems that are on or off the air in your geography. Email is a very effective way of communicating with us. I would rather that Ken and his team receive 20 duplicate emails, than not a single one. Thanks for your support in this effort. We have really good processes for handling things after we know we need to look someplace.

We've made strides in becoming all electronic in our filing and processing. You can thank the efforts of several folks who have managed to fit that activity in their personal schedules. As a reminder, most of us have other responsibilities, just like many of you do. If you'd like to pitch in and help, just let us know.

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. Why not drop in at a meeting?

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

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## COORDINATION CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Ken Bird, W8SMK

Hello, again, from the Coordination Chairman's office. 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.

Many thanks to Kevin, W8KHW for completing the task of making 2010 SORs available from our web site. We hope to make this 'interactive' by next time.

With all that having been said, I'll report that out of 829 coordinated repeaters, 387 have returned a 2010 SOR and 360 have paid Dues for 2011 or greater. That's much better than last year when we changed the process, but we would prefer to see at least 75% return.

Ken, W8SMK

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# OHIO AREA REPEATER COUNCIL ANNUAL MINUTES

Minutes of the annual OARC meeting  
April 17, 2010

The annual OARC membership meeting was held April 17, 2010 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 18, 2009 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.

Some discussion was held regarding the electronic submission of forms, but no action was taken.

Patrick L. Hays, N8OOB, was elected to a five year term on the council, replacing Dick Reese, WA8DBW, whose term expired.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Pat Hays, N8OOB  
Secy/Treas

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## OHIO AREA REPEATER COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

OARC BOD Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the OARC met April 17, 2010, 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 18, 2009 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 2009 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, N8OOB Secy/Treas

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## Candidate's Statement

I am Tom Taft, KA8ZNY, a Retired Firefighter, after 30 years with the Madison Township Fire Department, and I'm asking for your vote for the position as a director on the Ohio Area Repeater Council.

I have been a licensed Amateur Radio operator since 1986, and now hold a General Class.

I am active in ATV, Microwave, D-Star, P-25 and other digital modes. Additionally, I am the station manager and Net Director for N8WX Central Ohio Severe Weather Net, along with providing communications support for the Franklin County EMA.

Most recently I became active on 900 MHz. and run a 900 MHz. repeater on 927.4875

I thank you for your support, in advance.

Tom  
KA8ZNY

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## OFFICIAL OARC BALLOT

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Taft KA8ZNY

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, N8OOB, Secretary  
PO Box 329  
Greenfield, OH 45123-0329

To be counted, your ballot must be received no later than Friday April, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

