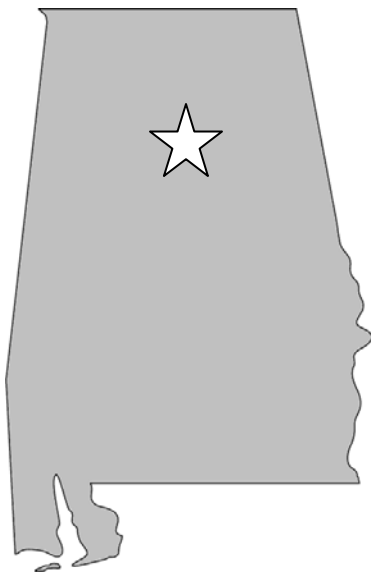


**OMIK
Amateur Radio Association, Inc.
And the
OMIK Ladies Auxiliary**



**57th Anniversary Convention
Birmingham, Alabama**



Doubletree Hotel
808 S. 20th Street
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
(800) 222-8733

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To Members of OMIK:

I hope that you are making plans to attend the 2009 OMIK Annual Meeting in Birmingham. This region has special significance as one of the centers of the Civil Rights movement. And many of you will recall that Moton Field (in nearby Tuskegee, Alabama) was the only primary flight facility for African-American pilot candidates in the U.S. Army Air Corps (Army Air Forces) during World War II. Several OMIK members received their military training at that facility.

Our scheduled tours include the Civil Rights Institute and Kelly Ingram Park, which was the assembly point for participants in many civil rights marches, sit-ins, and boycotts; the Southern Museum of Flight; and a fascinating trip to the EWTN shortwave radio station.

And if that's not enough to get you excited, at this year's event we will recognize the achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen with a special presentation during the tour of the Southern Museum of Flight and a ceremony at the Scholarship Banquet on Saturday evening. We want to provide several opportunities for members to interact with these heroes of WWII.

We will, of course, have the usual activities such the mobile shoot-out, tech sessions, VE exams, and for the first time, a fun activity we call "Fuss and Cuss." It ain't what you might think, so you will have to attend to see what this is all about.

In addition to being known for its role in the Civil Rights movement, Birmingham is the ideal venue for OMIK members and their families. The city's nightlife is primarily clustered around the location of our convention hotel and the popular local music scene that has made the city a hot spot for some of the nation's best musicians.

For time away from the Convention activities you and your family can visit the city's recreational and educational venues including the Birmingham Zoo that includes more than 700 animals and a recently opened interactive children's zoo; museums; the Birmingham Botanical Gardens; shopping trips; and perhaps grab a round or two of golf at one of the fine courses in the region.

I thank Jeff Drew, N4JDU, local convention coordinator and convention co-chairs Moody, WQ6I, and Norma, N6MMF, Law for their leadership in planning and implementing this year's event.

There is a lot to do when you come to Birmingham and we hope to see you there!! See you in July!!

Cornelius Washington, KR0Z
President



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DOUBLETREE HOTEL BIRMINGHAM



Room Reservations

Individual reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (800) 222-8733. You must identify yourself as OMIK Amateur Radio Association when making the reservation to guarantee the Convention rate:

Single \$109	Double \$109
Warm chocolate chip cookies await you	
The above room rates will be honored three days prior and three days after the Convention	
All room rates are subject to 14% tax	
Check-in is anytime after 3pm on day of arrival; Check-out is by 12:00 noon on day of departure	

All reservations must be received by **July 1, 2009** to insure the group rate.

The Doubletree Hotel Birmingham is located on the corner of Univ. Blvd. and 20th St. South
Seven miles (20 minutes drive time) from the Birmingham International Airport
Free shuttle from airport to Doubletree Hotel Birmingham

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Traveling North on I-65: Follow I-65 North to University Blvd. Exit onto University Blvd and follow to 20th St. South. Turn right onto 20th St. South.

Traveling South on I-65: Follow I-65 South to 4th Ave. South. 4th Avenue South is a one-way street. Follow 4th Avenue South to 20th St. South and turn right onto 20th St. South. Follow 4 blocks to University Blvd.

Traveling West on I-20/50 or from the Birmingham Intl. Airport: Follow Airport Blvd. to I-20/50 West. Take I-20/59 West to the 126-A exit. Exit to the right onto Highway 31 South, which is the Red Mountain Expressway. Follow Highway 31 to the 8th Avenue South Exit. Turn right at the bottom of the exit onto University Blvd. Follow one mile to 20th Street South. Turn left onto 20th St. South.



Traveling East on I-20/59: Take I-20/59 East to I-65 South: Follow I-65 South to 4th Ave. South. 4th Ave. South is a one-way street. Follow 4th Ave. South to 20th St. South and turn right onto 20th St. South. Follow 4 blocks to University Blvd.

Make sure you are registered for the
First Annual OMIK President's Fuss and Cuss Activity!
Wednesday, July 15, 2009 through Friday, July 17, 2009

First Annual OMIK President's Fuss & Cuss

Sponsored by Area 10, this event is designed to encourage the OMIK family and friends to take part in an Aerobics program (a half mile walk, run, creep, crawl, stroll, hop skip and jump. Any way you can as long as you complete the circuit.)

Register Wednesday 22 July, there is a fee of \$10, to cover expenses. Anything over costs will go to the OMIK scholarship fund. Those who complete the course all three days of the convention will receive a certificate signed by our club President and it will include your photo.

The ten dollar fee includes a chance to win the new printer used to print the Fuss & Cuss certificates.



Thursday, July 16, 2009

Southern Food Buffet and Hospitality Challenge by OMIK Call Area Groups

Bring your cameras and a hearty appetite!

The Hospitality Challenge will be held Thursday night, July 16, 2009. This event will be judged and the winning area will receive proper recognition.

There will be space available for Areas to display. You are invited to provide pictures or articles that represent your Call Area.

Please contact your Call Area Director and offer your help – even those who won't be able to attend the convention. Show pride in your area by putting your best foot forward.

AREA DIRECTORS	
Call Area 1	Desmond Johnson, WK1V
Call Area 2	Neville Pedro, KP2NP
Call Area 3	Weaver Shepperson
Call Area 4	Kames Williams, N4ZKT
Call Area 5	Roy Sherow, WJ5Z
Call Area 6	Ted Sneed, WG6F
Call Area 7	James Banks, KK7RV
Call Area 8	Troye Henderson, N8AWO
Call Area 9	Charles Burns, N9HSB
Call Area 10	Oscar Hall, K0SSE

If you have questions, please contact:

Moody T. Law, OMIK Convention Director

(909) 621-6149

P.O. Box 639

Claremont, CA 91711



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Wednesday, July 15, 2009

“Bus Tour of the Magic City & the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute”

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A walk thru exhibit detailing the history of vote registration, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Birmingham boycott, and the role of Birmingham in the civil rights movement. The BCRI also contains a research library of civil rights legislation and archives. Adjacent to the Institute is the historic 16th Street Baptist Church the site of the bombing which killed four Sunday school children and Kelly Ingram Park where the demonstrators faced the violence of the Birmingham police.

Meet in lounge at 8:45 a.m.

Thursday, July 16, 2009

“Tuskegee Airmen & Southern Museum of Flight”

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This collection of aircraft spans the 19th and 20th century. It also has an excellent exhibit of the heroism and patriotism of the Tuskegee Airmen and the 332nd air wing of the US Army. Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson will be OMIK’s special guest and narrator for this tour. He is the youngest of the surviving pilots who will also deliver an audio-visual presentation in the auditorium during the tour.

Meet in lounge at 8:45 a.m.

“Southern Food Buffet and Hospitality Challenge”

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Entertainment by OMIK Ladies Auxiliary and Call Area competition exhibits.

Friday, July 17, 2008

“EWTN Shortwave Radio Station Tour”

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

When Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) was launched on August 15, 1981, many felt there would be little demand for a Catholic network. Now, in its 27th year, EWTN has become the largest religious media network in the world, transmitting programming 24 hours a day to more than 148 million homes in 140 countries and territories on more than 4,800 cable systems, irrelless cable, Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS), low power TV and individual satellite users.

EWTN is the strongest shortwave station in North America. Approximately 30 miles south of Birmingham, participants will view the transmitter and control station, the Sterrett antenna system and see how this tremendous signal is generated and directed. This will also provide a great view of the country side of central Alabama with its rolling mountains and beautiful vistas.

Meet in lounge at 12:45 pm



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Saturday, July 18, 2009

**“High Noon Shoot-Out”
Following Noon Group Photo**

There will be a mobile shootout at Vulcan Park. The rules will be simple....DC only (no long ac cords to the hotel) and the antenna has to be attached to the transmitting mobile.

The categories are: 0 to 100 watts = Class C
 101 to 500 watts = Class B
 501 watts up = Class A

The winners will be determined by readings from selected listening post at various points on the compass and by field strength meter readings on the grounds. There will also be a separate trophy for the best mobile installation.

There will be trophies and cash. Entry fees will be announced later. You may want to buy into a piece of the action by providing a part of the entry fee to the person entering the field that you believe will win. The pots will be determined by number of entrants....half to the winner and the rest to support the convention

To register now...please send an e-mail to wq6i@earthlink.net indicating the number of mobiles and which categories you will enter.



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Other Scheduled Activities

Friday, July 17, 2009

- Technical Sessions
- Shopping Trip and Zoo

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 18, 2009

- FCC License Exam
- Technical Session
- Women's Auxiliary Meeting
- Group Picture
- Shoot Out at "High Noon"
- General Meeting

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Noon

after picture

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**** Saturday night is the Convention Banquet – the highlight of the convention! ****

Talk-in frequencies – 2 meters

- Birmingham metro 146.880 – offset no tone
- D-Star 146.410

Talk-in HF frequencies

- 3.908
- 7.178 & 7.265
- 14.295



OMIK MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, please, take the time now, to remit your 2007 Membership Dues:

\$20.00 Single Membership

\$25.00 Family Membership

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Name _____ Call Sign _____

YES: I have a new address. My new address is:

Payable to: **OMIK**
Mail to: Patricia Sneed, KF6P, Sect.
936 Olive
Upland, CA 91786

*Please do not send payment to the
Convention Directors.*

General Scholarship Information

Eligibility, time frame and selection process

High school seniors and presently enrolled college students, including those who are related to OMIK members, are eligible to apply for the OMIK scholarship.

The OMIK scholarship program supports students who have proved to be academically able and are, or will be, majoring in electronics, mathematics, science or communications.

All parts of the scholarship application, the essay, transcript and two letters of recommendations must be complete and received by the committee on or before May 1st.

The scholarship selection committee of five will base its decisions on the completed application, high school transcripts or college transcripts, ACT/SAT composites, letters of recommendations, part-time work and the essay.

Selected candidates will be notified in writing by June 15. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the July convention. No applications will be returned to students.

OMIK Scholarship Fund

Officers

Thomas A. Spight, KJ9K Custodian Cordova, TN	Harold Mitchell, KB8QT Asst. Custodian Dayton, OH	Richard Reese, WA8DBW Resource Officer Norton, OH
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Selection Committee

Marco Vallery, W6PCH Carson, CA	Ron Pennington, KA0ETF Florissant, MO	James Green, KA8HBT Dayton, OH
Calvin Harris, K1CAL Stratford, CT		Oscar W. Hall, K0SSE Denver, CO

OMIK SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Date: _____

Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Ph # _____

****Parent/Guardian's Name** _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Ph # _____

High School, College or University Now Attending

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Ph# _____

If you are a senior in high school: ACT/SAT Composites _____

Have you been accepted at any college or university? _____

If yes, where? _____

Which college or university do you wish to attend? _____

If you are now attending college: Classification _____ GPA _____

Major _____

Each applicant must submit a personal essay containing a brief biographical sketch, an outline of educational plans, career goals and why financial assistance is needed. Essays must be typewritten and must not exceed two pages in length. (Selected applicants will need to supply SS number on request.)

***Include transcript and two recommendation letters. (Counselor, Teacher)**

*Student Signature _____

*Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Mail completed application, along with all other related materials to:

OMIK Scholarship Committee,
Thomas A. Spight,
64 Vine Grove Lane,
Cordova TN 38018-7253

***TIME LINE – MAY 1ST**



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OMIK VOLUNTEER EXAMINER TEAM

The OMIK Volunteer Examiner (VE) Team will conduct an Amateur Radio testing session at the 2009 OMIK Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. In view of the pending change in Morse code requirements, we anticipate increases in those upgrading and even applications for new licenses.

Please note, the OMIK VE team obtains its testing materials and supplies from the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC).

The session will accept "walk-ins". Pre-registration will be available, however, there is no pre-registration requirement.

All current amateur radio license holders must provide a FCC Registration Number (FRN) when applying for a license upgrade or change of address. Please bring your FRN number to the testing session for it is required on the Form 605. The VEC cannot process your application without your FRN number. (If needed, check your license info at "arrl.org". Just enter your callsign in the "Call sign search" area and click 'Go'. If you have a FRN number, it will be in the information displayed.)

The testing session will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 18, 2009. All applicants should arrive by 7:45 AM to allow the necessary paperwork to be processed in a timely manner. It will be up to the discretion of the VE team leader if Applicants arriving after 8:00 AM will be accepted. The testing session will end at 11 :30 AM.

Please bring identification that includes a picture of the applicant on the ID – driver's licenses are satisfactory. Other forms of acceptable ID include passports, picture library cards, etc.

"When no photo ID is available, the candidate must present any **two** of the following items:

- Non-photo ID/driver's license
- Social Security Card (as FCC now requires each applicant to supply a taxpayer ID number)
- Birth certificate (must have the appropriate seal)
- Minor's work permit or school report card
- Utility bill, bank statement or other business correspondence that specifically names the person
- Postmarked envelope addressed to the person at his or her current mailing address as it appears on the Form 605."

Publications, such as, Scholastic magazine or Boy Scout Boy's Life magazine addressed to the child will serve as one of the two required IDs. A school year book can provide photo proof of the child being tested. Even a current school report card can be used. Being accompanied by his or her parent does not satisfy the rule.

Bring both originals and copies of any current amateur license and any certificates showing credit from a previous exam that you need to have counted toward a possible new license or upgrade.

For more information regarding the testing session, contact Willie Patterson, WZ6M, via email at wpatterson2001@yahoo.com or telephone at (626) 794-8105.



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ADVERTISEMENTS AND MEMORY BOOK ENTRIES

Be a part of the OMIK 57th Anniversary Memory Book. Please complete this form, attach your favorite photo and your check or money order, and mail all information no later than June 1, 2009.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter size page | \$25.00 |
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Attach ad copy to this form. Include ad monies with your registration form.

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