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## ARRL President Issues Call for Members to Reach Out to their Senators to Support S. 1534

(from ARRL Bulletins)

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, is calling on League members to urge their US Senators to support the [Amateur Radio Parity Act](#) of 2017, S. 1534. ARRL has opened a [RallyCongress page](#) to simplify the task.



“[W]e are at a crossroad in our efforts to obtain passage of The Amateur Radio Parity Act,” Roderick said. He said the campaign to secure passage of the bill scored a major victory earlier this year when H.R. 555 passed unanimously in the US House of Representatives. Obtaining passage of the companion Senate bill, S. 1534, is the final legislative hurdle.

“*Now is the time for all hams to get involved in the process!*” Roderick said. “Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily.”

He urged radio amateurs now restricted by a Homeowners Association from installing effective outdoor antennas to visit the RallyCongress site and e-mail their two US Senators. He also encouraged those not now affected by deed covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) to support their fellow radio amateurs by doing the same.

“If you want to help create an opportunity — not available before now — for Amateurs who live in deed restricted communities to install effective outdoor antennas on property that they own or lease, send these e-mails today!” Roderick said. “We need you to reach out to your Senators today. Right away.”

S. 1534 was introduced in the US Senate on July 12, marking another step forward for this landmark legislation. Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) are the Senate sponsors. The measure will, for the first time, guarantee all radio amateurs living in deed-restricted communities governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA) or subject to any private land-use regulations, the right to erect and maintain effective outdoor antennas at their homes, while protecting the aesthetic concerns of HOAs.

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### Handbook Give Away

Have you registered for the “Handbook Giveaway” drawing for this month yet? If you haven’t, you’d better get it done today, as this is the last day of this month for the drawing.

Go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html> and get registered. You never know, you just may be the next winner! Just look for the Big Red Arrow on the left side of the main page, when it’s there, that tells you that the Give Away is in full swing!

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## DX Adventure

The Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure is just about here. The team travels to Costa Rica on August 3 returning home August 8. Plans have been made to be trv the evening of August 3rd and operating until the evening of August 7th. There may be times of being off the air due to conditions, as we will be on a mountain top which is not lightening friendly. Also, there are some plans for a local trip to enjoy the area.

Currently we plan to operate as TI5/homecall so try to work everyone. 160m is a challenge, so no promises. We will have antennas on most bands, so check the spots. Our website, <http://qsl.net/n6jrl> will attempt to kept up to date. Since we are using our homecalls, a clublog may not be possible for real time checking. We are investigating solutions to this, but so far, no real answers for this problem yet.

On this trip, we plan to do some digital, which is a first for the group. PSK and RTTY will be used the most. JT8 is just too new for us to try at this time, and we are also planning on utilizing SSB and CW too. We will have two rigs operating, so we're going to try to have them both running as long as no interaction exists. Antennas are close together due to the landscape.



Look for us and work the kids so they get the full DX pileup workout. We have some really good team members, so this will be quite exciting.

Jim Storms  
AB8YK team leader

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## New 222 MHz and Up Contest Debuts August 5-6 Weekend (from ARRL Bulletins)



ARRL's new [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#) will debut on August 5 at 1800 UTC and continue until the next day. This 24-hour contest offers a wide range of entry categories, from FM, CW, and SSB to digital modes.

The object is to work as many stations as possible on the 222 MHz through 241 GHz bands, using any allowable mode. A station in a specific grid locator may be contacted from the same location only once on each band, regardless of mode.

Contacts on higher frequencies earn more points, so expect plenty of activity from locations that offer a height advantage. Check the rules update for Club and Team competitions, and requirements to register Teams *before the contest*. The deadline to submit logs is 14 days following the contest — August 20 at 1800 UTC in the case of this year's event.

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## IN PASSING

*(from The Monday Morning Memo)*

—This past week, Jim Hause, K8CUH, and I helped a lady clear ham equipment from her home that belonged to her late husband. Although he has been deceased for several years, it was tough for her to let go of it; however, since she is moving to a smaller home she finally decided to let it go.

In talking with her it was evident she didn't know what he had, what he would have wanted done with it and its value. My point is although we all should have wills, have you discussed with your family what you want done with your radio equipment when you no longer are around or can enjoy it? Do you want to sell it or donate it?

Who do you trust to do the task? Is there a particular person you want to do this? Is there a particular piece of equipment to go to? Do you have an inventory of the pieces you have? What's a fair market price for it? Do you wish a portion of the proceeds to go to your local club or to the ARRL?

Helping families dispose of equipment belonging to deceased members is a free membership benefit of the Highland ARA. We will also assist non-member families too, but for a fee. Because the ham population is getting older, there will be more demand for this service. If your club does not offer such assistance, you might take a look at providing it. If you want to know how HARA handles it, give John a call at: 937-393-4951.

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## NIMS Training & Ohio Responds Update



# FEMA

Our numbers are continuing to grow, slowly, but assuredly! And, here's the stats to prove it:

Members in database: 775; Active Members: 762; Members NIMS complete: 566 and for the biggie.. Total Courses Taken: 5,105. We also have 148 persons now registered in the Ohio Responds database.

How do I know if I'm on the list or not? Here's the link to the list.

[http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/special/nims\\_roster.html](http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/special/nims_roster.html) If you don't see your name on the list, and you've submitted your certificates? Contact me immediately!

Hey.. Don't forget, once you've got all 4 of your required NIMS courses completed and we have copies of your certificates, get registered on the Ohio Responds. You can also find more information about this program at:

<http://arrl-ohio.org/ohio-responds-page.html>

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## My Final..

Wow.. Working on my recovery... I never knew just how much energy it takes to recover from something like a motorcycle crash! I'm still banged up pretty good, but I am alive, walking and talking! Being left handed and having my left arm in a brace from my shoulder to my wrist has shined a new light on being somewhat limited to what I can do. Typing, for example, is proving to be a real challenge for me. I'm a touch typist, and so having my wrist confined is not what I'd call a great way of making me a better typist. So, with that said, if you find typo's in this newsletter, please attribute it to my arm being in a brace, at least until I can come up with a better excuse! It will take some time to heal, so I am cutting back on my visits for a short time while I do just that. I'm still able to talk to you via email or phone, so if you have questions, or just want to talk, please feel free!



This coming Saturday (August 5) will be the Columbus Hamfest and Ohio Section Convention. John, KD8IDJ will be announcing the winners of the Ohio Section Newsletter Contest, and I'm sure all of you will be interested in knowing just which club newsletter was judged the "Best of the Best" this year. And, I do want to add that this year's winner will go on to the Division Newsletter Contest that is being held this fall at the Michigan International Speedway! More on that in later editions.

I will be announcing the 23<sup>rd</sup> recipient of the Allan Severson Memorial Award. Who will it be? Stay tuned. I'm sure that you'll agree with me, this person is well deserving of this very prestigious recognition. Also on the agenda is Tom, WB8LCD, who will be speaking on how to keep your membership alive and growing, and the Ohio Single Side Band Net will also be holding their bi-annual business meeting as well. It's gonna' be a lot of fun for all that attend. Be there, or be square!



Hey Gang, there's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! This question asks about Anderson PowerPole Connectors and is something that I want to know. It will only take about 2 seconds for you to answer it, and you can see how your answer stacks up with others instantly. If you haven't done it yet, please do. I really want to hear from you. And, if you have a question that you'd like to see on our questionnaire, please send it to me! I have had several of you already do that and I would love to see more!!

Got questions, concerns or would just like to sit and chat awhile? Heck, I'll even buy the coffee!! Give me a call at (419) 512-4445 or email me at: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

73,

Scott, N8SY..

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