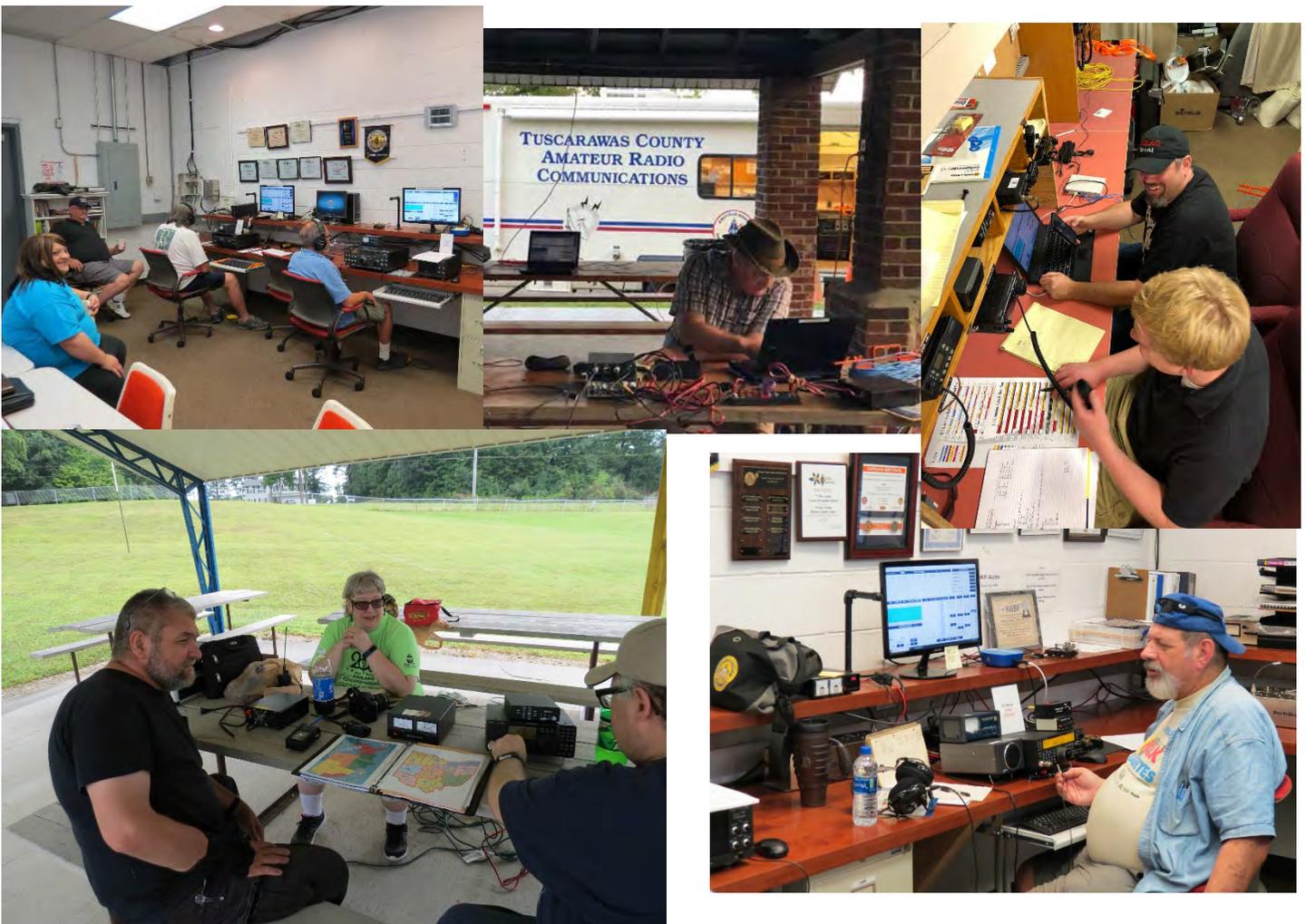




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***Concern Rising within Amateur Radio Community over WWV-WWVH Shut Down Proposal***

ARRL members and Amateur Radio clubs are expressing increased concern over the inclusion of WWV and WWVH on a list of proposed cuts in the White House's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Fiscal Year 2019 budget request. The proposed cuts also would include the Atomic Clock signal from WWVB used to synchronize specially equipped clocks and watches. Online petitions soliciting signatures include [one](#) established by Tom Kelly II, W7NSS, of Portland, Oregon, who would like to see funding for the stations maintained. At this point, the budget item is only a proposal, not a final decision. That would be up to the Congress to decide.



ARRL is among those worried over the possible loss of WWV, WWVH, and WWVB and is suggesting that members of the Amateur Radio community who value the stations for their precise time and frequency signals and other information sign Kelly's petition and/or contact their members of Congress promptly, explaining how the stations are important to them, beyond government and military use.

Kelly's petition, which may be signed by US residents, notes that WWV is among the oldest radio stations in the US, having been established in 1920. "The station has transmitted the official US time for nearly 100 years, and is an instrumental part in the telecommunications field, ranging from broadcasting to scientific research and education," his petition says. "Additionally, these stations transmit marine storm warnings from the National Weather Service, GPS satellite health reports, and specific information concerning current solar activity and radio propagation conditions. These broadcasts are an essential resource to the worldwide communications industry."

NIST's [full Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2019 budget request](#) to Congress calls for the agency to "discontinue the dissemination of the US time and frequency via the NIST radio stations in Hawaii and Fort Collins, Colorado." The agency noted, "These radio stations transmit signals that are used to synchronize consumer electronic products like wall clocks, clock radios, and wristwatches, and may be used in other applications like appliances, cameras, and irrigation controllers." The specific cut, which would come from the NIST Fundamental Measurement, Quantum Science, and Measurement Dissemination budget, would amount to \$6.3 million. In its budget request, NIST said that it plans to consolidate and focus work on its efforts in quantum science while maintaining essential core capabilities in measurement science research and measurement dissemination, as well as eliminate "efforts that have been replaced by newer technologies, measurement science research that lies outside NIST's core mission space, and programs that can no longer be supported due to facility deterioration."

WWV and WWVH broadcast time and frequency information 24/7, including time announcements, standard time intervals, standard frequencies, UT1 time corrections, a BCD time code, geophysical alerts, and marine storm warnings. Transmissions are broadcast from separate transmitters on 5, 10, 15, and 20 MHz. An experimental 25 MHz signal is also currently on the air. WWVB transmits standard Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) signals on 60 kHz to appropriately equipped timekeeping devices.

NIST Public Relations Director Gail Porter told Tom Witherspoon, K4SWL — editor of [The SWLing Post](#), which has been tracking developments — that NIST "is proud of the time and frequency services we provide through our radio stations, and understands that these services are important to many people."

NIST Director Walter Copan has supported the overall budget request. “This budget request ensures that NIST can continue to work at the frontiers of measurement science by preserving investment in core metrology research,” Copan said. “Through its constitutionally mandated role, NIST performs work that only the government can do, and produces enormous return on US taxpayers’ investment. Translating measurements into technically sound standards across all industries enables effective international trade and US competitiveness.”

Editor’s Note... There is an on-line petition to try to convince the government to continue supporting these stations. If you are interested in signing the petition just click on this link.

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/maintain-funding-nist-stations-wwv-wwvh>

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### ***ARRL Headquarters Monitoring Progress of Hurricane Lane, Radio Gear Available to Deploy***

**[UPDATED: 2018-08-24 @ 1434 UTC]:** ARRL Headquarters is in monitoring mode, as powerful Hurricane Lane — now a Category 3 storm — approaches Hawaii, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, said on Wednesday, and [Ham Aid](#) Amateur Radio equipment is available for deployment. The storm already is causing catastrophic flooding on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Corey said the Hurricane Watch Net ([HWN](#)) has a team on standby to assist with communication between Hawaii and the mainland, if needed. Amateur Radio at the National Hurricane Center in Miami also is standing by to assist with communication between the Central Pacific Hurricane Center and the National Hurricane Center. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Network ([SATERN](#)) International SATERN SSB Net will activate Friday, August 24, at 1800 UTC, in response to Hurricane Lane. The primary frequency is 14.265 MHz, with 14.312 MHz as a backup.

All Amateur Radio operators, especially those on the West Coast, are encouraged to check into the Net and assist with any emergency, priority, or health-and-welfare traffic from Hawaii. The VoIP Hurricane Net ([VoIP-WX](#)) is monitoring the situation.

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency ([FEMA](#)) reports that Hurricane Lane, as of 0900 UTC, was located 160 miles southwest of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, moving north at 6 MPH. The storm is predicted to move over — or dangerously close to — the main Hawaiian Islands late on Friday, August 24. Hurricane Lane has maximum sustained winds of 120 MPH, with some weakening forecast through late Saturday. Hurricane-force winds extend out 35 miles; tropical storm-force winds extend out 125 miles.

- A Hurricane Warning in effect for Oahu, Maui County, to include the islands of Maui, Lanai, Molokai and Kahoolawe.
- A Hurricane Watch in effect for Kauai County, including the islands of Kauai and Niihau.
- Excessive rainfall is expected to affect portions of the Hawaiian Islands through the weekend, with accumulations of 10 to 20 inches with localized amounts greater than 30 to 40 inches possible. Large swells will severely impact the Hawaiian Islands over the next couple of days. The combination of a dangerous storm surge and large breaking waves will raise water levels by as much as 2 to 4 feet above normal tide levels along south and west-facing shores.

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The ARRL Hawaii Section is engaged with Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and on standby to assist with shelter operations, if that becomes necessary. Volunteers are also assisting the National Weather Service and state emergency managers. ARRL Puerto Rico Section Manager Oscar Resto, KP4RF, is visiting Hawaii this week and has offered to assist and share his knowledge from the response to Hurricane Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico last year.

Corey said that at this time, no personnel or equipment are needed. He asked that those in the affected area alert ARRL of any communication gaps that might evolve as well as any key information that could be shared via Amateur Radio networks.

[FEMA](#) has updated its preparedness and safety information for the public.

- Local authorities are urging the public to be prepared with 14-day supply of water and non-perishable food items.
- If you do not live in a flood-prone area, prepare to shelter in place. If you live in a flood-prone area, find an available [shelter](#).
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, watch TV, and listen to the radio for official news, emergency alerts, and instructions as they become available.
- Be familiar with evacuation routes, have a family communication plan, keep a battery-powered radio handy and have a plan for pets. Visit FEMA's disaster readiness planning page ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) to learn these and other preparedness tips for tropical storms.
- Know your evacuation zone and be sure to follow the direction of state, local, and tribal officials if an evacuation is ordered for your area.
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- All businesses should prepare in advance of a potential disaster to prevent loss of life, property, or disruption to operations. Businesses can review and update their business continuity plans and ensure their workforce knows what to do before and during a disaster. Resources are available on web sites such as [Ready.gov/business](#) and [SBA.gov/disaster-planning](#).
- Get to know the terms that are used to identify severe weather and discuss with your family what to do if a watch or warning is issued. Know what to do for a [tropical storm/hurricane](#) or for [flooding](#).

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Hello everyone,



Today marks the final week of summer as Fall 2018 semester begins next week. The 3D Lab received a lot of patronage over the break; community members and students worked on projects in the Lab literally every day of the week. We hosted three groups of kids the past two weeks alone. The Wayne College Lab truly is a community resource where imagination is made and young minds are inspired to become makers and (hopefully) budding engineers. All of this is made possible from the [many sponsors](#) through the past several years.

The 3D Lab is open to the community all semester, so feel free to stop-in to get creative! The lab is open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; expanded Fall hours will be posted soon. Group tours are welcome; please let us know the day & time that your group plans to arrive to ensure staff availability.

A couple weeks ago, former 3D Lab staff Nathan and a fellow student stopped by the 3D Lab to “hack” an inexpensive IKEA table into a 3D printer enclosure. A common problem with 3D printers is printing with ABS plastic. ABS is a desired print material because of its resistance to heat and sunlight, making it suitable for car parts and anything exposed to the outdoors. But printing with ABS is challenging. Objects can shrink during printing, resulting in warped edges and cracked/separated layers. By placing a 3D printer in a warm environment (such as an enclosed box), the plastic cools slowly, resulting in more successful prints.



Repurposing IKEA products is nothing new. [Checkout all of these awesome project ideas](#) from common IKEA products! Nathan and his friend used the Makerbot in our lab to make custom adapter hardware for the table, the yellow parts in the photo →



They purchased acrylic sheets to form the walls of the enclosure, modified with tools in the 3D Lab to fit the table. Neodymium magnets were used to make the clear panels easily removable. We are excited to see the finished product, complete with printer installed!

Late last month, we were honored and humbled to take part in [LifeCare Hospice Bereavement Services](#) from Wooster, Ohio. LifeCare Hospice provides a comprehensive program of compassionate care for all individuals experiencing the impact of serious illness and loss.

Lynn Lilly and a colleague invited a number of children to the 3D Lab to make memorial plaques to honor lost loved ones. These plaques were created from photo frames donated by [P. Graham Dunn](#).



The children were shown how to use Corel DRAW vector-art software to create designs, then laser engraved their designs onto photo frames. The activity meant a lot to the kids, being able to express their feelings in a keepsake.



Many thanks to P. Graham Dunn and the [Romich Foundation](#) that made this activity possible.

This past June, [The Medina County University Center](#) and Wayne College 3D Lab participated in [Kids Day of Safety and Play](#), an outdoor event in downtown Medina's Historic District. Kids Day is fantastic family oriented event supported by Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital and Main Street Medina, offering a day of music, dancing, hands-on activities, strolling performers, artists, games, crafts, cars, trucks, farmers market and more.

We took our portable 3D printer on-the-road, demonstrating how 3D printing works and talking about offerings at the Medina and Wayne College branches. Our table was quite a hit with kids and adults alike. But even more fun was a guest appearance by UA mascot Zippy! She was quite interested in the 3D printer, too, as we printed a variety of kangaroos for her to enjoy. Many thanks to Denise Testa at UA Medina for inviting us to this event!



Until next week,  
Tom  
Hammond, M.A.  
Technical Support Services



3D Lab: <http://blogs.uakron.edu/waynec3>  
Mini Maker Faire: <http://waynecounty.makerfaire.com>

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## *Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How. September is National Preparedness Month*



### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Emergency Management Agency**

Ohio Emergency Management Agency • Sima Merick, Executive Director  
[www.ema.ohio.gov](http://www.ema.ohio.gov)



Columbus, OH – This September for National Preparedness Month (NPM), the Ready campaign’s theme is: Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How. Preparedness is important. Everyone can take actions now to plan and prepare for disasters. Being prepared now allows individuals and neighborhoods

the knowledge to be sustainable until first responders can arrive.

NPM is designed to raise awareness and to encourage everyone to prepare themselves for emergencies that could impact their homes, their businesses, their schools and communities.

“There is no better time than now to be prepared,” said Sima Merick, Executive Director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. “Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time, often without any warning. Knowing what hazards or severe weather events could impact your area; practicing your emergency plans; updating your disaster supply kits – these are just some things everyone can do to be self-sufficient and to enhance community resilience.”

#### Additional NPM Actions to Prepare Now:

- Organize disaster supply kits for your home and vehicles. A supply kit is a collection of basic items your household may need, in the event of an emergency. Most items in a basic kit are inexpensive and easy to find. And you might already have a lot of the items in your home. After a disaster happens, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Your disaster kits should have enough food, water, and other essential items to sustain everyone in your home (including pets) for at least three days.
- Take time to learn life-saving skills – actions you can take to prepare for and protect against disasters and severe weather events. Install smoke, carbon monoxide and natural gas detectors and test them monthly. Know how to turn off utilities, like water and gas. Talk to your landlord or building manager about evacuation routes and fire safety. Know two ways out of your home in case of a fire and practice evacuation plans.
- Check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards that might impact your home or community, such as flooding, tornadoes or home fires.
- Consider the costs associated with disasters. Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. Have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work after a disaster when you may need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.

In coordination with FEMA’s Ready campaign, Ohio EMA and ReadyOhio encourage households, local emergency management agencies, businesses, schools, and places of worship to Prepare Now and Learn How by participating in NPM’s weekly themes for 2018:

Week 1: Sept 1-8	Make and Practice Your Plan
Week 2: Sept 9-15	Learn Life-Saving Skills
Week 3: Sept 16-22	Check Your Insurance Coverage
Week 4: Sept 23-29	Save for an Emergency

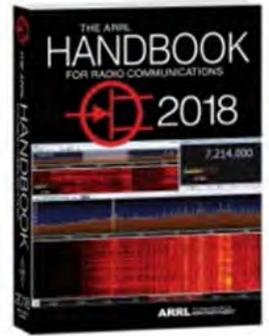
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## *The Handbook Give Away*

Hey Gang,

Have you registered for the “Handbook Giveaway” drawing for this month yet? If you haven’t, go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html> and get registered.

What’s the catch? I want to get everyone checking in to the Ohio Section website as often as possible, and in order to register each month, you have to visit the website often! There’s nothing else to it. I pay all expenses, and from time to time, I Give Away more than just a Handbook.



And, you’ll never know just what months will be those special times that I will have more than just a Handbook to Give Away!!



Many of you ask me just how do I know when the drawing is on? Well, that’s easy all you need to do is check in on the Ohio Section Website on a regular basis and watch for the big **RED** Arrow that will appear on the left side of the page. This is the sign that the drawing is on and you need to get registered. So, keep a sharp eye out on the website and check in often! <http://arrl-ohio.org>

**Hey Gang.. Since Labor Day is on September 03, I’m going to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing for another Handbook, if you register now you’ll be in both drawings! How can you beat that! Don’t waste time, get yourself registered now!**

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## *One Question Questionnaire*

Hey Gang

Wow... I’m really impressed!! Over 19% of you used a different language (other than English) when making contacts to other countries! I wouldn’t have expected the percentage to be that high. This is really great news to hear.



Ok, now the other day I overheard a conversation on the air about grounding your antennas when they are not in use. One person was for it and several others stated that they never do it, so that got me to thinking that this would be a great question to ask...

There’s another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website!  
<http://arrlohio.org>

**“Do you ground your antennas when you’re not using the radio??”**

It’s all in fun and it’s not a scientific survey in any way, but we are learning some things that we didn’t know from these questions. I hope that you are enjoying answering these “ONE QUESTION” questionnaires.

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## Club Corner

This is YOUR corner of the newsletter. Send me what your club is doing and I'll make sure that it gets in. Got a special event or club project that you want everyone to know about? Send it to me!. Need help with a project? Send it to me.

Let me know what you club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary? Just sent it to:  
[n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)



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## ***Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association Meeting and VE Testing***

*(From Mike Love, WB8YKS SOARA / ARES PIO)*



We would like to congratulate John Atkinson, KE8KLV on his new HAM license. He had been studying for the test when he read an article in the Herald Dispatch that the Scottown Covered Bridge Special Event Station was to take place, August 18. He only lives 1/4 of a mile from the bridge. He joined the SOARA members during the special event and decided to do his technician testing at the SOARA meeting the following Monday. Once again John, congratulations!

This is a perfect reason why we should always invite the public to our special events. It is definitely a positive outreach and in this case with fantastic results.

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## ***Highland ARA Lynchburg Covered Bridge Special Event Station.***

*(from John Levo, W8KIW)*





Following a license class that saw 28 new hams receive tickets, Hillsboro's Highland ARA has made a concentrated effort to get them on the air-not only on repeaters, but to introduce them to the world of HF. The club's joint Field Day with the Clinton County ARA saw 19 of the new hams operate. Although the club's operations from Rocky Fork and Paint Creek during the State Parks on the Air is scheduled for September, HARA officers felt it necessary to have something sooner to keep the Field Day excitement going.

Recalling the excitement of an Ohio covered bridge weekend in the early 2000s, it was decided to operate from the Lynchburg, Ohio covered bridge, apply for a

special event station call sign and use the event as an Elmering session. The goal was to show the planning that goes into a successful operation from a temporary station and get stations and signals on the air. Despite less than ideal band conditions, 15 new hams joined their 7 Elmers for day of instruction, contacts, food and fellowship. Two individuals made their first HF contacts and two non-hams joined in the fun with a pledge to work harder towards earning their license. Besides the radio aspects, the clubs contacts with the Village of Lynchburg and the Lynchburg Historical Society resulted in great public relations within the community.



We didn't have that many contacts because of band conditions, but it proved to be another great Elmer session for our newbies as well as a great social opportunity for all. The homemade ice cream hit the spot too!

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## ***First Aid, CPR and AED Classes Forming***

There will be a First Aid, CPR, and AED class on **Saturday, October 27th from 9:00 am till about 3:00 pm.** If you want a card or certificate the cost will be \$25.00. The class will be instructed by Lawrence County EMS personnel and is certified by the American Heart Association. We have checked around and this is the best price we can find for a complete class. **Please register on ARES Connect under Lawrence County Events.**

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## ***WebEOC Training***

**When—September 14th from 10 to Noon**

**Where—County Services Building at 940 London Avenue, Marysville OH**

**What—**WebEOC is a web-based information management system that provides a single access point for the collection and dissemination of emergency or event-related information. It can be used from your desk, command post or home.

**Who—** Who would likely be in the Emergency Operations Center or would benefit from the ability to monitor a major event.

Please bring your own laptop to the training, if you don't have one please **contact Rob Jostes at 937-707-7154.** Instruction will be delivered by the Ohio EMA and local staff.

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## ***LinkedIn Learning is partnering with Ohio's public libraries***

*(from Ohio District 3 ARES Net News)*

Greetings from Clark County, celebrating its bicentennial this year.

On **September 1, 2018** something new will be coming to an Ohio library near you. The website **LinkedIn Learning** is partnering with Ohio's public libraries to provide free online training to anyone who holds a valid Ohio public library card.

This experiment, currently scheduled for three years, will make 6,600 online courses available to those card holders. Of special interest to ARES members may be the hundreds and hundreds of computer courses. Programming languages, IT subjects, computer aided design and many other topics are available now for a monthly fee, but in September the Ohio public library network will begin to cover all costs.

Before September 1<sup>st</sup>, a one-month free trial is available on the website, which is [www.lynda.com](http://www.lynda.com) . To see the Ohio specific program details, visit the site at [www.ohioweblibrary.org/lynda](http://www.ohioweblibrary.org/lynda) .

As usual, this information will be placed on the [www.ohd3ares.org](http://www.ohd3ares.org) website under Net Info/Training.

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## ***Programming Classes to be given at Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association***

*(from Jason, N8JDM)*

SARA is holding a programming clinic for any licensed amateur on **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. The clinic will be held 10 am to 12 noon at the Wadsworth Public Library, 132 Broad St. in Wadsworth Ohio. Experienced hams will lead a presentation and discussion on the following topics:

- Basic FM radio operations
- Basic antenna information including fixed, mobile, and H/T considerations
- Basic repeater operations covering how repeaters work, offsets/splits, CTCSS/PL, Digital Coded Squelch (DCS), Allstar, and Echolink
- Basic concepts in radio programming
- How to program radios from the keypad
- How to program radios using the Chirp software

Following the presentation, experienced hams will be on hand to program radios with a stock list of area repeaters or to help people program their radios with their own equipment. SARA's website has more information at <https://w8wky.org/clinic>.

If you know anyone who would like a flyer to pass out, we have a downloadable one at <https://w8wky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Programming-Clinic-Flyer.pdf>

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### ***Need Help!***

#### **Geauga County Fair**

Amateur Radio volunteers are needed to help with public service communications for the Geauga County Fair taking place **August 30th through September 3rd**. If you're interested in volunteering please sign up at the following web site: <https://geaugacountyares.org/fair-signup> or contact Bob Magree N8KBX at [rmagree@gmail.com](mailto:rmagree@gmail.com)

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### ***Need Help!***

#### **Mantua Potato Stomp Race**

Amateur Radio Volunteers are needed to support communications for the Mantua Potato Stomp Race on Saturday **September 8th**. If you can help out please send an e-mail to Steve K8SRR at [steve@k8srr.com](mailto:steve@k8srr.com) or Rick K8CAV at [k8cav.coms@gmail.com](mailto:k8cav.coms@gmail.com).

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## Need Help!

### Hopkins Airport Drill

We are in need of many volunteers for the Hopkins Airport drill on **Friday, September 14**. We will need at least approximately **25** people to staff this event. Unfortunately, it does take place on a Friday, so we anticipate having extreme difficulty filling these roles. If you are available, **PLEASE** plan to attend and sign up at the link below as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.



Additionally: Because of the nature of the drill we are going to try to implement **FLDIGI**. It's entirely possible this may be an epic failure, but we've been talking about how helpful it would be for years, so the time to at least try it is **NOW**. Because of this, the July meeting (July 22 in Independence) will be focused on FLDIGI. If you have the ability to operate FLDIGI or want to learn how, please come.

We are going to dedicate the entire meeting to getting FLDIGI set up and practiced with in anticipation of being prepared to use it in September.

Please plan to bring your radio, computer, Signalink (if that's what you use), and any cables needed to connect the radio to the computer. Because of the nature of the drill, we will **NOT** be doing any acoustic coupling. You **MUST** be able to plug your radio physically into your computer. If you aren't able to do FLDIGI that's OK. We still need your help with the drill.

This will not be an all or nothing scenario. Stations able to pass digital traffic will be able to, but those with only voice capability will also be able to pass the traffic that way. Net control will not be sending info out via digital so no one without digital capability will miss anything. Net Control will simply be "able to accept" digital traffic from those who can send it.

So once again, those who are available for the Hopkins drill **Friday, September 14**, please sign up here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ox9x2xxm9RI97s562>

The Drill is expected to start at 9:00 AM (we will be in place about 8:00AM) and should end by approximately 1:00 PM.

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## Need Help!

2018 Air Force Marathon. This race will happen on **15 September** this year. We will need 65+ ham volunteers to cover the positions on the course. The race hosts 15,000 runners and uses 2,000 volunteers.



Hams can sign up at: <http://www.usafmarathon.com/volunteer/> (just be sure to choose the Ham assignment). Got Questions? Contact: Phil Verret, KA8ZKR Cell 937-371-3507 or Office 937-255-9983

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## Help Wanted

Are you E.C. caliber? I want to talk to all of you about becoming an Emergency Coordinator (E.C.) in your county. We are extremely fortunate to have a so many dedicated E.C.'s in Ohio. They do their jobs, mostly behind the scenes and without a lot of fan-fare, but it does come with a lot of self-satisfaction for a job well done. Our ARES program is one of the strongest in the country. The statistics that Stan listed a few months back prove that out for sure!



Now, from time to time we do have openings that need to be filled. In particular, we have openings right now for the following counties:

<b>Allen</b>	<b>Fulton</b>	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Mercer</b>
<b>Paulding</b>	<b>Putnam</b>	<b>Logan</b>	<b>Adams</b>
<b>Clermont</b>	<b>Carrol</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
<b>Meigs</b>	<b>Perry</b>	<b>Belmont</b>	<b>Harrison</b>
<b>Monroe</b>			

Do you have what it takes to become an E.C. in the Ohio Section? Unlike many other Sections, we are more than just badge wearers for sure! Yes, we do have high expectations, but we do have a lot of fun too. Got questions about what it takes? Call or write me or Stan.

Want to know what it takes to be an E.C. in Ohio? Here's a link for ya'...

<http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/ARESmanual2015.pdf> Yes, this is a lot of information to absorb and you do have to be an ARRL member, and here in Ohio you are also required to be a Level 2 ARES member before you will be considered for the appointment. Now, is this something that you'd like to do? Let me know. [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

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## ***Fun Things To Do, Classes & Hamfests Too***

*(from various newsletters and sources)*

Class Instructors - Don't forget to register your classes with the ARRL. It's easy to do. Make sure that you send me that information too! Just think of all of the extra publicity that you'll get for your classes!

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## ***Classes starting near you***

## ***Possible AUXCOM Course Becoming Available***

Would you be interested in attending an AUXCOM course at the Franklin County EMA sometime in the future.

Franklin County EC, John Montgomery-N8PVC, in conjunction with the local Franklin County EMA is working to host the AUXCOM course. The critical resource is qualified instructors and finding a place on their schedule.



It is important to understand the demand for this course so that information can be passed to those approving the course. That makes responding to this posting very important. No course delivery dates have been established beyond a target date range that goes through **December 1st**. There is a minimum number of students required to enroll before a course is delivered, generally fifteen.

So please let me know who is interested. Email me at: [kb8ymn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kb8ymn@sbcglobal.net)

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### ***Incident Command System (ICS) Training Schedule***

All current trainings are listed on the Ohio EMA training calendar located at:  
<https://webeoctraining.dps.ohio.gov/TrainingAndExercise/courselist.aspx>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Enroll</b>
L426 Building a Roadmap to Resilience: Whole Community	August 28 - 30, 2018	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Rd. Columbus, OH 43235	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L967 Logistics Section Chief	September 10 – 14, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G775 EOC Management and Operations	September 12 - 13, 2018 (Licking)	Newark Police Department 39 S. 4th Street Newark, Ohio 43055	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 15 - 16, 2018	Hocking College, School of Public Safety 3301 Hocking Parkway Nelsonville, Ohio 45764	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G-402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Leaders	September 18, 2018 (Washington)	Marietta College - Planetarium, 214 4th Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 18 - 20, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 20-21, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L984 Task Force/Strike Team Leader	September 24 - 26, 2018	Greater Cleveland American Red Cross (ARC) 3747 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	26 September 2018 (Geauga)	Geauga County Dept. of Emergency Services 12518 Merritt Rd Chardon, OH 44024	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate for Expanding Incidents	October 2 - 4, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
MGT-347 Incident Command Systems Forms Review	2-Oct-18	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 5 - 7, 2018	Robert E. Byer Emergency Operations Center 41859 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 9 - 11, 2018	Kinder Morgan-Pinney Dock Terminal 1149 East 5th Street Ashtabula, Ohio 44004	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response	October 10-11, 2018 (Jackson)	Jackson Fire Department Annex 166 Pearl Street Jackson, Ohio 45640	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-607 PA Cost Documentation/Damage Assessment Course	October 15, 2018 (Delaware)	Delaware County EMA/EOC 10 Court Street Delaware, Ohio 43015	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 20 - 21, 2018	Robert E. Byer Emergency Operations Center 41859 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 22 - 24, 2018	Defiance County EMA 22491 Mill Street Defiance, Ohio 43512	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-139 Exercise Design Course	October 23 - 25, 2018 (Franklin)	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 23 - 25, 2018	Summit County Public Health Command Room, **Enter at Entrance A 1867 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	October 24 - 26, 2018 (Cuyahoga)	Cleveland Office of Emergency Management / EOC 205 West St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 29 - 30, 2018	Defiance County EMA 22491 Mill Street Defiance, Ohio 43512	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 31 - November 1, 2018	Summit County Public Health Command Room, **Enter at Entrance A 1867 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G428 CERT Train-the-Trainer Course	November 2 - 4, 2018 (Ohio EMA)	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43263	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G775 EOC Management and Operations	November 5 - 6, 2018 (Cuyahoga)	North East Ohio Regional Sewer District 4747 E. 49th St. Cuyahoga Hts, OH 44125	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L950 Incident Commander (IC)	November 5 - 9, 2018	Newton Township Fire Department 1 Firehouse Drive St Louisville, OH 43071 Access the link for directions: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/V8g1FGEmhKo">https://goo.gl/maps/V8g1FGEmhKo</a>	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L388 Advanced Public Information Officer (APIO)	November 5 - 9, 2018 (Ohio EMA)	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43263	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	November 7 - 9, 2018	Seneca County EMA 126 Hopewell Ave Tiffin, OH 44883	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L956 Liaison Officer	November 8 - 9, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

ICS-400 Advanced ICS	November 13 – 14, 2018	Seneca County EMA 126 Hopewell Ave Tiffin, OH 44883	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L970 Supply Unit Leader Course	November 13 - 16, 2018	Brecksville Fire Department 9023 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	November 14, 2018 (Franklin)	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G290 Basic Public Information Officer Course	November 14 & 15, 2018 (Portage)	Portage County Emergency Operations Center 8240 Infirmery Road Ravenna, OH 44266	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	15 November, 2018 (Jackson)	Jackson Fire Department Annex 166 Pearl Street Jackson, Ohio 45640	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-606 Recovery from Disaster Workshop	***New Date** - November 15, 2018 (Tuscarawas)	Tuscarawas County Emergency Operations Center 2295 Reiser Rd SE New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 (308)	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G288 Local Volunteer and Donation Management	November 15 - 16, 2018 (Franklin)	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 3 - 5, 2018	Putnam County Educational Services Center 124 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, OH 45875	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 10 - 11, 2018	Putnam County Educational Services Center 124 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, OH 45875	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 10 - 12, 2018	St. Luke's Hospital - Auditorium B 5901 Monclova Road Maumee, Ohio 43537	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 12 - 14, 2018	Mayfield Heights Fire Department (Training Room) 6154 Mayfield Road Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 12 - 13, 2018	St. Luke's Hospital – Auditorium B 5901 Monclova Road Maumee, Ohio 43537	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 19 - 20, 2018	Mayfield Heights Fire Department (Training Room), 6154 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

Please pay particular attention to these courses listed above, as that there's a lot of ICS 300 & 400 classes listed that are very useful for all Amateurs to have under their belts. I will also state that G775 is also a very good course to take as well. These 3 courses are multiple day in class courses, so please be prepared to spend some time taking them.

I would like to remind any of you that are going to take any of the in-class training sessions that you dress appropriately. Please don't go into these classes with attire that doesn't represent you, and Amateur Radio in the best of light. I'm not setting a dress code, but if you wouldn't take your wife out to a nice restaurant in these clothes, you may want to reconsider what you are wearing. Remember, you will be in class with fire / police chiefs, mayors, township trustees and a whole host of other government and civil officials that will remember how you represented Amateur Radio while you were in these classes together.

Most, if not all of these courses are **free**, but please pay close attention when signing up. There will be a statement of fees if there are any at that time.

We do recognize that IS-300/400 requires multiple days of actual classroom training that is not easily obtained. So, if you just can't find the time to fit these class room courses in, we do have an alternative method for getting you to Level 3. Completing the following **“FREE”** and **“ONLINE”** courses will act as substitute for you FEMA Leadership Development Course requirements. You absolutely will need to complete all **7** of these courses to get your ICS 300/400 credit. Here are the courses that you need to take: **IS-120, 230, 240, 241, 242, 244 & 288.**

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### [ARRL V.E. Test Sessions](#)

**09/01/2018 | [Bryan OH 43506-8410](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Williams County ARC  
**Location:** Williams County 911/EMA  
**Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/01/2018 | [Delaware OH 43015-8533](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Delaware ARA  
**Location:** American Red Cross  
**Time:** 10:00 AM (No walk-ins)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/01/2018 | [Rittman OH 44270-1431](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Silvercreek ARA  
**Location:** Rittman Public Library  
**Time:** 9:45 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/06/2018 | [London OH 43140](#)**  
**Sponsor:** MCAARC  
**Location:** Madison County Engineer's Office  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/06/2018 | [Youngstown OH 44505-1400](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Mahoning ARA  
**Location:** Red Cross  
**Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/08/2018 | [Maumee OH 43537-1628](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Toledo Mobile Radio Assoc  
**Location:** Maumee Fire Station #2  
**Time:** 8:15 AM (No walk-ins)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/09/2018 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS  
**Location:** Old Elmwood Recreation Center  
**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/11/2018 | [Lancaster OH 43130-3014](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Lancaster & Fairfield Cnty ARC  
**Location:** American Red Cross  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/12/2018 | [Cincinnati OH 45242-5614](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Greater Cincinnati ARA  
**Location:** Blue Ash Recreation Center  
**Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/13/2018 | [Milford OH 45150-1427](#)**  
**Sponsor:** Milford ARC  
**Location:** Faith Church  
**Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

Here's also links to other great V.E. testing sites:

[Laurel V.E. Test Locations](#) & [W5YI V.E. Test Locations](#)

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## Special Events

- **09/02/2018 | Great Geauga County Fair**

**Sep 2-Sep 3, 1600Z-0500Z, W8G**, Chardon, OH. Geauga Amateur Radio Association. 14.225 7.175. QSL. Larry Shimerka, 965 Primrose Dr, Independence, OH 44131. Please include a SASE For QSL card. [www.geaugaara.org](http://www.geaugaara.org)

- **09/08/2018 | Eleventh Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air – Amateur Radio Contest**

Make sure to mark your calendar for the 2018 Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest – September 8, 2018. The contest is always held on the first Saturday following the Labor Day holiday. Each year this event has grown, and we anticipate another year of growth with even more participating Amateur Radio Operators.

Let me remind you that the OSPOTA contest was conceived with three main goals in mind:

1. To promote public awareness of amateur radio and Ohio's beautiful state parks system
2. To contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology
3. To promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio Operators

Your participation has allowed these goals to be achieved. We agree it is a lot of fun to get out in a natural setting with your radio and see how well you can do at working operators in the beautiful Ohio State Parks.

**This will be the eleventh annual OSPOTA – Make plans now to be active in OSPOTA 2018.**

The 2018 files are now being posted both on the OSPOTA web site and the OSPOTA Yahoo Group site. Don't forget – we have an OSPOTA Yahoo Group located at: [groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/OSPOTA/info](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/OSPOTA/info) The OSPOTA Yahoo Group page is used for messaging and sharing of information about OSPOTA for all the fans and participants in the OSPOTA contest. The Yahoo Group is where the action is. Also, since we do allow spotting to encourage more contacts during OSPOTA, Facebook is being used before and during the contest for instant updates and to share stories and photos.

As the contest draws near, we'll be posting on the OSPOTA Yahoo Group page the anticipated 'who's going to be at what Ohio State Park' or 'Planned Park' list as we have in past years. Send your planned park activation information to [PlannedParks@ospota.org](mailto:PlannedParks@ospota.org) . Please, include the call sign that will be used and the Ohio State Park you plan to be at. If your plans change, just let us know and we'll update the list.

**Notes: Lake White State Park was still out of full opening** as of February 17, 2018. We'll keep an eye out and see if it will be re-opened in 2019. Even with all the repair work that has been accomplished, they are still having problems with water levels. Additionally, some Ohio State Parks are now being managed by local park systems, but they are still listed and considered to be Ohio State Parks according to ODNR (Quail Hollow & Tinkers Creek). OSPOTA Questions? Email: [INFO@ospota.org](mailto:INFO@ospota.org) When the OSPOTA contest is over, send Logs and Summary Sheets to: [Logs@ospota.org](mailto:Logs@ospota.org)

- **09/15/2018 | Crash of USS Shenandoah**

**Sep 15, 1700Z-2100Z, K8S/N8S/W8S**, Ava, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association/Belle Valley Amateur Radio Club of American Legion Post 641. 7.235 7.230 7.225. Certificate. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. Commemorating the crash of the airship USS Shenandoah. There were three crash/debris sites. Operations will be from the three crash sites using call signs: K8S, N8S, and W8S. [www.w8vp.org](http://www.w8vp.org)

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## **Contest Corner**

*(from arrl bulletins)*

### NEW HF OPERATORS -- THINGS TO DO

Variety is the theme of the next 2 weeks. Digital operators will enjoy the [Russian RTTY Championship](#) event. US operators may find more activity with the former, as it's an everyone-work-everyone event. Fourteen percent of the US states are represented by a QSO party over the next 2 weeks. On September 1, the [All Asian DX Contest](#) will have the Phone operators' attention.

### **CONTEST SUMMARY**

#### **August 29**

- [Phone Fray](#)
- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)

#### **August 30**

- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)

#### **August 31**

- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC RTTY Sprint](#)
- [NCCC Sprint Ladder](#)
- [G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest](#)

#### **September 1**

- [All Asian DX Contest, Phone](#)
- [CWops CW Open](#)
- [Russian RTTY WW Contest](#)
- [Wake-Up! QRP Sprint](#)
- [AGCW Straight Key Party](#)
- [RSGB SSB Field Day](#)
- [Colorado QSO Party](#)
- [IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB](#)
- [Alabama QSO Party](#)
- [PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint](#)

#### **September 2**

- [WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone](#)
- [Tennessee QSO Party](#)
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#### **September 3**

- [MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint](#)

#### **September 4**

- [ARS Spartan Sprint](#)

#### **September 5**

- [Phone Fray](#)
- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)

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## Upcoming Hamfests



### 09/09/2018 | Findlay Hamfest

Location: Findlay, OH

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Website: <http://www.findlayradioclub.org>

### 09/22/2018 | OH-KY-IN ARS Hamfest

Location: Cincinnati, OH

Sponsor: OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.ohkyin.org>

### 09/23/2018 | Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show

Location: Berea, OH

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland

Website: <http://www.hac.org>

### 10/11-14/2018 | Microwave Update 2018 Convention

Location: Fairborn, OH

Sponsor: Midwest VHF/UHF Society

Website: <http://www.microwaveupdate.org>

### 10/13/2018 | Northwest Ohio ARC Hamfest

Location: Lima, OH

Sponsor: Northwest Ohio ARC

Website: <http://nwoarc.com>

### 10/28/2018 | Massillon Hamfest

Location: Massillon, OH

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8np.org>

### 11/03/2018 | GARC HAMFEST

Location: Georgetown, OH

Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://garcoho.net>

Find all the Ohio Hamfests in one location? Go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/hamfests.html>

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## ***Just Another November??***

*(from Tom Sly, WB8LCD)*

Have you ever had a chance to look at a radio spectrum allocation chart? I mean the BIG one that shows the entire radio spectrum. It's pretty amazing. Especially if you look for all of the Amateur Radio allocations that are made. I can only guess, but I would have to think that our allocation of radio spectrum is worth somewhere in the Billions (if not Trillions) of dollars!

I do know that commercial/industrial/military interests would LOVE to kick us to the curb and take our allocations away from us. We can't let that happen.

In Amateur Radio's stated purpose are several things that we are to be about to justify our existence and the spectrum allocations we occupy. One of those things is Service to our community. That has typically meant communications support in times of emergency. Certainly a "natural" spot for us to be to serve our communities. To that end, I would encourage all of you to support EmComm functions whether it be via ARES, The Portage County Communications Unit, The Salvation Army or any other organization that uses Amateur Radio as a means to complete their mission.

In addition to purely emergency operations, we have ample opportunities to participate in our communities by providing communications support to all sorts of community-based activities – bike races, marathons, car shows, the Iditarod, you name it!

Ham Radio has been an important communications tool used by many organizations! (Remember a few years ago we even had at our club meeting a speaker who talked about how Ham Radio Operators were used at the Super Bowl to safeguard communications?)

There are lots of ways to use Amateur Radio to support our communities. But, there are also lots of other ways that we can serve our communities as a group of hams, even if we don't use amateur radio as the means of providing that service. I am *extremely* proud of my club, The Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) for its support of the Amelia DiGirolamo Center of Hope in Ravenna, OH.

“The Amelia DiGirolamo Center of Hope is dedicated to enhancing the nutrition of low-income people in Portage County where local food pantries are not present. Hot meals are offered at no cost five days a week and they typically serve 75-100 individuals per day. Opportunities for socialization, cooking classes and referral services are also offered.” On an annual basis, more than 100,000 people are served each year. Most importantly, of every \$1.00 donated, 94 cents goes directly to those in need.



While not the usual example of Amateur Radio Public Service, this is certainly a cause worth supporting. Over the last 12 years, PCARS has raised over \$29,000 in donations for the Center of Hope. Last year our donation was \$6445.00. Because this has been a successful program for us, I would like to suggest that other Amateur Radio Clubs in the Ohio Section look for causes similar to this that they can support. Large or small, all donations are always appreciated, and these activities can be a good source of PR for your club. (you will need to send out the press releases, don't wait for someone else to do it.)

I know that this is not the usual time to be thinking of donating to a charitable organization (that's usually thought of after Thanksgiving), but if your club is thinking of doing something like this, NOW is the time to get it started. There are many organizations like the one that PCARS has chosen in your area and they desperately need your help.

Don't know how to get this idea started in your club? Send me an email [wb8lcd@arrl.net](mailto:wb8lcd@arrl.net)

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## *Youngstown Flood*

This is how you build that confidence with your government leadership. You take that extra step and go outside the usual ARES box and help out when you can, anyway that you can. Please understand, it isn't always about communications.



## **MAHONING COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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*Board of Mahoning County Commissioners*

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*Dennis O'Hara, Director*

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Youngstown, OH 44509  
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August 20, 2018

Mr. Dave Brett  
Mahoning County ARES

Mr. Brett,

I would like to thank you for assisting and coordinating with ARES volunteers to conduct damage assessment in the Boardman, Struthers, Poland areas last week. We were able to make positive contact with over four hundred homes and businesses on seventy plus streets in these affected areas.

I am proud of the coordination between the EMA and ARES. I look forward to working with ARES and continuing to foster the relationship between the organizations. I will be in touch in the next few weeks to schedule an after action review (AAR) so that we can critique our response and implement any improvements. Once again thank you for all of your assistance and please pass along this message to all of the ARES volunteers that assisted.

Respectfully,

Dennis O'Hara  
Director

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## *Weather Underground and Ham Weather Stations*

Hey Gang,

Have you visited the webpage to see all the Weather Underground stations yet? I've just added 3 more reporting stations to the listing. This is really great! Here's a link to it... <http://arrl-ohio.org/wus.html>



We're starting to get a really good collection of stations all over. I know that there is a lot more than what we have listed. How's about sharing your weather information with all of us! All that you need to do is send me your Weather Underground ID and your call sign and I'll take it from there. Sent it to: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) I think this will be a lot of fun for sure!

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*Final.. Final..*



Hey Gang...

**My O' My...** What another week this has been! It's been a busy one for sure! Between club meetings and a midweek meeting with Ohio VOAD I was really rockin' and a rollin' down the road. I had a blast at the annual Silvercreek picnic and enjoyed visiting with so many of you during the Ohio QSO Party this past weekend as well.

Now.. On to some other items.. As I announced several week's ago, the new ARES Program changes are on hold until they can acquire additional input **from all of the Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators** around the country. I have heard from several of you so far about what you like and don't like, as well as some great suggestions for improvements. I still would love to hear from more of you on how you feel this program should go. We have until **October 31<sup>st</sup>** to get our input into the Committee. **Here's your chance to have some input to all of this.** Send me your input to any possible changes that you may have about the new system. I will forward them to the Committee. I did get several good suggestions that I will add with my comments. There's still some time to gather more input from YOU..

We do have a few rules that you need to be aware of...

1. Please be concise and to-the-point in your responses.
2. Bear in mind that each member of the working group has been sincere and dedicated to the redesign of ARES, so please be respectful in your responses.
3. The framework of ARES must remain as close to universal as possible, even with the recognition that some geographical areas may require certain specific training that others do not need.
4. The understanding that specific agency agreements and needs must be honored.
5. Mutual aid pacts may require training specific to adjacent jurisdictions.
6. If you have a concern about a new policy, be prepared to offer an alternate.

Please keep the comments civil, and constructive. Send them to me at: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

Here in Ohio we can ill afford not to be trained. We have been asked to work in some very unique situations with our partners in the past several years, and most of their confidence in us started with the knowledge that we have been trained in their systems. If we expect to keep moving forward with them, we have to keep demonstrating to them that we are serious and are willing to get training!

On this same subject, some of you noticed that you can acquire your Level 3 by substituting your ICS 300/400 with the following NIMS courses. Completing the following “FREE” and “ONLINE” courses will act as a substitute for you FEMA Leadership Development Course requirements. You absolutely will need to complete all 7 of these courses to get your ICS 300/400 credit. Here are the courses that you need to take:  
**IS-120, 230, 240, 241, 242, 244 & 288.**

Hey, speaking of training, how’s yours going? As you saw above, I’m still working on my training! Are you? Let’s not forget that it is going to be a very important part of what we do **from now on!** We want no one left behind, or not credited for the courses that you have taken. Just go to:  
<http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/special/ICS%20Complete%20by%20County%20and%20Name.pdf> and make sure.  
(Just so you know, it’s listed by county.)

Now, don’t forget that your ICS certificates aren’t the only things we’re looking for either. If you noticed in the story above, having Damage Assessment training paid off for the folks in Mahoning County. Basic or Advanced First Aid, CPR or AED training is also very valuable in the field as well. And, don’t forget about the newest training out there, “**Stop the Bleed...**” This one is really good, and it’s something that you can use no matter where you are. These courses are not only useful for you in the field, but you’d be surprised how they can help you around the house as well. Remember, most accidents happen within 25 miles of you home! And YES, my accident last year happened within that 25-mile radius. You need to be prepared!

Keep those NIMS courses coming... Let’s see if we can get to **750** persons with all 4 of their NIMS courses in!

That’s going to do it for this time around. Stay safe, and most of all... have FUN!!

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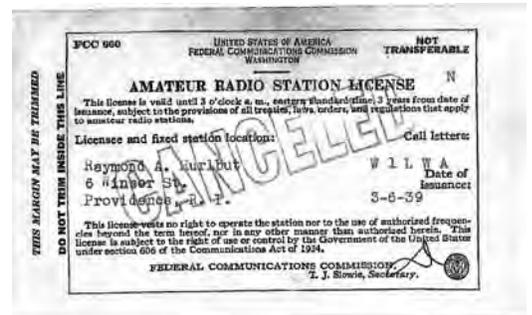
## Who Has Been Licensed The Longest?



Ray, W8FLX, at the key during Field Day

**OMG..** That’s my reaction to all the emails I got from you. I got way more than I ever thought I would. I am amazed at the level of experience that we have here in Ohio.

It appears that **Ray Hurlbut, W8FLX** – who was licensed in March of 1939 is the winner, hands down! Here’s Ray’s story.



## 79 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS --. --- RADIO OPERATION AND LICENSING

Lancaster, Ohio is the home of Ray Hurlbut, W8FLX. Ray has continually kept his amateur radio license up to date and active since 1939. He has been active by using CW on the HF bands all of those years. Who knew that this 18-year-old boy, *when he was first licensed*, would still be clicking the keys of his CW key at 97 years young????

When asked to tell a little bit about himself Ray said.....



“I was licensed as W1LWA in March 1939 and have operated most of my ham career on CW. Initially I worked all the contests and many traffic nets, also 225 DXCC’s. During WW2, I was in the Navy as radioman in the aircrew flying Vega Ventura PV-1’s in the Caribbean and Pacific. I have resided in Ohio since 1963 when my call was changed to W8FLX. I recently moved into a condo in Lancaster, OH and, due to antenna restrictions, I am using an indoor dipole to operate on the HF bands. The rig was recently changed to an IC7300 on 20, 15 & 10 meters. I just recently put up a 40-meter dipole using 2 Hamsticks. The Hamstick I put on the patio fence for 40m is still in use. Recently purchased an ICOM 718 that I plan to use it on PSK. I am a member of Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club, ARRL, and Quarter Century Club. I also use CQ100 and Echo Link for ham radio when conditions are bad. I also have a web camera and use Skype. The XYL, Lucy, and I married January 1951 and she shared many ham radio adventures with me. She passed away September 2010.

Ham radio is the greatest hobby. Hope you are having as much fun as I am on HF as well as CQ100 or Skype.

73, Ray ... \_ \_ .

So, now we have who the longest licensed Amateur Radio Operator is in the Ohio Section. Our Congratulations go out to Ray for sure... Keep tappin’ out the CW my friend!

**What’s next? Well, let’s find out who the longest licensed YL / XYL is.** Ok ladies let’s see who among you will it be. Now don’t be shy about this, I promise that I won’t ask you your age, just how long have you been licensed. Send me the information [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)



*I do want to give John Levo, W8KIW, from the Monday Morning Memo a great big thanks for coming up with this wonderful idea! Thanks, so much John.*

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## *Chit – Chat, and All That!*

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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)



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