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***National News***

*(from arrl and other sources)*

***ARRL's New On the Air Magazine on its Way to Members***

The premiere issue of ARRL's *On the Air* magazine has left the printer and is on its way to member subscribers.

The magazine should be in mailboxes within the next 10 days.

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| **ARRL Emergency Preparedness Assistant Sabrina Jackson, KC1JMW, is featured on the cover of the premiere issue of On the Air magazine.** |

[*On the Air*](http://www.arrl.org/ota) is the newest ARRL member benefit to help new licensees and beginner-to-intermediate radio communicators navigate the world of amateur radio. Eligible US-based members can elect to receive *On the Air* or *QST* magazine in print when they join or when they renew their ARRL membership.

Delivered six times a year, the magazine will present articles and tips on selecting equipment, building projects, and getting involved in emergency communication. *On the Air* will also spotlight the experiences of those involved in public service communication and casual operating.

All members will be able to access digital editions of *On the Air* magazine. The first digital issue of *On the Air* will be available beginning January 14, supported by a new version of ARRL’s digital magazine app. With one app, members will be able to access *On the Air* and *QST*.

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***ARRL CEO Challenges Members: "Dare to Imagine"***

In his January 2020 *QST* "[Second Century](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/This%20Month%20in%20QST/January%202020/January%20Editorial.pdf)" editorial, ARRL CEO Howard Michel, WB2ITX, challenges members to imagine what ARRL and amateur radio will look like in 5 years and beyond and to dare to imagine change.

"Younger hams are not just younger versions of you or me," Michel writes. "They have grown up in a different world." He points out that 75% of non-members hold Technician licenses. "But more than license class, their interests are different. Their demographics are different. They are different, and they want different things," he said. His approach is to target specific interest groups, which he calls "verticals," that will allow ARRL to provide individual members what they want.

"We can try to mold the future generation of hams to our image, or we can embrace new hams for what they are," Michel asserted. "ARRL needs to do the latter."

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In addition to initiatives such as the new *On the Air* magazine, debuting this month in print and digital editions, and the Lifelong Learning program to engage new licensees, Michel is proposing verticals focusing on radiosport, experimentation, and emergency communication. He's recommending a new family of "mini-magazines" to reach niche membership interests.

"To jump start the mini-mag revolution," he said, "We will offer *NCJ* and *QEX* in digital form to everyone." ARRL also plans to hire a national club coordinator this year.

“Our focus will be on developing ways, and an infrastructure, that members can use to organize themselves in ways they want, to do things that they consider meaningful,” Michel said.

He [has invited](mailto:ceo@arrl.org) members’ comments.

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***Volunteer Monitor Program Coordinator Looks Forward to a Positive 2020***

In a holiday season message to ARRL leadership and to members of the new ARRL Volunteer Monitor (VM) program, its coordinator, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, expressed his gratitude to all involved for their contributions to getting the program off to a solid start in January.

"It will be a good year," Hollingsworth said. "We will have fun, you will enjoy it more than you probably think, and -- thanks to the talent and generosity of one of our VMs -- a computer program will make your reporting *much* easier (there will be no need for bi-monthly reports!)," he wrote. "This is our opportunity to help amateur radio last another hundred years and to pay forward this wonderful avocation that joyfully occupies our lives. This could be our legacy if we do it with all the energy and devotion that characterized the Official Observer (OO) program for decades."

Hollingsworth said the success of the OO program convinced the FCC to trust ARRL with the responsibilities now to be taken up by the Volunteer Monitor program. "Those of you who are former OOs have an extra reason to be proud, and amateur radio is grateful to you more than you will ever know," Hollingsworth concluded. "Thank you. It will be a privilege to work with you this new year."

Approved by the ARRL Board of Directors in 2018, the Volunteer Monitor program supplants the venerable OO program. The VM program represents a formal agreement between the FCC and ARRL in which volunteers trained and vetted by ARRL will monitor the airwaves and collect evidence that can be used to correct misconduct. The program also will recognize exemplary on-air operation, something not done during the OO program. Cases of flagrant violations will be referred to the FCC by ARRL for action in accordance with FCC guidelines.

The FCC proposed the new program in the wake of several FCC regional office closures and a reduction in field staff. It will give enforcement priority to cases developed by the Volunteer Monitor program without ARRL’s having to refer cases through the FCC online complaint process.

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***FCC Chairman Proposes $20B in Rural Broadband Funding***

A close up of a sign

Description automatically generated*(submitted by Gregory Drezdzon, WD9FTZ)*

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai presented his colleagues with final rules to launch a $20.4 billion Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. The rules, which will be voted on by the commission at its Jan. 30 open meeting, would establish a two-phased process to provide funding for the deployment of high-speed broadband in areas of the United States where there is not fixed broadband service that meets the FCC’s minimum speed standard 25/3 Megabits per second (Mbps).

The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund would allocate $20.4 billion through a reverse-auction format to connect millions of rural homes and small businesses to high-speed broadband networks. For phase one, FCC would target $16 billion to areas that are wholly unserved by such broadband.

For phase two, the FCC would use its new broadband mapping approach, called the Digital Opportunity Data Collection, to target unserved households in areas that are partially served by such broadband — areas where some households have access to such service but others do not. Phase two would also include areas that do not receive winning bids in phase one.

The FCC estimates 6 million model-determined locations would be eligible for bidding in phase one of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund. This figure is subject to change for a variety of reasons, including updated data regarding broadband deployment and construction as well as any modifications made to the draft rules.

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***Puerto Rico Earthquake Knocks Out 30% of Cell Sites***

*(Submitted by Gregory Drezdzon, WD9FTZ)*

More than *30% of cell sites were down* Jan. 8 in Puerto Rico following a 6.4 earthquake Jan. 7. By Jan. 9, the number of cell sites down had improved to 19.5%, according to data from the FCC.

No outages affected public-safety answering points (PSAPs) or 9-1-1 services, according to reports from the FCC’s Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS), which was activated for Puerto Rico following the earthquakes.

The highest percentages of outages were reported in the southern central portion of the island. Villalba, Corozal, Yauco, Juana Diaz, Guayanilla and Quebradillas counties all reported more than 44% of outages as of Jan. 9.

The earthquakes knocked out Puerto Rico's Costa Sur plant and damaged other infrastructure. The plant supplied about one-quarter of Puerto Rico’s power, according to news reports. At least one death was reported.

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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 yourself registered now!

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 I usually “Give Away” more than just a Handbook too!!

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**](http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html)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!

***Club Corner***

This is YOUR cornner 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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***Mercer County Amateur Radio Club Hosting Special Guest***

I am pleased to announce that Bob Allison, WB1GCM from the ARRL headquarters lab team will present two topics at the Mercer County Amateur Radio Club January 2020 meeting on **January 28th** starting at 6 PM at the Park Inn Radisson West Middlesex.

Everyone is welcome to attend the January Mercer County Amateur Radio Club (MCARC) meeting and learn how ARRL reviews and tests new equipment -  from the guy that writes the articles you see in QST magazine.

This is a meeting you do not want to miss.

73 and Happy New Year,

Tim K3LR

MCARC President

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**The Highland ARA is starting a Technician Class** in the not too distant future.  On Sunday, **January 19** there will be an Introduction to Ham Radio program held at the Hillsboro Methodist Church.  In addition to the usual ham radio videos and handouts, there will be new and old hams telling those present ‘what got them   interested in ham radio and what they have gotten out of the hobby and service’.  **Actual instruction will start on Sunday, February 9** and be held each Sunday afternoon into March.  Each weekly session will last about two hours.  A $25 fee will be charged which covers the cost of the ARRL Technician License Manual.  More information is available from John Levo, W8KIW, 937-393-4951.

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**Technician License Class:** Mondays, **January 13 to March 16,** 2020, **7:00 to 9:00 PM**, Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio, 100 South May Avenue, Athens, OH 45701. No charge for class. Book approx. $25. Test on March 16 is $15.

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***Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club to Hold General Class***

CFARC will hold its fifth annual General Class Licensing Course starting **16 February 2020** running for 5 weeks of instruction and a 6th week of a public VE session.

The class will be held in the main branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. The meeting time is 1:15 PM to 4:45 PM each Sunday for the 6 weeks. For detail contact Jim, N8PZL at [education@cfarc.org](mailto:education@cfarc.org).

Additional details and the course web page can be found at [j-grover.com/general](https://j-grover.com/general/index.htm).

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***Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society (CARS) 2020 Winter Ham Radio Classes!***

Thursday evenings starting **February 20, 2020** and ending April 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm. April 2nd will be a special VE Test session for all license classes.

To register, please follow the link at: [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org) and complete the on-line application.

Classes will be held at the Seven Hills City Hall, 7325 Summit View Dr, Seven Hills, OH 44131 in room “C” at 6:30 pm every Thursday. All class materials are provided.

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***Massillon ARC Holding Classes for Tech and General licensing, and Code training.***

All three classes will run simultaneously at club Headquarters, (Massillon Senior Center) 39 Lincoln Way West, Massillon, OH.

The classes will begin **Friday evening, February 14**,  7 p.m to 9 p.m, and continue every Friday evening for Ten weeks.  Cost per person for entire class is $15 to cover expenses.

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A VEC exam session will tentatively be scheduled for immediately after the last class.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting our Web site at: [www.w8np.org](http://www.w8np.org) or emailing Perry Ballinger at [w8au@sssnet.com](mailto:w8au@sssnet.com).  For reservations call

330-705-8449

and leave message.

******[***Upcoming Hamfests***](http://arrl-ohio.org/hamfests.html) ***for 2020***

**01/19/2020 | Sunday Creek Annual Hamfest**  
Location: Nelsonville, OH  
Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation

**01/26/2020 | Tusco Amateur Radio Club's 30th Annual Hamfest, Electronics and Computer Show**  
Location: Strasburg, OH  
Sponsor: Tusco Amateur Radio Club  
Website: [http://www.tuscoarc.org](http://www.tuscoarc.org/)

**02/16/2020 | Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest**Location: Mansfield, OH  
Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club  
Website: [http://WWW.IARC.CLUB](http://www.iarc.club/)

**03/01/2020 | WinterHamFest**  
Location: Elyria, OH  
Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society  
Website: [http://noars.net](http://noars.net/)

**03/14-15/2020 | Toledo Hamfest,**

**ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention**Location: Perrysburg, OH  
Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association  
Website:  <http://www.toledoglc.org/>

**03/21/2020 | Mid-Ohio Valley ARC Hamfest**

Location: Gallipolis, OH

Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/midohiovalleyarc/>

**04/11/2020 | 66th Annual Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**  
Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
Website: <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php>

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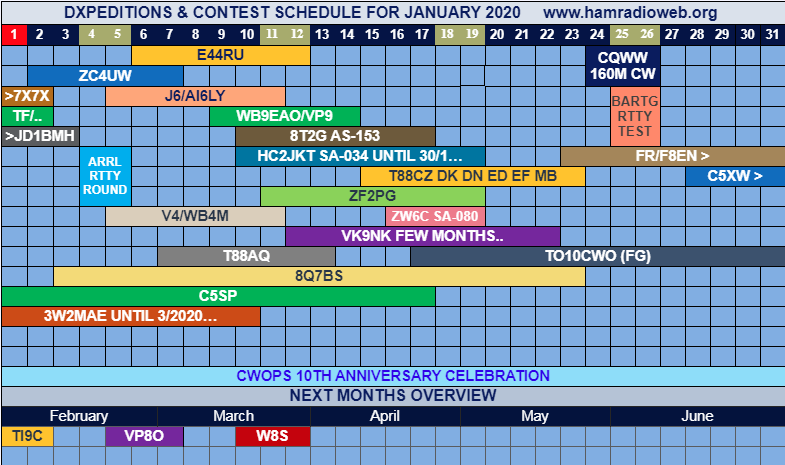
***DX This Week***

*(from Bill, AJ8B)*

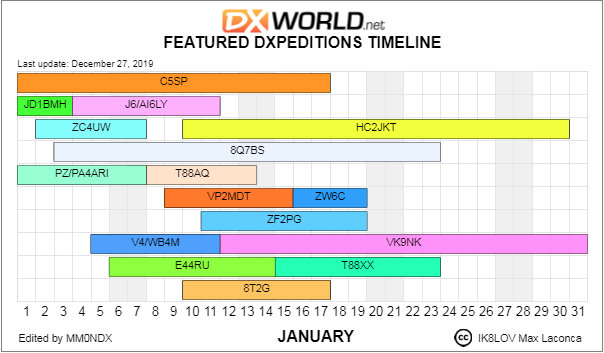
***DX This Week – 2020 Dates***

***Bill AJ8B (***[***aj8b@arrl.net***](mailto:aj8b@arrl.net)***, @AJ8B, or*** [***www.aj8b.com***](http://www.aj8b.com)***)   
 CWOPs Member #1567***

DX Spots that originated in the Midwest included Alaska, Algeria, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Azores, Balearic Islands, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Canary Islands, Cayman Islands, Chile, China, Crete, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, European Russia, European Turkey, Fed. Rep. of Germany, Finland, France, Gibraltar, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Ogasawara, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Rotuma Island, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad & Tobago, UK Base Areas on Cyprus, Ukraine, and Venezuela. The DX Clusters were very busy! I hope you took part.



Here are the two calendars that I use to track things month to month. They can be found at [www.hamradioweb.org](http://www.hamradioweb.org) and [www.dx-world.net](http://www.dx-world.net). You can also regularly check <https://www.dailydx.com/the-daily-dx-calendar/>.



There are 3 kinds of events that I like to participate in, either committing the entire weekend or just a few hours. The first type are regional contests. The All Asian contest is my favorite and has allowed me opportunities to capture DX entities and zones on bands where I would not normally work these entities.

The second type are state QSO parties. These operating events are fun and can really help you sharpen your operating skills.

Finally, there are the international DX contests. These are great for challenging you operating skills, equipment, and for rounding out your entity and zone count.

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I have composed a list that combines information from <https://qsoparty.eqth.net/index.html> and <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>. The list is too long to include here, but, you can download this list from [www.aj8b.com/files](http://www.aj8b.com/files).

Let me know if you participate in these, what your favorite is and how you did.

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Here is an update from Bernie, W3UR, of the DailyDX and the WeeklyDX, the best source for DX information. <http://www.dailydx.com/>. Bernie has this to report:

**CQ DX Hall of Fame** Nominations Due March 1 - By N2OO, Bob Schenck

Just a reminder that nominations for the 2020 "class" of the CQ DX Hall of Fame are due by March 1. The CQ DX Hall of Fame honors those DXers who have gone "above and beyond," not only in terms of their own on-air accomplishments but also in terms of "giving back" to the DXing community. A maximum of two (2) people may be inducted each year.

Nominations may be made by DX clubs, national organizations or individuals, and must be submitted by March 1 of each year to be considered. Nominations should be directed to CQ DX Hall of Fame, c/o CQ magazine, 17 West John Street, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA; or (preferably) via e-mail to <[w2vu@cq-amateur-radio.com](mailto:w2vu@cq-amateur-radio.com)>. Be sure to specify that the nomination is for the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

**South Orkney 2020** - For Immediate Release

Press Release #9

Jan 2, 2020

South Orkney Islands DXpedition - VP8PJ

We are pleased to announce the call sign for the Perseverance DX Group’s expedition South Orkney 2020 will be changed to VP8PJ. In past years it was relatively easy to get a preferred VP8 call sign for the British Antarctic Territory. After a licensing administrative change, we were unable to obtain a VP8 call sign for operation from South Orkney and were advised to use /VP8.

Alan, VK6CQ, a recent addition to the team, holds the call sign VP8PJ that was issued to him for operation from the British Antarctic Territory. After submission of a copy of Alan’s license, ARRL has issued us a new LoTW certificate for the use of this call from South Orkney for the duration of our expedition.

73,

Team VP8PJ

Website: [https://sorkney.com/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0010OYoYWg7w00eMaZ9wq9foT1StpOAlz4Ns4IXmGDpxhkNfyzuNBLQ90MhSTxbo2qUPJCmRty6Nr7wLU5NcSMeg3SNVBxdXviQDY-1ERykkwGlhdwwUxuPxr0phA2-vgHabOoBr8tnm60=&c=CSNGBp1sUl7r6W_iKQsJG94HZQAESfZgMhJw3q260RgrmAp1jN62nA==&ch=Azc1s5q3pPc7V4CYuK4uNnFkyzfOBpaV8gJOVKzNLzkAFJ0m3_ngMg==)

Please direct your questions to: [info@sorkney.com](mailto:info@sorkney.com)

**C2 – Nauru -** JH3AZC, Kay, and friends will operate from the Budapest Hotel in the Republic of Nauru February 5-8.  Kay’s callsign is C21MB and his full name is Kay Sanae.  Others operating with him on this trip are:

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JP3EXR, Taka Sakamoto, doing 2M EME, apparently using the same C21MB callsign.

JH3QFL, callsign C21AA, HF, especially low bands.

JR3GWZ, call C21GW, Hiro Kojima, HF, especially low bands also.

JA1PFP, C21PF, Taka Yoshida, 40 and 20M

JH3VAA, C21VA, Mamoru Nomura, HF bands.

The HF station is an FT991A, IC7300, a Redpitaya SDR, SPE KW amp and a Thamway 500 watt amp; and for antennas a spiderbeam and groundplane.  They plan operation on all of these:  160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 18, 15, 10, 6 and 2M EME.  The HF operation will be primarily FT8.

For a QSL, you can send to the home call of the particular one you work, and to JH3AZC for 2M EME, with SAE and 2 USD, no Club Log, no LoTW it appears.

**YB – Indonesia -** 7A2A is a special callsign January 24-26 during the CQ 160M Contest, a multi-single operation.  QSL direct or through LoTW.  This group suggests you look for them every contest.

**F – France -** TM17AAW will be a special callsign from France, says F8DVD, as part of Antarctica Activity Week.  He will have it on February 3-17.  This is the 17th annual “AAW.”  Francois will be at his QTH in Macon in eastern France, 60km north of yon.  QSL to F8DVD direct with SAE and 2 USD, or via the bureau, or LoTW.  [http://www.qrz.com/db/TM17AAW](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ov39vCuKNU78ph3Ope5kC0OJyOpddE99CogaAulb8dDGGMbUqvDBihd0IjpNN-FpCajFI2Hk6LyG41LNOW7j7PE8UNq5Wggz3vf1iIHGZnzSnyW2RrC8vcf3SCuKxcMYjMErLpgSuRqDC4HDWnvPX5r9rpRu9nb8&c=HU2JaG3iiggaVXiPZ-AAQ0FjWcEcbLz08kSIhB5oifz87r3cJ3zq3Q==&ch=m73z7lK2TiVIQkhDtmov159_LuOziGbXMjAAII8-uXsoBhzgc9MDcA==).

**LZ – Bulgaria -** LZ1KCP, the Radio Club Blagovestnik, will put 12 special callsigns on the air this year.  They honor Orthodox Christianity saints.  They are:

  LZ1908IK in January.

LZ34WGI in February.

LZ250KD in March.

LZ630IL in April.

LZ177GL in May.

LZ734PA in June.

LZ551MS in July.

LZ662MI in August.

LZ595IP in September.

LZ1891AO in October.

LZ350PI in November.

LZ1263AN in December.

All of the above may be QSLed through the bureau, or direct to:

P.O. Box 36

4300 Karlovo

Bulgaria

There is an associated “All Saints Award,” [http://www.lz1kcp.com/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ov39vCuKNU78ph3Ope5kC0OJyOpddE99CogaAulb8dDGGMbUqvDBihd0IjpNN-FpJDwE14yi6AQ0Df2HlPMPwLKMwTXLf-CSFS31BGVH6sHi67XNyR8ef9NBe1Qkt2Ry7LLp57R6Oyc=&c=HU2JaG3iiggaVXiPZ-AAQ0FjWcEcbLz08kSIhB5oifz87r3cJ3zq3Q==&ch=m73z7lK2TiVIQkhDtmov159_LuOziGbXMjAAII8-uXsoBhzgc9MDcA==).

**On the WWW -** K8CX, Tom Roscoe, has posted some 130 DX sound clips on Hamgallery.com from 2019 at [http://hamgallery.com/dx2019/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0010OYoYWg7w00eMaZ9wq9foT1StpOAlz4Ns4IXmGDpxhkNfyzuNBLQ99WGVRhuPlGrhB9GY7TTv1LrPGfKR9Zpk9ytoCV9mWniT6nviTS-UVpCfOfR2vdyuQ9M4q9-fW7RO_IqFaQ-HuZCnWpRPuZB1fy0wG76sWVd&c=CSNGBp1sUl7r6W_iKQsJG94HZQAESfZgMhJw3q260RgrmAp1jN62nA==&ch=Azc1s5q3pPc7V4CYuK4uNnFkyzfOBpaV8gJOVKzNLzkAFJ0m3_ngMg==). His site now has some 2,741 sound clips. If anyone has “any old or interesting sound clips” please contact Tom.

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***SWODXA DXDINNER® ANNOUNCEMENT***

January 6th , 2020

Mike Suhar – W8RKO

[***msuhar@woh.rr.com***](mailto:msuhar@woh.rr.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) is pleased to announce that we will again sponsor the DX Dinner, held in conjunction with the 2020 Dayton Hamvention®. This, our **35th** annual dinner, will be on Friday, May 15th, 2020, at the **Dayton Marriott, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409**.

We will have another fantastic array of great prizes at the Dinner and the Forum!

There will be a cash bar starting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00. Following the event, there will be a separate room and cash bar available for more fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new hams and to renew old acquaintances as well as to learn about past DXpeditions and those in the planning stages.

The Marriott is very accommodating to a group our size. The dining room is on the ground floor so there are no steps, the dining room is very large, and there is ample **free**, on-site parking.

This dinner is always well attended by some of the most avid DXers in the world. The 2019 dinner had over 400 attendees! As in the past, there will be some major door prizes, and there is always great anticipation as to who will be named the “DXpedition of the Year®”, the “IOTA DX-Peditioner of the Year”, as well as the inductees in to the CQ DX Hall of Fame during the dinner.

Tickets can be purchased on the SWODXA Events website at [www.swodxaevents.org/purchase-tickets/](http://www.swodxaevents.org/purchase-tickets/)

Program details and a list of the prizes will be on the website as they become available and updates will be sent out regularly via Twitter. Follow us on Twitter - @SWODXA

You can check <https://swodxaevents.org/latest-news/> for the latest news.

***DX news***

***ARLD002 DX news***

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by CO3JK, W4GKR, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

**VIET NAM, 3W.** Wolfgang, DL5MAE is QRV as 3W2MAE from Phan Thiet. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

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**CUBA, CO.** Special event station CO0CW is QRV during January to celebrate the 5th anniversary of Group CW of Cuba. Activity is on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via CO3JK.

**ENGLAND, G.** John, M0XIG is QRV with special call sign GB200FN until February 3 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. QSL direct to home call.

**ECUADOR, HC.** Jon, EA1VE is QRV as HC2JKT from Puna Island, IOTA SA-034, until January 30. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

**JAPAN, JA.** Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are QRV with special event station 8N6SHURI during 2020 while supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building that burned down on October 2019. QSL via bureau.

**BULGARIA, LZ.** Members of the Bulgarian Radio Club Blagovestnik are QRV with special call sign LZ1908IK during January to honor the memory of Bulgarian saints. QSL via bureau.

**BRAZIL, PY.** A group of operators will be QRV as ZW6C from Tinhare Island, IOTA SA-080, from January 16 to 19. Activity will be on 40, 20 and 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to PY6TV.

**PALAU, T8.** Operators JI3DNN, JH3LSS, JA3HJI, JA3IVU, JA3ARJ and JA3AVO are QRV as T88CZ, T88DK, T88DN, T88ED, T88EF and T88MB, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, from January 15 to 23. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters. QSL to home calls.

**COSTA RICA, TI.**  Rich, W4GKR will be QRV as TI5/W4GKR beginning January 14 to February 4. Activity will be holiday style on 160 to 6 meters using mostly digital modes and possibly slow CW. QSL to home call.

**NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N.** Janusz, SP9FIH will be QRV as VK9NK from January 12 to April 12. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

**MONTSERRAT, VP2M.** Duane, WV2B is QRV as VP2MDT until January 15. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

**TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5.** David, KM3T is QRV as VP5/KM3T from Providenciales Island, IOTA NA-002, until January 14. Activity is holiday style on 160 to 10 meters using CW and possibly FT8. This includes being an entry in the North American CW QSO Party. QSL to home call.

**INDIA, VU.** Members of the West Bengal Radio Club are QRV as 8T2G from Sagar Island, IOTA AS-153, until January 17 during the annual pilgrimage of people to the Ganges Delta. QSL via VU2NRO.

**SERBIA, YU.** Members of the Serbian CW Club are QRV with special call YT50SCWC during 2020 to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary. QSL via YU1MM.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF.** Pete, K8PGJ will be QRV as ZF2PG from Grand Cayman, IOTA NA-016, from January 11 to 19. Activity will be on the HF bands. This includes being an entry in the upcoming North American SSB QSO Party. QSL direct to home call.

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THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The North American CW QSO Party, NCCC RTTY Sprint, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC CW Sprint, YB DX SSB Contest, Old New Year Contest, SKCC Weekend CW Sprintathon, UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest, NRAU-Baltic Contest, DARC 10-Meter Contest, The IQRP Quarterly Marathon and the RSGB AFS Data Contest are all on tap for this upcoming weekend.

The Classic CW Exchange runs from January 12 to 15.

The 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint is scheduled for January 13.

The CWops Mini-CWT Test, Phone Fray and QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt are scheduled for January 15.

Please see January 2020 QST, page 81, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest Web Sites for details.

***Special Events***

* **01/18/2020 | Maderas Canyon - Birding Capital of Arizona**

**Jan 18, 1600Z-2100Z, K7T**, Tucson, AZ. Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club. 7.200 LSB 14.040 CW 14.250 USB 18.100 FT-8. Certificate. Email, qsl@tucsonhamradio.org, for certificate.. No paper QSLs please. [www.TucsonHamRadio.org](http://www.tucsonhamradio.org/)

* **01/18/2020 | Tonto National Monument - cancelled due to fire, see new event for K7T**

**Jan 18, 1600Z-2100Z, K7T**, Tucson, AZ. Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club. 7.040 CW 14.040 CW 14.250 USB 18.100 FT8. Certificate. Email , www.qsl@TucsonHamRadio.org , for certificate.. Commemorating 100th Anniversary of the Salt River project that supplies water to Phoenix. No paper QSL's please. \*event cancelled due to fire -- see new event listed for K7T on this date\* [www.TucsonHamRadio.org](http://www.tucsonhamradio.org/)

* **01/19/2020 | Quartzfest 2020**

**Jan 19-Jan 25, 0700Z-1800Z, W7Q**, Quartzite, AZ. Quartzfest. 7.275 +-10 khz 14.285 +- 10 khz 21.395 +- 10khz 28.415 +- 10khz. QSL. Gloria Luther, 7690 W Derry , Kirkland, AZ 86332. [https://quartzfest.org](https://quartzfest.org/)

* **01/25/2020 | Discovery of Gold in California Special Event Station**

**Jan 25-Jan 26, 1400Z-2330Z, AG6AU**, Coloma, CA. El Dorado County ARC. 21.348 14.248 7.248. QSL. El Dorado County ARC, PO Box 451, Placerville, CA 95667. [www.edcarc.net](http://www.edcarc.net/)

***ARRL Contest Corner***

An expanded, downloadable version of *QST'*s [**Contest Corral**](http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar) is available as a PDF. Check the sponsor's Web site for information on operating time restrictions and other instructions.

Just Ahead in Radiosport

* January 12 - 15 -- Classic Exchange (CW)
* January 13 -- 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint (CW, phone)
* January 16 -- NAQCC CW Sprint (CW)

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***Attention ALL Ohio…***

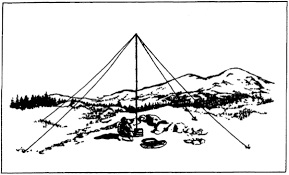
***Mark April 4, 2020 (Saturday) as our ARES OHIO SPRING CONFERENCE!***

We have the Marion Tech lecture hall reserved (THANKS MARION ARES!!!) and we’ll begin planning some important topics! More information will be forth coming.

This event is always “Standing Room Only” so we do ask that you register ahead of time so that we can be properly prepared for how many are coming. It’s quick and painless and we will even send you a confirmation email back. Here’s the link to get registered!! <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/form.html>

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***NVIS DAY IS COMING!***

Is your station ready to establish and maintain high-reliability communication with other stations around Ohio when repeaters, phone, and internet service are impaired?

When infrastructure just isn’t there, HF radio using Near-Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS) propagation offers the ability to stay in contact on frequencies of 2–30 MHz for distances of about 30–400 miles.

NVIS Day is the ARRL Ohio Section event to test your NVIS antenna designs and builds. Join us on Saturday, April 25th to show how well amateur radio can keep Ohio communicating! This is not a contest: it’s an event for Ohio stations to operate with other Ohio stations and understand how well they hear and are heard.

**THE DETAILS**

**Date: Saturday, April 25**

**Time: Start at 10 A.M., end at 4 P.M.**

**Power: Up to but no more than 100w**

**Exchange: six-digit grid, power, and true—measured—signal report**

**Schedule: This isn’t a contest, so take your time! Try different designs! Have lunch!**

*****V.E. Test Sessions***

For the latest testing site information please **>>** [**Click Here**](http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session) **<<** The ARRL site tracks all of the VE testing sites that register with them, including W5YI and Laurel. ARRL gives you a number of different ways of sorting to find that site that is closest to you as well.

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***ARES VHF Simplex Contest!***

Did you get to work any of the contest this past weekend? Here’s a few that did, and they all report that they had a blast doing it…











Got pictures or videos of your operations? Send them to me… [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

Here’s a link to a great video of WW8TF <https://ww8tf.club/rover>

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***One Question Questionnaire***

Hey Gang, 

Ok, this past week survey was all about how many radials do you have down on your vertical HF antenna. I do have to say, I’m not too surprised at the results..

“Survey Says”…..

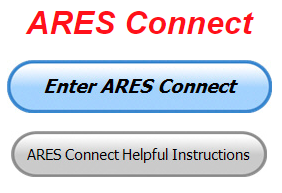
* 0 - 10 40.95%
* 11 - 20 2.86%
  + - * 21 - 40 12.38%
      * 41 -60 3.81%
      * More than 60 2.86%
      * I don't own a vertical antenna 37.14%

Over 40% of those responding say that they only have a few radials down. At my own location I have 20 and was wondering if that was enough. Now, looking at the results from this I’d say “Yes” I do.

Ok, I’ve got another NEW – one question – for you to answer. Since this past weekend was the big Ohio Section ARES VHF Contest, how many of you got to work any of it. I myself got to work some, but was then called away to be on standby for a real emergency that took place here in Richland County. So, the question for this week is this…

**“Did you work anyone in the Ohio Section ARES VHF Contest?”**

You’ll find the “One Question” questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! <http://arrlohio.org> 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.

***ARES Connect***

**Everyone –** please make sure to go into all of the events that you have signed up for and get your hours registered no later than **5 days after the event has ended**.

I need you to be as prompt as possible in reporting your hours. I’m noticing a number of events that aren’t getting hours credited and that is due to you not going back into your account and registering your hours! Please, don’t miss out on your hours just because you missed on very important step, record hours!!

Admins – Make sure that you are as prompt about approving those hours as well. We really need to be as prompt at getting those hours recorded as possible.

Please, try your best to get those hours recorded **in less than 5 days after the event**. This really should be more than ample amount of time to make sure hours are recorded for every volunteer that signed up and get those hours approved.

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***Here’s the top 10 hours earners thus far in January:***

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|  | **Name** | **Events** | **Hours** |
| 1 | Bret Stemen (KD8SCL) | 9 | 43.50 |
| 2 | Dan Stahl (KC8PBU) | 26 | 41.98 |
| 3 | Daniel Schlick (KB8LKH) | 7 | 31.00 |
| 4 | James Yoder (w8erw) | 3 | 24.00 |
| 5 | Diane Warner (KE8HLD) | 9 | 23.50 |
| 6 | Greg Dersarkisian (KD8SSJ) | 7 | 22.50 |
| 7 | Christopher Domenick (KC8CAD) | 4 | 20.00 |
| 8 | Douglas Hunter (KE8JNH) | 16 | 19.00 |
| 9 | Alan Rothweiler (N8CJ) | 8 | 18.50 |
| 10 | John Buck (kd8rtp) | 4 | 17.30 |

**Let’s get everyone in the Ohio Section on ARES Connect!!! Simply go to:** <https://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/oh/> and get yourself registered and using the system.

Want to see all the numbers from May through the end of the year that we have in ARES Connect? I have a full summary of 2019 with all the numbers and graphs for you to compare.

I’ve stated for some months now that I would be giving away a really neat gift to the most hours earner for 2019 and encouraging all of you to make sure that your time was getting recorded. Well, that day has come to reveal just who will be the lucky recipient of an Official Ohio Section Logo Sweatshirt for being the one person in all the Ohio Section with the most hours logged in ARES Connect.

Now, I should tell you right here and now who it is, but instead I’d rather you find out by looking at the Summary of what we did and seeing for yourself just who is the top earner... Here’s the link:

<http://www.arrl-ohio.org/SEC/2019%20ARES%20Connect%20Summary.html>

**Yes, we did exceptionally good this year. Everyone in the Ohio Section should be proud.**

**Admins…** If you are wondering how to get an overview of all of your events you can simply go into reports and using the new Event by Participation by Event (version 2) you can not only see who registered for your event, but you also can see if he/she has inputted their hours for it as well. Take advantage of this new report to help you get the time entered into your events.

**We still have a number of recurring events created but no activity reported for them.** Please, if this event is no longer needed, let me know and I can delete it from the masters. I know that many of you setup recurring events to learn how, but if they aren’t going to be used, let’s get them cleared out.

Also… If you are setting up events, please don’t set a limit for how many folks can sign-up unless absolutely necessary. This causes issues when doing reports. It’s also counter-productive since the reason for you to list the event is to get as many volunteers as you can to attend. When you set limits, it discourages folks from signing up.

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***Special NIMS Training Available***

**ICS-300 INTERMEDIATE ICS FOR EXPANDING EVENTS**

Hosted by: Huron County Emergency Management Agency

February 4 - 6, 2020

Course Description: This 21-hour classroom course provides training for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS) and Individuals who may assume a supervisory role in incidents. This course expands upon information covered in the ICS 100 and ICS 200 courses.

**Application Deadline: January 21, 2020**

Course Registration time: 7:30 am – 8:00 am (on day one)

Course Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm – All three (3) days

One-hour Lunch each day

Training Location: Fisher-Titus Medical Center

272 Benedict Avenue

Norwalk, OH 44857

Recommended Participants: FEMA designed this course for individuals who may assume a supervisory role in expanding incidents or Type 3 incidents.

Note: During a Type 3 incident, some or all of the Command and General Staff positions may be activated, as well as Division/Group Supervisor and/or Unit Leader level positions. These incidents may extend into multiple operational periods.

Required Prerequisites: Individuals must complete the IS-100.c Introduction to the Incident Command System, IS-200.c Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, IS-700.b An Introduction to the National Incident Management System and IS-800.c National Response Framework courses prior to attending the ICS-300 Intermediate course and provide copies of their certificates of completion to the instructors on day one of the course.

Enrollment: Students must enroll via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website: https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html. Course registration will generally close 10 working days prior to the course start date and applicants can check enrollment/approval status via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website.

Course Costs: There is no charge for participants to attend this course. However, Lodging, Meals, Per Diem and all other travel expenses are the responsibility of the student or the parent organization.

State Point of Contact: Matt Jaksetic, Training Coordinator, (614) 799-3666, [mtjaksetic@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:mtjaksetic@dps.ohio.gov)

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**ICS-400 ADVANCED ICS FOR COMMAND & GENERAL STAFF**

Hosted by: Huron County Emergency Management Agency

February 11 – 12, 2020

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Course Description: This 15-hour classroom course provides training for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100, 200, 700, 800 and ICS-300 courses, which are the prerequisites for the ICS-400 course. The target audience for this course is senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or Multi-Agency Coordination Entity.

**Application Deadline: January 28, 2020**

Course Registration time: 7:30 am – 8:00 am (on day one)

Course Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm – Both days

One-hour Lunch each day

Training Location: Fisher-Titus Medical Center

272 Benedict Avenue

Norwalk, OH 44857

Recommended Participants: FEMA designed the course for Senior Personnel who expect to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or Multi-Agency Coordination Entity.

Required Prerequisites: Individuals must complete the IS-100.c Introduction to the Incident Command System, IS-200.c Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, IS-700.b An Introduction to the National Incident Management System and the IS-800.c National Response Framework, an Introduction courses. In addition, ICS-300 Intermediate courses prior to attending the ICS-400 Advanced course and provide copies of their certificates of completion to the instructors on day one of the course.

Enrollment: Students must enroll via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website: <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html>. Course registration will generally close 10 working days prior to the course start date and applicants can check enrollment/approval status via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website.

Course Costs: There is no charge for participants to attend this course. However, Lodging, Meals, Per Diem and all other travel expenses are the responsibility of the student or the parent organization.

State Point of Contact: Matt Jaksetic, Training Coordinator, (614) 799-3666, [mtjaksetic@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:mtjaksetic@dps.ohio.gov)

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**ICS400 ADVANCED FOR COMMAND & GENERAL STAFF MGT905**

Hosted by: Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency

**March 30 – 31, 2020**

**Application Deadline: March 16, 2020**

Course Registration time: 7:30 am – 8:00 am (on day one)

Course Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Both days One-hour Lunch each day

Training Location: Boardman Fire Department, Station 71 7440 Market Street Boardman, OH 44512

Required Prerequisites: Individuals must complete the IS-100.c Introduction to the Incident Command

System, IS-200.c Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, IS-700.b An Introduction to the

National Incident Management System and the IS-800.c National Response Framework, an Introduction

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In addition, ICS-300 Intermediate courses prior to attending the ICS-400 Advanced course and

provide copies of their certificates of completion to the instructors on day one of the course.

Enrollment: Students must enroll via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website:

<https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html> Course registration will generally close 10

working days prior to the course start date and applicants can check enrollment/approval status via the

Department of Public Safety Training Campus website.

Course Costs: There is no charge for participants to attend this course. However, Lodging, Meals, Per

Diem and all other travel expenses are the responsibility of the student or the parent organization.

State Point of Contact: Lisa Jones, DSC 2, Ohio EMA, SAA Training Point of Contact, (614) 799-3824

[ljones@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:ljones@dps.ohio.gov)

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**G-386 MASS FATALITIES**

Hosted by: Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security **February 20 - 21, 2020**

This is an “Elective” course in the Advanced Professional Series (APS) program

**Application Deadline: February 10, 2020**

**Time of Course:** Registration: 7:30 am – 8:00 am Course Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Franklin County EM&HS - 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. - Columbus, OH 43230

**Supported By:** The Ohio Emergency Management Agency

**Enrollment:** Students must enroll via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website: <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html>

**Course Costs:** This course is free to participants. Lodging, meals and all other expenses are the students’ responsibility.

**County Point of Contact:** Pam Tickle, Franklin County EM&HS (614) 794 – 0213, [pktickle@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:pktickle@franklincountyohio.gov)

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***Below is information on upcoming ICS-300/ICS-400 classes for those interested.***

Please be advised that we have listed the following ICS courses on the Ohio EMA Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC) website for students to register for the courses; <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/>

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Course ID** | **Name** | **Session** | **Location** | **Enroll** | |
| ICS400OttawaCoJan2020 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS | January 16 - 17, 2020 | Magruder Hospital 615 Fulton Street Port Clinton, OH 43452 | | [Enroll](https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html) |

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***Campbell County Kentucky Office of Emergency Management Upcoming Training***

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Campbell County Kentucky Office of Emergency Management **FREE** Training Opportunities

**Working with the Media: A Short Course for Emergency Responders (AWR-209) – January 22, 2020** – RDPC / Register: <https://qrgo.page.link/o2Gs>

**Isolation and Quarantine for Communities (MGT-433) – February 19, 2020** – RDPC / \*\*Tentative/Requested\*\*

**Hazardous Weather Preparedness for Campuses (AWR-332) – March 4, 2020** – (NDPTC) / \*\*Tentative/Requested\*\*

**Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Planning (MGT-418) – March 11-12, 2020** - TEEX / Register: <https://train.ncbrt.lsu.edu/Student/Register?ClassID=26374>

Registration Password: NCBRT418 If you have trained with NCBRT before, enter your FEMA SID, Last Name, and First Name. If your training record is found, your registration form will be pre-filled for you. Otherwise, click Register as New Person to fill out a blank registration form.

**Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning Course – March 25-26, 2020** / \*\*Requested through KYEM Training Division\*\*

**Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness (MGT-439) – April 8-9, 2020** / TEEX / Register: <https://qrgo.page.link/GFf4>

**Debris Management Planning Course – April 15-17, 2020** / \*\*Requested thought KYEM Training Division\*\*

**Intermediate ICS-300 for Expanding Incidents w/Forms (MGT-904) – April 22-24, 2020 / TEEX / Register:** [**https://qrgo.page.link/HzT2**](https://qrgo.page.link/HzT2)



For Immediate Release: January 6, 2020

Ohio EMA Offers Rebates to Homeowners for Tornado Safe Rooms

*Application Period Opens Today, Runs Through April 6*

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COLUMBUS — Homeowners throughout Ohio now have the opportunity to apply to receive reimbursement for the purchase and construction/installation of a tornado safe room inside or outside their homes.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency began accepting applications for its Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program today. A safe room is a structure specifically designed to provide near-absolute protection in extreme weather events. The Ohio EMA’s rebate program provides a rebate of up to 75 percent to homeowners selected for the program.

"The entire state of Ohio is vulnerable to tornadoes,” said Governor Mike DeWine. “Safe rooms are costly, but they can save lives – which is why we want to help homeowners with the expense.”

In May, more than 900 homes and buildings were destroyed or significantly damaged when 21 tornadoes tore through Auglaize, Darke, Greene, Hocking, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Muskingum, Perry, and Pickaway counties.

“Safe rooms offer protection to a tornado’s strong winds and resulting airborne debris and provides near-absolute protection for occupants,” said Steve Ferryman, Ohio EMA mitigation branch chief. “We urge Ohioans to apply for these grants.”

This is the eighth year for the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program. To date, more than $1.5 million in rebates have been awarded to homeowners for the construction of more than 200 safe rooms across the state.

Safe rooms can be constructed/installed in one of several places in the home, including in the basement; beneath a concrete slab-on-grade foundation or garage floor; or in an interior room on the first floor. A safe room may also be buried in the yard or be a stand-alone structure near the home.

The deadline to apply to participate in the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program is April 6 at 5 p.m.

Residents selected for the program are eligible for a rebate up to 75 percent of the cost to install or construct a safe room – up to a maximum of $4,875.

For more information and to apply, visit: [https://ema.ohio.gov/ema\_saferoom/saferoom-concept.aspx](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAxMDYuMTUwOTgzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2VtYS5vaGlvLmdvdi9lbWFfc2FmZXJvb20vc2FmZXJvb20tY29uY2VwdC5hc3B4P3V0bV9jb250ZW50PSZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9uYW1lPSZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5JnV0bV90ZXJtPSJ9.ryHO3-r5SKFu21JIcRTTp1gDygx06_3p8gtmms74SUo/br/73716291565-l)

*Additional Information:* The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program will use a computerized random selection process to select applicants. A priority list of applicants will be created from the selected applicants. Chosen homeowners will be notified by email of their position on the priority list on or after April 22. Ohio EMA anticipates grant funding will become available this year and having a list of participants who meet program requirements will expedite the rebate process.

Funding for the rebate program is through a partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs. Ohio homeowners would be responsible for 25 percent of the construction costs and any additional costs over the 75 percent maximum rebate of $4,875.

Safe rooms must meet FEMA requirements in FEMA publications 320 and 361 and cannot be constructed/installed prior to the rebate drawing and notification from Ohio EMA to proceed with construction.

Homeowners with questions should call Ohio Emergency Management Agency Mitigation Specialist Dan Clevidence at 614.799.3533.

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***2019 Ohio Section Yearbook***



The 2019 Ohio Section Yearbook has just been published. This is a very comprehensive look at the Ohio Section and everything that we did in 2019. It’s really a great way of learning about all the different functions that the Ohio Section is involved with.

I’m sure that there’s things inside of this Yearbook that you never knew about.

You just gotta’ take a look.. <http://arrl-ohio.org/news/2019/2019_Yearbook.pdf>

***Final.. Final..***



Hey Gang...

Wow.. what a warm week this past week was. I don’t know about you, but I’m sure that we’ll make up for all of this odd weather soon.

Did you get on the Ohio Section ARES VHF Contest this past weekend? Hey, I even got on for a bit, but was called away to be on standby for an emergency that occurred here in Richland County. I sincerely hope that you got the opportunity to work a few stations on simplex. It’s a huge blast for everyone that gets on for sure. We have some pictures and even a video of the fun in the Contest article above.

This week has been hard on my back for sure. The YL has decided that we need to do some rearranging of the furniture all over the house. Some of it has even found its way to my kid’s house. Some of the more “cherished (well used) pieces” have found their way to local charities around the county here. Her main objective in all of this is to “downsize some.”

Now, that would be fine but what seems to be happening is, we move a piece of furniture out the door just in time to have the delivery guys bring in a new piece of furniture. So far, it seems like it’s been a one out the door and two new in, but who can tell with so many objects moving around. The other night I tripped over a footstool that I didn’t even know we had, until my big toe found it!!

I no more than get used to a chair being in one location, and the next minute it disappears. Not sure where the downsizing factors in with all of this moving of the house, but I’m sure that the YL will explain it to me in a way that absolutely no one could ever figure out. I took calculus and advanced trigonometry in college, but she has some theories and laws of furniture moving that would even confuse Albert Einstein!! Oh well, I guess it all works out in due time. At least I still have my rocking chair for the moment.

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Now, on to more serious matters…

Clubs, this year we want YOU to take more of a leadership role in making sure that those new and newly upgraded hams get to know you and your club. I’m strongly encouraging all Ohio clubs to join me in the **“Get A Ham Involved”** project this year.

Our goal is to encourage and mentor those coming into this wonderful “service” of ours. Does your club have a mentoring program for newbies? If not, why not? How did you learn? I’ll bet it was from some club member that took you under their wing and taught you the right way of doing things. It’s now time for you to help pay that back. Get involved, it can be as simple as saying “Welcome” to new folks at meetings. Shake their hand. Let them know they are accepted at your meeting.

Don’t just assume that someone will do that. Clubs… be sure that your leadership is on top of knowing who’s new to the meeting and shake their hand introduce yourself to them. Don’t assume that the newbie will be forward enough to come to you, most won’t. Most importantly of all…. “Smile” No one likes to go to meetings where there’s a bunch of grumpy old men sitting around complaining about how all the newbies are ruining Amateur Radio for everyone.

Ok.. Let’s slide down the band a bit… Did you get your reminder card from DX Engineering this past week or so? They are holding their annual Winter Sale on January 18th starting at 9am. Now, this event is not technically a hamfest, you’ll have to wait until August 8th for that, but this event does have all the makings of a hamfest for sure. Great equipment for sale and lots of great talk between fellow hams and most importantly, there will be coffee and donuts! What more could you ask for. I know, 70-degree weather. Well, with the way the weather’s been lately, I wouldn’t be a bit surprised if that actually happened. Well, maybe not 70 degrees, but it just might be warm enough to only have to wear a sweatshirt!

Now, being the hearty Ohioans as we are, we do have two Hamfests scheduled for the dead of January! <http://arrl-ohio.org/hamfests.html> - 01/19/2020 | Sunday Creek Annual Hamfest and on 01/26/2020 | Tusco Amateur Radio Club's 30th Annual Hamfest, Electronics and Computer Show. We also have the Mansfield Mid\*Winter Hamfest in February as well! We also have two big conventions coming up that I want you to save these dates on your calendars now!!! March 14-15 for the Toledo Hamfest and Great Lakes Division Convention <http://www.toledoglc.org/> And, on August 8th we have the DX Engineering Hamfest and Ohio Section State Convention. We will be announcing the winners of the Ohio Section Newsletter Contest and the Allan Severson, AB8P Memorial Award recipient at our State Convention at the DX Engineering Hamfest.

Switching bands once again… Some of you are still are sitting on the fence about getting registered in ARES Connect. I am still hearing that some of you think that it is just for ARES. **This is absolutely not so!** **ARES Connect is for anyone and everyone, plain and simple.** So, now that this rumor has been put to bed, let’s get yourselves registered in ARES Connect today.

**We want no one left behind! Let’s get it going…. Get registered and start using the system!**

Sliding down the band a bit more… Please, if you haven’t renewed or joined ARRL, maybe now is the time. Here’s a great idea for you, even though it’s now long after Christmas, why not ask for that extra special gift from Santa, you know, the one that “keeps on giving!” Hey, membership to ARRL is less than $1 per week. I think that’s doable for most everyone. Like I always say, if you just cut 1 McDonald’s coffee per week out, you’ve got your membership paid for, AND… you’ll get $3 back to boot!! Now, what a deal that is.

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Oh, I will also add, ARRL does have a **90-day FREE** trial offer, if you are still not sure if this is something that you would enjoy. What have you got to lose? It’s FREE. Oh, don’t forget that if your YL is a ham you’ll want to get her a membership as well.

Whelp, final go around before gong QRT… That’s going to do it for this week. Stay safe, enjoy the sunshine when we have it, and most of all… have FUN and get on the air!!

73,

***Scott, N8SY***

***Welcome New Subscribers***

Bill, N8WCL; Brian, KE8KEN

***Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal***

Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website? You can go back and look at any edition simply by clicking:

<http://arrl-ohio.org/news/index.html>

***Swap & Shop Has Come to the Ohio Section Website***

Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet??

Here’s a link that will take you there… <http://arrl-ohio.org/sm/s-s.html>

There’s already been some great activity going on up there. Do you have equipment that you just don’t need or want anymore? Here’s a great venue to advertise it, and it’s FREE!! No, it won’t be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website.

It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted.

Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting

and require a contact phone number or email within the posting.

Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to:  [swap@arrlohio.org](mailto:swap@arrlohio.org)

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***Updated Information... Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?***

We have a new webpage where you can download and read all of the newsletters that I get from around the state.

Here’s the link to the page…. <http://arrl-ohio.org/club_news/index.html/>

Please, if you don’t see your club newsletter posted, it’s probably because I’m not receiving it, or I just cannot convert it over to Adobe Acrobat. Have your newsletter editor contact me and let’s see if we can get your club’s newsletter on the site!! We all learn and steal (I mean, share) from each other’s work. So, let’s give this new webpage a real workout and send me your newsletter!!! Send it to: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

***Chit – Chat, and All That!***

Do you know someone that’s not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them “[Opt-In](http://arrl-ohio.org/forwarder/forwarding.html)” to start receiving them. Heck just have them send me an email [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) and I’ll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.

We now have many thousands of readers receiving these newsletters weekly. Quite impressive, I’d say! I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, get signed up to receive these weekly Newsletters.

You can always “[Opt-Out](http://arrl-ohio.org/forwarder/forwarding.html)” at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting. It’s fun and very informative. All of your favorite past newsletters are now archived too.

You can go back at any time and read them. Just go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/news/>

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)

The pictures on the front page and throughout this newsletter are from various newsletters, Facebook posts and/or were sent directly to me in recent weeks. Take a good look at them, you just might be in one of the pictures! “SMILE… you’re in the Ohio Section News!!”

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*PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world!*