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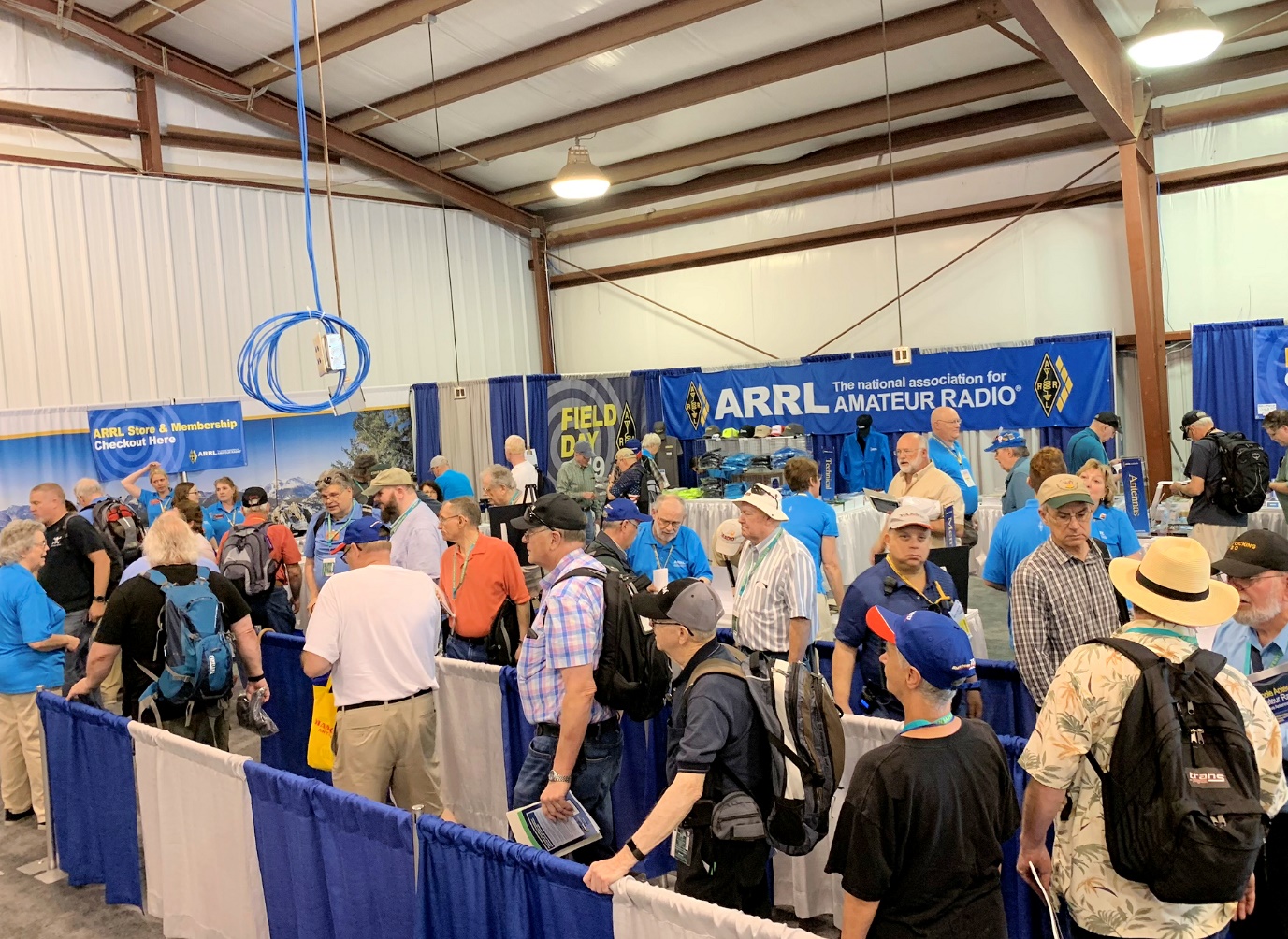
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**CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD**

Guess Where I’ll be next weekend? Right – HamVention 2023! It’s one of the biggest things to happen in Ham Radio this year – the other one being Field Day of course. By the way, there will be NO PostScript next weekend due to my being otherwise engaged at HamVention. I’ll return with The Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) on the following weekend, which is also Memorial Day Weekend. When you consider the OSJ is packed with articles from the Section Cabinet, plus our Field Day Weekend roundup (if YOU would like to contribute something about your HamVention experience, PLEASE send it to me!) – you’re going to need the long weekend to take it all in.

Don’t forget, I’ll be doing a FORUM on Friday morning at 9:15am in forum room #4 on “Building a Better Club”. I’ll have a couple of Door Prizes to go along with some good information and conversation. Please join me!

One thing I will only slightly brush on in the Forum is the information on Club Web Sites and social media. Looking at a lot of samples, we could do better. A lot of web-sites seem to stop at a random point in time, and therefore have lots of outdated information on them. There may be a Facebook page that picks up some after that, but it all seems disjointed. Make sure all of your platforms are in Sync with one another. Another thing I’ve noticed is that meeting information – dates, times and locations is hard to find, which makes your club hard to find! Check this out:

The next installment of the Club Development Series is planned for Thursday May 25th at 7PM Eastern time. The topic of this event will be “Building a Club Website” and presented by Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC. The link to register for the webinar is listed below. The webinar will be recorded and available on the ARRL Learning Center for any member to view.

Reg link  <https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sE3A6TEBThiVN9We_Kf_SQ>

Perfect timing!

Don’t forget, this weekend is the Ohio Section Youth Net! Drop in and say “Hello”.

If you make it to Dayton, I hope we’ll get a chance to chat. If you can’t make it to the Friday morning forum, I’ll be available in and around the Great Lakes Division booth in the ARRL Section. If you miss me there, then look for me wandering around like a kid in the candy store!

I’m wishing safe travels, good weather and a fantastic experience for you all!

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD

Ohio Section Manager

[wb8lcd@arrl.org](mailto:wb8lcd@arrl.org)

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**Youth Net**

**When:** The second Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM EST

**Where:** The K8IV repeater located in Kent, Ohio (Echolink node K8BF-L) RF: 146.895 Mhz  with PL 118.8

**Who:** Any licensed amateur radio operator who wishes to participate. Priority will be given to youth stations and those located in Ohio.

The purpose of this net is to encourage youth activity in amateur radio and to help new hams get more comfortable on the air.

\*\*\*Next Net is Sunday May 14th \*\*\*

If you are a young ham, in the Ohio Section or elsewhere, please check in and say “Hello”!

Even if you’re far away from OHIO you can check in via Echo-Link. Echo-Link is a good tool to have, and it can be accessed from your laptop, tablet or cellphone. But there is a process to get validated to the Echo-link system. It’s simple to do, but you need to get it done before the day of the net! Go to [Introducing EchoLink](https://www.echolink.org/) for more information on getting started. If you’re an “Old Guy” (a gender neutral term meaning not a youthful operator) and you have some kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or even some neighborhood kids who you would like to give a chance to talk to other kids about Ham Radio, this might be an excellent opportunity to give them that small nudge that could be the start of something positive they will carry with them through life!

***National News***

*(from ARRL and other sources)*

# **World’s First Wooden Transistors Invented for Future Electronic Devices**

By: [Nidhi Goyal](https://www.industrytap.com/author/nidhi) | May 4th, 2023

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The birth of modern electronics began 75 years ago when the transistor was developed at Bell Labs in New Jersey. This little device is responsible for regulating or controlling the flow of electric current and functioning as a power switch.

**But now, the electrical transistor made of wood could change the game for future electronic devices**

In a breakthrough, researchers at Linköping University and the KTH Royal Institute of Technology have developed the world’s first electrical transistor made of wood. This could pave the way for the development of sustainable wood-based electronics in the future.

Although researchers previously also attempted to produce wooden transistors, those wood transistors could regulate ion transport only. And when the ions ran out, the transistor stopped functioning. The new wood transistor can function continuously and regulate electricity flow without deteriorating.

The researchers used balsa wood used to create the new device. Since it required a grainless wood that is evenly structured throughout, they removed the lignin, leaving only long cellulose fibers with channels. These channels were then filled with a conductive plastic, or polymer, called PEDOT: PSS. This resulted in electrically conductive wood material.

The final transistor channel is quite large but could tolerate a higher current than regular organic transistors, which could be important for future applications.

“We’ve come up with an unprecedented principle. Yes, the wood transistor is slow and bulky, but it does work and has huge development potential,” says Isak Engquist, senior associate professor at the Laboratory for Organic Electronics at Linköping University.

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**Nidhi Goyal**

Nidhi is a gold medalist Post Graduate in Atmospheric and Oceanic Science

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Dayton Hamvention® 2023 Ready to Go

Tens of thousands of amateur radio operators and radio enthusiasts are preparing to head to Dayton [Hamvention](https://hamvention.org/) 2023 in Xenia, Ohio. The event will host the 2023 ARRL Great Lakes Division [Convention](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-expo).

Amateur radio's largest annual gathering opens for the 3-day event on Friday, May 19, at 9 AM, at the Greene County Fair and Expo Center. Organizers are reporting strong ticket sales, and commitments from exhibitors and flea market sellers. ARRL is busy putting the finishing touches on their large exhibit area in building 2, which revolves around the yearlong theme, Year of the Volunteers.

ARRL is also sponsoring a series of eight forums this year, including:

* **The ARRL Laboratory - Behind the Scenes!**The inside scoop on what happens in the lab - stories you won't read in *QST*.  
  *Friday 9:15 AM - 10:20 AM in Room 3*
* **Protecting Amateur Radio.**ARRL has a history of advocating for the rights of radio amateurs, and this forum will include an update on ARRL's current legislative activity.  
  *Friday 1:15 PM - 2:25 PM in Room 3*
* **Amateur Radio and the Law.**Liability insurance issues for your club, how to read local zoning ordinances, and an update on HOA laws.  
  *Friday 2:35 PM - 3:45 PM in Room 3*
* **Good Operators and Interference.**An update on the ARRL Volunteer Monitor Program and advice on how to help each other maintain high standards on the air.  
  *Friday 2:35 PM - 3:45 PM in Room 3*
* **ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) Forum.**Learn about opportunities to volunteer and, train, and hear stories about best practices.  
  *Saturday 12 PM - 1:20 PM in Room 3*
* **ARRL Membership Forum**. Hear from representatives on several key areas of membership and how ARRL is working to advance amateur radio.  
  *Saturday 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM in Room 3*
* **ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Forum.**Learn how ARRL is growing our community of participating students and ham radio clubs at colleges and universities.  
  *Saturday 2:40 PM - 3:50 PM in Room 3*
* **Youth Outreach.**Ways to attract and engage today's students to ham radio.  
  *Saturday 4 PM - 5 PM in Room 3*

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| Hamvention 2022: (left to right) Derek Fronek, KD9MEQ, of the Purdue University Amateur Radio Club, (W9YB), and Tony Milluzzi, KD8RTT, Advisor for the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative, [www.arrl.org/WeWantU](http://www.arrl.org/WeWantU?fbclid=IwAR3z60VEUPl0gIgNwzu6sIAQjCZul7fE6f87rlHwX0fN3Kjq0xFN7uuxxYA). |

Read the complete [Dayton Hamvention® 2023 - ARRL Forums News](https://www.arrl.org/news/dayton-hamvention-2023-arrl-forums) story for a full list and descriptions of ARRL-sponsored forums at Hamvention. The full slate of Hamvention forums is published at [hamvention.org](https://hamvention.org/). Attendees may also find the information on the [ARRL Events](https://www.tripbuildermedia.com/apps/arrl) app.

For more information about Dayton Hamvention, including tickets, parking, and the talk-in, visit [hamvention.org](https://hamvention.org/).

Follow ARRL News and ARRL [social media](https://www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media) channels for coverage on Dayton Hamvention.

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**National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting Open during 2023 Dayton Hamvention®.**

The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, in conjunction with the West Chester Amateur Radio Association, announced their expanded hours during the 2023 Dayton Hamvention®.

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| VOA Museum. |

The museum will be open Thursday, May 18, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM; Friday, May 19, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM; Saturday, May 20, from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and Sunday, May 21, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Admission is $10.00 at the door. The West Chester Amateur Radio Association, WC8VOA, will be on the air. The museum is a short drive from Hamvention, down Interstate 75 or Route 42 from Xenia. Use the Crosley Blvd address on your GPS.

New exhibits include a dedicated room for amateur radio and shortwave equipment and a newly renovated ham shack with state-of-the-art equipment from Yaesu, Icom, and Elecraft. Docents and operators will be available to enhance visits to the museum.

For further information, visit [voamuseum.org](http://www.voamuseum.org/) or [wc8voa.org](https://wc8voa.org/). You can also find the museum on Facebook or call 513-777-0027. The museum's regular hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and it is located at 8070 Tylersville Road, West Chester, Ohio.

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David Kalter Memorial Youth Adventure 2023 trip to Curacao cancelled.

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) Board, parent organization of the David Kalter Memorial Youth Adventure, regrets announcing the trip planned to Curacao this summer is cancelled. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to put a successful plan together and allow participants to obtain passports in a timely manner. Please watch for further updates on activities soon.

Sincerely,

The DARA Board

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Member Survey

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| |  | | --- | | Dear Great Lakes Division Member,  On May 1st, we began a survey for members to provide us feedback on some changes we’re considering to ARRL dues and membership.  The ARRL survey will remain open until May 31st.  It is very important that you take a few moments and share with us your opinions how changes could be made to ensure the long-term viability of ARRL.  Raising dues is not something any organization enjoys doing, but this will mark only the second time in 22 years that we are considering it.  Your input is very important to us.  The decisions we’re considering should be influenced by all members. If you have already taken the survey, thank you! If you haven’t yet, please do so soon.  The results from the survey will be tabulated and shared with members on the ARRL website in June.  Responses will ultimately help guide the future of ARRL.  The survey is only available to ARRL members.  Why? Because you have a stake in the outcome!  Please make sure you log into [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org/) to participate.  Thank you for being an active member, and for your ongoing support of amateur radio and ARRL.   73,  Dale WA8EFK | |

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**Lewis & Clark trail on the air (LCTOTA) special event**

 Greetings,

      The Clark County Amateur Radio Club (W7AIA) is once again hosting the LCTOTA special event.  This will run from 0000 UTC June 3rd to 0000 UTC june 19th.  We have 20 clubs from the 16 states, along the trail, activating during this period.  Certificates are available for those working 1-15 states and another one for those working all 16.  Stations on air times are posted on the website, LCTOTA.org.  A great opportunity to pick up some elusive states for WAS.

Details are on LCTOTA.org.

Thank You ,

Rick Smith KT7G

LCTOTA committee.

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| **September 29 and 30, 2023, Pigeon Forge, TN** |

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| **NEW LOCATION !!!**  **What:** **18th Annual W4DXCC DX and Contesting Convention** **When:** **September 29 and 30, 2023** **Where:** **Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge** **Why:** **Fellowship, learning, fun, food and most importantly, renewed friendships!**  Please visit [**W4DXCC.com**](https://sable.madmimi.com/c/41704?id=77029.573.1.55509583438381b0241840d136ce5e2b) now for more information and to order your conference and banquet tickets!  **It's time to make your hotel reservations!!**  The Ramsey is only minutes from our previous venue and their convention/banquet area is outstanding. It’s very easy to get to and close to everything. The Ramsey offers a full breakfast buffet, a fireplace in the lobby, a lounge and bar - including a Tiki bar by the pool. Due to many fun things happening in Pigeon Forge, please make your hotel reservations asap by calling 865-428-2700. When you call, be sure to tell them you are with W4DXCC by SEDCO for our special room rate. You cannot make reservations online. |

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| **See you soon,** **Dave Anderson, K4SV Convention leader** [**Dave@w4dxcc.com**](mailto:Dave@w4dxcc.com) |

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***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 send it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)

Please! Format as below:

If you want me to publish your club information, or even an article you have written, please send it in WORD format (.docx). Please use Times New Roman font size 12 for the body of the aritcle. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated.

Club Commission Program Update

Clubs are using the Club Commission Program to generate income for the club and promote ARRL membership across the country. From January 1 through March 31 of this year, various clubs generated 217 separate memberships, with 21 of them returning members, 59 new members, and 135 renewals. That translates to a total of $1,875 paid in commissions to those clubs.

Development is under way to improve the process. As of now, the steps are the same:

·Distribute the application forms to prospective and existing members.

·Collect the applications and fill out a Club Reconciliation Form.

·Send all the forms with the dues to ARRL.

Once the above steps are completed, the club will receive a commission check from ARRL.

The necessary forms are located at [Affiliated Club Benefits (arrl.org)](https://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits) under the Club Commission Program link.

Consider having a quarterly event at a club meeting to discuss ARRL membership, and offer this to members. Members can renew at any time without losing time. If your renewal is normally in July and you renew in May, the time is added to your July date.

In the spirit of ARRL's Year of the Volunteers, in 2023 we are offering the following promotion to clubs using the Club Commission Program:

·For every five new members signed through the Club Commission Program through the end of 2023, ARRL will give the club a copy of *The ARRL Handbook*, which can be used as a promotion, a door prize, an auction item at hamfests, or however you choose.

Keep reading ARRL Club Newsfor additional information on how clubs are using this program.

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**Want to know where to go to get the courses you need? It’s all Right Here!**

* [Ohio EMA Training Calendar](https://webeoctraining.dps.ohio.gov/TrainingAndExercise/courselist.aspx)
* [Login to the DPS Training Campus](https://learning.dps.ohio.gov/PSTC/)
* [Create a new account on the DPS Training Campus](https://learning.dps.ohio.gov/PSTC/)

**NOTE:**

* Most courses are in-person but some course may be hosted virtually (this will be noted).
* Seats available listed are as of the release of this update and will change quickly.
* All classes will be posted on the DPS training campus at least 60 days prior to the start of the course.
* Please read the [Training Policy & Catalog](https://ema.ohio.gov/documents/training/ema0201.pdf) for more information on Ohio EMA trainings.

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How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

If your amateur radio club is planning to host a convention, hamfest, tailgate, or swapfest, please consider applying for ARRL sanctioned status for your event. To learn what it means to be an ARRL sanctioned event, and to get some ideas on how to prepare for and conduct a hamfest or convention, visit [www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events).

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to [www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application](http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application).

The ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar can be found online at [www.arrl.org/hamfests](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests). In addition, the Convention and Hamfest Calendar that runs in *QST* each month also presents information about upcoming events.

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VE Sessions

**The following information is for *ALL* exam sessions:**

It is now an FCC requirement to have an FCC FRN; active email address and active phone number before taking any exam. Please bring your FCC FRN, original license, a copy of your license (if a licensed ham), a valid photo ID and $15.00 - Cash preferred.

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a $35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. *VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.*

**All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)**

We host testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. To sign up please visit our website <https://atara-w8atr.fun> and contact us at [hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun](mailto:hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun).

**Butler County Amateur Radio Association W8WRK**

Laurel VE Testing Session - hosted by DIAL amateur radio club

Amateur Radio License Examinations at 9:00AM on Sunday April 29th at Fairfield Township Administration Building 6032 Morris Rd. Hamilton, OH 45011. Pre-Registration is required, go to: www.qsl.net/w8blv click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Thurl Golden, KD8VLU (513) 939-4891 [tgolden@fuse.net](mailto:tgolden@fuse.net) or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or [n8qf@roadrunner.com](mailto:n8qf@roadrunner.com) . There are no Exam Fees!

**CARS**

VE testing from CARS - Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society - at Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Wisnieski Parkway in Independence, Ohio 44131  Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Always the 2nd Sunday of the odd month. Go to CARS  [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org/) for detailed map of location.  Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details

**Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)**  What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred. When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM

Feb 11th; Apr 8th; Jun 10th; Aug 12th; Oct 14th; and Dec 9th, 2023. Where: Springview Government Center - Emergency Operations Center; 3130 E Main St; Springfield OH 45503 This is US-40 aka "old national road". From Route 40 enter Old Columbus Road, at the fork stay left driving straight onto Ogden Rd, then immediately turn left into the parking lot behind the EMA. Walk to the door with the "Employees Only" sign.

For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email: [buzz@baylorhill.com](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

**Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)** If you are interested in testing for a new or upgraded license, please come see us at the DARA Clubhouse. If you have questions about testing, please email [exams.w8bi@gmail.com](mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com)

**Dial Radio Club, Middleton, OH**

Will offer Amateur Radio License Examinations at 6:00PM on Wednesday March 1st at St. John XXIII Elementary School, 3806 Manchester Rd., Middletown, OH 45042. Pre-Registration is required, go to: www.qsl.net/w8blv click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Dave Williamson, KD8W, (513) 424-5819 or [kd8w@ARRL.net](mailto:kd8w@ARRL.net) or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or [n8qf@roadrunner.com](mailto:n8qf@roadrunner.com) . There are no Exam Fees!

**Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)**

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra). Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2023 are January 15th, March 19th, May 21st, July 9th, September 10th, and November 12th.

Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. The EOC is located just south of the University Geauga Hospital and just east of the Geauga County Safety Center (Sheriff's Office), off of State Route 44 between State Route 322 and State Route 87 on Merritt Road.

Please arrive a few minutes before 14:00 to allow adequate time to process the necessary paper work and take your test. Bring your 1) photo ID, 2) email address, 3) FCC FRN, 4) a printout of your current license if taking the General or Extra exam.

Additional info may be obtained from Jim Mekeel, KE8EMP, email [KE8EMP@gmail.com](mailto:KE8EMP@gmail.com) or the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

**Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club**

Huber heights amateur radio club does ARRL VE testing the second Saturday of each even numbered month. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. 9:30-11:00 For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at [ab8yk@hotmail.com](mailto:ab8yk@hotmail.com)

**The Lake County Amateur Radio Association**

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2023** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 4 Saturday, August 5

Saturday, April 1 Saturday, October 7

Saturday, June 3 Saturday, December 2

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station.

The tests will start at **12 noon.** Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don’t have a FRN, Google “New FRN” and follow the fcc.gov link.

If you are currently licensed, be sure to **bring a copy of your license to the exam.** The cost of the exam itself is $15.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification with your picture is also necessary, such as a driver’s license. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440) 256-0320, or [scottfarnham@roadrunner.com](mailto:scottfarnham@roadrunner.com)

**In addition** to the $15 test fee, the FCC now charges $35 to add you to the Amateur Radio database. The FCC will e-mail successful candidates instructions for payment directly to them. Payment must be made within 10 days of the e-mail. This charge does not apply to upgrades.

**The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC**) hosts exam sessions at the FAIRFIELD County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr in Lancaster Ohio, 43130, on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am. Please visit our website at <http://www.k8qik.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our experienced VE team looks forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio. Contact me at [ve\_testing@k8qik.org](mailto:ve_testing@k8qik.org) to register.

**Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**  Beginning Feb 11, 2023 Testing on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Columbiana County EMA located at 215 S Market St. Lisbon, OH 44432. Walk-ins OK. Check in at 1:00PM. For more information go to [www.K8GQB.com](http://www.K8GQB.com) or contact NN8B at [nn8b.oh@gmail.com](mailto:nn8b.oh@gmail.com) NO VE SESSION IN JULY

**Madison County**  The Laurel testing group will offer testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. No fee.

**The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)**

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.  Location;  Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH  45150.

 Please pre-register at [www.milfordhamradio.org](http://www.milfordhamradio.org/)

**Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)**  VE sessions are held the first Saturday of odd-numbered months (EXCEPT FOR March and July) at 10 AM in the North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Elaine, KC8FOS at [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com). There will be a VE session held March **12th** at the NOARS Winterfest held at Lorain County Community College in the John A Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 Abbe Rd N, Elyria, OH 44035. Please email Elaine – KC8FOS at [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com) to register.

**Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)**

The first Saturday of every even numbered month -10 am – at the PCARS club site in Ravenna. Please visit the PCARS web site and check out the information about VE testing in the latest newsletter at [www.portcars.org](http://www.portcars.org) .

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me at KB8UUZ@gmail,com

**Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX**

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary. Doors open at 0830 for registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is $15. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to [www.w8zx.net/exam](http://www.w8zx.net/exam) or email [VETEAM@N8BAG.NET](mailto:VETEAM@N8BAG.NET).

**West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA)**

Exam sessions are held one Saturday each month at 10:00 AM-Noon at the VOA Bethany Relay Museum located at *8070 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069.*For more information and links to register, please see our website: <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>

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**Cleveland Marathon May 20-21**

For any of you who are not going to Hamvention, or plan to return Saturday night, the Cleveland Marathon can still use more help. We require about 40 operators and currently only have 17 signed up. If you can help please sign up here if you haven't already.  
  
There are a 10k and 5k on Saturday, May 20 and the marathon and half marathon are on Sunday, May 21.  
  
The link to sign up is <https://n8esg.org/events/?civiwp=CiviCRM&q=civicrm%2Fevent%2Finfo&id=417>  
  
And for those not familiar with the event, yes, I know it's Hamvention weekend, yes it pretty much always has been, no they will not change the weekend just for a single group of volunteers. :-)  
  
Mat KC8NZJ DEC D10

**Pan Ohio Hope Ride Request for Assistance**

We are currently looking for additional volunteers for the 2023 Pan Ohio Hope Ride (POHR). POHR is a charitable bicycle ride that supports the American Cancer Society. It is a 4-day ride that spans the state from Cleveland to Cincinnati, with overnight stays along the way in Wooster, Westerville, and Dayton. Thursday, July 20th - Sunday, July 23rd 2023

We are currently looking for assistance in the following roles:

* SAG (Support and Gear) drivers
  + SAG drivers follow along the route in their personal vehicles and provide assistance to cyclists in need. They are provided a tote of equipment (spare tubes, air pump, snacks, water, Gatorade, other misc. supplies) at the beginning of the event and are expected to return unused items at the end. SAG drivers are coordinated and dispatched using MARCS interop channels. Anyone with their own radio is welcome to use it. For all other volunteers, CACHE radios will be signed out each day. SAG drivers are offered prepaid overnight lodging in hotels along the route. They are also provided food every day. Fuel receipts can be submitted at the conclusion of the event for reimbursement if desired. We would love to have SAG drivers accompany us for all 4 days but will accept volunteers for any individual days as well. We would prefer that SAG volunteers are able to commit to at least one full day.
* Rest Stop Transportation Officers
  + Transportation officers will be assigned to rest stops along the route. Transportation officers will be responsible for coordinating SAG pickups at each rest stop, assigning waiting riders to available SAG vehicles as they arrive on site, and then reporting all pickups to net control via radio (MARCS, simplex, or ham repeater depending on cache radio availability) or telephone.

An amateur radio comms plan will be in place for all days of the event, but will serve as a backup with MARCS being the primary means of communication whenever possible.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this event, or with any questions about the event should contact Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ [kc8nzj@outlook.com](mailto:kc8nzj@outlook.com)

As a side note, I’ve heard many comments from people regarding the past communications leadership of this event. I want to assure everyone that the event is being run by a new group (Event Support Group [www.n8esg.org](http://www.n8esg.org/)) as of around 2019 and ALL amateurs are welcome and encouraged to participate in this event!

Thanks again and I look forward to your assistance!

**Mat Nickoson KC8NZJ  COML**

[**Event Support Group Founder**](https://n8esg.org/)

**Ohio ARES District 10 Emergency Coordinator**

**Cuyahoga County/Cleveland Weather Skywarn Coordinator**

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**Your Club news should be listed here!**

I know you’re out there doing things! Send me a write-up (MSWord please) and some photo’s (.jpg please) and we’ll get your club hi-lited here for the other OH Section Clubs to see! Send to [WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG](mailto:WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG)

**ARLD019 DX news**  
  
This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites.  Thanks to all.  
  
KENYA, 5Z.  Vladimir, UA4WHX is currently QRV as 5Z4/UA4WHX. Activity is on the HF bands.  His length of stay is unknown.  QSL to home call.  
  
RWANDA, 9X.  Harald, DF2WO is QRV as 9X2AW until May 15.  Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW and FT8.  QSL via M0OXO.  
  
PHILIPPINES, DU.  Look for DV1ODC to be QRV on May 14 from the Makiling Forest Reserve Laguan Park, DU-0036.  Activity will be on 40 and 15 meters using SSB.  QSL via bureau.  
  
ARMENIA, EK.  Abie, AB1F is QRV as EK/AB1F from Stepanavan, Lori Marz.  Activity is on 20, 15, and 10 meters, and possibly on 80 and 40 meters using SSB.  QSL via LoTW.  
  
POLYNESIA, FO.  Didier, F6BCW is QRV as FO/F6BCW from Huahine Island, IOTA OC-067, until October 25.  Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB.  QSL via F6EXV.  
  
LIECHTENSTEIN, HB0.  Look for stations HB0/PH0NO/p, HB0/PE5TT/p, and HB0/PD7YY/p to be QRV on May 13 and 14 from at least four different nature reserves.  Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW with two stations active.  QSL via bureau.  
  
GUINEA BISSAU, J5.  Carlos, CT2GQA is QRV as J5JUA until the end of May.  Activity is on 15 to 10 meters using mostly FT8.  QSL to home call.  
  
BELGIUM, ON.  Members of UBA Mechelen are QRV with special event station OS23SOM until May 31 in celebration of the Special Olympics Belgium's annual National Games being held this year in Mechelen. QSL via OQRS.  
  
NETHERLANDS, PA.  Special event call signs PA100K, PA100M, and PA100PCG are QRV until June 30 to commemorate the two-way telegraph service that started up from Radio Malabar to Radio Kootwijk.  QSL via bureau.  
  
PALAU, T8.  Operators JA6EGL and JH6HZH are QRV as T88SM and T88ZH, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until May 17.  QSL to home calls.  
  
AUSTRALIA, VK.  Members of the Wireless Institute of Australia are QRV with special event call sign VI2023HRH until May 31 to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.  QSL via operator's instructions.  
  
GIBRALTAR, ZB.  Special event station ZQ2HRH is QRV until May 31 to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.  QSL only direct, see QRZ.com .  
  
The 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40, Mini-Test 80 and the RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship are all on tap for May 15 to 17.  
  
Please see May QST, page 73, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.

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

We **DO** have some hamfests scheduled for 2023!!

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| **Great Lakes Division Convention!!**    **05/19/2023 - 05/21/2023**[**Dayton Hamvention**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/dayton-hamvention-8)  **Location:**Xenia, OH **Sponsor:** Dayton Amateur Radio Association **Website:** [http://Hamvention.org](http://hamvention.org/) [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/dayton-hamvention-8) | |
| **05/27/2023 -**[**Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/scioto-valley-amateur-radio-club-hamfest-1)  **Location:**Piketon, OH **Sponsor:** Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/scioto-valley-amateur-radio-club-hamfest-1) | **06/03/2023 -**[**FCARC Summer Hamfest**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/fcarc-summer-hamfest-2)  **Location:**Wauseon, OH **Sponsor:** Fulton County Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest> [**Learn More**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/fcarc-summer-hamfest-2) |
| **07/08/2023 -**[**Mansfield Trunkfest 2023**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/mansfield-trunkfest-2023)  **Location:**Mansfield, OH **Sponsor:** Intercity Amateur Radio Club **Website:** [http://iarc.club](http://iarc.club/) [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/mansfield-trunkfest-2023) | **07/15/2023 -**[**NOARSFEST**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/noarsfest-10)  **Location:**Elyria, OH **Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society [**Learn More**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/noarsfest-10) |
| **07/16/2023 -**[**Van Wert Hamfest**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/van-wert-hamfest-7)  **Location:**Van Wert, OH **Sponsor:** Van Wert Amateur Radio Club **Website:** [http://w8fy.org](http://w8fy.org/) [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/van-wert-hamfest-7) | **07/22/2023 -**[**Ashtabula County Hamfest 2023**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/ashtabula-county-hamfest-2023)  **Location:**Pierpont, OH **Sponsor:** Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula **Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/> [**Learn More**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/ashtabula-county-hamfest-2023) |
| **08/05/2023 -**[**2023 Columbus Hamfest**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2023-columbus-hamfest) **Location:**Grove City, OH **Sponsor:** Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit **Website:** [http://www.columbushamfest.com](http://www.columbushamfest.com/) [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2023-columbus-hamfest) | **08/12/2023 -**[**Cincinnati Hamfest**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/cincinnati-hamfest-2)  **Location:**Owensville , OH **Sponsor:** Milford ARC **Website:** [https://CincinnatiHamfest.org](https://cincinnatihamfest.org/) [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/cincinnati-hamfest-2) |
| **08/20/2023 -**[**WARA Tailgate Swap Meet**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/wara-tailgate-swap-meet-1)  **Location:**Cortland, OH **Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association **Website:** [http://w8vtd.org](http://w8vtd.org/) [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/wara-tailgate-swap-meet-1) | **09/10/2023 -**[**Findlay Hamfest**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/findlay-hamfest-10)  **Location:**Findlay, OH **Sponsor:** Findlay Radio Club **Website:** [http://findlayradioclub.org](http://findlayradioclub.org/) [**Learn More**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/findlay-hamfest-10) |
| **09/24/2023 -**[**Cleveland Hamfest**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/cleveland-hamfest-3)  **Location:**Berea, OH **Sponsor:** Hamfest Association of Cleveland **Website:** [http://www.hac.org](http://www.hac.org/) [**Learn More**](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/cleveland-hamfest-3) | **10/29/2023 -**[**Massillon (OH) Hamfest (& auction)**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/massillon-oh-hamfest-auction)  **Location:**North Canton, , OH **Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club **Website:** [http://www.w8np.net](http://www.w8np.net/) [**Learn More**](https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/massillon-oh-hamfest-auction) |

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence****DX This Week – DX Dinner & DX Forum**

Bill AJ8B (aj8b@arrl.net, @AJ8B, or www.aj8b.com)

CWOPs Member #1567

This week it is time to give you a peek into the DX Dinner and the DX Forum. We are very excited to be a part of both and I hope you will attend both. The details are below.

I received several nice cards this week including DL4MFF – Nikolaus in Germany, ON7TM – Freddy in Belgium, OZ1ADL – Jan in Denmark, PA1REG – Reginald in the Netherlands, SP9DHY – Lisowice in Poland, and UW5ZM – Eugene in the Ukraine. Let me know what you received.

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The DX Dinner will be held on Friday night of Hamvention at the Dayton Marriott Hotel. Tickets are still available but only about 10% are left. You can purchase tickets at [Single Seat Ticket (2023) – SWODXA Events](https://swodxaevents.org/product/single-seat-ticket-2020/). The keynote speaker will be Adrian, KO8SCA. Adrian is a veteran of over 30 DXPeditions including the recent Bouvet, 3Y0J trip.

Icom is the main sponsor and an Icom IC-7610 will be the grand prize at the dinner. Over $10,000 worth of prizes will be available to attendees to win. There will also be an Icom IC-705 available for a raffle.

CQ will announce the most recent inductees in to the CQDX Hall of Fame during the dinner. As always, the coveted DXpedition of the Year will be announced.

On Saturday, the DX Forum will be held in room 1 from 1130 - 1350 EDST (1530 - 1750 UTC).  The schedule is:

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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:

**OJ0 - Market Reef -** OJ0EME is the callsign for an operation June 17-24 by DG5CST, Sebastian.  He plans mainly EME, on multiple bands between 2M and 10 GHz.  He is also taking "tropo equipment" for the 24, 47, 76, 122/134 GHz bands.  He invites DXers to send an email for skeds.   
<https://dl4dtu.de/expedition-to-oj0eme/>

**VR2 - Hong Kong -** VR2VRC, Yip, says callsign VR10VRC will commemorate the 10 years of Hong Kong's reunification with the PRC, China.  Other Hong Kong stations may also change to the VR10 prefix, between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, a 12-month period.

**FO/M Marquesas Islands -** F6BCW, Didier, is the team Manager for the November 2023 TX7L DXpedition to Hiva Oa Island (OC-027). The team will include F8GGV, F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6HBI, F6FMC, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ. They plan to have a K3, three TS590SG's and an IC-7610 along with 500-watt amplifiers for each station. Activity will be on 3.5 through 50 MHz on CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and RTTY. Antennas include two 2 element quads for the five high bands, V polar and H. polar, a Hexbeam, Spiderbeam, two LPDA 12 element, two 6 meter antennas, two element phased vertical for 30 meters, two element phased vertical for 40 meters, 7 element LPDA for 30 and 40 meters, a 4 element LPDA 40 meter mono bander, two element wire for 80 meters and an Inverted L for 80 meters. They are also taking a dipole for 160 meters. Activity will be from November 4- 19. A website is currently being constructed by F1COB. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. F6EXV will be the pilot and QSL manager for this DXpedition.

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Check out the WA7BNM Contest Calendar page (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>) and CQ Magazine for more contests or more details. I also have a comprehensive list that can be imported to your calendar at [www.aj8b.com/files](http://www.aj8b.com/files)

The contests in red are those that I plan to spend some significant participation time on. PLEASE let me know if you are working contests and how you fared.

Thanks!

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| **Date(s)** | **Event** | **Info** |
| All Year | CQ DX Marathon | <http://bit.ly/3FyPiui> |
| May 17 | RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data | <http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl> |
| May 17 | VHF-UHF FT8 Activity | <http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/> |
| May 18 | QRP Minimal Art Session | <http://qrpcc.de/contestrules/mas/index.html> |
| May 20-21 | Arkansas QSO Party | <https://arkqp.com/arkansas-qso-party-rules/> |
| May 20-21 | Baltic Contest | <http://www.lrsf.lt/en/> |
| May 20-21 | His Majesty King of Spain CW Contest | <http://concursos.ure.es/en/> |
| May 20-21 | NZART Sangster Shield Contest | <http://bit.ly/3aviX6h> |
| May 20-21 | SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest | <http://bit.ly/H0IqQf> |
| May 22 | QRP ARCI Hoot Owl Sprint | <http://www.qrpcontest.com/> |
| May 22 | RSGB FT4 Contest Series | <http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl> |
| May 25 | RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW | <http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl> |
| May 27-28 | CQ WW WPX CW Contest | <http://www.cqwpx.com/> |

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Description automatically generated with low confidenceEvery interest seems to have its spectacle. Horse racing has its just completed Kentucky Derby. Auto racing has the Indy 500 and golf has its Memorial Tournament. And each of these world renown events is right here in America’s Heartland and only a short distance from Ohio’s South 40. Did you realize that amateur radio too has its own spectacle? It’s called Hamvention and it’s right here in our own South 40 backyard at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia. Since its 1952 beginning at a downtown Dayton hotel thousands of hams and those interested in electronics and communications have journeyed from all points on the globe to this **Dayton ARA** sponsored event which has become the largest gathering of hams in the world. We’re only days away from its 2023 run on May 19, 20 and 21.

Let’s make it clear that I’m not a spokesman for the event. Mike Kalter, W8CI, fills that role very well. But with about 50 of them under my belt I’ve never understood why hams from Asia, Europe and even Australia spend hours and tons of money to get to it, but hams living only a short distance away don’t bother to attend. Is it the area’s unknown weather? Ticket prices? Traffic? Getting hotel accommodations? The crowd size? If it’s something like this please put it out of mind, get out of your comfort zone, grab another ham and make the trip to Xenia to rub shoulders with thousands sharing your same ham radio interest. Like so many others making that first trip you might start wondering why your attendance at Hamvention took so long.

Hamvention Prize Chairman Mark Atwell, WX8A, states major and door prizes are still coming in and pre-sale admission tickets are selling at a record pace. The official 2022 attendance was 31,367.

For those interested in QRP and low power operating, the well repected **QRP Amateur Radio Club International**’s “Four Days In May” kicks of Hamvention weekend on Thursday, May 18 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn. The increased number of folks operating low power while doing POTA and SOTA operations find this event’s seminars, banquet and door prizes alone make a trip to Hamvention worthwhile. Find more information on [www.qrparci.org](http://www.qrparci.org).

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Description automatically generated with low confidence **Southwest Ohio DX Association** DX Dinner indicated the tickets are going quickly and expect to be sold out. The raffle tickets for the DX trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands have exceeded the number expected to be sold. The dinner and the drawing for the trip will occur during the Friday, May 19 DX dinner at the Dayton Marriott. A cash bar starts the evening’s activities at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 7. Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA, will be this year’s keynote speaker. Check out the [www.swodxaevents.org](http://www.swodxaevents.org) website for more information and how to order your tickets for either or both events.

Many years ago your’s truly took home a cherished souvenier from Hamvention. I set at a test session before an FCC engineer, passed the 13 WPM CW test and took home a General License. And in later years (with a 20 WPM Extra to my credit) when the opportunity to assist with giving tests at Hamvention arose I jumped at the chance. Although those days of sweating the CW test are long gone, taking home a first license or an upgraded one might be the best Hamvention souvenier anyone will ever have. It may sound strange but those of us on the Hamvention VE Team see people from many countries across the globe come to Hamvention just to earn an American FCC Amateur License. Testing will take place on May 19 and 20 starting at 10 AM and running until 2 PM at the church across the street from the Hamvention site. These tests are conducted under the Laurel VE guidelines and thus there is no fee charged to take a test(s). Although those earning their first license will still be subject to the FCC license fee. However that fee is not collected by the VE team at the time of testing. There is no pre-registration and walk -ins are welcome. For more information, visit the Hamvention’s [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org) website.

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A number of South 40 clubs and individuals will be set up in the outdoor flea market. Some are: the Mound ARC-8437; Queen City Emergency Net-7543; Bellbrook ARC-7662; University of Cincinnati RC-8046; Dial ARC-8301; the Drake ARC-9105 and the Butler County VHF Society-9423. The Clinton County ARA and Highland ARA are sharing booths 9103 and 9104. The West Virginia Museam of Radio and Technology is at 7490. Individuals with spaces are: Jerry Barnett, W8HOG-8317; Al Norris, W8UJM-9425 and Daun Yeagley-7338. Why not stop by and say “HI”?

A close-up of a flyer

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe previously scheduled May 18 meeting of the **Scioto Valley ARC**,at the Pike County Airport, has been cancelled because of Hamvention. And speaking of the **Scioto Valley ARA,** they will hold a hamfest at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Piketon. The location is across the railroad tracks on the Eastern edge of the village off US 23 in the village. There is plenty of parking. The gate opens to the public at 8 AM with a $5 admission charge. An Anytone DMR will be awarded to some lucky attendee according to Club Vice President Travis Holden, WA6WTF. SVARA President Jesse Stanley, KC8CHP, states the Club is giving a free table to any club who displays a club banner. That table can be used to sell items or promote the club. Club VE Team Leader John Hartmus III, WB8GRX, reminds all of the upcoming July 1 change in the General License question pool. Therefore the Club will conduct a free Laurel VE test session for those wishing to try for a license upgrade while the current pool questions are valid.

And let’s not forget that our own Ohio Section Manager Tom Sly will be conducting a forum about the importance of amateur radio clubs and will share thoughts and ideas on making local clubs better. His ‘Club Building’ presentation will be on Friday morning, May 19 in Building 4 at 9:15.

For those Lancaster area hams chosing not to attend Hamvention, the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will hold their monthly breakfast at the Lancaster Frisch’s at 9 AM on the 20th. Because Hamvention falls on the normal Saturday of the **Fayette ARA**’s breakfast gathering, FARA has decided to forego the May gathering as not to interfer with their members making the up-the-road trip to Xenia.

As previously mentioned, the expiration of the current General License question pool is quickly approaching with those new questions appearing on July 1. Therefore if you are thinking of upgrading your current Technician Amateur Radio License to gain the General priviledges needed to work all the increased DX during this solar cycle, you need to quickly take action. Several South 40 clubs offer frequent testing sessions and some may even offer Elmering to those needing assistance as the June deadline draws nearer. Some of the clubs in the South 40 Region known to hold monthly exams are the **Portsmouth RC**, the **Milford ARC**, the **Southern Ohio ARC** and the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARC.** The **Scioto Valley ARA** will hold a test during their May 27 hamfest at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Piketon. Contact your local club to find a testing location in your area.

And speaking of the license process, we wish to acknowledge some new hams being added to the South 40 ranks. And it’s nice to see the ladies outweight the gents in the number of licenses announced this week. A license has been issued to the last successful candidate at the recent **Athens County ARA** Hamfest. Charles McClain from New Marshfield is now KE8YHE. As for the ladies, Jennifer Tribby is now KE8YGZ and Joan Schulze is KE8YGR. Jennifer hails from Wellston and Joan calls Logan home. WELCOME TO ALL. Should you hear them on the air, give them a shout and personally welcome them.

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Description automatically generatedIf you can image cars racing through the service roads in Southern Ohio’s state forests at speeds approaching 100 MPH, then the Southern Ohio Forest Rally might be something you have an interest volunteering your amateur radio skills for. Bill French, KE8AAL, says amateurs are needed to man check points along the routes through a city park and two state forests on June 8, 9 and 10. The courses will be through Chillicothe’s Yoctangee Park on Thursday evening and then through the Zaleski State Forest near McArthur and the Shawnee State Forest at Portsmouth on the following days. Contact [ke8aal@yahoo.com](mailto:ke8aal@yahoo.com) to learn how you can assist.

As mentioned last time out, the Planned Ohio State Parks on the Air Activation list is now open for listing any planned activation of a state park during the September 9 event. It’s interesting to note that 14 parks already have activations indicated. And two of those have at least two different operations to take place. Email any planned activation to [plannedparks@ospota.org](mailto:plannedparks@ospota.org). Although the event is not until early September, now is the time to start giving some thought to taking part in this growing activity. Unfortunately last year saw a number of Southern Ohio State Parks absent from the airwaves. Check the [www.ospota.org](http://www.ospota.org) website for more information, past activations and this year’s rules.

The **Cambridge ARA** has been asked to assist with directing parking at the annual Guernsey County Senior Citizens Picnic on May 31. The event is to be held at the Cambridge City Park from 10 until 1. If you are available to and would like a free meal in exchange, contact Sonny Alfman to volunteer.

Speaking of OSPOTA, Ohio has 75 parks within the system and a new park is nearing completion with an anticipated opening yet this year. The new park is within a baseball throw from the Hamvention site and is between Xenia and Yellow Springs. Not only is it on US 68, but directly across the highway from the Little Miami Scenic Bicycle Trail that reaches from Eastern Cincinnati to Springfield. The “Great Council State Park” site is at Old Town and is believed to be the birthplace of the great Shawnee Chief Tecumseh. Should it open in time for the September event, OSPOTA rules would not allow it to be counted until 2024.

Between things at the Levo Century Farm needing attention with our blueberry growing operation, getting the place ready for Field Day and all of the time to be spent at Hamvention with a full day assisting testing, banquets, Saturday at the **Highland ARA** flea market booth and all other things Hamvention, I’m going to forego a South 40 column next week. As stated, I will be spending most of Saturday at my local club’s flea market booth (9103-9104) and invite you to stop by and make yourself known. Here’s hoping to see you at Xenia.

That’s it for another column. Here’s hoping everyone remains safe and healthy and radio active.

John Levo, W8KIW, [jlevo@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jlevo@cinci.rr.com) or highlandara@gmail.com, 937-393-4951

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**OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT – APRIL 2023**

**OHIO SECTION NETS – APRIL 2023**

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| NET | QNI | QTC | QTR | SESSIONS | N/M |
| BNE | 132 | 42 | 355 | 30 | N2LC |
| BNL |  | NO | REPORT |  | WB9LBI |
| OSN | 70 | 31 | 439 | 30 | N2LC |
| OSSBN | 1527 | 426 | 2247 | 90 | KC8WH |

**OHIO SECTION PSHR REPORTS – APRIL 2023**

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| AD8CM | 40 | 40 | 10 | 395 | 0 | 10 | TOTAL | 495 |
| WA3EZN | 40 | 40 | 30 | 360 | 0 | 20 | TOTAL | 490 |
| WB8YYS | 40 | 21 | 20 | 115 | 10 | 10 | TOTAL | 216 |
| KC8WH | 40 | 40 | 30 | 100 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 210 |
| AC8NP | 40 | 40 | 10 | 95 | 5 | 20 | TOTAL | 210 |
| W8MAL | 40 | 40 | 10 | 90 | 0 | 10 | TOTAL | 190 |
| KV8Z | 40 | 40 | 10 | 85 | 0 | 10 | TOTAL | 185 |
| KE4ANW | 40 | 5 | 0 | 135 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 181 |
| N2LC | 40 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 40 | TOTAL | 180 |
| KE4RS | 40 | 40 | 10 | 75 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 165 |
| KD8UUB | 40 | 19 | 10 | 95 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 164 |
| N8SY | 40 | 5 | 30 | 20 | 0 | 60 | TOTAL | 155 |
| W8DJG | 40 | 40 | 20 | 25 | 0 | 20 | TOTAL | 145 |
| K8MDA | 40 | 40 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 20 | TOTAL | 130 |
| AC8RV | 40 | 40 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 100 |
| KB8GUN | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | TOTAL | 100 |
| WB8SIQ | 40 | 40 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 100 |
| K3RC | 40 | 40 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 100 |
| W8GSR | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 90 |
| KL7RF | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 90 |
| K8KRA | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 90 |
| N8MRS | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 90 |
| KB8HJJ | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 90 |
| KA1G | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 90 |
| N8OD | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 90 |
| KD8MSZ | 13 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 22 |
| NC8V | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TOTAL | 16 |

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| AC8NP-72 | KC8IDM-32 | KV8Z-44 | W8DJG-94 |
| AC8RV-80 | KC8WH-83 | N2LC-89 | W8GSR-118 |
| AD8CM-149 | KC8YTV-20 | N8BV- 42 | W8MAL-220 |
| KA1G-43 | KD8GXL-36 | N8GBU-30 | WA3EZN-135 |
| K3RC-42 | KD8HB-65 | N8MRS-87 | WB8PMG-26 |
| K8KRA-56 | KD8MSZ-9 | N8OD-71 | WB8SIQ-90 |
| K8MDA-43 | KD8UUB-19 | N8SY-5 | WB8YYS-21 |
| KB8GUN-85 | KE4RS-137 | N8TNV-89 | WB9LBI-75 |
| KB8HJJ- 52 | KL7RF-48 | NC8V-6 |  |
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|  | TOTALS | 35/2313 |  |

**OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – APRIL 2023**

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| NET | QNI | QTC | QTR | SESSIONS | N/M |
| BRTN | 83 | 40 | 173 | 13 | KD8GXL |
| COTN | 275 | 95 | 588 | 30 | KV8Z |
| NWOH ARES | 249 | 162 | 605 | 30 | N8TNV |
| TATN | 310 | 73 | 347 | 30 | WG8Z |
| TCTTN | 115 | 21 | 310 | 13 | WB8YYS |

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KE4RS 40 40 10 75 0 0 TOTAL 165

KD8UUB 40 19 10 95 0 0 TOTAL 164

N8SY 40 5 30 20 0 60 TOTAL 155

W8DJG 40 40 20 25 0 20 TOTAL 145

K8MDA 40 40 30 0 0 20 TOTAL 130

AC8RV 40 40 10 10 0 0 TOTAL 100

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K8MDA-43 KD8UUB-19 N8SY-5 WB8YYS-21

KB8GUN-85 KE4RS-137 N8TNV-89 WB9LBI-75

KB8HJJ-52 KL7RF-648 NC8V-6

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**OHIO HF TRAFFIC NETS**

BN(E) Buckeye Net Early - CW

BN(L) Buckeye Net Late – CW

OSN Ohio Slow Net - CW

OSSBN Ohio Single Sideband Net – Phone

**OHIO VHF TRAFFIC NETS**

BRTN Burning River Traffic Net serving Cleveland and North Central Ohio

COTN Central Ohio Traffic Net serving Columbus and Central Ohio

NWOH ARES Northwest Ohio ARES Net serving Toledo and surrounding counties

TATN Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net

TCTTN Tri-County Traffic and Training Net serving North East Ohio

**Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License**

*(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)*



As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.

Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an **“official” printed copy of your license\***

[**Click here to download the instructions**](http://arrl-ohio.org/news/2020/print_your_license.pdf)

***One Question Questionnaire***

!!!!! I would really like to hear from as many of you as possible. How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It’s in the bottom left corner of the page) While you’re there, you can click the Big Red Arrow to enter into this months Handbook Giveaway!

This week’s Question: Have you ever helped a young ham get on the air ?

1. **Yes, or B) No**

From last weeks question:

**DO YOU OPERATE WINLINK? 20.5% said yes and 79.5% said NO (out of 97)**

(**This is a subliminal message:** Go to the Ohio Section Website, on the bottom left of the landing page answer this week’s question. AND DON’T FORGET – look for the Big Red Arrow and sign up for the April Handbook give away!)

AND THE April HandBook winner is: Don Bower – N8VCK!

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Ohio Section Cabinet

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| Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK | Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Amanda Farone – KC3GFU |
| State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU | Public Information Coordinator – Elizabeth Klinc - KE8FMJ |



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>

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!! Is your club doing a fund raiser to help raise money? After a lot of thought, it was decided that the Swap & Shop webpage could also contain these types of items as well. The same rules will apply as do for the For Sales and Give-A-Ways and will only be posted for a month at a time. Please see the Terms & Conditions on the webpage.

If your club is doing a fund raiser and wants more exposure, please forward the information to me and I’ll advertise it on the Swap & Shop webpage for you.

Now, I still want to remind you that 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 as well as for Club Fund Raisers. 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)

***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>

***Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?***

We have a webpage where you can download and read all of the newsletters that I get from around the state and even other sections!

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 because I’m not receiving it. Just have your newsletter editor contact me and I’ll get your club’s newsletter listed on the site!!

We all learn and steal (I mean, share) from each other’s work. So, get me your newsletter!!! Send it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)

***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](mailto:Opt-In)” to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send an email to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org) and we’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” 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/>

*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! Occasionally you may find and error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you’re reading the newsletter carefully!*