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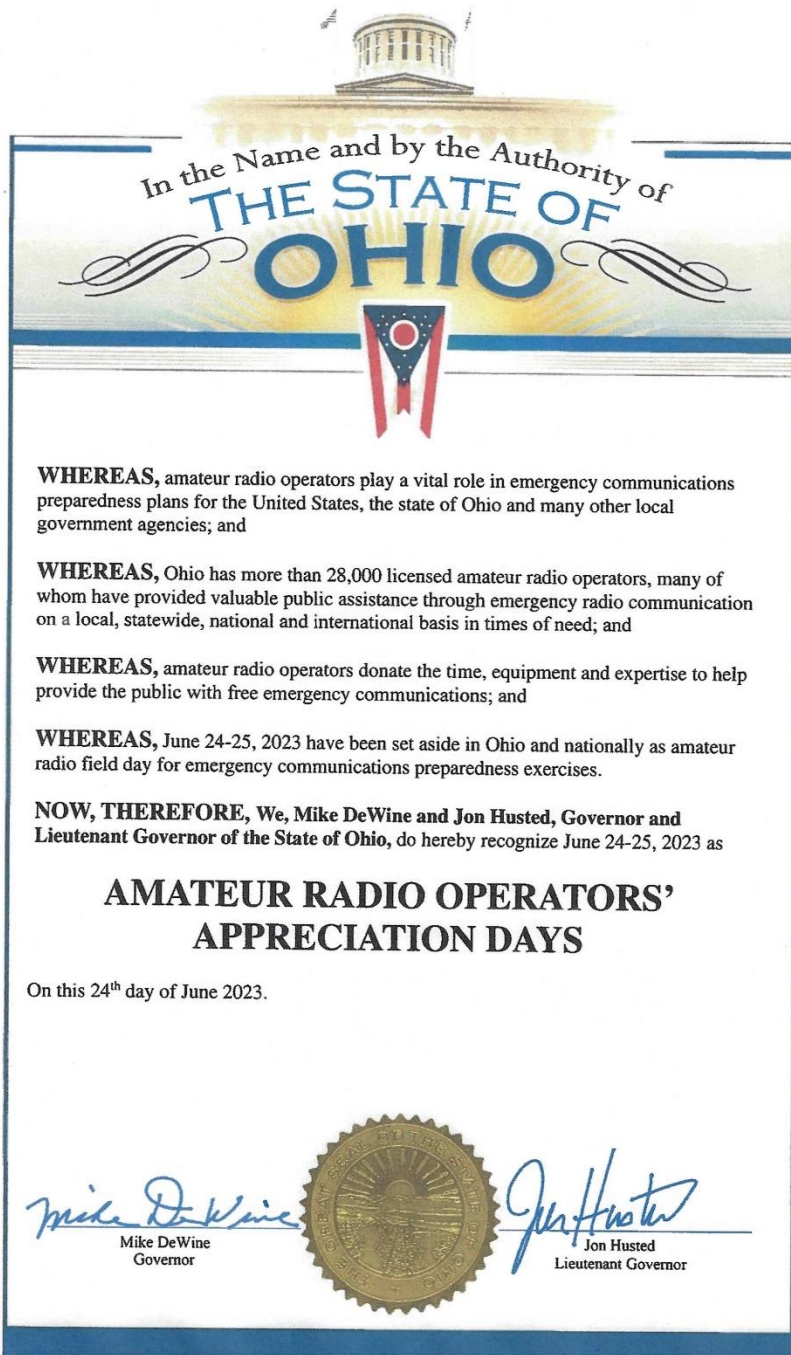
### **CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD**

Well, we finally got some rain up here in NE Ohio! Hopefully we'll all have SPLENDID weather for Field Day weekend. I'm wishing you all good conditions, lots of Q's and a Ton of Fun.

When you think back on it, Field Day was the original “Parks on the Air” type of event. Although originally conceived as a Disaster Communications drill, it's really turned into so much more. The “official” word is that it is not a contest. Yeah, I'll go along with that (wink, wink). But, if you treat it like a contest it will give you lot's of opportunity to think like a contester and try out strategies for improving your scores. Wanting to get the most Bang for your buck, you'll probably want to learn about propagation, antennas, and transmission lines. Maybe even a little bit about grounding and/or a proper radial field (depending on what type of antenna you're using). And this is not just a “one-shot” deal. Make and keep good records of what and how you are doing things. NEXT year you may want to add some tweaks - document and record your results as you are out there. One last thing in this category, a week or two after the Field Day weekend, get your crew together again and put together an After-Action Report. As you go through the years, you'll develop good documentation as to what works and what doesn't. Good things to know, and good information to be able to pass on through the years.

The radios and antennas are only part of a field day operation. What about all the other stuff it takes to be successful out in the field, especially with a group of people? Food. Power, contingencies for “local emergencies” are just a few considerations to have. And don't forget to deploy good “People” skills. It takes good leaders, and it also takes good participants. Whatever your role is, excel in it! Remember too, the details often make the difference between success and failure. If you must drive home, or to a store, because you need an extension cord, a coax

jumper, coax adaptors, extra batteries, your pills, toilet paper, garbage bags – whatever! These are the little details that can make it or break it for your team. Make sure you don't repeat any of these errors next time. And these are the types of things you should be picking up on at your POTA Activations.



After all that, remember to have fun, and make sure you keep it fun for those around you too.

I know we're moving into the final week of preparation, but it's not too late to get the word out. Get your friends and your community out to see what you're doing. Tell everyone you talk to. Put up some flyers and make a final bid for media coverage at your event. Don't be shy about "name dropping" the Governor and his proclamation here. That's a pretty good endorsement. And speaking of media, a good piece on Field Day *after* the event can be just as effective at building our image in the public domain. Don't forget to include some good pictures!

My Field Day travels are still being figured out, but I will be out there! I'll be concentrating on stopping in at places I haven't hit yet in the past two years. And believe me, with 100+ clubs in the Ohio Section and lots and lots of miles between them, it's probably

going to take me a few more years to get to all of your Field Day sites, but I'll keep working at it as long as I'm able to.

I want to make sure I say Happy Father's Day to you all. I hope you all enjoy the day with your families and friends. Since next weekend is Field Day weekend, I will be taking a hiatus from putting out a PostScript. That means the next issue up will be the Ohio Section Journal on June 30<sup>th</sup>. (That's a Friday, but that's what I'll need to do to keep the June Section Journal *actually* in June!) Please, send me LOTS of your Field Day pictures. Be sure to include the name of your club (if they are actually from a club FD operation), location and any comments you'd like noted. I'll figure out a way to get them out so everyone can see what other FD operations look like.

Please notice a little further down the article about "Private Land Use" regulation – this is a very big deal! Hope to hear you on the air!

73,

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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.

**Net tonight (6/11/2023)!**

**\*\*\*Next Net is Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

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](#) 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!

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## *National News*

### *(from ARRL and other sources)*

#### ARRL Foundation Accepting Applications for Grants in June

The ARRL Foundation is now accepting grant applications from amateur radio organizations for eligible amateur radio-related projects and initiatives, particularly those focused on educating, licensing, and supporting amateur radio activities. To grow amateur radio's future, youth-based projects and initiatives are especially encouraged. The ARRL Foundation grants program accepts proposals on a cyclical model three times a year: in February, June, and October. Proposals for the June grant period are accepted through June 30. Awardees will be notified approximately 1 month after the closing of each cycle.



The ARRL Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Foundation carefully manages a portfolio of endowments where donors have provided specific goals for their gifts, and that portfolio is invested and managed in a way that it can continue to support those goals for many years to come.

Additional information and a link to the grant application can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants>



**40 Years Ago: STS-7 and the Flight of Sally Ride** – On June 18, 1983, the space shuttle Challenger lifted off on its second journey to space, the STS-7 mission. Among its five-person crew, Challenger carried the first American woman into space, NASA astronaut Sally K. Ride. Other notable firsts for the mission included the first five-person crew, the first flight of astronauts from the Class of 1978, and the first astronaut to make a second flight on the shuttle.

[Read More](#)

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The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event will take place July 1 - 7, 2023. The 13 Colonies Special Event is an on-air amateur radio event honoring the original 13 colonies, US independence, active military personnel, and veterans. All amateur radio operators are welcome to participate, including shortwave listeners. Certificates will be available for all participants. Each US state that was one of the original 13 colonies has a special call sign. All HF bands will be open, including the WARC bands, with the exception of 60 meters. Simplex on 2 and 6 meters is encouraged and the use of 40 - 160 meters is encouraged for stations in the southern east coast. All modes of operation may be used, including SSB, CW, RTTY, and digital. The

mode of operation is up to the individual colony/state station. Please refer to each special event station's QRZ page for more details and information.

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# Countdown to W4DXCC

**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](http://W4DXCC.com) 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

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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.

**See you soon,**

**Dave Anderson, K4SV**

**Convention leader**

[Dave@w4dxcc.com](mailto:Dave@w4dxcc.com)

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## Legislation to Remove Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio Introduced in Congress

Congressmen Bill Johnson (OH-06) and Joe Courtney (CT-02) reintroduced a bill in the US House of Representatives on June 12 -- [H.R.4006](#) ([see full text of bill in this PDF](#)) -- to remove private land use restrictions that prohibit, restrict, or impair the ability of Amateur Radio operators from operating and installing reasonable antennas on property that they own or control. Similar legislation, H.R. 9670, was [introduced](#) by Congressman Johnson in 2022.

"I reintroduced the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act to remove barriers to disaster and emergency communications and training, and to promote education in STEM subjects related to critically needed wireless technology,"

Congressman Johnson said in a release. "Passage of this bill will promote developing and sustaining our nation's wireless future and facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit."

"As their actions during recent natural disasters such as Hurricane Sandy proved, amateur radio operators in Connecticut can be a critical component of disaster response and emergency management. It is in our communities' best interest that we give them



the capabilities to operate at the highest level, and with the re-introduction of this bill, we've taken a strong step in that direction," said Congressman Courtney.

The exponential growth of communities bound by private land use restrictions that prohibit both the operation of Amateur Radio and the installation of amateur station antennas has significantly restricted the growth of the Amateur Radio Service.

[ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®](#) continues its multi-year efforts to eliminate private land use restrictions that prevent Amateur Radio operations and has pledged to strongly support Congressman Johnson and Congressman Courtney in their efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio.



Rick Roderick, K5UR, President of ARRL, on behalf its Members and America's Amateur Radio community extended his thanks and appreciation for the leadership of Congressman Johnson and Congressman Courtney in their tireless efforts to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators and to further STEM education and the advancement of American expertise in wireless technology.

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## *Club Corner*

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

Let me know what your 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 article. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated.





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## 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 \(arrl.org\)](#) 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 News for 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](#)
- [Login to the DPS Training Campus](#)

- [Create a new account on the DPS Training Campus](#)

**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](#) 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> at St. John

XXIII Elementary School, 3806 Manchester Rd., Middletown, OH 45042. Pre-Registration is required, go to: [www.qsl.net/w8blv](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup>.

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, June 3

Saturday, October 7  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/>



## 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](#)

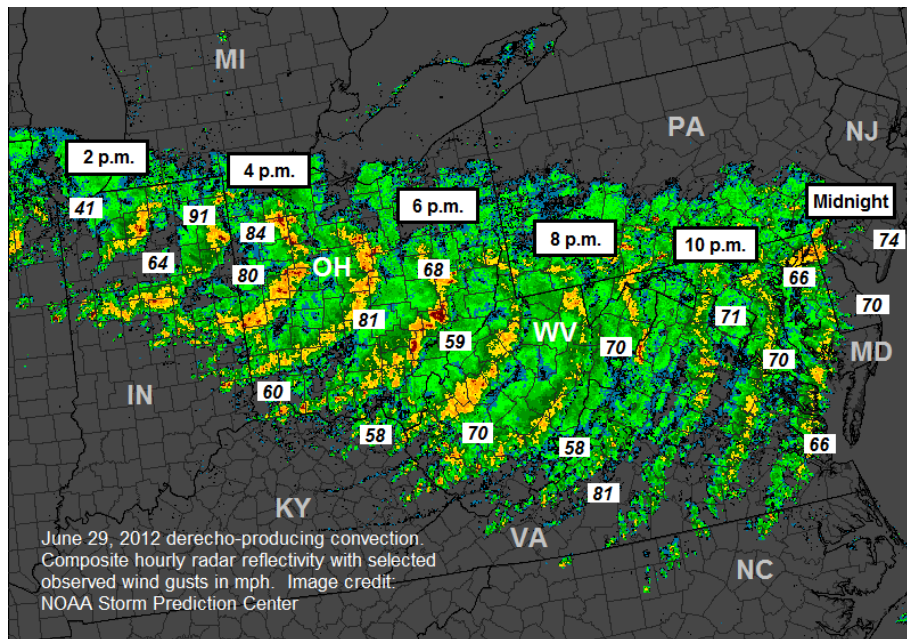
Ohio ARES District 10 Emergency Coordinator

Cuyahoga County/Cleveland Weather Skywarn Coordinator

## "Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor" (MRMS) system:

Ted Jacobson (W8KVK)

June 29th is the 11th anniversary of the deadly 2012 Ohio Valley / Mid-Atlantic Derecho. The storm traveled approximately 700 miles in twelve hours, with an average forward speed of nearly 60 mph, and inflicted untold damage and hardship along a heavily populated corridor through the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. Nearly two dozen people lost their lives, and many more were seriously injured. Many thousands suffered without power for days in the life-threatening heat wave that persisted after the storm.

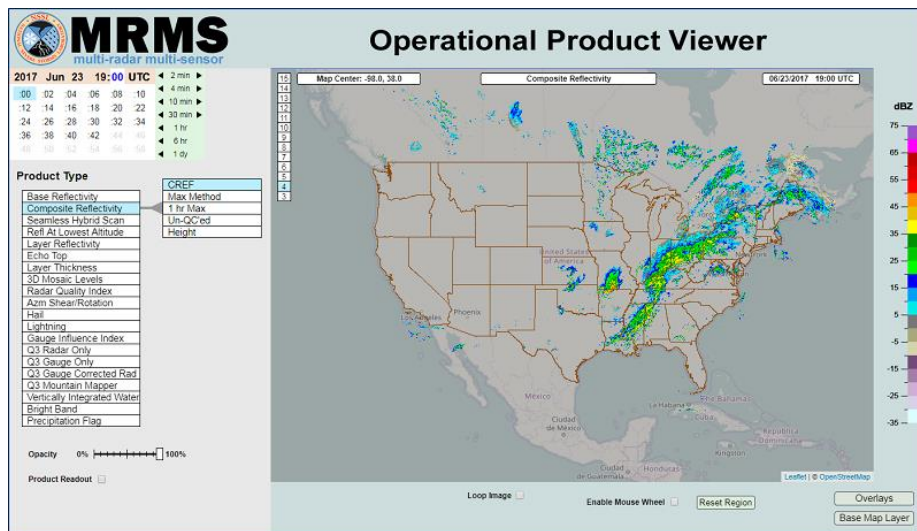


<https://www.spc.noaa.gov/misc/AbtDerechos/casepages/jun292012page.htm>

Now may be a good opportunity to review 2012 lessons-learned and to update our hazardous weather event plans. This is especially important for those of us who provide Skywarn

monitoring support for events with vulnerable outdoor populations such as fairs, festivals, cycling/running, etc.

If you are not already using it, you may wish to become familiar with the comprehensive "Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor" (MRMS) system. The MRMS system was developed to produce severe weather, transportation, and precipitation products for improved decision-making capability to improve hazardous weather forecasts and warnings, along with hydrology, aviation, and numerical weather prediction. MRMS is a system with fully-automated algorithms that quickly and intelligently integrate data streams from multiple radars, surface and upper air observations, lightning detection systems, satellite observations, and forecast models. Numerous two-dimensional multiple-sensor products offer assistance for hail, wind, tornado, quantitative precipitation estimations, convection, icing, and turbulence diagnosis.



<https://www.nssl.noaa.gov/projects/mrms/>

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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)

## **ARLD024 DX news**

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by JG7PSJ, LU4AAO, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

**MALAWI, 7Q.** Jerry, W1IE and Bill, K4CD will be QRV as 7Q7WW from June 21 to July 3. Activity will be in their spare time on the HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 in DXpedition mode. QSL via operators' instructions.

**PHILIPPINES, DU.** Yevgeniy, UN2G is QRV as DU3/UN2G from Villa Rosenda, Talugtug until June 23. Activity is on the HF bands, and 5 meters, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

**NORTH COOK ISLANDS, E5.** Warwick, E51WL has been QRV on 12 meters using FT8 around 0700 to 1100z, and on FT4 between 2100 to 2200z. QSL to home call.

**ETHIOPIA, ET.** Robert, W9XY and Ken, K4ZW will be QRV as ET3AA from June 19 to 23. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via N2OO.

**MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0.** Harry, JG7PSJ will be QRV as WH0RU from Saipan, IOTA OC-086, from June 21 to 27. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

**ARGENTINA, LU.** Members of the Radio Club QRM Belgrano will be QRV as LU4AAO and other calls from June 17 to 25 to commemorate National Flag Day. Activity will be on the HF and V/UHF bands using CW, SSB, SSTV, and FT8. QSL via LU4AAO.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2.** Gio, ZL3SSB is QRV as P29VBR from Port Moresby until June 21. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands. QSL direct to home call.

**SUDAN, ST.** Sudan Amateur Radio Union ST0HQ has been QRV on 20 meters using SSB between 0050 and 0200z. QSL via ST2M.

**DUCIE ISLAND, VP6.** A group of operators are QRV as VP6A until June 24. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, with five stations active, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via HA7RY.

**MACAO, XX9.** Leong, XX9ET has been QRV on 20 meters using FT8 around 1400z. QSL via LoTW.

**MYANMAR, XZ.** Akio, JE2QIZ is QRV as XZ2B from Yangon until the end of September.

Activity is on 15, 12, 10, and 6 meters using CW. QSL via JH3SIF.

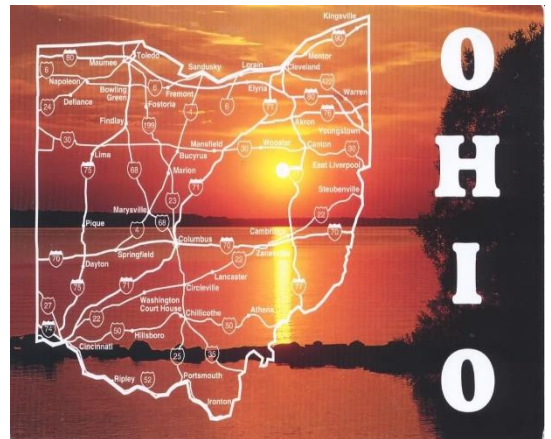
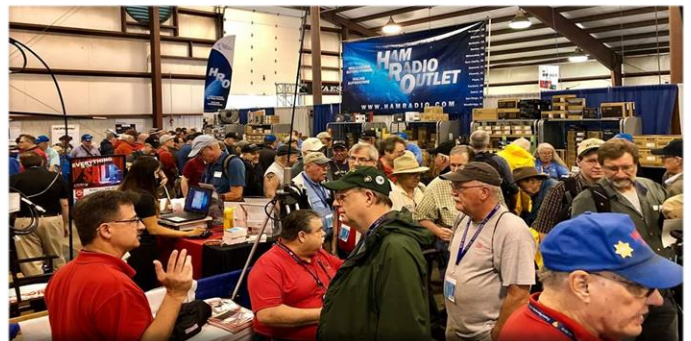
VANUATU, YJ. Chris, VK2YUS, will be QRV as YJ0CA from Efate Island, IOTA OC-035, from June 17 to 28. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

Please see June QST, page 69, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.

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## Upcoming *Hamfests*

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



# Ohio Hamfests

## 2023

**07/08/2023 - [Mansfield Trunkfest 2023](#)**

**Location:** Mansfield, OH

**Sponsor:** Intercity Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://iarc.club>

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**07/15/2023 - [NOARSFEST](#)**

**Location:** Elyria, OH

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

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**07/16/2023 - [Van Wert Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Van Wert, OH

**Sponsor:** Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://w8fy.org>

[Learn More](#)

**07/22/2023 - [Ashtabula County Hamfest 2023](#)**

**Location:** Pierpont, OH

**Sponsor:** Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/>

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**08/05/2023 - [2023 Columbus Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Grove City, OH

**Sponsor:** Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

**Website:** <http://www.columbushamfest.com>

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**08/12/2023 - [Cincinnati Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Owensville , OH

**Sponsor:** Milford ARC

**Website:** <https://CincinnatiHamfest.org>

[Learn More](#)

**08/20/2023 - [WARA Tailgate Swap Meet](#)**

**Location:** Cortland, OH

**Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <http://w8vtd.org>

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**09/10/2023 - [Findlay Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Findlay, OH

**Sponsor:** Findlay Radio Club

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

[Learn More](#)

**09/24/2023 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Berea, OH

**Sponsor:** Hamfest Association of Cleveland

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

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**10/29/2023 - [Massillon \(OH\) Hamfest \(& auction\)](#)**

**Location:** North Canton, , OH

**Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.w8np.net>

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## DX This Week – ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau

Bill AJ8B (aj8b@arrl.net, @AJ8B, or www.aj8b.com)  
CWOPs Member #1567



It is a strange time on the bands! This past Tuesday, around 6:15 AM, I worked Australia and New Zealand on CW. About a half an hour later, I worked 5W1SA on 20M FT8. An hour later, I could only work into the western US on CW and just a PY on 10 Meter FT8. How things change in an hour or two! That is what has always made it interesting to me. Had I just been checking the bands every day

around lunch time, I would think that my antenna was disconnected! You must change your habits based on the time of the year and the solar conditions. HOWEVER, that doesn't mean that you don't tune around and call CQ even when you know the band is "dead"!

If you missed Hamvention, or more specifically the DX Forum on Saturday morning, you missed an excellent presentation on the FT8WW, Crozet Island DXpedition. If you would like to see that presentation, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUErtupivm4>

A few weeks ago, I received a large box of incoming cards from the 8<sup>th</sup> area QSL buro and will be getting them out by the end of the month. Two or three times a year, I get a very large box of QSL cards to sort and to distribute. I am the "N" letter sorter and I get anything between AA8N and WZ8ZZZ. Almost one third of the cards I get don't get passed on as the operator doesn't have the proper information on hand with me. If you aren't familiar with what I am talking about or if you don't recall what the buro is all about, read on!

(from [http://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th\\_bureau.htm](http://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm) )

**General QSL Bureau Information** - The 8th call area bureau operates as part of the ARRL's volunteer QSL bureau system. As such, the operating expenses are paid by the league's

members, although the bureau service is open to all US hams whether ARRL members or not. If you are not a league member, and use the incoming bureau, won't you consider joining today? The bureau is 100% volunteer staffed. Each bureau worker forgoes their time to provide a service to you and we want to provide the best service possible within the bounds of reasonableness and fiscal responsibility. If you will follow the guidelines listed here, you will receive better service and our volunteers will have time to enjoy other aspects of our hobby, etc.

The 8th district central bureau is located at the Voice of America Museum in West Chester where it is one of the permanent displays. It is a work in progress, but if you have a chance to visit the VOA museum, be sure to look for the bureau. We do not encourage "just stopping by to pick up your cards" as there is no one there to release them to you. In addition, the only cards at the central bureau will be those that have not been forwarded to the individual letter managers. The best time to visit would be when the West Chester Amateur Radio Association (<http://www.wc8voa.org/>) has their regular meeting, if you want a more detailed bureau visit. Specifically, the Bureau Address is: 8th Area QSL Bureau / P.O. Box 307 / West Chester, Ohio 45071-0307. The Bureau Manager is John (Jack) Shirley, N8DX (n8dx@arrl.net) Overall, DX QSL bureaus sort cards based on call areas of the USA and regularly send boxes of QSL cards to the appropriate bureau. In our case, the 8<sup>th</sup> area bureau accepts the shipment of these boxes and then sorts them in to 26 groups, A through Z, based on the first letter after the number 8. At regular intervals, these 26 groups are delivered to the appropriate sorter who then furthers sorts them by call sign. For this to work, there are several things to pay attention to.

**+ Do Not Send Your Outgoing QSL Cards to Us** - We cannot process them; they will be sent back to you in your bureau envelopes. Outgoing cards should be sent to ARRL HQ. This includes cards for non-8th area US stations from any source, including any you may pick up from DX stations or bureaus on your out of US travels. You cannot use the ARRL bureau system to send cards to other U.S. stations within the 48 contiguous states--for contacts between U.S. stations. Any cards sent for U.S.-to-U.S. contacts will also be sent back to you using your bureau SASE. You may use the ARRL bureau system for DX stations who have a U.S. manager, such as VK0IR cards via W8XXX, or XE3/K8XXX via K8XYZ. If you send cards via the bureau to a manager, make sure you list the full call of the manager, not just via "W8 bureau." There is no way we can know who handle or manages cards for every DX station around the world.

**+ Please Be Patient** - QSL cards are rarely received by the bureau for contacts less than four months old. Most cards are for contacts made between a year and two years prior. Some cards come through the system as much as five years or more after the QSO. Some foreign bureaus send out cards only a few times a year. Most come by boat, which is very slow mail, indeed. There was a survey done of all cards received over a two-month period. Of those cards that had "TNX QSL" checked, less than 5% were for contacts within a year of the QSO. This means if the station you worked waited for your card before returning one, the minimum turn-around will be a year or more. Many DXers who are relatively new to DXing tend to work "big gun" or loud stations. These stations work many U.S. stations, and in most cases, wait for your card before

sending you one. Those DX stations who answer your CQ are much more likely to send their cards first, rather than those whose CQ you answer.

### **Keep Envelopes on File with the Bureau**

+ If you work DX at all, you should expect to receive bureau cards, especially if you work any DX contest. Do not forget that most SWL's send via the bureau as well. Unclaimed cards are the bureau's biggest problem. Send NON-clasp-fastening, end-opening envelopes, between 5X7 and 6X9 inches in size. Unless you receive lots and lots of bureau cards DO NOT send more than three or four SASE (self-addressed stamped envelopes) at a time. DO NOT use envelopes smaller or larger than 5X7 or 6X9. Smaller envelopes will not hold some of the larger DX cards; larger envelopes won't fit in our files, are more likely to come apart in the mail process AND with current postage rates, cost more to use. Non-standard and padded envelopes may be returned to you empty. Padded envelopes are larger than 1/4 inch and incur a higher fee just like envelope larger than 6 x 9. Several of the letter managers are moving to or have implemented a cash basis process for their letters. This has been done because of the frequent postage rate changes and the futility of trying to keep appropriate postage on the envelopes.

Most of our Managers have email access. If you have an email address, PLEASE INCLUDE IT whenever you write to the bureau or your Letter Manager. Make sure to include your email address when you send SASEs to the bureau or to your Manager as well. This will help us to communicate with you much more quickly than by conventional snail mail. If your email address changes, make sure you notify your Manager of the change.

Please DO NOT SEND USED ENVELOPES to the bureau. We will \*NOT\* attempt to use used envelopes. More than one trip through the postal system greatly increases the chance the envelope will come apart in the postal system, with the loss of your cards.

When you prepare envelopes for us, NEATLY print your call, in BLOCK LETTERS, in the upper left corner, in the place where a normal return address goes. Some people do such a poor job of writing their calls we need to look up the suspected call in the Callbook and match the name/address to make sure of the call. Certain letters can be especially troublesome -- like V and U, for instance. Take the time to make a very pointed V and a round or square bottom U. Keep this in mind when filling out cards to send via any bureau. It is a real headache for bureau workers trying to decide who the card really goes to; we don't want to guess which letter you really mean. Address each envelope to yourself in the center of the envelope. Remember, these are your cards. If we can't read your call or the postman can't read your address, you won't get them. If you have a change of address, send us address labels to cover your old address. Many people write so large, there is no room to write a change of address on their SASE.

If sending envelopes with stamps, affix enough postage to cover at least one ounce. currently, the post office is selling a "forever" stamp good for one unit of postage.

We do clear out all cards once a year. No matter how much postage on your SASE, and how few cards you have, once a year we will send you what you have. When postal rates go up, you should send extra stamps to cover the cost increase. Most people never think to send us extra postage when the rates go up.

+ NEVER put more than one call on an envelope. We cannot cross-reference upgrades, vanity calls, and family calls. Some of the Letter Managers live many miles apart. There is no way to share an envelope between two Letter Managers. If you send an envelope with SASEs for more than one call, make sure you include a note saying you have done so. We don't take the time to look at each SASE you send us. If there is no note pointing out the fact you've sent SASE for multiple call, we simply pass them on to the Letter Manager for the first SASE we see. You may include a self-addressed postcard which we will return, letting you know your SASEs have arrived safely.

PLEASE NOTE: If you expect to receive cards under more than one call sign, please keep separate SASEs at all the Letters or 2Bureaus where you expect cards to be received. We will not "forward" cards for one call to another letter manager within our bureau or to another bureau unless you provide the SASE. It is/was your call and your QSO, if you want the cards, provide the SASE.

Again, the normal mailing cycle for the bureau is about every four to six weeks. If you don't worry about us wasting your postage, put "mail every cycle" on the bottom of each SASE and we will send you what you have each time, without the need to fill your SASE to the value of postage you've placed on it. If you are a big gun contester, DXPeditioner, or manager of a very active DX station, and get a pound or more a month, you may request your Letter Manager to box your cards to save on postage. Don't send money for this via the bureau. This MUST be between you and your Letter Manager, with the check made out in his name. If he does not want to take the time to do it, and requests you just send him SASE, that is the way it will be. The volunteer Letter Managers have enough of a job, and it is up to them if they want to do more. Any money for this extra service must be between you and your Letter Manager, not the bureau.

On the other hand, if you do not want to receive bureau cards, please advise your letter manager that you do not want them. If you are the manager for a DX station, including your own DX operations, and do not want bureau cards for those operations, but do want bureau cards for your US to DX contacts, we will not return the DX cards to the originator. We will destroy them. Also, be advised, if you elect to pursue this scenario, we will not be responsible for destroying cards you wanted to receive and were accidentally destroyed. Remember, we are all volunteers, and every special request takes volunteer time.

The Standard Operating Guidelines for ARRL QSL Bureaus states: "QSL cards on file which are unclaimed for a period longer than 90 days may be destroyed by the Bureau Manager (or Letter Manager) without further authority." PLEASE NOTE: Individual Letter Managers may elect to hold unclaimed QSL Cards for a longer period, at their discretion. Once we have made reasonable attempts to contact you that you have cards at the bureau and have received no correspondence (SASE) from you and destroyed your cards, we will make a note in our files and \*NOT\* contact you again. We will continue to destroy your cards on a continuing basis until we receive instructions to the contrary. You may consider this extreme but consider again that the biggest problem we have is unclaimed cards and the effort our volunteer letter managers expend trying to get them to the intended recipients. Before we destroy the cards, the following has occurred: A card has been sent, not at your expense, to your address of record, according to the FCC data base. (If that address is incorrect, you are not complying with the FCC regulations and

are operating illegally!) In addition to the card, an email has been attempted using the address, <your-call>@arrl.net and/or any address in the various on-line callbooks.

1x1 calls: A new headache for the bureau are the new 1X1 calls being issued. You may do a good job of trying to tell each QSO to send the cards via N8???, but you can be sure some cards are going to come into the bureau with just the call N8?. There is no way for us to know who these cards go to if you don't supply SASE for these 1X1 special calls. It appears it is even more of a headache, since the same 1X1 calls will be re-issued to other special event stations, time-after-time. Make sure you list the time frame of the special event 1X1 on your SASE, so we will know who gets what cards. You had the 'FUN' of using the 1x1, you should follow through with the SASE.



### **Bureau Operating Procedures**

The mail is picked up at the PO Box on a regular basis, approximately once per week. There may be as little as five pounds to as much as 200 pounds in a week. You can visualize this by thinking of a stack of QSL cards ranging from 9 inches high, to over 29 feet high, each week. At the central bureau we sort the cards into 27 piles - one for each letter of the alphabet according to the first letter of the suffix and one for mis sorts from the other bureau, cards sent to the 8th area bureau that should go to the 9th area bureau, for example.

The cards are then conveyed to the individual Letter Managers. Some managers will personally pick the cards up from the central bureau every few weeks. Most are mailed via USPS or UPS every four to eight weeks, depending on volume. If you send a request for information to your Letter Manager via the Bureau address, it may have just missed the last pickup, requiring another six weeks to make it to your Letter Manager. It will save you time to check directly with your Letter Manager if you just want to check on the status of your cards and SASE.

Good cooperation between the DXer and the bureau is important to ensure a smooth flow of cards. Remember that the people who work at the bureau are all volunteers. At the peak of the last cycle, we handled over two tons of cards a year. In the trough of the cycle relatively few cards are received. We are on the downslide now. For that reason and with the implementation of Log Book of the World, you should expect card volume to begin to drop off.

+ With that in mind, please pay close attention to the above information, and the following DO'S and DON'TS.

DO keep self-addressed 5X7 or 6X9 envelopes on file with your call in the upper left corner. Affix at least one ounce of postage to each. After checking the Letter Manager list above, you may send your SASE directly to your Letter Manager.

DO put your Call Sign on the outside of all envelopes containing SASEs or requests for information, sent to the Bureau or your Letter Manager. This will keep your envelope from having to be opened by Bureau Staff to determine where it should be forwarded.

DO keep envelopes at all Letters and Bureaus where you expect to receive Cards. If you have had a call sign change, we have no way of forwarding your old cards to your new Letter Manager, so please have an SASE waiting at both the old and new call sign Letter Managers Bureau.

DO include your E-Mail address with all correspondence to the Bureau or your Letter Manager.

DO send the bureau enough postage to cover the SASE on file and enough to cover postal rate increases.

DO respond quickly to any bureau request for more SASE or additional postage. Remember, unclaimed cards are the bureau's single biggest problem.

DO include an SASE with any information request to the bureau.

DO notify the bureau in writing if you don't want your cards.

DON'T expect DX cards to arrive for at least a year after contact. Overseas delivery is very slow. Most cards are over a year old when received by the Bureau.

DON'T send your outgoing cards to this bureau.

Above is a picture of my "sorting desk" after Caption Jack delivers a box of cards for me to sort and send to the recipients. I am the "N" letter sorter which mean that I process QSL cards for hams whose calls are between AA8N and WY8NZZ! It does take time, but it is also very rewarding. Please follow the directions I have provided above. If you have any questions about any callsign, you can drop me a line.

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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:

**VP6/D - Ducie Island** - Many have been questioning if the current VP6A DXpedition to Ducie Island will count for DXCC, siting none of the operators are on land. The team have set up their RIB (Rig In a Box) stations and do not have a camp or any tents on the island. Three of the operators are staying and operating remotely from Magnet. Many other operators are operating remotely from their home. The three on the boat are responsible for maintaining the antennas and keeping the generators full and running. VP6A has been reported active on 40 CW, 40 FT8, 30 FT8, 20 CW, 20 FT8, 17 FT8, 15 FT8, 12 FT8 and 10 FT8. "Operating from such a low noise environment, they are able to copy the very weak stations", says K1HTV, Rich. You can see their operating plans and targeted transmit frequencies at <https://www.qrz.com/db/VP6A> QSOs



are being uploaded daily to Club Log at <https://clublog.org/logsearch/logsearch.php> The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for QSOs made between May 4 and June 30, 2023.

**T2 – Tuvalu** - DX Rebel Group leader 3Z9DX, Dom, reports T22T will be the next DXpedition. Date have yet to be announced. He also said the crew member, who twisted his foot, is doing ok.

**7Q – Malawi** - Look for OE3SEU, Eddy, to be operating mobile as 7Q5SE starting Jun 18 for a period of three weeks. He has an IC-7000 and a 70 cm dish for his QO-100 activity on SSB. QSL only via LoTW.

**The 2023 Dayton Hamvention Photo Gallery** is now up:

<http://hamgallery.com/dayton2023/> There are 387 photos taken by K8CX and others submitted by N8AMY, WA3FET, K9PG, AC3GD and JA8RWU making a total of 444 photos this year! This makes a total of 7,105 Dayton Hamvention photos now up on Hamgallery.com, all searchable by callsign.

**6 Meters - 50 MHz** - NA5Z, Glen, in North Carolina, reports the ARRL June VHF Contest this past weekend "started slow but went crazy at the end". He had a "nice opening into Europe" picking up Sardinia, France, England and Ireland. Glen has a six element Yagi just "barely above the roof".

Several West Coast stations, including N6CA, N6WS and N6RV, worked 9K2GR and 9K2GS on 6 meters FT8 yesterday around 1325 to 1410Z.

NY9H, Bill, in western Pennsylvania, reported working a few G and I stations yesterday on 6 meters FT8 around 1530Z.

For nearly three hours yesterday W7FN, Dave, in Washington state had an "excellent opening from the Pacific Northwest into Europe and Asia" on 6 meters FT8. He heard 9K, A7, OD, EK, LZ, TA, 4X, SV9 and 5B4 with his "best DX was working UN7ECA". He also "worked at least a dozen new grid squares".

Yesterday morning K9DR, Dan, in Casper (DM62), Wyoming "managed to work a G on 6 meters and heard a couple of other EU". Later he saw and decoded dozens of VE7 stations followed by KL7HBK, who was worked for number 50 for WAS on 6 meters. 20 meters later he was called and worked by RD9D in CQ Zone 17, at 1746Z. This was his first opening to "that part of the world". Shortly afterwards the QSO was confirmed on LoTW.

For more than one consecutive cycle having never decoded Europe on 6 meters K0KT, Bill, reported "things were a little better" yesterday morning. Bill, who is located in Iowa, has a 5 element Yagi at 77 feet. He tried calling IW0FFK with no luck, however I6WJB started calling and worked Bill, for his first Italian contact on 50 MHz. He also worked G4IFX and then gone.

**VU7 - Lakshadweep Islands** - In an update release yesterday YL2GM, Yuris, reports a low band vertical has been erected. Yuris expects to be "spending time on the lower bands during the coming nights." Over nights the wind has been "quite strong" and Yuris is hopeful the "antennas will withstand it". He notes the apartment he is staying in is an "ideal place for the DX- pedition"

as he has the antennas "close to the saltwater" and "plenty of space". He will depart on June 20th and expects to QRT on June 19. Conditions have not been good on 6 meters as he only has 44 QSOs on 50 MHz.

**OJ0 - Market Reef** - German ops DG5CST, DK4RC and DL4DTU are heading to Market Reef (grid locator JP90nh) for an EME DXpedition as OJ0EME from June 17-24. They will be operating on CW and Q65 on EME. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW.

<https://dl4dtu.de/expedition-to-oj0eme/>

**KH8/S - Swains Island** - The much anticipated W8S Swains Island DXpedition team, expected to take place October 4-17, now has a propagation page thanks to OH6BG, Jari. Details can be found at <https://swains2020.ildxt.eu/propagation/>

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# CONTEST CORNER

Below is a list of upcoming contests in the "Contest Corner". I think this is important for someone who is trying to move up the DXCC ladder since entities that are on the rarer side and easiest to work in contests. Some of my best "catches" have been on the Sunday afternoon of a contest when the rarer entities are begging for QSOs. Of course, the gamble is that if you wait until Sunday, conditions may change, or they simply won't be workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course, why not work the contest and have some fun!

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!

| Date(s)    | Event                           | Info  |
|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| All Year   | CQ DX Marathon                  | <a href="http://bit.ly/3FyPiui">http://bit.ly/3FyPiui</a>                                     |
| June 21    | VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest    | <a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a> |
| June 22    | RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB | <a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>                                     |
| June 24    | UFT QRP Contest                 | <a href="https://www.uft.net/concours-grp-uft/">https://www.uft.net/concours-grp-uft/</a>     |
| June 24-25 | ARRL Field Day                  | <a href="http://www.arrl.org/field-day">http://www.arrl.org/field-day</a>                     |

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| June 24-25         | His Maj. King of Spain SSB Contest               | <a href="http://bit.ly/1cKAR5V">http://bit.ly/1cKAR5V</a>   |
| <b>June 26</b>     | <b>RSGB FT4 Contest Series</b>                   | <a href="http://it.ly/3TxCrxl">http://it.ly/3TxCrxl</a>   |
| July 1             | RAC Canada Day Contest                           | <a href="https://www.rac.ca/contesting-results/">https://www.rac.ca/contesting-results/</a>                     |
| July 1             | Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest                      | <a href="https://bit.ly/3NDZghb">https://bit.ly/3NDZghb</a>   |
| July 1-2           | Original QRP Contest                             | <a href="http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/index.html">http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/index.html</a>           |
| July 1-2           | Marconi Memorial HF Contest                      | <a href="http://www.arifano.it/contest_marconi.html">http://www.arifano.it/contest_marconi.html</a>             |
| <b>July 1-2</b>    | <b>DL-DX RTTY Contest</b>                        | <a href="http://www.drcg.de/">http://www.drcg.de/</a>   |
| July 1-2           | NZART Memorial Contest                           | <a href="https://bit.ly/3wYqvx1">https://bit.ly/3wYqvx1</a>   |
| July 3             | RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW                   | <a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>  |
| July 5             | VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest                     | <a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>                   |
| <b>July 8-9</b>    | <b>10-10 Int. Weak Signal QSO Party</b>          | <a href="http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc">http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc</a>   |
| July 8-9           | IARU HF Championship                             | <a href="http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship">http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship</a>     |
| <b>July 8-9</b>    | <b>World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC)</b> | <a href="https://www.wrtc2022.it/">https://www.wrtc2022.it/</a>   |
| July 8-9           | PODXS 070 Club 40 Meter                          | <a href="http://bit.ly/2FUmeOL">http://bit.ly/2FUmeOL</a>   |
| July 8-9           | Veron SLP Contest                                | <a href="http://bit.ly/2L9eT1L">http://bit.ly/2L9eT1L</a>   |
| July 9             | QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint                  | <a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">http://www.qrparci.org/contests</a>                                   |
| July 12            | RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB                  | <a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>   |
| July 12            | VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest                     | <a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>                   |
| July 15-16         | CQ WW VHF Contest                                | <a href="http://www.cqww-vhf.com/">http://www.cqww-vhf.com/</a>   |
| July 15-16         | IARU Region 1 70 MHz Contest                     | <a href="https://bit.ly/3r1kqvT">https://bit.ly/3r1kqvT</a>   |
| <b>July 15-16</b>  | <b>North American RTTY QSO Party</b>             | <a href="http://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf">http://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf</a>                                 |
| July 16            | CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush                     | <a href="http://www.coloradoqrpclub.org/contests/gold.htm">http://www.coloradoqrpclub.org/contests/gold.htm</a> |
| July 16            | RSGB International Low Power Contest             | <a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>   |
| July 17            | RSGB FT4 Contest Series                          | <a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>   |
| July 19            | VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest                     | <a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>                   |
| July 22-30         | Maidenhead Mayhem Sprint                         | <a href="https://w9et.com/rules.html">https://w9et.com/rules.html</a>   |
| July 22            | YOTA Contest                                     | <a href="https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/">https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/</a>                               |
| July 27            | RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data                 | <a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>   |
| July 29            | WAB 144 MHz Low Power Phone                      | <a href="http://bit.ly/31yE4kT">http://bit.ly/31yE4kT</a>   |
| July 29-30         | RSGB IOTA Contest                                | <a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>   |
| July 30            | ARS Flight of the Bumblebees                     | <a href="http://arsqrp.blogspot.com/">http://arsqrp.blogspot.com/</a>   |
| <b>Sept. 23-24</b> | <b>CQ WW RTTY DX Contest</b>                     | <a href="http://www.cqwwrtty.com">http://www.cqwwrtty.com</a>   |

# OHIO'S



— Last time I led the column with information regarding the sudden passing of John Hartmas II who was a long time-member of the **Scioto Valley ARA**. I hope a trend is not starting, but I must pass along information regarding the passing of another long-time ham. Denver Conley, ex-K8OGL, of Hillsboro has passed away. Although Denver had let his license lapse in recent years he continued his ham radio interests. He earned his license in the 1950s when a brother in Colorado convinced him it would be a good way to keep in touch without running up the telephone bill. Denver was a charter **Highland ARA** member and a member of its predecessor **Rocky Fork Emergency Net**. He was a Korean War vet, was a civilian Air Force employee until retirement and then worked for the county court system. He was well known for his volunteer work in various capacities with local veteran's groups. Services were held Wednesday in Hillsboro.



Like a number of others throughout the Ohio Valley Region I've been tuning the bands looking for the 20 club stations participating in the Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air Special Event sponsored by the Vancouver, Washington **Clark County ARC**. Although I know of a couple folks who have completed a clean sweep, band conditions and other various factors show only 12 of the stations in my log. I'm hoping band conditions and some down time from the farm will allow me to get a few more. This year the **Portsmouth**

**RC** (N8QA) is the sole Ohio club chosen of the 20 clubs in 16 states to participate in the event. Certificates will be available to individuals working participating stations along the route. There is a lot of information available on the [www.lctota.org](http://www.lctota.org) website. The event ends June 19.

Club furnished burgers and dogs will be on the grill when the **Athens County ARA** has its annual Club Picnic. The Dairy Lane Park in Athens marks the location for the June 20 event. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share as well as table ware and non-alcoholic drinks. This family event starts at 5:30.

The **OH-KY-IN ARS** needs assistance manning their fund raising beer booth during the July 4 "Red, White and Blue Ash". Workers are needed from around 3:30 PM until the



fireworks show begins about 10. Contact Bruce Vanselow, N8BV, at 513-251-1555 for more information or to offer your assistance.

Only a couple more weeks remain for the current use of the General License test question pool as it will be replaced by a new test question pool at 12:01 AM on July 1. If you are thinking of upgrading your current Technician Amateur Radio License to gain General privileges you need to quickly take action. Although testing opportunities are narrowing, there are still some test sessions scheduled between now and July 1. Check out the [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) website to find a test session that fits your schedule.

## **FIELD DAY**

The amateur radio community is now only days and hours away from what might be the largest annual operating event of the year-FIELD DAY. Conversations on the HF bands and area repeaters are now turning to the topic with most individuals and clubs having already decided if they are going to participate and, if so, to what extent. Although FD is looked at by many as a contest, it has a much more serious side. It is an excellent training exercise whose goal is to train amateurs how to assemble a station and get a signal on the air under less than ideal emergency conditions. It is also an excellent opportunity to show our individual communities and local government officials exactly how amateur radio can be used “when all else fails”. As an emergency management expert told our local disaster first responders “You can count on these fellows when the crap hits the fan”. So contact your local elected officials and others in similar positions and personally invite them to your FD site and spend some time with them explaining that ham radio is more than just some old geezers talking to someone half way around the globe.

Last time out I suggested those fielding Field Day operations post its location on the ARRL’s FREE Field Day Locator website at [www.arrl.org/field-day-locator](http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator). It is a convenient way for hams with non-participating clubs and members of the public to know nearby places where an operation will occur.

Here are some of our known South 40 Field Day participations:

All Things ARA, W8ATR, Alley Park, Lancaster  
Athens County ARA, W8MHV, Athens County Fairgrounds, Athens  
Bearcat DX Club, W8BXG, Caesar Creek State Park, Orgonia  
Cambridge ARA, W8VP, New Concord  
Clinton County ARA, W8GO, 1020 Farmers Road, Wilmington  
DeForest ARA, Adams County Health Department, West Union  
Fayette ARA, K8FAY, Fayette County EMA Building, Washington Court House  
Greater Mason County ARC, ? Callsign, Cummins Nature Preserve, Maysville, KY  
Highland ARA, K8HO, Levo Century Farm, 810 Levo Rd., New Vienna  
Hocking Valley ARA, K8LGN, Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 29740 Blosser Rd., Logan  
Marietta ARC, W8HH, Clubhouse, Marietta  
Ralph Matheny, K8RYU, CW operation from the Marietta Dogpark

OH-KY-IN ARS, K8SCH, Mitchell Memorial Forest, Cincinnati  
Parkersburg ARK, W8PAR, Fort Boreman Park, Parkersburg, WV  
Portsmouth RC, N8QA, Clay Township Center, Rosemount  
Queen City Emergency Net, W8VVL, Red Cross Building, Dana Ave., Cincinnati  
River Cities ARA, K4Y, Armco Park, Shelter House 2, Ashland, KY  
Scioto Valley ARA, W8BAP, Clubhouse, Scioto Trails State Forest, Chillicothe  
Southwest Columbus HRC, WB8MMR, Mt. Sterling  
Tri-State ARA, W8VA, Tri-State Fire Academy, Huntington, WV  
Vinton County ARA, W8VCO, 67421 Murphy Road, McArthur  
West Chester ARC, WC8VOA, Voice of America Museum, West Chester  
Wood County Emergency Communications, Hendershot Farm, Walker, WV

As shown, there will be a fair amount of RF originating from the South 40 Region. We've heard there may be some POTA stations handing out points for both parks and Field Day, so there may be more. However there has been no response from them by the column deadline. Visit a location near you and have some fun.

On July 21 and 22 the **West Virginia Museum of Radio and Technology** will hold their annual **Summer Heat Swap Meet and Auction** at the Museum in Huntington. If you have not visited this outstanding Museum that covers all kinds of radio, television and technology, this is another excellent opportunity. Not only can you tour the exhibits, but also attend a swap meet all in a single worthwhile trip. Roadside America says this about the Museum—it's a neat "place to display all the neat tech junk spouses would have have thrown out". This just might be a great road trip for a batch of hams or others interested in classic radio equipment to make. Check out their web site at [www.mrtwv.org](http://www.mrtwv.org) for more info as well as YouTube for numerous videos.

The annual **Columbus Hamfest**, sponsored by the **Aladdian Shrine Audio Unit**, will take place on August 5 at the Shrine Center just South of Columbus in Grove City. Then on August 12 the 2023 version of the **Milford ARC's Cincinnati Hamfest** will return to the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. Visit the [www.cincinnatihamfest.org](http://www.cincinnatihamfest.org) website for more information and see how you might qualify for a free flea market table or win a great radio. The third annual **Buffalo 10 Meter Net's Ham Radio Swap Meet** will be held in conjunction with the Leavitt Car Show on September 16 in Belpre. The event is totally free and includes door prizes, music, food and drink. Visit the [www.buffalo10meter.net](http://www.buffalo10meter.net) website for details.

The **Cambridge ARA** will celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club's founding with an information booth at the August 11-13 Salt Fork Arts and Crafts Festival in the Cambridge City Park. Lyn Alfman is asking for some additional volunteers to assist with the manning of that booth during the three days of the event. Contact her for more information or to volunteer your services.



The **Fayette ARA** will operate K8FAY from the Fayette County Emergency Operations Center during the Ohio QSO Party on August 26.



Members of the **Hocking Valley ARA** were not out chasing foxes this weekend. Instead they assisted at the Logan Washboard Arts and Music Festival by directing traffic and parking cars during the Festival Car Show. But rest assured that once the Festival and Field Day are behind them, the hunts will resume.

Although Field Day is only days and hours away, some clubs and individuals already have their plans posted to let others know they intend to activate a particular Ohio State Park during the September 9 Ohio State Parks on the Air operating event. According to the OSPOTA web site activation list there are now 17 parks activations indicated with two of them with two different operations. Unfortunately there are some Southern Ohio State Parks that seem to be never activated. Therefore by activating one of those “missing” parks you have an opportunity to become very popular by being a station chased instead of being a chaser. Although the event is some time away, now is the time to start giving some thought to taking part in this growing activity. Check the [www.ospota.org](http://www.ospota.org) website for planned and past activations, this year’s rules and an overview of the event in general.

The following item came in late, but I think it is noteworthy to pass along because it is something that doesn’t happen every week. Plus it shows a different side for our interest in ham radio. On June 12 a balloon was launched at Portsmouth. Based on wind predictions, the air currents were expected to take it on an approximate two hour journey with the balloon bursting somewhere between Point Pleasant and Ripley, WV. The balloon was to be tracked on APRS and would also have a “fox style” beacon on 146.565 used for locating it once it fell to earth. Thanks to the **Tri-State ARA** for passing this interesting bit along. It should be interesting to learn how the event turned out.

Hamvention recently announced the attendance for this year’s event as 33,861. Past **Fayette ARA** President Jim Scott, N8ORJ, has been keeping track of the attendance over the years and states that except for one year when an estimate was used, 2023 marked the event’s greatest attendance. 1993 was in second place with 33,669. To try to avoid the always questionable April weather, the show moved to a May date in 1994 and an estimated 35,000 attended.

N8ZNR and I host the **Highland ARA** Field Day at our Ohio Century Farm near New Vienna. If you are one of those people home, we would welcome your from Clinton County’s highest 400 blueberry bushes coming on along with trying to get the barn



without a Field Day visit to the operation point. However with our earlier than normal and grounds ready for

visitors it's going to be a very busy week. Therefore there will not be a Field Day weekend column.

In the meantime, here's hoping each of you have a great and safe week. Plus one that's radio active.

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## 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](#)

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### 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: Is your Field Day experience geared more towards A: "serious competition" or B: "Serious Fun"?

### A) Competition, or B) Fun

From last weeks question:

Does your grounding system consist of more than 3 ground rods?  
Out of 95 responses, it's about 1/3 yes and 2/3 no. This could be an interesting topic for a club meeting!

**(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 June Handbook give away!)

AND THE May HandBook winner is: Kirk Groeneveld KC8JRV!

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### Ohio Section Cabinet

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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@arrloho.org](mailto:swap@arrloho.org)

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### ***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>



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### ***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](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@arri-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arri-ohio.org)

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### *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](#)” to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send an email to: [webmaster@arri-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arri-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.

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