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Time is running out! If you have not yet cast your ballot in the Great Lakes Division Director election, you've got approximately 10 days to get it done. It's IMPORTANT that you do it. There are two candidates who both want to represent you. It's a *very important position* not only in the Great Lakes Division but on the National Board of the ARRL! A "no vote" on your part is a LOUD statement saying: "I don't care". And I hope that none of you really fit into that category. And I really don't want ARRL to look out on the Ohio Section, the *largest Section in the ARRL*, and say these guys really don't care! Look at the number that turned out to vote in our largest section. In large organizations the numbers mean everything, lets show them some numbers that will get their attention!

As you all know, 2023 has been the "Year of the Volunteer" for the ARRL. I don't have any information on what they've got on the agenda for 2024, but regardless of ARRL (National), in the Ohio Section, 2024 is going to be "The Year of the Club". I've said that my 3 main goals as Section Manager are: 1) Every ham in the Ohio Section has Fun with his hobby 2) We make more new hams in the Ohio Section than any other section and 3) We inform the public about all the fantastic and fun experiences we're having as hams! There is no better way to accomplish these three goals than supporting and promoting the Amateur Radio Clubs of the Ohio Section.

So, with that in mind, I want to use this column to promote clubs, and give clubs information that they might find useful in attracting members, promoting their club to the community and providing activities that will be fun and engaging for your members.

My first suggestion in that category is to see what other clubs are doing. You are allowed to belong to and participate in as many different clubs as you've got the time and dues money for! Now here's something you can do that will save you a lot of time and gasoline: Go to the Ohio Section website (www.arrl-ohio.org) and on the home page, the last grey button at the top of the screen on the right is "Club Newsletters". Going there you can read the newsletters of the other Ohio Section clubs. You can get a lot of good information there – club activities, meeting topics, meeting speakers, club building projects, and more! Knowing what some of the Ohio Section Clubs are doing, I know you'll find some useful and inspiring information in they're monthly newsletters.

Secondly, once a month, in the first PostScript of each month, I'll be featuring one of the Ohio Section Clubs that are doing some good things. I'll be asking them to tell us what, in their minds, sets them apart and makes them successful. I've already got several clubs in mind, but if there's one you would like to see included, just send me an email!

Now a couple of things I need your club to do: First off make sure that your club information in the ARRL listing is accurate and complete. For most people newly interested in Amateur Radio and looking for a local club to get involved with, this is probably one of the "first stops" they'll

make for information. Please make sure they get good information! Next up, PostScript and Ohio Section Journal have listings of regularly scheduled VE Sessions. Make sure your listing is correct for what your 2024 schedule is going to be. For something like that, the less frequently I need to update / correct the information – the happier I am!

Finally, we are deep in the club election season and the Christmas party season! I want to wish you all GREAT SUCCESS as an Amateur Radio Club in 2024. Your success has as direct influence for all of us because it means we are a growing and an active hobby that will continue to exist into the future. My business life is beginning to settle down, so in the coming months and year I'm hoping I'll have more opportunities to meet with you all in person. Amateur Radio is the Greatest Hobby in the World, and I'm excited to be an active part in it. I've had opportunities to meet a lot of really fantastic people and see some fantastic things in some fantastic places! All because of the Magic of Radio. Share the Magic.

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.

***Next Net is Sunday November, 12th ***

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!

Dale's Tales – November 2023

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for November, 2023.

Wow! Thanks to all of you in the Great Lakes Division for your prompt response to ARRL's request for comments on the FCC Proposed 60 Meter Rulemaking. We announced the expectations to do that in last month's Dale's Tales with the urging to watch for announcements on the ARRL web page. All was quiet when the announcement for everyone to reply went out from HQ, so a number of my fellow Director and I sent a brief note to our members. I think the outstanding number of immediate responses flooded the network as a couple of members reported delays in getting their replies in to the FCC's system. There were several individual who sent copies me of their statements to the FCC and every single one was well thought out, based in fact and was clear of anything inflammatory. We all can be proud. Again, thank you for responding so promptly.

Then, Monday of this week the FCC issued a statement that they had erred in setting the Comment and Reply Comment dates. This was a surprise, especially after we all scrambled to meet the October 30 deadline. The FCC has corrected the dates for comments and reply comments on the 5 MHz matter. The FCC adopted a comment/reply comment period of 60/90 days from Federal Register publication. When published in the Federal Register, however, the dates were erroneously based on the more standard 30/60 day period.

On Friday a correction was published in the Federal Register. The correct dates are: Comments: Nov. 28, 2023, Reply Comments: Dec. 28, 2023.

The initial comments will be released by the FCC following the November 18 date. This gives everyone the opportunity to review them and comment further if appropriate, the Reply comments are Due December 28. Watch the ARRL web page for those announcements. As

with similar notices from the Commission, there is also a second opportunity to respond called "Reply Comment Period". This opens after the initial "Comment" period has closed (As it supposedly did October 30) and offers everyone an opportunity to offer comments after they have read the initial public comments.

VOTA. The "Volunteers on the Air" operating event continues and the pace seems to be increasing as we approach these final weeks. My personal challenge is to get on the air and make as many contacts as time will allow just to give away my 225 points as an ARRL Director. I'll run it to the wire to help as many as I can before time runs out at the end of the year. I am currently running 80 through 6 meters and try my best to be on at sometime on some band every day. (And most of the time, that actually works). I am not self spotting, not setting skeds, just trying to keep it equal for all.

SCOTT'S STUFF: Comments from your ARRL Vice-Director Scott, N8SY. -

Fall is definitely here. The leaves have turned bright colors everywhere. The squirrels and chipmunks are making nests in your attic and there is a cold bite in the morning air to cool your coffee down. Are you ready for what is coming next? Now that Halloween is out of the way let's start the really festive holidays. Oh, but before we get to shove all that great food into our tummies and gulp down grandpa's special spiced up egg nogg, we do have the annual returning to "normal" time coming up this next Sunday! Yes, you will need to set the clocks back to Standard Time this coming Sunday, November 5th. I will remind you that Christmas is just 55 days away! Santa already has his naughty and nice list started so I hope you are on his nice list this year!

November is Sweeps month, both CW (November 4-6) and Phone (November 18-20). I have always loved this contest, especially when I had the perfect call for it. My old call was KC8SS. That call sign got me into more pileups than I could count.

For 2023 we have 85 Sections: Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) updated a couple of their sections, replacing Maritime (MAR) by making New Brunswick (NB) and Nova Scotia (NS) individual sections; Greater Toronto Area (GTA) was renamed to be 'Golden Horseshoe' (GH); and Northern Territories has been renamed just 'Territories' (TER) - this impacts the Sections Lists for RAC events, as well as ARRL Field Day and ARRL Sweepstakes.

Limited Antenna Overlays: Any Single Operator or Single Operator Unlimited entrant can enter using the Limited Antennas Overlay. Operation is limited to the use of single-element antennas such as a single vertical, end-fed wire, or a single dipole antenna no more than 50 feet above ground at its highest point. The antenna(s) may cover multiple bands, as in the case of multiband verticals and dipoles with fan or trap constructions.

Ok, let us get serious for a minute. Where is your ham shack located? Is it in the basement,

garage, or outbuilding? Most generally ham shacks are not in the living room and as such, heating devices for your shack are usually some sort of a supplemental heater/furnace and that is why this next paragraph is so important to talk about now that the weather is getting colder. I want to talk to you about Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning.

First, let me describe what Carbon Monoxide (CO) is. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the poisonous gases emitted from carbon fueled heat sources (i.e... gas or fuel oil furnaces, wood burning fireplaces or stoves, kerosene, or propane heaters). I could go on, but you get the idea. Carbon Monoxide is colorless, odorless and it will kill you if you breathe very much of it in. How does this gas kill? It migrates into the blood stream and replaces the oxygen in your blood with Carbon Monoxide. Once it invades your blood stream it will be with you for an exceptionally long time. In fact, most of your life! Just ask any firefighter about that. That is where a Carbon Monoxide “CO” detector comes into play. These little devices are inexpensive (usually around \$20) and can really save you and your family’s lives. Buy one or more of them now (if you don’t already have one) and use them!

Hey Affiliated Clubs, have you looked to make sure that someone has filed your annual report with ARRL? This is one of the most common mistakes that I hear about from club officials, they either did not know, or just thought someone else had taken care of this. All Affiliated Clubs are to file an annual update on the ARRL website by December 31 of each year. Yes, you can file early if you want. Oh, and those clubs that have been - or are currently Special Service Clubs, on December 31st of each year you are to renew your SSC as well. Yes, this is a change from years past. Since it was so confusing for everyone to remember when to renew their SSC, we changed the rules to make it come due at the same time you are to file your annual Affiliated Clubs report. Both your renewal and annual update are quick and easy to do online.

Have you visited the ARRLs YouTube channels lately? ARRLHQ has launched a bunch of new videos on a variety of subjects. Check them out, there’s a lot of great information contained in the videos, and they can be a great presentation at your next club meeting.

Notable November dates – November 7th is election Tuesday throughout the country. November 5th is the return of standard time. Yes, you shift an hour of time, but you gain that hour of sleep you lost in the spring and finally November 17th at noon is the last day for voting in the Great Lakes Division. I have already mentioned the dates of Sweepstakes and of course Thursday, November 23rd is Thanksgiving.

That is going to do it from here this month. Stay safe and “Catch Me On The Air”!!!

73,
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HAMFEST AND EVENT LISTING:

Here is the current listing of Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned hamfests and Special Events through January of 2024. As usual, there are no Hamfests in November.

12/03/23 - Fulton County Winterfest, Archbold, OH
12/03/23 - L'Anse Creuse, Troy, MI
01/05/24 - SCCARF Hamfest, Shade, OH

Please post this listing in your club's newsletter and announce the swaps on your local nets. Talk them up. Let's fully support all of our hamfests in every way possible. It means success for everyone.

Be sure to invite your ARRL Officials as soon as your date is set.

If your ARRL Affiliated club plans to request Hamfest Sanctioning, you should make that request well in advance of the scheduled Hamfest date, as this allows adequate time for QST Listings. QST announcements require a 3 month lead time. To be fair to our Division's clubs, the Great Lakes Division policy is to offer a club ARRL Sanctioning for a limit of two hamfests/swaps in any given calendar year, and they must be four months apart. If your swap is cancelled or the date is going to change, please notify ARRL HQ.

For the latest detail on regional hamfests, check the ARRL web page at:
<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>.

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

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I just want to make everyone aware that the entire email industry is unsettled at the moment.

Earlier this year, the major players chose to enable anti-spoofing capabilities that have been part of the email portions of the TCP-IP standards, but just were never enabled. This is causing all manner of message rejections, disappearances, and other frustrations to all users. It's rough out there and ARRL is caught in the middle of all of this.

On top of this, many of our users have ignored the advisories to not use their @arrrl.net addresses in their outgoing email software as their "From" address, and they persist in doing so. As ARRL.net is not a real email service, anyone using their @arrrl.net address as their from email like that is risking their email not being passed along by any of the major email providers.

At this time, the best thing to do is to NOT use an email forwarding service like the ARRL has offered for decades. Use a real email address from a real email service company like gmail, yahoo, et al.

ARRL is evaluating the possibility to convert ARRL.net to a full-service email provider and not just forwarding of member emails. This is costly, and will take time to make a decision whether or not to do this.

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What's Up for November? Your Personal NASA Guide to the Night Sky

What are some skywatching highlights in November 2023? Bundle up and head out to dark skies overnight on Nov. 17 for the peak of the [Leonid](#) meteors. Look for Saturn all month long in the constellation Aquarius – just one of several constellations related to water in that part of the sky. And if you're up before the Sun, you'll have the opportunity to observe Venus and Jupiter on opposite sides of the sky.

On the morning of Nov. 9, find the crescent moon hanging just beneath Venus in the

early morning sky before sunrise. Then on the 17th, look for a beautiful crescent moon sitting low in the southwest all by itself in the twilight following sunset. Thanks to the Moon illusion, which causes the rising or setting Moon to look larger, a crescent moon low near the horizon often appears extra captivating.

Then, after sunset on Nov. 20, look toward the south to see the first quarter moon just below Saturn. The pair are joined by bright stars Fomalhaut and Altair. And then on Nov. 24, look for the nearly full moon close to Jupiter in the east after sunset. Some binoculars will be able to capture both in the same field of view.

[Skywatching Tips & Guides](#)

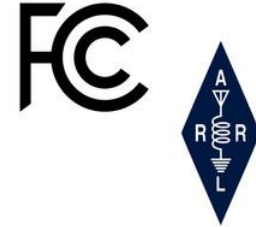


Coming Soon: NASA+ Streaming Service – This month, the agency will launch a new streaming platform, NASA+. Through the ad-free, no-cost, and family-friendly service, users will gain access to the agency’s Emmy Award-winning live coverage and views of NASA’s missions through original video series.

[Learn More](#)

Deadline Extended Until November 28 for 60-Meter-Band Comments

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has extended the deadline to file comments on the 60-meter band proposal to November 28, 2023. Replies to comments will be due December 28, 2023. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close October 30, 2023.



[ARRL](#) strongly encourages all amateurs to submit comments expressing support to the FCC for the current 100 W ERP power limit (instead of reducing the power limit to 15 W EIRP) and continuing secondary access to the current channels.

ARRL has assembled a web page with instructions on how to submit your comments, as well as background information on the issue: www.arrl.org/60-meter-band.

Veterans Day 2023 Special Events

Special event stations will offer many opportunities for amateur radio operators to honor Veterans and make contacts for Veterans Day.

The [K1USN Radio Club](#) will be on the air on Saturday, November 11, 2023, to show their appreciation for those who have served in the military. The club station is located at 85 Quincy Avenue in Braintree, Massachusetts. K1USN will be on the HF bands on SSB, CW, and FT8, and they will begin operating at 1300 UTC and run until 2100 UTC. K1USN QSL cards will be available for all who contact the station.



The American Legion Post 111 Amateur Radio Club, KA4TAL, in South Carolina will also operate on November 11 from 10 AM to 3 PM ET on 14.255, 7.264, 14.275, and 7.185 MHz. Email talarc.ka4tal@gmail.com for electronic contact certificates.

On the same day, the Liberty ship S.S. John W. Brown, [K8JWB](#), will hold National Liberty Ship Day. The event honors those who served in the military and operated, protected, and built all 2,710 World War II Liberty ships, including the Merchant Marines, the Navy Armed Guard, and the female shipyard workers recruited during the war. Operations will be on 14.250, 7.225, and 21.300 MHz, from 0200Z - 0800Z. QSL cards will be available by mail from Project Liberty Ship PO Box 25846 in Baltimore, Maryland.

In Ohio, the [Central Ohio Radio Club](#) will hold their third annual Veterans Day Check-in Net on November 11, beginning at 11 AM ET. They will use their main VHF repeater, W8AIC, on 146.76 MHz (PL tone 123.0 MHz). All amateurs can check in and share stories about their own military experience, or information about family and friends who have served. A special QSL card will be mailed to each ham who contacts the station.

The [Charles County Amateur Radio Club](#) in Maryland will host their special event, The Ghost Fleet at Mallows Bay, on November 11 from 1400Z - 2100Z. Mallows Bay is the site of more than 100 shipwrecks and is now the Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary, the first national marine sanctuary in the state of Maryland. K3SMD will operate on 40 (7.270 Mhz), 20, and 15 meters on phone and FT8. QSL cards will be mailed to those who contact the station by Michelle Sack, N3YRZ, at PO Box 1182 in Waldorf, Maryland.

Also on November 11, the United States Marine Corps will celebrate its 248th anniversary (it was officially formed on 11/10/1775) and Veterans Day. The USS Midway CV-41 COMEDTRA amateur radio station, NI6IW, will be on the air from 1700Z - 2359Z on 14.320, 7.250, and 14.070 MHz. The station will use PSK31, D-STAR, the PAPA System repeaters, and a wide-area amateur radio network of 57 additional repeaters on 19 hilltops. These will provide extensive coverage of the Southern California region and beyond. A [QSL card](#) will be available for every operator who contacts NI6IW.

A complete list of special event stations, including Veterans Day stations, is available at www.arrl.org/special-event-stations. Type "Veterans" in the keyword search bar to find the stations.

ARLB028 FCC To Vote on Removing Symbol Rate Restrictions

The ARRL welcomes news of a scheduled vote by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to consider removing symbol rate restrictions that restrict digital modes, foster inefficient spectrum use, and dampen incentives for innovation. The FCC Fact Sheet can be found online at, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-397992A1.pdf>.

In the draft Commission decision, the FCC would replace the current HF restrictions with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. The Commission also announced that it will consider a Further Notice in which it will propose eliminating similar restrictions where they apply in other bands and consider relying on signal bandwidth limits. If both actions are adopted by the Commission, there will be a period for public comment on the Further Notice issues.

In announcing the proposed Commission actions, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said that "We're bolstering amateur radio. We will vote on a proposal to incentivize innovation and experimentation in the amateur radio bands by removing outdated restrictions and providing

licensees with the flexibility to use modern digital emissions."

ARRL requested and strongly supports replacing the symbol rate limits on the HF bands with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. ARRL also supports eliminating the symbol rate limits in favor of the already-existing bandwidth limits where they apply on the VHF and UHF bands and eliminating the similar limits 2200 and 630-meter bands.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, said the changes will result in a tremendous time savings during disasters, when every second counts. "We will be very pleased to have the FCC remove the restrictions on symbol rate for the amateur bands. This will eliminate the need for temporary waivers during an event and provide the ability to train and exercise using the higher symbol rate, allowing increased data capability to our served agencies and partners."

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (AZ-08) introduced The Amateur Radio Communications Improvement Act (H.R. 3241) on May 11, 2023, to require that the FCC eliminate the obsolete HF digital symbol rate limit with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit.

The Congresswoman subsequently addressed the issue with Chairwoman Rosenworcel in a Congressional oversight hearing. The changes are supported by many state emergency management officials.

ARRL will continue to engage on this matter.

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

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.

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.

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application.

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

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.

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 or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or 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 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

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

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 or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or 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 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

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

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 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 or contact NN8B at nn8b.oh@gmail.com

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

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

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 **Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park**. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com. There will be a VE session held **Sunday, March 10** at the NOARS Winterfest held at Lorain County Community College **in the College Center**, 1005 Abbe Rd N, Elyria, OH 44035. Please email Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com for more information or 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 .

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 or email 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/>

ODMR October Net Report

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OHIO DMR NET REPORT FOR
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IN 5 SESSIONS

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*** THE OHIO DMR NET MEETS MONDAY EVENINGS AT 830 PM ON
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73,
Gregg – WB8YYS
Asst. EC - Summit County
ARRL - The National Association for Amateur Radio
WB8YYS@ARRL.NET
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DARA University

The fall season at DARA University is nearly upon us. Here are the classes for the Fall 2023 learning season:

- Extra – 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec, and 9 Dec
- Tech and General Test session 15 Nov 1900 local at the DARA Clubhouse
- Extra Test session TBA

All classes are from 0900 to 1300 local and are conducted at the DARA Clubhouse.

For more information see <https://w8bi.org/education/classes/>

For the full content of the Technician learning materials (not including the manual)

see <https://w8bi.org/education/classes/tech-class-details/>

Limited quantities of license manuals are available from your instructor for \$30.00.

Please feel free to share and repost this information on social media and pass it along to prospective Technician candidates!

73 and see you in class.

de N8NMG – John – Dayton, Ohio

Alliance Amateur Radio Club Fall fundraiser.

Over the past few years, the Alliance Amateur Radio Club has been actively involved in giving back to the local community during the Christmas season. While we regularly offer our assistance at races and parades throughout the year, our efforts to engage with the non-Ham community during the holiday season began approximately five years ago.

One of the ways we contribute is by volunteering to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on a designated day each year. All our members willingly sign up for one or two-hour shifts, making it a fun day that doesn't take too much time away from our family time.

During our November meeting each year, we conduct an auction of various donated (Ham Related) items. The entirety of the proceeds generated from this auction, along with 30% of the profits from our annual HF Rig raffle, are donated to charities in our community. Since 2020, we've been fortunate enough to donate over \$3,000 to those in need. It's important to note that this initiative operates in addition to our regular club activities, such as Field Day, picnics, etc.

We're excited to announce that our 2023 Fall Fundraiser is scheduled for November 8th, taking place at the Aultman Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance), in the Cafeteria Conference Room. The evening will commence with a brief business meeting starting at 7:30 PM, followed by an engaging Chinese auction featuring a wide array of Ham-related prizes and goodies. All are welcome.

More information can be found at w8lky.org

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

ARLD044 DX news

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

TIMOR-LESTE, 4W. A large group of operators will be QRV as 4W8X from Dili from November 6 to December 5. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. This includes being entries in the upcoming WAEDC RTTY and CQ World Wide DX CW contests. QSL via DJ4MX or Clublog OQRS.

BOTSWANA, A2. A group of operators are QRV as A25R until November 12. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8 with several stations. QSL via Club log.

BAHAMAS, C6. Jay, WA1JAY will be QRV as WA1JAY/C6A from Paradise Island, IOTA NA-001, from November 5 to 10. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4. This includes some activity on FM Satellites. QSL via LoTW.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Special event station DU37EUDXF is QRV until November 30 to celebrate 37 years of the European DX Foundation. QSL via operators' instructions.

NIUE, E6. Michael, DF8AN is QRV as E6AJ until November 10. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL to home call.

SAINT BARTHELEMY, FJ. Phil, K2LIO is QRV as FJ4WEB until December 31. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FO. A group of operators will be QRV as TX7L from Hiva Oa, IOTA OC-027, from November 4 to 19. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters, with four stations, using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via Club Log.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. Jun, JH4RHF is QRV as H40RH from Pigeon Island, IOTA OC-065, until November 9. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly CW, with FT8 on 6 meters depending on conditions. QSL via OE1JUN.

ARGENTINA, LU. Members of Radio Club QRM Belgrano will be QRV as LU4AAO between from November 4 to 12 to mark their 2023 Tradition Day. QSL direct.

CAMEROON, TJ. A large group of operators will be QRV as TJ9MD beginning November 4 until November 15. Activity will be on the HF bands, and possibly 160 and 6 meters, with multiple stations. QSL via IK2VUC.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Ed, N2HX is QRV as V4/N2HX from Saint Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until November 11. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

MICRONESIA, V6. Cezar, VE3LYC is QRV as V62P from Pulap Island, IOTA OC-155, until November 7. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly CW. After this activation, he will be QRV as V62S from Satawalu Island, IOTA OC-299P, from November 9 to 16. QSL both calls to home call.

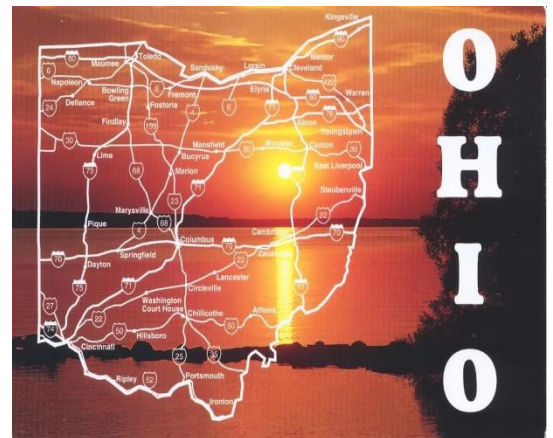
COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND, VK9C. A group of operators are QRV as VK9QO until November 7. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. They plan to also be active on Satellites QO-100, IO-117, and RS-44. QSL Satellite QSOs via JA3GEP, and all others via J11LET.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Operators N5VOF, WD5JR and KJ5CMP are QRV as VP5/home calls from Providenciales, IOTA NA-002, until November 10. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using mainly SSB. This includes some POTA activations. QSL direct to home calls.

VANUATU, YJ. Chris, VK2YUS is QRV as YJ0CA until November 5. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

CHATHAM ISLANDS, ZL7. Operators JA1SVP, JE1SYN and JF1OCQ will be QRV as ZL7A from November 9 to 22. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using SSB, CW, FT8, and FT4 with three stations. QSL via LoTW.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2023

12/03/2023 - [FCARC WinterFest](#)

Location: Archbold, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

[Learn More](#)

Starting with the first PostScript in December, I'll have the 2024 Hamfest schedule loaded in! Lots of good fests coming up!

DX This Week – Interview with TA4LYL

Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com or www.aj8b.com)

There is quite a bit of DX on the air. I was hoping that some of our readers would drop me a line and let me know about any All Time New Ones they have worked. Just let me know!

We have a great interview to share this week and a great email from one of our readers. Have a great week!

I received a follow up email from Jerry, K8DWE, asking about another CW training program, RufZXP. What is it and how does it work?



Well Jerry, I have used this program quite a bit with a great amount of success but decided to go to their website to get the facts. Here is what I found:

What is RufzXP?

"Rufz" is the abbreviation of the German word "Rufzeichen-Hören", which means "Listening to Callsigns". RufzXP is an excellent training application for improving code speed and CW practice, particularly (ultra) high speed memory copying of true amateur radio calls. Focusing on improvement of CW proficiency, it is not a contest simulator and does not provide for QRM or QRN. It provides additional tools for keeping track of training progress and comparing with other operators via International RufzXP Toplist.

RufzXP is a "must" for every serious high speed telegraphy operator and is an official competition application of the IARU High Speed Telegraphy Championships.

How does it work?

RufzXP is pretty simple. You do not need a manual for the basic functions. It sends a chosen number of randomly selected true amateur radio callsigns (50 by default) to be typed with keyboard into a field on the screen. After the key was pressed, the computer gives its next call. If the call was copied correctly, the transmitting speed increases slightly, if not, it decreases slightly. So, the software automatically adapts its transmitting speed to the user's maximum performance. Every call can be heard once again by pressing F6 key but you will be assessed a 50% penalty for that exchange.

The <START> button or F5-key starts the attempt. Good luck! At the end of each run the software gives you a precise score. This enables you to track your performance. And with a little practice you will see good progress very soon. You may compete with others around the globe. Simply use the integrated function to post your encrypted score to the RufzXP International Toplist.

This is a great application. Between Morserunner, described last week, and RufzXP, I was about to take my CW speed from 25 WPM to about 43 WPM. Give them both a try!

Great Question Jerry.

If you have a question that you would like to have answered, just send me an email at thedxmentor@gmail.com

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QSL: LoTW Info: QRZ.com Born: 1971
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Peace at Home, Peace in the World.

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73, YIGIT (ADAM)
e-mail: ta4lyl@gmail.com

Interview with Yigit, TA4LYL

I recently worked Yigit (Adam) and was really impressed with the things on his webpage. His accomplishments and activities are really interesting. He agreed to answer my questions right away. Hope you work him in the future and enjoy what he has to share.

AJ8B: How did you first get interested in amateur radio & when did you get on the air?

TA4LYL: I was born in 1971 in Istanbul. I studied Electronics. When I was 17, I got my first radio as a 27Mhz CB. Also, My father in love was a CB guru.

The conditions of propagation at that time were much better. I didn't know CW at the time. We were just using SSB. There were no digital modes like FT8.

For several years, I kept improving myself by listening to HF frequencies from SDRs. 14 years ago I gained the class A license. Then I bought a Yaesu FT-847. A year ago I added an Icom IC-7300 to my station after a long and arduous road.

AJ8B: Do you have a favorite band or mode?

TA4LYL: 20m, 40m and AMSAT is my favorite band, CW mode certainly.

AJ8B: I know that you very successful with chasing countries. Any secrets to your success?

TA4LYL: Patience first. Good antennas and timing are other factors.

AJ8B: Do you participate in Contests?

TA4LYL: Yes, of course. I certainly will if I find time.

AJ8B: If so, what are your favorites?

TA4LYL: CQWW DX CW, CQWDX SSB, CQWW WPX CW/SSB contests are my favorites for the new DXCC. I also, have 1st place in the CQ DX Marathon competition. You can also see some on my page: <https://www.qrz.com/db/TA4LYL>.

AJ8B: What license levels do you have in Turkey?

TA4LYL: Now I have the highest level "class A" license for Radio Amateur in my country.

AJ8B: Describe what you are currently using:

TA4LYL: Icom IC-7300, Yaesu FT-847 (soon Icom IC-9800), HEX6B antenna up to 22m on tower. Handmade magnetic loop Antenna for 40m and 80m.

VHF/UHF Antenna.: Diamond 144S10R and 430S15R.

I definitely use Common Mode Choke "CMC-230 5Kw" in my antenna inputs.

Handmade CW paddle (You can see it on my QRZ page or on my youtube channel.)

Yaesu G-5500 rotor - For Satellite LVB Tracker - Icom external speaker - Diamond GSV-3000 Pwr. unit.-

To avoid cable losses, I use Amphenol Helix 1/2 for all cables.

Log Software.: Log4OM and AMSAT software SatPc32. Contest Software N1MM...

AJ8B: What advice do you have for those of us trying to break pileups to work DX?

TA4LYL: First of all, your position and antenna must be good. Then choose a device with good and (QRM-QRN) quiet listening.

Because, There is nowhere you can not go with 100w.

AJ8B: When it comes to pileups, how do you feel about "tail ending"?

TA4LYL: I feel like I'm out of the war. LoL..

AJ8B: Any QSLing hints?

TA4LYL: Lotw is the best for me...

AJ8B: What coaching/advice would you give new amateurs?

TA4LYL: Please consider using the LoTW, it's free, it's safe, reliable and very important for those who take DX seriously.

Then, Suitable band, good timing and persistence...

Finally, please try to learn CW. As Ft8 becomes widespread, real radio amateurism is dying. and Be on air..!

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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:

I have been asked over time why the Daily DX has been so important to me to the success of chasing DX. The following is an example of why it is important. I received this information on **Yemen** HOURS before I saw it anywhere else. There are operators headed to Yemen in just a few days and W3UR, Bernie, has supplied me with the details.

The 70 DXpedition to Yemen expects to be QRV by the time you are reading this.

During the DXpedition, Steve, N2AJ, the Media and Pilot guy, will provide updates via satellite communication from the DXpedition. However, there will be no internet access.

From the DXpedition, we received the following:

"We want to thank the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Republic of Yemen, for assisting us. Two operators will be QRV from Nov 3rd to Nov 16th. The

licenses issued are for Ken, 7O8AD and Shani, 7O8AE. We will have two generators, one main and one spare. We will have 2-3 stations on the air with focus on CW/SSB. 7O8AE is the SSB call and 7O8AD is the CW/FT8 call. Our stations will be 100W RIGs but no amplifiers due to weight restrictions.

We will cover 160 – 10M. There is no published band plan, just use your VFO. Our antennas will be Verticals and VDAs close to saltwater with a clear beach take off.

All antenna support material will be constructed on the spot by material we can source locally. For that reason 40-10m will be installed first, then 160+80m. Building an antenna for 80 and 160M means splicing wood poles to make a temporary support structure for the (toploaded) wire – so please be patient for low band.

Donations/OQRS for both callsigns is via PayPal. All upfront supporters will get their LoTW + Direct QSL cards automatically. OQRS Direct, OQRS Buro or Direct mailed. No paper buro cards. Complete log will be uploaded to LoTW.

I will personally make a humanitarian donation to UNCHR Yemen once I return home – anyone wanting to support this humanitarian fundraiser can use the PayPal address - and please label that separate donation “Humanitarian aid”. 500 houses in Socotra, Yemen, were partially or fully damaged during a cyclone last week. All humanitarian donations will be transferred 100% to UNCHR Yemen, and everyone who contributes will be listed and thanked.

Thank you!

73 Ken - LA7GIA

Yemen is #44 on the Clublog Most Wanted list.

Since it is less than 50 days until Christmas, it would seem that an update on **Christmas Island** would be in order. Christmas Island, VK9XGM, will be activated by Chris, GM3WOJ, and Keith, GM4YXI from November 21st to December 5th. They will be on the northeast side of the island which has IOTA designator OC-002. They will use an IC-7300 and various rigs and Expert amps, with a legal limit of 400 watts. The antennas are verticals, and the modes are CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. Chris and Keith plan to be on 160-10M. QSL direct via N3SL and they will do daily uploads to Club Log and LoTW if possible. They will also be a multi-two entry in the CQWW CW.

Christmas Island is #63 on the Clublog Most Wanted list.

HS0ZNR, aka Brad - VK2BY, will be at his **Thailand** QTH December 6th to January 14th, "active on all bands from 160M to 10M." His UK callsign is M0ILF. Brad says when possible, he will work stations "that contribute to LoTW and eQSL."

A91ND will be a special call for **Bahrain** National Day, from BARS, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society. This is the 52nd Bahrain National Day. The on-air activity by A91ND will be between December 1st and the 16th. QSL via EC6DX.

One of the biggest DXpeditions of the year is just a just a week away. 4W8X consists of 19 to 20 members of the Lagunaria DX Group, from Germany, Austria, and Poland, with the first seven operators arriving in Dili, **Timor-Leste** on Sunday, November 5th. 4W8X is expected to hit the airwaves with restricted operation on November 6th, ramping up and in full swing between November 14th and November 26th on CW, SSB, RTTY, FT4/FT8, and EME. They will be competing in the Worked All Europe DX Contest, RTTY, the ARRL International EME Contest, and a multi-multi effort in the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW. After CQWW, they will ramp back down between November 27th and December 5th. The DXpedition website includes the complete schedule.

TX7L, Marquesas Islands, on still on schedule and should QRV as you are reading this. They will continue until November 19th. The Radio Club du Bassin Minier team “is organizing its largest and most distant Amateur Radio EXPEDITION to the Marquesas Islands November 4th to the 19th.”

FO/F6BCW, Didier, currently in French Polynesia, went off the air last week and began to pack and ship radios, antennas, masts, and accessories to the Marquesas. He says of his time on French Polynesia, “I will have spent six months shared between the lagoon, the radio, and friends,” with snorkeling, photography, and an encounter with a whale and whale calves “to greet humans in a great moment of emotion.”

Since then, he has arrived, several hours late, but says “magnificent weather, no great heat, few mosquitoes, and always warm and smiling welcomes greeting him.” The TX7L team consists of ten operators on-site, with six people back home I France providing support. Watch the DXpedition website for updates.

The following update is from K6VHF about the current YJ0 DXpedition on **Vanuatu**.

Hi Bernie.

We are approaching 30k QSOs. Today, we installed the 160m antenna and will try it tonight. One member of DXpedition was evacuated so now have 4 operators for HF and one for 6m EME. Over 10 6m EME QSOs in the log. The weather has been good with no rain. The team feeling motivated.

Here is a log update from the W8S Swains team. After questions about missing QSO’s on the 15th of October for 30m FT8, we have carefully investigated the logs again. We noticed

some problems with the integration of WSJT-X and N1MM on a laptop in camp Red. We have corrected this issue which resulted in 2000+ more QSO's being added to our log.

Charles, our QSL manager, has added the missing QSO's to his OQRS, Club Log and to LOTW. Sorry for this mistake, but finally the QSO's are found and will be confirmed.

On behalf of the W8S Swains 2023 team,
Ronald PA3EWP

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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.

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.

Below is a list of upcoming contests:

Date(s)	Event	Info
All Year	CQ DX Marathon	http://bit.ly/3FyPiui
Nov. 11	FISTS Saturday Sprint	http://www.fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints

Nov. 11-12	10-10 Digital Fall Contest	http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc
Nov. 11-13	CQ-WE Contest	https://w8zpf.com/cqwe-contest-information/
Nov. 11-12	JIDX Phone Contest	http://www.jidx.org/
Nov. 11-12	OK/OM CW DX Contest	http://bit.ly/19rrRjl
Nov. 11-12	Worked All Europe RTTY Contest	https://bit.ly/36ubggF
Nov. 11-13	PODXS070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint	http://bit.ly/2Cq2yUA
Nov. 12	North American SSB Sprint	https://ssbsprint.com/rules/
Nov. 15	RSGB Autumn Series, SSB	http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl
Nov. 15	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/
Nov. 17	YO International PSK31 Contest	http://www.yo5crq.ro/index.htm
Nov. 18	All Austrian 160M Contest	https://bit.ly/3fgsiUo
Nov. 18	Feld Hell Turkey Sprint	https://bit.ly/3asfcjj
Nov. 18	RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHZ Contest CW	https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl
Nov. 18	SARL Newbie Party	http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
Nov. 18-19	LZ DX Contest	http://lzdxb.fra.bg/rulesen.html
Nov. 18-19	REF 160-Meter Contest	https://bit.ly/3iHzsQU
Nov.18-19	SARL Field Day Contest	http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
Nov. 18-19	South American Integration Contest CW	http://bit.ly/45iH6K9
Nov. 18-20	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
Nov. 19	FISTS Sunday Sprint	http://www.fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints
Nov. 19	Homebrew & Oldtime Equipment Party	http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/hotr.html
Nov. 23	RSGB Autumn Series, CW	http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl
Nov. 25-26	CQ WW DX CW Contest	http://www.cqww.com/index.htm
Nov. 25-26	ARRL EME Contest	http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest
Nov. 27	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl
Nov. 29	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest CW	https://ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php

OHIO'S



HAPPY NOVEMBER! October is now in the history books, but left us with a bit of a parting reminder-snow and unseasonably cold temperatures on Halloween evening. Even television's weather people stated it was more like those expected on New Year's Eve. But if it's an indication of conditions yet to come, perhaps it was enough of an incentive for us to spend more time in front of the radio or perhaps poke a look into one of the many other ham radio modes available to us to explore. Or check out those outside antennas.

Speaking of weather, last Sunday's forecast for heavy rain to blanket Southern Ohio caused the **Athens County ARA** to postpone their planned Fox Hunt. According to club officials, the proposed location where the fox was to be located was in an area where roads could be flooded and wash out. Therefore it was thought it best to take the welfare of the chasers to heart causing the event to be cancelled. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 12.



If you are an ARRL member, don't forget to vote for your choice of either Michael Kalter (W8CI) or Scott Yonally (N8SY) to serve as our new Great Lakes Division Director. Both are outstanding individuals with a true love for amateur radio. The deadline to cast your ballot is November 17. You may cast your ballot electronically at <https://vote.escvote.com/ARRL> or mail the ballot using the envelope provided with the printed ballot. It must be received by noon, November 17. Roy Hook, W8REH, ran an uncontested race for Vice Director and will assume that office effective January 1.

The Fall and Winter contest season is now officially underway. Although Field Day probably draws the greatest number of people participating in an on-the-air event, it is not officially considered a contest, but a training exercise. However the ARRL November Sweepstakes is considered the premier domestic contest in the US and Canada. As you read this, the CW weekend portion of the contest is either over or in the final hours. But the Phone portion is yet to come. It will begin on November 18 and continue until the 20th. According to QST, last year saw 1,663 entries received and revealed 8,517 people participated based upon the unique call signs logged. The average station made 121 contacts during the event. Many of those participating were looking for particular states to finish up their Worked All States applications or just to try to improve their scores from previous years. With 10 meters now open, it should be a fun event for all amateurs to participate in because all license classes have access to that band.

It's also provides a great opportunity to check out the performance of your station and antennas. Here's hoping to catch you on the air during the event. More information may be found at www.arrl.org/sweepstakes.

On Halloween Darin McKee of Wellston received a goody in his Trick or Treat pail that he will enjoy for at least 10 years when the FCC placed a Technician amateur license in it. Darin is now KE8ZDK. Congrats!

The rounds of monthly club business meetings kicked off with the **Clinton County ARA**'s meeting on the 2nd. The **Portsmouth RC** will have their meeting at the American Legion Hall on the 6th. The **OH-KY-IN ARS** will assemble at the Lockland Church, 335 W. Wyoming, on November 7 at 7:30 PM. This meeting will feature the annual member "Show and Tell" when members are invited to bring items they have constructed and tell about them. The **Southwest Ohio DX Association** will meet on November 9 at Hunters Pizza in Franklin. A program called "My 4 Square Array" will be presented by Dr. Scott Wright, K0MD. A short business meeting will start at 6:30, but folks start gathering earlier to eat and socialize.

Let's not forget to do our civic duty on Tuesday, November 7 and head to the polls to cast our ballots to choose those who will lead our communities for the coming years. Villages, cities, school boards and townships throughout Ohio have candidates on those ballots. Besides two important State issues, many local issues will appear affecting local tax levies, liquor permits and even the sale of a railroad line.

It's the time of the year when a number of radio clubs hold elections choosing those who will lead the club during the upcoming year. **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** newsletter editor Ralph Howes, W8BVH, lets us know the club held elections at their October meeting with the following elected to office: President-Mary Travis, KD8EII; Vice President-Robert Northrup, KC8PSW; Secretary-Jack Travis, AE8P; Treasurer-Guy Ingram, W8AGI and Activity Manager-Mark Urbine, KC8TUW.

The **Bainbridge Ham Radio Group** and the **Highland ARA** will each hold their monthly breakfast gatherings on Saturday morning, November 11. The Bainbridge group will gather at 8:30 at the Dutch Restaurant near Bainbridge while the HARA Brunch Bunch will gather around 10 AM at the Burger King in Hillsboro. Also on the 11th the **OH-KY-IN ARS** will hold their Brunch Bunch gathering at the Cracker Barrell in Harrison, OH starting at 1 PM.

The **Athens County ARA** is looking for amateurs to assist with communications for the annual Bobcat Trail Marathon and Half-Marathon to take place at Burr Oak State Park on November 11. The marathon starts at 8 AM with the half marathon an hour later. Anyone

wishing to assist or obtain more information is urged to contact either Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, or Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.

Several Southern Ohio counties in the South 40 coverage area are served by the National Weather Service Charleston, WV office. That office announces it will hold a Virtual Winter Spotting Training presentation on November 16. It will be from 6:30 PM until 7:30. Those wishing to attend the webinar may register at <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6571075547614226781>. Those unable to attend the live presentation may later view it at <https://www.weather.gov/rlx/weather-spotter>.

At least three South 40 clubs are providing communications and line-up assistance to their community's holiday parades. On November 18 members of the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will meet at 9 AM at the Mt. Pleasant School to assist. On the 25th, the **Cambridge ARA** will meet at the old railroad depot to receive their assignments. And on December 2 the **Highland ARA** will meet at the county fairgrounds at 4 PM to assist with the Hillsboro Christmas Parade's assembly.

Michael Love, WB8YKS, tells us plans for the upcoming **Southern Ohio ARA**'s "Christmas In November" are mostly in place. It will be held on their normal monthly meeting date (November 20) at the Frisch's in Ironton. Those attending will order from the menu at 6 PM. A HUGE gift will be awarded to some lucky attendee. December 7 marks the date for the annual **Clinton County ARA** carry-in Christmas meeting dinner. Turkey plus other dishes will be provided by the members and their families. It will be held at the Foster Boyd Cancer Center in Wilmington. Another well attended observance will be on December 9 at the Gathering Place in Wheelersburg when the **Portsmouth RC**'s annual Christmas Dinner, Party and Auction will occur. The auction alone is worth your attendance. On December 12 the **Highland ARA** holds their Christmas dinner, annual meeting and elections at the Hillsboro Methodist Church. This year's catered meal features seasoned turkey breast and roasted pork loin with all the trimmings and sides for only \$10 a person. You do not have to be a member to attend, but contact highlandara@gmail.com in advance to make arrangements. The **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will have their Christmas gathering on December 16 at the Pizza Cottage on Fair Avenue. It starts at 6 PM. December 19 marks the date for the **Athens County ARA**'s annual Christmas dinner. Although the date has been set, the location is yet to be determined.

Another of the hats I wear is serving the local historical society as its vice chairman of the board. Recently I was asked if I knew how long a local radio station had been on the air. Although I knew the answer I then realized there has been no recorded history of radio in the immediate area. Therefore I undertook a project to research the history of local communications starting with the entry of the first telegraph lines first entering Highland County with the railroads in the 1850s. It has been a most educational experience. I have learned about the first police and fire

department radio installations, the early radio and television repair shops, the first TV in a public place and even a failed attempt to put a full power television station on the air. It also caused me to wonder how many other areas have recorded such information to be shared with future generations. So why not document your county or community's radio history during the upcoming long winter days and evenings before this part of history goes to the grave and is lost forever. This could be a great club project with members putting their early radio remembrances to paper and then sharing that information with others who could do the same. Just a thought.

So until the next time we meet, here's hoping each of you have a great and radio active week.

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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](#)

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: Are you planning to operate ARRL Sweeps coming up?

- A) YES
- B) No

From last week's question – Did you vote yet in the Great Lakes division election?

- A) 90.48% YES
- B) 9.52% NO

That is from a sample of 63. I hope that number is an accurate representation – it'll be interesting to compare to the numbers that are released after the election/

(**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 November Handbook give away!)

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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. You might want to list your location so that prospective buyers know where you're at. 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@arrlohoio.org

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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.



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PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world! Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!