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Field Day Weekend is coming up! I hope that you will have the opportunity to participate in some way and be a part of the LARGEST Amateur Radio event in North America. Have Fun! Look for those last couple of states you need for the "Worked All States" (WAS) award. How about a rare US County? I'm sure there's going to be lots of Parks On The Air. This is an

"Emergency Preparedness Drill" – how about sending some traffic through the NTS? Who would you send this traffic to, you ask? How about your Division Director (or maybe even your Section Manager)? How about your favorite Radio / Television newscaster? How surprised might they be – and maybe even curious? Wouldn't it be cool if Amateur Radio got some good PR because of a RadioGram that you sent over Field Day weekend (or maybe even before FD weekend)? If you get creative here, please send me a hard copy of the original RadioGram.

#### 2024 K3Y Special Event – Scheduled for July 26-28

The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure plans to participate in a 2024 Special Event as K3Y on July 27, 2024. K3LR Contest Group is hosting us at their station for this event. They will participate in the RSGB IOTA contest as a team of youth operators.

This is the second time a Youth DX Adventure event is being hosted in the USA. As K3LR is one of the largest stations in the world this adventure was truly special for the David Kalter kids and their parents. There were housing issues for our anticipated international trip.

The trip is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, K3LR Contest Superstation and DX Engineering.

This program is a *Very Big Deal!* Thank you to the sponsors and supporters. Please get on the air and give them a QSO!

#### **ARRL News**

#### **Updated 6/14/2024**

We are continuing to make progress on restoring the ARRL network and many related systems and databases. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we carefully address and restore affected services.

While the Logbook of The World® server, Online DXCC, and related user data are secure and unaffected, we have taken the precautionary measure of keeping the services offline until we can ensure the security and integrity of our networks.

The ARRL Learning Center (<u>learn.arrl.org</u>), our online course and training hub, is accessible. The Learning Center includes content from across a variety of amateur radio topics and interests. The Learning Center will require a slightly different login experience while we continue to restore interconnected databases. Users who have logged into the Learning Center before will need to use their EMAIL ADDRESS and use the 'forgot my password' function to set a new Learning Center password. Users who are new to the system will sign up/register using their email address. When ARRL systems are fully restored, user accounts will be reconciled with membership accounts again.

ARRL Field Day is June 22 - 23, 2024. Visit <u>www.arrl.org/field-day</u> for rules and other resources to help prepare your participation. Following the event, online entries will be supported as usual at <a href="https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php">https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php</a>.

The ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator is continuing to process Amateur Radio License applications to the FCC. We have processed all applications from exam sessions uploaded by Volunteer Examiners through June 12, 2024. Sessions mailed to ARRL VEC and received by us are processed within 1-2 business days.

The new Amateur Extra-class Question Pool will be effective beginning July 1, 2024. New Extra-class exam booklet designs will be supplied to VE teams as soon as possible. Teams may also contact the ARRL VEC after July 1 for an emailed version in the interim.

This story will be updated with new developments.

Since Field Day weekend is one where I normally get a whole bunch of windshield time (Ohio is really a very big state!) I'm not going to plan an issue of PostScript for that weekend. I'll cover Field Day in the following weeks issue, so I'm asking you to send me your photos! I'll probably use them over the next few issues. The next issue to come out will be dated July 1, 2024 and will therefore be the Ohio Section News.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD Ohio Section Manager wb8lcd@arrl.org 330-554-4650





# In the Name and by the Authority of THE STATE OF

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators play a vital role in emergency communications preparedness plans for the United States, the state of Ohio and many other local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has more than 28,000 licensed amateur radio operators, many of whom have provided valuable public assistance through emergency radio communication on a local, statewide, national and international basis in times of need; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators donate the time, equipment and expertise to help provide the public with free emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, June 22-23, 2024 have been set aside in Ohio and nationally as amateur radio field day for emergency communications preparedness exercises.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize June 22-23, 2024 as

## AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS' APPRECIATION DAYS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2024.

Mike DeWine

## National News (from ARRL and other sources)

The 13 Colonies Special Event will take place July 1-7, 2024. Operating times are July 1,1300 UTC to July 8, 0400 UTC. Thirteen special call signs will be on the air, each one representing one of the original 13 British colonies that were established in 1607. Three additional bonus call signs will be on the air representing Great Britain, France, and Philadelphia. All HF bands can be used, including the WARC bands, with the exception of 60 meters. Simplex on 2 meters and 6 meters is encouraged. The southeastern stations on the east coast are very close to each other. It will be harder for these states to contact each other so, use of 40-160 meters is encouraged. 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. More information about logs, call signs, and QSL certifications can be found at The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event.

#### Club Grant Program to Return

The <u>ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program</u> is returning for 2024. After receiving additional funding from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), the next round of grants will be available later this year. More than \$500,000 in grants have been awarded to clubs across the country. This program centers around club projects that are transformational in nature (i.e., projects that have the greatest impact on the local community). Previously successful grants concentrated on the recruitment and training of new hams, STEM programs, emergency preparedness, and amateur radio technology development. ARRL Director of Development Kevin Beal, K8EAL, said, "ARRL is proud to partner with ARDC to administer the Club Grant Program. These grants offer an opportunity to have a significant impact on amateur radio's future."

More information will be announced on all ARRL news outlets in the coming weeks. Now is the time for your club to consider if you have a project that could qualify for a grant. Start thinking

just how your club can impact amateur radio, today and in the future. Grants will be available for up to \$25,000 and will include reporting and media requirements. Stay tuned for additional information, and get ready for the next round of the Club Grant Program.

## Central States VHF Society 2024 Conference Registration is Open!!!

Hello everybody,

The Central States VHF Society Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA on July 25-27, 2024 is open for registration. A great technical program provides time to see operating rovers and microwave dishes, measure low noise amplifiers, measure your antenna gain, and learn through one and a half days of classroom style presentations.

Our family program shows off three historic facilities in the Cedar Rapids area. The National Czech and Slovak Museum showcases our Czech heritage in Cedar Rapids. The Brucemore Mansion tells the stories of two influential families in Cedar Rapids whose legacy still impacts our community. The Amana Colonies visit begins with a bus tour of the colonies including stops at a communal kitchen, a church, and museum. Lunch and shopping are on your own.

The Friday and Saturday luncheons provide an opportunity to dine with your new and old friends and listen to a very interesting speaker. The banquet provides a great meal, award presentations, keynote speaker, and a prize drawing with thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Amateurs and family members leave with something. We are pleased to announce our luncheon and banquet presentations.

Friday Luncheon: "902 MHz EME Roving October 2023 - 27 States in 21 Days + WAS #1", by Peter Van Horne, K6AU

In September 2023, I decided to make a 902 MHz EME roving trip starting October 1, 2023. The goals included Al, W5LUA, completing WAS #1 on 902 and helping the other active 902 EME operators complete as many states as possible.

Saturday Luncheon: "A DXer's Gridpedition to EN67. Or What's a Guy Like YOU doing in a place like this?" by Tom Vinson, NY0V

In this presentation, Tom will take you through his journey from HF DXing until he went on his first solo Gridpediton to EN67 in June 2023. Topics will include how he decided which grid to activate, the equipment and system used, how it turned out, and the lessons he learned.

Saturday Evening Banquet Keynote: "Sights Along the Way or Snorkel and Bounce" by

Karen Orzech and Lance Collister, W7GJ

Lance and Karen will share their adventures in visiting exotic locations that Lance activated on 6 meter EME while Karen pursued photography and snorkeling hobbies.

You may wonder what happens at a Central States VHF Society Conference. The following paragraphs describe the highlights of a conference. When you attend, you can experience all of these functions. You also meet many people who enthusiastically embrace activating the higher bands. There are many propagation and communication modes to experience.

Two antenna ranges provide an opportunity for members to measure the gain performance of their antennas. In past years, new designs performed well. Sometimes, a quick adjustment provided improved performance. Antennas ranging from 144 MHz to 10 GHz can be evaluated.

Low noise amplifiers extend range in weak signal environments. For many bands, amateur radio operators homebrew their own low noise amplifiers. The noise figure measurement bench provides an opportunity for the measurement of noise figure on a world class noise figure analyzer.

Since amateur radio operators rarely experience the show and tell of operational stations, many amateur radio operators bring rovers and microwave dishes to Central States VHF conferences to show other enthusiasts how simple or complex these stations can be. Weather permitting, we will be herded down the line of stations. Each owner then discusses the unique features of their stations.

Vendors display and sell their products in our vendor room. Some products are brand new. Some used. Some vendors salvage test equipment and commercial products to provide items that are useful in the VHF and higher bands.

Members share innovations, adventures, technological advancements, and operating practices in a series of presentations on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The hospitality suites provide an informal opportunity to interact with each other.

The registration link is: <u>56th Annual CSVHFS Society Conference-Annual Conference</u>
The Room Reservation link

is: https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9668829

Note that we have a special conference room rate when you use the link. Updated information on the convention can be found on our web site

at https://2024.csvhfs.org/

We look forward to seeing you in Cedar Rapids.

#### Rod Blocksome, K0DAS Vice President Central States VHF Society

### Pets "Fly" to Space



Using NASA's first two-way, end-to-end laser relay system, pictures and videos of cherished pets flew through space over laser communications links at a rate of 1.2 gigabits per second — faster than most home internet speeds.

This demonstration was inspired by "<u>Taters the Cat</u>,"an orange cat whose video was transmitted 19 million miles over laser links to the Deep Space Optical Communications payload on the Psyche mission.

The transmissions allowed the agency's Space Communications and Navigation program to showcase the power of laser communications while simultaneously testing a new networking technique.

#### **HOW IT HAPPENED**

\*\*\*\*\*Editor's note: If you're a pet lover (Like I am) you might want to learn more about animals in the Space Programs. The US had a Chimp named "Ham" and the Russians had a Space Dog named Laika – both interesting stories!

#### Club Corner

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

Let me know what you club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary?

Just send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org



#### 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 <a href="www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events">www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events</a>.

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to <a href="www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application">www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application</a>.

The ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar can be found online at <a href="www.arrl.org/hamfests">www.arrl.org/hamfests</a>. 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.

<u>AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team</u> administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2024 are as follows: Januray 20, April 27, July 20, and October 19. Time and location for these dates are 10:00am at the Westerville Fire Station #111, 400 W. Main St in Westerville, Ohio. The listed dates are co-sponsored by the Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC).

Pre-Registration is required, and open the 1st of each testing month. All information is available at <a href="http://www.ae8fp.net/">www.ae8fp.net/</a>

#### **Alliance Amateur Radio Club**

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds quarterly VE testing, at the Christ Ulnited Methodist Church in Alliance. The address is 470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH (https://maps.app.goo.gl/prDyEPp6siJun2ibA).

Upcoming Exam Dates are Saturday, March 16th, 2024 Saturday, June 15th, 2024 Saturday, August 10th, 2024 Saturday, October 19th, 2024

We begin registration at 8 AM, with testing at 9am.

More information can be found at www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/.

<u>All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)</u> hosts testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. Our testing sessions use Examtools, a digital testing platform, and administers the exams on tablets. Simply sign up for a free account at <a href="https://hamstudy.org/register">https://hamstudy.org/register</a> and then search for our session and register through the Hamstudy website. Reach out with any questions to Jarrod – KE8MBL at hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun.

#### **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 <a href="www.2cars.org">www.2cars.org</a> 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 10th; Apr 13th; Jun 8th; Aug 10th; Oct 12th; and Dec 14th, 2024. 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: <a href="mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com">buzz@baylorhill.com</a>

#### **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 <a href="mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com">exams.w8bi@gmail.com</a>

#### The Findlay Radio Club

The Findlay Radio Club sponsors an Exam Session the second Saturday of every month except September when we have our Hamfest. The Exam Session takes place at the Findlay Radio Club, 1333 West Sandusky St., Findlay Ohio 45839. The session begins at 9 AM. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. You can pre-register at <a href="https://hamstudy.org">hamstudy.org</a>. We

can also give Exams remotely on-line on your schedule if you can't make to a session.

The club has meetings on the first and third Thursdays at the clubhouse at 7:30 PM. The meetings are also available on Zoom. Contact N8ET if you would like to log in. All are welcome.

We also meet at the club on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 (or later!) to talk about anything Ham Radio. The sessions are geared toward new Hams. Everyone brings their questions and equipment they would like to show off or learn how to use. This Sunday we are going to install and learn to use Flgigi, Flmsg, and Flamp. In past sessions we have built antennas, fired up new rigs, and generally had a good time!

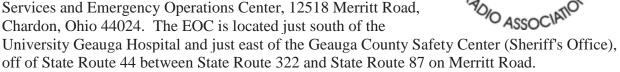
The next meeting (Feb 15) will cover the same topic. Bring your laptop!

#### 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 2024 are Jan 14, March 10, May12, July 14, Sept 15, and Nov 17, 2024. All sessions are at 2:00PM each month

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



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 Jackie Welch, N8JMW by email n8jmw2@gmail.ccom or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from 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 **2024** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 3 Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6 Saturday, October 5
Saturday, June 1 Saturday, December 7

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)**

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Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC) hosts exam sessions on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am in Lancaster Ohio at the Fairfield County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr., Lancaster Ohio.

To register for an exam, Click Here.

Questions: Contact me at ve testing@k8qik.org.

#### **Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**AGENCY** 

AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

SIGN IN AT 1 PM AND TESTING AT 1:30 PM.

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

JAN 13; FEB 10; MAR 9; APR 13; MAY 11; JUN 8; AUG 10; SEP 14; OCT 12; NOV 9; DEC 14.

WE CAN ALSO GIVE THE TEST AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS
THAT ARE NORMALLY ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.
LAARA MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. SEE
THE K8GQB.COM WEB SITE FOR UPDATES.

MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

WE HAVE ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE ODD MONTHS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE EVEN MONTHS.

#### **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)

Six VE testing sessions in 2024. Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information or to register. <a href="mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com">ewilkinson1951@gmail.com</a> or 216-337-4235

Saturday, Jan 6. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Sunday, March 10. NOARS Hamfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM.

Saturday, May 4. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Saturday, July 20. NOARSfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM.

Saturday, September 7. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Saturday, November 2. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.portcars.org">www.portcars.org</a>.

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 <a href="www.w8zx.net/exam">www.w8zx.net/exam</a> or email <a href="www.w8zx.net/exam">VETEAM@N8BAG.NET</a>.

#### Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

Hold six exam sessions per year for all license classes. Pre-registration requested but not required. Exam sessions for 2024:

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, August 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> -Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> -Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

All sessios begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit <a href="https://w8wky.org/license-exams/">https://w8wky.org/license-exams/</a>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <a href="https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/">https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/</a>. Sign up and if you aren't ready or can't make it, just notify the VE team lead.

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: <a href="https://wc8voa.org/licensing/">https://wc8voa.org/licensing/</a>

The requested virtual G-365 Partnerships for Creating and Maintaining Spotter Groups course is now live in the training campus for students to begin enrolling. Attached is the course flyer, please check it over and let me know if there is anything you'd like updated.

Instructors: Brandon Peloquin (NWS) and Dave Bujak (EM) – both cc'd.

Direct link to the course:

https://odpstrainingcampus.coursemill.com/cmui/#/courses/EMA-G-365?sessionId=20122

I'll be in touch as we get closer to the course with enrollment updates. Please let me know if you need anything in the meantime!

Respectfully,
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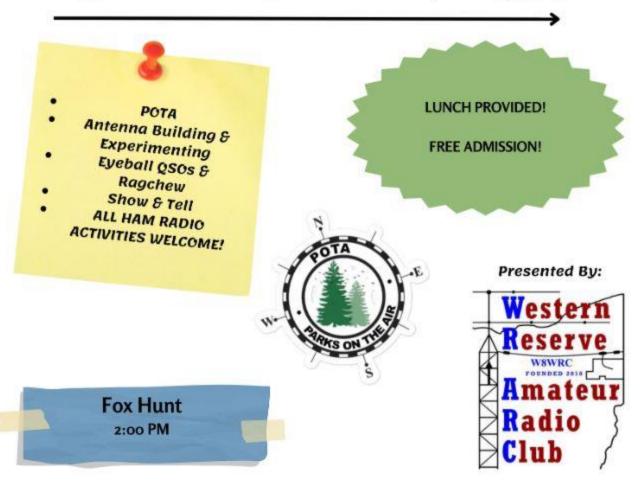
#### Your Club news should be listed here!

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

## 2nd Annual Northeast Ohio Amateur Radio Round Up

A day full of FUN for amateur radio enthusiasts!

Saturday, July 20th 10am - 6pm Harry Meshel Picnic Area Lake Milton State Park 590 Milton Ave, Lake Milton, OH 44429



#### **Editor's Note:**

Take a serious look at the above invitation! Looks like a very FUN opportunity to just hang out and get to know some fellow OHIO Section Hams who are actually DOING IT! Could be a fun activity for *your* club members to participate in and all you gotta do is show up! (It probably wouldn't be a bad idea to let them know you're coming so they can plan appropriately. Let them know at <a href="w8wrarc@gmail.com">w8wrarc@gmail.com</a>)

#### **Drone Threat Training Invitation**

The Department of Public Safety's Ohio Homeland Security and Ohio Emergency Management Agency have teamed up with New Mexico Tech and the State University Law Enforcement Association (SULEA) to offer free training! The training curriculum will cover Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART), Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Development (UASPD), and Unmanned Systems and Terrorism Case Studies. The training is designed for a diverse audience, including Colleges, Universities, Law Enforcement, EMA Officials, Fire & EMS, Military, State & Federal Agencies, and Private Sector partners. Complimentary coffee and lunch will be provided during the training sessions.

- July 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-4:00pm: Kent State
- July 17th 9:00am-4:00pm: Bowling Greene State University
- July 18th 9:00am-4:00pm: University of Cincinnati

\*\*These courses are CPT approved - 7 hours\*\*

Attendees must be registered through <u>Public Safety Training Campus</u> in order to attend the listed courses. If you do not have a <u>Public Safety Training Campus</u> (PSTC) account to register for these courses, please <u>click here</u> to create an account.

For any and all questions, please contact Sarah Martinez at skmartinez@dps.ohio.gov.

Thank you!

OP3 Program
Ohio Homeland Security
1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

#### **ARLD DX news**

#### ARLD022 DX news

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

TANZANIA, 5H. Chas, NK8O will be QRV as 5H3DX near Dodoma from June 18 to 30. Activity will be in his spare time on 30 to 10 meters using CW, FT8, and FT4 both in DXpedition mode. QSL direct to home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Felix, DL6JF will be QRV as 8Q7JF from June 16 to 29. Activity will be holiday style on 30 to 6 meters using CW, and some FT8/4 in DXpedition mode. QSL via DM5JBN.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. A group of operators will be QRV as 9M1Z from Sarawak, IOTA OC-088, from June 15 to 30. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Harald, DF2WO and Adolf, DG9KAN are QRV as D44TWO and D44KAN, respectively, from Sao Tiago, IOTA AF-005, until June 22. Activity is on all HF bands, and 6 meters, using all bands and modes. This includes being active on Satellite QO-100. QSL D44TWO via M0OXO, and D44KAN direct to DG9KAN.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, DA. Special event stations DL2024E, DL2024U, DL2024R, and DL2024O are QRV until July 14 during EURO 2024, the 17th edition of the UEFA European Football Championship. QSL via bureau.

FRANCE, F. A group of operators will be QRV as TM63JO from June 16 to 23 to celebrate the Olympic Games Paris 2024. QSL via operators' instructions.

SAINT MARTIN, FS. John, K9EL is QRV as FS/K9EL until June 19. Activity is holiday style on 80 to 6 meters using mostly FT8 and FT4, and some CW. QSL via Club Log.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Dave, WJ2O is QRV as FO/WJ2O from Tahiti, IOTA OC-046, until June 15. QSL via N2ZN.

GLORIOSO ISLAND, FT/G. Marek, FH4VVK is QRV as FT4GL until June 19. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via F4FTV.

JERSEY, GJ. Michael, DF8AN will be QRV as MJ/DF8AN from June 19 to 25. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using various digital modes and some CW. QSL to home call.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ plans to be QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 beginning around June 20, and here for about three months while working at the weather station. Activity will be in his limited spare time on the HF bands using CW and some FT8. QSL direct to JA8CJY.

BANGLADESH, S2. Karl, G0SKW is QRV as S21ZI until June 16. Activity is on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters using CW, and FT8 in DXpedition mode. QSL via M0OXO.

PALAU, T8. Nobu, JA0JHQ is QRV as T88PB from Koror, IOTA OC-009. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters. He plans to be an entry in the All Asian DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

ICELAND, TF. Operator AE5X is QRV as TF/AE5X until June 18. Activity is holiday style on 20 to 10 meters using only CW with low power. QSL via operator's instructions.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, VK9L. Yuris, YL2GM is QRV as VK9LA until June 24. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Dave, W9DR will be QRV as VP2V/W9DR from Anegada, IOTA NA-023, from June 19 to 25. Activity is on 6 meters only from Grid Square FK78tr using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. ARRL Kids Day, SARL Youth QSO Party, All Asian DX CW Contest, Stew Perry Topband CW Challenge, IARU Region-1 50 MHz Contest, International Museums Weekend, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, NCCC CW Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, SMIRK Contest, Pajajaran Bogor DX SSB Contest, LZ International 6-Meter Contest, West Virginia QSO Party, WAB 50 MHz Phone and the Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest will keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

The K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC Memorial, RSGB FT4 Contest, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, NAQCC CW Sprint, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW, Mini-Test 80 CW and the RSGB 80-Meter Club CW Championship are all on tap from June 17 to 19.

Please see June QST, page 28, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details. NNNN

(None Issued this week)

## Upcoming Hamfests



## Ohio Hamfests

### **2024**

07/06/2024 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest

**Location:** Mansfield, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Intercity Amateur Radio Club

Website: <a href="http://W8WE.ORG">http://W8WE.ORG</a>

Learn More

07/20/2024 - Ashtabula County Hamfest 2024

**Location:** Pierpont, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula **Website:** https://sites.google.com/view/arca-

home/

**Learn More** 

07/20/2024 - NOARSFEST

**Location:** Elyria, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Website: http://www.noars.net

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07/21/2024 - Van Wert Hamfest

**Location:** Van Wert, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://w8fy.org

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08/03/2024 - 2024 Columbus Hamfest

Location: Grove City, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit Website: http://www.columbushamfest.com

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08/10/2024 - Cincinnati Hamfest

Location: Owensville, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Milford ARC

Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org

**Learn More** 

08/18/2024 - Warren Hamfest

**Location:** Cortland, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association

Website: https://www.w8vtd.com/

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09/08/2024 - Findlay Hamfest

**Location:** Findlay, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Findlay Radio Club **Website:** http://w8ft.org

Learn More

09/22/2024 - Cleveland Hamfest

**Location:** Berea, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Hamfest Association of Cleveland

Website: https://www.hac.org

**Learn More** 

Club (NWOARC) Hamfest

**Location:** Lima, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club,

10/05/2024 - Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio

Inc.

Website: http://www.nwoarc.com

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10/27/2024 - 2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS

**Location:** N. Canton, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: https://www.w8np.net

**Learn More** 

12/07/2024 - Winter Hamfest

Location: Archbold, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: FCARC

Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest

Learn More

Plenty of Ohio Section Hamfests on tap for 2024! If you haven't got yours submitted to ARRL as of yet – go back up a couple pages to the top of the "Clubs" section for complete instructions on how to get your fest ARRL Sanctioned!

DX This Week - 6/13/2024

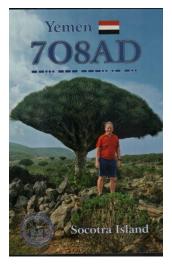
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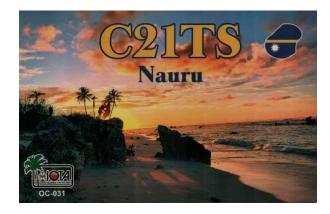
Have you been on the air? I have recently started to work 6M stations. I only have 5 DXCC entities worked so far, but it is a start. Joe, W8GEX, texted me on the 12<sup>th</sup> to let me know he had worked E51EME in the South Cook Islands and KL7YK in Alaska, both on 6 Meters!



I did receive some cards this past week. Below you will see 4W8X, the DXpedition to Timor-Leste, 7O8AD from Yemen, C21TS from Nauru, and VP8WA from the Falkland Islands. What did you get?









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#### Here is what is happening in the World of DX:

This section of DX News comes from Bernie, W3UR, editor of the DailyDX, the WeeklyDX, and the How's DX column in QST. If you would like a free 2-week trial of the DailyDX, the only source of real-time

#### DX information, just drop me a note at thedxmentor@gmail.com

We have YL2GM, Yuris, operating as VK9LA, from **Lord Howe Island**, June 14-24. Yuris will be on 160-10M using CW, SSB, and FT8. He prefers Club Log OQRS and his manager, YL2GN, as a secondary QSL path. He will upload his logs to LoTW six months after he completes the trip.

VP2V - **British Virgin Islands** - VP2V/W5GI, Jonathan, will be back on Anegada June 14-28, possibly until July 6. As before, he will be on 20-10 SSB "with a little 40." It's a relaxing vacation but he expects he'll be on the airwaves at least an hour a day. And he will try to get on from the new VG-0021 POTA.

This is a bit further down the calendar, but it is less than a year away; April 2025. Nineteen operators will activate **Galapagos** (EI49tf, IOTA SA-004) April 18-27, 2025.

This DXpedition is being supported by the Araucaria DX Club, Guara DX Group, Mediterraneo DX Club, and the Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Rádio Emissão.

QSL via MØURX. More information will follow.

Testing for the **Jarvis** DXpedition, slated for August 2024. "We will be challenged by both the season (mainly on the low bands) and FWS antenna restrictions. Ahead of Jarvis we want to do as much testing as possible. We have new antennas and an expanded remote operator network. Both need testing. This will also give DXers an opportunity to test their stations. (And perhaps put a new one in the log.)

- Jun 2 Jul 02: Wallis and Futuna, FW7JV. Testing of low band antennas on 160, 80 and 40. As well as some testing of new 40/20 m antenna.
- Jul 10 Jul 25: American Samoa, K8R. Testing of all systems on all bands. CW/SSB/FT8. Also in the IARU contest.

During both test periods actual signal reports will be appreciated. GL and 73, George - AA7JV

We have some sad news in the amateur world. WA8R, Gerald "Jerry" M. Becker, passed away June 7 after a long battle with cancer. He was first licensed as KA8ZOK. He operated on all bands but particularly liked six meters, with almost 150 DXCC entities worked on 6. W9VNE, Jim, says Jerry was "the go-to repair guy in southwest Ohio for ham gear. He could fix anything when no one else could." He was close to 70 years old, says Jim. W8GEX, Joe, adds that they had gone on DXpeditions together and Jerry was the smartest technician he had ever met.

N2NC is introduced as the New Director of CQ WW VHF Contest (Cleveland, OH) - June 11, 2024 - The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation Inc. (WWROF) is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, John Golomb, N2NC, will be assuming the Director role for the CQ WW VHF Contest www.cqww-vhf.com . A ham since 1980, Golomb has been an active contester throughout, being widely respected for both his technical contributions and operating skills. Over the years, John has produced an impressive list of world-class contest results, participating at a high level in both HF and VHF/UHF competitions. In particular, Golomb has participated in the CQ WW VHF contest for seven straight years, amassing nearly 2500 QSOs along the way. John's VHF experience includes building stations for his own use as well as via several technical partnerships, with operational capabilities ranging from 6 meters to 23 centimeters and beyond.

Professionally, John recently retired from a career with the U.S. Naval Air Systems Command, where he led a team responsible for the power systems of electromagnetic aircraft launch equipment.

"John possesses a unique combination of technical and operating skills at the highest level of radiosport. He has also demonstrated tremendous leadership capabilities that, in total, make him the perfect leader for the CQ WW VHF contest," said WWROF Chairman, Tim Duffy, K3LR. "I look forward to leading this world class event into the future alongside WWROF and am honored to be asked to be the contest director," noted Golomb. "My sincere thanks to John, K9JK, for his past service to the CQ WW VHF contest and its participants."

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The latest episode of The DX Mentor, number 41, has been posted and is now available wherever you get your podcasts. The discussion this week is with KJ9I, David, and 6M EME. He may even discuss his 6M EME QSO with New Zealand where the ZL was using a dipole and 1 WATT!

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# 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!

Contest	Start	End
	Date	Date
IARU HF World	7/13/2024	7/14/2024
Championship		
North American QSO	8/3/2024	8/4/2024
Party - CW		
10-10 Intl. Summer	8/3/2024	8/4/2024
Contest, SSB		
WAE DX Contest - CW	8/10/2024	8/11/2024
Maryland-DC QSOP	8/10/2024	8/11/2024
North American QSO	8/17/2024	8/18/2024
Party - SSB		
World Wide Digital DX	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Contest		
Hawaii QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Ohio QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Kansas QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024

## OHIO'S





It's hard to believe we are already half way through June, but it's said "time flies when you are having fun". I guess the time has moved quickly because I've been having a lot of fun serving as one of the Ohio Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air activators this past week. Although the bands have not been excellent shape, I've been able to meet my personal contact goal with a few more days of operating time left. As the activity administrator for the **Highland ARA**'s participation, the contact goal for the Club has been greatly

exceeded thanks to the efforts of fellow member activators K8DG, W8REH, KD8VUY, KN8E and AC9GK. Although I haven't talked with N8JEN or N8MRB, a report from the event's **Clark County ARA** sponsor, indicates the **Portsmouth RC**'s efforts as the other Ohio activator are similar.

Because our Section Manager will be out and about visiting Field Day locations in the State, he has announced there will not be a newsletter next week. Therefore I want to list the region's clubs that are participating and their locations:

**All Things ARA** will operate from the Alley Park, Old Logan Road, in Lancaster. The **Athens County ARA** returns to the Athens County Fairgrounds. The **Cambridge ARA** will operate from the Grove Park north of New Concord. The **Clinton County ARA** returns K8GO to their 2023 site at 1020 Farmer's Road near Wilmington. The **DeForest ARC** will hold their FD at the Adams County Health Department at 482 Rice Drive in West Union. The **Greater Mason County ARA** will operate from the wildlife reserve west of Maysville. The **Highland ARA** relocates this year to Highland County and operate K8HO from the historic Scott House at 335 West Main Street in downtown Hillsboro. The Hocking County Fish and Game Association facilities on Blosser Road near Logan will host the **Hocking Valley ARA**'s operation. The **Madison County ARC** will set up shop at 75 Middle Street in London. The **Milford ARA** will operate Field Day at the Clepper Pike Pavillion A on Summerside Road. They will operated only on Saturday from 2 pm until the park closes at dusk. The **OH-KY-IN ARS** is another club with a location change this year to the Masonic Lodge on West Fork Road. The **Parkersburg ARK** will operate from the Fort Borman Park. Operations for the **Portsmouth RC** will be at the Harrison Free Will Baptist Church at 12254 SR 139 at Minford. Cincinnati's **Queen City Emergency Net** will operate from 2111 Dana Avenue. The **Scioto Valley ARC** will be activated from their clubhouse at the edge of the Scioto Trails State Park south of Chillicothe. The **Tri-State ARA** from the WV Radio Museum in Huntington. Another net working FD is **XWARN** who will activate W8XRN from Beavercreek. A look at the ARRL Field Day Locator indicates a lot of clubs in the region have not registered their participation on the site. Please do that so others will know your club intends to be active.

If your club is one not participating this year, use the Locator to find a club near you and make a visit-if only to find out what Field Day is all about. Participating clubs might reach out to a non-participating club and invite them to attend. Also have someone monitor your club repeater since some hams could get lost trying to find your FD site. Field Day can be a great networking opportunity if you allow it.

Just in time to participate in Field Day, the western part of the South 40 region now has a couple of new hams. Toney Fugett from Lebanon is now KF8BMU and Nicholas Blum of Loveland is KF8BMB.

During a recent Lewis and Clark activation contact with KD8NRV I learned the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge will be activated on June 15 by the **Parkersburg ARK**. Thanks to Tom Porter, KD8NRV, for passing this information along.

Our friends across the River in West Virginia will conduct the West Virginia QSO Party beginning at 1600 UTC on June 15. It concludes at 0400 on June 16. For those of you who like to collect counties, this is an excellent time to add some of those hard to get ones to your collection.

The annual **Athens County ARA**'s club picnic is Tuesday evening, June 18. According to President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, it will get under way at 5:30 at the Dairy Lane picnic shelter in Athens. Eric says the Club will furnish burgers, brats and buns but asks members to bring a side dish and their drinks and table service. The tradional **Highland ARA** Field Day picnic will be held at the Hillsboro Scott House FD site on Saturday evening.

Many hams in the South 40 Region may have known Gerald "Jerry Becker", WA8R, for his amazing talent of bringing dead radios and similar equipment back to life. Jerry had been a technician at Yaesu when they had a Cincinnati area service center. Following it's closure he moved from the Cincinnati area to Leesburg. He passed away this past week following a short illness. A celebration of life is to be held at a later date.

**Highland ARA** club mascot Pete, K9DOG, sadly made his last "woff" this past week with N8ZNR, WA8KIW, W8KIW and SWL David at his side. About 10 years ago Pete attended his first hamfest at the old **Grant RC**'s hamfest in Georgetown. He quickly became a regular attendee at hamfests and HARA's visitations to other clubs in the region. In fact, some members of other clubs started taking treats to their meetings in anticipation Pete would be in attendance. He was buried at the Levo Century Farm, the site where he enjoyed being with his many ham friends during past Field Days. RIP good guy. You are missed.

The hamfest calendar for the South 40 indicates no hamfests or swap meets during June and July. However on August 3 the Columbus Hamfest will be held at the Shrine Center in Grove City. The following Saturday, August 10, the **Milford ARA** sponsored Cincinnati Hamfest will be **30** | P a g e

held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. On the 17<sup>th</sup> the action moves to Scioto County when the annual **Portsmouth RC** Hamfest takes place in New Boston. The **Buffalo 10 Meter Net**'s 4<sup>th</sup> annual swap meet is Saturday, September 21 and is held in conjunction with the annual Leavitt Funeral Home's Festival and Car Show. The **Scioto Valley ARA**'s hamfest will be October 5 at the Pike County Fairgrounds at Piketon. A new hamfest entry this year is the W8VCO **Vinton County ARA** swap fest on October 26 at the community building in McArthur.

At February's **Highland ARA** meeting, the starting time for the Club's Monday Night Net was changed in anticipation an early starting time would increase participation. However that time change had the reverse happen with a decrease in check ins. Therefore at the recent June Club meeting, it was voted to revert the net's starting time back to 9 PM year around. The new starting time will begin with the July 8 net.

By the time you read this column the Lewis and Clark Trail special event activity will be in the history books. Even after 60 years on the bands my participation as an activator for an event as this was a first for me. And even with less than desirable band conditions I found it a very enjoyable operating experience. After spending several hours on the air I have some take-a-way observations. Every contact made was enjoyable with many telling of their experiences along the Trail and other tidbits about Lewis and Clark. I often hear of the "bad apples" and "grouchy old men" on the ham bands. But I ran into none of those. I never once had an "another contest, special event or POTA" event complaint. There were quite a number of contacts with new hams. One had just upgraded during the week and using the AG designator. The overall experience renews my belief that ham radio is not all the doom and gloom that you often hear on the airwaves. My suggestion is for you to get on the air and find out for yourself. The upcoming July 4 holiday marks the similar annual 13 Colonies special event operation. And later it is the Route 66 event. I think you may find that chasing activation stations during both events might put some more enjoyment into ham radio.

That's it for this week and I plan to see you again in a couple. Until next time don't forget to keep radio active. Plan to support your local club by participating in or just visiting their Field Day efforts.

John Levo, W8KIW

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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\*



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Hey Gang,

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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: <a href="mailto:swap@arrlohio.org">swap@arrlohio.org</a>

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

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