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**CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD**

Here we are. Right smack dab in the FUTURE! I don't know how long you've been a ham, maybe just a short time, or maybe you're an old-timer, doesn't really matter, things have changed, and things will continue to change. The only thing constant through time is change. It keeps happening, and the pace is constantly accelerating! And so it is with Ham Radio. As it should be.

Did you know that there are people out there today who like to ride horses? They're interested in steam locomotives. They hunt with a bow and arrow. They find, rebuild and drive classic and antique cars! History is important and we should all appreciate those who study, preserve and maintain it. The same is true of those who are obsessed with the fast paced changes in technology and try to keep up with every aspect of it.

I can say with certainty, only two of you are at the extreme on either end, and everyone else is somewhere in between. That shows that even though we all fit under the banner of "Ham Radio", we cover a lot of ground regarding where our interests lie. But there is no right or wrong way to participate in Ham Radio, just a lot of different ways. Whatever *your* interest is in Ham Radio, there are many others who share that interest, and others who maybe aren't even aware of your ham radio interest, or would just like to know more about it. Here's what I'd like you to do: write me an article to include in an upcoming issue of PostScript telling us about your interest in Ham Radio. How did you get interested in it, how you got involved in it, what you're doing with it and what your goals for your participation are in it. If you're passionate about it, someone else out there would like to hear about your experience so they can compare it to their own experience. Who knows? You just might be the one who changes someone's mild interest into a raging passion! Please send me your submission as a .doc file and if you include photos, .jpg files please. We're all waiting to hear from YOU!

Next Sunday I'll be at the Hamfest in Shade, OH – If you're anywhere near SE OHIO I hope you'll stop in and say hello! Lots of hamfests coming up, and lots of good activities both local and national on the agenda for 2024 – I hope you'll get out there for some Ham Radio Fun! Remember, we've got an Ohio Section "Virtual" Section Conference coming up in March. I hope you'll have it on your calendar and I know there will be lots of information on ways to get the most FuN out of your hobby! Stand by....

Let me say again: 2024 is off to a FANTASTIC start! Make yourself a part of some amazing Amateur Radio activities that will be happening and all the Amateur Radio FUN that will go along with those activities!

Try something new. CW, DMR, Packet, FT-8, satellites, computer coding, contesting, DX'ing, experiment with antennas, learn about Radio/Electronics history, POTA, QRP, minimalistic radios, county hunting, operating Special Events, EmComm, club operations.... Wow! This hobby has a lot to offer. My list is certainly not all inclusive. Amateur Radio is the Greatest Hobby in the World! Get onvolved!

Share the Magic,

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD  
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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.

\*\*\*December is a busy month. We'll take a break and restart on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 \*\*\*

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

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## *National News*

*(from ARRL and other sources)*

**National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration**





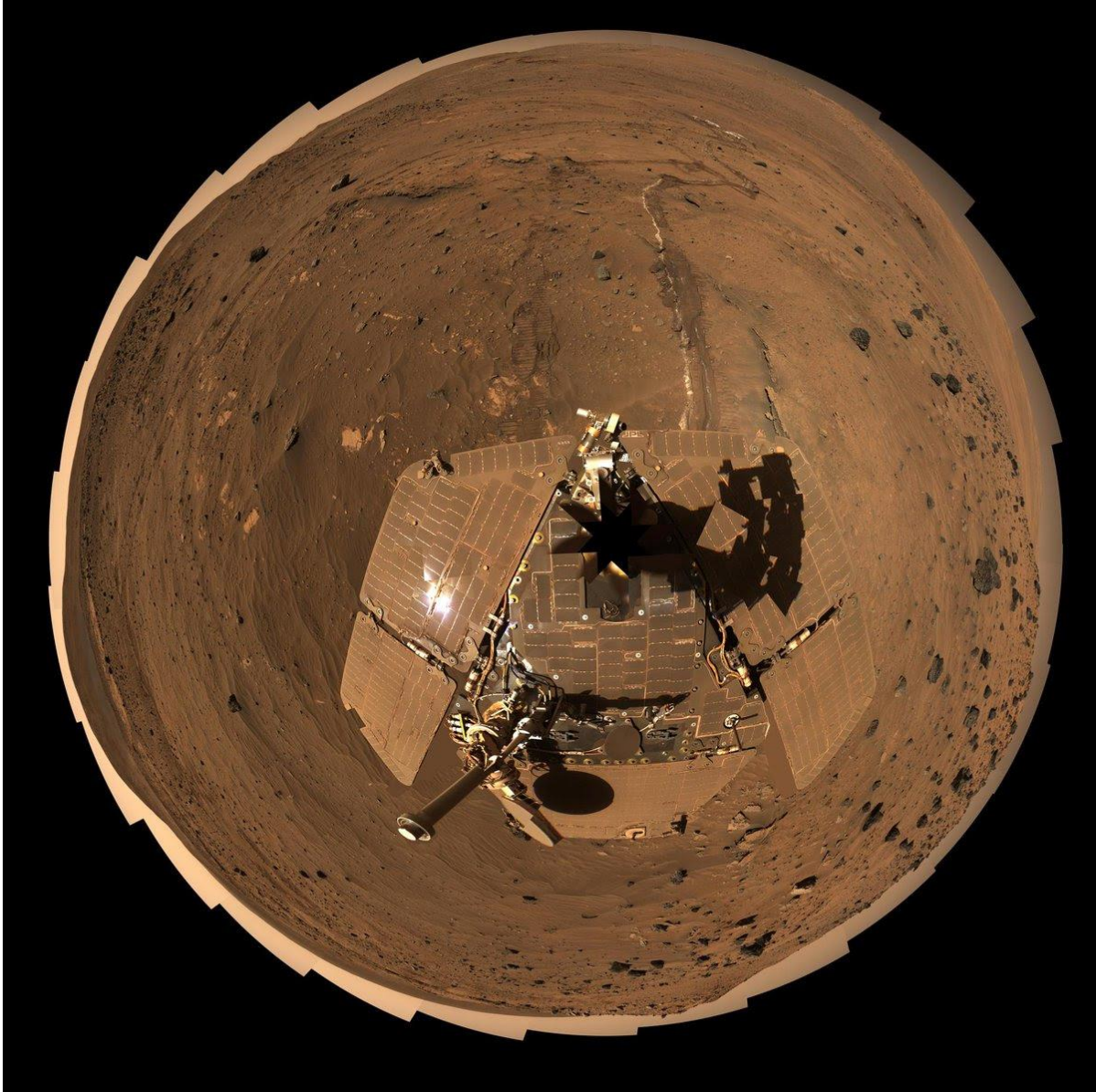
## What's Up? NASA's January Skywatching Tips

The moderate Quadrantid meteor shower is active from Dec. 28 to Jan. 12. The moon will wash out faint meteors, but the shower often produces bright "fireball" meteors.

Look for brilliant Venus rising with a slim crescent moon in the southeast, in the hour before sunrise, on Monday, Jan. 8. The moon will appear very close to the bright red star Antares, appearing to pass in front of the star for observers in parts of the Western U.S. On Jan. 13 and 14, the crescent moon will be visible with Saturn for observers in the southwest for a couple of hours following sunset.

If you have access to a telescope or binoculars, January 14–20 is a great week to pull them out. The presence of the first quarter moon makes for great viewing opportunities as you sweep across the sky, exploring the Moon, then Jupiter and its moons, the Pleiades, the Hyades, and the Orion Nebula.

**SKYWATCHING GUIDE**



## From the Archives

Jan. 4 marked the 20th anniversary of the Spirit rover landing on the surface of Mars. One of two rovers launched in 2003 to explore Mars and search for signs of past life, Spirit far outlasted its planned 90-day mission, lasting over six years. Among its myriad discoveries, Spirit found evidence that Mars was once much wetter than it is today and helped scientists better understand the Martian wind.

At 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory will host a live, public talk on the landing of Spirit and Opportunity, the twin Mars exploration rovers

[WATCH LIVE](#)

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\*\*\*I'm running this again because I've heard many of you suggest that it's too expensive to get new hams licensed. This is a VERY BIG DEAL!

## **ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program**

Clubs around the country sponsor VE sessions in order to help new hams get their licenses and to help existing hams upgrade. One of the changes in the last couple of years is the introduction of the \$35 FCC License Fee. The ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program, in effect since April 19, 2022, will cover the one-time \$35 application fee for new license candidates younger than 18-years old for tests administered under the ARRL VEC program.

The \$35 FCC application fee will be reimbursed after the ARRL VEC receives the completed reimbursement form and after the new license has been issued by the FCC. The reimbursement check will be mailed to the fee payer. Also, candidates who are under the age of 18 pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC VE team at the time of the exam. The \$5 fee is for all candidates under the age of 18, regardless of the exam level taken. Proof of age is required at the session. Visit [www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program](http://www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program) for the program instructions and reimbursement form.

Contact [ARRL VEC](#) for assistance or for information on how your club can set up an ARRL VEC VE team and offer testing on a regular basis in your area, and how to take advantage of the reduced exam fee for youth candidates. It's extremely gratifying when a candidate passes their test and earns a license.

Clubs that already sponsor ARRL VEC exam sessions, we thank you for your service to our program!



## **Lewis A Malchick is named Recipient of HamCation's 2024 Carole Perry Educator of the Year Award Announced**

The HamCation Awards committee is excited to announce Lewis Malchick N2RQ as the HamCation 2024 recipient of the Carole Perry Educator of the Year Award. This award is bestowed upon individuals who have made an outstanding contribution educating and advancing youth in Amateur Radio. It was first awarded at HamCation 2019 to its namesake, Carole Perry, WB2MGP, in honor of her work as an educator teaching students about ham radio.

Lew is extra class licensed and is the cofounder of the School Club Roundup. Participants range from elementary schools to universities and the Roundup continues to gain popularity. He has been active in each School Club Roundup for over twenty-five years. Lew is an advisor to the radio club W2CXN at

Brooklyn Tech High School where he formerly taught chemistry. He is also the trustee for the Stuyvesant High School radio club W2CLS. Lew is the Chairman of Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club (LIMARC) Education Committee. The club has sponsored 5 ARISS contacts of which Lew activity participated in. Lew has spent his lifetime educating children and adults about amateur radio.

*Orlando HamCation has been sponsored by the Orlando Amateur Radio Club since 1946 and is held annually on the second weekend of February. HamCation has grown to become the second largest hamfest in the world. Attendance has grown by an average of 1500 people annually for the past 8 years, with last year's event having 21,830 attendees. HamCation 2024 is February 9-11, 2024.*

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Lew Malchick N2RQ



Lew Malchick N2RQ (right) with the Brooklyn Tech Amateur Radio and Wireless Technology Club in Spring 2023



This the team at mile 7 of the 2023 NYC Marathon. Lew N2RQ first manned this post in 1977. In this pic left to right are Alice WB2IJY (Lew's xyl) Johnny N2ORG (mile captain), Lew N2RQ, Daniel KD2ZEN (Brooklyn Tech HS W2CXN class of 2023) Louis KD2CMY Lew's co-advisor at Brooklyn Tech. Mile 7 may be called the Brooklyn Tech HS mile point because it has been manned by our students and/or alumni for many years.

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Fred and Anita Kemmerer named Recipients of HamCation's 2024  
Gordon West Ambassador of the Year Award Announced



The HamCation Awards committee is excited to announce Fred Kemmerer AB1OC and Anita Kemmerer AB1QB, as the HamCation 2024 recipients of the Gordon West Ambassador of the Year Award. This award is bestowed upon individuals who represent and inspire others and embody the amateur radio spirit making outstanding contributions to the Amateur Radio community. It was first awarded at HamCation 2023, in honor of Gordon's contributions and inspiration to the Amateur Radio community.

Fred and Anita both hold extra class licenses. Both are active in the Nashua Area Radio Society promoting amateur radio instruction, youth outreach and STEM education. They created and have grown the Ham Bootcamp program encouraging over 900 hams to learn new skills. Both are active in the club's training and licensing events along with Tech Night which complements club meetings. Fred's and Anita's STEM activities include participation in High Altitude Balloon Launches, fox hunts and ARISS contacts for many schools. In support of the AARL, Fred serves as the ARRL Director New England Division. In addition, he chairs and contributes to several sub-committees. Anita serves as an assistant division director for mentoring and new ham development.

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Anita ABIOB teaching a licensing class



Fred ABIOC Helping students with a high altitude balloon launch

## HamSCI 2024 Workshop

Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation ([HamSCI](#)) will hold its sixth annual workshop on March 22 - 23, 2024, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. The event is meant to bring together the amateur radio community and professional scientists.

The logo for HamSCI, featuring the letters 'H', 'a', 'm', 'S', 'C', and 'i' in a stylized, bold font. Each letter has a unique dot pattern underneath it, resembling a Morse code or a specific radio-related symbol.

The 2024 workshop's theme will be "Alignments" - specifically those between the Sun, Moon, and Earth; collegiate amateur radio recreation and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curricula; data collection and analysis, and professional and citizen science. Workshop participants will prepare for the solar eclipse taking place on April 8, 2024, which will be seen in totality from Cleveland.

HamSCI's main interest is using amateur radio for the characterization and study of ionospheric phenomena like traveling ionospheric disturbances, sporadic E, solar flares, geomagnetic storms, the 2024 total solar eclipse, and other space weather events. To facilitate this science, continued development of the [HamSCI Personal Space Weather Station](#) and discussion about integrating amateur radio into the collegiate curriculum will also take place during the workshop.

Registration is now open, and the deadline is March 1, 2024. HamSCI is also accepting presentations relating to amateur radio and science -- particularly space and atmospheric science, space weather, and radio astronomy -- that analyze the ionosphere, propose ideas for the Personal Space Weather Station, and discuss the 2024 eclipse.

Presentations should be the form of talks, posters, lightning talks, and demonstrations. The Science Program Committee will be accepting abstracts and presentations.

If you would like to present, please submit your abstract by February 10, 2024. Presenters will be notified about their acceptance by March 1, 2024. Questions about abstracts should be emailed to Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, at [hamsci@hamsci.org](mailto:hamsci@hamsci.org).

For registration and additional information about the event, visit [HamSCI Workshop 2024 | HamSCI](#).

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## NTS 2.0 Update: A Radiogram Portal

Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD

The Working Group on Updated Access and Delivery Methods has been putting the finishing touches on a project called The Radiogram Portal.

It's a new website that introduces Radiograms to the general public and provides an easy way for the public to submit messages that can be originated as formal traffic.

The Portal has two goals in mind: First, to explain what amateur radio messaging is all about, to an audience that might not be familiar with Radiograms - or for that matter, amateur radio in general. And second, to provide a quick and easy way to boost the volume of true third-party traffic into NTS.

Here's how it works: Someone, typically a non-ham, discovers the Radiogram Portal home page on the web, and fills out a simple form to compose a message to send to a friend or relative. The message is stored in a special database that also tracks the NTS region in which the submitter lives. Any volunteer traffic handler who has registered in advance to pick up traffic from the Portal, can visit the site from time to time to look for newly submitted messages.

Finding one, he or she clicks "Pick Up," the site converts the message to standard Radiogram format, and the volunteer traffic handler then originates the message into NTS in the usual way using any available mode -- phone, digital, or CW. From there, the message makes its way to its destination and final delivery.

*Editor's note:* This exciting program is currently being tested before being opened to the ham community and the public. Stay tuned.

**Send a Radiogram Now!**

Now there's a way that YOU can try Amateur Radio messaging! Think of a friend or family member you'd like to contact by Radiogram. You can send any short message, as long as it's not business-related, urgent or critical, or too private or personal. Your message will be picked-up by an Amateur Radio volunteer operator and relayed across the country to near its destination; finally, the recipient will get a local phone call from a nearby ham, or the message might even be delivered in person. Among the ways ham operators will be relaying your message by voice, digital, or even Morse code, and getting valuable practice in emergency public service.

**Your Message**

To make it easy, please choose one of the standard message texts below. (Note: Both the sender and the recipient must be in the United States or Canada).

From: (you)  
Your Name:

**Submitted Radiograms**

Showing 4/4/20

Sort by: Origin Message | Done | Back SUBMITTED

Head STXID	Origin	Region	Destination	Region	Status	Originator	Number	Action
2023-10-07 09:03:23	KIDDFIELD CT	1	KIDDFIELD CT	1	SUBMITTED			View
2023-10-07 09:04:10	KIDDFIELD CT	1	LOS ANGELES CA	8	SUBMITTED			View
2023-10-02 10:24:32	KIDDFIELD CT	1	LOS ANGELES CA	8	SUBMITTED			View
2023-10-16 09:28:28	KIDDFIELD CT	1	LOS ANGELES CA	8	SUBMITTED			View
2023-11-03 04:02:02	KIDDFIELD CT	1	LOS ANGELES CA	8	SUBMITTED			View
2023-11-03 04:03:24	LOS ANGELES CA	8	KIDDFIELD CT	1	SUBMITTED			View

Number | Procedure | UR | Status of Origin | Check | Place of Origin | Time/Date | Date | LIQID | Submitter/Action

0001 | 1 | 0001 | 0001 | 0001 | 0001 | 0001 | 0001 | 0001 | 0001 | 0001

138 NUMBER 18  
KIDDFIELD CT 06077  
001 THE HILL  
0000 0000 0001 001 000

Welcome, KIRFD

This message is now assigned to **KIRFD** for origination.  
Please originate the message shown below, using format, on-air traffic-handling procedures.

Show DTH Format

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007 R KIRFD 000 ARL 8 KIDDFIELD CT 0002 NOV 25
DON'THAR TAYLOR
118 SURSERY RD
KIDDFIELD CT 06077
263 706 5127
000000 000000 000000 000 000
BT
ARL FIFTY SEVEN X RESARC
BT
DON'THAR TAYLOR
    
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LIQID: 654135700e96  
Sender Email: r1dham@gmail.com  
Origin IP: 11

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*Radiogram Assigned for Origination*

**Registration for [Contest University](#)** (to be held May 16, 2024, at the [Hope Hotel](#) in Dayton, Ohio) is now open. Now in its 15th year, this event is held the day before the opening of the annual [Hamvention](#) and is popular enough to suggest early registration to be able to receive the day's printed handouts. Materials from previous years are available on the [Contest University](#) website.



# Radio Waves

News you can use for license instruction and radio science education

Greetings Teachers and Instructors,

As part of our mission of the Education and Learning Department, we not only want to foster new learning but celebrate it. Showcasing how educators and license class instructors are getting their students and school communities involved in ham radio, especially after attending a TI session hosted by ARRL, is a great place to start. We believe that such journeys should be shared. A revival of our Radio Waves newsletter is the perfect opportunity. It will be hosted throughout different ARRL products and will be filled with both learning resources for teachers/instructors and submissions from those who are currently bringing amateur radio into the classrooms just like you. Feel free to explore our [previous publications here](#).

Additionally, to our license class instructors, you have a wealth of knowledge and experience about what works best for presenting course material. We want to hear your success stories and those times when students make connections. We would love to have articles and pictures of activities you use to help your students make those connections.

I am reaching out to you because we would like to hear about you and your students' current experiences with ham radio. We are looking for teachers and mentors to write brief op-ed pieces (roughly 300-700 words) for our next Radio Waves newsletter. Whether you have just bought your first antenna equipment with a grant, built a new connection with a local ham club or made a first contact in partnership with ARISS, documenting your efforts to bring radio to new generations is worth celebrating.

If you wish to share your story, please respond separately and send your writing submission to [radiowaves@arrl.org](mailto:radiowaves@arrl.org). We encourage sending in photos related to your piece. Please send back a signed copy of the "[Photo/Video Model Release](#)" form for anyone present in a photo. We will review all submissions and work closely with the ARRL Editorial Department to deliver a fresh issue of Radio Waves coming soon!

Both Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, and I will be available should you have any questions regarding new submissions or access to the newsletter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eliza Croarkin, KC1TAP  
ARRL Learning Coordinator

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**From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT January 2, 2024  
To all radio amateurs**

SB QST ARL ARLB001  
ARLB001 W1AW 2024 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 2045 UTC - (10 AM to 3:45 PM EST)

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri	
2100 "	"	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 "	(5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 "	(6 PM EST)	DIGITAL	Daily
0000 "	(7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 "	"	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 "	(8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 "	(9 PM EST)	DIGITAL	Daily
0245 "	(9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 "	(10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 "	"	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 "	(11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

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CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 50.350 147.555  
DIGITAL: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 50.350 147.555  
VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 50.350 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

DIGITAL = BAUDOT (45.45 baud), BPSK31 and MFSK16 in a revolving schedule.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular digital frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

Audio from W1AW's CW code practices, CW/digital bulletins and phone bulletin is available using EchoLink via the W1AW Conference Server named "W1AWBDCT." The monthly W1AW Qualifying Runs are presented here as well. The audio is sent in real-time and runs concurrently with W1AW's regular transmission schedule.

All users who connect to the conference server are muted. Please note that any questions or comments about this server should not be sent via the "Text" window in EchoLink. Please direct any questions or comments to [w1aw@arrl.org](mailto:w1aw@arrl.org).

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Digital at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

All licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 2045 UTC (10 AM to 3:45 PM EST). Be sure to bring a reference copy of your current FCC amateur radio license.

The weekly W1AW and monthly West Coast Qualifying Runs are sent on the normal CW frequencies used for both code practice and bulletin transmissions. West Coast Qualifying Run stations may also use 3590 kHz.

Please note a W1AW Qualifying Run replaces a regularly scheduled code practice transmission on any particular day and time.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 28 in the January 2024 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-operating-schedule>.

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## Club Corner

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

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

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



### **Please! Format as below:**

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

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## How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

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

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

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## **VE Sessions:**

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

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

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a \$35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign.



License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. *VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.*

**AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team** administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2024 are as follows: Januray 20, April 27, June 22, 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 [www.ae8fp.net](http://www.ae8fp.net) <<http://www.ae8fp.net>>

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

### **CARS**

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

### **Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)**

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred. When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM Feb 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: [buzz@baylorhill.com](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

### **Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)**

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

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

Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, 44024. The EOC is located just south of the University Geauga 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.



2024 are sessions

Services Ohio Hospital

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.com](mailto:n8jmw2@gmail.com) 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](mailto: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](mailto:scottfarnham@roadrunner.com)

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

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

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

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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.portcars.org) .

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [KB8UUZ@gmail.com](mailto:KB8UUZ@gmail.com)

### **Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX**

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary. Doors open at 0830 for

registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is \$15. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to [www.w8zx.net/exam](http://www.w8zx.net/exam) or email [VETEAM@N8BAG.NET](mailto:VETEAM@N8BAG.NET).

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 sessions begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit <https://w8wky.org/license-exams/>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/>. 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: <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>

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## **Free Amateur Radio License Upgrade Classes**

Jim Grover, N8PZL

Frank Tompkins, W8EZT

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

### **General Class**

The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club will again offer online classes to pass the FCC General Class Exam. The classes will be held via Zoom on six Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. The first class will start on Jan 14th. The classes are free and available to all interested hams with Tech licenses or studying to complete their Tech license by the end of the classes. Class materials will be distributed via Google Classroom, and the suggested book is "[\*General License Course Study Guide\*](#)" (2023-2027 edition), available from HamRadioSchool.com.

If you have your Tech license, this is a great way to expand the bands and modes you have access to. It will also provide a lot of practical information on Amateur Radio.

We need you to spread the word if you already have your General or higher license. Please contact friends, relatives, etc., who have Tech licenses and invite them to this class.

Please feel free to print out the following page and send it to them, post it at your nearby library or any other spot around town that may have interested viewers.

We will have just completed our fall Tech Class with 20 attendees on Nov 12th. We will have another Tech Class next fall or if we have enough demand before then.



The

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club offers free live online classes to get your Amateur (Ham) Radio General Class License. Classes start on Jan. 14, 2024.

For information, visit-  
[tiny.cc/beahamg](https://tiny.cc/beahamg)



What is Amateur (Ham) Radio?- [tiny.cc/wiar](https://tiny.cc/wiar)

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## The Geauga Amateur Radio Association Offering Classes 2024

Classes are as follows:

Tech: starts- Friday, Jan 5, 2024

Ends- Friday Feb 9, 2024  
Gen: starts- Friday Feb 16, 2024  
Ends- Friday April 12, 2024  
Extra: Starts- Friday April 19, 2024  
Ends- Friday July 5, 2024  
\*\*\*All Classes are Fridays from 6:00PM- 8:00PM

Location for sessions and classes are:  
Geauga County EOC  
12518 Merritt Rd  
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Information can be obtained by emailing or calling:  
Jackie Welch, N8JMW [n8jmw2@gmail.com](mailto:n8jmw2@gmail.com) 440-228-2716

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### **Ham License Classes**

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society will be offering ham radio licensing classes beginning Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 PM. There will be six sessions held each Thursday and a special VE testing session on the seventh week - April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

There will be three separate classes -Technician, General, and Amateur Extra.



Classes will be held at the Seven Hills Community Room, 7325 Summit View Drive, Seven Hills, OH 44131.

Cost of the classes is \$20.00. The General class is free to all CARS members.

Anyone interested in registering for a class should contact Toby Kolman, WT8O, at [wt8o@att.net](mailto:wt8o@att.net) or 440-525-6109.

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### **Massillon ARC Amateur Radio Classes For Technician, General and MORSE CODE**

Begin Wednesday, Feb 8 and run weekly for 8 weeks. 7-9 p.m. At Massillon, OH ARC. Location: R.G. Klein Museum, corner of Erie St & Federal Ave, NE.  
Exams at conclusion (except Code)  
For information and registration call or email at these addresses:  
330-705-8449 or [w8au@arrl.net](mailto:w8au@arrl.net)

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[www.n8esg.org/conf](http://www.n8esg.org/conf)  
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## OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

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BN(E)	151	35	305	31	N2LC
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OSN	78	24	479	21	N2LC
OSSBN	1854	735	2851	93	KC8WH

### OHIO SECTION PSHR REPORTS – DECEMBER 2023

AD8CM	40	40	10	350	0	10	TOTAL	450
WA3EZN	40	40	30	280	0	10	TOTAL	400
N2LC	40	40	30	105	0	30	TOTAL	245
AC8NP	40	40	10	95	0	20	TOTAL	205
KV8Z	40	38	10	90	0	10	TOTAL	188
N8SY	40	20	30	25	0	60	TOTAL	175
KC8WH	40	40	30	60	0	0	TOTAL	170
KE8ANW	40	10	0	120	0	0	TOTAL	170
KD8UUB	40	40	10	65	0	0	TOTAL	155
W8DJG	40	40	20	30	0	20	TOTAL	150
KE4RS	40	40	10	45	0	0	TOTAL	135
K8MDA	40	40	30	0	0	20	TOTAL	130
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	TOTAL	100
WB8SIQ	40	37	10	10	0	0	TOTAL	97
WB8YYS	40	23	20	0	0	10	TOTAL	93
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
KB8HJJ	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
W8MAL	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	TOTAL	80
KD8MSZ	13	28	0	0	0	0	TOTAL	41
NC8V	4	5	0	10	0	0	TOTAL	19



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AC8NP-107	KB8GUN-200	KL7RF-117	W8DJG-81
AC8SB-11	KB8HJJ- 58	KV8Z-38	W8GSR-216
AD8CM-331	KC8WH-60	N2LC-114	W8MAL-651
K3RC-63	KD8GXL-35	N8BV-48	WA3EZN-190
K8KRA-128	KD8GYI-87	N8MRS-112	WB8PMG-35
K8MDA-44	KD8HB-186	N8OD-113	WB8SIQ-37
K8MWF-24	KD8MSZ-28	N8SY- 20	WB8YYS-23
KA8BJA-68	KD8UUB-83	N8TNV-5	WB9LBI-147
	KE4RS-99	NC8V-5	
	TOTALS	35/3564	

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### OHIO HF TRAFFIC NETS

BN(E)	Buckeye Net Early - CW
BN(L)	Buckeye Net Late – CW
OSN	Ohio Slow Net - CW
OSSBN	Ohio Single Sideband Net – Phone

### OHIO VHF TRAFFIC NETS

BRTN	Burning River Traffic Net serving Cleveland and North Central Ohio
COTN	Central Ohio Traffic Net serving Columbus and Central Ohio
TATN	Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net
TCTTN	Tri-County Traffic and Training Net serving North East Ohio

## Your Club news should be listed here!

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

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### ARLD001 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.

LIBYA, 5A. Abubaker, 5A1AL has been active on 80 meters using FT8 around 0500z. QSL to home call.

CROATIA, 9A. Special event station 9A100RKZ is QRV during all of 2024 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Radioklub Zagreb. QSL via 9A1ADE.

TONGA, A3. Darren, VK4MAP is QRV as A31DJ/p from Eua Island, IOTA OC-049, until January 11. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

ARMENIA, EX. Dima, RX3DPK is QRV as EX/RX3DPK for all of 2024. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

FRANCE, F. Michel, F8GGZ is QRV with special event call sign TM700MP until January 12 to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the death of explorer Marco Polo. QSL to home call.

FRENCH GUIANA, FY. Pierre-Jean, F4GPK is QRV as TO2FY from Kourou until January 16. Activity is on the HF bands using only SSB. QSL direct to home call.

WALES, GW. Kev, GW0PUH is QRV as GB9KW until January 28 using vintage equipment. This includes being active in the Kilowatt Weekend event. QSL to home call.

HAITI, HH. Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti are QRV as HH220Y until January 31 to celebrate the 200th anniversary since the declaration of the former colony's independence. QSL via N2OO.

HONDURAS, HR. Alex, K6VHF is QRV as HR9/K6VHF from Sandy Bay, Roatan Island, IOTA NA-057, until January 10. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. This includes being active in the ARRL RTTY Roundup. QSL to home call.

AUSTRIA, OE. Christian, OE5CCN is QRV as OE24BI until June 30 from the city of Bad Ischl, one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2024. See QSL instructions on QRZ.com.

SABA, SINT EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Janusz, SP9FIH plans to be QRV as PJ5/SP9FIH from January 11 to March 3. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters, and possibly 60 meters, using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

BRAZIL, PY. Team ZZ2F will be QRV from Tinhare Island, IOTA SA-080, on January 10 and 11.

Activity will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via PP2LA.

SWEDEN, SM. Special event station SK100FRK is QRV until December 31, 2024 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Falu Radioklubb. QSL to home call.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Members of the Rebel DX Group are QRV as T32TT from Christmas Island, IOTA OC-024, until January 12. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via OQRS.

GABON, TR. Roland, F8EN is QRV as TR8CR until February 28. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

ANTARCTICA. Norbert, VK5MQ is QRV as VK0AI from Casey Station. QSL to home call.

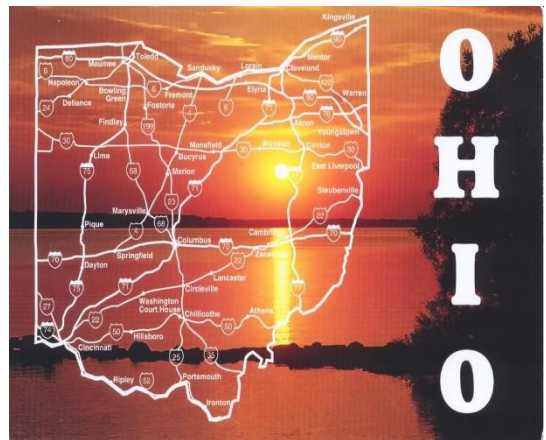
BERMUDA, VP9. Paul, EI6LC will be QRV as VP9KF from January 8 to 22. QSL direct to home call.

INDIA, VU. Members of the West Bengal Radio Club will be QRV as AT24GSM from Sagar Island, IOTA AS-153, from January 9 to 16. QSL via VU2JFA.

Please see January 2024 QST, page 76, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

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## Upcoming *Hamfests*



*Ohio Hamfests*

# 2024

**01/14/2024 - [Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Shade, OH  
**Sponsor:** club members  
[Learn More](#)

**03/10/2024 - [WINTERHAMFEST](#)**

**Location:** Elyria, OH  
**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society  
**Website:** <http://winterhamfest@noars.net>  
[Learn More](#)

**03/17/2024 - [Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair](#)**

**Location:** Perrysburg, OH  
**Sponsor:** Toledo Mobile Radio Association  
**Website:** <http://www.w8hhf.org>  
[Learn More](#)

**04/13/2024 - [Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club](#)**

**Location:** Bidwell, OH  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club  
[Learn More](#)

**04/13/2024 - [Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 68th Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
**Website:** <http://www.w8vpv.org/hamfest>  
[Learn More](#)

**Your HamFest should be listed here!**

**04/28/2024 - [Athens Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Athens, OH  
**Sponsor:** Athens County Amateur Radio Association  
**Website:** <https://www.ac-ara.org/>  
[Learn More](#)

**05/05/2024 - [Lucas County ARES Trunk Sale & Swap Meet](#)**

**Location:** Toledo, OH  
**Sponsor:** Lucas County ARES  
**Website:** <http://lucasaes.org>  
[Learn More](#)

**05/16/2024 - 05/19/2024 - [Four Days In May](#)**

**Location:** Fairborn, OH  
**Sponsor:** QRP Amateur Radio Club International  
**Website:** <http://qrparci.org/fdim>  
[Learn More](#)

**05/17/2024 - 05/19/2024 - [Dayton Hamvention / ARRL National Convention](#)**

**Location:** Green County Fairgrounds  
**Sponsor:** Dayton Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <https://hamvention.org>

**07/21/2024 - [Van Wert Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Van Wert, OH  
**Sponsor:** Van Wert Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://w8fy.org>  
[Learn More](#)

**08/10/2024 - [Cincinnati Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Owensville, OH  
**Sponsor:** Milford ARC  
**Website:** <https://CincinnatiHamfest.org>  
[Learn More](#)

**08/18/2024 - [Warren Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Cortland, OH  
**Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association  
**Website:** <https://www.w8vtd.com/>

**10/27/2024 - [2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS](#)**

**Location:** N. Canton, OH  
**Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <https://www.w8np.net>

<a href="#">Learn More</a>	<a href="#">Learn More</a>

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! As you can see, I've left a couple open slots here for your Ohio Section Hamfest!

## DX This Week – Zones 1 to 5

Bill - AJ8B ([thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com) or [www.aj8b.com](http://www.aj8b.com) )

Happy new Year! Can you believe it? I hope you had a Blessed and restful Christmas and New Year. I also hope you received some Ham Radio goodies in the stocking or under the tree! If you did, let me know!



Joe, W8GEX, received some great QSL cards. Below you will see ZA5G from Albania, T33T from Banaba Island and JV1A from Mongolia. What did you get? Let me know and keep me in the loop!

At the end of last year, I mentioned that I wanted to take some time to cover the 40 CQ Zones that CQ magazine defined in the 1930s. These have been the cornerstone for

the most popular and sought after awards in amateur radio. Each week, we will look at one or more of them.

### **CQ ZONES 1 – 5**

If you google CQ WAZ LIST, we find the following information:

**Zone 1.** Northwestern Zone of North America: **KL** (Alaska), **VY1** Yukon, **VE8** the Northwest Territories west of 102 degrees.

**Zone 2.** Northeastern Zone of North America: **VO2** (Labrador), the portion of **VE2** Quebec north of the 50th parallel, and Nunavut Territories east of 102 degrees.

**Zone 3.** Western Zone of North America: **VE7** (British Columbia), **W6**, and the **W7** states of Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

**Zone 4.** Central Zone of North

America: **VE3** (Ontario), **VE4** (Manitoba), **VE5** (Saskatchewan), **VE6** (Alberta), **VY0** Aki miski Island, and Bear Islands, and Fox Island and East Pen Island in Hudson Bay.

The **W7** states of Montana and Wyoming, **W0**, **W9**, **W8** (except West Virginia), **W5**, and the **W4** states of Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

**Zone 5.** Eastern Zone of North America: **4U1UN**, **CY9** (St. Paul Is.), **CY0** (Sable Is.), **FP** (St. Pierre Miquelon), **VE1** (Nova Scotia) and **VE9** (New Brunswick), **VY2** (Prince Edward Is.), **VO1** (Newfoundland) and the portion of **VE2** Quebec south of the 50th parallel. **VP9** (Bermuda), **W1**, **W2**, **W3** and the **W4** states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and the **W8** state of West Virginia.

These zones are relatively easy for us to work. However, a few entities inside those zones are a bit more challenging. For instance, I have not worked **VY0** in my almost 50 years. I have worked **4U1UN**, **CY0**, and **CY9** when they have been activated, but that is not often.

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Here is an update from Bernie, **W3UR**, of the DailyDX and the WeeklyDX, and the How's DX Column in QST. The DailyDX the best source for real-time DX information.

<http://www.dailydx.com/> . Bernie has this to report:

Alex, **K6VHF**, should be **QRV** now at Sandy Bay, Roatan Island, **Honduras**, which has IOTA designator NA-057. He will be active as **K6VHF/HR9** until January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Paul, **NOØT**, and Bill, **WTØDX**, will be with him. Alex will have an ICOM IC-7300 and a Sun SDR DX running 100W into a Delta loop, J-pole, and hex beam. Activity will be on 80-6M CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. He also plans to be active in the ARRL RTTY Roundup.

QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. QSL via OQRS and direct to **K6VHF**.

Darren, VK4MAP, should be QRV at Eua Island, **Tonga**, where he will stay until January 11<sup>th</sup>. Eua Island counts as OC-049 for IOTA. Darren has a Yaesu FT-950 and ICOM IC7300 running 100W into a four-element Moxon and SWC100 Bushcomm. Activity will be on SSB only on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12, and 10M. QSL direct only to VK4MAP with \$4 and an SAE.

Bob, W7YAQ and Al, K7AR, will be at the Nukuma'anu Cottages in Nuku-Alofa, **Tonga**, February 13<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> ; callsign pending. They will use Elecraft radios to a DX Commander Expedition and Butternut HF9V. On 160M, they will have an inverted L, plus a pennant loop for receive. They plan to operate multi-single in the ARRL International CW Contest. QSOs will be uploaded daily to Club Log. QSL through OQRS, LoTW, or via K7AR.

Here is an update on **Wallis and Futuna**, FW8GC and TX8GC. Stan, LZ1GC, says, "The tickets are purchased, the licenses are received, and the accommodations are reserved" for his DXpedition to Wallis Island which has the IOTA designator OC-054, from February 19<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>. He and Ted, LZ5QZ, will use the callsigns FW8GC and TX8GC on 160-10M CW, SSB, RTTY, FT4, and FT8.

From March 10<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, they will operate from **New Caledonia** which has the IOTA designator OC-032. They will be operating as FK/FW8GC and FK/TX8GC, on the same bands and modes.

Their website is "under reconstruction." Stan is very grateful to FW1JG, Jean Gabriel, "for his great support in organizing of this expedition."

TR8CR on the air from **Gabon** through February. F8EN, Roland, is back in Gabon. He arrived on December 28<sup>th</sup> and will be QRV as TR8CR until the end of February. Activity will be on 30-10M CW. QSL via F6AJA, either direct or via the REF QSL bureau.

Here is an update on ham activity from **Ethiopia**. Bob, W9XY, and Ken, K4ZW, are scheduled to be at the Institute of Technology at the Addis Ababa University next week. Ken's participation is pending family matters. While there, Bob and Ken will be working with the students and activating ET3AA, from January 12<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. An emphasis will be made on the high bands as they are "still working on low band noise problems and have a few things to try", says Ken. QSL via N2OO.

If you need **Guernsey** on 160 meters CW, Bob, GU4YOX, will be active during the CQ WW 160 CW Contest over the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. He'll be making a contest expedition style entry from the northwest coast of Guernsey.

Here is an update on the FO/C - **Clipperton Island** DXpedition. Earlier this week the TX5S Clipperton Island DXpedition team issued a press release. In their "Fundraising"



section, it was mentioned that "TX5S donations are only at ~53% of the goal. While adding a donation to your OQRS request is always appreciated, the cash flow challenge is real, the bills must be paid before we sail."

Donations can be made on the TX5S website at <https://clip.pdxg.net>  
James, KB2FMH / Pilot and media officer

Press Release #9

Jan. 1, 2024

TX5S Clipperton Island DXpedition

January 18<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

This will be the last Press Release before we depart from San Diego on January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will release periodic updates from the island.

The DXpedition equipment is packed and ready for the voyage to Clipperton Island, the team will begin assembling in San Diego on January 8th. Weather permitting, we expect a 6 day voyage each way, camp setup will take approximately 1.5 - 2 days.

We expect to have a Garmin inReach transmitting the Shogun's position at regular intervals. You may follow the ship at: <https://share.garmin.com/TX5S>. It is also reachable from the website: TX5S.net

There will be two Starlink terminals on the island. Logs will be uploaded at least once a day to both Club Log and to M0URX.com ClubLog Live Stream will be available at: <https://clublog.org/livestream/TX5S>

Shortly after we leave the island, confirmation requests (OQRS) will be processed only at M0URX.com.

Early donors that work us will receive their LoTW while we are on the island.

Not in Log and busted calls will be investigated by submitting the form at M0URX.com. Please, no emails about Not in Log or busted calls. You must use the reporting form on the OQRS system.

The pilot team will use Groups.io to collect input from the DX community. A Groups.io account is required to post to the group. You may e-mail the pilots with your reports, although Groups.io is the preferred method.

Since the last press release the following organizations have joined the project as sponsors:

- League of Brazilian Amateur Radio Broadcasters (Brazil)
- Motherlode DX Club (significant donation)
- The Carolina DX Association

We wish to thank the organizations and individuals who have already pledged their support to TX5S and ask those of you who have not yet processed a donation to consider supporting the project before we sail on January 11, 2024.

Unless otherwise noted, we will use WSJT-X in Fox/Hound mode. You must transmit above 1,000hz.

Equipment support from our suppliers was welcomed. DX Engineering, Elecraft, RadioSport, ON5UR QSL Print Service, The DX Store, M0URX.com, The Daily DX , LBS, RigExpert, Spiderbeam and SQ1K Bart's Shop (for providing the team clothing).

Additionally, John N7CQQ provided the 240V amplifier power grid, and other items, from previous Clipperton DXpeditions.

Good luck in the pileups.

73,

Clipperton 2024 Team

Social Media: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tx5s2024>

Website: TX5S.net

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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/>) for more contests or more details.

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

Thanks!

**YASME FOUNDATION GRANT** - The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce a supporting grant of \$7,500 to the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) United Kingdom 2026 organizing committee. As the committee states, “WRTC is a means to demonstrate international goodwill and friendship in the true ham spirit. It also allows youth operators to demonstrate their skills within this highly competitive event. WRTC UK 2026 will focus not only on providing a fair and enjoyable

event for those who qualify either as a competitor or referee but will also provide engagement to spectators all over the world.”

The board encourages other organizations and individuals to support this global event. Further information about WRTC 2026 can be found at [wrtc2026.org](http://wrtc2026.org).

If you get this in time, you may be able to participate in the European CW 160M Contest. It runs from January 6<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are two contests that may be of interest to you the weekend of January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The Indonesian DX Contest SSB and the North American QSO Party CW. You can get details on both of these at the WA7BNM website.

<b>Contest</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
EUCW 160M Contest	1/6/2024	1/7/2024
YB DX Contest - SSB	1/13/2024	1/13/2024
North American QSO Party, CW	1/13/2024	1/14/2024
North American QSO Party, SSB	1/20/2024	1/21/2024
ARRL VHF Contest`	1/20/2023	1/22/2023
CQ 160M CW	1/26/2024	1/28/2024
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	2/3/2024	2/4/2024
British Columbia QSOP	2/3/2024	2/4/2024
Minnesota QSOP	2/3/2024	
Vermont QSOP	2/3/2024	2/4/2024
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	2/10/2024	2/11/2024
Mississippi QSOP	2/10/2024	2/11/2024
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	2/17/2024	2/18/2024
CQ 160M Contest, SSB	2/23/2024	2/25/2024
North Carolina QSOP	2/25/2024	2/26/2024

**Until next week, this is Bill, AJ8B saying 73 and I Hope to see you in the pileups!**

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# OHIO'S



I hope all who read this column had a great holiday season and are prepared to experience a good 2024. If you are one of those who make New Year's resolutions I hope you included something ham radio related. Perhaps it was to become more active on the air or getting involved with your local club and attending more of its meetings and activities. Maybe you've been toying with the idea of stepping up to another license grade or finally getting around to attending a hamfest or traveling to Xenia to see what all the fuss about Hamvention is about. You might try to introduce that neighbor kid, a grandchild or even a spouse to the benefits of being a licensed ham? There are so many things you can do with an amateur radio license if you will just set your mind to it. Perhaps making a resolution is what it might take. But more about that later.

New Year's Eve provided another successful episode of the **Highland ARA's** New Year's Net. Highland County Historical Society trustee and HARA Vice President John Willis, KE8JEM, started ringing the large bell at the front of the Society's museum as time standard station WWV hit the stroke of midnight. HARA President Ken Lightner, KE8JEL, served as the net control and reported 22 stations participated. Although most stations checking in were from within Highland County it was KD8GFK whose signal made the 70 plus mile trip from Albany, OH to Hillsboro. Her signal distance was closely followed by KD8RER from Kettering also with a 70 plus one.

By the time is read, 2024 is just days old and the **Clinton County ARA** has already had its first meeting of the New Year. Because the normal meeting date for the **Portsmouth RC** fell on New Year's Day, the Club rescheduled the meeting to take place this Monday, January 8. Members will gather at the American Legion Building-across the street from the Courthouse in Portsmouth. A test session will take place prior to the business meeting. On January 11 the **Southwest Ohio DX Association** will meet at Hunter's Pizzeria in Franklin. The meeting starts at 6:30 but most attendees come early to eat. This month's program will be presented by W3UR and addresses the "25 Most Wanted" countries. Check the [www.swodxa.org](http://www.swodxa.org) website for info and a great newsletter. Amateurs in the Ross and Pike County areas are reminded of the **Scioto Valley ARA's** January 18 meeting. It will begin at 7 PM in the EMA Building at the Pike County Airport near Waverly.

Ham radio clubs seem to have discovered what churches have known for decades. That is their members like to eat. Although not an organized club, the **Bainbridge Area Ham Group** will gather for their monthly breakfast on Saturday, January 13 at Ross County's Dutch Restaurant at 8:30 AM. It is located on South SR 41 west of Bainbridge. Later in the morning Highland County area hams will gather for the monthly **Highland ARA Brunch Bunch** at the Hillsboro Burger King around 10 AM. Area hams are invited to either or both events. At 1 pm members of the **OH-KY-IN ARS** will gather for their monthly Brunch



Bunch gathering. That event tries new locations each month and this month the gathering is at the West Shine Family Restaurant, 3245 Westbourne Drive, Cincinnati.

Those making a New Year's resolution to attend a hamfest or take a license exam in 2024 will have an opportunity to quickly fulfill that resolution before the National 'Ditch the New Year's Resolution Day' on January 17. Traditionally the **Sunday Creek ARF** holds the first hamfest of the season and 2024 will not be an exception. Great Lakes Division Director Scott Yonally, N8SY, says the 2024 Ohio hamfest season begins on January 14 when SCARF holds its hamfest at the Shade Community Center, 2380 Old US 33, Shade, OH. In addition to the hamfest, an ARRL VE testing session will be held starting at 10 am with walk-ins welcome. The doors will open to the public at 8 AM with a \$6 admission fee. Email [jeramy\\_duncan30@yahoo.com](mailto:jeramy_duncan30@yahoo.com) for more information. ARRL Ohio Section Manager Tom Sly will be in attendance.

## Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation

### 2024 HamFest---Shade, Ohio!

Annual ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest - Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

8:00 A.M. to 2 PM



Shade Community Center  
2380 Old U.S. 33 Shade, Ohio

7:00 A.M. Setup

VE Tests at 10AM

\$6.00 Admission

1 Free Table with Paid  
Admission-Tables First Come

CLUB MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES

Contact Jeramy Duncan  
Phone: (740) 343-5976

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[www.qrz.com/db/kc8aav](http://www.qrz.com/db/kc8aav)

In addition to the January 14 test at Shade, another opportunity to fulfill that New Year's resolution will happen on January 20 when the **Fayette ARA** conducts a Laurel VE test session at the Washington CH Public Library. Pre-registration is not necessary. All test elements will be given beginning at 10 AM in the library's basement conference room. Please enter through the side door. There is a \$15 fee charged for the ARRL Shade session but no fee is charged for the Laurel one at Washington Court House. However the FCC fee for issuing a new license does apply for any new license issued, but it is not collected at this time.

On January 20, the **Cambridge ARA**'s W8VP takes to the 20 meter airwaves in observance of the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club. This special event station operation anticipates operation on 14.240-plus or minus QRM. More information is available at [www.w8vp.org](http://www.w8vp.org).

For several years I have enjoyed operating as a rover and putting out several Southern Ohio counties during the annual Ohio VHF Simplex Contest. Unfortunately I won't be participating this year but I'll keep my fingers crossed that some fixed or portable stations appear in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Highland, Pike, Ross or Scioto Counties and find their way into multiple logbooks. That stated, the event presents a great opportunity to determine what kind of non-repeater range your UHF/VHF radio station or HT has. Some folks even use the event for fine tuning their antenna systems. The event gets underway on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and runs until 4 PM. The final two hours over-lap the start of the national ARRL January VHF Contest. There are a number of videos on YouTube of operations from past tests. I even found myself in one posted by K8BCR when he was operating mobile in Butler County. There are several rule changes this year so check the [www.ohsimplex.org](http://www.ohsimplex.org) website for the updated rules, suggested frequencies, anticipated operations and some good tips for your own successful and fun operation.

The **OH-KY-IN ARA** Home Barn during the Bend Road in the clubs planning on such an



will operate a Winter Field Day station from the Harvest January 27-28 event. The barn is located at 3961 North Cincinnati suburb of Cheviot. It's certain there will be other operation. Those will be posted once we hear of them.

And I just heard from another one. Kim Paquette, N8YWX, lets us know the **DeForest ARA** is going to operate a WFDA station from Glen Dale Park near Peebles during the event. President Duff Kindt is challenging members to join him in the overnight stay at the park.

New hams and others within the range of the Cincinnati area 146.67 repeater might like to take a listen to it on Sunday night as the 'Newcomers Net' returns to the airwaves after a long absence. Bob Gully, K4PKM, will lead the net as it tries to answer the questions many new hams have. The net will take place on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month at 7 pm.

Speaking of new hams, it appears the honor of receiving this year's first new license in the Ohio's South 40 Region goes to Tyler House of Owensville. He passed his Technician License and is now KE8ZUH. Coming in a close second is Aaron Vessels from Marietta. Aaron now holds a Tech license and is KE8ZUT. Welcome to each!

Earlier it was mentioned the **Clinton County ARA** was the first South 40 Region club to meet this year. Among the 2024 officers Mark Atwell, WX8A, was re-elected to lead the club in the new year. Steve Lamb, W8SBL, will be the Vice President and Paul Jellison, K8IO, will serve as the Technical Vice President.

Talk about the great customer service R & L Electronics gives was proven this week. Your columnist received a phone call from Larry at R & L stating he had received an inquiry from the winner of a large R & L gift certificate awarded at the **Highland ARA** Christmas Party. Apparently the winner's dog got into items under the Christmas tree and shredded the certificate. Larry contacted me to determine if I could remember who won the certificate and how much it was for. Once I gave him the information he stated it matched the person's story and he would reissue a new gift certificate directly to them and ask them to keep it away from their K9 friend. I'm certain businesses like those internet dealers would have just told the party "tough luck" and hung up. But Larry followed up and everyone (except perhaps the dog) comes away happy. Long live our locally owned brick and mortar ham radio store who still believes in personal service as well as giving good information to new hams. Another reason to shop locally.



This week's column started by mentioning New Year resolutions as they relate to amateur radio. But did you know that studies over the past five years indicate only 38.5% of American adults make resolutions? Of those 23% quit within the first week and 64% within the month. Most of those giving up do so by the second Friday of the month. Therefore that day is called 'National Quitters Day'. Only 9% follow through with their resolutions. 59% of those making resolutions are under 34 and those over 55 are less likely to make any resolution. Probably the reason older people don't make resolutions is that their person experiences over the years has indicated they won't keep them anyways! Losing motivation seems to be the biggest reason resolutions are not kept. Most resolutions relate to health or lifestyle changes. My thought on how to achieve a ham radio oriented resolution is to find a trusted mentor and enlist them to keep prodding you along until the goal is achieved.

Until next time, 73. John Levo, W8KIW [jlevo@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jlevo@cinci.rr.com) or [highlandara@gmail.com](mailto:highlandara@gmail.com) or 937-393-4951



# Announcing!

## The Ohio ARES VHF Contest January 20, 2024



### Purpose

ARES is tasked with being able to provide communications “When all else fails.” Local communication is critical and typically takes place on the VHF or UHF amateur band. In order to improve our ability to perform on these bands, Ohio Section ARES is sponsoring the ARES VHF Contest (Yeah, we know, but calling it the Ohio VHF / UHF Contest got a little long-winded). Participants in the contest are encouraged to make as many contacts as possible within the timeframe of the contest, with as many different geographical locations as the bands permit. The contest is open to all amateur operators, ARES members are strongly encouraged to participate. How else are you going to win the ‘bragging rights’ session of your next ARES meeting?

### When did you say it was?

The contest is January 20, 2024. The start time is (for those of us who sleep in) 9 AM through 4 PM Eastern. Why January 20<sup>th</sup>? After receiving several emails last year if we could have the contest the same time as the ARRL’s VHF Contest, I decided to try it this year. Yeah, a civilized timeframe that doesn’t rob sleep, and allows time with the family. Why, you can even watch a few cartoons in the morning!

Please register at <https://ohsimplex.org/submit-operation/>

### Where you gonna be?

You may operate this contest from anywhere. There are certain benefits for venturing out from your warm, comfortable home station. EOC stations can gain extra points. Portable stations can gain even MORE extra points – that is, if your frozen fingers will still be able to operate a keyboard. Portable

stations MUST use portable antennas, nothing permanently attached...kind of like Field Day on ice. We are not going with any mobile operation this time. The image of a bunch of vehicles running around with portable towers, 150 pounds of antenna hardware and an occasional grounding anchor is best left to the ARRL contesters.

### Da Bands – a la’ Mode

Because local emergency communication takes place primarily on the 2 meter, 6 meter and 70

centimeter FM bands only, the contest is limited to those 3 bands. Within each band, we will have these modes: FM Simplex, "Everything else" Simplex; DIGITAL simplex contacts will make up a third mode on each band. Contacts with a station count once per mode- if you can talk the other guy into abandoning "his frequency" and meeting you on SSB or CW, more power to ya! NO REPEATER CONTACTS WILL



COUNT. If you get bored, you certainly are welcome to chat amongst yourselves on repeaters, or simplex, or cell phones, or smoke signals.

## Da Contacts

The goal is to contact as many different stations in as many different counties as possible. You can make as many overall contacts as you like, they will then be multiplied by the number of counties you've reached. Extra points will be available for contacting an EC, AEC, DEC, ADEC, SEC, ASEC, SM or ASM Pretty simple- any more complex and we'll confuse the scorekeepers.

## Da Score

Each FM Simplex contact counts as 5 points. Each non- FM simplex contact counts as 2 points.

Each digital simplex contact counts as 10 points. (Detect a pattern here?) Contact with EC, AEC, DEC, ADEC, SEC, ASEC, SM or ASM adds 25 points. Contact with an EOC or with a portable station adds 25 points.

Operation from an EOC add 200 points to your total contact score.

Operation from a portable location add 100 points to your total contact score.

Total contact score (all bands/modes added together) will be multiplied by the total number of counties you contacted.

To name a few. For more information on the scoring, please visit our website below.

## Da Logs

Please use any of the appropriate computer logging programs, paper dupe sheets, a well worn slide rule or rusty abacus. Just keep all that to yourself, we can't find anyone with the time to go through all the detail contacts.

For more information and log submission, please visit <https://ohsimplex.org>

If you need an antenna, here is a J-Pole that you can make: <https://w8wky.org/simple-j-pole-antenna/>

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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: Would you have an interest in learning morse code this year so you could get on the air with CW?

- A) YES (or I’m already active on CW)
- B) No



From last week’s question – **HAVE YOU MADE ANY HAM RADIO NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS??**

- A) 45.5% YES
- B) 54.55% NO

I commented on “Resolutions” earlier in this newsletter. But, What I haven’t commented on as of yet is the December 2023 Handbook Giveaway winner - And the winner is:  
**Michael Schulsinger N8QHV - Congratulations Mike!**

For your best chance of being a winner, please enter once per week!

**(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! It’s been reworked in the last week, so it should work for you...)

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### Ohio Section Cabinet

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Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here’s a link that will take you there... <http://arrl-ohio.org/sm/s-s.html>

Do you have equipment that you just don’t need or want anymore? Here’s a great venue to

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

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

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. 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@arrlohio.org](mailto:swap@arrlohio.org)

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

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

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



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

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

Here's the link to the page.... [http://arrl-ohio.org/club\\_news/index.html](http://arrl-ohio.org/club_news/index.html)

Please, if you don't see your club newsletter posted, it's because I'm not receiving it. Just have your newsletter editor contact me and I'll get your club's newsletter listed on the site!!



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

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### ***Chit – Chat, and All That!***

Do you know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "[Opt-In](#)" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send an email to: [webmaster@arri-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arri-ohio.org) and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



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



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