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## ***Past ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, SK***

*(from the arrl bulletins)*

Past ARRL [Great Lakes Division](#) Director Jim Weaver, K8JE (ex-WA8COA), of Mason, Ohio, died on January 14. An ARRL Life Member, he was 82. Weaver served as ARRL Great Lakes Division Director for 11 years, from 2003 until 2014, and he was a regular presence at Hamvention® and ARRL EXPO and moderated the ARRL Forum.



During his time on The ARRL Board of Directors, Weaver served on the Administration and Finance, Programs and Services, and CEO Candidate Screening committees. Early in his years on the Board, Weaver was one of the initial members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Grassroots Lobbying.



Within the Ohio Section, Weaver served as an Official Observer from 1997, and as a Public Information Officer from 1996. For about 10 years in the 1970s and 1980s, he wrote a column on Amateur Radio and the public for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, “Ham Call.” Until recently, he had served as an Official Emergency Station and an Official Relay station.

Weaver was active in disaster communication and worked closely with the Red Cross in Cincinnati. A long-time member of the Queen City Emergency Net, he was Communications Manager for the club in 1968, and later served as its President in 1976. He was also active in many other clubs in the Cincinnati area, including the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association. Weaver was an ARRL VEC Volunteer Examiner and a member of the ARRL A-1 Operators Club.

He held a MA in keyboard studies (organ) from College Conservatory of Music, served as a parish music director, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus.

At the Great Lakes Division Convention last October, Weaver was presented with the George S. Wilson III, W4OYI, Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition his selfless attitude, diversity of ham radio interests, and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio.

Weaver announced his retirement from the ARRL Board on July 7, 2014. He was succeeded by Dale Williams, WA8EFK. The Great Lakes Division is made up of Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky.



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***Board Re-Elects Rick Roderick, K5UR, as President; Barry Shelley, N1VXY, is CEO-Elect***  
*(from arrl bulletins)*

Incumbent ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, has been re-elected by the League's Board of Directors for a second term. The Board convened for its Annual Meeting on January 19-and 20. President Roderick, the League's 16th President, received 9 votes, while the only other nominee, New England Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, received 6 votes.



Current ARRL Chief Financial Officer Barry Shelley, N1VXY, was elected as Chief Executive Officer, to replace Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, who announced his retirement on January 18 after 2 years at ARRL Headquarters. Gallagher will step down on March 2. Shelley will serve until the Board selects a new CEO and is expected to serve in an advisory role to assist with the transition beyond that. The Board will create a CEO Search Committee. Shelley was unopposed as ARRL Board Secretary.

ARRL First Vice President Greg Widin, K0GW, was declared re-elected without opposition. Incumbent ARRL Second Vice President Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, did not stand for re-election, and Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, was elected to succeed Milesosky. Vallio received 8 votes to 7 votes for the only other candidate for Second Vice President, Northwestern Division Director Jim Pace. Vallio's election means that incumbent Vice Director Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, will succeed him as Pacific Division Director, creating a vacancy for Vice Director in that Division, which will be filled by appointment.

In other election news, incumbent Vice President for International Affairs Jay Bellows, KOQB, was unopposed for re-election.

Incumbent ARRL Treasurer Rick Niswander, K7GM, was re-elected without opposition.

The Board elected current ARRL Comptroller Diane Middleton, KC1BQF, as Chief Financial Officer, to replace Shelley.

The Board also chose members for its Executive Committee. Elected to the EC on the first ballot were new Dakota Division Director Matt Holden, K0BBC; Director Frenaye; Roanoke Division Director Jim Bohner, N2ZZ, and **Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK**. Delta Division Director David Norris, K5UZ, was elected on the fourth ballot to fill the remaining slot.

The Board elected Directors Milesosky, Norris, and Frenaye to new 3-year terms on the ARRL Foundation Board.

Details on other business the Board conducted during the Annual Meeting will be forthcoming.



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## *1978 Ohio Statewide Blizzard – Looking back 40 years ago this week*

Now, I realize that there are some of you out there that have no idea of what this is all about because you hadn't been born yet, but let me tell you this, as one that lived through this really unique experience, it's sorta' the same as asking you "where were YOU on 9/11." It's just something that you never forget.



In January and February 1978, a series of three storms hit the United States Midwest or the Northeast. These storms were some of the most severe winter events to occur in recent history, and collectively are known as the Blizzard of 1978.

The first storm avoided Ohio, targeting the Northeast. From January 19 to 21, twenty-one inches of snow fell in parts of the region. This was a forty-eight-hour record for snowfall.

The second storm found Ohio in its path. From January 25 to 27, between one and three feet of snow fell in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Winds averaged between fifty and seventy miles per hour, creating snowdrifts as deep as twenty-five feet. With temperatures already hovering near zero, the wind chill was deadly, reaching sixty degrees Fahrenheit below zero. Thousands of people were stranded in their cars and in their homes. For the first time in its history, the entire Ohio Turnpike closed due to the blizzard's severity. One semi-truck driver was buried inside of his truck by a snowdrift. Rescuers did not discover him for almost one week.

Thousands of homes and businesses lost electricity. As the storm moved eastward, warmer temperatures converted the snow to ice, paralyzing the Northeast. Over seventy people died in this storm; fifty-one of the victims were in Ohio.

Approximately three weeks after this storm, a television special titled "Blizzard" aired, describing the storm in Ohio. The program stated: A storm of unprecedented magnitude . . . that is what the National Weather Service terms the blizzard, which whipped Ohio last month. What occurred on January 26th, 1978 in Ohio was not a blizzard. What did occur was even rarer and even more dangerous: a severe blizzard . . . the worst of winter storms.



The National Weather Service defines a "severe blizzard" as a storm with winds of 45 miles per hour or greater; a great density of falling or blowing snow; and temperatures of 10 degrees or less.

In fact, winds gusted to more than 100 miles per hour over much of the state, with sustained winds in the 45-60 mph range. Record snowfalls were recorded in many areas and all-time low barometric pressure records were shattered as the intense storm whipped the state . . . The Blizzard of 1978 was, in fact, the worst storm to ever occur in Ohio.

The final storm targeted the Northeastern coastline of the United States and occurred during the second week of February. One to three feet of snow fell in this blizzard. Fifty-four people died, and the storm destroyed approximately two thousand homes. The blizzard caused more than one billion dollars in damage.

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## *NASA on the Air - Celebrating NASA milestones through Amateur Radio*

2018 is a big year for NASA anniversaries and we'd like for you to help us celebrate. NASA was created in 1958, the first manned lunar mission was in 1968, and the first elements of the International Space Station (ISS) were launched in 1998. The club stations at the various NASA centers and facilities plan to be on the air with special events to celebrate these milestones and some may be offering commemorative QSL cards. There will be a special certificate indicating how many centers you worked on various bands and modes that may be downloaded. QSL instructions are available on the QRZ.COM site for each individual club station. We have a web-based system for you to check your points total and download a certificate at the end of the event in December 2018. Visit the Scores section for a link to that system. Points will be awarded for each center worked on each band and mode (phone, CW, digital).

***The event will run from December 2017 through December 2018. Note that any contact with a NASA club station during the full-time frame will count toward your points total. The following events will have more NASA club participation:***

- Apollo 17 45th anniversary – 11-19 December 2017, beginning of event
- NASA founded 60th anniversary (act signed by President Eisenhower) – 29 July 1958
- ISS First Element Launch 20th anniversary – 20 November 1998
- ISS Node 1 Launch 20th anniversary – 4 December 1998
- 50th anniversary of Apollo 8 – launch 21 December 1968, splashdown 27 December, end of event

Note that there may be other special event operations by the various centers commemorating specific events but those listed above will include participation from all the centers. All operating modes are fair game including satellites, repeaters, EME, ISS APRS, etc. We hope to be on the air for casual contacts and contests as well.

Go to: <https://nasaontheair.wordpress.com/> for all of the details

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## **HAMVENTION NEWS**

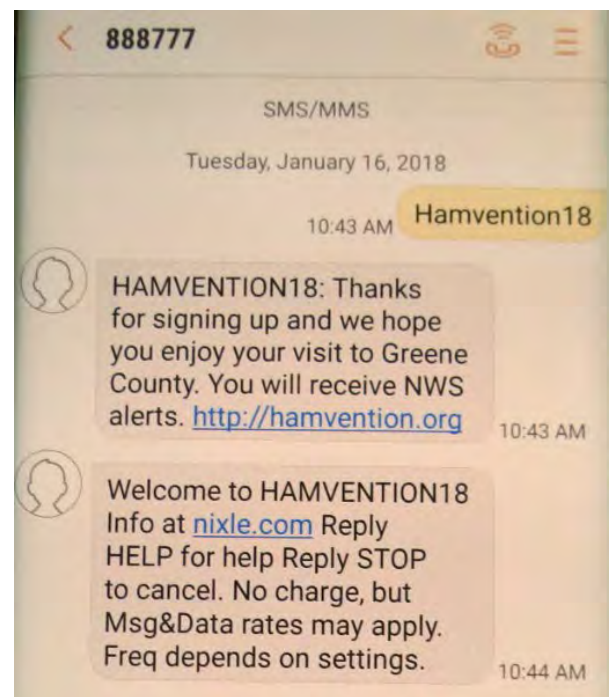
*(from the Monday Morning Memo)*

It was announced that the Hamvention theme this year will be "Amateur Radio...Serving the Community".

As a new service from the Greene County Sheriff's Office, they have established a text site for traffic, weather and other informational news during the Hamvention. You can sign-up for this service by texting to: **888777** and then typing Hamvention18

NOTE: (there's no space between Hamvention and 18).

Once you are signed up, a confirmation text message will be sent you. Charges could be incurred, depending on your cell phone contract.

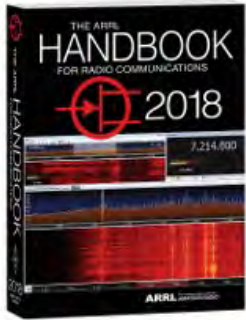


On-line and mail orders for Hamvention tickets are now being accepted. Tickets are \$22 in advance and are good for all three days of the show. Tickets will also be available at R & L, Universal and other retail establishments in the coming weeks. They anticipate both inside and outside vendor spaces will become available in the near future.

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## *The Handbook Give Away*



Hey Gang,

Have you registered for the “Handbook Giveaway” drawing for this month yet? If you haven’t, go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html> and get registered. Time is running short and you never know, you just may be the next winner!

What’s the catch? I want to get everyone checking in to the Ohio Section website as often as possible, and in order to register each month, you have to visit the website often! There’s nothing else to it. I pay all expenses, and from time to time, I Give Away more than just a Handbook. And, you’ll never know just what months will be those special times that I will have more than just a Handbook to Give Away!!

Many of you ask me just how do I know when the drawing is on? Well, that’s easy all you need to do is check in on the Ohio Section Website on a regular basis and watch for the big **RED** Arrow that will appear on the left side of the page. This is the sign that the drawing is on and you need to get registered. So, keep a sharp eye out on the website and check in often!  
<http://arrl-ohio.org>



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## *One Question Questionnaire*

Hey Gang...



There’s another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! <http://arrlohio.org> I noticed that that only about 6% of you are Young Ladies (YL’s) out there. It’s all in fun and we are learning some things that we didn’t know from these questions. I hope that you are enjoying answering these “ONE QUESTION” questionnaires.

Now, here’s the next question for you..

**“Do you prefer to send paper QSLs to your DX contacts, or use LoTW??”**

The survey will only take 2 seconds for you to answer it, and you can see how your answer stacks up with others instantly. If you haven’t done it yet, please do. I really want to hear from you. Hey... If you’ve got a question that you’d like to see on our questionnaire, please send it to me!

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## ***FEMA Emergency Management Institute Class Being Offered***

*(from district 3 ares)*

When: **Thursday, February 8, 2018**. That offering is G-489, Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters. Offered through the courtesy of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Clark County Emergency Management Agency. This course is a particularly good match for ARES leadership personnel, as well as those in Emergency Management, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.

This 8 AM to 4 PM class will be held at the Heritage Center of Clark County, 117 South Fountain Avenue in downtown Springfield, Ohio. **All students must enroll prior to February 1, 2018** at the Ohio Department of Public Safety Training Campus website, which is <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html>

If you haven't already done so, every FEMA student must now obtain a Student Identification Number at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

There is one recommended prerequisite. IS-288, The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management, is available at <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>

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## ***OHIO DMR NET REPORT***

### **January 17 DMR Net**

District 1 – 1	District 5 – 9	District 9 – 9	QNI: 93
District 2 – 4	<b>District 6 – 16</b>	District 10 – 3	Time: 55 minutes
District 3 – 9	District 7 – 13		
District 4 – 10	District 8 – 7	Outside of Ohio – 12	NCS: K8MDA

It seems that **District 6** - won the Gold Star for the night with 16 check-ins. Congrats District 6! There was one question for the net given after all the check-ins were established.

Interested in being a net control for this net? Contact Duane, K8MDA at: [k8mda@arrl.net](mailto:k8mda@arrl.net) It's really easy to do and if you check-in on a regular basis, you're already there!

The reason for conducting this net every week is to make sure that all of our connections to the now ever-growing list of repeaters throughout the state are working as we want them to be.



Sometimes things don't always work as we expect them to, and testing this system, and ourselves each week gives us the ability to better understand what can happen during any emergency situation, and a better understand of how to work around any discrepancies that may occur before the emergency happens. Come join in on the fun every Wednesday evening at 8:30pm local on the DMR - 3139 talk group!

You can also find a ton of information about DMR and the most popular DMR Nets on the website: <http://arrl-ohio.org/digital/digital.html>

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## Fun Things To Do, Classes & Hamfests Too

(from various newsletters and sources)



### >> Classes starting near you <<

#### Butler County Amateur Radio Association

Beginning **January 31, 2018**, the DIAL RADIO CLUB - Middletown, Ohio, will offer a six-week class to prepare a candidate for examination in **Technician Class Amateur Radio operator license**. Meeting in Verity Lodge, on the Middletown Campus of Miami University, this class will meet **Wednesday evenings, 6-9 pm**.



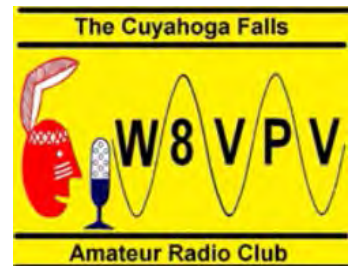
Class will conclude March 7 and be followed by an examination session on Wednesday, March 21.

Although there is no charge for the instructional portion of this class, students should be prepared to purchase a license training manual and supplies (approximately \$30) for use in class.

Class enrollment will be limited to twenty students. For registration and/or additional information, please call Beverley Taylor (n8gge@arrl.net) or Carl Morgan (k8cm@arrl.net or 513-422-9384).

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**Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club.** We are offering a five-week **General Class Licensing class** starting in **mid-February**. The sixth week will be a VE session.



The class meets between 1:15 PM and 4:45 PM at the Akron-Summit County Public Library Main Branch at 60 South High Street, Akron OH 44326.

For more information about the class, contact Jim Grover, N8PZL - [grizgrover@gmail.com](mailto:grizgrover@gmail.com)

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**The Union County Amateur Radio Club** is putting on an Amateur Radio **Technician License Class** starting **February 7th**. This 6-week long class will be Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. The class will begin February 7th at the Union County Services Building, [940 London Ave. Marysville, Ohio 43040](http://www.unioncountyohio.gov/940-London-Ave-Marysville-Ohio-43040)

The class, testing session, and study guide are free. The class will be using the W8PEN Tech Study Guide, which is available as a PDF from the link below.

<http://www.ohiohams.net/sites/ohiohams.net/files/W8PEN%20Tech%20Study%20Guide%20Ver%20202.0.pdf>  
Please email [techclass@ohiohams.net](mailto:techclass@ohiohams.net) to register for the class or request additional information about the class.



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The Westerville Public Library is offering a **Technician Class Licensing** class on 4 consecutive Saturdays from 3-5PM starting on **Feb. 10, 2018**. The exam for it is being offered on Mar. 10 from 3-5PM. The class is free but I don't know about the charge for taking the test. The class is being taught by Dr. Lawrence Feth, K8HTC, faculty advisor for the OSU Amateur Radio Club.

For more information about the class, visit: <http://www.westervillelibrary.org/events>

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The **Greene County Amateur Radio Emergency Service** and the three Greene County amateur radio clubs (**Bellbrook, Fairborn and Xenia**) are jointly offering license classes meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sundays starting Feb. 11.

The entry level Technician Class Course meets in the Training Center at the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club Clubhouse, Room 1 Sugarcreek Elementary School, 51 South East Street in Bellbrook.

The General Class Course and the April 22 test session are held in the Training Room at Beavercreek Township Fire Station 61 located at 2195 Dayton-Xenia Road just west of Orchard Lane. The Extra Class Course meets in the Training Room at Fairborn Fire Station 2 located at 2200 Commerce Center Blvd just south of Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd (just east of I-675).

For more information or to register for the classes, contact Henry Ruminski, at [W8HJR@arrl.net](mailto:W8HJR@arrl.net) or call 937-232-9272.

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**Geauga Amateur Radio Association - Extra Class License Upgrade** classes. 12-week class starting **February 23** at 6:30pm at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services - 12518 Merritt Rd, Chardon, OH 44024.



There is no cost to the class or exam, but students will need to purchase the study manual. We are using the Gordon West/W5YI General Class Study Manual GWEM-16, ISBN 0945053866. This book is available at Universal Radio or Amazon.

Register Here <https://geaugaara.org/extra-class/>

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***AUXCOMM Training in Conjunction with Hamvention***



The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) will be on hand at Hamvention 2018 to conduct its nationally recognized NIMS/ICS compliant Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) course. To date, over 2,000 emergency communicators have taken this course. The purpose of this course is to train highly qualified amateur radio operators so they may assist their local, county and state governments with emergency backup communications if requested. This course will be held at the Beavercreek Township Fire Department, from 15-17 May 2018, as part of Hamvention 2018.

The OEC workshop is designed for auxiliary emergency communicators who volunteer to provide backup emergency radio communications support to public safety and emergency response professionals and their agencies. Typically, this includes amateur radio communicators from groups such as MARS, ARES, RACES, SATERN, etc. Volunteer emergency communications operators/groups have been providing back-up emergency communications to the public safety community for over a century. They are routinely used by event planners and emergency managers at all levels of government. Frequently, the Public Safety community relies on the amateur radio service when they need additional communications support for situations like sporting events, festivals and especially when telecommunications have collapsed or have been severely disrupted during a natural or manmade disaster. This was more than evident during the three hurricanes this past summer. A significant number of States/territories, regions, county and local governments have already incorporated some level of participation by amateur radio operators into their communications interoperability plans.

Here's a link for the full details for this training: <http://arrl-ohio.org/auxcom-18.pdf>

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**Contests – Just for the FUN of it!!**

**February**

- February 12 – 16 School Club Roundup
- February 17 – 18 DX Contest – CW

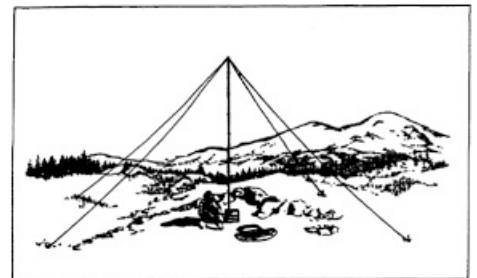
See the [ARRL Contest Calendar](#) for more information. For in-depth reporting on Amateur Radio contesting

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**>> Ohio NVIS Day <<**

Hey everyone, Stan, N8BHL has let me know that the date for NVIS Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th**. Are you ready? Start your planning now!

Like last year, we are planning on having the operation run from 10 – 4 EDT. Take a lunch break, enjoy each other's company. Transmit power should stay at 100 watts for accurate signal comparison. You may operate anywhere, home, club, portable.



We are segmenting the bands during the day to increase the probability of contacts and make it easier for antenna experiments:

10 – 12 noon - 80 meters: Centered around 3.920

12 noon – 2pm 40 meters: Centered around 7.240

2pm – 4pm 160 / 60 meters: Any part of the phone band on 160. Try to stay on Channel 3-5 on 60. Be careful of tuning.

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01/28/2018 | TUSCO ARC Hamfest, Electronics & Computer Show  
Location: Strasburg, OH  
Sponsor: Tusco Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://tuscoarc.org>



02/18/2018 | Mansfield Mid\*Winter Hamfest  
Location: Mansfield, OH  
Sponsor: InterCity Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.w8we.org>

Did you know that you can find all the Ohio Hamfests in one location? You can, go to:  
<http://arrl-ohio.org/hamfests.html>

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***Final.. Final..***



Hey Gang...

Have you noticed that the main page of the Ohio Section website doesn't look quite the same? Yes, I've made a few changes on the main page. I've also made a few minor changes on the ARES main page too. Mostly to make finding all of the information easier for you. I eliminated the drop-down menus, as that many of you told me that you just didn't like them. I listened and changed it up. I feel that the menu on the top of the main page, and the quick links on the ARES main page will now allow you to access the good stuff inside a lot easier and quicker.

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we have surpassed the 625 Tier I membership goal and are fast approaching the 650 member goal that I set a couple of weeks ago. I know that there's a lot of you out there that have taken the classes and just haven't gotten listed for whatever reason. Please, take a couple of seconds and check the listing out. Here's a link <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/special/ICS%20Complete%20by%20County%20and%20Name.pdf>

If we don't have you listed, send me copies of your certificates and copy your E.C. as well. We'll take care of getting you on that list right away. I don't want anyone left behind. Now, if you haven't started your NIMS courses yet, here's a link to the information you need to get started. <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/training.html>

73, for now, I will catch you on down the log for sure, and stay warm my friends!

Scott, N8SY...  
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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 me an email [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) and I'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list. We now have over 6,000 folks receiving these newsletters weekly. Quite impressive, I'd say!

I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, get signed up to receive these weekly Newsletters. You can always "[Opt-Out](#)" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting. It's fun and very informative.

All of your favorite past newsletters are now archived so that you can go back at any time and read them. Just go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/news/>



Got questions, concerns or would just like to sit and chat awhile? Heck, I'll even buy the coffee!! Give me a call at (419) 512-4445 or email me at: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

The pictures on the front page are from various newsletters, Facebook posts and/or were sent to me in recent weeks. Take a good look at them, you just might be in one of the pictures! SMILE... you just might be on "Candid

Camera!"



***It's FUN!!***

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## *Murphy's Law*



- Technology is dominated by those who manage what they do not understand
- If builders built buildings the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would destroy civilization
- The opulence of the front office decor varies inversely with the fundamental solvency of the firm

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