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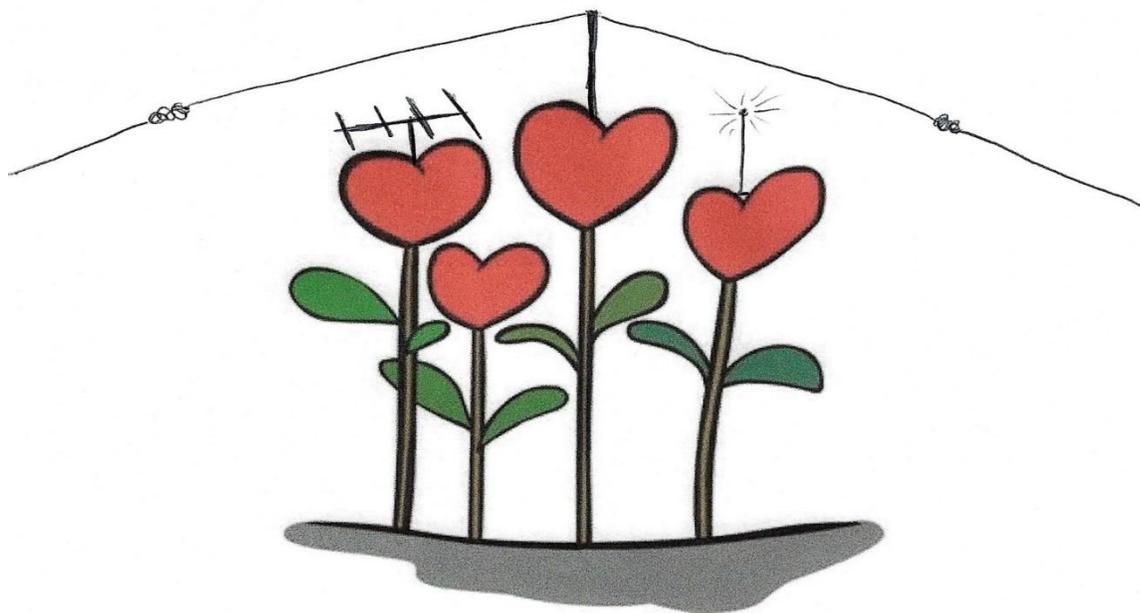
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Valentine's Day is 1 week from today!

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So, Here's the deal. I could have waited until next week to use a spiffy Valentine's Day image, but I wanted this to be like a Public Service Announcement. Take heed, you've got exactly one week to act on this, or forever regret your woeful lack of judgement, setting a precedence for the remainder of this year. One thing I can say for certain: 2022 will either be another crappy year of disappointment, or it will be a breakthrough year of returning to an active Radio Amateur lifestyle. I choose what's behind door #2, and I'm not going to jinx it by making a silly blunder on the home front! Do what you gotta do. And, at the risk of going too far with an analogy here, just like with antennas – bigger is always better! (At least that's what Amateur Radio Bhagwan and Mystic Adviser K8IV always says.) Please, make sure everyone in your family knows how much you appreciate their tolerance of our hobby.

Last week I commented that local radio clubs are the “life blood” of our hobby. I'll add to that, that your membership and *participation* is the life blood of your local club. Every club needs active members. We have an opportunity to experience and utilize some of the most basic, all the way up to the most sophisticated and advanced communications technologies. Direct interaction with other human beings can help you appreciate, understand, and create the hardware and software necessary for some of those communications technologies. Real, interactive communications take place between two people, regardless of the technology used to achieve it. When those two (or more) people have similar interests and goals, their (your) movement towards understanding those interests and moving closer to those goals is enhanced by club membership where there is opportunity to experience and learn faster, thanks to the experiences of others. That's where the whole concept of “Elmering” comes from. And often times the Elmer gains just as much from their relationship with the Novice as the Novice does. Clubs are where all of this takes place. It's important for you to be there and to be involved.

I'd like to comment on one other thing, something that I have a personal experience with. There are a lot of Hams that are way smarter than I am. I look up to them and respect their brilliance and the contributions they make to our hobby. I know that there may be some hams not as smart as I am. There are some with disabilities. Some with emotional issues. Some who are older shut ins. Ham Radio can open a world to them that they would have no other access to. Answer their CQ and spend a few minutes talking with them. Help them understand something they just have a hard time grasping. Include them in your activities where possible. Make them feel like *they* are also a part of this fraternity.

73,
Tom Sly – WB8LCD
ARRL OHIO Section Manager
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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

HAMVENTION 2022 NEWS

Hamvention Covid Statement

Hams and vendors hoping to attend Hamvention 2022 are asking questions about plans to deal with COVID. Hamvention management is monitoring the situation closely. General Chairman Rick Allnut, WS8G, has issued the following statement:

"We strongly anticipate that the Hamvention 2022 is a go. We cannot guarantee what government may decide about unknown changes in the pandemic. It has become obvious that the State of Ohio is very unlikely to call a halt to large gatherings anytime soon. Despite a recent large spike in Omicron COVID cases and hospitalizations, there is no move to restrict large indoor or outdoor events such as sports events."

Allnut added that he anticipates the official state guidance may be to recommend (but not require) wearing a mask and social distancing. Hamvention will support state guidance. We do not anticipate checking immunization status on site.

Some have asked whether COVID testing will be available at Hamvention. At this time there are no plans to have testing on site. Watch [hamvention.org](https://www.hamvention.org) for any updates dealing with the COVID situation.

Hamvention, an official ARRL Sanctioned Event, will be held Friday-Sunday, May 20-22 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. For more information visit www.hamvention.org.

Dayton dinners and events have been announced. Tickets are now on sale for the 28th Annual Dayton [Contest Dinner](#) at the [Hope Hotel](#). The 2022 CQ Contest Hall of Fame inductees will be announced. The dinner is on Saturday, May 21, starting with a social hour at 5:30 PM and dinner to follow. Seating is random, and tables are set in rounds of 10. No tickets will be for sale at the door. [Tickets](#) are now available for the 32nd Dayton Top Band Dinner as well. The event is on May 20 at the Hope Hotel. A social hour is at 6 PM, with dinner to follow at 7 PM. The [Contest Super Suite](#) will take place May 18 - 21 at the Hope Hotel. It includes four nights of Top Band, DX, and contesting hospitality. Contest University ([CTU](#)) will take place at the Hope Hotel on May 19, 7 AM until 5 PM, in association with Dayton Hamvention®. The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) will sponsor the DX Dinner on Friday, May 20, at the Dayton Marriott, 1414 S. Patterson Boulevard in Dayton. [Tickets](#) and details are available. -- *Thanks to Tim Duffy, K3LR*

ARES Resources

- [Download the ARES Manual \[PDF\]](#)
- [ARES Field Resources Manual \[PDF\]](#)
- [ARES Standardized Training Plan Task Book \[Fillable PDF\]](#)
- [ARES Standardized Training Plan Task Book \[Word\]](#)
- [ARES Plan](#)
- [ARES Group Registration](#)
- [Emergency Communications Training](#)

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES. Training may be required or desired to participate fully in ARES. Please inquire at the local level for specific information. Because ARES is an amateur radio program, only licensed radio amateurs are eligible for membership. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement for membership.

How to Get Involved in ARES: Fill out the [ARES Registration form](#) and submit it to your local Emergency Coordinator.

A February webinar will discuss amateur radio and AUXCOM support to the US Department of Defense. On Thursday, February 18, at 0100 (the evening of February 17 in North American time zones), the US Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) will host a Zoom call to discuss amateur radio and AUXCOM support to the US Department of Defense. During this presentation, the NETCOM representative will discuss the authorities for these operations; upcoming DOD exercise opportunities for 2022 where outreach to the amateur radio/AUXCOM community will be a primary training objective; use of the five 60-meter channels, and the concept for the types of amateur/AUXCOM outreach. There will be an opportunity for Q&A throughout the presentation. Use [this Zoom link](#) to attend. This is meeting ID 837 8115 4615, and the pass code is 670665. Dial in by location: (346) 248-7799 (Houston); (669) 900-6833 (San Jose); (253) 215-8782 (Tacoma); (929) 205-6099 (New York); (301) 715-8592 (Washington DC), and (312) 626-6799 (Chicago). One tap mobile: +13462487799,,83781154615#,,,,*670665# US (Houston); +16699006833,,83781154615#,,,,*670665# US (San Jose)



February 10, 2022
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld

February 11–13, 2022
Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park

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Emergency Communications Academy is Coming to Orlando in February!

A panel of nationally recognized subject matter experts and trainers are conducting an emergency communications workshop in Orlando, Florida, on February 10, as part of the 2022 ARRL National Convention. This all-day Training Track will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld and includes a seat at the ARRL National Convention Luncheon, featuring a keynote by ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA.

Presentations will feature current protocols, techniques, and responsibilities for the modern volunteer radio operator serving partner public safety entities. Additional topics covered include the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES), an overview of Amateur Radio response during disasters, the ARRL Emergency Communicator Position Task Books, emergency power, and so much more.

Join Track Leader Rick Palm, K1CE; Lead Instructor Gordon Gibby, KX4Z, and presenters Mike Walters, W8ZY; C. Matthew Curtain, KD8TTE; Helen Straughn, WC4FSU; Leland Gallup, AA3YB; Arc Thames, W4CPD; Christine Duez, K4KJN; Josh Johnston, KE5MHV; Earl McDow, K4ZSW; Jeff Capehart, W4UFL, and others for this important and informative day of learning. Hurry, register now at arrl.org/expo.

Register Today!

DX Engineering is the Official Sponsor of the 2022 ARRL National Convention Program.



Club Corner

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

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

Just send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org Please! Format as below:

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



How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

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

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

Go Fully Electronic in 2022!

By Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VEC Manager

Online Examinations and Remote Testing

Your club's VE team can become part of the fun and excitement of remotely administered Online Examinations.



The remote exam sessions are conducted using an online video conferencing platform and a web-based examination system with on-screen tests. ARRL VE teams have had the option to be completely electronic since June 2020 by using online exams. The

online exams can also be utilized at in-person sessions automating most of the process, for a fully electronic in-person session experience.

VE teams have been using the [Exam.Tools](#) Online Examination system for remote video and in-person sessions. Over 25,000 applicants have been tested through the Online Examinations system in the past two years. The system works well for online or printed examinations and includes registering and tracking candidates throughout the session, on screen exams and grading, online signing of CSCE and 605 forms by the candidate and examiners, logging and compiling session stats and VE participation list (test report summary), and output files for upload to the coordinating VEC. The program manages and handles almost everything needed to conduct a test session. Time and experience with in-person exam sessions is invaluable when transitioning to remote video-supervised online exam sessions.

Interested ARRL VE teams must contact the [VEC department](#) to receive the online exams instructions and remote video session procedures.

Not a VE? Become one today!

Visit <http://www.arrl.org/become-an-arrl-ve>

Electronically File Exam Session Documents for Quicker Service

After the session has concluded, VE teams can upload in-person documents or remote video session files via ARRL VEC's secure web page (program service option since 2018).

New and upgraded licenses are issued within 1 to 2 business days for weekend sessions and are usually issued on the same day for weekday sessions.

Please contact the [VEC department](#) for the information and instructions on electronically filing exam session documents through our upload page. Authorized VEs will be sent the upload page URL which, is hidden from the public.

Resources for ARRL VEs

The [ARRL VEC VE Resources](#) page offers the information you will need to help conduct exam session business. Our support page offers easy access to session forms and information, online examinations, remote video session instructions, VE Manual supplemental information, FCC rules, basic qualification question procedures, and much more. There is also some helpful information for the community, such as preparation resources for candidates, in-person and remote video exam session search, vanity call sign information, and more.

The ARRL VE Newsletter relays important updates relating to FCC rule or policy changes, exam session document or procedural changes, video sessions, and other topics. VEs can sign up for the newsletter at <https://reflector.arrl.org/mailman/listinfo/ve-list>

VE Sessions

All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA) We host testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month to sign up please visit our website <https://atara-w8atr.fun> and contact us at hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun. Our next testing session is March 8, 2022.

CARS

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

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

Highland Amateur Radio Association

Next testing session is February 19th. 9:00 am – 12:00 am at the Highland County EMA 1487 N High St. Hillsboro, OH 45133. You can get more information and register for your exam at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ADAC23A7FEC16-hara7>

VE's are also needed for the exam, please contact John Levo: jlevo@cinci.rr.com

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is once again holding its **2022** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 5, April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1, and December 3.

The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

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.k8qjk.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@k8qjk.org to register.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC) is now doing VE testing on 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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

The first Saturday of every even numbered month -10 am – at the PCARS club site in Ravenna. Please visit the PCARS web site and check out the information about VE testing in the latest newsletter at www.portcars.org .

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at KB8UUZ@gmail.com

US Coast Guard Auxillary March 12, 2022 at 0900 (local) at the Shrine Building, 6401 Fruit St. Huntsville, OH 43238. For more information contact Michael Robinson – KI0DE at 614-734-4369 msrobin1980@gmail.com

ATARA Club Happenings

Winter Field Day was snowy and cold! ATARA set up at Alley Park in Lancaster in the shelter house. Tarps were wrapped creating a tent inside the shelter house with propane heaters.

Temperature inside the shelter house was 65-67 degrees while it was in the single digits outside, even the port-a-john had heat! ATARA had a potluck dinner Saturday evening and even had some visitors show up! We made 225 QSO's with 2 stations operating. In all, 26 people participated in field day. ATARA is really looking forward to Summer Field Day!

Check us out at <https://atara-w8atr.fun>



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

DX This Week – UAC

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



Alaska, Aruba, Azores, Balearic Islands, Belgium, Belize, Canada, Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Cayman Islands, Chile, Cuba, Curacao, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, European Russia, European Turkey, Falkland Islands, Fed. Rep. of Germany, France, Greenland, Guadeloupe, Guernsey, Iceland, Isle of Man, Italy, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Mali, Mauritius, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, San Marino, Sardinia, Shetland Islands, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Svalbard, Switzerland, and US Virgin Islands. This brings the total entity count spotted in the Midwest to 93 already! Hope you are in the chair!

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Speaking of “in the chair”, I hope you have been tuning around. There were a couple of greyline openings to Japan, Australia, and New Zealand on 160M and I was able to work FK (New Caledonia) on the bottom of 80 meters at sunrise. Also, 15 meters has been open to Europe and Western Russia most days and it is slowly getting better. Let me know what you are experiencing and where and I can share it with others!

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My apologies for missing a week. Tom, WB8LCD, was patient as always but I was hit with the virus and was down and out. I even missed the 160M contest! Thanks for your support, Tom. I will make it up to you with more content!

Couple of items to share with you. The first is our 60Meter update from W8GEX. Then we have a dinner announcement from the Southwest Ohio DX association. There is also an update about the upcoming QSO Today Expo. Finally, we have our annual look at a great way to collect “wall paper” for the shack. Every year I run this section and every year someone lets me know that it is pretty cool. Give it a shot!

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60M Update by Joe Pater W8GEX

January 22, 2022

Austral Islands: NEW COUNTRY - A team of seven experienced DXpedition / contest operators will activate Raivavae (Austral Islands) OC-114, French Polynesia as TX5N from April 16 to April 28, 2022. Team members are: Rob N7QT, Walt N6XG, Heye DJ9RR, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Melanie N7BX and Doris K0BEE. They will run Fox & Hound mode.

8Q – Maldives: NEW COUNTRY - 8Q7CQ is planned for March 4-18 by G0VJG, Nobby. QSL through M0OXO OQRS or direct to the G0VJG home QTH.

HC – Ecuador - HC1MD/2 (op aka NE8Z), Rick, Is now active on 60 M

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SWODXA DXDINNER® ANNOUNCEMENT

January 25th, 2022

AJ8B => Bill Salyers

Southwest Ohio DX Association

The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) is pleased to announce that we will again sponsor the DX Dinner, held in conjunction with the 2022 Dayton Hamvention®. This, our 37th annual dinner, will be on Friday, May 20th, 2022, at the **Dayton Marriott, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409.**

We will have another fantastic array of great prizes at the Dinner and the Forum!

There will be a cash bar starting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00. Following the event, there will be a separate room and cash bar available for more fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new hams and to renew old acquaintances as well as to learn about past DXpeditions and those in the planning stages.

The Marriott is very accommodating to a group our size. The dining room is on the ground floor so there are no steps, the dining room is very large, and there is ample **free**, on-site parking.

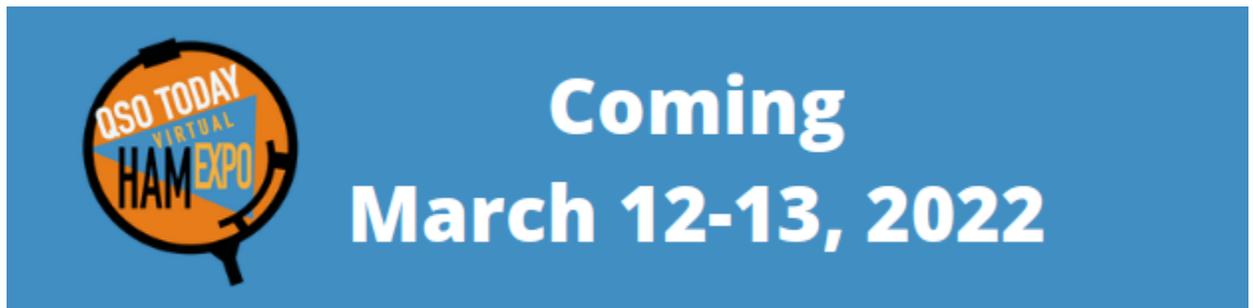
This dinner is always well attended by some of the most avid DXers in the world. Previous dinners had over 400 attendees! As in the past, there will be some major door prizes, and there is always great anticipation as to who will be named the “DXpedition of the Year®” as well as who will be inducted in to the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Additionally, the Island Radio Expedition Foundation (IREF) will present the “IOTA Expeditioner of the Year” award during the dinner.

Tickets can be purchased on the SWODXA Events website at www.swodxaevents.org/purchase-tickets/

Program details and a list of the prizes will be on the website as they become available, and updates will be sent out regularly via Twitter. Follow us on Twitter - @SWODXA

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Several of us will be presenting at the upcoming QSO Today Ham Expo. I can almost guarantee that you will never get a better return on \$10!



Our next **QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo** will be held live from **March 12-13**, and then on-demand for 30 days afterwards. We promise an amazing learning and networking experience to help you improve your amateur radio knowledge and get exposed to new ideas, equipment, and practical techniques. No need to travel - participate from your home or office! Information can be found at <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com>.

Here are 5 reasons why you must attend:

Listen, engage with 60+ internationally recognized ham radio luminaries. Our speakers are experts and deeply know their material. Most importantly, they've worked hard to make sure that you'll understand the material and can apply it immediately to your projects.

So, so many different topics - everybody will find something of high value. There's content for everyone whether a newly licensed ham looking for next steps to using that license or a 30+ year experienced ham looking for new projects. Some of the more interesting presentations include: *Core HF Communication Concepts: Fundamentals of Shortwave Propagation*; *Deep Dive of An FPGA DVB-S2 Implementation*; *Fun With The NanoVNA*; and *Helically Wound Vertical for 160M*.

[Click Here for Presentation List](#)

Watch as many presentations as you want! A big limitation of in-person events is that you can't watch many of the presentations (you can only be in one room at a time). At the Expo, return anytime within 30 days to view any speakers and presentations you missed as well as explore exhibitor offerings.

Check out our live [Kumospace](#) video lounges for attendees to interact with each other and exhibitors. At the Expo we'll debut exciting but proven technology to further improve the live video interaction experience with exhibitors and fellow operators. You'll find this is a great way to meet up with friends, talk to vendors, and network on specific subject areas.

Take advantage of our calendar technology to efficiently organize your time. Once our presentations are scheduled, you can download speaker times in your local time zone directly to your Google or Outlook calendar. You'll then have a complete schedule of sessions to join to maximize your time during the Live period with speakers that are the most important.

ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio®, is a QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo Partner. FlexRadio is the Expo's Platinum Sponsor, Elecraft is our Gold sponsor as of this time.

Early Bird Tickets will go on sale February 1st, 2022, and are just \$10 (through March 6) and then \$13.50 to the end of the on-demand period. Tickets include entry for the Live 2 day period and the 30 day on-demand period. Save on gas, lodging, and transit time to attend the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo on March 12th and 13th. For more information, go to <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com>, or click on the blue button below.

Save the dates: March 12-13, 2022 on your calendar!

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Each year, there are several topics that generate interest or questions. I like to “run” them each year as I am assuming these topics are of a particular interest to you.

The discussion regarding the UAAC, or the “Ultimate Award Application Center” is one of those that generated some questions.

I happen to be on a QRZ.com page of an avid FT8 DXers from Serbia and read about something called UAAC. UAAC is an abbreviation for the Ultimate Award Application Center. DK5UR has built a very easy to use and understand interface that submits the appropriate QSOs to various clubs that offer awards. Each of these awards has a very colorful certificate for reaching various levels. Once a month I load an .adif file of my logbook into the UAAC and it evaluates what awards I have become eligible for. The software then submits an application to the appropriate clubs, and I am notified that I have indeed earned a certain level or a new award. The UAAC is a single interface for at least 8 different clubs that offer awards for activity.

These awards are downloadable as soon as you earn them. All of this is available at no cost. Since my interest in UAAC has started, I have joined the Digital Modes Club (DMC),



European PSK Club (EPC), FT8 Digital Modes Club (FT8DMC), and the 30 Meters Digital Group. (30MDG). After you explore these options and then register for the ones that you are interested in, you will receive a membership number from each group. You can load that number in to the UAAC and then have the UAAC app evaluate your logbook. In my case, within a few hours, I received about 30 certificates from the organizations. The software can be accessed at http://epc-mc.eu/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=1:ultimateaac&lang=en

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Here is an update from Bernie, W3UR, of the DailyDX and the WeeklyDX, the best source for DX information. <http://www.dailydx.com/> . Bernie has this to report:

PY0F - Fernando de Noronha - Look for a QRP activation of PU2MEA/PY0F from FDN starting today through November 26th. Everton will not have a "fixed schedule" because of "other activities" so watch the DX spotting Network or even better tune that big dial. He will be running 5 watts from a Chinese USDR and an EFHW antenna for 10 meters. Listen around 28.430 MHz (+/- 10 KHz).

FO/A - Austral Islands - As a reminder SP5EAQ, Jacek, is heading to Rimatara Island (OC-050) where he will be operating as FO/SP5EAQ from March 2-30. During the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest he will use special call TX5AQ as a single-op, probably single band yet to be determined. QSL via SP7DQR, either direct or via the bureau or LoTW. <http://australs.sp7dqr.pl/index.html>

8Q – Maldives - OK2WM, Karel, and OK2WX, Vlad plan to be QRV from Innahura Island (AS- 013) as 8Q7WM and 8Q7WX respectively from February 12 to March 8. Listen for them on 160, 80 and 40 meters on SSB and CW. QSL via their home calls.

XT - Burkina Faso - DK1MAX, Max Wild, returns to Ouagadougou for a visit April 7-20, as he notes the world is "fighting hard to escape the pandemic." He figures a low-profile operation from XT2 is a good idea. In addition to the XT2MAX callsign, he also holds W9MAX. Further info: His rig will be an IC-7300 barefoot, 100W CW, 30W or so on digital modes and the antennas, dipoles and verticals. He says operations on 160 and 80 depend on space and noise issues, 60-10 is planned with 6M depending on conditions. If stable internet is available, he will try livestreaming. This is "holiday style." QSL via EA5GL bureau or direct and LoTW, hopefully with a daily upload.

FW - Wallis and Futuna - F4CIX, Jean-Gabriel Guillemonat, callsign FW1JG, from Hahake, Wallis Island, says he is active on 20, 15 and 10 SSB and digital modes. He has a multiband dipole and IC-7300 rig. He says presently most of his operating time is on 10M FT8. For a

direct QSL enclose 2 USD to cover the return postage, and he notes mail can take two months to reach Wallis. He is also using LoTW. His previous visit to Wallis was in 2015-2016. This time he is there for two years or more, with radio as his leisure activity. He hopes to add 40 meters to his bands soon and is trying to raise the money to ship a 5-band Spiderbeam out to him.

D6 - Comoros Islands - The originally scheduled for mid-January 2022 DXpedition to D6, by the Provins Radio Club that was postponed "due to the actual pandemic situation" as traveling "to Austral Africa" was not allowed now has a callsign. The call will be D60AE. It's not what they requested, however it is "good news [that] came from [the] telecommunication authority. They are currently scheduled for October of this year.

<https://comores2022.wordpress.com>

Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen - The RSGB reports "radio amateurs licensed by Ofcom may celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen by using the special RSL 'Q'". Stations throughout the UK can apply for a "Notice of Variation" allowing them to add the letter Q before their number in their callsign to be used throughout June 2022. So for example G4WQG in England could sign GQ4WQG and those in other DXCC Entities within the British Isles (GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU and GW) can substitute the second letter in the prefix with a Q. "The Society is also working on other events and activities that it hopes will appeal to a wide range of people. Further details will be released over the coming weeks".

On The WWW –

VK7HH, Hayden, posted an interesting YouTube video about the recent Tonga (A3) Volcano eruption.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEd8Mo8BNhM&t=6s>

KE5EE apparently has a new and interesting use of Hexbeams as can be seen on his QRZ.com website - <https://www.qrz.com/db/ke5ee>

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CONTEST CORNER

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

Check out the WA7BNM Contest Calendar page (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>) and CQ Magazine for more contests or more details.

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!

10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	2/5/2022
British Columbia QSOP	2/5/2022
Minnesota QSOP	2/5/2022
Vermont QSOP	2/5/2022
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	2/12/2022
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	2/19/2022
CQ 160M Contest, SSB	2/25/2022
South Carolina QSOP	2/26/2022
North Carolina QSOP	2/27/2022

ARLD005 DX news

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CYPRUS, 5B. Philipp, DK6SP is QRV as 5B4AQC from Nicosia until July 27. Activity is mostly holiday style on various HF bands using CW. QSL to home call.

SENEGAL, 6W. Willy, ON4AVT plans to be QRV as 6W/ON4AVT from Warang from February 6 to April 2. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes, and on Satellite QO-100. QSL direct to home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Henry, LU4DXU will be QRV as 8Q7AH from Dharavandhoo Island, IOTA AS-013, from February 8 to 15. QSL to home call.

KUWAIT, 9K. Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society are QRV with special event call sign 9K9NLD until February 28 to celebrate both Kuwait National Day and Liberation Day. QSL via operators' instructions.

FRANCE, F. Francois, F8DVD will be QRV as TM19AAW from Macon from February 7 to 22 to celebrate the 19th Antarctic Activity Week. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS, FW. Jean-Gabriel, F4CIX is QRV as FW1JG from Wallis Island, IOTA OC-054. Activity is mainly on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and various digital modes. He expects to be here for two or more years. QSL via LoTW.

ARGENTINA, LU. Horacio, LU5BE is QRV as LU5BE/r from San Jose Santa Maria in the Catamarca Province, Grid Square FG63xe, until February 11. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, and FM on various Satellites. QSL to home call.

BULGARIA, LZ. Special event station LZ150GD is QRV until February 28 to honor the birth of Gotse Delchev, a Bulgarian revolutionary leader. QSL via bureau.

ARUBA, P4. Lee, K3DMG is QRV as P4/K3DMG until the end of March. Activity is holiday style on various HF bands using mainly CW, RTTY and digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

CURACAO, PJ2. Mike, W1USN is QRV as PJ2/W1USN until February 12. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

FERNANDO DE NORONHA, PY0F. Everton, PU2MEA is QRV as PU2MEA/PY0F until November 26. Activity is on 10 meters using SSB and QRP power in his spare time. QSL via LoTW.

SURINAME, PZ. Axel, DL6KVA is QRV as PZ5KV until February 10. Activity is on the HF bands using only CW. QSL to home call.

COTE D'IVOIRE, TU. Petr, OK1BOA, Petr, OK1FCJ and David, OK6D will be QRV as TU5PCT from February 5 to 12. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL direct to OK6DJ.

AUSTRALIA, VK. Special event station VK90ABC is QRV during 2022 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. QSL via LoTW.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Operators DJ7TF and DL7BO are QRV as Z21A and Z22O, respectively, from Harare until February 20. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL both via DJ6TF. Ukrainians QSL via UY5ZZ.

The OK1WC CW Memorial, RSGB 80-Meter Club SSB Championship, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, ARS Spartan CW Sprint, RTTYOPS Weeksprint, NAQCC CW Sprint, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Fray, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW, and Mini-Test 80 CW are all scheduled for February 7 to 9.

Please see February QST, page 75, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.

Upcoming Hamfests

We **DO** have some hamfests scheduled for 2022!! Yes, take a good look at the list.



Ohio Hamfests

2022

<p>03/12/2022 - MOVARC Hamfest Location: Bidwell, OH Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club Learn More</p>	<p>03/13/2022 - Winter Hamfest Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Learn More</p>
<p>03/20/2022 - Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair Canceled</p>	<p>04/09/2022 - Sixty-Sixth Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Website: http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php Learn More</p>
<p>04/24/2022 - Athens Hamfest Location: Athens, OH Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association Website: http://www.ac-ara.org/ Learn More</p>	<p>04/25/2022 - 04/29/2022 RV Radio Network Spring Rally Location: Millersburg, OH Sponsor: RV Radio Network Website: http://rvradionetwork.com Learn More</p>

<p>05/20-22/2022 - Dayton Hamvention Location: Green County Fairgrounds, OH Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association Website: https://hamvention.org Learn More</p>	<p>06/04/2022 - FCARC Summer Hamfest Location: Wauseon, OH Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest Learn More</p>
<p>07/09/2022 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest Location: Mansfield, OH Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club Website: http://www.w8we.org Learn More</p>	<p>07/17/2022 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://W8FY.ORG Learn More</p>
<p>08/13/2022 - Cincinnati Hamfest Location: Owensville, OH Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More</p>	<p>09/17/2022 - Mound Amateur Radio Assoc. Swap Meet Location: Miamisburg, OH Sponsor: MARA Website: http://W8DYY.ORG Learn More</p>
<p>09/25/2022 - Cleveland Hamfest Location: Berea, OH Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland Website: http://www.hac.org Learn More</p>	

OHIO'S



February 6, 2022

As I sit looking out over this snow and ice covered part of Ohio, it's not hard to realize that weather has been a focus for the past week. The good news is a 30 year plus drought ended as the Cincinnati Bengals are going to the Super Bowl, but more importantly the major bad weather effects to everyday life throughout our Southern Ohio region and the whole of Ohio and parts of our neighboring states.

Many of our region's amateur radio clubs and individual hams have been affected by these weather conditions. The **Clinton County ARA** cancelled its in person meeting and President Mark Atwell, KD8DGH, conducted an over the air session. The Club also distributed warming center information. The **Athens County ARA** cancelled its weekly Fusion nets in order to keep their repeaters available for weather updates and traffic, but did not activate an official SkyWarn Net. The **Highland ARA** did not declare or operate an official net, but EC Tom Archibald, K8TDA, spent the time relaying information received from the County Sheriff and EMA Office to the many amateurs monitoring the Club's repeaters. The **Hocking Valley ARA's** ARES team received a request from the County to assist with transporting people to warming centers in the county. They were placed on Stand Down late Friday afternoon. The **Tri-State ARC** and **Southern Ohio ARA** put their storm spotters on notice of a possible need for their services because the Charleston NWS forecast the possible flooding in their areas. It was noted the possible loss of electricity or icing issues may have taken repeaters at Elm Grove and Bainbridge off the air. Several clubs kept their members posted of local and regional weather conditions as supplied by local emergency and law enforcement as well as updates and forecasts from the NWS offices in Wilmington and Charleston. One very positive take away from this weather experience was the number of stations on the air checking on their fellow hams and offering assistance if it was needed.

A full agenda of items are to be discussed at the February 8 **Highland ARA** meeting. It begins at 7 PM at the Highland County EMA Office, 1487 North High Street in Hillsboro. Also on the 8th, Ashland, KY's **River Cities ARA** is scheduled to meet at 7 PM at the Bella Fonte Italian Restaurant in Ashland. There will be a VE session held at 6 PM prior to the meeting. Also normally meeting on that evening are the **Greater Mason County ARA** in Maysville, KY and Adams County's **DeForest ARA**. However due to the continuing COVID issues and recent weather problems it is advisable to check with club officials first before venturing out. Brent Wells, N4BDW, states the Maysville club is yet to make a final decision whether to meet or not.

In February 2011 some members of the **OH-KY-IN ARS** gathered for lunch at the Chili Time Restaurant in suburban Cincinnati. Thus began what got to be known as the Brunch Bunch. Eleven years later on February 12 the group will make its annual return pilgrimage to Chili Time to again celebrate the founding of this long running tradition. The restaurant is located in St. Bernard at 4727 Vine Street.

Although only around half that old, the **Highland ARA's** Brunch Bunch will also gather on February 12 at the Hillsboro McDonald's around 10 AM. Brunch Bunch Coordinator Ken Lightner, KE8JEL, invites any amateur or other person interested in radio communications or electronics to join with them that morning and share a lot of good fellowship.

Starting on February 19 the **West Chester ARC** will operate an event to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the First Voice of America Broadcast. W8O operations will take place between the 19th and 21st from the site of the former Bethany Relay Station near Mason, OH. Other stations participating in the event are W3V from the VOA master control in Washington, DC and W4A from the former transmitter site near Greenville, NC.

The **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will hold their monthly breakfast gathering at the Lancaster Frisch's Restaurant on Saturday morning, February 19 beginning at 9 AM.

Four individuals have currently signed up for the upcoming **Highland ARA** Laurel VE test session on Saturday morning, February 19 at the Highland County EMA Office in Hillsboro according to coordinator Tom Mongold, Jr. KD8LDS. Although walk-ins will be accommodated if time and space allow, pre-registration is requested. Additional information is available from Mongold at 937-272-4207. David Coffey, N8RKC, tells us the **Scioto Valley ARC** will hold a test session at the Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue in Chillicothe at 9 AM on February 26. Pre-registration is necessary and can be done through the www.HamStudy.org website. Middletown's **DIAL RC** will conduct license tests on Wednesday evening, February 23 at the St. John XXIII Elementary School in Middletown. Pre-registration at www.qsl.net/w8blv is necessary.

Normally the **Athens County ARA** would be looking to start a license class around this time of the year. However with the rise in COVID cases in the area it has been decided to postpone a class until a later time. However Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, says the test session planned for March 24 will still happen.

An announcement has been received from Bill Salyers, AJ8B, telling us the **Southwest Ohio DX Association** will sponsor the 37th annual DX Dinner during the Dayton HamVention weekend. It will be on Friday evening, May 22 at the Dayton Marriott. Tickets and additional information are available at the www.swodxaevents.org website. Information is also available via Twitter. Normally upwards of 400 people attend.

Last time I referred to this column being prepared as Winter Field Day was taking place. I'm aware of four clubs within the South 40 region having an on the air presence during the event. The **Athens County ARA** operated from the Red Cross Building in Athens and

made 301 contacts. The **OH-KY-IN** ARS made 208 contacts from K8SCH using the traditional modes on one station and digital on another. The **Clinton County ARA** operated using the various home stations of members. The **Queen City Emergency Net** operated from the Red Cross facility in Hamilton County. They started the day with their monthly meeting and then moved into the WFD operation from four equipped stations.

Go Bengals



Thanks to Roy

Hook, W8REH for the Columbus 4 screen shot.

Well that's it for another column as we wrap it up with a request to keep safe, be healthy and stay radio-active.

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Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.



Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an “official” printed copy of your license*

[Click here to download the instructions](#)

One Question Questionnaire

!!!! I would really like to hear from as many of you as possible on this one. While I know what I think the answer is going to be, the bigger the sample, the more accurate a survey like this is likely to be.

How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It’s in the bottom left corner of the page) I’ll have more to say about this in the next OH Section Journal!



How Many Ham Radio Clubs or Organizations do you belong to (including ARRL)?

- A)1
- B)2
- C)3
- D)4 or more

From the last Poll: ***Did you participate in Winter Field Day?***

Out of approximately 50 responses, about 25% of you participated in Winter Field Day.

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Hey Gang,

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

Do you have equipment that you just don't need or want anymore? Here's a great venue to advertise it, and it's FREE!! Is your club doing a fund raiser to help raise money? After a lot of thought, it was decided that the Swap & Shop webpage could also contain these types of items as well. The same rules will apply as do for the For Sales and Give-A-Ways and will only be posted for a month at a time. Please see the Terms & Conditions on the webpage.

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

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: swap@arrlohio.org

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

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@arrl-ohio.org and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



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



You can always "Opt-Out" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting. It's fun and very informative. All of your favorite past newsletters are now archived too. You can go back at any time and read them.

Just go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/news/>

The pictures on the front page and throughout this newsletter are from various newsletters, Facebook posts and/or were sent directly to me in recent weeks. Take a good look at them, you just might be in one of the pictures! "SMILE... you're in the Ohio Section News!!"



PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world!