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Big Football game this weekend. I’ve really never been much of a fan. I do remember the Browns winning the National Championship in 1964, same year the Beatles first came to the US. I saw both events on the B&W TV set. I think it was a Philco... A number of years ago the QRPARCI always had a contest called the SSB Fireside Sprint (or something close to that). It was always on Superbowl Sunday. I miss that – it was always fun! If you look below this column, you’ll see the notice for the Ohio Section Youth Net. Guess which Sunday it’s on? Yeah, really hard to get this net moving when it always seems to be in competition with some other big event. I’m not asking any of the kids to be NCS because I know lots of them don’t have that much voice in what the family does, so I’ll be picking it up and running it. I really don’t expect too many check-ins, BUT – if you’re not a football fan, check in and say HI HI! Whatever your age!

Hamvention is now on the horizon. I’ll say it again: This is one of the “Premier Ham Radio Events” IN THE WORLD! And it’s right in your backyard. It’s where everyone who is anyone in the hobby will be, and usually able to talk with you. Anything and everything you ever wanted will be there, and most of it “on sale”. The latest and greatest new gear, and that elusive rig or parts from your past that will make your life complete. There are multiple forums running all day every day. You’ll hear from some of the most engaging people in the hobby on just about every “hot topic” you want to know more about. Get your tickets, get your hotel/motel/campground or your local friend’s couch reserved now. You really don’t want to miss it. Would it be too corny if I said it was the “Super Bowl” of Ham Radio events?

In the last few years POTA has really been a driver for activity on the ham bands. Add too that the nice sunspot cycle we've got going on Old Sol, and there are some really good conditions on all of the HF bands. When conditions are good, DXpeditions are all over the place. Lot's of rare locations being activated. The new equipment, at every price point, is outstanding. This truly is another "Golden Age" of Amateur Radio! Don't let it pass you by.

Share the Magic,

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD
Ohio Section Manager
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330-554-4650



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.

*** Sunday February 11, 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!

National News

(from ARRL and other sources)



ARISS News Release No. 23-47
Dave Jordan, AA4KN
ARISS PR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Message to US Educators
Amateur Radio on the International Space Station Contact Opportunity

Call for Proposals
New Proposal Window is January 8, 2024–February 29, 2024

January 8, 2024 --- The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Program is seeking formal and informal education institutions and organizations, individually or working together, to host an Amateur Radio contact with a crew member onboard the ISS. ARISS anticipates that the contacts would be held between **July 1, 2024** and **December 31, 2024**. Crew scheduling and ISS orbits will determine exact contact dates. To maximize these radio contact opportunities, ARISS is looking for organizations that will draw large numbers of participants

and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan.

The deadline to submit a proposal is February 29, 2024. Proposal information and more details such as expectations, proposal guidelines and the proposal form can be found at www.ariss.org. An ARISS Introductory Webinar session will be held January 17, 2024 at 7 PM ET. **The Zoom link to sign up is:** https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrc-qsrD0pGNLBvhR_2p5O9uTeRzO0u4Sw.

The Opportunity

Crew members aboard the International Space Station will participate in scheduled ARISS amateur radio contacts. These radio contacts are approximately 10 minutes in length and allow students to interact with the astronauts through a question-and-answer session.

An ARISS contact is a voice communication opportunity via amateur radio between astronauts and cosmonauts aboard the space station and classrooms and communities. ARISS contacts afford education audiences the opportunity to learn firsthand from astronauts what it is like to live and work in space and to learn about space research conducted on the ISS. Students also will have an opportunity to learn about satellite communication, wireless technology, and radio science. Because of the nature of human spaceflight and the complexity of scheduling activities aboard the ISS, organizations must demonstrate flexibility to accommodate changes in dates and times of the radio contact.

Amateur radio organizations around the world with the support of NASA and space agencies in Russia, Canada, Japan and Europe present educational organizations with this opportunity. The ham radio organizations' volunteer efforts provide the equipment and operational support to enable communication between crew on the ISS and students around the world using amateur radio.

Please direct any questions to education@ariss-usa.org.

About ARISS:

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the International Space Station (ISS). In the United States, sponsors are the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), NASA's Space Communications and Navigation program (SCaN) and the ISS National Lab—Space Station Explorers. The primary goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics topics. ARISS does this by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students. Before and during these radio contacts, students, educators, parents, and communities

take part in hands-on learning activities tied to space, space technologies, and amateur radio. For more information, see <http://www.ariss.org>.

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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 GOOD Time for "Kids" to get licensed!

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 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!

The [SouthWest Ohio DX Association](#) (SWODXA), in conjunction with Icom® America, Inc., has announced a DX Mentor Recognition Program to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have helped others achieve [DXCC](#). An application form is now available for those who wish to nominate their DX mentor. Amateurs who have received mentoring from a nominee must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year of the award; targeting this age group is meant to keep such amateurs engaged in the hobby after they achieve DXCC. The judging committee will comprise SWODXA representatives and a representative from both the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) and the International DX Association (INDEXA). The awards will be presented at the DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with [Dayton Hamvention®](#). More information and the entry form can be found at www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program or by emailing thedxmentor@gmail.com.

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, i in a stylized, bold font. The 'H' has three dots below it, the 'a' has two dots below it, the 'm' has two dots below it, the 'S' has two dots below it, the 'C' has two dots below it, and the 'i' has two dots below it.

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.

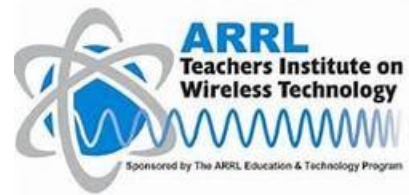
If you would like to present, please submit your abstract by February 10, 2024. Presenters will be notified about their acceptance by March 1, 2024. Questions about abstracts should be emailed to Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, at hamsci@hamsci.org.

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

Amateur Radio Goes to High School in New York City

Staten Island Technical High School is the first New York City school to include amateur radio in its curriculum.

ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, said ARRL is working with the school in several ways. "We are working with them to build and equip an amateur radio station, to test and license students, and to put [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)] kits in the classroom thanks to a grant from [Amateur Radio Digital Communications](#) (ARDC)."



Goodgame visited the school several weeks ago to help administer amateur radio license tests, and with the help of the school's engineering and technology teacher, Everton Henriques, KD2ZZT, there are now 32 juniors and seniors who are newly licensed amateur radio operators. Henriques attended the [ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology](#) last year, and he intends to return to the program in 2024 for additional preparation and training.

The ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology is a donor-funded professional development program designed to help teachers elevate their STEM programs through the use of wireless technology.

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.

Club Corner

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

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

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



Please! Format as below:

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

How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

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

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

VE Sessions:

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a \$35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. *VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.*

AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2024 are as follows: January 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/>>

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

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

Upcoming Exam Dates are

Saturday, March 16th, 2024

Saturday, June 15th, 2024

Saturday, August 10th, 2024

Saturday, October 19th, 2024

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

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

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.

CARS

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

Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred.

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM Feb 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

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

The Findlay Radio Club

Exam Sessions the second Saturday of every month at 9 AM at our clubhouse at 1333 West Sandusky St. in Findlay. Pre-registration (at hamstudy.org) is not necessary but it highly recommended! We can also do the tests on-line if you can't make it to the club.

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

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

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

Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra). Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2024 are Jan 14, March 10, May12, July 14, Sept 15, and Nov 17, 2024. All sessions are at 2:00PM each month



Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. The EOC is located just south of the University Geauga Hospital and just east of the Geauga County Safety Center (Sheriff's Office), off of State Route 44 between State Route 322 and State Route 87 on Merritt Road.

Please arrive a few minutes before 14:00 to allow adequate time to process the necessary paper work and take your test. Bring your 1) photo ID, 2) email address, 3) FCC FRN, 4) a printout of your current license if taking the General or Extra exam.

Additional info may be obtained from Jackie Welch, N8JMW by email 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

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2024** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

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

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station. The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don’t have a FRN, Google “New FRN” and follow the fcc.gov link.

If you are currently licensed, be sure to **bring a copy of your license to the exam.** The cost of the exam itself is \$15.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification with your picture is also necessary, such as a driver's license. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440) 256-0320, or scottfarnham@roadrunner.com

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

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

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.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

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

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

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

WE CAN ALSO GIVE THE TEST AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS THAT ARE NORMALLY ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. LAARA MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. SEE THE K8GQB.COM WEB SITE FOR UPDATES. MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

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

Madison County

The Laurel testing group will offer testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. No fee.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.

Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

Six VE testing sessions in 2024. Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information or to register. ewilkinson1951@gmail.com or 216-337-4235

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

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

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

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

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

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary. Doors open at 0830 for registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is \$15. You are required to have

an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to www.w8zx.net/exam or email VETEAM@N8BAG.NET.

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 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)
Saturday, April 6th - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)
Saturday, June 1st - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)
Saturday, August 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)
Saturday, October 5th - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)
Saturday, December 7th - 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/>

Amateur Radio Classes

Greene County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (GCARES)

For those interested in obtaining an FCC amateur radio license, the Greene County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (GCARES) is offering an Amateur Radio license class starting Sunday, February 18, 2024. The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. each Sunday through April 21st. A test for all classes of licenses will be shortly after these classes conclude.

There is no charge for the class and Morse Code is no longer required to obtain any amateur radio license. The entry-level Technician class is held at the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club (BARC) Clubhouse, Room 1, Sugarcreek Elementary School, 51 South East Street in Bellbrook. No experience is required and there is no minimum age required to earn a Technician class license. To register for the class, you may email Jim Gifford at KD8APT@gmail.com.

A textbook may be purchased from the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) at <https://www.arrl.org/shop/Licensing-and-Education/> or from Amazon.com.

The Geauga Amateur Radio Association Offering Classes 2024

Classes are as follows:

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:

Gauga County EOC

12518 Merritt Rd

Chardon, Ohio 44024

Information can be obtained by emailing or calling:

Jackie Welch, N8JMW n8jmw2@gmail.com 440-228-2716

OH-KY-IN and QCEN announce the next round of classes for amateur radio licenses and upgrades. We will start with Extra Class instruction, which will go for 7 weeks because of the nature of the material to be covered. That class will start on Monday, February 19th, at 7 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave. in Cincinnati. It will run until April 1st. Starting the next week, Monday February 26th, also at 7 p.m. in the Red Cross building, instruction for the General Class, and the Technician Class (the entry-level ham radio license) will be offered. These classes will go for 6 weeks, ending on April 1st as well. A testing session will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at 10 a.m. in the Red Cross building. To sign up for these sessions, or to get more information, please send an email to hamtutor@ohkyin.org.

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society will be offering ham radio licensing classes beginning Thursday, February 29th, 2024 at 6:30 PM. There will be six sessions held each Thursday and a special VE testing session on the seventh week - April 11th, 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 or 440-525-6109.

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

ARES CONFERENCE

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8am-4pm



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**Tri-Point Medical Center | 7590 Auburn Rd Painesville,
OH 44077**

www.n8es.org/conference For
information
and to
register

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

ARLD006 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by W2GD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

GEORGIA, 4L. Alex, K6VHF will be QRV as 4L/K6VHF from Rustavi from February 10 to 18. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Eric, F6ICX is QRV as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island, IOTA AF-090, until March 31. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. This includes being active on Satellite QO-100. QSL to home call.

SAMOA, 5W. Operators YT1AD, YU3AA, UA9OLY, and RC9O will be QRV as 5W8A, 5W0AA, 5W0LY, and 5W0RC, respectively, from February 10 to 19. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL to home calls.

UGANDA, 5X. Alan, G3XAQ and Don, G3XTT will be QRV as 5X1XA from February 12 to 20. Activity will be on the HF bands using only CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL direct to G3SWH.

YEMEN, 7O. Vlad, OK2WX is QRV as 7O2WX from Socotra Island, IOTA AF-028, until February 12. Activity is on 160, 80, and 40 meters. QSL via IZ8CCW.

LESOTHO, 7P. Pista, HA5AO is QRV as 7P8AO until February 19. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 9Y. Special event station 9Y24C will be QRV from February 10 to 13 for the National Carnival Celebration in Trinidad and Tobago 2024. Activity will be on various bands and modes. QSL via LoTW.

TONGA, A3. Bob, W7YAQ and Al, K7AR will be QRV as A31DK and A31DL, respectively,

from Nuku'alofa, IOTA OC-049, from February 15 to 27. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

CHINA, BY. Zhang, BH4FSK plans to be QRV as B5/BH4FSK from Daishan Island, IOTA AS-137, from February 13 to 15. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters, including 6 meters, using QRP power. QSL to home call.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. A large group of operators will be QRV as CB0ZA from Robinson Crusoe Island, IOTA SA-001, from February 10 to 24. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters, including 60 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 in DXpedition mode. QSL via N2OO.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Members of the Saudi Arabia Radio Society will be QRV with special event stations 7Z1WRD, 8Z1WRD, and HZ1WRD from February 11 to 13 to commemorate World Radio Day. QSL via operators' instructions.

GUINEA-BISSAU, J5. Livio, IZ3BUR is QRV as J52EC. Activity is in his spare time mostly on 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD will be QRV as P44W from Santa Cruz from February 12 to 20. Activity will be on all bands, with an emphasis on 30, 17, and 12 meters, using CW as time permits. This includes being a Single Op/All Band entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via N2MM.

PALAU, T8. Nobu, JA0JHQ will be QRV as T88PB from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, from February 12 to 15. QSL direct to home call.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Chuck, KG9N is QRV as V26CV from Antigua, IOTA NA-100, until February 20. Activity is on various bands using CW and SSB. This includes being an entry in the CQ World Wide WPX RTTY contest and the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

NAMIBIA, V5. Frank, DL7ATA is QRV as V5/DL7ATA until March 23. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB in his evening hours. QSL to home call.

BERMUDA, VP9. Darrell, AB2E will be QRV as AB2E/VP9 from February 14 to 19. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly CW with some FT8, and with a focus on 30, 17, and 12 meters. This includes being active as VP9I in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call and VP9I via WW3S.

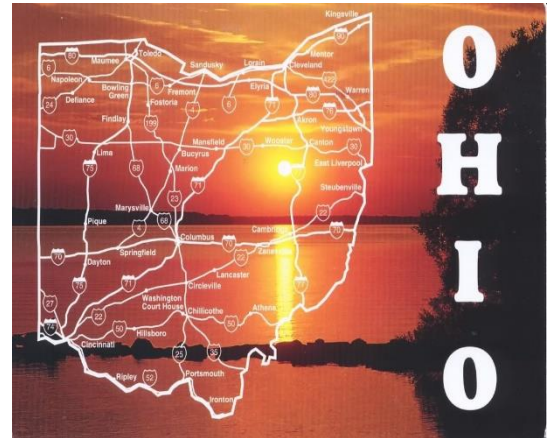
VIET NAM, XV. BJ, WA7WJR will be QRV as XV9WJR from February 12 to 22 from the Can Gio Mangrove Biosphere and the Binh Chau-Phuoc Buu Nature Reserves. Activity will be

holiday style on 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL direct to home call.

The ARRL School Club Roundup runs from February 12 to 16.

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

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2024

<p>03/10/2024 - WINTERHAMFEST Location: Elyria, OH Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Website: http://winterhamfest@noars.net Learn More</p>	<p>03/17/2024 - Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair Location: Perrysburg, OH Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association Website: http://www.w8hhf.org</p>
<p>04/13/2024 - Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 68th Hamfest Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Website: http://www.w8vpv.org/hamfest Learn More</p>	<p>04/13/2024 - Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club Location: Bidwell, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club Learn More</p>
<p>04/27/2024 - Tusco Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Electronics, and Computer Show Location: Dover, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX Website: http://www.w8zx.net/hamfest Learn More</p>	<p>04/28/2024 - Athens Hamfest Location: Athens, OH Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association Website: https://www.ac-ara.org/ Learn More</p>
<p>05/05/2024 - Lucas County ARES Trunk Sale & Swap Meet Location: Toledo, OH Sponsor: Lucas County ARES Website: http://lucasares.org Learn More</p>	<p>05/11/2024 - 05/16/2024 RV Radio Network Location: Millersburg, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Rv Radio Network Learn More</p>
<p>05/16/2024 - 05/19/2024 Four Days In May Location: Fairborn, OH Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: QRP Amateur Radio Club International Website: http://qrparci.org/fdim Learn More</p>	<p>05/17/2024 - 05/19/2024 Dayton Hamvention, ARRL National Convention Location: Xenia, OH Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association Website: https://hamvention.org Learn More</p>
<p>07/06/2024 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest Location: Mansfield, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p>07/21/2024 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club</p>

Website: http://W8WE.ORG Learn More	Website: http://w8fy.org Learn More
08/03/2024 - <u>2024 Columbus Hamfest</u> Location: Grove City, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit Website: http://www.columbushamfest.com Learn More	08/10/2024 - <u>Cincinnati Hamfest</u> Location: Owensville, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More
08/18/2024 - <u>Warren Hamfest</u> Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: https://www.w8vtd.com/ Learn More	10/27/2024 - <u>2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS</u> Location: N. Canton, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club Website: https://www.w8np.net Learn More

Plenty of Ohio Section Hamfests on tap for 2024! If you haven't got yours submitted to ARRL as of yet – go back up a couple pages to the top of the “Clubs” section for complete instructions on how to get your fest ARRL Sanctioned! As you can see, I've left a couple open slots here for your Ohio Section Hamfest! (I've got a couple more that will hit the list next week!)

DX This Week – Zones 18,19, & 20
 Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com / www.aj8b.com)



As I am on my way to the Orlando Hamcation to speak at the DX Forum, I did not want to pass along any stale DX information. However, I did want to make you aware of a program sponsored by Icom and the Southwest Ohio DX Association. There is also an opportunity for you to join a DXpedition! All this after we get an update on the next group of CQ Zones.

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So far this year, we have covered CQ zones 1 through 17. This week we will review Zones 18,19, and 20. Let's discuss the entities located in each of these zones. Zones 18 and 19 are a bit of a challenge as the letter following the number indicates which zone they are in.

Zone 18. Central Siberian Zone: UA8,9 (H,I,O,P,U, V,Y,Z), and UAO (A, B, H, O,R, S,T, U,V, W)

Zone 19. Eastern Siberian Zone: UA0 (C, D, F, I, J, K, L, Q, X, Z)

Zone 20. Balkan Zone: E4 (Palestine), JY (Jordan), LZ (Bulgaria), OD (Lebanon), SV (Greece), SV/A (Mt. Athos), SV5 (Dodecanese), SV9 (Crete), TA (Turkey), YK (Syria), YO (Romania), ZC4 (UK Sov. Base), 4X (Israel) and 5B (Cyprus).

This is an interesting collection of entities to work and confirm. Zones 18 and 19 are a collection of callsign alphabet soup. If I hear a UA8 or a UA0, I just work them. I will sort out the prefix later!

Zone 20 has some rare entities in it! Palestine, E4, is very difficult simply because they are not on the air that much. SV/A, Mt. Athos, is another rare one; not due to the location but due to the operating schedule of the monk that resides there. Monk Apollo was the resident ham for years until he passed away in May of 2019. Monk Iakovos is the ham who currently operates from Mt. Athos

ZC4 is the British Sovereign Bases in Cyprus. In my almost 50 years of operating, I have not heard this station on. I am sure that there were DXpeditions and activations from time to time and I just missed them!

Good Hunting in these Zones

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Most programs award the operator who achieves a certain level. This program looks to reward the ham who is helping other hams up the DX ladder.

SWODXA Announces the DX Mentor Recognition Program

The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) in conjunction with ICOM® America, Inc. is announcing a program to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have played a key role in helping other amateur radio operators achieve DXCC. The purpose of this program is not to bring recognition to those that achieve DXCC but rather to recognize those amateurs that assist others in achieving their first 100 confirmed entities.

There is an application form and a judging committee staffed by SWODXA representatives and a representative from both the NCDXF and INDEXA. Those amateurs receiving the mentoring must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year for the award. The intent of targeting this audience is to attract and retain those amateurs that are most likely to remain engaged in the hobby after achieving DXCC.

SWODXA is uniquely positioned to bestow this award at the annual SWODXA DX Dinner®. The DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention®, is arguably the largest gathering of active DXers in the world. We present the DXpedition of the Year Award®, the DXpeditioner of the Year Award, when applicable, and host the DX Forum there. CQ Magazine announces their CQ DX Hall of Fame inductees at the DX dinner as well. As a technology leader in our hobby, there is no better partner to promote and celebrate this award than ICOM. Ray, N9JA, has been a constant promoter of ham radio, even coining the phrase “For the Love of Ham Radio”. ICOM has selflessly supported amateur radio over the years and is taking this opportunity to promote the mentors of DX. Thanks to ICOM for their support!

More information and the entry form can be found at www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program, by emailing thedxmentor@gmail.com

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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:

YJ0VV Looking for Team Members

This is the DXpedition you have been waiting for. For this two-week DXpedition we are mixing Holiday and Serious DXing. We have limited openings but no matter what your style, you will be welcome. We will be in Vanuatu during several contests including the CQ World-Wide SSB Contest.

We will be in Vanuatu from October 16 - 30, 2024. Timing will allow us to take advantage of the excellent Southern Hemisphere springtime propagation on top of the best sunspot activity in years. Since Vanuatu is #74 for most wanted phone on Clublog there should be plenty of pileups.

This DXpedition is open to all hams and their spouses. We have contracted with Vanuatu Luxury Holiday Homes on Efate Island for the Asana home just outside of the capital of Vanuatu, Port Vila, and have sent a deposit. It sleeps nine in five bedrooms and has four bathrooms. For eight guests it will only cost \$1,500 US per person for two weeks. Each person should have an additional budget of \$1,000 US for food, island transportation, and incidentals. Flight cost is not included which would fluctuate depending on departure city, class of flights, insurance, and baggage.

Shellback Cruises, 843-762-3888, is providing my flights at 33% of Google Flights.

In addition to operating as a DX station we will have the opportunity to operate POTA and IOTA. We have secured a QSL Manager to handle the over 40,000 expected contacts. If interested contact Van, N4VGE / YJ0VV, as soon as possible, only three more hams are needed.

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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!

More information can be found via the WA7BNM website.

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	3/2/2024	3/3/2024
YB DX RTTY Contest	3/9/2024	
Idaho QSOP	3/9/2024	3/10/2024
Oklahoma QSOP	3/9/2024	3/10/2024
Wisconsin QSOP	3/10/2024	3/11/2024
Virginia QSOP	3/16/2024	3/17/2024
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	3/30/2024	3/31/2024
SP DX Contest	4/6/2024	4/7/2024
Louisiana QSOP	4/6/2024	4/7/2024
Missouri QSOP	4/6/2024	4/7/2024
Georgia QSOP	4/13/2024	4/14/2024
New Mexico QSOP	4/13/2024	4/14/2024
Holyland DX Contest	4/19/2024	4/20/2024
Michigan QSOP	4/20/2024	4/21/2024
Ontario QSOP	4/20/2024	4/21/2024
SP DX RTTY	4/27/2024	4/28/2024
10-10 Intl. Spring Contest, Digital	4/27/2024	4/28/2024
Florida QSOP	4/27/2024	4/28/2024

OHIO'S



Well the calendar has turned the page to a new month. So how many of you still are clinging to those New Year's resolutions you made? I know of a couple of you who have vowed to upgrade and are already set to test in the coming weeks and another who has started studying to get his first license. Regardless of what kind of resolution you made, here's wishing you the best that you achieve it.

If you or someone you know has the objective to receive to become a licensed amateur, the **OH-KY-IN ARS** and **Queen City Emergency Net** are joining forces and offering a six week series of instruction to make that possible. The first class will be on Monday, February 26 at the Red Cross Building on Dana Avenue in Cincinnati at 7 PM. The sessions will cover not only the entry level Technician, but also the General. If you are looking at upgrading to the Extra, this group will also start a seven week course on Monday, February 19. It too will be at the Red Cross Building and also be at 7 PM. The final sessions for each will be on April 1 with testing to occur on Saturday, April 6. For more information or to sign up for the course, send an email to hamtutor@ohkyin.org.

The **Tri-State ARA** held a test session on Saturday at the radio museum in Huntington. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing some new folks on the bands. The **Fayette ARA** is following up their recent successful VE session with another Laurel test session at the Washington CH Public Library on March 2. On the Eastern side of the South 40 region, the **Athens County ARA** will conduct an ARRL test session on March 18 at the Red Cross Building in Athens. Then on March 23 the **Highland ARA** will hold a test at the Highland County EMA Office in Hillsboro. All test elements will be given at these test sessions-each to begin at 10 AM. There will be no test fees charged at the Laurel sessions; however a fee is charged at the ARRL one. Also remember the FCC \$35 fee for a new license does apply for any new license issued, but it is not collected at the time of testing and is paid directly to the FCC. Any questions for the FARA session should be directed to Jim Scott, N8ORJ, at 740-463-9234; for the HARA test to Tom Mongold, Jr., KD8LDS at 937-272-4207 and to the ACARA one to Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.



January's annual Winter Field Day operating activity is now in the record books. Based on my observations it appears the South 40 region was well represented on the airwaves for the event with several clubs setting up portable operations as well as individual hams getting on the air from their home stations.

The **Tri-State ARA** is forming a committee of volunteers to do antenna work in the coming months. If you have an interest learning how you might be able to assist, contact Judy Taylor, WD8EOP.

The **Athens County ARA** will hold their annual February member potluck carry-in at the Athens Red Cross Building on February 17. Starting at 5 pm members are asked to bring a dish to share with others.

On February 13 the **Highland ARA** will hold its business meeting at the Highland County EMA Office in Hillsboro. Mike and Jennifer Bailey, N8MRB and N8JEN, will present a program regarding last year's **Portsmouth RC**'s participation in the annual Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air. The **DeForest ARA** will meet at 7 pm on the 13th at the Senior Nutrition Center in West Union. Across the river in Maysville, the **Greater Mason County ARA** will meet at the Mason County EOA Training Room at 7 pm. Ironton's **Southern Ohio ARA** will meet on the 19th. On the 20th two clubs will meet. The **Athens County ARA** will gather at the Red Cross Building in Athens and the **Tri-State ARA** will do likewise at the Museum of Radio and Technology in Huntington. Each meeting starts at 7 pm. Up in Cambridge the **Cambridge ARA** will meet at the County Administration Building on Saturday, February 24 at 10 am.

Apparently the "KE8" call sign prefixes and "Z**" suffixes have finally been run through. The South 40 Region now has its first "KF8" assigned to Isaac Bernhardt from Mt. Orab who now holds a General license.

A tip of the South 40's cap to Pat Hagen, N8BAP, who received a third place award of merit in the Eighth Call District in the 2023 CQ Worldwide DX Contest. Pat scored 369,104 points in the SSB category.

The annual schedule of National Weather Service SkyWarn storm spotter training has been posted by the Wilmington NWS Office. Training will happen on February 26 at the Adams County EMA Office in West Union. Then on February 28 a joint session will take place for Brown and Clermont Counties at the Grant Vocational School near Georgetown. On March 18 the Valley Fire Department near Lucasville will host the training for Scioto County. On March 20 the Clinton County Training will happen at the new Clinton County Administration Building near the Airpark and NWS building at Wilmington. The 21st will see the training move to the Highland County Administration Building conference room in Hillsboro. Then on March 28 the Fayette County training site will be the Opportunity Center in Washington, CH. On April 28 a joint session for Fairfield and Pickaway Counties will be presented at the Liberty Center in Lancaster. For those unable to attend an in-person session, there will be a virtual class held on

February 29. For further information on starting times, location addresses and other information check the NWS site at www.weather.gov/iln.

Recently my computer had a major meltdown and it appeared the South 40 was not going to make the deadline for submission. Thanks to Jennifer and Mike Bailey, N8JEN and N8MRB of Shawnee Computers in Portsmouth, who came up with a temporary fix for the situation and caused the column to be submitted in time. It's great to know there are some people who will step forward when the chips are down. Thanks for great customer service. Although I'm still having issues, they appear to be with my internet and phone provider.

Question: How did the old Viking ships communicate when coming to North America?

Answer: They used Norse Code.

Don't forget those special ones on the 14th or you will be spending some time sharing space with the dog. And another thought, don't give a frying pan, bathroom scale, mirror or dust buster as a Valentine Day gift.

Until next time, 73. John Levo, W8KIW jlevo@cinci.rr.com or highlandara@gmail.com or 937-393-4951

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: Have you listened for, or Heard, the Japanese station on the moon – JS1YMG?

- A) Yes
- B) NO

From last week's question – **IF SEVERAL "RARE ONES" ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD BE ON THE AIR, LOOKING FOR US STATIONS ONLY, DURING THE SUPER BOWL, WOULD YOU:**

Get on the Air – 48%

Watch the Super Bowl – 52%

Well, that one surprised me! Pretty close to 50/50 – Don't forget, you could check into the Ohio Section Youth Net at 7:30 Super Bowl evening!

(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...)

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://arrrl-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@arrrl-ohio.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://arrrl-ohio.org/news/index.html>



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Here's the link to the page.... http://arri-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



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 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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Just go to: <http://arri-ohio.org/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! Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!