



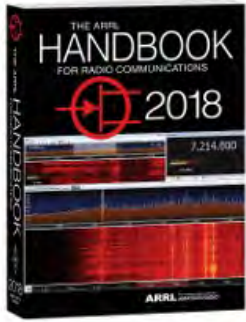
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The Handbook Give Away



Hey Gang,

We had another fantastic response this month, but I'm sure you're more interested in knowing just who won the Handbook this month...

And the winner is.... **Alex Ariemiec, KE8GBX!**

Since we've had such a great response with the Giveaway this month, I added some knit caps "Give Away" as well!!

AND... those winners are: **Michael Myers, W8SGM; Gary Shorter, AA8CS and Mike Walker, AB8MW**

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

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



<http://arrl-ohio.org>

73, and good luck to all..

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ARRL Requests Expanded HF Privileges for Technician Licensees

(from arrl bulletins)



ARRL has asked the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The FCC has not yet invited public comment on the proposals, which stem from recommendations put forth by the ARRL Board of Directors' Entry-Level License Committee, which explored various initiatives and gauged member opinions in 2016

and 2017.

“This action will enhance the available license operating privileges in what has become the principal entry-level license class in the Amateur Service,” ARRL said in its [Petition](#). “It will attract more newcomers to Amateur Radio, it will result in increased retention of licensees who hold Technician Class licenses, and it will provide an improved incentive for entry-level licensees to increase technical self-training and pursue higher license class achievement and development of communications skills.”

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide Technician licensees, present and future, with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, plus RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. The ARRL petition points out the explosion in popularity of various digital modes over the past 2 decades. Under the ARRL plan, the maximum HF power level for Technician operators would remain at 200 W PEP. The few remaining Novice licensees would gain no new privileges under the League's proposal.



ARRL's petition points to the need for compelling incentives not only to become a radio amateur in the first place, but then to upgrade and further develop skills. Demographic and technological changes call for a "periodic rebalancing" between those two objectives, the League maintains.

"There has not been such a rebalancing in many years," ARRL said in its petition. "It is time to do that now." The FCC has not assessed entry-level operating privileges since 2005.

The Entry-Level License Committee offered very specific, data- and survey-supported findings about growth in Amateur Radio and its place in the advanced technological demographic that includes individuals younger than 30. It received significant input from ARRL members via more than 8,000 survey responses.

"The Committee's analysis noted that today, Amateur Radio exists among many more modes of communication than it did half a century ago, or even 20 years ago," ARRL said in its petition.

Now numbering some 378,000, Technician licensees comprise more than half of the US Amateur Radio population. ARRL said that after 17 years of experience with the current Technician license as the gateway to Amateur Radio, it's urgent to make it more attractive to newcomers, in part to improve upon science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education "that inescapably accompanies a healthy, growing Amateur Radio Service," ARRL asserted.



ARRL said its proposal is critical to developing improved operating skills, increasing emergency communication participation, improving technical self-training, and boosting overall growth in the Amateur Service, which has remained nearly inert at about 1% per year.

The Entry-Level License Committee determined that the current Technician class question pool already covers far more material than necessary for an entry-level exam to validate expanded privileges. ARRL told the FCC that it would continue to refine examination preparation and training materials aimed at STEM topics, increase outreach and recruitment, work with Amateur Radio clubs, and encourage educational institutions to utilize Amateur Radio in STEM and other experiential learning programs.

"ARRL requests that the Commission become a partner in this effort to promote Amateur Radio as a public benefit by making the very nominal changes proposed herein in the Technician class license operating privileges," the petition concluded.

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Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder – This is how most of my days go!

Yes, this is the way most of my days go around here. I know that some of you can relate to this, but I wanted the rest of you to know just how it is when you retire!

I decide to wash my car today, so I started toward to the garage when I noticed that there is mail on the hall table. I decided that I had better go through the mail before I wash the car, and that's when I laid my car keys down on the table and put the junk mail in the trash can under the table. As I did that I notice that the trash can was full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first, but then I thought that since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the can of Diet Pepsi that I had been drinking earlier. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to put the Diet Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

I see that my pop is already starting to get warm, so I decided that I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the pop, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye—they need to be watered.

I set the pop down on the counter and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I'd better put them back on my desk, but first I've got to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water, and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone had left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight, when we go to watch TV, we will be looking for the remote, but nobody will remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decided to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water those darn flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor, it figures So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then I head back down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do earlier. At the end of the day; the car still isn't washed. The bills aren't paid. There is a warm can of pop is still sitting on the counter. Those darn flowers are now starting to wilt since they didn't get watered. There's still only one check in my checkbook. I can't find the remote. I can't find my glasses. And, what hurts the most is that I don't remember what I did with the car keys!

Then, when trying to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm absolutely baffled because I know that I was busy all day long and I'm really worn out. I realize that this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Do me a favor, will you? Forward this message to close friends you know, because I don't remember to whom it has been sent. Don't laugh – if this isn't you yet, your day is coming! And if I have had this article in the newsletter before....well, now you know why you're seeing it again.

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Shack Safety

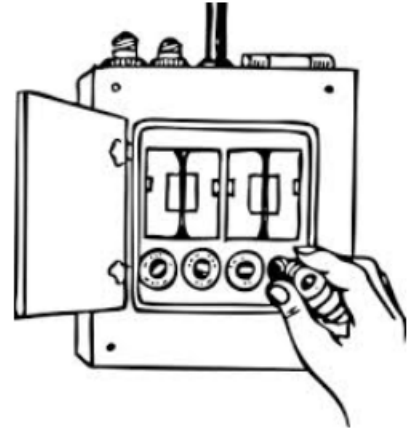
What will happen if we don't fuse a circuit?

A “fuse” is nothing more than a conductor which is designed to burn up at a particular current. That’s why a better name for this class of devices is an “Overcurrent Protection Device”.

The basic idea behind a fuse is that you select a fuse that will burn up at a current which is lower than the current at which the particular circuit would burn up.

That way, the burning is confined to a nice, enclosed glass container (or in the modern world, a nice plastic circuit breaker housing).

If you don’t include an Overcurrent Protection Device, and you have current fault in your circuit, then the circuit itself will burn up. And, when that circuit just happens to be in in your walls, or your car, or even your pocket, it makes for a very bad afternoon for sure!



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One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang...

There’s another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website!
<http://arrlohoio.org> I noticed that that around 70% of you are keeping a spare battery for your HT charged and ready to go. Let’s hope that we don’t have to test you on that one!



It’s all in fun and we are learning some things that we didn’t know from these questions. I hope that you are enjoying answering these “ONE QUESTION” questionnaires. Now, here’s the next question... **“Have you ever built a power supply from spare parts?”**

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

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Ohio DMR Weekly Net Report

February 28th DMR Net

District 1 – 6	District 5 – 8	District 9 – 7	QNI: 97
District 2 – 3	District 6 – 12	District 10 – 8	Time: 48 minutes
District 3 – 7	District 7 – 16		
District 4 – 11	District 8 – 9	Outside of Ohio – 12	NCS: W8BLJ



The reason for conducting this net every week and having you actually check “IN” is to make sure that all of our connections to the now ever-growing and changing list of repeaters throughout the state are working as we want them to. Sometimes things don’t always work as we expect them to, and testing this system, and ourselves, each week gives us the ability to better understand what can happen during any emergency situation. Come join in on the fun every Wednesday evening at 8:30pm local on the DMR - 3139 talk group!

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

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Training Opportunities from your Ohio EMA

The following is just a partial listing of classes that you can attend and get certified for.

- MGT-310 Jurisdictional THIRA, March 6-7, Ohio EMA
- G235 Emergency Planning Course, March 6-7, Hamilton County
- ICS-400 Advanced TEEC Course, March 6-7, Franklin County
- L-705 Fundamentals of Grants Management, March 13-15, Ohio EMA
- G-205 Recovery from Disaster, March 13-14, Ohio EMA
- G-402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Officials, March 15, Licking County
- L-102 Science of Disaster, March 19-21, Ohio EMA
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, March 20-22, Montgomery County
- L-141 Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills, March 21-23, Franklin County
- L-103 Planning: Emergency Operations, March 22-23, Ohio EMA
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, March 26-28, Ashtabula County
- G-489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters, March 27, Tuscarawas
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, March 28-30, Stark County
- G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course, March 29, Cuyahoga County
- ICS-400 Advanced ICS, March 29-30, Ashtabula County
- ICS-400 Advanced ICS, April 3-4, Montgomery County
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, April 9-11, Cuyahoga County
- G271 Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparation, April 9-11, Portage County
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, April 9-11, Erie County
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS (Evening Course), April 9, 11, 16, 18 and 23, Butler County
- G-108 Community Mass Care, April 12-13, Franklin County
- ICS-400 Advanced ICS, April 16-17, Erie County
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, April 23-25, Portage County
- G290/291 Public Information Officer/Joint Information Center, April 23-25, Hancock County
- L-548 Continuity of Operations (COOP) Program Manager, April 24 - 25, Ohio EMA
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, April 24-25, Noble County
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS, April 24-26, Summit County
- L146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation (HSEEP) Program, April 24-26, Hamilton County

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Fun Things To Do, Classes & Hamfests Too

(from various newsletters and sources)

Class Instructors - Don't forget to register your classes with the ARRL. It's easy to do. Make sure that you send me that information too! Just think of all of the extra publicity that you'll get for your classes!



>> Classes starting near you <<

AMATEUR RADIO TECHNICIAN CLASSES

German Township Complex Just West of Germantown, Ohio 12102 State Route 725 West

3-Day Class, March 10th, 11th, & 17th Pre-Registration Required - Contact: Phil Thomas W8RMJ 937-902-6738 or w8rmj@arrl.net



The Stark County ARES in conjunction with the Stark County EMA Office will be sponsoring FEMA ICS Training over the next few months. Training will be for the ICS-200, ICS-700 and ICS-800 certification.

Currently we have scheduled training for the ICS-200 Certification on Wednesday, April 18th at the County EMA Office on Route 62 lower level.

There is no cost for the training and it will run from 5:30 PM until about 9:00 PM. Future courses will also be offered based on interest.

Please contact me if you are interested!
Terry Russ, N8ATZ, Emergency Coordinator - Stark Co ARES
Home 330-837-3091 or cell 330-802-0958

Contests – Just for the FUN of it!!

March 5

- [RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data](#)

March 6

- [ARS Spartan Sprint](#)
- [AGCW YL-CW Party](#)
- [RSGB 80-Meter Club](#)

March 7

- [ARS Spartan Sprint](#)
- [AGCW YL-CW Party](#)

March 8

- [AWA John Rollins DX Memorial](#)

March 11

- [Nauryz DX Contest](#)
- [SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest](#)
- [RSGB Commonwealth Contest](#)
- [F9AA Cup](#)
- [South America 10-Meter Contest](#)
- [SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#)
- [AGCW QRP Contest](#)
- [Oklahoma QSO Party](#)
- [Stew Perry Topband Challenge](#)
- [EA PSK63 Contest](#)
- [QCWA QSO Party](#)
- [TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest](#)
- [Idaho QSO Party](#)

- [QRP ARCI Spring Thaw SSB Sprint](#)

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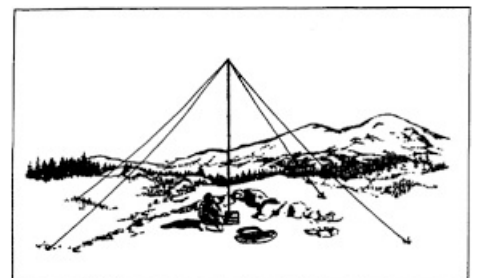
- [North American Sprint](#)
- [UBA Spring Contest](#)

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

>> *Ohio NVIS Day* <<

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

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



Want to know more about what NVIS is? Go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/nvis.html> and learn all about Near Vertical Incident Scattering and how you can easily put up a NVIS antenna and participate in this great exercise.

03/17/2018 | Mid-Ohio Valley ARC Hamfest

Location: Gallipolis, OH

Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/midohiovalleyarc/home/movarc-hamfest>



03/18/2018 | Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest & Computer Fair

Location: Perrysburg, OH

Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association

Website: <http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

Find all the Ohio Hamfests in one location? Go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/hamfests.html>

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Ohio Section ARES Conference

Hey Gang, the 2018 Ohio ARES conference will be held **Saturday, April 7** at the Marion Technical College / OSU Marion campus! Doors will open at 8am and the meeting will start promptly at 9am.

We have a great venue with the use of 150 plus seating lecture facility with excellent audio / visuals, and a wide selection of lunch places nearby! This year's keynote speaker is already set, and it's perhaps the most important talk you'll hear all year: Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, has been the chair of a committee working on BIG changes to ARES nationally.



The committee report was accepted at the January Board meeting. Some portions are already being launched. While the report itself needs to go through staff and such, Dale will be telling us the important changes that will be happening to the ARES program.

There will be some great opportunities for all of us! So, this is a benchmark year- one you'll be at the leading edge of for sure! We will also have a number of other great speakers that will be there as well! I know that you will find this meeting extremely valuable! You just can't miss it! And, it's FREE!!!

We're asking all of you coming to register so that we can properly prepare for how many will be coming. The link to register is: <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/form.html>

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It's that Time Again!!

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11th at 2am.. Yup, we once again lose an hour of sleep! Grab an extra cup of coffee!!!

Final.. Final..



Hey Gang...

Can you believe this weather? We've got flooding all throughout the southern end of the state, along with rock slides and even a couple of EF-1 tornadoes to go along with all the excitement. The governor has declared a State of Emergency for 17 counties. And, if that weren't bad enough, another 12 counties have declared county-wide emergencies as well.

We've had one of our ARES groups on standby and even activated for a short period of time. The State EOC was partially activated, a Joint Information Center (JIC) was established earlier last week. It has since stood down. I will say it this way "A trained hand is 10 times more useful than one that has to be lead through the process during an emergency."

Folks, the handwriting is on the wall, we need to be trained before volunteering to get ourselves into any emergency situation. We can no longer sit back and say that we are communicators when we have no clue as to how to communicate within an Incident Command System! Almost every event that we are getting involved with now days has Incident Command built into it. Even the simplest of bicycle races now days has an Emergency Operations Plan with Incident Command as its working platform for operations. Yes, EOP's are built into every large gathering of people. It has to, keeping the public safe is priority one!

Ok I to want to announce to you that we now have 665 persons registered in our NIMS database and growing every day! I have set the bar up to the **675th person** to register will get an ARRL ARES Mesh Vest! Have you gotten your courses in yet? How about it, I know that there's still a lot of you out there that have not taken the NIMS classes yet. C'mon, what have you got to lose? You're gonna' be stuck inside the house anyway with old man winter blasting away, why not put this time to good use and start your classes now. Here's a link to get you started on your way: <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/training.html>

Now, changing gears... This past week was another busy one for me traveling around and visiting with all of you at meetings and various events!

This is starting to sound like a broken record, but we have had more changes to the DMR pages on the Ohio Section Website. I've once again updated the DMR Net listing with new nets that were found as well. I also made a major change on the front page of the website too. Our RSS feeds now have a very different look and feel. They actually scroll and I've combined the ARRL and Website feeds so that there's only one scrolling box for you to look at. It combines both of them and it scrolls at about a 6 second place. So, you get to see what's coming up fairly quickly.

That's going to do it this time around... I'll catch you on down the log for sure, and stay warm my friends, remember the Dayton Hamvention is just 73 days away!!!!

Scott, N8SY... -sk-

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Chit – Chat, and All That!

Do you know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "[Opt-In](#)" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send me an email n8sy@n8sy.com and I'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/>

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

The pictures on the front page 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 on Candid Camera!"



February Website Stats

Summary					
Reported period	Month Feb 2018				
First visit	01 Feb 2018 - 00:12				
Last visit	28 Feb 2018 - 23:54				
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It's FUN!!

PostScript is produced as a weekly supplement to the Ohio Section Journal (OSJ). I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition of PostScript, and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and from around the world!