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Happy to be back at the keyboard here again. my endeavors into learning how to type left-handed haven't been all that successful but, I have been learning how to dictate in Microsoft Word and that's helping me out quite a bit. I want to thank everyone who has sent me emails cards, QSL cards, all wishing me the best for a speedy recovery. I appreciate them very much. Unfortunately, I'll have missed Winterfest in Elyria by the time you read this and I'll also be missing the Toledo ham fest next week. If things continue to progress as they have so far I should be able to get back on track after that.

I have been doing some work looking at the club listings for the Ohio section. I'd like to ask everyone who is an officer of their local club to make sure that their club listing is correct on the ARRL website. If your club's listing is more than two years old please make sure someone brings that up to date.

As I normally do I want to suggest that everyone in the Ohio section attends ham vention this year. One of the biggest annual gatherings of amateur radio operators in the world and it's in our own backyard! If you're a ham anywhere in Ohio, or anywhere in the country, you really don't want to miss this big show! I received the following announcement earlier this week:

Hamvention 2024 Award Winners

Awards Chair-Michael Kalter W8CI

Special Achievement Award Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, is from near Akron, OH and was first licensed in 1981. He has been a QRP operator, contester, and teacher throughout his career in amateur radio. He updated to Amateur Extra in 2000. Anthony is active on HF and VHF/UHF, using CW, phone, and digital. His QRP contacts now top 115,000. He has consistently finished in the top ten of various major contests and finished first in the World and US in both CQ Worldwide Phone and CW QRP categories multiple times. As a bonus, his QRP DXCC total recently topped the 328 mark, and he has completed 11-band WAS.

Between licensing classes, club programs, webinars, hamfests, conferences, youth & school radio demonstrations and other in-person and online talks, Anthony has presented over 500 sessions since the beginning of COVID-19. He has presented multiple times for Contest University, QSO Today Expo, and at Dayton Hamvention. He does a weekly class, “The Joy of Operating,” for the Long Island CW Club. Anthony serves as ARRL Ohio Section Youth Coordinator and is an officer in his local radio club. He enjoys writing as well as speaking and has prepared articles for a variety of publications, including CQ Magazine (column “Ham Radio Explorer”), DX Engineering blog “On All Bands” and developing an online course “Introduction to Contesting” for the ARRL Learning Network.



Technical Achievement Ward Silver N0AX



For the past 15 years Ward has been the Lead Editor of the ARRL Handbook and the ARRL Antenna Book, and a primary author of all three ARRL License Manuals and study guides from 2004 until his retirement in 2023. He wrote the well-received "Grounding and Bonding for the Radio Amateur" (now in its 2nd edition) and "Ham Radio for Dummies" (now in its 4th edition). His monthly QST column, "Hands-On Radio" ran for 180 issues and has now been published in book format. The recent ARRL book, "Here to There: Radio Wave Propagation" includes his contributions including being its editor. He gives many online and in-person presentations and is a two-time recipient of the Bill Orr Technical Writing Award, as well. An electrical engineer, he designed microprocessor-based products and medical devices for twenty years before beginning a second career as a teacher and writer. Licensed since 1972, he is a co-founder of the World Radiosport Team Championships, and was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in

2015, with numerous top scores and records. He is President of the Yasme Foundation (yasme.org) and is also a board member of the HamSCI collaborative research group (hamsci.org). Ward's primary interests in amateur radio include radiosport, antenna design, and supporting his local emergency response team.

Club of the Year The Young Ladies' Radio League, (YLRL)

The Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc (YLRL) is proud to be celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year. With members from all over the world, the organization has been involved in everything from contests to emergency events to helping new hams get licensed and, on the air, as well as everything in between. Established in 1939, YLRL has been found at Hamfests and Conventions all over the world and has been proud to have had a booth at Hamvention® since the 1950's and a YL Forum since the 1960's.

Women helping women in Amateur Radio is a mission statement for this organization, but there are also contest and award opportunities for the OMs who support their YLs. YLRL has the motto QRV-I AM READY and they are ready to assist in the radio community.



Amateur of The Year Edward Engleman KG8CX

Edward Engleman, KG8CX, is from Menominee, Michigan. He is the co-founder of the Young Amateurs Communications Ham Team (YACHT). Ed was first licensed in 1991 and reached Amateur Extra class in 2000. He has been a member of the ARRL since 1991. He serves his home club, the Marinette & Menominee Amateur Radio Club, as a VE. Ed's background as an elementary educator and principal for 33 years was instrumental in developing the talents he now uses in his work



with young amateurs. His major objective is to help create and develop enjoyment and skill in communications/technology via ham radio activity through its many modes, and to encourage friendships with other youth hams. Membership in YACHT, callsign K8KDZ, has grown steadily. There were 47 new members in 2023 alone.

Many of the YACHT youth have given presentations at past Hamvention and Hamcation youth forums conducted by Carole Perry. A number of the youth members have been awarded national recognition for their ham radio activity and accomplishments. Besides the development of youth presenters, YACHT has echo link sessions 6 evenings a week and club activity encourage participation in all modes of amateur radio. Ed is proud to be part of the future of amateur radio by paying forward his interest in amateur radio by developing the next generation of hams.

Congratulations to everyone listed here. Your contributions to the greatest hobby in the world are appreciated very much. Winning these awards is a very big deal.

Share the Magic of Radio, it's a huge part of our lives which is unfortunately taken for granted by way too many!

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD
Ohio Section Manager
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Youth Net

When: The second Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM EST

Where: The K8IV repeater located in Kent, Ohio (EchoLink node K8BF-L) RF: 146.895 Mhz with PL 118.8

Who: Any licensed amateur radio operator who wishes to participate. Priority will be given to youth stations and those located in Ohio.

The purpose of this net is to encourage youth activity in amateur radio and to help new hams get more comfortable on the air.

*** 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)

**National Aeronautics and
Space Administration**



In this week’s newsletter, discover tips and tricks for [viewing the night sky](#), contribute to [NASA research](#) during April’s total solar eclipse, and learn how to become a [NASA astronaut](#). Plus, stories you might have missed.



Watch the Skies

What's up for March? Some close pair-ups with the Moon, Mercury makes an appearance, and a chance to catch a comet!

On March 13, the Moon joins Jupiter in the west, following sunset. They make a great pairing through binoculars. On the following night, the crescent moon moves through the Pleiades star cluster, creating a dazzling sight for skywatchers. Northern Hemisphere viewers have their best chance of the year to spot Mercury in the evening sky on March 21–25. Look for it shining brightly low in the west, starting shortly after sunset. And throughout the month, comet 12P/Pons-Brooks is heading toward its closest approach to the Sun on its 71-year orbit and is bright enough to observe with telescopes and binoculars. There's a possibility it might become just visible to the unaided eye by late March.



Citizen Science

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America. Participants both in and outside the eclipse path can join NASA to learn more about our Sun and Earth and the effects of a total solar eclipse. Projects are available for participants of any skill level.

[EXPLORE PROJECTS](#)

***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.

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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](#).

Pi Day is on the menu for amateur radio on March 14, 2024. Pi Day, 3/14, is a day when mathematicians, scientists, and math lovers around the world celebrate the mathematical sign pi, which is a never-ending number. The [David Sarnoff Radio Club](#) (DSRC) will operate special event station N3P on March 14 from 0000Z to 2359Z, in conjunction with Princeton University's Pi Day celebration and the Einstein Birthday Party held in Princeton, New Jersey. Albert Einstein was born on March 14, 1879. When contacting N3P, make sure to say, "happy Pi Day" and include the state, province, country, and/or grid square from which you are celebrating. The operating frequencies will be 14.031, 14.314, 7.031, and 7.227 MHz. If propagation allows, contacts can also be made 10 and 80 meters. DSRC's local repeater will also be operative on 146.46 +1 MHz, PL 131.8, and 443.4 MHz. Look for N3P on standard FT8 and FT4 frequencies. There may be additional activity on PSK31 around 7070+ and 14070+, or even RTTY. For more information, see [DSRC's special event page](#).

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.

Updated Library Book Program

One of the projects that we have been working on is an update to the Library Book Program. The purpose is that a club can purchase a set of discounted books to donate to their local library or school at a reduced price. This allows the club to do outreach and place the books where hams and prospective hams have access. The details are at [Library Book Set \(arrl.org\)](http://Library Book Set (arrl.org)) .

Thanks

Mike

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Help Needed

Hi Gang,

I've received a request from an educator that is looking for a person or persons that could setup a HF station on April 8th in the Mt Vernon area for a STEM project for a Science Center. Someone that is used to doing POTA would be the perfect candidate, but even if you don't do POTA, if you are willing to setup a temporary station as a demonstration for kids from 6 -12 would be great too.

Here's some details from the administrator... I run a small STEM focused in Ohio (MT Vernon area) and I would love to have a person who is willing to help by setting up a temporary station and participating in the HamSci QSO party. This would be for April 8th during the solar eclipse.

If anyone is interested in helping our STEM program please contact Stephanie directly at:

stephanie@spi-mountvernon.org or telephone me directly at:
614-507-6754

Let's try to fulfill this request with someone that can spend a few hours with these kids and show them the wonderful world of Amateur Radio

73,

Scott....

[ARESOHio] District 10 Winlink Monday (others encouraged to participate)

As discussed at the ARES conference, we are bringing the Monday Winlink "net" back. Here is how it will work.

- 1) Hams are encouraged to send a winlink message to ab8m@winlink.org. The message should be via a Winlink ICS-213 form in winlink. Submissions are welcome on Monday's until 23:59 ET. In the body of the message the originator should indicate how they are submitting the message - telnet, VHF, or HF.
- 2) On Tuesdays, AB8M will download the messages and respond to each one with an ICS-213 reply. AB8M will also generate a communications log for KC8NZJ outlying the week's activities. (Note that this step will be delayed the first week of March due to schedule conflicts)
- 3) Each participating station will receive 1 entry towards a 2024 ARRL Handbook for a telnet submission and 2 entries for a VHF or HF submission.
- 4) Entries will count towards the prize between the dates of Monday, March 4th and Monday, May 6th. A raffle will be held by the ARES D10 leadership after that date an AB8M will donate an ARRL handbook and ship it to the address of the winner.

-doug
AB8M

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.

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What you'll learn

- ✓ Extreme weather history and trends for our region
- ✓ Cloud and storm recognition
- ✓ What and how to report to the NWS
- ✓ Safety and preparedness tips for hazardous weather

Hosted by Lawrence Co. Emergency Management Agency and the Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association.

MARCH 18
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Lawrence Co Joint Response Operations Center
715 Lane Street
Coal Grove, OH 45638

NWS Charleston, WV
Weather.gov/charlestonwv

Weather Spotter Volunteers help keep our community safe by reporting hazardous weather conditions to the National Weather Service.

Logos: Lawrence Co. Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA), and West Virginia State Office of Emergency Management (WSSOE).

VE Sessions:

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

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

AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2024 are as follows: Januray 20, April 27, June 22, July 20, and October 19. Time and location for these dates are 10:00am at the Westerville Fire Station #111, 400 W. Main St in Westerville, Ohio. The listed dates are co-sponsored by the Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC).

Pre-Registration is required, and open the 1st of each testing month. All information is available at www.ae8fp.net <<http://www.ae8fp.net/>>

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds quarterly VE testing, at the Christ Ulnited 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

The Findlay Radio Club sponsors an Exam Session the second Saturday of every month except September when we have our Hamfest. The Exam Session takes place at the Findlay Radio Club, 1333 West Sandusky St., Findlay Ohio 45839. The session begins at 9 AM. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. You can pre-register at hamstudy.org. We can also give Exams remotely on-line on your schedule if you can't make to a session.

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 Fligi, 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.k8qik.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our experienced VE team looks forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio. Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org 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

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.

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

ARLD010 DX news

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

TIMOR-LESTE, 4W. Satoshi, JH2EUV is QRV as 4W/JH2EUV from Dili until March 19. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

TANZANIA, 5H. Nobby, G0VJF is QRV as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar Island, IOTA AF-032, until March 20. Activity is on the HF bands. This includes being an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth contest. QSL via M0OXO.

JAMAICA, 6Y. Iain, G4SGX is QRV as G4SGX/6Y until March 13. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW. This includes being an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth contest. QSL via LoTW.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as 9W2/SP5APW from Langkawi Island, IOTA AS-058, from March 9 to 17. Activity will be on 20 to 6 meters, with an emphasis on 6 meters. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Esteban, XQ7UP is QRV as XQ7UP/9 until March 12 while working at the Chilean Antarctic Base Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva on King George Island, IOTA AN-010. Activity will be in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

MOROCCO, CN. Yannick, F6FYD will be QRV as CN2YD from Marrakesh from March 10 to 23. This includes being active as CN2YD/p on a short visit to Mogador Island, IOTA AF-065. QSL to home call.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, DA. Special event stations DL75AFUG, DL75AFUV and DP75AFUG are QRV until April 30 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first Amateurfunkgesetz, the German amateur radio regulations that came into force on March 23, 1949. QSL via bureau.

KYRGYZSTAN, EY. Nodir, EY8MM has been active on 40 meters using CW around 0100z. QSL via W0VTT.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Special event call sign HI180RD is QRV until April 30 to celebrating the 180th anniversary since the Dominican Republic declared its independence from Haiti. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Special event stations HZ1SFD, 7Z1SFD and 8Z1SFD are QRV until March 11 to celebrate Saudi Flag Day. QSL direct.

GRENADA, J3. Operators ON4MA, ON5NT and ON5TN are QRV as J38W until March 16. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, with RTTY on 20 meters. QSL via M0URX.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event station OE40LCR is QRV until July 31 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Austrian Albert Schweitzer Society. QSL via operators' instructions.

CURACAO, PJ2. Andreas, DK5ON will be QRV as PJ2/DK5ON from March 11 to 27. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters, and possibly 160 meters, using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. This includes being active on various Satellites. QSL to home call.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. A group of operators will be QRV as T32EU from Kiritimati Island, IOTA OC-024, from March 12 to 27. Activity will be with three stations on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via DL2AWG.

BENIN, TY. Operators F5NVF, F5RAV and M0NPT are QRV as TY5C from Cotonou until March 29. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes being active on Satellite QO-100. QSL direct to F5RAV.

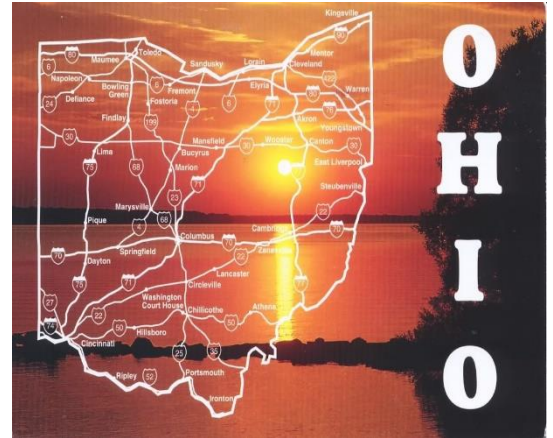
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Greg, WB8IZM is QRV as V4/WB8IZM from St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until March 15. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

VANUATU, YJ. Chris, VK2YUS will be QRV as YJ0CA from Port Vila from March 9 to 21. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB generally from 2100 to 1000z. QSL to home call.

CAMBODIA, XU. Tom, DL7BO and Jose, EA1CS are QRV as XU7GNY until March 15. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via DJ6TF.

Please see March QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2024

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

Location: Elyria, OH

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://winterhamfest@noars.net>

[Learn More](#)

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

Location: Perrysburg, OH

Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association

Website: <http://www.w8hhf.org>

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](#)

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

Location: Bidwell, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club

[Learn More](#)

04/27/2024 - [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](#)

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

Location: Athens, OH

Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://www.ac-ara.org/>

[Learn More](#)

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

Location: Toledo, OH

Sponsor: Lucas County ARES

Website: <http://lucasares.org>

[Learn More](#)

05/11/2024 - 05/16/2024

[RV Radio Network](#)

Location: Millersburg, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Rv Radio Network

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

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>07/06/2024 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest Location: Mansfield, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club Website: http://W8WE.ORG Learn More</p>	<p>07/21/2024 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://w8fy.org Learn More</p>
<p>08/03/2024 - 2024 Columbus Hamfest Location: Grove City, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit Website: http://www.columbushamfest.com Learn More</p>	<p>08/10/2024 - Cincinnati Hamfest Location: Owensville, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More</p>
<p>08/18/2024 - Warren Hamfest Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: https://www.w8vtd.com/ Learn More</p>	<p>09/08/2024 - Findlay Hamfest Location: Findlay, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club Website: http://w8ft.org Learn More</p>
<p>10/05/2024 - Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club (NWOARC) Hamfest Location: Lima, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Website: http://www.nwoarc.com Learn More</p>	<p>10/27/2024 - 2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS Location: N. Canton, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club Website: https://www.w8np.net Learn More</p>

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 30 & 31

Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com / www.aj8b.com)



Did you get a chance to spend any time in the ARRL DX Contest this past weekend? There is one SW Ohio who was able to work 100 entities on each of 3 different bands. I had a tremendous opening to Japan on Both Saturday and Sunday night, putting 61 JA stations in the log. How did you do? Let me know.

Tickets for the Southwest Ohio DX Dinner are moving at a brisk pace. They report that they are ahead of every year since 2016. You can get your ticket at <https://swodxaevents.org/product/single-seat-ticket-2024/>

See you on the bands!

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This week we will continue our investigation of the various CQ Zones. So, let's get started.

So far this year, we have covered CQ zones 1 through 29. This week we will review Zones 30 & 31.

Zone 30. Eastern Zone of Australia: **FK/C** (Chesterfield Is.), **VK1** (Capital Territory), **VK2** (New South Wales), **VK3** (Victoria) and **VK4** (Queensland), **VK5** (South Australia), **VK7** (Tasmania), **VK9L** (Lord Howe Is.), **VK9M** (Mellish Reef), **VK9** (Willis Is.), **VK0M** (Macquarie Is.) and some Antarctic stations.

Zone 31. Central Pacific Zone: **C2** (Nauru), **FO** (Marquesas), **KH1** (Baker Howland Is.), **KH3** (Johnson Is.), **KH4** (Midway Is.), **KH5K** (Kingman

Reef), **KH5** (Palmyra Jarvis), **KH6** (Hawaii), **KH7K**(Kure), **KH9** (Wake Is), **T2** (Tuvalu), **T30** (Western Kiribati), **T31** (Central Kiribati), and **T32** (Eastern Kiribati),**T33** (Bananba Is), **V7** (Marshall Is.), and **ZK3** (Tokelau)

This is really a tough group. I would work ANY VK station at ANY time and worry about the entity later. The one that comes to mind here is VK9L. I worked VK9L at the bottom of the last sunspot cycle on 15 meters. They had been spotted and I stayed on frequency but only heard them for about 5 minutes out of the 2 hours. However, I heard them, worked them and was thrilled! I have worked the North Cook Islands several times and the South Cook Islands only once! That is what makes it interesting!

The easiest way to work many of these entities is to watch for upcoming DXPeditions. The KH group is becoming rare as these are protected properties (except for KH6) and DXPeditioners can't just stop by there.

Good Hunting in these Zones!

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For the second time in a few weeks, we have sad news from the DX community.

K9EID, Robert G. "Bob" Heil, passed away on February 28 in Belleville, Illinois after a one-year fight with cancer. Heil was an accomplished theater organ musician as a teenager. In his mid- to late teens and early college years, he became a theater organ designer and tuner while continuing to perform professionally. After college, Heil began a career as a professional audio engineer, designing sound systems for some of the world's most iconic rock and roll performers and groups, including WB6ACU, Joe Walsh, Peter Frampton, The Grateful Dead, and The Who. Among his technological innovations are the Heil Talk Box, the Mavis, and a quadraphonic sound mixer. W3MMM, Jay Horman, wrote on Facebook, "It was fun to spend time at the kiosk showcasing [Heil's] work at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame [in Cleveland, Ohio]."

A ham since age 13 and an early moon bounce innovator, Heil decided in the 1980s to devote full time to designing and selling amateur radio products under the Heil Ham Radio brand – microphones, headsets, equalizers, and other station accessories. His headsets are ubiquitous in nearly every serious DX and contest station worldwide. He later returned to professional audio, designing home theater systems and studio-grade microphones and other audio equipment that are in wide use today. He won numerous amateur radio and industry awards and an honorary doctorate in music and technology from the University of Missouri. Heil was a major donor to ARRL.

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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:

Breaking news: **Jarvis Island** is to be activated this summer for the first time since 1990. AA7JV, George, and N1DG, Don, announced yesterday that the Dateline DX Association has received permission from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for a DXpedition to the Jarvis Island National Wildlife Reserve this August. Jarvis Island is 450 miles from Palmyra Atoll and 1,500 miles from Hawaii. It is currently #18 on the Club Log DXCC Most Wanted list. The call sign, website, and additional information will be announced shortly.

Jarvis Island was last on the air in 1990 and permission to visit has been difficult to obtain. George and Don reported that “We have worked very hard for the past few years on this permission and after demonstrating the success of the rig-in-a-box (RIB) concept with remote operators from various locations in 2023, we have received a permit. The permit allows for four operators on the boat, with six stations on land,” The team of four, consisting of AA7JV, George; N1DG, Don; HA7RY, Tomi; and KN4EEI, Mike, will install six RIB stations on Jarvis Island, operating on 160-6M CW, SSB, and FT8. The on-island team will be augmented by 25 remote operators from Asia, Europe, and North America, running CW and FT8 (F/H). The RIB equipment, which makes an efficient small footprint

operation possible, was developed with the support of the Northern California DX Foundation.

The operators will be accompanied to Jarvis Island by a team of three USFWS biologists, who will conduct scientific research. “We wish to thank the staff of the USFWS in Hawaii for their hard work in approving this minimally invasive operation on Jarvis Island NWR,” wrote George and Don.

Here is an alert for you. We have a Possible VP8/H, **South Shetland Islands**, operation this week and next. XQ7UP, Esteban, will be working at the Chilean Antarctic Base on King George Island in the South Shetland Islands from March 6 to the 12. He hopes to be able to get on 40-10M SSB and FT8 during his stay and will confirm this once he arrives at the base. If he does get on the air, he will operate as XQ7UP/9. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. QSL via XQ7UP.

Here is an update from the J38R DXpedition to **Grenada**. “Our flight went well. All of our equipment has arrived. We were able to install all antennas except for the 160m antenna. Unfortunately, there is one radio that arrived DOA. We are going to try to get an extra radio so that we can transmit with 3 stations. The K9AY RX loop is also available.

The humidity here is very high, with very hot temperatures. A day like yesterday was very tiring for old guys like us. The many rain showers in between mean that we have to stop regularly.”

Here are updates on 4 upcoming DXpeditions.

First is the CY9C DXpedition to **St. Paul**, Canada

Last week, the CY9C team took delivery of the three main tents for the DXpedition. These include two tents for operations and a MESS tent. The two tents for operations are 12' X 12" and the MESS tent is 10' X 10'. The team is currently procuring tables and chairs for the five HF stations along with separate Six meter and EME stations. Two workdays are planned for later in May to check out all tents, antennas, Honda EU-22001 generators and all associated gear. In

early August, all the essential non-radio gear will be transported to Dingwall, Nova Scotia. The DXpedition team will utilize two helicopters for this operation. One helicopter will be a Bell 407 for transporting the heavy gear and the other helicopter will be used to transport the operators along with personal gear. This will be an expensive DXpedition and financial support from DX'ers will be greatly appreciated. The dates for the DXpedition are August 26 - September 5, 2024. Additional information can be found on our website at: cy9c.net

73, Murray WA4DAN

Secondly, there is a "Czech DXpedition team" heading to EL – **Liberia**, for an April 5-19 visit. The first step will be "building and limited on-air activities," from April 6-8, then "full operation" from April 9-16. We will then begin takedown with limited on-air activity continuing the 18-th-19th. The callsign is A8OK and there will be 8 operators.

They are planning on 160 through 6 meters and Club Log livestream when local Internet availability makes it possible.

Third, Jeff – K5WE, and Craig – W5CCP will be active as TX7W from the **Austral Islands** beginning April 16th through April 30th, 2024. They will operate all bands 160 through 10 meters using the CW, FT8, FT4, SSB, and RTTY modes. The Grid Square is BG66ed, IOTA # is OC-114, CQ Zone is 32, and the ITU Zone is 63.

Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Clublog daily and Clublog Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW upon returning home.

Preparations are progressing nicely. Hardcopy license has been received. Accommodations and airline reservations have been completed and paid. Radios, amplifiers, and computers have been acquired; software configured. Gear and antennas are being tested. We plan to have 4 stations on the air, when possible, with a nice compliment of antennas. Austral is currently #59 on the Club Log Most Wanted List. Many thanks to our corporate, club, and individual supporters. Your donations are appreciated! CU soon from TX7W... 73 de Jeff - K5WE & Craig - W5CCP. For more info go to: <https://k5we.com/tx7w/> .

The final update is on the DXpedition to TY, **Benin**. They say that from March 3rd to 14th it is SSB and CW with one operator. Then, from the 14th to 29th it will be four stations, covering SSB, CW, digital and satellites.

So far, Op F5NVF, Gerard, has antennas built for 40, 20, 17 and 10. He asks that the ham community "Be patient." He added that "We will do our best to operate on 160M and 80M." QSL direct via F5RAV.

Here are some results from the H40 - **Temotu** Province DXpedition.

"H40WA is now QRT. We are satisfied that we were able to achieve our goal of 60,000 QSOs with our seven-man team.

Thank you for chasing us across the bands and for your many donations.

Pre-donors will receive LoTW uploads and QSL cards as they become available. For everyone else please use OQRS for your confirmations.

Thank you!"

The H40WA Team

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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!

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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
10-10 Intl. Spring Contest, CW	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Arizona QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Connecticut QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024

Delaware QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Idaho QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Indiana QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Maine QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Massachusetts QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Montana QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Nevada QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
New Hampshire QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Oregon QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Rhode Island QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Utah QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Vermont QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Washington QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
Wyoming QSOP	5/4/2024	5/5/2024
SWODXA DXDINNER	5/17/2024	
SWODXA DXForum	5/18/2024	
Arkansas QSOP	5/18/2024	5/19/2024
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	5/25/2024	5/26/2024

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](#)

Ohio Section Cabinet

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Hey Gang,

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

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

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

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to

post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. You might want to list your location so that prospective buyers know where you're at. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: swap@arrlohio.org

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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Here's the link to the page.... http://arrl-ohio.org/club_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/>

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!