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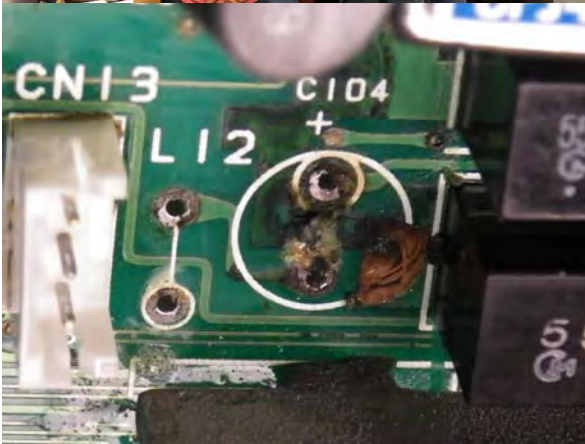
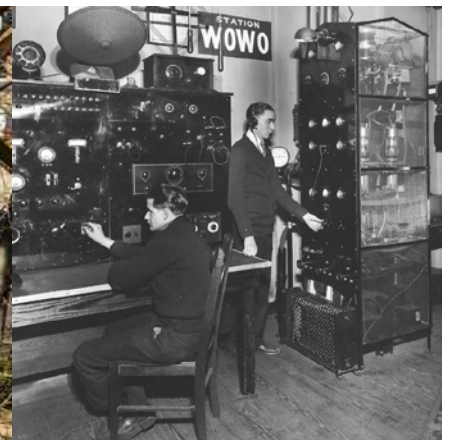
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Hospital Ship Crew Members Get Amateur Radio Training at Sea

(from arrl bulletins)

On February 21, US Army civilian contractor Tim Millea, AJ7UU, and MARS Volunteer Doug Smith, W7KF, embarked on the hospital ship USNS Mercy from San Diego to Hawaii to begin its deployment for “Pacific Partnership 2018” (PP18), a humanitarian assistance exercise that will include several Pacific stops. Their mission during the first leg of the voyage was to conduct Technician and General Amateur Radio classes for more than a dozen military and civilian personnel crewing the Military Sealift Command hospital ship, and to provide training in military HF communication procedures.

The pair provided two or three training classes a day for the crew, who took the classes following their work shifts. Classroom training was interspersed with on-air activities in the ship’s Amateur Radio room.

The Mercy is utilizing the Weak Signal Propagation Reporting ([WSPR](#)) tool under K6MRC.



On March 3, the Mercy docked in Hawaii, where a group of local Volunteer Examiners (VEs), headed by ARRL Pacific Section Manager Joe Speroni, AH0A, administered Technician and General licensing exams to the students.

“The ARRL VE Team in Honolulu was fantastic to work with,” Smith told ARRL. “Due to spotty internet connectivity while at sea and strict base access and security issues in port, the VEs in Hawaii had to exhibit extraordinary patience and persistence to administer the exams aboard Mercy.” Smith singled out ARRL VEC Manager Maria

Somma, AB1FM, for being “super helpful throughout this endeavor.”

More than 18 sailors and civilians assigned to the USNS Mercy passed their Amateur Radio exams, administered on March 3 in Pearl Harbor. The successful candidates had their new call signs or upgraded tickets by March 5.

Among those upgrading was Captain David Bretz, WH6FIR, the PP18 Mission Commander. “I am very excited to host the trainers on Mercy,” Bretz said. “We will be researching the effectiveness of using Amateur Radio aboard the Mercy for the duration of PP18.

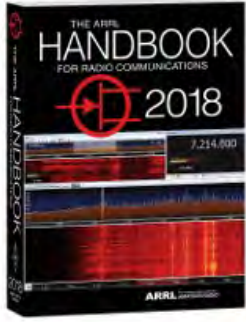
Amateur Radio operators have played a huge role throughout history assisting in humanitarian and disaster relief efforts. I am looking forward to gathering research on how this older technology can still be relevant in current humanitarian and disaster relief missions, such as PP18.”

The Mercy arrived in Guam this week.



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The Handbook Give Away



Hey Gang,

Have you registered for the “Handbook Giveaway” drawing for this month yet? If you haven’t, go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html> and get registered.

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

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



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From the Past and Looking to the Future

(by: Gregory Drezdson, WD9FTZ)

In looking over “Census of Amateur Radio Licenses” from the December 1980-1981 winter Callbook data, this is what Ohio was composed of from about 38.25 years ago:

Novice	21.24 %
Technician	24.09 %
General	29.82 %
Advanced	19.40 %
Extra	5.45%

As of March 23, 2018, the landscape of the licenses in Ohio evolved to this:

Novice	1.65 %
Technician	46.35 %
General	25.08 %
Advanced	5.77 %
Extra	21.14 %

Much of this transformation is due to the Federal Communication Commission introducing Novice Enhancement, reducing the Morse code requirement to 5 w.p.m., and eventually to eliminating the Morse code requirement completely.

Ohio license counts rose from 20,762 in 1980 to 27,885 as of March 23, 2018, or an increase of 34.3 percent. Over the same period, Ohio’s population increased 8.24 percent.

In 1980, there were 398,250 licensees in the United States, but that number swelled to 749,116 as of March 2018. This was an increase 88.1 percent.

Ohio, still lagging, maintained its ranking as the fifth most populous state for amateur radio licenses. California still outpaces other states for the number one position.

The United States population increased 44.33 percent over this 38-year period from 226.54 million to 326.97 million, while the amateur population grew from .176 percent in 1980 to .23 percent in 2018 as a percentage of the population.

The statistics show U.S. amateur radio growth, percentage wise, is growing at nearly a 2-1 rate.

As population centers shifted from the Northeast, Western state numbers increased substantially.

Will this continue to be the trend? Most probably as more and more of the population migrates to warmer regions and states. Another important item to note is that population centers are job based meaning that when corporations move to the West Coast, employment is lost in the once robust population centers of the past.

Getting back to Ohio, the amateur community needs to be encouraging Ohioans that amateur radio is vital, fun, cutting edge, and presenting the hobby in the best light possible, we can increase the numbers, plus getting youth involved in every way possible.

Attempting to get youth into the hobby has been an ongoing endeavor.

Wayne Green, 73 Magazine publisher said in the April 1987 issue of his magazine, “The lack of youngsters in amateur radio over the last 23 years (since 1964) has stopped this valuable (major breakthrough inventions) contributions to our country.”

In the dawn of “Novice Enhancement,” FCC Private Radio Bureau Chief Mike Fitch was quoted in the March 1987 issue of the American Radio Relay Leagues QST Magazine, “We’ve provided the new growth tools to Amateur Radio. It is up to the amateur community to put the tools to work.”

There are amateur radio clubs that are providing radio license classes or training, and this covet is a great start to introducing people to amateur radio and motivating licensees to upgrade, but still, once a person earns a license, it is up to the amateur population to keep that excitement alive.

Too many licensees earn a license but end up not using their radio privileges.

Former American Relay Radio League CEO David Sumner, said in the April issue of QST Magazine, page 9, “Because of the origins, there is a tendency still to think of Technicians as a VHF/UHF (only) license.”

“Techs who are interested in HF (high frequency) operation tend to upgrade quick to General or Amateur Extra so they can explore all the HF bands,” said Sumner. “Many Technician and Novice amateur licensees overlook the fact they possess highly desirable operating privileges in the 10 meter band.”

Even though we are nearing the bottom of the 11-year sunspot cycle, this does not mean that higher frequencies of the HF band will not yield to acceptable results.

During the week of March 18, 2018, there were several days where conditions on 10 meters were reminiscent of just five years ago. Even WWV on 25 MHz was being received.

In discussions with amateur operators, it is estimated that upward to 50 percent of the licenses are not active. Active, an arbitrary term, meaning in this context, of using a radio to transmit and receive once or more times a month.

Changing amateur radio testing, the rules or giving licensees additional spectrum is not the answer. Amateurs need to show prospective and current licensees the nearly unlimited facets of the hobby.

If current licensees recall the fire or burn they once had for getting on the air and using radio, and pass that passion onto others, that initial impression could be a long lasting association between radio and a prospective and new licensee.

All radio amateurs need to take it upon ourselves to inject more people into the hobby and not rely on national organizations. If every licensee could recruit just one person, the numbers in Ohio would help in sustaining growth.

Gregory Drezdron is an award-winning news photographer. He has worked as team photographer for the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Indians, and for almost a decade as staff photographer for The Wichita Eagle (Kansas). Drezdron also holds B.Sc. in Journalism, and is a FAA Commercial Pilot and Certificated Flight Instructor-Instrument.

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Shack Safety

What is the difference between two- and three-pronged plugs?

Let's start with what the holes in an outlet do. When you look at a normal 120-volt outlet there are two vertical slots and then a round hole centered below them. The left slot is slightly larger than the right. The left slot is called "neutral," the right slot is called "hot" and the hole below them is called "ground." The prongs on a plug fit into these slots in the outlet.



In a house outlet, power flows from hot to neutral. The appliance you plug into an outlet completes the circuit from the hot slot to the neutral slot, and electricity flows through the appliance to run a motor, heat some coils or whatever. Let's say you plug a light bulb into the outlet. The power will flow from the hot prong, through the filament and back to the neutral prong, creating light in the process.

What if you were to plug a thick strand of wire straight from the hot slot to the neutral slot of an outlet? Unlike an appliance, which limits the amount of electricity that can flow to 60 watts (for a light bulb) or 500 watts (for a toaster), the wire would let an incredible amount of electricity flow through it. Back in the breaker box, the circuit breaker for the outlet would detect this huge surge and it would cut off the flow of electricity. The circuit breaker prevents the wires in the wall or the outlet itself from overheating and starting a fire.

The ground slot and the neutral slot of an outlet are identical. That is, if you go back to the breaker box, you will find that the neutral and ground wires from all of the outlets go to the same place. They all connect to ground.

Ok, since they both go to the same place, why do you need both? If you look around your house, what you will find is that just about every appliance with a metal case has a three-prong outlet. This may also include some things, like your computer, that have a metal-encased power supply inside even if the device itself comes in a plastic case. The idea behind grounding is to protect the people who use metal-encased appliances from electric shock. The casing is connected directly to the ground prong.

Let's say that a wire comes loose inside an ungrounded metal case, and the loose wire touches the metal case. If the loose wire is hot, then the metal case is now hot, and anyone who touches it will get a potentially fatal shock. With the case grounded, the electricity from the hot wire flows straight to ground, and this trips the breaker in the breaker box. Now the appliance won't work, but it won't kill you either.

What happens if you cut off the ground prong or use a cheater plug so you can plug a three-prong appliance into a two-prong outlet? Nothing really -- the appliance will still operate. What you have done, however, is disable an important safety feature that protects you from electric shock if a wire comes loose. So, DON'T DO IT!

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Help Wanted

Are you E.C. caliber? I want to talk to all of you about becoming an Emergency Coordinator (E.C.) in your county. We are extremely fortunate to have a so many dedicated E.C.'s in Ohio. They do their jobs, mostly behind the scenes and without a lot of fan-fare, but it does come with a lot of self-satisfaction for a job well done. Our ARES program is one of the strongest in the country. The stats that Stan listed a few weeks back prove that out for sure!



I've talk to many of my counterparts all over the country. I hear them complain about how hard it is to get anyone to step up to the plate now days, and every time these complaints I say a little prayer just to thank my lucky stars we have such a great corps of folks that take their jobs seriously, and with great pride and dedication.

Now, from time to time we do have openings that need to be filled. In particular, we have openings right now for the following counties:

Ottawa	Allen	Fulton	Henry
Mercer	Paulding	Putnam	Logan
Clermont	Warren	Carrol	Portage
Fayette	Athens	Jackson	Meigs
Perry	Belmont	Harrison	Monroe

Do you have what it takes to become an E.C. in the Ohio Section? Unlike many other Sections, we are more than just badge wearers for sure! Yes, we do have high expectations, but we do have a lot of fun too. Got questions about what it takes? Call or write me or Stan.

We will show you that we have the best program in the nation, and one that you'll be proud to serve in!

Want to know what it takes to be an E.C. in Ohio? Here's a link for ya'...

<http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/ARESmanual2015.pdf> Yes, this is a lot of information to absorb. You do have to be an ARRL member, and here in Ohio you are also required to be a Tier I member before you will be considered for the appointment. Now, is this something that you'd like to do? Let me know.

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One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang...

There's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! <http://arrlohio.org> I noticed that that around 87% of you have experienced soldering a PL-259 connector onto a piece of coax. That's really great! That means when we get in the field we'll be able to count on you to make sure that we have a good connection.



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... **"Are you going to take a transceiver with you on vacation this year?"**

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

March 21st DMR Net

District 1 – 11	District 5 – 4	District 9 – 6	QNI: 125
District 2 – 4	District 6 – 14	District 10 – 7	Time: 60 minutes
District 3 – 12	District 7 – 22		
District 4 – 21	District 8 – 10	Outside of Ohio – 14	NCS: K8MDA



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.

- 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



The Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) will be holding a two-day Technician License class on **April 7 & 21, 2018**. There is no charge for the class. A text book is required and costs \$25.00. At the end of the second

class, students may take the FCC license exam. The cost of the exam is \$15.00.

The classes will be held at the **Lucas County EMS Training Center, 2127 Jefferson Street, Toledo, Ohio 43624**. Registration is required. Contact Steve, KC8TVW. Phone: 419-467-3734 or email: kc8tvw@arrl.net.

ARRL V.E. Test Sessions

<p>03/28/2018 Dayton OH 45424-3304 Sponsor: Dayton ARA Location: DARA Clubhouse Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>	<p>03/28/2018 Tiffin OH 44883-2636 Sponsor: Seneca Radio Club Location: Seneca Cty EOC Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>
<p>04/07/2018 Bryan OH 43506-8410 Sponsor: Williams County ARC Location: Williams County 911/EMA Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>	<p>04/07/2018 Cincinnati OH 45216-1427 Sponsor: Cincinnati Repeater Assoc Inc Location: Hartwell Presbyterian Church Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>
<p>04/07/2018 Columbus OH 43228-2127 Sponsor: CRES ARC Location: Haubach Armory Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins) Learn More</p>	<p>04/07/2018 Kirtland OH 44094-8500 Sponsor: Lake County ARA Location: Kirtland Library Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>
<p>04/07/2018 Ravenna OH 44266-2191 Sponsor: Portage County ARS Inc. Location: PCARS Club Site (Rear of complex, under BIG tower) Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>	<p>04/10/2018 Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-3205 Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>
<p>04/10/2018 Lancaster OH 43130-3014 Sponsor: Lancaster & Fairfield Cnty ARC Location: American Red Cross Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>	<p>04/12/2018 Milford OH 45150-1427 Sponsor: Milford ARC Location: Faith Church Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>
<p>04/14/2018 Cuyahoga Falls OH 44223-2504 Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC Location: Emidio & Sons Expo Center Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Learn More</p>	<p>04/14/2018 Delaware OH 43015-8533 Sponsor: Delaware ARA Location: American Red Cross Time: 10:00 AM (No walk-ins) Learn More</p>

Here's also links to other great V.E. testing sites:

[Laurel V.E. Test Locations](#) & [W5YI V.E. Test Locations](#)



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
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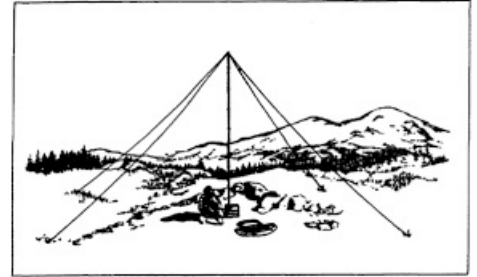
Contests – Just for the FUN of it!!

March 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SKCC Sprint • QRP Fox Hunt • Phone Fray • CWops Mini-CWT Test • UKEICC 80m Contest 	March 29 CWops Mini-CWT Test
March 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QRP Fox Hunt • NCCC RTTY Sprint • NCCC Sprint 	March 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feld Hell Sprint • UK/EI DX Contest, CW • Russian WW MultiMode Contest
April 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSGB RoLo SSB 	April 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IQRP Quarterly Marathon • RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
April 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARS Spartan Sprint 	April 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone Fray • CWops Mini-CWT Test • UKEICC 80m 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.

*This year's theme for the Dayton Hamvention is
"AMATEUR RADIO....SERVING THE COMMUNITY"*



Continuing the tradition and in harmony with this year theme, Dayton Hamvention will once again have a setup and display of emergency communications vehicles, an "ECOMM TRUCK RALLEY".

The purpose of the display is to promote emergency communications and for groups who build and operate mobile communications facilities to display their equipment and demonstrate their capabilities it's also a chance for the groups to talk about how to develop emergency communications in the field and to exchange ideas with Hamvention visitors.

This is a great opportunity to share your concepts, designs, ideas, layout and equipment for mobile emergency communication in the field and to give others ideas on designing their own unit or updating

their existing unit!

We have had displays as simple as a pop up tent to RV style operations. We have had displays from local groups, out of state hospital support teams, Salvation Army, Civil Air Patrol, MARS, DHS and many others.

There will be a meet and greet and "review of the troops" during the event with emergency communications leaders and managers from the ARRL, ARES, MARS and others. This would be a great time to explain your display and your emergency communications program.

It is recommended that your organization have information such as handout or flyers. Also take lots of pictures for possible publication.

There are a few basic rules:

- Setup will be on Thursday May 17, 2018 anytime during the day. Before/after hours arrivals by appointment.
- Display area will be in the parking lot of 2017 Hamvention tents.
- Vehicles will not be allowed to leave the display area during active Hamvention hours, but may be driven out after hours.
- Electricity hookups may not be available or some distance away. Bring long extension cords.
- No noisy generators such as construction site type above 65db noise level
- Selling/flee market out of displays prohibited.
- No holes or damage to the blacktop. If you have to use jacks or stabilizers they should have a large footprint or use a 2" thick wooden pad sufficient to distribute the weight of the vehicle.

Hamvention has offered up to four (4) gate passes that allows you entry into the entire Hamvention which are also eligible for the door prizes and one (1) parking pass to the display unit.

We do need the following Contact Name/call:

Agency/Affiliation:

Phone: Email Address:

Size of the unit:

Picture of unit:

A short description of your unit:

Send request to:

Gary Hollenbaugh, NJ8BB

Ecomm Display Coordinator

ecomm.display@yahoo.com

<http://hamvention.org/emcomm/>

937-503-7070

Please review QST March 2018 advertisement on page 122 and ARRL news letter dated March 15 2018.

Website <http://hamvention.org/emcomm/>

04/14/2018 | Cuyahoga Falls ARC's 64th Annual Hamfest

Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php?festnow=2018>

04/21/2018 | Portsmouth Radio Club Hamfest

Location: Portsmouth, OH

Sponsor: Portsmouth Radio Club

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/portsmouthradioclub/>

04/28/2018 | 2018 JCARC Hamfest

Location: Jackson, OH

Sponsor: Jackson County Amateur Radio Club

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



04/29/2018 | Athens Hamfest

Location: Athens, OH

Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association

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

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

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Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ)

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>

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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Bulletin

(from Greg, WD9FTZ)

The 2,000th DMR ID for Ohio was issued on Monday March 19th. This occurred between the hours of 12:21 and 14:25 hours local. DMR/MARCS ID number 3160059 was issued to KD8IIB, Kevin O'Harra of Grove City, Ohio, United States, DMR



Final.. Final..



Hey Gang...

This past week was a very relaxing one for me. Janie and I went to the sunny shores of Clearwater Beach and just stretched out our toes in the soft, warm white sand. I had fun watching everyone else scurry around while I got to just watch the beautiful sun and surf. Yes, I'm rubbing it in some. It's been a few years since Janie and I have had a non-working vacation.

It seems that many of you have taken my challenge about getting on the Ohio ARES DMR net Wednesday evenings. Even though I wasn't able to make the net this past week (I was sitting comfortably at a really neat beach bar listening to some great music) I did play the net back when I got home and WOW.. 125 check-ins, that's fantastic!

I did get some interesting emails from some of you last Wednesday just after the Ohio Tornado Day test at 9:50. A number of you asked why didn't we have a statewide net running for the tornado drill on 3139. Please keep in mind that DMR is one of many modes that we will use.

Since there were so many comments wanting to use this mode in particular, Stan and I have done a rethink on how some of our communications will go in the future. Stan has made some minor changes to the Ohio Section Emergency Response Plan (OSERP) reflecting those new thoughts and now includes DMR as part of the OSERP. It's great knowing that DMR has really caught on.

There's been some changes to the DMR website this past week, Greg, WD9FTZ sent me more changes to the "DMR NET" listing, and I got a new code plug from Clint Dice, KG8DQ. It's for the Mototrbo SL-7550. It's an all Ohio code plug. Go take a look: <http://arrl-ohio.org/digital/digital.html>



Ok I to want to update you on the NIMS count. We now have 673 persons registered in our NIMS database and it's still 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? Here's a link to get you started on your way: <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/training.html>

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 54 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 the Ohio Section News!!"



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We've reached the end of PostScript!

**We'll be back next week with
another great edition...**

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!