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So far, 2022 is turning out to be a very interesting year. While we all want to get back to “Normal”, there is no standard definition as to what normal entails. Normal will probably be something different than what we had experienced in the past – but remember – change is inevitable. Covid has changed forever how we will look at “Public Health”. Some of those looks are good, some not so good. Our mission is to keep our hobby alive and relevant in a changing environment. A really good example of that is how we have adopted technology, such as ZOOM, to keep our meetings and activities going during the lock down. On the plus side, even a small, rural club can draw membership from a larger area. Live presentations can now come to us from unlimited sources around the world! The biggest drawback is that as a form of communication, you still miss the connection, visual and audio cues you get from having a conversation or presentation in person. It’s a valuable too, so take advantage of it. The Ohio Section has a zoom account. If you need to use something just a little better than the free option, let me know and we’ll try to make it happen for you.

Hamfests are back!

They started coming around early last year. Some were better attended than others, but every one I’ve been to so far has had a nice selection of gear for sale, and sales were being made. This year so far that trend continues with participation increasing. Yesterday I attended a local fest with the Cuyahoga Falls ARC. I’ve got to say, it just felt good. The attendance was good, lots of neat gear for sale and lots of sales being made. The accompanying VE Session was also a hit with lots of people either getting a new ticket or an upgrade. Congratulations!



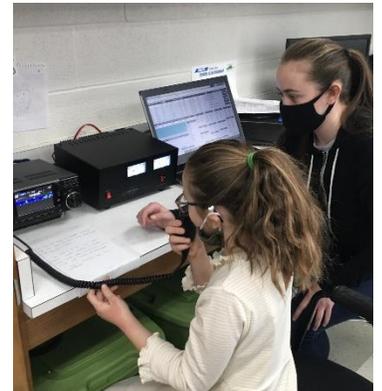
One thing I have noticed, and I write this off to another social change we have experienced, most people come early, and more than a few leave early. Everyone's busy, I get that. That trend had already started prior to the COVID attack. Unless your Fest is truly one of the larger events, you might want to consider a shorter time period, or at least an earlier final prize drawing. How about a main prize drawing that includes Zoom coverage? (just a thought) Next up is the Athens fest. I'll hope to see you there.

Ohio Section Youth Net

Where: K8IV Repeater located in Kent, OH
RF - 146.895 Mhz with PL 118.8
Echolink - K8BF-L echolink node

When: The Second Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM
Beginning April 10th, 2022

Open to any amateur radio operator who would like to check in, priority will be given to youth, and operators located in Ohio.



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or scan QR Code ----->
If need instructions on EchoLink- tiny.cc/echolink



The Ohio Section Youth Net is a new effort with it's first running tonight! You probably won't see this before then, and I can't tell you how it was until next week, but we're hoping to get this kicked off and growing! In the future we would hope to add some ZOOM events, some additional operating events and possibly some "in person" events. If you know some young hams, please make them aware of this so they can participate. Thanks to Katherine – KE8LQR and Bernadette – KE8LWO picking this up and getting it started!

One final comment on Hamfests. Dayton Hamvention is coming up May 20-22. Hamvention has a tradition going back to at least 1952. In recent years it has been one of the largest Ham Radio Fests (gathering for the non-ham audience) IN THE WORLD. And, if you are a ham in the Ohio Section – it's right in your back yard! Get your tickets, make your travel plans, BE THERE. It will be the time of your life. It will convince you that Ham Radio is not dead! You'll be able to see and acquire all kinds of really neat "Ham Radio stuff". You'll have an opportunity to meet and talk to Hams from all over the world. You won't regret it. I promise.



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

(from ARRL and other sources)

QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 9 ARLB009
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT March 14, 2022
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB009
ARRLB009 W1AW 2022 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1400 UTC to 1600 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM ET)
1700 UTC to 1945 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET)

(Station closed 1600 to 1700 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM ET))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2000 UTC (4 PM ET)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2000 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2100 " (5 PM ET)	CWb	Daily
2200 " (6 PM ET)	DIGITAL	Daily

2300 " (7 PM ET) CWs Mon, Wed, Fri
2300 " " CWf Tue, Thu
0000 " (8 PM ET) CWb Daily
0100 " (9 PM ET) DIGITAL Daily
0145 " (9:45 PM ET) VOICE Daily
0200 " (10 PM ET) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri
0200 " " CWs Tue, Thu
0300 " (11 PM ET) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 50.350 147.555
DIGITAL: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 50.350 147.555
VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 50.350 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM
CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM
CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

DIGITAL = BAUDOT (45.45 baud), BPSK31 and MFSK16 in a revolving schedule.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2230 UTC (6:30 PM ET), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular digital frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Thursdays and 0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Fridays.

Audio from W1AW's CW code practices, and CW/digital/phone bulletins is available using EchoLink via the W1AW Conference Server named "W1AWBDCT." The monthly W1AW Qualifying Runs are presented here as well. The CW/digital/phone audio is sent in real-time and runs concurrently with W1AW's regular transmission schedule.

All users who connect to the conference server are muted. Please note that any questions or comments about this server should not be sent via the "Text" window in EchoLink. Please direct any questions or comments to w1aw@arrl.org.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Digital at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1400 UTC to 1600 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM ET), and then from 1700 UTC to 1945 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring a reference copy of your current FCC amateur radio license.

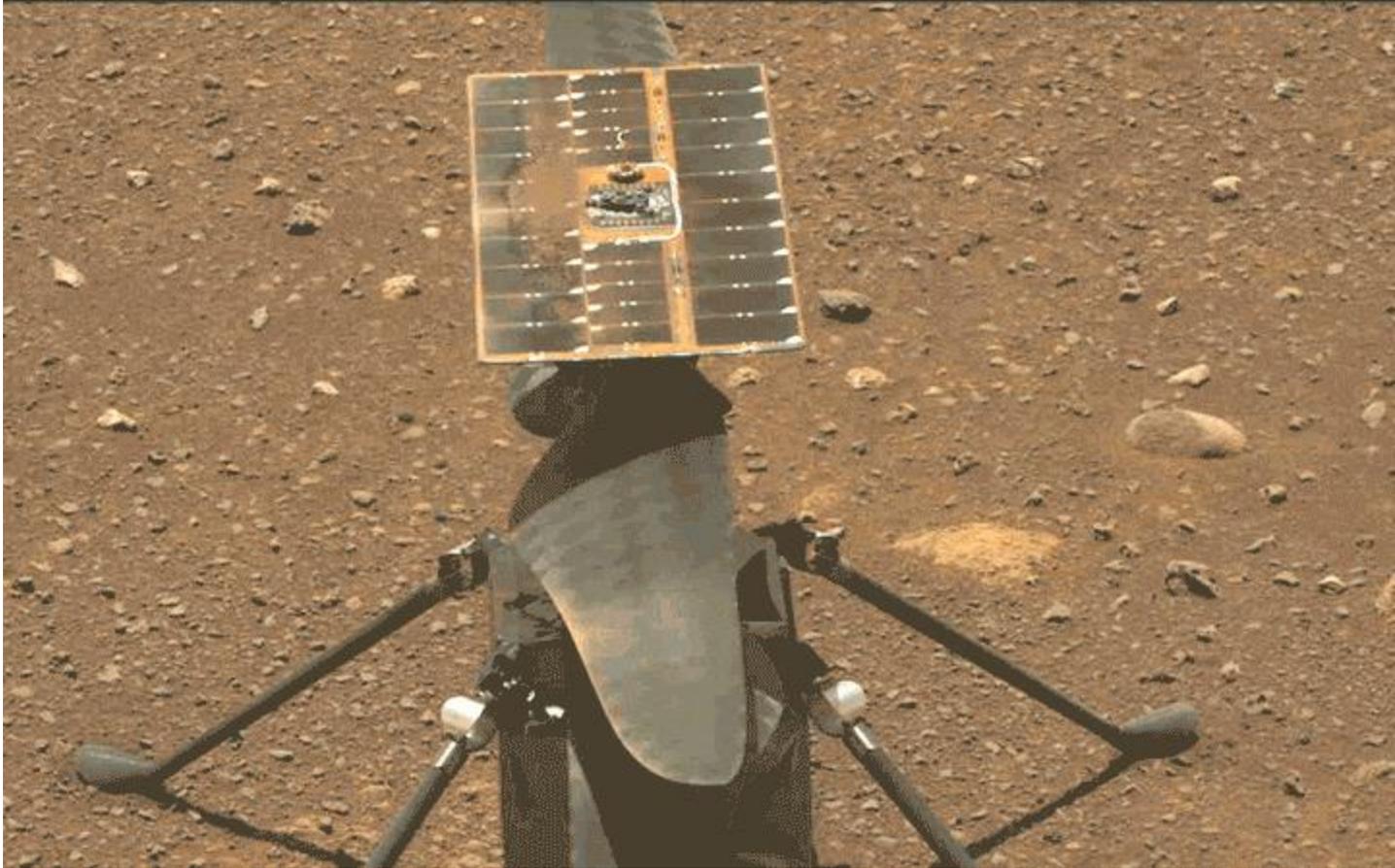
The weekly W1AW and monthly West Coast Qualifying Runs are sent on the normal CW frequencies used for both code practice and bulletin transmissions. West Coast Qualifying Run stations may also use 3590 kHz.

The complete W1AW Operating Schedule may be found on page 77 in the March 2022 issue of QST or on the web at,

<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-operating-schedule> .

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

NASA Extends Ingenuity Helicopter Mission



Mastcam-Z Captures Ingenuity's Blades Spinning: The Ingenuity Mars Helicopter's carbon fiber blades can be seen in this video taken by the Mastcam-Z instrument aboard NASA's Perseverance Mars rover on April 8, 2021, the 48th Martian day, or sol, of the mission. They are performing a wiggle test before the actual spin-up to ensure they were working properly. Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU. [Download image >](#)

With its recent 21st flight complete, the Red Planet rotorcraft is on its way to setting more records during its second year of operations.

NASA has extended flight operations of the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter through September. In the months ahead, history's first aircraft to operate from the surface of another world will support the Perseverance rover's upcoming science campaign exploring the ancient river delta of Jezero Crater. Along the way, it will continue testing its own capabilities to support the design of future Mars air vehicles.

The announcement comes on the heels of the rotorcraft's 21st successful flight, the first of at least three needed for the helicopter to cross the northwest portion of a region known as "Séítah" and reach its next staging area.

"Less than a year ago we didn't even know if powered, controlled flight of an aircraft at Mars was possible," said Thomas Zurbuchen, the associate administrator of NASA's Science Mission Directorate. "Now, we are looking forward to Ingenuity's involvement in Perseverance's second science campaign. Such a transformation of mindset in such a short period is simply amazing, and one of the most historic in the annals of air and space exploration."

AMSAT at Dayton Hamvention -- Call for Volunteers

[Dayton Hamvention](#)[®] is 6 weeks away! AMSAT has issued a call for volunteers and could use another 10 - 15 people, regardless of their experience level with satellite communications. 2022 Hamvention is May 20 - 22 in Xenia, Ohio. The interaction with AMSAT members, satellite operators, designers, and builders make the whole experience a lot of fun. You can meet or renew acquaintances, exchange operating tips, and find out what antennas, software, and equipment other AMSAT members use.

Please send an email to [Phil Smith, W1EME](#), if you can help.

ARRL Employment Opportunities

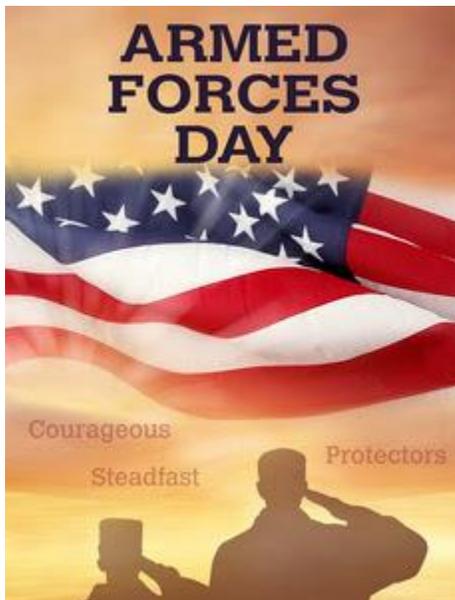
ARRL is seeking candidates for job opportunities at its headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. Available positions include Director of Information Technology, Public Relations & Outreach Manager, Social Media Strategist, and others.

ARRL Human Resources Manager Luci Goodwin explained that some of the jobs are brand-new positions, established to help advance the association's ongoing digital transformation across membership programs, services, and publishing. "Some of the positions are responsible for increasing awareness and growth of amateur radio," said Goodwin. "A new program area will expand ARRL's visibility in promoting ham radio to the public and through our outreach to like-minded communities."

A list of open positions, including the responsibilities and qualifications for each job, is posted at www.arrl.org/careers. Employment opportunities are available for candidates with or without an amateur radio license. "We're always on the lookout for experienced radio amateurs who want to contribute their passion for ham radio to the ARRL HQ team," added Goodwin. To apply, submit your resume to ARRL [Human Resources](#). ARRL is an equal opportunity employer.

Annual Armed Forces Day Cross-Band Exercise Set for May 14

The 2022 running of the Armed Forces Day (AFD) Cross-Band exercise will be held on May 14, 1300 - 2200 UTC. A complete list of participating stations, modes, frequencies, times, and other details [will be announced](#) on April 1. The event is open to all radio amateurs. Armed Forces Day is May 21, but the AFD Cross-band Military-Amateur Radio event traditionally takes place 1



week earlier in order to avoid conflicting with Dayton Hamvention®. During the exercise, radio amateurs listen for stations on military operating frequencies and transmit on frequencies in adjacent amateur bands.

Military and amateur stations have taken part in this event for more than 50 years. It's an exercise scenario, designed to include ham radio and government radio operators alike.

Per previous announcements: "The AFD Cross-band Test is a unique opportunity to test two-way communications between military communicators and radio stations in the Amateur Radio Service, as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111. These tests provide opportunities and challenges for radio operators to demonstrate individual technical skills in a tightly controlled exercise scenario that does not impact any public or private communications."

Military stations in various locations will transmit on selected military frequencies and announce the specific ham band frequencies they are monitoring.

An AFD message will be transmitted utilizing the Military Standard (MIL-STD) serial PSK waveform (M110) followed by MIL-STD Wide Shift FSK (850 Hz RTTY), as described in MIL-STD 188-110A/B. The AFD message will also be sent in CW and RTTY.

Full details will be released on April 1.

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.



Skywarn Training Schedule for 2022

For insertion to your Club Newsletters and/or club meetings.

Details of how to sign up, times and locations when available can be found at https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule.

If you haven't been to a class in the past due to CoVid, it is important to attend as some things may have changed in the way the NWS issues warnings and specifically what they are looking for in your reports.

I will publish updates as I receive them

73,
Gregg - WB8YYS

Help Desperately Needed!

Hi all! I'm still in need of operators for the Glass City Marathon. Race day is Sunday, April 24th and the start time is 6:30 AM. The race starts and ends on the campus of the University of

Toledo and the course runs west and north from there. If you'd like to sign up or get more information please contact me at either k8rks@arrl.net or 419-471-0573.
Thanks!

Rick K8RKS
k8rks@arrl.net
419-471-0573

Bus Trip to Hamvention!

The Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will be sponsoring a bus trip to Hamvention in Xenia Ohio on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The bus will depart from Akron, Ohio at 5:30am on the 21st. The bus is planned to arrive by the start of Saturday's event at 9:00am and will depart from the Hamvention bus area at 4:00pm for the return trip. The bus will make stops for breakfast (McDonald's) and dinner (Cracker Barrel) with both meals at your own expense.

The trip package includes the **bus fare and entrance ticket** and is priced at \$100. Reservations must be made by April 15th. *The bus requires a minimum purchase of 35 riders and SARA will cancel the event with full refund if 35 riders have not been scheduled and paid by April 15, 2022.* Except for the case of a cancellation of the trip, all purchases are non-refundable. If there are bus seats remaining after April 15th, **bus fare only** will be \$74. Remaining seats will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Visit <https://w8wky.org/bustrip> for more information and to reserve your spot!

ARES OHIO

There has been a slight change in the ARES district map for Ohio. Perry county has now been placed into District 7. The new map follows and is also available on the Ohio Section Web-site.



Ohio Public Private Partnership

SAVE THE DATE! April 8, 2024 Ohio's Total Solar Eclipse



SAVE THE DATE!

In exactly two years, a total eclipse will go through Ohio. Start planning for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Eclipse.Ohio.Gov

How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

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

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

Go Fully Electronic in 2022!

By Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VEC Manager

Online Examinations and Remote Testing

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



The remote exam sessions are conducted using an online video conferencing platform and a web-based examination system with on-screen tests. ARRL VE teams have had the option to be completely electronic since June 2020 by using online exams. The online exams can also be utilized at in-person sessions automating most of the process, for a fully electronic in-person session experience.

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

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

Not a VE? Become one today!

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

Electronically File Exam Session Documents for Quicker Service

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

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

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

Resources for ARRL VEs

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

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

Alliance Radio Club Raffle

Each year since 2020, the Alliance Amateur Radio Club in alliance, OH has raffled off a HF Rig. With each year, the interest grows. A portion of the money raised goes back into the Alliance area in the form of donations to local service groups at Christmas Time.

In 2021, moneys from our raffle combined with proceeds from the fundraiser at our Annual meeting allowed us to donate over \$1000 to Charities in the Alliance Ohio area.

This year, we've chosen as our raffle item, an Icom IC-7300 HF + 6M Radio.

The winning ticket will be drawn on July 13th. The winner need not be present to win. You can learn more, and purchase tickets at <https://www.w8lky.org/about-us/2022-fundraiser/>. Questions can be directed to <mailto:fundraiser@w8lky.org>



Hamshack Hotline Ohio Section Directory Listings

We now have the directory online at the Ohio Section web page, arrl-ohio.org. You will find the Hamshack Hotline listing for Ohio Hams in the ARES section where a login and password are required. If you have the HH service, you may want to take a look and I'd appreciate your thoughts, comments and suggestions. You will see a field in the listings for "Intended Use". Most who have just one line would use it as a "Call Me Number". Many have more than one line and likely have done so to support various ARES activities. I flagged the multi line accounts with "Unknown" as many have experimental service HHUX. Those could be used for many purposes and I didn't attempt a guess. If you wish to identify your use of those lines marked "Unknown", let me know and I can make the change(s). I have attempted to verify as much as I can and there may be additional corrections. Again, please let me know. My intent is to improve the phone directory listing and make it more useful as a service to all of us. Let me know what you think.

Now if Hamshack Hotline is new to you, I encourage you to have a look. The service is free to all licensed Amateurs. They do take donations to help support their expenses. The service is full featured and could have many applications for ARES. It can be ported to cell phones as well in addition to normal landline phones either analog or digital. The setup is a very simple process when using an end point device on their supported list. You can find these on eBay as well as Amazon and I am sure other vendors. One of the real pluses to the HH service is that your phone will work anywhere with a good internet connection and integrates well into the AREDN MESH Network. I take mine along whenever I travel and it works very well on the road using a mobile cellular data hotspot. Do have a look, hamshackhotline.com.

Thanks and 73,
Jim w8erw@arrl.net

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ARLB011 New FCC Application Fee Will Not Apply to Amateur Radio License Upgrades

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade amateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the new fees take effect on April 19, 2022.

"We are pleased that the FCC will not charge licensees the FCC application fee for license upgrade applications," said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria

Somma, AB1FM. "While applicants for a new license will need to pay the \$35 FCC application fee, there will be no FCC charge for future upgrades and administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address. Most current licensees, therefore, will not be charged the new FCC application fee until they renew their license or apply for a new vanity call sign."

ARRL previously reported that the new \$35 application fee for amateur radio licenses will become effective on April 19, 2022. Further information and instructions about the FCC Application Fee are available from the ARRL VEC page at, <https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee> .

VE Sessions

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

CARS

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

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

If you are interested in testing for a new or upgraded license, please come see us at the DARA Clubhouse. If you have questions about testing, please email exams.w8bi@gmail.com

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is once again holding its **2022** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates: Saturday, February 5, April 2, June 4, August 6, October 1, and December 3. The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC) hosts exam sessions at the FAIRFIELD County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr in Lancaster Ohio, 43130, on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am. Please visit our website at <http://www.k8qjk.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our experienced VE team looks forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio. Contact me at ve_testing@k8qjk.org to register.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC) is now doing VE testing on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.

Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Your Club news should be listed here!

I know you're out there doing things! Send me a write-up (MSWord please) and some photo's (.jpg please) and we'll get your club hi-lited here for the other OH Section Clubs to see! Send to WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG

DX This Week – Natal DX Group

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

This week I will present the first in a series of articles about certificate gathering. I mentioned that I have had a couple of brushes with getting hooked on certificate hunting in the past. The first was when 30 Meters opened. Although the ARRL did not initially recognize 30 meters as a DXCC band, The DX Magazine did. Chod Harris, VP2ML, the editor, offered very nice certificates to the first 100 hams who could show that they had worked 100 different entities on 30M. I received the certificate, #79, and was really hooked. However, family and work took over and I stopped really chasing paper. Until I found the UAAC (more on that in a few weeks). One of the first groups that I joined was the Natal Digital Group from Brazil.

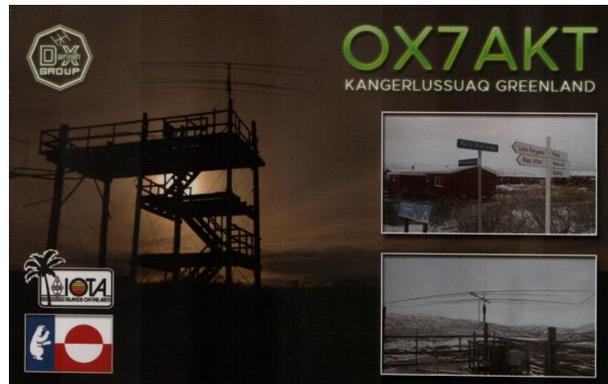
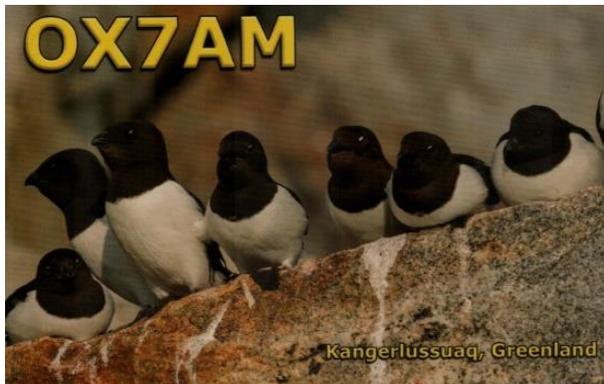
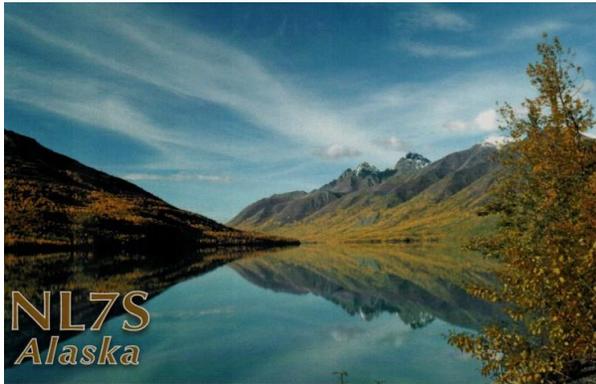


If you have been looking for your own furnished DX station, I have an offer for you. Read below about VY2ZM. The bands have been staying open longer and longer, for the most part. However, there is always something to cause issues on the band. Let me know if you have been on and what you have been working.

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Midwest entity spots included Afghanistan, Alaska, Asiatic Turkey, Austria, Azores, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Canary Islands, Cayman Islands, Ceuta & Melilla, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, Faroe Islands, Fed. Rep. of Germany, Finland, France, French Guiana, Galapagos Islands, Greece, Guadeloupe, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mali, Morocco, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Rodriguez Island, Romania, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, St. Martin, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States, West Malaysia, and Zimbabwe. This brings the years total entities spotted in the Midwest to 162. So far, I have a higher count in the CQ Marathon that I have had in years. Hope you are working DX as well – let me know.

I received several nice cards this week including NL7S – Bob in Alaska, HC3RJ – Jack in Ecuador, OX7AM – Alex in Greenland, OX7AKT – Mikkel in Greenland, and BA5CJ – Gao in Zhejiang, China, confirmed China on 30 M for me. Let me know what you received!





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Update: April 8, 2022

To DX'ers, Contesters and Friends:

Most of you probably know that VY2ZM is scheduled for de-commission starting May 15th, 2022, unless another amateur or consortium of contesters takes it over to continue the legacy of this premier amateur radio station on Prince Edward Island.



Briefly, here are the most important facts about this opportunity:

- The station sits on 38+/- acres and includes an executive 3500SF home with 4BR and 3.5 baths in immaculate condition
- It is offered TURNKEY which means this includes all furnishings, linens, towels, tools etc – you just move in with a ready-made station that is also included.
- The parcel has 333 feet of saltwater ocean frontage with concrete steps to a private beach
- The offering includes 10 existing and fully permitted towers with capability from 160m-10m.
- The home has a 22KW GENERAC generator with a 200A automatic transfer switch
- There are (3) independent thermostatically controlled heating systems to heat and protect the home and a DISC alarm system that is monitored 24/7/365.
- Access is via a well-maintained gravel driveway and will include a snowmobile/sled combination for the winter months
- Over the course of 21 years this station has a history of top-ranked scores on the low bands to include at various times several world records, North American records and legendary performance on 160m. Something like 15 top W/VE scores have been achieved in ARRL DX and 3 top national scores in ARRL SS Phone.
- Star Link Internet has been installed to enable high speed internet access in the home which can be used to allow for REMOTE access should the new owner wish to consider installing it.

- **INCOME OPPORTUNITY:** 3-bedroom homes like ours are allowed to offer Bed & Breakfast rentals under PEI regulations; estimated income at \$200-250 per night or \$3,000 per weekly rental, in season.

Additional useful information:

- Under existing treaty, US amateurs can freely travel to CANADA for 6 months per annum on their US passport. Covid rules have already been largely lifted and this unfortunate situation will soon be a memory. US amateurs can operate immediately using their home callsigns/VY2 under treaty and, with a Canadian Advanced Amateur license, can legally operate remotely from the USA into Canada. (I happen to be a CANADIAN VEC and can provide testing for anyone interested.)
- Reaching the station by car: Travel times from Cape Cod to the station are roughly 13 hours by car over good roads through New England, New Brunswick and over the Confederation Bridge into PEI.
- Reaching the station by air: We have a nice airport in the capital city of Charlottetown, which is 50 mins west of the station. To get to PEI via air usually means that one flies initially to either Montreal, or Toronto or to Halifax from the US, and then connects to Charlottetown from one of those connecting cities. In the summer season, some US airlines do come into PEI directly, but this is usually only a seasonal summer service that is offered.
- Your US dollar is worth more than the Canadian dollar allowing many things at a 20% discount – although Canada does have an HST akin to the VAT system in Europe.
- The capital city of Charlottetown offers excellent restaurants, shopping akin to the USA in almost every way, eg: Walmart/Home Depot and is roughly 50 minutes away from VY2ZM as is the PEI airport.

Pricing: VY2ZM is available as a complete, turnkey situation and is priced at \$750,000 USD.

Photos and additional property details:

See <https://www.hamradiohomes.com/listings/monticello-prince-edward-island/>

This is a very special, unique opportunity to own one of the most competitive DX and Contest stations in North America – where European signals on 160m sound like those on 20 meters all year long. During the Winter months, it is possible to work into Europe on 160m for upwards of 20 hours a day. I would dearly love to have the legacy of this place continue – it would be a shame to see it all come down. If you have any questions, or want to discuss the property further, please contact me via the above website link.

Thanks for your consideration.

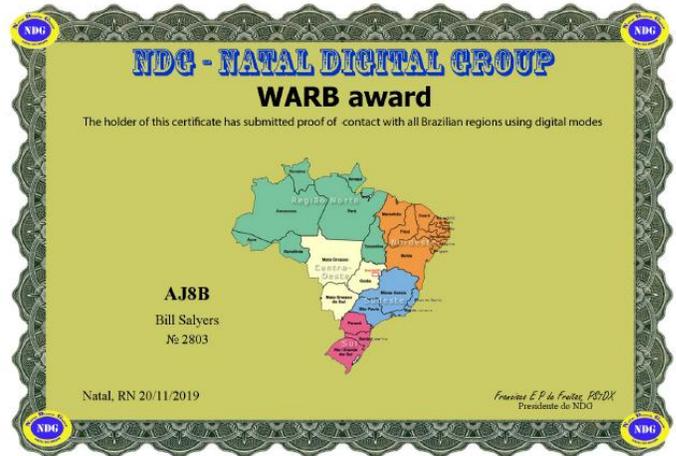
Jeff Briggs, K1ZM / VY2ZM

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Over the next several weeks, I mentioned that I would be introducing you to several DX clubs that have excellent awards for working various entities and zones. The final article will detail the use of an app that you can import your QSOs into and it will apply for various awards. This is maintained at no cost.

The first is the Brazilian group, the Natal Digital Group. Their information is below.

Summary: To be an NDG member, there are no dues or fees, simply fill in all the fields of the registration form. Please note that you must be a licensed radio amateur or an active short-wave listener to sign up to become an NDG member. You can also associate your club, if it has call own. You will receive a welcome letter and your NDG membership certificate in a PDF format via e-mail. If you do not receive within one week, please check your SPAM box, or contact us at ps7dx.ed@gmail.com.



<http://ndg.qsl.br/certificados-do-ndg/> -> Click on Membership

How was the NDG formed?

NDG was created on April 8, 2002, in the city of NATAL/RN, by 4 (four) radio amateurs (PS7DX-Ed, PS7KC-Carlos Cavalcanti, PS7PIO-Pio and PS7TKS-Marcio). In December 2021, we reached 6,300 members (SWL & HAM), colleagues from many countries. NDG is the only Brazilian amateur radio group exclusively dedicated to digital modes.

What is the purpose?

Our purpose is to promote digital modes, and we started especially at the time when PSK was emerging.

Most of the awards are fantastic, who creates them?

All certificates were created by PS7DX, Ed, using images from our city, Natal, located in the northeast of Brazil, in the state of Rio Grande do Norte (RN)

I noticed that a contest is mentioned on the website. Is there or will there be a contest associated with NDG?

We launched the NDG contest in 2015 exclusively for Brazilians, with two editions in the year, June and December until 2017, in the PSK31, PSK63, PSK125 and RTTY modalities. I did the regulation and verified the logs. After the FT8 development, we saw that the interest of the participants dropped. Unfortunately, it became unsustainable, and we decided to suspend the NDG contest. Our project, at the time, was to internationalize it.

How did NDG get affiliated with the UAAC and DK5UR?

When I got notice of the EPC PSK CLUB platform and its certificates, in 2013, I had the "daring" to create some certificates and even more, so I asked to Heinz, DK5UR, to include NDG in their certification tools, when I had the pleasant surprise, in a quick response, to be attended immediately, leaving me with the tasks of creating regulations and certificates.

Our certificates remain the same since its creation:

- ✓ NDG-WAB(10) – QSO with 10 Brazilian States.
- ✓ NDG-WAB(20) – QSO with 20 States in Brazil.
- ✓ NDG-WAB – QSO with all the States of Brazil, (26 plus the Federal District (Brasilia).
- ✓ NDG-WAB+PY0-QSO with all states of Brazil and all islands PY0
- ✓ NDG-WARB-QSO with all regions in Brazil
- ✓ NDG-W10SA-QSO with 10 DXCC Entities from South America.
- ✓ NDG-WASA-QSO with all of South America (17 countries).

I must say that DK5UR, Heinz, to whom I am eternally grateful, was largely responsible for the growth of NDG in terms of membership and issuance of certificates. In addition to the Ultimate AAC, he also created the NDG MEMBER program, for registration and issuance of certificates for new members.

What else should we know about NDG?

NDG remains active, acknowledging the help of the colleagues, who have earned our Certificate of Merit, such as: DK5UR Heinz, for inclusion in their certificate issuance programs; R3BB Victor, for creating DLL to use MIXW in our contest; and G4OGB Les, for creating the UDC file to use N1MM in our contest.

NDG is completely free and continues to issue certificates and accept new members. <http://ndg.qsl.br> was created and is maintained by PS7DX, as well as the registration of new members and the issuance of all certificates, since its foundation. Join us, 73 by PS7DX.Ed.

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

TR – Gabon - F8EN (ex-CN8EM, FO8BV and 3C3CR), Roland, is going back to Gabon, callsign TR8CR. He leaves on the trip May 14th but does not expect to be "active full time" until June 1st, then continue through July. During this time Roland will be celebrating his 94th birthday, working CW only, on 40, 30 and 20 meters. QSL direct or via the bureau to F6AJA. There will be a searchable log: <http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

HK0 - San Andres - HK0/PY8WW is an expectation to the island between May 7-12. He plans to be on 40-6. QSL via the PY8WW home QTH.

VP8 - Falkland Islands - The regulatory authority says hams there can add /40 to their callsign to mark the 74 days of the Falklands war 40 years ago. This special authorization is April 2 to June 14, 2022. In the war 255 British, 650 Argentines and three civilians lost their lives.

Z6 – Kosovo - DF8DX, Bodo; and DL2JRM, Rene, will be there operating in May, Z68QQ May 23-30; and Z66BCC in the WPX CW weekend, May 28-29.

5X – Uganda - W6TK/5X2G, Dick Stepanian, updates us on 5X3Z and 5X2H. The hexbeam is now up and operational. His grandson, John Paul, 5X3Z, is now set up on LoTW, Club Log and QRZ. 5X2H, Jack, has his LoTW and Club Log lined up now too. Jack is 13 years old and has been very active on FT8, especially on 10 meters, where he plans to continue very active. In the first couple weeks of operating, he almost has DXCC. Two others of the grandkids have technician class licenses, Nine, KN6OZI; and Luke, KN6OZH. They are working on the general class license, hoping to get 5X callsigns soon. Dick and his wife leave Friday evening for home in California, expecting to arrive Saturday night. He has not used his 5X2G callsign at all on this trip but does have LoTW, Club Log and QRZ accounts.

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CONTEST CORNER

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

Check out the WA7BNM Contest Calendar page

(<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>) and CQ Magazine for more contests or more details. I also have a comprehensive list that can be imported to your calendar at www.aj8b.com/files

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!

Apr. 23-24	10-10 Spring Digital Contest	http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc
Apr. 23-24	Helvetia Contest	https://www.uska.ch/
Apr. 23-24	SP DX RTTY Contest	http://www.pkrvq.org/strona,spdxrttyen.html
Apr. 24	Bartg Sprint75 Contest	http://bartg.org.uk/wp/contests/

Apr. 24	North American SSB Sprint	https://ssbsprint.com/rules/
Apr. 27	432 MHz Spring Sprint	https://bit.ly/3Fazrif
Apr. 27	UKEICC 80m Contests CW	https://ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php
Apr. 28	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
Apr. 30- May 1	UK/EI DX Contest, CW	https://www.ukeicc.com/dx-contest-rules.php
May 1	AGCW QRP/QRP Party	http://bit.ly/3bwH1aZ
May 28-29	CQWW WPX CW Contest	www.cqwpw.com

ARLD014 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by EA4NF, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

GUYANA, 8R. Esmond, 8R1AK has been active on 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

PORTUGAL, CT. Philippe, EA4NF will be QRV as CT7/EA4NF from April 13 to 16. Activity will be on various linear and FM Satellites. QSL to home call.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Bob, E51BQ is QRV from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, and is normally active using FT8 on 30 and 20 meters from 0500 to 0600z daily. QSL to home call.

NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Jean-Louis, F5NHJ is QRV as FK/F5NHJ from Noumea until June 11. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

HUNGARY, HA. Members of the Szollosi Jozsef Radio Club are QRV as HG1222BA to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the first constitutional document in continental Europe called the Aranybulla. QSL via HA4KYB.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, HC8. Rick, NE8Z and Maria, HC1MM are QRV as HD8MD and HD8MM, respectively, from Santa Cruz, IOTA SA-004, until April 14. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

SARDINIA, IS0. Bodo, DF8DX will be QRV as IS0/DF8DX from April 9 to 16. QSL to home call.

JAN MAYEN, JX. Rune, LA7QY and Helge, LB4MI are QRV as JX7QY and JX/LB4MI, respectively, until October while on work assignment. Activity is in their spare time on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

AUSTRIA, OE. Jo, OE6VIE is QRV as OE0MORSE during April to commemorate the death of Samuel F. B. Morse. QSL via LoTW.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Members of VERON District A17 are QRV as special event station PI750GAZ until September 30 to celebrate the 750th anniversary since Gouda was granted city rights in the year 1272. QSL via bureau.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V. Operators N2IEN, WW2DX, W2RE, WW1X and KB2HZI will be QRV as VP2V/N2IEN from Tortola, Grid Square FK78, from April 10 to 16. Activity will be holiday style on 160 to 6 meters, and possibly Satellite, using CW, SSB, and FT8, with 2 to 3 stations active. QSL via EB7DX.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, VP8. Amateur radio operators in the Falklands can affix the suffix /40 to their call signs until June 14 to mark the 74 days of the Falklands war that took place 40 years ago.

MEXICO, XE. Ramon, XE1KK is QRV as XI0X during all of 2022. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Max, DK1MAX is QRV as XT2MAX from Ouagadougou until April 20. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, some SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via EA5GL.

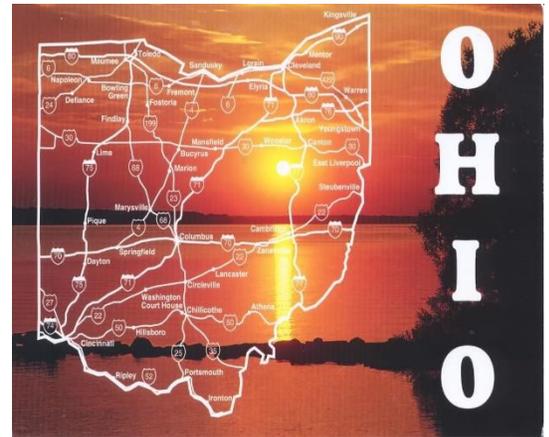
ST. HELENA ISLAND, ZD7. Barrie, ZD7MY has been QRV using FT8 on 6 meters around 0400 to 0800z. QSL to home call.

Please see April QST, page 74, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



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



Ohio Hamfests

2022

04/09/2022 - [Sixty-Sixth Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)
Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Website: <http://www.cfarc.org/hamfest.php>
[Learn More](#)

04/24/2022 - [Athens Hamfest](#)
Location: Athens, OH
Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.ac-ara.org/>
[Learn More](#)

<p>04/25/2022 - 04/29/2022 RV Radio Network Spring Rally Location: Millersburg, OH Sponsor: RV Radio Network Website: http://rvradionetwork.com</p> <p>Learn More</p>	<p>05/01/2022 - Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Trunk Sale and Swap Meet Location: Toledo, OH Sponsor: Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Website: http://tinyurl.com/lcaresswap</p> <p>Learn More</p>
<p>05/20-22/2022 - Dayton Hamvention Location: Greene County Fairgrounds, OH Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association Website: https://hamvention.org</p> <p>Learn More</p>	<p>05/28/2022 - Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Location: Piketon, OH Sponsor: Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club</p> <p>Learn More</p>
<p>06/04/2022 - FCARC Summer Hamfest Location: Wauseon, OH Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest</p> <p>Learn More</p>	<p>07/09/2022 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest Location: Mansfield, OH Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club Website: http://www.w8we.org</p> <p>Learn More</p>
<p>07/17/2022 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://W8FY.ORG</p> <p>Learn More</p>	<p>08/13/2022 - Cincinnati Hamfest Location: Owensville, OH Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org</p> <p>Learn More</p>
<p>09/17/2022 - Mound Amateur Radio Assoc. Swap Meet Location: Miamisburg, OH Sponsor: MARA Website: http://W8DYY.ORG</p> <p>Learn More</p>	<p>09/25/2022 - Cleveland Hamfest Location: Berea, OH Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland Website: http://www.hac.org</p> <p>Learn More</p>

OHIO'S



April 10, 2022

It's been a busy week for N8ZNR and myself. On Monday we visited our friends at their monthly **Portsmouth RC** meeting. Then on Thursday it was to **Wilmington** for the **Clinton County ARA** meeting. On Friday it was helping AC9GK with his antenna installation. We then wrapped up the week at the monthly **Highland ARA's** Brunch Bunch gathering. It was good to get out again and see some long-time friends we have missed seeing for the past couple of years.

The primary topic of discussion seems to center around understanding the upcoming FCC fee to start on April 19. Although most are aware of the fee being charged for new licenses, vanity call signs, license renewals and some other major modifications, upgrading a license fee free has surprised many. Also many are unaware you can renew a license up to 90 days in advance of the expiration date. So anyone with an upcoming license renewal or considering a call sign change should probably go ahead and get the process started as things have to be already moving through the system on the 19th for the fee not to be charged.

The **DeForest ARA** will hold a business meeting at the ABCAP Senior Center in West Union on Tuesday, April 12. The meeting begins at 7 pm in the building directly across the street from the Courthouse in downtown West Union. Club President Kim Paquette, N8YWX, says a number of items planned for the summer will be discussed.

Also on the 12th the **Highland ARA** will hold a business meeting at the Highland County EMA Office in Hillsboro. Although there are a number of items to discuss and decide, President Pat Hagen, N8BAP, says they are going to make adequate time to celebrate the Club's 45th Anniversary with cake and drinks plus plenty of fellowship afterwards. In honor of the 45th Anniversary, they hope to have 45 in attendance. All area amateurs and neighboring clubs are welcome regardless of whether you are a HARA member or not. Things get underway at 7 pm.

Based upon the minutes of their March meeting, you can bet the main topic to be discussed at the upcoming April 19 meeting of the **Athens County ARA** will be the April 24th Athens Hamfest. Starting their April meeting Club President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF reminds members meetings will return to the Red Cross Building in Athens.

The **Wilmington NWS Office** will have a final Storm Spotter webinar on Monday evening April 18 at 7 pm. It is a live webinar where questions can be asked and answers received. Check the **Wilmington NWS Office** website to learn how to participate.

The South 40 amateur community wants to welcome some new hams to our ranks. Recently John Bellenger III of Wilmington became KE8UIJ and Gage Arthur of Jackson is now KE8UIH. In Washington County Colton Renner of New Matamorus is now KE8UJD.

Although it's after the new fee goes into effect, the **Milford ARC** will conduct a free Laurel VE session on April 21 prior to their monthly business meeting. It will take place at the Miami Township Civic Center and begin at 6 pm. Pre-registration is requested, but walk-ins will be accepted if space allows. Another license and upgrade opportunity will be at the **Athens County ARA's** hamfest on April 24. Registration begins at 10 AM. It is an ARRL session and the appropriate ARRL fee will be charged. For more information contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, at n8suz@arrl.net. May 15 will have a test at the Wilmington Public Library at 1 pm conducted by the **Clinton County ARA**.

At the meeting in Portsmouth I was asked if there were any upcoming hamfests in the Southern Ohio area. The answer is YES. As mentioned above, the **Athens County ARA's** annual event will be on Sunday, April 24 at the Athens Community Center on the east side of the city. It runs from 8 AM until Noon. Admission is still \$5 and non-ham XYLs are free. Inside flea market spots are \$10 per table while those free outside spots are on a first come basis. There is even a discount if you order an inside space at least a week in advance! Historically it has always been a great show with a lot of goodies for sale plus a good attendance. If you have never been to a hamfest, it is a good starter. Our Section Manager, Tom Sly, will be in attendance.

On Saturday, April 30, the **River Cities ARA** will hold their annual Spring hamfest at the C & O caboose and railroad museum in Catlettsburg, KY.

In an attempt to fill the void left by the demise of the **Portsmouth RC** hamfest, on Saturday May 28, the **Scioto Valley ARC** will sponsor a Scioto Valley Trunkfest at the Pike County Fairgrounds near Piketon. According to club officers it will get underway at 8 AM. Although there is no fee to set up to sell, there is a \$5 per person admission charge.

One of the more popular events occurring during HamVention is the annual DX Banquet sponsored by the Southwest Ohio DX Association. This year the dinner will be the evening of May 20 and will be at the Dayton Marriott Hotel. A cash bar will open the evening's festivities at 5:30 pm. The Mayo Clinic's Dr. Scot Wright, K0MD, will be the keynote speaker and share his experiences operating from South America, China and the Caribbean. It is a highlight of HamVention weekend and usually features some neat door prizes. The grand prize for the banquet is an Icom IC-7610. Visit the www.swodxaevents.org website to learn more about the evening and to order tickets. Bill Salyers, AJ8B, says tickets remain, but historically sales are brisk in the days leading to the event.

Although a tad out of this column's coverage area, for those hams into country music, Paintsville's **Kentucky Mountains ARC** will honor the 90th birthday of legendary country singer Loretta Lynn with a special event station at Butcher Holler, KY on April 14. K4L (Kentuckians 4 Loretta) is the call sign to be used and it will operate around 7.235 starting at 00:00. A special QSL card will be available for those making a successful contact.

Thanks to Randy, W8HC, and Kurt, KC8JRV for letting me know that hams in the Vinton County area are exploring any interest in restarting a club. They are invited to attend a 9 am meeting on April 16 at the McArthur Firehouse to gauge the interest. If you are unable to attend but would like to learn more about the possibility contact Rusty, KE8DJE, or check into the Sunday evening Vinton County Net.

Letting more people know about amateur radio, what is being done by those who have a license and the value to a community in not only good times, but in emergencies is something the **Cambridge ARC** takes to heart. On Monday afternoon, April 25, Sonny Alfman, W8FHF, will present a program about ham radio to the Cambridge Lions Club. And what a program it should be if for no other reason than just its history. CARA has served Guernsey County since 1913 and is also one of the oldest affiliated American Radio Relay League clubs in the nation. It will begin at Noon at Mr. Lee's Restaurant in Cambridge.

Saturday again proved that hams like to eat and visit with each other. Doug Broyles, KE8ORQ, says about nine participated in the restart of the **Bainbridge Area** ham breakfast at the Dutch Restaurant near Bainbridge. Fifteen signed in for the **Highland ARA** Brunch Bunch. Also on Saturday the **OH-KY-IN ARS** was to meet at a Bridgetown restaurant. Ralph Howes, W8BVH, reminds members of the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** of their breakfast meeting on April 16 at the Lancaster Frisch's at 9 am.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reports good support from his fellow members of the **Athens County ARA** at the recent Iron Furnace Trail Run. The event was sponsored by the Southeast Ohio Trail Runners who have expressed their appreciation to ACARA for assistance in keeping their runners safe and accounted for during the event. The SEOTR group has requested ACARA's assistance later in the year for another event.

If running type races are not your style, but the combination of fast cars and ham radio appeal, then this event might be up your alley. Licensed ham radio volunteers are needed to assist with the Southern Ohio Forest Rally starting on Thursday, June 9 at the park in Chillicothe and concluding on June 11 at the Zaleski State Forest outside of McArthur. The event will also take place on June 10 in the Shawnee State Forest west of Portsmouth. Check www.southernohioforestrally.com for information about the event and its history plus how you can become involved. Or contact Bill French, KE8AAL for information.

The **Highland ARA** is known for their visitation to other club's meetings, hamfests and events. They started the year out this past week with a visit to the **Portsmouth RC** meeting and then to the meeting of the **Clinton County ARC** later in the week. Later in the month they will be heading to Clermont County and sitting in on the **Milford ARC's** meeting. Additionally you will see those blue shirts at the upcoming hamfests in Athens and Piketon.

As a side note, I intend to attend the Athens Hamfest on the 24th. Kathy and I will be the ones led through the flea market by K9DOG. Should you see us, be sure to say "HI".

Although Income Tax Day is just around the corner, I'm going to close this week's column on a very high note. N8ZNR and I recently commented our daughter and daughter-in-law had passed their ham radio licenses at a test session in Central Oregon where they live and work. On Tuesday the FCC posted their call signs. Jennifer is now KK7EYJ and Carina is KK7EYH. However the KK7EYJ will be short lived as Jennifer anticipates applying for Dad's old WA8KIW in the coming days. Jenn works as a graphic designer for nationally known Hydro-Fask and is also a certified ski patrol volunteer. The ham license gives her another tool to be used in rescue work and it has already caught the attention of some of her fellow volunteers who are involved with search and rescue. Carina works for the U. S. Forest Service and periodically pulls fire tower watch duty during the fire season. I understand she has already been checking out the Summits on the Air and Parks on the Air programs. Needless to say, Mom and Dad are quite pleased.

That's it for another week. So until next time, stay safe, healthy and ham radio active.

John Levo, W8KIW, jlevo@cinci.rr.com, 937-393-4951

Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

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



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

[Click here to download the instructions](#)

One Question Questionnaire

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

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



Have you bought your tickets yet for Hamvention?

Yes / No ?

From the last Poll: **"WHEN YOU TRAVEL, BUSINESS OR PLEASURE, DO YOU TAKE AMATEUR RADIO WITH YOU??"**

Out of 62 responses, 75% yes and 25% no.

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. 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@arrloho.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>



Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?

We have a webpage where you can download and read all of the newsletters that I get from around the state and even other sections!

Here's the link to the page.... http://arrl-ohio.org/club_news/index.html

Please, if you don't see your club newsletter posted, it's because I'm not receiving it. Just have your newsletter editor contact me and I'll get your club's newsletter listed on the site!!



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

Chit – Chat, and All That!

Do you know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "[Opt-In](#)" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send an email to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



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



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

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

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



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