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Well guys, it's finally here! Hamvention week! Get yourselves packed up and out there. Go for the week, go for a day, just go. In advance, I would like to thank DARA and the Hamvention Committee for all the hard work that I know has gone into putting this years event on. I also

know that they have had to make some tough decisions these past two years. I know that even for this year, tough decisions needed to be made, especially by those who would be coming from outside of the US. For many of our friends and business's in other contries, travel plans and logistics could be a nightmare, especially for as far in advance as some would have been needed to be made. If you couldn't make it this year, you will be missed and we'll look forward to seeing you again next year. Finally, I especially want to thank all of you who will be at Hamvention again this year! What could be better than spending a weekend with 30,000+ of your best friends? It wouldn't be Hamvention without you, and your support this year will certainly help make sure that Hamvention will continue to be the great event that it always has been. One last thought, even if you can't be there, buy a ticket, fill it out and give it to someone you know who is going to drop it in the prize drum for you – or give them the cash, have them buy you a ticket there and put it in the drum for you. Your financial support of Hamvention will be appreciated and make next years event all that much better. AND, if lady luck decides to smile down on you, and your ticket is drawn for the Grand Prize – YOU will be the owner of the Ham Radio Station that will be the envy of just about every other Ham in the country!

Last week was our second Ohio Section Youth Net. Bernadette – KE8LWO – was the net control station (NCS), and for the first time as an NCS *on any net*, she did an outstanding job. We again had 14 check-ins, not the exact same 14 as last month. Our next OH Section Youth Net will be held on Sunday, June 12th at 7:30PM on the K8IV repeater in Kent, OH (146.895 Mhz with PL of 118.8) For those not within range of the repeater, you can check in via Echolink by using the K8BF-L Echolink node. If you know of a young ham, or a young person wanting to be a ham, help them get on the air and check into our net! If they don't have a license (yet) you can have them check in as a 3rd party as long as you are there as control operator.

A few days ago I was re-reading a CQ editorial (CQ Magazine – September 2007) by Rich Moseson – W2VU (be sure to look for him at Hamvention) called “A Very Loud Group”. In it he talks about the very important function of the ARRL in representing our interests to the FCC and to the Congress. He quotes a Reuters interview where it is said that “Hams are a great example of a group of people who know how to get what they want from government.” He went on to say that hams “are very, very effective in Washington D.C. at making sure that their use of the radio frequency spectrum is protected.” “The large-scale “experts” in grassroots political action are the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), but our experience as shown that much smaller groups can also be successful in influencing policy on federal, state, and local levels. Much of the credit for this must go to the ARRL, which provides the necessary organization for hams to present a united front to government officials on matters of common concern...” Finally he says that “Hams are successful at influencing policy because we are “passionate” about amateur radio. We are not just users. Our radios are not just tools for accomplishing another goal. There are millions and millions of computer users, internet users, cellphone users and video game users in this country who collectively have very little political clout because they are just that – users. They are not passionate. How many cellphone clubs are there? Yahoofests? Refrigerator user groups?”

Personally, I find this to be a very interesting characterization of Amature Radio Operators, and one that I believe is true. I also think this is an accurate characterization of the ARRL. I have been saying for years that one of their most important functions is that they are our Lobby in

Washington to protect our frequency allocations. Sometimes I don't think they are recognized for that important function. I hope that while you're at Hamvention you'll stop in at the ARRL booth and learn about all the different things that ARRL does for us as hams. If you are able, I know that donations will be accepted and perhaps you might want to consider the "Spectrum Defence Fund". At the very least, if you are not a member of ARRL, please consider it.

As I've said before, I will not be putting out a PostScript next weekend. I'll get home late Sunday afternoon and if I have the ambition to do anything, it'll probably be mowing my grass. The next you'll hear from me will be the June Ohio Section Journal. I know that'll be a "jam packed" issue, so keep your information coming and we'll get it out. And if you get some good photos at Hamvention – be sure to send them to me. I'll be spending a lot of my time among the ARRL booths, so help me out here!

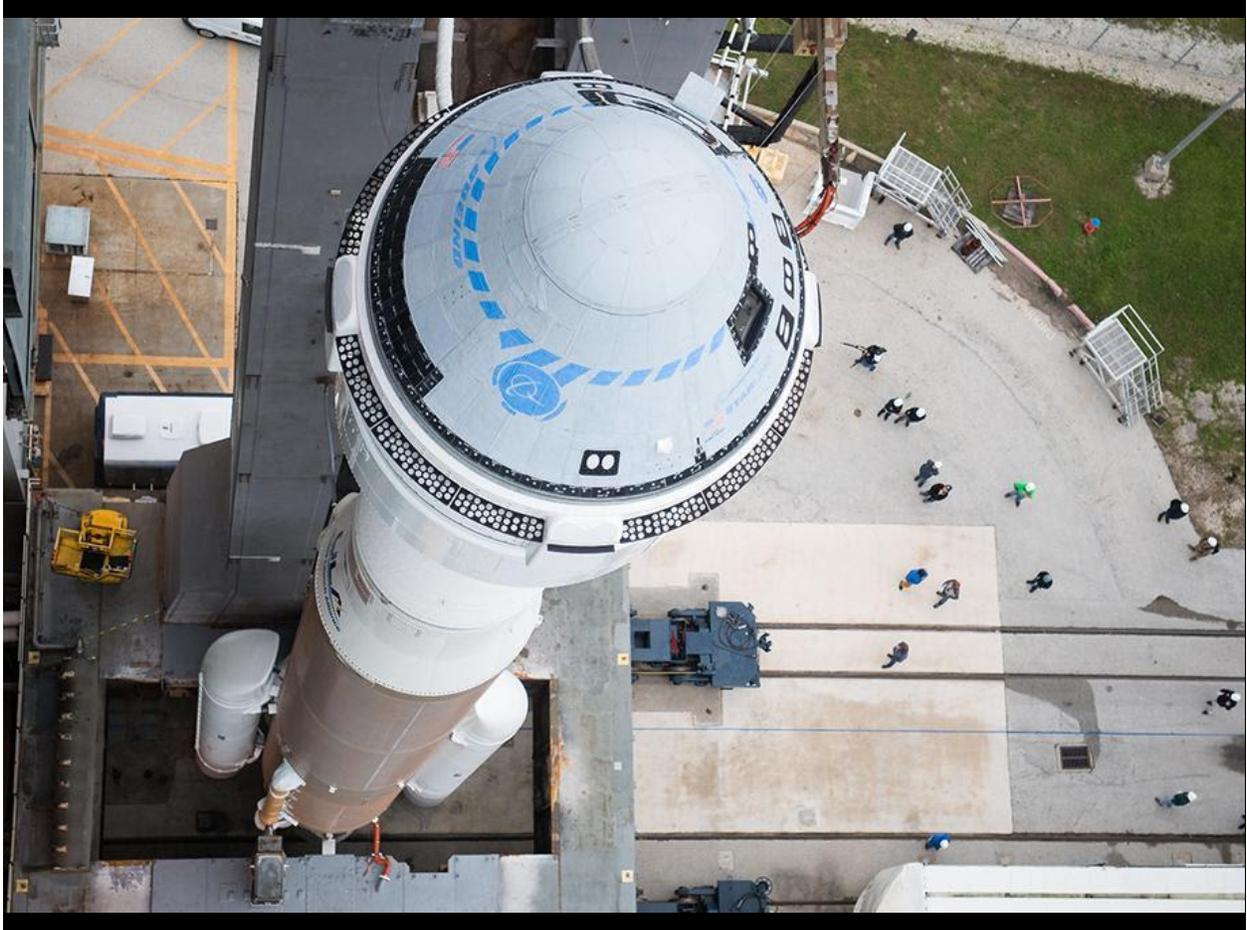
Next up on the Agenda is Field Day. I haven't planned my itinerary as of yet, but last year I went around the outer perimeter of the state, this year I will try to fill in some of the central Ohio areas. Between Field Day, Hamfests and club meetings I've had the opportunity to meet and talk with quite a few of you, either in person or on Zoom. I'm very proud to be affiliated with such a fantastic group of people! That "Passion for the Hobby" that I quoted in Rich Moseson's editorial is certainly evident in the hams of the Ohio Section!

Last Friday night I had the opportunity to spend some time with the West Park Radiops ARC. Had my parents not moved to Aurora when I entered my first year of HS in 1966, this is probably the club I would have belonged to. My Ham Radio mentors, Stan Hillman – W8FZS and Len Soros – K8AET belonged there. Some of the members remembered them after all these years and it was like meeting a long lost relative! For me, it was a great evening. Thank you.

I hope to hear you on the air soon,

73,
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National News
(from ARRL and other sources)



Join NASA for the Launch of Starliner's Uncrewed Flight Test

Take part in a global virtual event for NASA's Boeing Orbital Flight Test-2 to the International Space Station!

NASA and Boeing are targeting launch of the company's CST-100 Starliner spacecraft on a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket at 6:54 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 19, from Space Launch Complex-41 on Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. This is the second uncrewed flight test of the Starliner spacecraft for NASA's Commercial Crew Program.

Countdown commentary will begin at 6 p.m. EDT on NASA Television and the agency's [website](#) and [app](#), as well as [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitch](#), [Daily Motion](#), and [Theta.TV](#).



[You can register now for the launch](#) and receive curated resources, interactive opportunities, schedule changes, and mission-specific information straight to your inbox. You also can join the [Facebook event](#). Following the launch, you'll receive a stamp for your virtual guest passport.

Starliner is expected to arrive at the space station for docking about 24 hours after launch with more than 500 pounds of NASA cargo and crew supplies. After a successful docking, Starliner will spend five to 10 days linked to the orbiting laboratory before returning to Earth in the desert of the western United States.

[Join Our Virtual NASA Social](#)

The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting will have extended hours for this year's Dayton Hamvention®. West Chester Amateur Radio Association, WC8VOA, will also be open during the extra hours. The Museum will be open Thursday, May 19, from 1 PM to 9 PM; Friday, May 20, from 1 PM to 9 PM; Saturday, May 21, from 1 PM to 9 PM, and Sunday, May 22, from 1 PM to 5 PM. Admission is \$10 at the door. The Museum is a short drive from Hamvention down either Interstate 75 or Route 42 from Xenia. For GPS directions use, Crosley Blvd.

Mobile App Available to Navigate 2022 Dayton Hamvention®

Dayton [Hamvention](#)® is offering a free mobile app for smartphones and tablets to help attendees navigate the large-scale event, which runs May 20 - 22 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio. The app, which was introduced in 2019, is offered in a



collaborative effort with [ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio](#)[®].

The ARRL Events app is now available and already includes Hamvention's full program, so attendees can browse and schedule forums, find affiliated events, and preview the extensive list of exhibitors. During the event, attendees can use other app features to follow the hourly prize drawings populated by the Dayton Hamvention Prize Committee, and browse building and site maps.

The app is available for Apple and Android smart devices, or access the web browser version which is optimized for nearly any browser or other type of mobile device. Visit your app store to download the app (search "ARRL Events") or access the [links](#) available on the ARRL EXPO web page. If you're reading this article on a mobile device, click [here](#) to be redirected to the appropriate app store, or redirected to the web browser version.

[Read](#) the complete story.



Use this QR code to get the ARRL Events app. You will be redirected to the appropriate app store, or redirected to the web browser version: www.tripbuildermedia.com/apps/arrl

ARRL EXPO at Dayton Hamvention May 20 - 22, 2022

The ARRL, in partnership with the Dayton Hamvention[®], will offer FREE EVENTS and forums every day at 2022's' Hamvention beginning on Friday, May 20.

ARRL Booths

Radio Clubs. Take the Radio Club Health Check!

ARRL Development and ARRL Foundation. Raising resources to extend the reach of ARRL programs and services beyond membership dues.

ARES[®] - The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service[®] - and featuring ARRL Ham Aid.

Meet the Authors. Meet ARRL authors and editors who are inspiring today's radio experimenters, operators and innovators. (see schedule in the ARRL exhibit area)

ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative. We Want U to help advance ham radio among college and university students: www.arrl.org/WeWantU

ARRL Laboratory: Get Your Handheld Radio Tested!

ARRL Learning Center.

ARRL Teachers Institute. Meet ARRL Education and Technology Program Instructors and explore the resources available for introducing radio science and wireless technology to everyone! Find ways to make, discover, experiment, explore, and build.

ARRL Great Lakes Division - Visit this gathering area for ARRL Field Organization networking, hosted by the ARRL Great Lakes Division and feature these ARRL Sections: Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan.

Radiosport and DXCC. DXCC Card Checking, ARRL Contests and Awards, ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW), and QSL Bureau.

ARRL VEC and ARRL Volunteer Monitor Program.

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) - Meet representatives from the IARU.

ARRL-sponsored forums will begin on Friday May 20 including the 2022 ARRL Field Day and the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service -- ARES Forums

Friday May 20, 2022

Friday, 9:15 AM to 10:20 AM (Room 3)

2022 ARRL Field Day -- Ready, Set, GO!

ARRL Field Day, ham radio's most popular on-the-air event, is June 25 - 26, 2022. Field Day is fun whether you're participating from the great outdoors with your radio club, or from your home or backyard. It's also a terrific opportunity to practice your personal radio communications readiness, and to demonstrate amateur radio to the public. Hear from a panel of Field Day 'experts' who will cover the educational, operating, and public relations objectives of a successful and fun Field Day. The panel includes:

- Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, ARRL Radiosport and Regulatory Information Manager, who will cover rules recap and what's new.
- Bob Naumann, W5OV, ARRL Director of Operations, who will discuss Operating tips.
- Scott Roberts, KK4ECR, ARRL Public Relations Committee Member, who will explain how to get a boost by promoting your Field Day activation.

Friday, 1:15 PM to 2:25 PM (Room 3)

ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service -- ARES Forum

Presenter: Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, ARRL Director of Emergency Management
The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) consists of licensed amateurs who have volunteered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Come learn about opportunities

to volunteer and train, and to hear stories about best-practices, the importance of building mutually beneficial relationships with local emergency management services, and the importance of our partnerships with served agencies. Sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®.

A complete list of Hamvention forums can be found at www.hamvention.org.

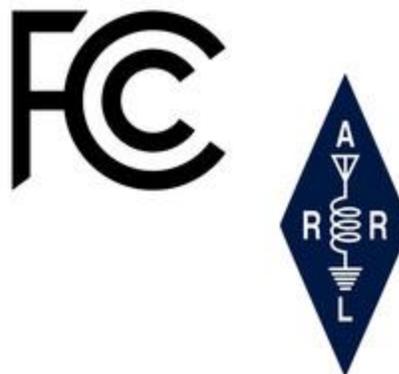
Two videos introducing the ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program are now available.

The ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program, funded by a grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), will make \$500,000 available to clubs, enabling them to more easily provide and expand club projects, including those that will have a transformative impact on amateur radio, create public awareness and support for amateur radio, and have an educational and training impact. The program will provide up to \$25,000 for worthy club projects.

A [recording](#) from an ARRL webinar introducing the program, which aired on May 4, 2022, is available on ARRL's YouTube channel. A second video, presented by Jason Johnston, KC5HWB, provides a step-by-step overview of online ARRL Foundation Club Application Process. Johnston's [video](#), published on May 5, can be viewed on his YouTube channel, Ham Radio 2.0. More information about the Club Grant Program is available at www.arrl.org/club-grant-program.

Enforcement Bureau's Lark Hadley, KA4A

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Enforcement Bureau Regional Director Lark Hadley, KA4A, will participate in an ARRL-sponsored forum at Dayton Hamvention® on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The forum, "Good Operators and the ARRL Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program" will be led by Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who heads the VM Program - a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance on radio spectrum allocated to the Amateur Radio Service.



Hadley is responsible for the FCC Field Offices in Region Three, which responds to enforcement issues involving wireless and broadcast interference in the western states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and including Alaska, Hawaii, and the Pacific island territories.

Hollingsworth, who retired from FCC in 2008 as the Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division, works with ARRL's core of volunteer VMs to recognize exemplary "good operator" behavior on the air, while also deterring poor operating practices. The VM Program will also refer well-documented instances of repeated violations to FCC, such as unlicensed use of amateur radio spectrum and deliberate interference, and follow-up on FCC requests to the program.

National Hurricane Center Annual Communications Test to be Held on May 28

WX4NHC, the amateur radio station at the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami, Florida, will hold its annual communications test on Saturday, May 28, 2022, from 9 AM to 5 PM EDT (1300 - 2100 UTC).

The event is designed to evaluate WX4NHC's amateur radio equipment and antennas at the headquarters in Florida, and to give operators an opportunity to evaluate their home equipment prior to this year's Atlantic hurricane season, which starts on June 1 and runs through November 30. This event allows ham radio operators worldwide to hone their amateur radio communications skills for times of severe weather.

Brief contacts will be available on many frequencies and modes, as well as the exchange of signal reports and basic weather data with any station in any location.

WX4NHC will be on the air on HF, VHF, UHF, 2- and 30-meter APRS, and Winlink at wx4nhc@winlink.org (subject must contain "//WL2K").

The Hurricane Watch Net 14.325 MHz frequency will be active for most of the test, as will 7.268 MHz, depending on propagation. Depending on man-made noise, the net may move to different frequencies, and participants can locate the net using one of the DX spotting networks, such as the DX Summit website at www.dxsummit.fi.

There will also be a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Hurricane Net from 4 - 5 PM EDT, or 2000 - 2100 UTC (*IRLP* Node 9219/*EchoLink* WX-TALK Conference Node 7203).

WX4NHC will make a few contacts on local VHF and UHF repeaters, as well as on Florida's Statewide Amateur Radio Network (SARnet).

QSL cards will be available via Julio Ripoll, WD4R.

For more information about WX4NHC, visit their website at www.wx4nhc.org.

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.



2022 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival - Parade Ham Radio Volunteers

Greetings radio operators!

It's time for me to ask you if you will be assisting with the 2022 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Community Parade on July 24th or the Canton Repository Grand Parade on August 6th. These events are the largest amateur radio public service event in Stark County each year!

For the Grand Parade, we will need about 35 operators along the parade route, and in the staging & de-marshaling areas. If you haven't worked it before, the parade route is Cleveland Ave, starting at 6th St S and running to about 25th St N. A radio operator, and usually 2 marshals are located in each of the blocks along the route. All you will need is a pair of khaki pants/shorts/capris, and a 2 meter HT. Training will be provided at one of 2 training sessions that will be held at the Sippo Lake library branch this summer (date to be announced later, usually a Tuesday and Thursday evening). Until then, you can view a generalized list of duties & responsibilities on the website below.

The Community Parade is a bit smaller, requiring around 15 operators, and runs south along Market Ave from around the Civic Center at 10th St N to 3rd St S.

I have made it to a few of the local radio club meetings in the past 2 weeks, and plan on attending more in coming weeks. Last year, I setup a new website, as well as a groups.io email list to make communication for both parades easier.

You can find the new website, including all of the information (including sign-up forms and contact information) for both parades at <https://hofhams.info>

This year for the Grand Parade, we are also looking for parade marshals to assist. If you have a friend, family member, or other non-licensed person that wants to work the same block/area as you; please have them get in touch (you can forward this email if you prefer), and I will forward it over to the appropriate person on the Grand Parade Committee.

If your schedule is open in late July/early August and you are willing to assist this year with either parade, please head over to the website, and click on the green sign-up button(s).

If you're interested in attending or volunteering for any of the other Festival events (non ham radio), you can see the schedule at <https://www.profootballhoffestival.com/schedule> or sign-up at <https://www.profootballhoffestival.com/volunteers>

By volunteering, you will become one of over 5,000 volunteers that assist through 28 different committees needed to run the 2 week long festival, which places the focus of the football world on Canton, Ohio. You don't need to be a football fan, you just need to be willing to give of your time, talents, and resources. If you are age 21 or older, you will also receive a ticket to the annual volunteer appreciation party!

Thanks & 73,

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From our local government RECCWG partners at Cuyahoga County, Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Please find the attached announcement (Brochure) information to register for their upcoming COML Course:

Course Title: Communications Unit Leader Training
Dates: June 6-9, 2022 (8:00am-5:00pm)

**Location: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS D) 4747 E. 49th Street
Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125**

Course Overview/Description:

The All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader (COML) course trains emergency responders to serve as radio communications unit leaders during all-hazards emergency operations. COML responsibilities include developing plans to effectively use incident communications equipment and facilities, managing distribution of communications equipment to incident personnel, and coordinating the installation and testing of communications equipment. Since 2008 the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has conducted COML courses across the nation and trained more than 3,900 public safety responders in this course. This course is designed for all Federal, State/Territory, tribal, regional, and local emergency response professionals and support personnel who have an emergency communications background. It is designed to familiarize them with the role and responsibilities of a COML under the National Incident Management System Incident Command System (NIMS ICS). CISA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute have integrated the COML curriculum to jointly offer a standardized All-Hazards COML course.

We appreciate your support,
Karl

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Annual WRARC Libraries On The Air (LOTA) Contest

Saturday // June 18th

9am–4pm

Main Library

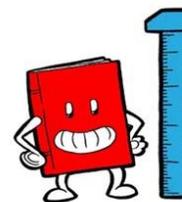
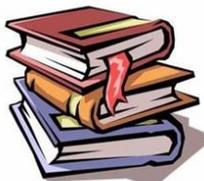
305 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH



Come and join the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club for a day of amateur radio contesting.

All Ages Welcome!

No License Required!



Awards will be given to every participant based on the points they earn. Earn points by making contacts and extra points for making contacts under certain criterias. Not sure how to contest? There will be plenty of experienced operators eager to help you learn and get you on the air! Come out and have some fun!

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Bands: All amateur bands except 60, 30, 17, and 12 meters are permitted.

Repeaters are not to be used. Only recognized simplex frequencies may be used. The national calling frequency, 146.52 MHz, may not be used.

Exchange: Your Call Sign, Signal Report, Class (Library/Non Library), U.S. State, Canadian Providence/Territory, or DXCC Country/Entity.

Scoring:

- Phone = 1 QSO Point
- Digital = 2 QSO Points
- CW = 3 QSO Points
- Library Class = 5x Multiplier
- QRP (5 watts or less) = 2x Multiplier

Awards: Awards will be given to all participants.

Encyclopedia = 5,000+ Points

Novel = 2,500–4,999 Points

Short Story = 0–2,499 Points

Logs: Paper logs can be submitted via email or mailed. Electronic logs will be accepted via email in the following formats: excel, word, pdf.

Email: LibrariesOTA@gmail.com

Mail: PO Box 4271, Austintown, OH 44515

To obtain logs or forms, or if you have any questions, please email us at LibrariesOTA@gmail.com

Hello All,

I am looking for volunteers to work the Pan Ohio Hope Ride. This is a 4-day 328-mile bicycle ride from Cleveland to Cincinnati on July 21-24. I'm looking for people willing to drive along with the ride as SAG (support and gear) drivers. Ideally volunteers should have either a pickup truck or a vehicle with a bike rack and space to transport riders. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to sign up for all 4 days. All meals and lodging will be covered. Fuel can be reimbursed after the event. If you are unable to sign up for all 4 days, you are still welcome to come and help as much as you can. Net control each day will be run out of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association truck which will travel along with the event. We will primarily use UHF simplex and 700/800 MHz MARCS radios that will be signed out to volunteers each day. We strongly suggest each SAG vehicle have a driver and a co-pilot to help with navigation.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, please click the link below. If you have any questions or difficulties with signing up, please contact me at info@n8esg.org Please pass this notice along to all your various ARES and other amateur radio groups.

TO SIGN UP PLEASE VISIT THIS LINK [POHR SAG REGISTRATION](#)

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>



Ohio ARES NVIS Antenna Day – 2022

An NVIS antenna (Near Vertical Incident Skywave) is an HF antenna that is used to make contacts near to the originating station – in our case, approximately 400 miles. These antennas would be used in the case of no other alternatives to make contact within the state of Ohio specifically to the Ohio EMA.

ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) has been sponsoring an “NVIS Antenna Day” since 2016 offering our amateur radio operators a chance to construct, test, and analyze their antenna systems selecting the best performing to be used in a real emergency situation. While by now many operators already have their antenna of choice, we have given different challenges to continue interest in the day. In prior years, we have operated without commercial power, send formal messages through the systems, and send the “grid square” locator for their station location (that was this year’s project.) These additional activities stress not only local HF communication but accurate messaging as well.

In addition to communicating with nearby counties, stations also try to contact the Ohio EOC’s amateur station W8SGT. This simulates the flow of communication to be expected in a real emergency. Our activity is not a contest, we stress being able to make a contact, then switch antennas to determine the best performing antenna.

This year the day was a success especially since it was the first day in recent memory that did not offer thunderstorms or inclement weather!

The EOC station (called “The Sarge” based on our FCC callsign) had a successful run. For the first half of the day, 75 meters (3.902 MHz) was open and productive. We made 15 contacts with 12 counties. As 75 meters faded (typical for daytime use) 40 meters (7.250 MHz) opened up locally. The Sarge logged 35 contacts with 26 counties, including neighboring counties in Michigan and West Virginia. We operated for the duration of the 6-hour event.

Log submissions were down from prior years, but the number of stations in various logs indicated operating at our usual successful levels.

NVIS 2022 Results

Call	County	QSO	Q County	Msg sent	Antennas
KD8JQE	Greene	1	1	1	Buddipole Inv V
KA0AZS	Greene	1	1	1	Little Tarheel w/ 30' coax as whip
N8GD	Jefferson	3	3		Chameleon Emcom II at 6' w 2 60' legs
WF8B	Clinton	6	5		
KA8BJA	Coshocton	6	5		OCF Dipole; 6BTC vertical
N8ADX	Licking	6	6		2259,
NN8B	Columbiana	7	7		Dipole
KE8JNN	Tuscarawas	12	10		80 4' 30M 3'
KE8ANU	Licking	13	11		EF 52' at 4'; Emcomm II end fed 4'; 80 doublet a 40'
N8ESG	Cuyahoga	15	12	1	2 end fed
N8ESG	Cuyahoga	15	12	1	
W1ALW	Hancock	38	30	0	SOTA Beams BandHopper dipole 15'
W8HH	Washington	40	?		
KE8UFS	Ashtabula	37			







VE Sessions

All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA) We host testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. To sign up please visit our website <https://atara-w8atr.fun> and contact us at hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun.

CARS

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

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, 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 – Collins Restore 4
Bill AJ8B (aj8b@arrl.net, @AJ8B, or www.aj8b.com)
CWOPs Member #1567

The bands have been hopping with several nice DX stations workable. Tuning around a bit, I heard a conversation on 20 Meters between a KN3 and a G2. The KN3 was explaining that he had only been a ham for about 2 years and could not believe how easy it was to work into Europe. He had not tried SSB until last month and had really been a digital operator until then. Made me think that SSB may be the way to get new operators interested in DX. Hearing the voice from across the pond has a special magic to it. Let's share it whenever we can.



At last night's SouthWest Ohio DX Association meeting, elections were held, and awards bestowed. Here are the results:

President: AJ8B - Bill Salyers
Vice-President: W8KJ - Kevin Jones
Treasurer - W8RKO - Mike Suhar
Secretary - KC8CKW - Mindi Jones

Dave Vest, K8DV, was given the prestigious W8OK award. The W8OK award is presented to a SWODXA member who demonstrates DX activity, operating skills, ethics and giving back to our hobby as exemplified by Frank Schwab, W8OK(SK). The fourth part of Dave's article is presented in this edition. Thanks, Dave, for all you do for the hobby!

We have part 4 of the excellent Collins S-Line series by the afore mentioned Dave, K8DV. There is a link to videos showing Dave operating the newly restored rig.

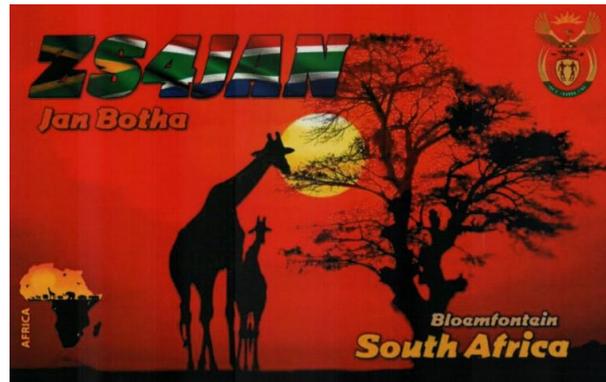
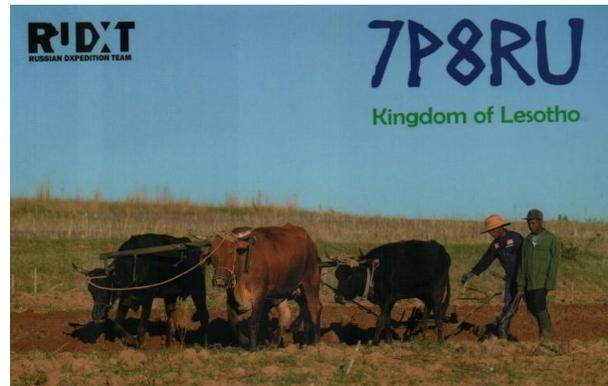
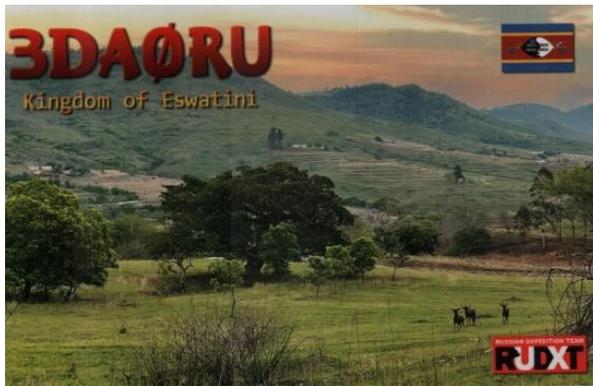
The past several weeks I have highlighted four groups that I joined that provide excellent awards for working stations that meet certain criteria. They were the Natal Digital Group (NDG) from Brazil and the European Radio Club (ERC), FT8 Digital Modes Club, 30 Meter Digital Group,

and the European PSK Club. This week I will introduce you to the Croatian Digital Group. The details are below.

Believe it or not, this is the final pre-Hamvention edition. I will be at the DX Dinner on Friday night and the DX forum on Saturday. If you see me, stop me, and say “Hello” I am 6’9” so I am a bit hard to miss! Looking forward to it and hoping for dry conditions.

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I received several nice cards this week including 3DA0RU from the Kingdom of Eswatini, 7P8RU from the Kingdom of Lesotho, and ZS4JAN – Jan from Bloamfontain, South Africa. . Let me know what you received!



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Croatian Digital Group (CDG)

<https://web.hamradio.hr/9a1epc/> Download the application

Description: The EPC Croatian Award Series was devised by the Croatian Section of the European PSK Club (EPC-CRO) in the Radio Club of Zagreb on 25th November 2007 (idea and awards design by 9A3ZC). This was to sponsor a series of PSK awards on the EPC-CRO membership and administrative geography of Croatia. Any EPC-CRO award may be claimed by any licensed radio amateur, club station or SWL/DMS eligible under these rules who can produce evidence of having contacted/monitored Croatian EPC members by using PSK modes. All awards can be claimed as Activated as well as Worked. PSK contacts are valid with any stations from Croatia on or after 10th June 2006.

There are eight EPC-CRO Awards now: the EPC-CRO series in five classes BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD, PLATINUM and DIAMOND; and three Regional awards EPC-CRO EAST, EPC-CRO NORTH and EPC-CRO SOUTH. QSL-cards are not required. Awards are issued to the person or club. The person or club can use any legal call sign. Contacts made from club stations or special event stations count to the credit of both the club and the operator. All stations must be operated in accordance with their licensing conditions. Contacts may be made from any location in the same DXCC country. Credit will be given for contacts made on any of the amateur bands below 30 MHz Confirmations from the EPC-CRO SWL or DMS stations are accepted as confirmed contacts.

All awards are issued FREE of charge in a high-quality PDF format and sent via email to the applicants. Awards could be printed with the highest quality and with optimal performance by applicants themselves. EPC-CRO awards are issued to the EPC members only. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Collins S-Line Restoring, On Air Operations and 100 DXCC Entities – Part 4 Dave Vest, K8DV

In the first 3 parts I wrote about the journey of getting the Collins S-Line back up and going and the challenges we encountered along the way. Well after wrestling with the transmitter for an exhausting amount of time, it is finally working as it should. All three pieces the 75S-1 receiver, 32S-1 transmitter and the 516F-2 power supply have all been completely rebuilt, cleaned and aligned as needed.

To review, started with the 75S-1 receiver and replaced all the paper capacitors, selenium diode and the power cord. Also did a alignment cleaned switches and contacts, cleaned cabinet and knobs and after putting it back in the cabinet put on 4 band new rubber feet.



With the 75S-1 receiver completed it was time to rebuild the 516F-2 power supply unlike the 75S-1 receiver I decided to replace everything except the transformers and chokes in it. I also decide to use a circuit board in the base of it that also provided a relay to switch on and off the power so the high current spike would not go through the switch in the 32S-1 transmitter, this also

replaced the tube rectifiers freeing up the filament winding to allow it to be used for bucking the input to bring down the input voltage to what it was in the day that the S-Line was built. Also replaced the power cord here too as well as 4 new rubber feet.

The last piece of the S-Line was the 32S-1 transmitter which I wrote about in part 3 so won't go into all the detail but did the basically the same as we did with the 75S-1 receiver, replaced all the paper capacitors and the electrolytic 2 section capacitor. Cleaned switches, chassis, cabinet, aligned after got it going as mentioned in part 3. Put it back in the cabinet four new rubber feet.



The next thing finally after I got some time was to make a place for

them on my operating desk and get them hooked up and see how they did on-air. Since the last place I had the transmitter tuned was 20 when working on it, I decided that is where I would do



my initial test. The MS an LA QSO parties were going on, so my first contact was with a station operating in the LA QSO Party, made a few more and decided everything appeared to be working correctly. I figured it was time to start my journey on seeing how long it would take me to work 100 countries with the S-Line, so the first country that was not the USA as I guess technically was my first country was Italy. Got a 5-9 plus and worked a station in Ireland so 3 towards my march of 100 in first 20 minutes. By

this time it was dinner time so more operating time and more QSOs was going to have to wait. The next day was able to add Slovenia, Malta, England, Wales, Spain, Suriname and Oman to the list of countries worked with the S-Line. Have had it on the air for the last 5 days and the current total is 18 countries and 5 states. So far I have gotten good reports on signal and audio. I am more than please how they turned out and on-air operations so far have been fantastic.

I know this is not anything near what my Elecraft K3 and the K line is but it awesome to think you can take a radio that is older than I am and put it on the air today and the technology from over 60 years of time span can easily communicate with each other. It does take some effort, it is not as easy as dial up the frequency, press the tune button and start talking but it does have a cool factor that is hard to measure. This journey has taken over a year and it had me pulling my hair out at times but at the end of the day it was totally worth it to me, so far in the first several days it has been loads of fun and enjoyment and I know it will continue to be.

If interested, you can check the S-Line out in operation on YouTube at this link:

[Collins S Line In Action](#)

Stay tune as we continue our march to 100 countries.

73,

Dave

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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:

C5 - The Gambia - The C5C team, who will be in The Gambia May 22nd through June 8th have received their 6-meter MonoBeam for the Magic Band.

3A – Monaco - During "the first half of July 2022" F6EXV, Paul, and PB8DX, Flo, will be taking part in "a special activity on 6m as 3A6M with the help from the local ARM association". They will also be operating on HF as 3A/F6EXV and 3A/PB8DX. QSL 3A/F6EXV, 3A/PB8DX and 3A6M via F6EXV using Club Log for direct or bureau requests. After the operation all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW 6 months after the operation.

3B9 - Rodrigues Island - 3B9FR, Robert, hopes to get a six-meter beam and also get on 80. He is waiting for some friends in Japan to help out. The 6M antenna is a 6-element quad on 24-foot boom, 33-36 feet high. Robert says he's eager to be able to work North America and is confident he will be able to. On 80 meters, he hopes to be on that band after his winter. And he plans to buy a vertical in the UK, and use it to stay compatible with his XYL's flower garden.

9X – Rwanda - DF2WO, Harald, will be on the air with his 9X2AW callsign June 1-22 from new grid KI48xe, a different QTH than his past operations. He is preparing a 160M antenna and dipoles and plans to build a hexbeam from bamboo, to cover 20, 17, 15 and 10. Harald will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL direct to M0OXO or use M0OXO OQRS.

JD1/O – Ogasawara - From Chichijima are JD1BQI and JR3DVL, a "small 6M DXPedition." JD1BQI and JD1/JR3DVL say they will look for multi-hop e-skip to NA, EU and others needing it for a new one. From grid QL17cb, it will be June 30 to July 8, on 50323 FT8 and Q65-60A EME "around" 50200. They will be equipped with a 6M8GJ 8-element Yagi "with elevation," and 200 watts.

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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!

May 21	Arkansas QSO Party	https://arkqp.com/arkansas-qso-party-rules/
May 21-22	Baltic Contest	http://www.lrsf.lt/en/
May 21-22	His Majesty King of Spain CW Contest	http://concursos.ure.es/en/
May 21-22	SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest	http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
May 23	QRP ARCI Hoot Owl Sprint	http://www.qrparci.org/contests
May 26	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
May 26	QRP Minimal Art Session	http://qrpsc.de/contestrules/mas/index.html
May 28-29	CQWW WPX CW Contest	www.cqwp.com
May 30	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
June 1	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
June 3-5	PODXS 070 Club Three Day Weekend Contest	http://bit.ly/2Srdp8A
June 4-5	10-10 Open Season PSK Contest	http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc
June 4-5	ARRL International Digital Contest	https://contests.arrl.org/dig

June 4-5	IARC Region 1 Field Day	http://bit.ly/3cC0HKf
June 4-5	Kentucky QSO Party	www.kyqsoparty.org
June 4-5	RSGB CW Field Day	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
June 4-5	Tisza Cup CW Contest	https://tinyurl.com/55jbf22
June 4-5	UKSMG Summer Contest	https://tinyurl.com/mwh56dys
June 8	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
June 11	Asia-Pacific SSB Sprint	http://jsfc.org/apsprint
June 11-12	Portugal Day Contest	https://portugaldaycontest.rep.pt/rules.php
June 11-12	REF DDFM 6M Contest	http://concours.r-e-f.org/index.php
June 11-12	GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	https://bit.ly/3MGsrzr
June 11-12	DRCG WW (RTTY)	www.drcg.de
June 11-12	VK Shires Contest	https://tinyurl.com/2p8h4wen
June 11-13	ARRL June VHF QSO Party	www.arrl.org/june-vhf
June 15	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
June 15	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
June 16	SARL Youth Sprint	http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
June 18	AGCW VHF-UHF Contest	https://bit.ly/3lw91PK
June 18	ARRL Kids Day Contest	www.arrl.org/kids-day
June 18	FIRAC VHF Contest	www.firac.de/index.html
June 18-19	All Asian CW DX Contest	https://bit.ly/3HVjkra
June 18-19	IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest	https://bit.ly/3r1kqvT
June 18-19	SMIRK Contest	www.smirk.org/contest.html
June 18-19	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	www.kkn.net/stew/stew_rules.html
June 18-19	Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest	http://urdx.org/rtty/ (If Ukrainian stations are back on the air)
June 18-19	West Virginia QSO Party	https://tinyurl.com/3dz7awsx
June 19	WAB 50 MHz Phone	http://bit.ly/31yE4kT
June 23	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
June 25	UFT QRP Contest	www.uft.net/concours-qrp-uft
June 25-26	ARRL Field Day	www.arrl.org/field-day
June 25-26	His Maj. King of Spain SSB Contest	http://bit.ly/1cKAR5V
June 25-26	Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	http://urdx.org/ (If Ukrainian stations are back on the air)
June 27	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	https://bit.ly/31qpcJ

ARLD019 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by 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.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Robert, 3B9FR has been active using CW on 17 meters around 1500z. QSL via M0OXO.

MONTENEGRO, 4O. Special event call 4O2IPA is QRV from Podgorica during all of May to commemorate the Second IPA Games 2022. QSL via operators' instructions.

UGANDA, 5X. Anders, SM0HPL is QRV as 5X7W from Kampala. Activity is in his spare time on 20 to 10 meters using CW, JT65, FT8, and FT4. QSL to home call.

OMAN, A4. Mohammad, A41NN is QRV using SSB and FT8 from Grid Square LL93fl. QSL direct to A61BK.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Kiyu, JA7NQQ is QRV as C83YT from Macuti. Activity of late has been on 17 to 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

CUBA, CO. Several members of the Federacion de Radioaficionados de Cuba's La Habana branch will be QRV as T42ITU from May 14 to 17. Their activity is to commemorate the 157th anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via LoTW.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Freddy, F5IRO is QRV as D44RO from Praia, Santiago Island, IOTA AF-005, until May 19. Activity is in his spare time and his evenings on 40, 30, and 20 meters using CW, FT8, and FT4 with QRP power. QSL to home call.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Irek, SP3SUX will be QRV as DV8/KH7EA from Mindanao Island, IOTA OC-130, from May 14 to 27. Activity will be during his daytime hours on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

IRAN, EP. Members of the Alborz DX Club will be QRV as EP2C on May 17 to celebrate World Telecommunication Day. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via EA5GL.

HAITI, HH. Members of the Radio Club D'Haiti will be QRV with special call sign HH18MAI from Port-au-Prince from May 18 to 23. Their activity is to commemorate Haiti's Flag Day, and Catherine Flon, who was a Haitian seamstress, patriot, and national heroine who sewed Haiti's first flag of the independence as a republic. QSL

via W3HNK.

THAILAND, HS. Werner, DH7OT is QRV as HS0ZMO from Phuket Island. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

ITALY, I. Members of the 4U1GSC group from the UN Global Service Center in Brindisi are QRV with special call 4U9MAY and 4U1GSC until May 31 to commemorate International Day of UN Peacekeepers. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters. QSL via 9A2AA.

JAPAN, JA. Members of the Voice of Toyoake Amateur Radio Club are QRV with special callsign 8N2TY from Toyoake City, Aichi, Honshu Island, IOTA AS-007, until November 30 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Toyoake City. Activity is on 160 meters to 1.2 GHz using various modes. QSL via LoTW.

MONGOLIA, JT. Andrey, R9YU and Gennady, R5QA are QRV as JV0YU from the Bayan-Olgii Province until June 10. Activity is on 160 to 2 meters, and on 70 centimeters, using CW, SSB, and FT8 in DX-pedition mode. QSL via RW6HS.

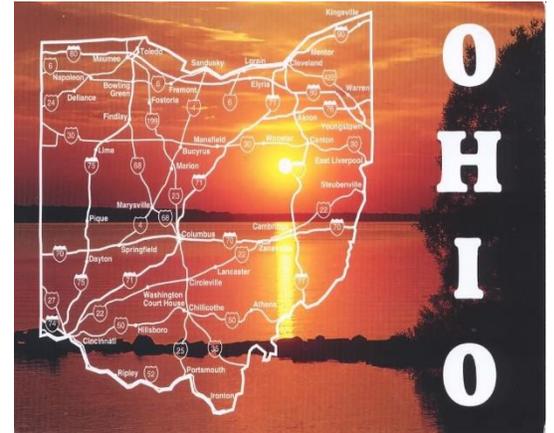
The ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC Memorial, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, RTTYOPS Weeksprint, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test CW 40, Mini-Test CW 80 and the RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship are all on tap from May 16 to 18.

Please see May QST, page 71, 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

05/20-22/2022 - [Dayton Hamvention](#)
Location: Greene County Fairgrounds, OH
Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association
Website: <https://hamvention.org>
[Learn More](#)

05/28/2022 - [Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)
Location: Piketon, OH
Sponsor: Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club
[Learn More](#)

<p>06/04/2022 - FCARC Summer Hamfest Location: Wauseon, OH Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest Learn More</p>	<p>07/09/2022 - Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest Location: Mansfield, OH Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club Website: http://www.w8we.org Learn More</p>
<p>07/17/2022 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://W8FY.ORG Learn More</p>	<p>08/06/2022 - Columbus Hamfest Location: Grove City, OH Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit Website: http://columbushamfest.com Learn More</p>
<p>08/13/2022 - Cincinnati Hamfest Location: Owensville, OH Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More</p>	<p>09/17/2022 - Mound Amateur Radio Assoc. Swap Meet Location: Miamisburg, OH Sponsor: MARA Website: http://W8DYY.ORG Learn More</p>
<p>09/25/2022 - Cleveland Hamfest Location: Berea, OH Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland Website: http://www.hac.org Learn More</p>	<p>10/30/2022 - Massillon Hamfest (OH) Location: Green, OH Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club Website: http://w8np.org Learn More</p>

OHIO'S



May 16, 2022

The **Cambridge ARA** is in need of volunteers to assist the Club during the triathlon races at Salt Creek State Park on May 21 and 22. Unfortunately that is the same weekend as Hamvention. But if your plans are to only attend Hamvention on opening day, you can still assist. If you are able to help on Saturday and/or Sunday, please contact Dick Wayt, WD8SDH, at twayt@roadrunner.com.



Hams in the Wellston and Jackson County area interested in learning more about the National Weather Service's SkyWarn and severe weather spotting program are invited to attend a May 19 in-person presentation by a meteorologist from the Charleston, WV NWS Office. The program begins at the Wellston Fire Station #2, 110 West Second Street at 6 pm. There is no charge to attend this program.



Because Hamvention weekend will be quickly upon us, it's good to remind you there will be no Ohio's South 40 column next week because there will be no Ohio Section Journal Postscript. Some other Hamvention related activities during the weekend are:

It's not a far drive from Xenia to the Mason/West Chester area where the Voice of America Museum will be open extended hours during Hamvention weekend. A press release from the **West Chester ARA** says the Museum will be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1 until 9 and on Sunday from 1 until 5. Admission is only \$10 for a great look back at America's broadcasting history.

Have you ever wondered about the experience of being on a DXpedition? If so then you need to be at the Dayton Marriott Hotel on May 20 when Dr. Scot Wright, K0MD, will be the keynote speaker at the annual **Southwest Ohio DX Association** banquet where he will tell of his experiences operating from South America, China and the Caribbean. The event opens with a cash bar at 5:30 pm. However since the banquet is always one of the highlights of Hamvention weekend and tickets go quickly in the days prior to the event. This year the banquet's grand prize is an Icom IC-7610. Visit the www.swodxaevents.org website to learn more about the evening and to order tickets.



So far we know the South 40 area clubs or individuals with Hamvention flea market spaces are the **Drake ARC** at space 9105. The **Highland ARA** and **Clinton County ARA** are sharing spaces 9103-9104 and 9203-9204. W8HOG is in space 9053 and Middletown's **Dial ARC** is found at 8301-8304. The **UC ARC**

will occupy spaces 8046 and 8047. The **Butler County ARC** is in 7871 and the **Bellbrook ARC** is in spaces 7662 and 7663. Also watch for the **Queen City Emergency Net** and their three spaces-7543 to 7545.

Those amateurs in the Fairfield County area who are not making the trip to Xenia for Hamvention may like to gather with some fellow hams for breakfast on the 21st. About 9 am on that morning members of the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will meet at the Lancaster Frisch's location for a good time of fellowship.

Many consider the Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade as the oldest annually held Memorial Day Parade in the nation. During the last 30 some of its 154 years parade organizers have relied on amateur radio and the **Southern Ohio ARA** to help line up the parade and provide communications to assist those participating in or watching the event to safely enjoy it. This year will be no exception. Anyone interested with assisting this year's event should contact the club.

If the combination of fast cars and ham radio catches your fancy, then this event might be up your alley as ham radio volunteers are needed to assist with the Southern Ohio Forest Rally. It starts on Thursday, June 9 at Chillicothe's city park and concludes on June 11 at the Zaleski State Forest near McArthur. The event also has an event on June 10 taking place 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.



On June 18 the **Cambridge ARA** will journey to Muskingum County and operate a station from Zanesville to observe the 250th anniversary of the city's founding. From 1810 to 1812 Zanesville served as Ohio's second capital before returning to Chillicothe in 1812. The **Southern Ohio ARA** is discussing a special event station operation sometime during the summer from the state's Southern-most point where Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky meet. The **Highland ARA** has planning underway for a late Summer special event station to operate from

Highland County's Gist Settlement.

As this is written it is only days until Hamvention 2022 is just a fond memory. For many clubs and individuals once Hamvention is in the rear view mirror, things start focusing on Field Day preparations. A couple clubs are well along in their planning stages. The **Cambridge ARA** will operate W8VP from the Highland Township Grove Park near New Concord and the **Highland ARA** will take to the airwaves from the Levo Historic Family Farm near New Vienna. The **Hocking Valley ARA** returns to the KB8GUN QTH at 19608 Thompson Ridge Road, Laurelville. Additionally the ARRL's Field Day Locator shows the **Athens County ARA**, **Queen City Emergency Net** and the **Tri-State ARA** will also have operations on the air. If your local club is not fielding a station, check that site for a location near you.

Some Southern Ohio clubs are making plans for operating special event stations during the upcoming months. Starting on June 4 the **Portsmouth RC** will be one of 20 clubs in 16 states participating in the Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event operation. This event sponsored by Indiana's **Clark County ARA** runs through June 19. Visit www.lctota.org to learn more about the event and how to earn a certificate for contacting the various stations.



On Saturday afternoon several members of the **Highland ARA** joined members of the Highland County Historical Society and the Hillsboro Cemetery Association to assist with the annual decorating of the graves of military veterans buried in the cemetery. Cemetery Association officer and HARA member John Willis, KE8JEM, states “this is the third year HARA has assisted with the project. With their efforts and manpower what used to take the better part of the day is now done in only a couple of hours.” HARA Secretary Kathy Levo, N8ZNR, said that helping with this project is just one of several non-radio related ways that HARA and its members give back to Hillsboro and Highland County.

On Thursday evening the **Southwest Ohio DX Association** met in Franklin for their monthly meeting. On the agenda were the elections of officers for the coming year. The membership elected Bill Salyers, AJ8B, the new President. Bill’s fellow officers will be Kevin Jones, W8KJ, Vice President and Mike Suhar, W8RKO, as Treasurer. Mindi Jones, KC8CKW, will serve as the Club Secretary.

Another highlight of the SWODXA announcement of Goshen’s Dave Vest, Club’s prestigious W8OK Award for operating skills and ethics plus giving and hobby. Vest is a former President trustee of a local repeater and well and contesting world. Congrats Dave!



meeting was the K8DV, being awarded the his DX abilities and activity, back to the DX community of the **Milford ARA**, the known throughout the DX

Thanks to OH-KY-IN PIO Devin Spielman, KE8PEQ, the latest **OH-KY-IN ARS** ‘Q Fiver’ newsletter has been received. One article stood out. Most are aware of the recent contact between ISS astronaut Kayla Barron and students at the Bellefontaine High School. However what most do not know is the **OH-KY-IN ARS** lent equipment and technical knowledge to the **Champaign-Logan ARC** to make it happen. Don’t you just love it when clubs and individuals work together to achieve a common goal? A tip of the South 40 cap to both clubs, their members and the Bellefontaine school for a successful demonstration of ham radio.



As previously mentioned, there will be no Postscript next week due to Hamvention. I can’t believe the weekend of one of the largest ham radio events in the world is now not that many hours from its opening and less than an hour driving time from my QTH! I hope to meet several

of you in Xenia next weekend. I'll be easy to spot. I'm the one with a call sign on my cap and an HT on my belt.

Until next time, take care. Be safe. And remain ham radio active.

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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!



***Did Hamvention 2022 Meet or Exceed your expectations?
Yes / No***

From the last Poll: ***Do you use FT-8 as one of your main operation modes?
Yes / No ?***

Out of 70 responses, 41% yes and 59% no.

Ohio Section Cabinet

Section Manager – Tom Sly, WB8LCD	Section Traffic Manager – David Maynard, WA3EZN
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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>



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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@arri-ohio.org and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



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



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.

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Just go to: <http://arri-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!