PostScript Ohio Section

June 4th Edition

MARS Urging Members to Use Computers that are Isolated from the Internet
(from arrl bulletins)

US Army Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Headquarters is recommending that MARS members "migrate to stand-alone computer systems for [MARS] radio operations," subject to the availability of a dedicated computer.

"These computer systems (or their associated local area networks) should be 'air-gapped' from the internet," Army MARS Headquarters Operations Officer David McGinnis, K7UXO, said in a message to members. "Although not a requirement for membership at this time, we will continue make this a condition of certain parts of our exercises."

McGinnis pointed to remarks by Cisco researchers in a recent *Ars Technica* articleabout *VPNFilter* malware: "Hackers possibly working for an advanced nation have infected more than 500,000 home and small-office routers around the world with malware that can be used to collect communications, launch attacks on others, and permanently destroy the devices with a single command."

McGinnis told Army MARS members that MARS Headquarters does not discuss specific cyber threats with MARS members or with the public. "We also cannot confirm or deny information about specific threats," he said, adding that he had "no specific knowledge" about *VPNFilter* malware and no comment on the Cisco report.

For communication exercises this year, MARS established conditions for a certain portion of the drill that requires use of standalone computer systems "normally not connected to the internet."

MARS member and software consultant Steve Hajducek, N2CKH, has recommend that members using the MIL-STD (military standard) *Data Modem Terminal* (MS-*DMT*) communications software employ stand-alone computers in conjunction with the software as a best practice for achieving a high level of performance. McGinnis said discussion of stand-alone computer systems on Hadjuceks's support forums and their use in communications exercises let Army MARS Headquarters weigh in on the discussion. He pointed out that the MARS mission assumes that an internet connection is not available. He said used or refurbished PCs are widely available at low cost and could be dedicated to serve a stand-alone function.

"The most effective way to protect against threats that come from the internet is to isolate from the internet," McGinnis added. "Despite a stand-alone environment, we assume that all computer systems in private citizens' hands are infected with hostile software code of some sort and are not secured," he said. "No amount of virus and malware scanning software changes that assumption. We can, however, isolate computers by disconnecting them from the international network in which hostile software will report and receive instruction."

McGinnis said future versions of MARS software will check for an internet connection and will disable the software. "We understand this lock-out does not provide security in and of itself; rather, its value is in changing the behavior of members," he explained.

He encouraged MARS to monitor for internet security threats and determine how to secure their internet-connected and stand-alone devices.

MARS Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY, told ARRL that the MARS goal is to isolate MARS members' computers from the internet as much as possible. "Having stand-alone computers running as few other resources than MARS-related software improves the overall MIL-STD system software performance and further isolates computers from infections, malware, and hacking," he said. English added that isolating the computers that members use for MARS-related activity is "a goal, but has not been directed."
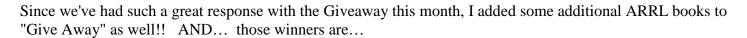
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The Handbook Give Away

Hey Gang,

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

And the winner is….   *Linda Richard, KD8SUN!*

Since we've had such a great response with the Giveaway this month, I added some additional ARRL books to "Give Away" as well!!   AND… those winners are…

Bill Stroud, KD8WHQ – will be receiving "Work the World with JT65 and JT9"
Bill Braun, K8ZCT – will be receiving "Small Antennas for Small Places"

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

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

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One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang…

There's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! http://arrlohio.org   I noticed that less than 12% of you said that you were going to purchase a new radio that was introduced at Dayton this year! Wow.. I thought it would have been much higher than that!

It's all in fun and we are learning some things that we didn't know from these questions. I hope that you are enjoying answering these "ONE QUESTION" questionnaires.

Now, here's the next question...   **"Have you earned the ARRL Worked All States Award?"**

Club Corner

This is YOUR cornner 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 you club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary? Just sent it to: n8sy@n8sy.com

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Need Letter "N" Card Sorter for 8th District QSL Bureau

We need a dedicated person to be the sorter the letter "N" for the incoming QSL Bureau. What is a card sorter? Here's a link to fill you in on all the details. http://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm

If after you read the description you feel that you'd be a good fit for the job, and you call sign suffix begins with the litter "N", then you need to contact: Bureau Manager - Jack Shirley, N8DX E-Mail: n8dx@arrl.net

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Need Help!

The Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA) is still needing volunteers for the "Sunday In June Bicycle Ride" on **June 10th**. Specifically looking for volunteers to patrol the course, look for downed cyclists, assist cyclists in need of bike repair, and assist with (bicycle) traffic control.

Go to www.w8dec.net to sign up. Click on events. The password for sign up is MotorolaXTS5000.

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Need Help!

We need volunteers for several public service events.

Mohican Run – **June 16-17**. Volunteers are needed to help with the Mohican 100 run. The biggest help is if volunteers can work the night shift. Contact Mike Brugger, N8CEY, at n8cey@arrl.net for more information.

AAARC wants to activate the Ashland County EOC for Field Day - **June 23-24**. The Ashland County EOC is at the Ashland County Service Center, 1763 Ohio 60, lower level. Contact either Jack Leisure, KC8MBC, kc8mbc@yahoo.com or Lee Farquharson, N8LFK, n8lfk@arrl.net.

Ashland BalloonFest – **June 28-30**. Each year the AAARC helps at the Ashland BalloonFest balloon glow during the evening of each day of the event. We still need volunteers for the event. I currently have about 5 volunteers. We need approximately 13 volunteers per night. For more information, contact Lee Farquharson, N8LFK, n8lfk@arrl.net

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Need Help!

I finally heard from the Muddy Mini organizers. I'm going to need about 15 operators on Saturday, **June 16th** from about 7 AM to 11:30. The race runs from downtown Maumee to Mud Hens Stadium in downtown Toledo. If you can help out or need more information please contact me at k8rks@arrl.net or 419-471-0573. Thanks!

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Need Help!

Hello everyone,

We have a MS Bike Ride scheduled for **Saturday July 7th**. It starts and ends at Coffman Park in Dublin and loops as far as Bellefontaine.

If you would like to help provide amateur radio support for it this year, please send me an e-mail and let me know your time availability and where you will be coming from. I will take that into consideration when assigning rest stop locations to cover. Here is a link with information about the bike ride: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/OHABikeEvents?pg=entry&fr_id=29948

I will follow up with everyone that can help with more detailed information. If you know anyone that would be interested in helping provide amateur radio support for the event, please share this e-mail with them.

73,   Edmund Liddle, KE8ANU ed.liddle@gmail.com or 614-804-6569

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Need Help!

HOF Grand Parade Ham Radio Volunteers,

Looking for Returning HOF Grand Parade Volunteers and Anyone else who would like to Help this Year Sat. Aug. 4th 6:00 AM until around 12:00 Noon all depending where your work Block is Located.

Anyone who already told me they were coming back - Please Reply Anyway.

The Appreciation Dinner is on Friday July 20th @ the same place the Civic Center in Canton a None Volunteer Guest is $15 Everyone needs to be 21 years or older and have an ID, the Deadline is June 22nd to get tickets.

If your New Working the Grand Parade there is training time @ the Perry Library @ Sippo Lake entrance off of 12th Street Tuesday July 17th or Thursday July 19th @ 5:30 PM in the Lower Level. Pick a Date one or the other, Please Let Me Know If you have worked the parade before. Your Attendance isn't necessary.

So Lets Recap:
Please let me know the following: Can you work the Grand Parade?   If yes, do you want to go to the Appreciation Dinner?   Will you be going to training meeting if so tell me what day Do you own a DMR Radio? Do you have a Analog 2 meter HT? Looking Forward to Seeing Your Reply

Thank You for Volunteering Again for this Event that is Great for Canton and Brings a lot of Money to the City Business

Below is the Link to the Grand Parade Webpage if you have any questions etc.or Simply Reply to me with questions.
https://www.profootballhoffestival.com/grand-parade

I need to Know what Holes to Fill, so Please Let Me Know ASAP your Coming Back for a New Vollunteer for the 2018 HOF Grand Parade!

Wade, WD8MIU wd8miu@gmail.com or Cell 330-704-2100

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Covered Bridges On The Air
(from the monday morning memo)

AND NOW WE ARE FOUR—The proposed "**Covered Bridge Day**" appears to now have four clubs interested in participating-the Portsmouth RC, the Southern Ohio ARC, the Cambridge ARC and the Highland ARA. There has even been interest expressed by a Kentucky club in activating a bridge in their area. Although a date has not been firmly set, it appears it will occur in **August (looks like the 18th)** in order to allow adequate time to publicize the event and have more stations join in the fun. Any club and/or individual interested in participating from a covered bridge in their area is more than welcome. With more bridges on the air, the more fun we'll have.
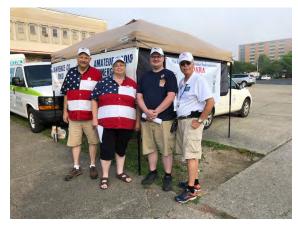
So, whether you are in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana or some other location with a covered bridge nearby, consider joining in. The Monday Morning Memo is going to try to co-ordinate things. highlandara@yahoo.com for info. As a note, the Highland ARA activated the Lynchburg bridge in 2002 and had over 400 contacts! A local radio station even did a remote broadcast from the event.

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The 150th Ironton Memorial Day Parade May 28, 2018. "150 Years of Honor"

The Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA) and the Lawrence County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) operators provided communications for the parade. Also, the Ohio Flags of Honor and the Vietnam Memorial Wall were on display. This was a perfect day for the parade with temperatures reaching 90° and bright and sunny skies.

There were over 400 different groups making up 12 different divisions in the parade this year. The attendance was one of the largest in the history of the parade filling the sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, lawns, along the parade route. Additionally, a special event was when two F-16 fighter jets flew over top of the parade.

In the middle of the parade there was a downtown power outage. The repeater we were using had a battery back up therefore the transition was seamless. Additionally, a power supply in the radio room at the EMA / EOC failed and the net control operators immediately switch to battery back up. It certainly does make a difference when there is pre-planning in place for such events.

Moreover, we only had one lost parent and one lost child. The amateur radio operators who were walking with the different divisions were alerted by spectators and they were able to resolve both situations very quickly with both found.

It is special events like this that allows the amateur radio operators to hone their skills in preparation for emergency / disaster situations. Point to point tactical communications with a controlled net were utilized for the parade.

The following is a list of amateur radio operators who participated from Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky:

Jim Rowe, N8TVO and Faye Rowe; A. J. Pierson, N8LRO; Tim Nicely, AC8VQ; Mike Love, WB8YKS; Jerry Lockhart, W8HIC; Rhonda Vansickle, KB8BCO; Taylor Darby, K4AHS; Don Kemper, KN4KSS; Joe Thompson, KD8FPX; James "REN" Reneau, N4REN; Gary Caldwell, WX8G; Dave Bruce, KD8NYN; Beth Jenkins, KE8HTM; Dennis Grant, KD8UDM; Dave Baker, W8XDB; Eddie Jenkins, N8URU; Annabelle Jenkins, KB8TGI; Randy France, KD8VRU; Greg Hendry, W8DUQ and Tina Hendry; Fred Herr, WD8AGH; Keith Brooks, N8DKB and Jerry Huffman, N8YN

A special thank you to Jim Rowe, N8TVO for coordinating the amateur radio communications and being a member of the parade committee.

Mike Love, WB8YKS
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The Ohio Weekly DMR Net Report

May 30 DMR Net

District 1 – 12	District 5 – 15	District 9 – 5	QNI: 105
District 2 – 3	District 6 – 17	District 10 – 9	
District 3 – 5	District 7 – 12		Time: 56 minutes
District 4 – 15	District 8 – 6	Outside of Ohio – 6	NCS: KD8GEI

The reason for conducting this net every week is to make sure that all of our connections to the now ever-growing list of repeaters throughout the state are working as we want them to be.

Interested in being a net control for this net? Contact Duane, K8MDA at: k8mda@arrl.net It's really easy to do and if you're checking in to the net on a regular basis anyway, you're already there! Please, we need volunteers from all over Ohio to do this net. It is important, and I will guarantee this, it's really FUN!! Want to take a look at the Preamble to see just how easy it is to run this net, here's the link: http://arrl-ohio.org/digital/Ohio%20DMR%20Net%20Preamble.pdf

The reason for conducting this net every week and having you actually check "IN" is to make sure that all of our connections to the now ever-growing and changing list of repeaters throughout the state are working as we want them to.

Sometimes things don't always work as we expect them to, and testing this system, and ourselves, each week gives us the ability to better understand what can happen during any emergency situation. Come join in on the fun every Wednesday evening at 8:30pm local on the DMR - 3139 talk group!

Has your club taken the challenge? I have challenged all the clubs in Ohio to get your members to "check-in" to the DMR Net at 8:30pm every Wednesday night. Let's get everyone on DMR to check in!
Now, I know that it's gonna' take some time to get everyone to buy into this idea, but I know that it will be worth it for sure! Just think of it, around 2,000 folks all checked in on a controlled net, it will be amazing for sure and maybe one that will break a record!

Don't know which ARES District you're in? Click on this link: http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/district_map.htm and find your county. You will then see which District you reside in.

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

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Fun Things To Do, Classes & Hamfests Too
(from various newsletters and sources)

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

>> Classes starting near you <<

Subject: MARCS Radio Training Announcement

MARCS Radio Training has been opened in the DPS-Training Campus for registration. This is open to anyone that will be or might be using a MARCS Radio for work as a beginner or as a refresher.

August 9   DPS401: MARCS Radio Training
Thursday   Ohio EMA, Room 204
                        9:30 am to 12 noon

Everyone is welcome. Rhonda L. Meggitt, Planner 3 Ohio Emergency Management Agency

Editor's Note.. Not registered with the Department of Public Safety? Here's a link to get you started…
https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html

Once you have registered, you will be able to sign-up for classes and such.

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OHIO EMA UPCOMING TRAINING
We've had a lot of folks ask about the availability of getting into one of the ICS-300/400 classes. Here's a pretty good look at the upcoming classes throughout the state for the next 3 months.

All current trainings are listed on the Ohio EMA training calendar located at:
https://webeoc.ema.state.oh.us/TrainingAndExercise/courselist.aspx

1 L146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation (HSEEP) Program June 4 - 6, 2018 Lucas County

2 ICS-300 Intermediate ICS June 11 - 12, 2018 Huron County

3 ICS-300 Intermediate ICS June 11 - 13, 2018 Allen County

4 ICS-400 Advanced ICS June 13 - 14, 2018 Huron County

5 G557 Rapid Needs Assessment Planning June 14, 2018 Franklin County

6 ICS-400 Advanced ICS June 14 - 15, 2018 Allen County

7 L-104 Exercise Design June 18 – 19, 2018 Ohio EMA

8 L-105 Public Information and Warning June 20 – 21, 2018 Ohio EMA

9 G358 Evacuation and Re-entry Training June 21 – 22, 2018 Franklin County

10 ICS-300 Intermediate ICS July 30, 31 – August 1, 2018 Franklin Co. Sheriff

11 ICS-400 Advanced ICS August 1 - 2, 2018 Franklin Co. Sheriff

12 ICS-300 Intermediate ICS August 14 – 16, 2018 Fairfield County

13 ICS-400 Advanced ICS August 16 – 17, 2018 Fairfield County

14 L969 Communications Unit Leader (COML) August 20 - 22, 2018 Lucas County

15 L146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation (HSEEP) Program August 22 -24, 2018 Jackson County

16 ICS-300 Intermediate ICS August 24 – 26, 2018 Athens County

17 L426 Building a Roadmap to Resilience: Whole Community August 28 - 30, 2018 Ohio EMA

18 L967 Logistics Section Chief September 10 - 14, 2018 Franklin County

19 G775 EOC Management and Operations September 12 – 13, 2018 Licking County

20 ICS-400 Advanced ICS September 15 – 16, 2018 Athens County

21 G402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Officials September 18, 2018 Washington County

22 ICS-300 Intermediate ICS September 18 – 20, 2018 Franklin County

23 ICS-400 Advanced ICS September 20 – 21, 2018 Franklin County

24 L-984 Task Force/Strike Team Leader September 24 – 26, 2018 Cuyahoga County

25 MGT-347 ICS Forms Review (Morning) September 25, 2018 AM Franklin County

26 MGT-347 ICS Forms Review (Afternoon) September 25, 2018 PM Franklin County

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ARRL V.E. Test Sessions

06/09/2018 | Findlay OH 45840
Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club
Location: Findlay Radio Clubhouse
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

06/09/2018 | Maumee OH 43537-1628
Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Assoc
Location: Maumee Fire Station #2
Time: 8:15 AM (No walk-ins)
Learn More

06/09/2018 | Ravenna OH 44266-2191
Sponsor: Portage County ARS Inc.
Location: PCARS Club Site (Rear of complex, under BIG tower)
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

06/09/2018 | Huber Heights OH 45424-4143
Sponsor: Huber Heights Amateur Radio Cl
Location: The Forge
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

06/12/2018 | Lancaster OH 43130-3014
Sponsor: Lancaster & Fairfield Cnty ARC
Location: American Red Cross
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

06/13/2018 | Cincinnati OH 45242-5614
Sponsor: Greater Cincinnati ARA
Location: Blue Ash Recreation Center
Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

06/14/2018 | Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-3205
Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC
Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

06/14/2018 | Milford OH 45150-1427
Sponsor: Milford ARC
Location: Faith Church
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

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

Laurel V.E. Test Locations   &   W5YI V.E. Test Locations

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Contests – Just for the FUN of it!!

June 4
- RSGB 80-meter Club Championship, Data

June 5
- ARS Spartan Sprint

June 6
- Phone Fray
- CWops Mini-CWT Test

June 7
- CWops Mini-CWT Test
- NRAU 10-meter Activity Contest
- SKCC Sprint Europe

June 8
- NCCC RTTY Sprint
- NCCC Sprint
- HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest

June 9
- DRCG WW RTTY Contest
- VK Shires Contest
- Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
- Portugal Day Contest
- GACW WWSA CW DX Contest
- REF DDFM 6-meter Contest
- ARRL June VHF Contest

June 10
- DRCG WW RTTY Contest
- Cookie Crumble QRP Contest

June 11
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

June 13
- NAQCC CW Sprint
- Phone Fray
- CWops Mini-CWT Test
- RSGB 80-meter Club Championship, CW

See the ARRL Contest Calendar for more information. For in-depth reporting on Amateur Radio contesting

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Special Events

- **06/14/2018 | Miamisburg Ohio 200th celebration**
Jun 14-Jun 26, 0000Z-0000Z, W8M, Miamisburg, OH. Mound Amateur Radio Association. 147.195 145.330; 443.000 pl 88.5. QSL. W8DYY c/o Bill Pell, 1143 Charter Place, Dayton, OH 45458. www.w8dyy.org

- **07/05/2018 | Packard Auto Show**
Jul 5-Jul 10, 1200Z-2100Z, W8P, Warren, OH. Warren Amateur Radio Club. 14.225 7.225. Certificate. W8VTD, PO Box 708, Warren, OH 44483. Join us to celebrate the Packard auto show and cruise in from the Packard Auto Museum in Warren, Ohio, the original home of the Packard Auto.

- **07/07/2018 | Celebrating PCARS being honored as the Hamvention 2018 Club of The Year**
Jul 7-Jul 8, 1400Z-0200Z, K8BF, Mantua, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service. 21.240 14.250 7.140. Certificate & QSL. Tom Parkinson, 9992 State Route 700, Mantua, OH 44255. General portions of the ham bands Certificate or QSL card available Send your QSL card with a Large SASE for 8x10 certificate or a regular SASE for QSL card. www.portcars.org

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Upcoming ARRL Sponsored Hamfests

06/09/2018 | 2nd Annual Ham Radio TailGate & TrunkFest
Location: Marysville, OH
Sponsor: Union County Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.ohiohams.net/

06/16/2018 | Milford Hamfest
Location: Owensville, OH
Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.w8mrc.com

07/08/2018 | 20/9 ARC Hamfest
Location: Austintown, OH
Sponsor: 20/9 Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://20over9.org

07/21/2018 | GARS Germantown Hamfest
Location: Germantown, OH
Sponsor: Germantown Amateur Radio Society
(GARS)
Website: http://GARSohio.org

07/21/2018 | NOARSFEST
Location: Elyria, OH
Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society
Website: http://noars.net

07/22/2018 | Van Wert Hamfest
Location: Van Wert, OH
Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://w8fy.org

07/29/2018 | Portage Hamfair '18
Location: Ravenna, OH
Sponsor: Portage Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://hamfair.com

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

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FCC Denies Petition Aimed at Preventing Interference from Digital Repeaters to Analog Repeaters
(from arrl bulletins)

The FCC has turned away a *Petition for Rulemaking* from a Michigan radio amateur that asked the Commission to amend Section 97.205 of the Amateur Service rules to ensure that repeaters using digital communication protocols do not interfere with analog repeaters. Charles P. Adkins, K8CPA, of Lincoln Park, had specifically requested that discrete analog and digital repeaters be separated either by distance or frequency and that digital repeaters be limited to 10 W output, the FCC recounted in its June 1 denial letter, released over the signature of Scot Stone, the deputy chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Mobility Division. According to the letter, Adkins had characterized digital repeaters as "a major annoyance" to analog repeater operators.

"In 2008, we rejected a suggestion to amend Section 97.205(b) to designate separate spectrum for digital repeaters in order to segregate digital and analog communications," the FCC said in its letter to Adkins. "We noted that when the Commission has previously addressed the issue of interference between amateur stations engaging in different operating activities, it has declined to revise the rules to limit a frequency segment to one emission type in order to prevent interference to the operating activities of other Amateur Radio Service licensees."

The FCC told Adkins that current Part 97 rules already address the subject of interference between amateur stations, prohibiting, among other things, willful or malicious interference to any radio communication or signal, and spelling out how interference disputes between repeaters should be handled.

"You have not demonstrated any changed circumstances or other reason that would warrant revisiting this decision," the FCC concluded. "Consequently, we dismiss your petition."

The FCC did not assign a rulemaking petition (RM) number to Adkins' petition nor invite public comments.

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Final.. Final..

Hey Gang...

Wow, has this ever been a crazy week. We went from a very mild spring to summer, just like that!!

How's your training going? Yes, I know that I've been hammering hard on this, but it will become clear very soon as to why I have. I want you to be prepared! The changes to the NEW ARES program will be launching soon and I don't want anyone left behind. Let me know if you have any new course certificates, we'll want them for the statewide database. And, it doesn't always have to be about the NIMS training either. Don't forget that having Basic First Aid and CPR training is also very valuable in the field as well. And, don't forget about the newest training out there, **"Stop the Bleed..."** This one is really good, and it's something that you can use no matter where you are.

These courses are not only useful for you in the field, but you'd be surprised how they can help you around the house as well. Remember, most accidents happen within 25 miles of you home! And YES, my accident last year happened within that 25-mile radius. You need to be prepared!

Ok, I to want to update you on our NIMS count. We've gotten to the 700 mark just this past week! Congratulations go out to **Ken Cornett, N8SPW**. He was the 700th person to send us his NIMS certificates! And YES, he was sent an ARRL ARES Mesh Vest! Now, on to number 725!!

Here's the figures as Jim, W8ERW has given them to me...   Members in the database – **945**; Active members – **912**; Members NIMS complete -**702**; Total courses logged - **6,578**; 2017 training courses – **780**; 2018 training courses – **380**   I'd say that's mighty impressive, wouldn't you?

Website updates.. I have updated several things in the DMR side of things.. The Net Listing and Talk Groups webpages thanks to Greg, WD9FTZ. I also updated a code plug from Dan, KB8LKH for the AT-UV868 Anytone radio. And, of course, the ever changing and growing NIMS Roster from Jim, W8ERW.

A Personal Note From Me.. An article that appeared in the March 05, 2018 edition of PostScript that didn't give proper credit to the originating author, Ruth Watson of Amherst, Ohio.

Her story "Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder" originally appeared in the Ag Credit ACA magazine on September 2006. I am sorry for the omittance.

That's going to do it this time around… I'll catch you on down the log for sure, and stay dry my friends!!

Scott, N8SY...

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

Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website? You can go back and look at any edition simply by clicking: http://arrl-ohio.org/news/index.html

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Chit – Chat, and All That!

Do you know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "Opt-In" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send me an email n8sy@n8sy.com and I'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.

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

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

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

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

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Go Cavs..

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