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## ***ARES® Continues Move Toward Enhanced Training, Paperless Reporting***



As part of upgrades to the ARES® program, ARRL will phase out traditional hard-copy report forms later this year in favor of an online system, [ARES® Connect](#) — a new volunteer management, communication, and reporting system. Goals include aligning the ARES organizational structure with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS).

Emergency Coordinators (ECs) will continue to lead local ARES teams during an incident, with support from District and Section Emergency Coordinators.

Changes proposed will encompass additional mandatory training to include ARRL Emergency Communications courses and the now-standard FEMA NIMS/ICS courses IS-100, 200, 700, 800, with IS-300 and 400 for higher levels. Other specialty training could include SKYWARN and agency-specific programs.

Training levels attained would dovetail with three new levels of ARES participation: Level One as proposed will be comprised of all entering the program with no training, while progressing through the ARRL emergency communications training and the FEMA Independent Study courses 100, 200, 700, and 800.

Level Two would be attained upon successful completion of these courses, and would be considered the “Standard” level for ARES participants. Level Three would be attained upon completion of the advanced FEMA courses ICS 300 and 400, which would qualify candidates for ARES leadership positions.

Level One participants would be able to fulfill most ARES duties, with a target of attaining Level Two in 1 year. Level Two, the standard participant level, would permit participant access to most incident sites and emergency operations centers (EOCs). Level Three would convey full access as granted by the authority having jurisdiction, plus qualification for ARES leadership.

The Ohio Section has already been given the “GREEN” light to start registrations. Everyone in ARES will need to get registered into the ARES Connect system in order for their volunteer time to be logged.

Have you gotten registered yet? If not, you can start the process by going to the Ohio Section website and clicking on the ARES Connect link on the left side of the page, or <https://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/oh/>

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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.... ***Gary Hatton, W8GTH !***

Since we've had such a great response with the Giveaway this month, I added “The ARRL Operating Manual for Radio Amateurs” to “Give Away” as well!!

AND.... that winner is... ***Vern Burroughs, KF8LE***





Now, let's see how many of you are actually paying any attention to this article. Since July 4th is this Wednesday, I'm going to have a "Special" drawing just for July 4th.. What do you have to do to get into this additional drawing? Well, if you register before the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, NOTHING, you're already registered! If you haven't signed up yet, You need to quickly (July 3<sup>rd</sup> at midnight at the latest). Time is running out and you don't want to miss out on having another great opportunity to win!

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>

You just never know.. You just might be the next winner!

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## One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang



There's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! <http://arrloho.org> I noticed that around 62% of you said that you participated in Field Day activities this year. That's really great!

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.

Since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is this week, let's ask this non amateur radio question.. **"Will you be watching fireworks this week, either at your home or a commercial display?"**

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## 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 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](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

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## ***Youngstown Marathon a BIG success***

*(from Wave Bender Newsletter)*



On Sun., June 3, we had our first major public service event, the Youngstown Marathon race. It was a very early start to the day as we were all there between 6:00 and 6:30 A.M. Fortunately, the rain held off until the race was done, but the air was very humid for the runners. All of those runners seemed to fare well and there were no major incidents with any of them. One man aggravated a previous knee injury and could not finish the race.

Our members who came out to work the event were: Rose, KD8TII, net control; Donna Haren, scribe; Joe, W0JO, at the EMA trailer; Ted, KD8IJE; Roy, KD8IJF; Dennis, KA8DJM; Maureen, KD8NXS; Rocky, W8RKY; John, KT8TAT; Stan, KB3WPD; Mike, KE8IWZ; Darrin, N8DMC; Steve, KC8SOY; Bob, KE8HHH; Matt, KE8JJY; Bob, N8RCM; Brian, AB8BL; Kevin, KD8NXR; and Aiden, KE8JYR. We were joined by members of 20/9 and MVARA Bobby McCully, AB8OP, and Frank Sole, WB8YHD.

Many thanks to all who came out. You are very much appreciated. Thank you as well to those who just joined the hobby/service of Ham Radio, who so willingly came out to help. Matt Campbell, KE8JJY, did double duty as the captain of the water station near the 680 bridge, that his company sponsored, and the duties of a Ham Operator from the same location via crossbanding with his HT at his post to his mobile station in his vehicle parked away from the spot. Also, welcome to our brand-new Hams - Matt, Mike Malarky, KE8IWZ, and Aiden Divelbiss, KE8JYR, who is only 13 years old. Thank you to John Ricci, KT6TAT, who is a recently joined club member. We are happy to have all of you as part of our group.



The race officials were happy to have us there. BTW, thanks, Brian, for bringing the donuts in the morning to get things kicked off. It was nice to have them and they were, no doubt, breakfast for many of us.

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### ***Backup Power Now on Lawrence County Repeaters***

*(from Eddie Jenkins, N8URU and Mike Love, WB8YKS)*

Today 6-21-2018, James Reneu, N4REN, and I, Installed backup batteries on the 146.715 and the 146.610 repeaters. We now have backup power on all three of our repeaters.

We also purchased and installed an air conditioner at the 146.715 repeater site. The site owner, Perry Brock, approved the repair and has agreed to make an adjustment to our annual rent to help offset the expense.

The controller on the 146.610 has been changed because of the problem with the PL tone not being passed through the controller.

We hope this will eliminate the noise problem we have been experiencing with interference from other distant repeaters.

I would like to ask for some volunteers to mow weeds and clean up around the 146.715 site. Our volunteers did a great job last winter of cleaning up, but for some reason the grass keeps growing around the building.

A big thanks to N4REN for his help today. I also want to thank everyone that has contributed in some way to help with the updates and repairs to our repeater systems. I feel that we are now in a much better position to help our community in emergencies and disasters.

Eddie Jenkins, N8URU  
ARES EC, Lawrence County, Ohio

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### ***Medina County EMA Communications Trailer*** *(from Doug, KD8SST)*

Perhaps a word about the Medina County Communications Unit is in order. It is separate from ARES, although all ARES members are also Comm Unit members. ARES concerns itself with public events, such as bike races, marathons, Pan Ohio and other non-emergency/disaster events. The Comm Unit deals with disaster, emergency or National Security Event events.

Medina County Communications Unit is sponsored by the Medina County Emergency and Homeland Security Agency and is patterned after a similar unit in Portage County.

Medina's director, Christina Fozio is totally behind the unit and several members of her staff are hams also.

The trailer itself was originally used by the County Fire Chiefs Association as an Incident Management Assistance Team Command trailer. It was never really used in that capacity and bounced around from one fire department to another all over the county. The EMA decided it could be put to better use and assigned it to us.

We pretty much gutted it, removed all the carpeting, added cork tiles over cabinet doors to dampen sound. We added a shelf in the main part of the trailer. This will be where the HF radio will go. Additional shelving was built in the radio room part of the trailer and a sliding door was installed between the radio room and the main part of the trailer. The dining table was kept for meetings and a status board was installed. There are also 2 white boards.



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The toilet was removed from the bathroom and it along with a small closet and sleeping area are used as storage. Eventually a MESH system will be kept in it.

← This picture shows the radio room with (l-r) UHF radio, public service radio and a Yaesu FT8800. This was taken out of service in the EOC radio room and was replaced there with a Yaesu FT 8900, there is also a cache of Motorola UHF radios.



The county CERT team can use these cached radios and has some storage space in the trailer. The trailer has heat and air conditioning, an on-board propane fueled generator which feeds a deep cycle marine battery. We rewired the electrical system and installed a grounding system.

Eventually we will have an HF radio, DMR, MARCS, P25 and additional UHF/VHF radios

Medina County EMA has footed the bill for all of this with unit members doing the actual construction



← This picture shows a group photo taken by one of the members drones. The drone pilot is on the far right. She is Rene Eady KD8SSW. I'm standing in the doorway



← This picture shows the main area and rear of the trailer. In the video, the gentleman in the tan shirt and white hair is Ken Dorsey. He quite often attends our meetings, and acts a liaison between us and Summit County.

Members involved in the project were: NF80, Dave Rickon, Fred Helwig K8FH, Steve Stein KE8BJD, Doug McClure KD8SST, Tracey Liston W8TWL, KE8APO Dave Swancer, KD8RWK Rich Koharik KD8DZK Mike Eady. Ben Nau, KE8BJA - Specialist with EMA

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**Covered Bridges On The Air** – Mike Love, WB8YKS - PIO

Plans are underway for the Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association’s (SOARA) special event station at the Scotttown Covered Bridge on State Route 217.

This is Lawrence County’s only covered bridge remaining. The event will take place August 18<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be forthcoming. Please mark August 18 on your calendar to participate!



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**Need Letter “N” Card Sorter for 8<sup>th</sup> 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 in on all the details. [http://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th\\_bureau.htm](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](mailto:n8dx@arrl.net)

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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](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](mailto:ed.liddle@gmail.com) or 614-804-6569

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**Need Help!**

**Headwaters Adventure Race on Saturday July 14th**

The Portage County Parks District is holding its annual Headwaters Adventure Race on Saturday July 14th in the Mantua-Hiram area. This is a three event race on foot, bicycle, and in a canoe.

The Parks District has requested our help in providing communications for this event. We can really use the help so if you're available please let me know by June 30th at [rick.kruis@outlook.com](mailto:rick.kruis@outlook.com) If you have no experience at public service events but would still like to participate, please let me know and I can pair you up with an experienced operator.

73, Rick K8CAV

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**Need Help!**

**Hall Of Fame 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

Here is a 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](mailto:wd8miu@gmail.com) or Cell 330-704-2100

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**Need Help!**

2018 Air Force Marathon. This race will happen on **15 September** this year. We will need 65+ ham volunteers to cover the positions on the course. The race hosts 15,000 runners and uses 2,000 volunteers. Hams can sign up at: <http://www.usafmarathon.com/volunteer/> (just be sure to choose the Ham assignment).







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 by 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](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 <<**

**The Original Geeks:** An Introduction to Ham Radio Arts & Sciences 1138.22, First year Seminar  
Fall Semester 2018 **August 21 – October 8** Tuesdays 3:00 to 4:50 pm Room 24 Derby Hall – Ohio State University – Columbus Campus



I will be teaching this fall at Ohio State as part of the First Year Seminar series. All incoming first-year (aka freshman) students and transfer students are eligible to register. Please contact me directly if you have any questions. You can contact Larry, K8HTC at: [feth.1@osu.edu](mailto:feth.1@osu.edu) Department of Speech and Hearing Science 110 Pressey Hall, 1070 Carmack Road

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## OHIO EMA UPCOMING TRAINING

### FEMA RELEASES REVISED IS-100.c AND IS-700.b COURSES

FEMA is pleased to release two revised online NIMS courses during the week of 25 June:

#### **IS-100.c, *An Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100***

This course introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. The course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

#### **IS-700.b, *An Introduction to the National Incident Management System***

This course provides an overview of NIMS. NIMS defines the comprehensive approach guiding the whole community - all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector - to work together seamlessly to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents. The course provides learners with a basic understanding of NIMS concepts, principles, and components. Together, these two online courses form the foundation of NIMS training for all incident personnel. The classroom versions of IS-100.c and IS-700.b are also under revision and will be released later this summer.

Please note that IS-100.c and IS-700.b are updated versions of the IS-100.b and IS-700.a courses. If you have successfully completed a previous version of these courses there is no FEMA requirement to take the revised versions of the courses. However, because these courses contain new information based on the revised NIMS, October 2017, you may find it informative to review the new versions of these courses.

Previous versions of these revised courses will be archived upon release of the revised courses. This will include archiving the seven discipline-specific versions of ICS 100 for the Food and Drug Administration, Federal Workers, Healthcare/Hospitals, Higher Education, Law Enforcement, Public Works and Schools.

The new ICS 100 includes discipline-specific content. The new courses will be available through the EMI website <https://training.fema.gov/is/>. Students will still have access to tests for the legacy versions of these courses (IS-100.b and IS-700.a) for 30 days after release of the new courses. An additional twenty-eight NIMS curriculum courses are in final revisions for NIMS 2017 and will be released as they are completed and approved for release.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will continue to make the nation more resilient.

All current trainings are listed on the Ohio EMA training calendar located at:

<https://webeoctraining.dps.ohio.gov/TrainingAndExercise/courselist.aspx>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Enroll</b>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	July 14 - 15	Ashland County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	26 July	Ohio EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	July 28 - 29	Ashland County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	July 30, 31 – Aug 1	Franklin County Sheriff's Academy	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	August 1 - 2	Franklin County Sheriff's Academy	<a href="#">Enroll</a>



ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 8 - 10	Ohio Christian University Business Innovation Center	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 14 - 16	Fairfield County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	August 16 - 17	Fairfield County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L969 Communications Unit Leader (COML)	August 20 - 22	Lucas County EOC	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 24 - 26	Hocking College, School of Public Safety	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L426 Building a Roadmap to Resilience: Whole Community	August 28 - 30	Ohio EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G775 EOC Management and Operations	September 12 - 13	Newark Police Department	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 15 - 16	Hocking College, School of Public Safety	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G-402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Leaders	September 18	Marietta College - Planetarium	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 18 - 20	Franklin County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 20-21	Franklin County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
MGT-347 ICS Forms Review (Afternoon)	September 25(PM)	Franklin County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
MGT-347 Incident Command Systems Forms Review (AM Course)	September 25(AM)	Franklin County EMA	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

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**ARRL V.E. Test Sessions**

**07/05/2018 | [London OH 43140](#)**  
**Sponsor: MCARC**  
**Location: Madison County Engineer's Office**  
**Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
[Learn More](#)

**07/05/2018 | [Youngstown OH 44505-1400](#)**  
**Sponsor: Mahoning ARA**  
**Location: Red Cross**  
**Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
[Learn More](#)

**07/07/2018 | [Bryan OH 43506-8410](#)**  
**Sponsor: Williams County ARC**  
**Location: Williams County 911/EMA**  
**Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
[Learn More](#)

**07/07/2018 | [Lancaster OH 43130-3014](#)**  
**Sponsor: Lancaster & Fairfield Cnty ARC**  
**Location: American Red Cross**  
**Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
[Learn More](#)

**07/08/2018 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)**  
**Sponsor: Cuyahoga ARS**  
**Location: Old Elmwood Recreation Center**  
**Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
[Learn More](#)

**07/10/2018 | [Lancaster OH 43130-3014](#)**  
**Sponsor: Lancaster & Fairfield Cnty ARC**  
**Location: American Red Cross**  
**Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**  
[Learn More](#)

07/12/2018 | [Milford OH 45150-1427](#)

Sponsor: Milford ARC

Location: Faith Church

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

07/12/2018 | [Stow OH 44224-4097](#)

Sponsor:

Location: Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

Time: 7:00 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!!**

**July 2**

- [10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party](#)
- [IQRP Quarterly Marathon](#)
- [RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW](#)

**July 3**

- [ARS Spartan Sprint](#)

**July 4**

- [Phone Fray](#)
- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)

**July 5**

- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)
- [NRAU 10m Activity Contest](#)
- [SKCC Sprint Europe](#)

**July 6**

- [NCCC RTTY Sprint](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)

**July 7**

- [FISTS Summer Slow Speed Sprint](#)
- [Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest](#)
- [DL-DX RTTY Contest](#)
- [SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#)
- [Marconi Memorial HF Contest](#)
- [Original QRP Contest](#)
- [PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint](#)

**July 9**

- [4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint](#)

**July 11**

- [Phone Fray](#)
- [CWops Mini-CWT Test](#)
- [RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB](#)

See the [ARRL Contest Calendar](#) for more information. For in-depth reporting on Amateur Radio contesting

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## Special Events

### **13 Colonies Special Event Has 10th Anniversary**

*(from CQ Chatter Newsletter)*

The annual [13 Colonies Special Event](#) will mark its 10th anniversary this year. The event gets under way on July 1 at 1300 UTC and runs through July 8 at 0400 UTC. Special event stations with 1 × 1 call signs will represent the original 13 US colonies, plus bonus stations WM3PEN in Philadelphia and GB13COL in Durham, England.

Participating stations try to contact all 13 Colony Stations plus the two bonus stations. Call signs and their respective states are K2A, New York; K2B, Virginia; K2C, Rhode Island; K2D, Connecticut; K2E, Delaware; K2F, Maryland; K2G, Georgia; K2H, Massachusetts; K2I, New Jersey; K2J, North Carolina; K2K, New Hampshire; K2L, South Carolina, and K2M, Pennsylvania.

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- **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](http://www.portcars.org)

- **07/27/2018 | Carnation Days Special Event**

**Jul 27-Aug 12, 0000Z-2359Z, W8LKY**, Alliance, OH. Alliance Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 14.045 7.250 7.045. Certificate & QSL. Alliance Amateur Radio club, P.O. Box 3344, Alliance, OH 44601. W8LKY will be on the Air at various times during the special event window. We are celebrating Alliance as the birthplace of the Ohio State Flower; the Scarlet Carnation. Frequencies and modes other than those listed here may be used. QSL / Certificate info can be found on our website. [www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)

- **07/29/2018 | Historic Y-bridge**

**Jul 29, 1630Z-2130Z, W8ORA**, Zanesville, OH. Ohio Amateur Radio Club. 7.220 14.300. QSL. Ronnie Phipps, 610 Morgan Rd, Zanesville, OH 43701.

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### Upcoming ARRL Sponsored Hamfests

**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>

**07/22/2018 | Van Wert Hamfest**

Location: Van Wert, OH  
Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://w8fy.org>

**08/04/2018 | 2018 Columbus Hamfest / Ohio Section Conference**

Location: Grove City, OH  
Sponsor: Voice of Aladdin Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://columbushamfest.com>

**09/09/2018 | Findlay Hamfest**

Location: Findlay, OH  
Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.findlayradioclub.org>

**07/21/2018 | NOARSFEST**

Location: Elyria, OH  
Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society  
Website: <http://noars.net>

**07/29/2018 | Portage Hamfair '18**

Location: Ravenna, OH  
Sponsor: Portage Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://hamfair.com>

**08/12/2018 | Cuyahoga Falls ARC's 10th Annual Tailgate Hamfest**

Location: Stow, OH  
Sponsor: The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://www.cfarc.org/tailgate.php>

**09/22/2018 | OH-KY-IN ARS Hamfest**

Location: Cincinnati, OH  
Sponsor: OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society  
Website: <http://www.ohkyin.org>

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

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*Final.. Final..*



Hey Gang...

This week has been recovery week for me. Field Day always wipes me out for sure! 577.5 miles and 16 sites will most likely do that to anyone!

This past week has also been one where I stand by and watch the grass grow. Yes, it's definitely long enough to cut, but when I got the mower out to do just that late last week, it broke! So, I packed it up in my trailer and took it out to be repaired. They looked at it and said "YUP, you did a number on the blade and shaft. It will have to be replaced and that will take 2 weeks! So, even though I get out of mowing the lawn for 2 weeks, it's going to be a real hay field by the time I get the mower back.

Ok.. on to some different things.. I've received numerous news articles from all over the state! It's really refreshing to see such great articles appearing about US (Amateur Radio Operators)! I want to thank everyone that took part in Field Day this year. It's a great exercise for ARES (Yes, this is an ARES event folks..) and get such great publicity from not only the newspapers, but also our local government officials as well.

This past week we got released to open up the registration process for everyone in Ohio to get registered into the ARES Connect System. But, like my mower, there were some glitches that weren't expected. These glitches were quickly resolved but it seems as fast as one was fixed another one cropped up. So, we are muddling away at them and it will all get resolved, we just need to have some patience! It will all get resolved and running smoothly soon. So, keep that smile on your face and remember, it will be better soon!

Wow.. Time is really flying by this year. Wednesday will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July already. It's hard to believe that there's less than 180 days before Christmas. It really does seem like yesterday that we were still shoveling snow out of the driveway, and this week it's in the 80's and 90's!

How's your training going? Jim and I are still getting some NIMS certificates trickling in, but I know that there are some of you that still haven't submitted your certificates yet, or thought you did several years ago. Now it's time to make sure that we have them on file. Please, go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/special/ICS%20Complete%20by%20County%20and%20Name.pdf> and make sure that your name is appearing on this listing. Just so you know, it's listed by county.

As most of you know, Ohio was chosen as one of four test Sections in the country. Why? Well, that's easy. We are a very active Section and Headquarters knows it! We were also the first to get activated in the new system. We are now up and running. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time. Go to: <https://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/oh/> and get yourself registered now.

Now, once this new system is adopted by the ARRL Board of Directors next month, it will be the new way of operating in ARES from that point forward. I've been hammering on you for a very long time now so that you would be prepared for when this day comes, and as you can see, it will be coming very soon!

The changes to the NEW ARES program are dramatic, but they are easily obtained. You just have to be willing to LEARN a little.

Now, don't forget that your ICS certificates aren't the only things we're looking for either. If you have Basic First Aid, CPR or AED training, it's 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!

Here's the figures as Jim, W8ERW has given them to me... Members in the database – **958**; Active members – **925**; Members NIMS complete -**714**; Total courses logged - **6,657**. These numbers just keep growing. And we want them to continue for sure!

Don't forget, and an enticement to get your certificates to me I'm giving away to the **725th** person, an ARRL ARES Mesh Vest! We aren't all that far away from number! Will you be the person that gets it?

The numbers were released this past week for Dayton Hamvention. There were 28,714 in attendance. I have to tell you that from where I was standing, it sure felt like more than that! At times we were 5 to 6 people thick at the booth. It was the bestest time ever!

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...

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### ***Field Day Pictures***

I've got a bunch of Field Day pictures already posted on the website at: <http://arrl-ohio.org/fd-18/index.php> Some of them are mine, and some have come from all over the place! Who cares where they came from, as long as they show what we did this past weekend!! Now, I want pictures from those of you who haven't sent me your pictures yet as well!! You know who you are. I will say this (as an enticement) you know the big banner that I display at most hamfests!!! The pictures that are on that banner come from YOU.. that's right, these are your pictures showing what we do best! And, what's better than seeing your pictures displayed for everyone on the website? Seeing them displayed on the Ohio Section Banner!

Please, **let's do like we did last year** and keep this Picture Gallery growing by having you send me all of your Field Day pictures. Send them to: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

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### ***Weather Underground Stations around Ohio***



Hey Gang,

Do you have a weather station that makes reports out on the internet via Weather Underground? If you do, how's about sharing your WU address with us.

I have a page setup so that you can go to each of the stations that we have so far and it's really interesting to see just how much different the weather is around the state at any given time. One of the neatest things about this is that it's real time reporting! Want to see what we have thus far? Here's the link.. <http://arrl-ohio.org/wus.html>

Now speaking of weather and weather reporting, did you know that we have a link on the main page of the Ohio Section website? We do, it gives the latest bulletins from the National Weather Service concerning Ohio. Here's the link to that as well.. <http://arrl-ohio.org/nws.html>

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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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*Have a Fantastic and SAFE  
4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!*



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