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## FCC Administrative Law Judge Dismisses Radio Amateur's Long-Standing License Renewal Application



A California man embroiled in a long-running license renewal proceeding has lost the next step in his fight to remain a radio amateur. In a July 9 [Order](#), FCC Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel terminated the decade-old license renewal application of William Crowell, W6WBJ (ex-N6AYJ), of Diamond Springs, California, upon a motion by Enforcement Bureau Chief Rosemary C. Harold. Sippel's *Order* followed Crowell's refusal to appear in Washington, DC, for a hearing to consider not just his license renewal but related enforcement issues dating back 15 years or more.

“Crowell’s decision not to appear at the hearing has the same practical effect as if he had initially failed, pursuant to Section 1.221(c) of the Rules, to file a written notice of appearance or otherwise signal his intent to participate in the hearing on his pending renewal application, i.e., he has waived his right to prosecute that application,” Harold said in the Enforcement Bureau’s June 12 motion to dismiss Crowell’s license renewal application.

In his *Order*, Sippel said he agreed with Harold’s determination. Crowell had asserted that the FCC was obliged to hold field hearings in the city nearest to a licensee’s residence, but Sippel said that was incorrect. Crowell invoked financial hardship rules, but Sippel said those would not apply in an Amateur Radio case. Dismissal of the renewal application was “with prejudice.”

It has been 10 years since the FCC set Crowell’s license renewal application for hearing, which was to center on whether he had violated FCC Part 97 rules in the early 2000s, in part by causing intentional interference, transmitting music, and “using indecent language,” and whether he was qualified to have his renewal application granted. Crowell raised the lengthy delay in his [response](#) to Harold’s June 12 motion. “The more-than-10-year delay in holding a hearing herein (that’s only since the *Hearing Designation Order* [was] issued; the pre-*HDO* part of the case goes back to 2000) violates my administrative due process rights,” claimed Crowell, who is an attorney.

Crowell further claimed that most of the witnesses who might testify at a hearing are now deceased, and “the evidence is terribly stale.” He said the Enforcement Bureau “has no excuse for not having taken this case to a hearing at a much earlier date, and, at this point, my ability to elucidate the truth has been fatally compromised.”

Crowell was fined \$25,000 in 2016 for intentionally interfering with the transmissions of other radio amateurs and transmitting prohibited communications, including music. The FCC said Crowell did not deny making the transmissions but argued, in large part, that those transmissions were protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution. The FCC turned away that assertion.

Sippel said he had stayed the renewal case on the basis of the pending *Forfeiture Order* proceeding, but said he was later informed that the US Department of Justice had decided not to prosecute the case.

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## Some ARRL Contest Award Certificates Now Available for Download

The ARRL Contest Branch has announced that some contest award certificates now are [available for download](#) from the ARRL website in PDF and JPEG formats. Just enter the call sign.



ARRL Contest Branch Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, credited “the extraordinary efforts of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, together with Trey Garlough, N5KO; Ward Silver, N0AX, and the ARRL IT team,” for making this a reality.

Currently available certificates are for the 2017 IARU HF Championship, the 2017 ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest, and the 2017 ARRL September VHF Contest.

“Future certificates for more current events, as well as past events going back well over a decade, will be made available in the next few weeks,” Jahnke said. “This new online certificate feature will offer enhanced content over what has been offered previously on ARRL certificates, and makes certificates available to a greater number of participants. New recognitions have been added for Top 10 participants in a broader number of geographical (country, Division, Section) or categorical entries.”

New online event certificates will be announced as they are released.

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## *The Handbook Give Away*

Hey Gang,

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

What’s the catch? I want to get everyone checking in to the Ohio Section website as often as possible, and in order to register each month, you have to visit the website often! There’s nothing else to it.



I pay all expenses, and from time to time, I Give Away more than just a Handbook. And, you’ll never know just what months will be those special times that I will have more than just a Handbook to Give Away!!

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



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## One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang



There's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! <http://arrloho.org> I noticed that around 47% of you said that you carry only 1 transceiver in your car and 28% of you stated that you don't carry any transceivers in your car! Now that's amazing. Even more amazing was that 5.5% of you actually carry more than 3 transceivers! Now that's absolutely amazing!!

As that the Anderson PowerPole connectors have become the standard for quick power connections in the shack for all of your equipment, here's the next question...

**“Do you assemble your own Anderson PowerPole connectors??”**

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.

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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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Today, July 14, 2018 we had a work party at the Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA) 146.715 repeater site. All of the SOARA officers Jim Rowe President N8TVO, Ren Reneau Secretary N4REN, Dave Bruce Treasurer KD8NYN, Tim Nicely Vice President AC8VQ as well as Mike Love, WB8YKS Public Information Officer.

The following are pictures showing the over grown grass conditions before and after we were finished. It is amazing how much work was completed with five people within one hour. “Teamwork”

We really did enjoy the time we had together this morning. Hopefully, with the applied Roundup the weeds will be under control for a couple of months.

Mike Love, WB8YKS



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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 you 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 letter “N”, then you need to contact: Bureau Manager - Jack Shirley, N8DX E-Mail: [n8dx@arrl.net](mailto:n8dx@arrl.net)

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**Youth DX Adventure Update**

*(from Jim Storms, AB8YK)*

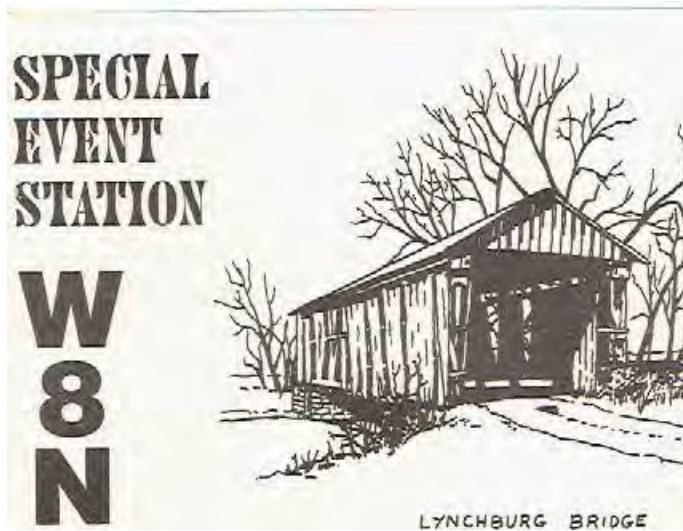
The Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure was just granted the Curacao call sign of PJ2Y for this year's trip. Our departure is only days away and everyone is excited. We plan to arrive and be QRV the evening of **July 19** through the 24th. That assumes no traveling issues.

There are plans to upload logs periodically to Club Log. Hope to see everyone on the bands.

Please watch our website [qsl.net/n6jrl](http://qsl.net/n6jrl) for where we are operating. We may be doing some FT-8 in normal mode not fox and hound. The concentration will be on SSB and CW. There is also a possibility of 6m if conditions permit.

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The Highland Amateur Radio Association will operate special event station W8N from the Lynchburg, Ohio Covered Bridge Park on Saturday, August 18. The activity will start that morning at 10 and continue until 6 that evening. Anticipated operating frequencies are 7.235 and 14.285, + or— QRM. Operations on other bands may occur depending upon conditions and requests.



The Lynchburg Covered Bridge is the only remaining covered bridge in Ohio that joins two counties—Highland and Clinton. A QSL card will be sent to any station providing an SASE to The Highland Amateur Radio Association, 21 Highland Drive, Hillsboro, OH 45133.

HARA invites other clubs and/or individuals to join the fun that day by activating a station at a covered bridge in their community. Since there are over 100 covered bridges in Ohio there are many opportunities to take a part in the fun. To date bridges in Adams, Scioto, Washington, Guernsey, Fairfield, Lawrence and Highland Counties will be activated in addition to the possibility of a couple in Kentucky. Any station wishing

to join in can set their own times and frequencies of operation.

HARA's Monday Morning Memo is coordinating the event. More information can be had by contacting HARA at [highlandara@yahoo.com](mailto:highlandara@yahoo.com)

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**Help Wanted**

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



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

|                 |                |                 |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Allen</b>    | <b>Fulton</b>  | <b>Henry</b>    | <b>Mercer</b>   |
| <b>Paulding</b> | <b>Putnam</b>  | <b>Logan</b>    | <b>Clermont</b> |
| <b>Carrol</b>   | <b>Athens</b>  | <b>Jackson</b>  | <b>Meigs</b>    |
| <b>Perry</b>    | <b>Belmont</b> | <b>Harrison</b> | <b>Monroe</b>   |

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

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

<http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/ARESmanual2015.pdf> Yes, this is a lot of information to absorb and you do have to be an ARRL member, and here in Ohio you are also required to be a Level 2 ARES member before you will be considered for the appointment. Now, is this something that you'd like to do? Let me know. [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

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**Need Help!**

The Sylvania SuperKids is **Saturday, August 4th** and has a start time of 7:30. This event takes about a dozen operators and finishes before 11. The following day is the Sylvania Triathlon which also starts at 7:30. It takes 20+ operators and the course closes at 1:30. Please consider giving some of your time to one or both of these events. If you'd like to volunteer or need more information please contact me at either [k8rks@arrl.net](mailto:k8rks@arrl.net) or 419-471-0573.

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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 **Saturday August. 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 assignment).



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Got Questions? Contact: Phil Verret, KA8ZKR - 2018 USAF Marathon Amateur Radio Lead Volunteer  
Cell 937-371-3507 or Office 937-255-9983

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## ***Why are circuit breakers better than fuses? They aren't!***



First, we must define the difference between a “circuit breaker” which is designed to protect the “circuit” (meaning the wires and switches) whereas fuses are designed to protect the circuit as well as the energized equipment.

The response time for the fuse is determined by its construction where the common fast-acting one-time which means they will quickly de-energize the circuit when current flow exceeds the fuse rating.

Other fuses are built with an over-current time delay where they will pass higher currents for a given time period to allow normal operations such as motor starts or other devices with high inrush currents; however, these fuses are still fast-acting upon dead line to line or line to ground shorts. In industrial applications, time delay fuses are typically the secondary line of motor protection following the heaters contained within magnetic starter relays.



While circuit breakers have a specific current rating, they also have considerably long response times even when currents are high enough to severely damage equipment or even start fires before they will open. Such overcurrent damages and catastrophic failures will not happen with fuses.

Failure to open on overcurrent is very common problem with circuit breakers, especially with older breakers and those that are not regularly cycled.

The advent of modern GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interruption) and AFCI (Arc Fault Circuit Interruption) circuit breakers do add considerable safety advantages to the electric protection arsenal. However, one must not rely solely on these electromechanical devices which can and do fail. Any time it is necessary to provide absolute overcurrent protection you should really use a fuse.

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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!



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### **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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### **Incident Command System (ICS) Training Schedule**

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>          |
|--|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) | 26 July             | Ohio 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> |

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|---|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| 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](#)



**07/17/2018** | [Sandusky OH 44870-1926](#)

**Sponsor: Sandusky, Ohio VE Team**

Location: Sandusky Radio Club

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**07/21/2018** | [Greenville OH 45331-1038](#)

**Sponsor: Treaty City ARA**

Location: Beehive One Room School

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**07/21/2018** | [Lisbon OH 44432-1233](#)

**Sponsor: Lisbon Area Amt Radio Assoc**

Location: Columbiana County Emergency Management

Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**07/21/2018** | [Mansfield OH 44907-1502](#)

**Sponsor: Inter-City ARC**

Location: Peoples Community Center

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**07/22/2018** | [Cortland OH 44410-1473](#)

**Sponsor: NE Ohio ARC**

Location: Ohio State Extension Office

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

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**07/25/2018** | [Dayton OH 45424-3304](#)

**Sponsor: Dayton ARA**

Location: DARA Clubhouse

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

[Learn More](#)

**08/04/2018** | [Bryan OH 43506-8410](#)  
**Sponsor: Williams County ARC**  
Location: Williams County 911/EMA  
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**08/04/2018** | [Grove City OH 43123-7629](#)  
**Sponsor: Aladdin ARC Hamfest**  
Location: Aladdin Shrine Center  
Time: 9:00 AM (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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## **Special Events**

- **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.

- **08/04/2018 | Port Clinton Lighthouse Festival**

**Aug 4, 1500Z-2100Z, W8GNM/8**, Port Clinton, OH. Port Clinton Lighthouses Conservancy. 21.325 18.155 14.325 7.225. QSL. QSL via , LoTW only to, W8GNM/8. [portclintonlighthouse.org](http://portclintonlighthouse.org)

- **08/09/2018 | Daniel Emmett Days**

**Aug 9-Aug 11, 1600Z-2359Z, K8EEN**, Mount Vernon, OH. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club. 21.240 7.080 7.030 3.840. Certificate & QSL. MVARC, PO Box 372, Mount Vernon, OH 43050. [www.qrz.com/db/k8een](http://www.qrz.com/db/k8een) or [www.mvarc.net](http://www.mvarc.net)

- **08/18/2018 | International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend**

**Aug 18-Aug 20, 1500Z-2100Z, W8GNM/8**, Port Clinton, OH. Port Clinton Lighthouses Conservancy. 7.225 14.325 18.155 21.325. QSL. QSL via, LoTW, only . QSL via LoTW only. No paper QSL or certificate [portclintonlighthouse.org](http://portclintonlighthouse.org)

- **08/18/2018 | Lynchburg Covered Bridge Day**

**Aug 18, 1200Z-1600Z, W8N**, Lynchburg, OH. Highland Amateur Radio Association. 14.285 7.235. QSL. Highland ARA, John Levo, W8KIW, 21 Highland Dr., Hillsboro, OH 45133. The only covered bridge joining two Ohio counties. [highlandara@yahoo.com](mailto:highlandara@yahoo.com)

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## Upcoming ARRL Sponsored Hamfests



### **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>

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

Location: Grove City, OH

Sponsor: Voice of Aladdin Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://columbushamfest.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>

### **08/19/2018 | Warren ARA Tailgate Hamfest**

Location: Cortland, OH

Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8vtd.com/>

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

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***Final.. Final..***



Hey Gang...

Wow.. What a crazy week I had last week! Janie and I had some fun and play time this past week. We ended up in Nashville. No, not Nashville Ohio, although we've been there many times, we went to Nashville Tennessee!

Janie is a huge country music fan and I am too, but I prefer the old country music and not much of the new stuff. It's too much like the music I played in the 60's when I was in a rock and roll band. We stayed right downtown Nashville and had a blast walking from one honky-tonk to another most of the week. It was really hot out, so getting inside to listen to the up and coming country singers was a real treat.

We also toured the Marathon Motors Factory (yes, they had a car company in Nashville back in the very early 1900's. One of the American Pickers shops is there as well and we spent most of the day just touring around the town. Oh, we did go to the Grand Ole Opry and had seats in the 5<sup>th</sup> row! It was a great week for sure, but it went way too fast! If you've sent me email this past week, I do apologize for not getting back to you quicker.



Let's switch gears... Please, if you haven't gotten signed up on the ARES Connect system, now is the time to do it. I've been watching the "New Volunteer" registrations come in and I have noticed a number of them where the "User Name" wasn't your call sign and it has to be. I've also noticed folks filling in the "County" with U.S.A... I guess they are just misreading this as country and not county. Please, make sure that you list the county that

you live in. This is a biggie that we can't afford to get wrong. Other than that, we still have a few counties to get registered into the database yet, and when that happens we will have the ability to get everyone finished up with the registrations.

It is going to take a little time to get this all down where we all feel comfortable with it so please, have a little patience. We'll get there for sure. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time. Go to: <https://arri.volunteerhub.com/lp/oh/> and get yourself registered now. The changes to the NEW ARES program are dramatic, but they are easily obtainable. You just have to be willing to LEARN a little.

So, how's your training going? Jim and I are still getting some NIMS certificates trickling in, but I know that there are still some of you that still haven't submitted your certificates yet, or thought you did several years ago and you haven't checked to see if you are listed or not. Please, take a couple of minutes the next time you're on the computer and make sure that your name is listed in our database.

We want no one left behind, or not credited for the courses that you have taken. Just go to: <http://arri-ohio.org/SEC/special/ICS%20Complete%20by%20County%20and%20Name.pdf> and make sure. Just so you know, it's listed by county.

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 – **964**; Active members – **931**; Members NIMS complete -**719**; Total courses logged - **6,710**. These numbers just keep growing. And we want them to continue for sure!

Just as an FYI for you. The ARRL Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for the end of this week. The ARES Connect program is one of the main agenda items that they will be addressing that weekend for sure. I look for the Board to unanimously pass the proposals for this program. At that point it will be full steam ahead and no looking back at the past to the way it used to be. This program is vital to our survival with our served agencies, and make no mistake about it, it will bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

Don't forget, and here's an enticement to get your certificates to me... I'm giving away to the **725th** person, an ARRL ARES Mesh Vest! We are just 6 away from that magic number! Will you be the person that gets it?

Switching gears one last time.. 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!

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)

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

Scott, N8SY...

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

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



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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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