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## CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD



Fortunately, my knee is operating properly, although it's still a bit sore. Made it to the NOARS Summerfest on Saturday morning. Great to see everyone there! I had a good time talking with everyone, and there was some serious "Ham Radio" talk going on. Like questions about the latest news of commercial concerns wanting to get back on to the HF bands..... and lots of other serious Ham Radio topics.....

Driving home I was thinking to myself:  
IS HAM RADIO DEAD???

I know there are some of you who think it is, and maybe it is, for those who think that way. However, I still have lots of HAM RADIO things that I would like to get done. Lots of HAM RADIO activities that I want to participate in, Lots of HAM RADIO knowledge I would like to acquire. Lots of HAM RADIO friends I would like to get to know better. And, I'm having a ball doing all of that and more!

The upshot is, HAM RADIO is NOT DEAD, unless we say it is. There will always be “threats”, but that’s true with just about anything in life. No matter what, HAM RADIO will be different in the future, and the future is coming at us continuously, and faster all the time. Until we get to where mental telepathy is a mode, RF will be flowing through the ether. Have fun with it, it truly is MAGIC. And the MAGIC doesn’t stop until the last one of us says “I Quit”.

The next question is “Which way is Amateur Radio trending”? Are we headed towards DEAD or are we headed towards GREATEST TIME EVER TO BE A HAM? I’m guessing there are hams on both sides, all with valid arguments, observations and concerns. I know where I stand, and I know where some of you stand, but out of the approximately 770,000+ active ham radio licensees, I don’t know you all. I won’t try to speak for you, but I will try to influence you and your thinking. I want Ham Radio to not only survive, but thrive in the years to come.

So that brings me to the ARRL. They are OUR organization! They are billed as “The National Association for Amateur Radio”. The ARRL’s Vision Statement says “As the national association for Amateur Radio in the United States, ARRL:

- Supports the awareness and growth of Amateur Radio worldwide;
- Advocates for meaningful access to radio spectrum;
- Strives for every member to get involved, get active, and get on the air;
- Encourages radio experimentation and, through its members, advances radio technology and education; and
- Organizes and trains volunteers to serve their communities by providing public service and emergency communications.

It’s only five bullet points but it involves a lot of activity on our behalf. Unlike a lot of other interests and/or professions, they are the *only ones* who are representing *our interests*. They have been successful at doing that for over 100 years now.

So based on its successful history of representing our Amateur Radio interest, one would rightfully assume that of those 770,000+ licensees that a large majority would belong to the *only organization that represents their interests collectively*. You would be wrong. Being very generous to the numbers, it works out to somewhere between 20-30%. Even more distressing is the fact that when the ARRL has elections (at all levels) it’s usually only between 20-30% of its membership that bother to vote!

When anyone who is a Ham or otherwise involved in Amateur Radio won’t participate in even the simplest of ways to support the hobby, then they have effectively said “I Quit”. Sure, they’ll hang on as long as they can, but deep down, they’ve quit. The sad part is that “no man is an island”. Your actions, or lack thereof, affect all your friends and fellow hams who are still excited that “The Magic” still exists for them.

So where does that leave us? I'm still excited about "The Magic" and I want it to continue. There is strength in numbers if we're all in it together. There are things that each of us should be doing if we haven't already said "I Quit".

- Smile and be friendly to everyone. Don't be the old coot who yells "Get off my grass!"
- Share the hobby with everyone and anyone who will listen – especially kids!
- Be an active participant in your club, help others to be active in the hobby too.
- When something needs to be done, volunteer to be a part of the solution based on your abilities and capabilities.
- If you can do it better, run for an office!
- Be a member of your national organization (ARRL).
- Participate in your national organization - start with voting in the elections!
- Support your national organization (Have you ever made a *donation* to ARRL – over and above your annual dues? The Spectrum Defense Fund might be a good place to start). There's really only one organization that represents us, if we let the ARRL fail, due to lack of support, then there will be no one else to save us.

Amateur Radio is still alive and kicking, but we may be at a crossroads. Where it goes from here is dependent on what each one of us does from here, both individually and collectively.

We could crash and burn. I don't like that scenario.

Or, We could be the shining light on the hill! We could bring about societal changes by our example that would be for the better for everyone.

Please, don't quit. We need you.

Just a couple more thoughts.....

If you took a look at the results of the recent ARRL member survey, I would say, the writings on the wall. There will be changes coming. One of those changes will probably be a change in the dues structure – and I doubt they'll be going down. I don't know when that change will take place, but what that means is that RIGHT NOW ARRL dues are essentially ON SALE! You can prepay your dues up to 3 years in advance. By extending your membership now, you will lock in the current rate for at least the next 36 months. And, if you're "all in" with ARRL, I would suggest a LIFE membership. Moms, Dads, Grandparents: this would be an *outstanding* gift for any young hams in your family!

The OHIO SECTION Newsletter Contest is now completed for 2023. The winners will be presented at the Columbus Hamfest on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM. I hope you'll be there to support your club. Just because the contest is now completed for 2023, it's not over. Now is the time to start upping your game for the 2024 contest! We'll be having an OH Section "Clubs" Conference this Fall (more details to follow soon) that will include a session on building your

club newsletter. The Conference will be a ZOOM conference so everyone who wants to participate will be able to.

73,

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### Youth Net

**When:** The second Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM EST

**Where:** The K8IV repeater located in Kent, Ohio (EchoLink node K8BF-L) RF: 146.895 Mhz with PL 118.8

**Who:** Any licensed amateur radio operator who wishes to participate. Priority will be given to youth stations and those located in Ohio.

The purpose of this net is to encourage youth activity in amateur radio and to help new hams get more comfortable on the air.

\*\*\*Next Net is Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*

If you are a young ham, in the Ohio Section or elsewhere, please check in and say “Hello”! Even if you’re far away from OHIO you can check in via Echo-Link. Echo-Link is a good tool to have, and it can be accessed from your laptop, tablet or cellphone. But there is a process to get validated to the Echo-link system. It’s simple to do, but you need to get it done before the day of the net! Go to [Introducing EchoLink](#) for more information on getting started. If you’re an “Old Guy” (a gender neutral term meaning not a youthful operator) and you have some kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or even some neighborhood kids who you would like to give a chance to talk to other kids about Ham Radio, this might be an excellent opportunity to give them that small nudge that could be the start of something positive they will carry with them through life!

# *National News*

## *(from ARRL and other sources)*

### Teachers Gather for STEM Training at ARRL

A group of educators were at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, the week of July 13, 2023, for the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology. The 13 teachers were from all over the country, and they were in town to learn hands-on STEM activities through amateur radio. "They liked foxhunting and satellite contacts the best," said ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA.

ARRL holds five sessions each year, and each session is 5 days in length. The Teachers Institute is an expenses-paid professional development program filled with lectures, hands-on activities, and demonstrations that are intended to provide teachers with tools and strategies to introduce basic electronics, radio science, satellite communications, amateur radio, weather science, microcontrollers, and electronic sensors to their students. "The whole idea is to inspire teachers to go back and inspire their students to be excited about amateur radio," said Goodgame.

Support for the institute is provided by donations from amateurs like you to the ARRL Education & Technology Fund.



A group of teachers from the ARRL Teachers Institute of Wireless Technology learn about radio direction finding (foxhunting) in front of ARRL Headquarters.



## **Transforming Humanity’s View of the Cosmos: NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope**

From our cosmic backyard in the solar system to distant galaxies near the dawn of time, the [James Webb Space Telescope](#) has delivered on its promise of revealing the universe like never before in its first year of science operations.

Webb’s image of a small star-forming region in the Rho Ophiuchi cloud complex has been released in celebration of a successful first year.

The new image shows a region containing approximately 50 young stars, all of them similar in mass to the [Sun](#), or smaller. The darkest areas are the densest, where thick dust cocoons still-forming [protostars](#). Huge bipolar jets of molecular hydrogen, represented in red, dominate the image, appearing horizontally across the upper third and vertically on the right. These occur when a star first bursts through its natal envelope of cosmic dust, shooting out a pair of opposing jets into space like a newborn first stretching her arms out into the world. In contrast, the star S1 has carved out a glowing cave of dust in the lower half of the image. It is the only star in

the image that is significantly more massive than the Sun.

Some stars in the image display tell-tale shadows indicating [protoplanetary disks](#) – potential future planetary systems in the making.

[Learn More](#)

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## On the Air

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When Messages Matter: Passing Traffic

Passing traffic is a ham radio activity that's nearly as old as ham radio itself, and getting accurate messages to their destination in a timely manner takes training and skill. In addition to participating in nets, hams also have the opportunity to take on ARRL Field Organization positions that are responsible for traffic. In this episode, we talk to Ethan Hansen, KC1OIP, who fulfills one such position, Official Relay Station, in ARRL's National Traffic System. Listen in to learn about what it takes to become an Official Relay Station, how the position makes a difference in the community, and how it benefits your amateur radio skills and experience.

## ARRL Audio News

Listen to [ARRL Audio News](#), available every Friday. ARRL Audio News is a summary of the week's top news stories in the world of amateur radio and ARRL, along with interviews and other features.

The On the Air podcast is available on iTunes (iOS) and Stitcher (Android). The On the Air podcast and ARRL Audio News are also on blubrry -- [On the Air](#) | [ARRL Audio News](#).



# Countdown to W4DXCC

September 29 and 30, 2023, Pigeon Forge, TN

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**NEW LOCATION !!!**

**What:**

**18th Annual W4DXCC DX and Contesting Convention**

**When:**

**September 29 and 30, 2023**

**Where:**

**Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge**

**Why:**

**Fellowship, learning, fun, food and most importantly, renewed friendships!**

Please visit [W4DXCC.com](http://W4DXCC.com) now for more information and to order your conference and banquet tickets!

**It's time to make your hotel reservations!!**

The Ramsey is only minutes from our previous venue and their convention/banquet area is outstanding. It's very easy to get to and close to everything. The Ramsey offers a full breakfast buffet, a fireplace in the lobby, a lounge and bar - including a Tiki bar by the pool. Due to many fun things happening in Pigeon Forge, please make your hotel reservations asap by calling 865-428-2700. When you call, be sure to tell them you are with W4DXCC by SEDCO for our special room rate. You cannot

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make reservations online.

See you soon,

Dave Anderson, K4SV

Convention leader

[Dave@w4dxcc.com](mailto:Dave@w4dxcc.com)

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**The 2023 W3Y Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure** team has been assembled.

The youth operators are Katherine (Katie) Campbell KE8LQR, Grace Papay KE8RJU, Lilly Colon W8LIL, Agnes Wagner AD8IR and Ben Wagner AD8FQ. They will be operating on July 29 in the RSGB IOTA contest as a World Station from the K3LR Super Contest Station.

They are joined with their parents Collen Campbell KB8VAQ, Doug Papay K8DP, Karl Colon KC2GTR and Nick Wagner AC8QG. The leaders are Michael Kalter W8CI and Jim Storms AB8YK. Station representatives Amy Leggieri N8AMY, Teri Grizer K8MNJ and Tim Duffy K3LR.

*The Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure announces their new website at [youthdxa.org](http://youthdxa.org) and is now the only official site of the YDXA. Check it out as it is being updated daily.*

Again, our thanks to Amy N8AMY, Teri K8MNJ, Tim K3LR and the K3LR Contest Group for hosting us for this event. Additional thanks to DXEngineering and Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) for their financial and other support for this effort. Contributions already received from other organizations and people will be used for our 2024 trip.

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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 your club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary?

Just send it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)

**Please! Format as below:**

If you want me to publish your club information, or even an article you have written, please send it in WORD format (.docx). Please use Times New Roman font size 12 for the body of the article. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated.

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## Club Commission Program Update

Clubs are using the Club Commission Program to generate income for the club and promote ARRL membership across the country. From January 1 through March 31 of this year, various clubs generated 217 separate memberships, with 21 of them returning members, 59 new members, and 135 renewals. That translates to a total of \$1,875 paid in commissions to those clubs.

Development is under way to improve the process. As of now, the steps are the same:

- Distribute the application forms to prospective and existing members.
- Collect the applications and fill out a Club Reconciliation Form.
- Send all the forms with the dues to ARRL.

Once the above steps are completed, the club will receive a commission check from ARRL.

The necessary forms are located at [Affiliated Club Benefits \(arrl.org\)](#) under the Club Commission Program link.

Consider having a quarterly event at a club meeting to discuss ARRL membership, and offer this to members. Members can renew at any time without losing time. If your renewal is normally in July and you renew in May, the time is added to your July date.

In the spirit of ARRL's Year of the Volunteers, in 2023 we are offering the following promotion to clubs using the Club Commission Program:

- For every five new members signed through the Club Commission Program through the end of 2023, ARRL will give the club a copy of *The ARRL Handbook*, which can be used as a promotion, a door prize, an auction item at hamfests, or however you choose.

Keep reading ARRL Club News for additional information on how clubs are using this program.

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## Want to know where to go to get the courses you need? It's all Right Here!

- [Ohio EMA Training Calendar](#)
- [Login to the DPS Training Campus](#)
- [Create a new account on the DPS Training Campus](#)

### NOTE:

- Most courses are in-person but some course may be hosted virtually (this will be noted).
- Seats available listed are as of the release of this update and will change quickly.
- All classes will be posted on the DPS training campus at least 60 days prior to the start of the course.
- Please read the [Training Policy & Catalog](#) for more information on Ohio EMA trainings.

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## How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to [www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application](http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application).

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

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## VE Sessions

### **The following information is for ALL exam sessions:**

It is now an FCC requirement to have an FCC FRN; active email address and active phone number before taking any exam. Please bring your FCC FRN, original license, a copy of your license (if a licensed ham), a valid photo ID and \$15.00 - Cash preferred.

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a \$35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. *VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.*

### **All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)**

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

### **Butler County Amateur Radio Association W8WRK**

Laurel VE Testing Session - hosted by DIAL amateur radio club

Amateur Radio License Examinations at 9:00AM on Sunday April 29th at Fairfield Township Administration Building 6032 Morris Rd. Hamilton, OH 45011. Pre-Registration is required, go to: [www.qsl.net/w8blv](http://www.qsl.net/w8blv) click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Thurl Golden, KD8VLU (513) 939-4891 [tgolden@fuse.net](mailto:tgolden@fuse.net) or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or [n8qf@roadrunner.com](mailto:n8qf@roadrunner.com). There are no Exam Fees!

### **CARS**

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

### **Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)**

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred.

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM  
Feb 11th; Apr 8th; Jun 10th; Aug 12th; Oct 14th; and Dec 9th, 2023.

Where: Springview Government Center - Emergency Operations Center; 3130 E Main St; Springfield OH 45503 This is US-40 aka "old national road". From Route 40 enter Old Columbus Road, at the fork stay left driving straight onto Ogden Rd, then immediately turn left into the parking lot behind the EMA. Walk to the door with the "Employees Only" sign. For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email: [buzz@baylorhill.com](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

### **Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)**

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

### **Dial Radio Club, Middleton, OH**

Will offer Amateur Radio License Examinations at 6:00PM on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. John XXIII Elementary School, 3806 Manchester Rd., Middletown, OH 45042. Pre-Registration is required, go to: [www.qsl.net/w8blv](http://www.qsl.net/w8blv) click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Dave Williamson, KD8W, (513) 424-5819 or [kd8w@ARRL.net](mailto:kd8w@ARRL.net) or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or [n8qf@roadrunner.com](mailto:n8qf@roadrunner.com) . There are no Exam Fees!

### **Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)**

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra). Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2023 are January 15<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. The EOC is located just south of the University Geauga Hospital and just east of the Geauga County Safety Center (Sheriff's Office), off of State Route 44 between State Route 322 and State Route 87 on Merritt Road.



Please arrive a few minutes before 14:00 to allow adequate time to process the necessary paper work and take your test. Bring your 1) photo ID, 2) email address, 3) FCC FRN, 4) a printout of your current license if taking the General or Extra exam.

Additional info may be obtained from Jim Mekeel, KE8EMP, email [KE8EMP@gmail.com](mailto:KE8EMP@gmail.com) or the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

### **Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club**

Huber heights amateur radio club does ARRL VE testing the second Saturday of each even numbered month. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. 9:30-11:00 For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at [ab8yk@hotmail.com](mailto:ab8yk@hotmail.com)

### **The Lake County Amateur Radio Association**

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2023** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 4	Saturday, August 5
Saturday, April 1	Saturday, October 7
Saturday, June 3	Saturday, December 2

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station.

The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don’t have a FRN, Google “New FRN” and follow the fcc.gov link.

If you are currently licensed, be sure to **bring a copy of your license to the exam**. The cost of the exam itself is \$15.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification with your picture is also necessary, such as a driver’s license. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440) 256-0320, or [scottfarnham@roadrunner.com](mailto:scottfarnham@roadrunner.com)

**In addition** to the \$15 test fee, the FCC now charges \$35 to add you to the Amateur Radio database. The FCC will e-mail successful candidates instructions for payment directly to them. Payment must be made within 10 days of the e-mail. This charge does not apply to upgrades.

### **The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)**

hosts exam sessions at the FAIRFIELD County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr in Lancaster Ohio, 43130, on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am. Please visit our website at <http://www.k8qik.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our experienced VE team looks

forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio. Contact me at [ve\\_testing@k8qik.org](mailto:ve_testing@k8qik.org) to register.

### **Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**

Beginning Feb 11, 2023 Testing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Columbiana County EMA located at 215 S Market St. Lisbon, OH 44432. Walk-ins OK. Check in at 1:00PM. For more information go to [www.K8GQB.com](http://www.K8GQB.com) or contact NN8B at [nn8b.oh@gmail.com](mailto:nn8b.oh@gmail.com)

### **Madison County**

The Laurel testing group will offer testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. No fee.

### **The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)**

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.

Please pre-register at [www.milfordhamradio.org](http://www.milfordhamradio.org)

### **Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)**

VE sessions are held the first Saturday of odd-numbered months (EXCEPT FOR March and July) at 10 AM in the North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Elaine, KC8FOS at [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com). There will be a VE session held March 12<sup>th</sup> at the NOARS Winterfest held at Lorain County Community College in the John A Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 Abbe Rd N, Elyria, OH 44035. Please email Elaine – KC8FOS at [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com) to register.

### **Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)**

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

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [KB8UUZ@gmail.com](mailto:KB8UUZ@gmail.com)

### **Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX**

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary. Doors open at 0830 for registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is \$15. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to [www.w8zx.net/exam](http://www.w8zx.net/exam) or email [VETEAM@N8BAG.NET](mailto:VETEAM@N8BAG.NET).

**West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA)** Exam sessions are held one Saturday each month at 10:00 AM-Noon at the VOA Bethany Relay Museum located at *8070 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069*. For more information and links to register, please see our website: <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>

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## **Pan Ohio Hope Ride Request for Assistance**

We are currently looking for additional volunteers for the 2023 Pan Ohio Hope Ride (POHR). POHR is a charitable bicycle ride that supports the American Cancer Society. It is a 4-day ride that spans the state from Cleveland to Cincinnati, with overnight stays along the way in Wooster, Westerville, and Dayton. Thursday, July 20th - Sunday, July 23rd 2023

We are currently looking for assistance in the following roles:

- SAG (Support and Gear) drivers
  - SAG drivers follow along the route in their personal vehicles and provide assistance to cyclists in need. They are provided a tote of equipment (spare tubes, air pump, snacks, water, Gatorade, other misc. supplies) at the beginning of the event and are expected to return unused items at the end. SAG drivers are coordinated and dispatched using MARCS interop channels. Anyone with their own radio is welcome to use it. For all other volunteers, CACHE radios will be signed out each day. SAG drivers are offered prepaid overnight lodging in hotels along the route. They are also provided food every day. Fuel receipts can be submitted at the conclusion of the event for reimbursement if desired. We would love to have SAG drivers accompany us for all 4 days but will accept volunteers for any individual days as well. We would prefer that SAG volunteers are able to commit to at least one full day.
- Rest Stop Transportation Officers
  - Transportation officers will be assigned to rest stops along the route. Transportation officers will be responsible for coordinating SAG pickups at each rest stop, assigning waiting riders to available SAG vehicles as they arrive on site, and then reporting all pickups to net control via radio (MARCS, simplex, or ham repeater depending on cache radio availability) or telephone.



An amateur radio comms plan will be in place for all days of the event, but will serve as a backup with MARCS being the primary means of communication whenever possible.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this event, or with any questions about the event should contact Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ [kc8nzj@outlook.com](mailto:kc8nzj@outlook.com)

As a side note, I've heard many comments from people regarding the past communications leadership of this event. I want to assure everyone that the event is being run by a new group (Event Support Group [www.n8esg.org](http://www.n8esg.org)) as of around 2019 and ALL amateurs are welcome and encouraged to participate in this event!

Thanks again and I look forward to your assistance!

**Mat Nickoson KC8NZJ COML**  
**[Event Support Group Founder](#)**  
**Ohio ARES District 10 Emergency Coordinator**  
**Cuyahoga County/Cleveland Weather Skywarn Coordinator**

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# **Portsmouth Radio Club**

## **2023 HAMFEST**



**Saturday August 19th, 2023**

**8:00am to 1:00pm**

At the New Boston Village  
Community Center  
3982 Rhodes Ave New Boston, Ohio



Admission \$5.00 at the door  
(includes 1 vendor table. Additional tables \$3 each)  
Children under 12 free!

**2023 Grand Prize \$200 cash**  
**(extra prize tickets may be purchased for \$3 each)**

**Sponsors: ARRL, Jett Fire Equipment, Shawnee Computer, Hanes Chevrolet,  
Skeens Excavating, Shoemakers Sunoco, Conley Motor Sports, Gampps Power  
Equipment, and more!**

**New + Used amateur radio equipment, dealers welcome**  
**Lots of door prizes + 50/50 Raffle**

**Laurel V.E. testing at 10:00 am**

**Pop, food, coffee will be available.**

**Talk-in on 145.390 with 136.5 tone or Echo link N8QA-R**

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## **Your Club news should be listed here!**

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

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## **ARLD028 DX news**

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

TIMOR-LESTE, 4W. Vasily, R7AL, Mike, RU3UR and Anastasya R6DTO are QRV as 4W6RU from Lusaka until July 20. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via R7AL.

MALAWI, 7Q. Don, K6ZO is QRV as 7Q6M from the Embangweni Mission Hospital in northern Malawi until possibly the end of July. Activity is in his spare time with a special emphasis on 6 meters. QSL direct to WOMAN.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Bert, CX3AN is QRV as 8Q7HU until July 18. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q. A large group of operators are QRV as 9Q1AA, and 9Q1ZZ using FT8, until July 18. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 with four stations. QSL direct to I2YSB.

TAIWAN, BV. Kenicho, JP1RIW is QRV as BM0QSO from New Taipei City until the end of 2023. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly FT8. QSL via bureau.

PORTUGAL, CT. Special event station CR6J will be QRV on July 17 to 23 for the 41st International Motorcycle Rally in Faro. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via CT1EHX.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Rag, LB3RE is QRV as DU1/LB3RE from Luzon Island, IOTA OC-042, until July 18. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. Operators N3QQ, KB2FMH and W8HC are QRV as KH8RRC from Tutuila Island, IOTA OC-045, WWFF KFF-0054, and POTA K-0053 until July 18 to mark

the 30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club. They are also active as W1AW/KH8 until July 18 as part of the 2023 VOTA operating event. QSL KH8RRC direct to KB2FMH, and W1AW/KH8 via LoTW only.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event stations OE2XXM and OE5XXM are QRV during July, and September around the international Autumn field day in Gosau. QSL via operators' instructions.

SABA, ST. EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Operators PE6Q and PA4O are QRV as PJ5/home calls until July 18. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via ClubLog.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Bob, W0RGC is QRV as V7/W0RGC from Kwajalein Island for about two to three weeks. Activity is in his spare time on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

MYANMAR, XZ. Akio, JE2QIZ is QRV as XZ2B from Yangon until the end of September. Activity is on 15, 12, 10, and 6 meters using CW. QSL via JH3SIF.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Eddy, OE3SEU is QRV as Z21MV through August. He is active on Satellite QO-100 using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

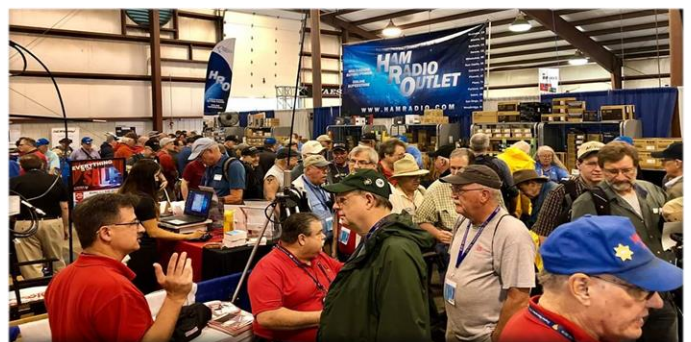
The ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, RSGB FT4 Contest, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test CW 40 and the Mini-Test CW 80 are scheduled for July 17 to 19.

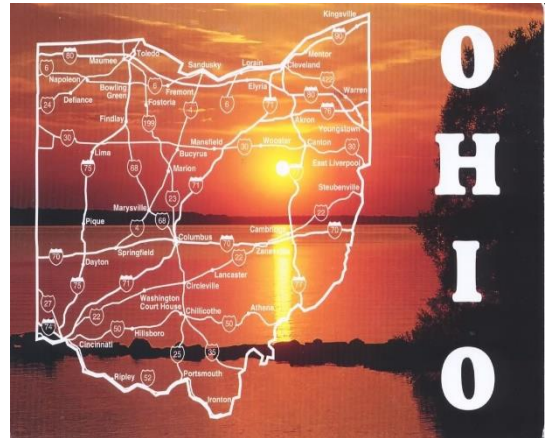
Please see July QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.

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## Upcoming *Hamfests*

We **DO** have some hamfests scheduled for 2023!!





# Ohio Hamfests

## 2023

**07/15/2023 - [NOARSFEST](#)**

**Location:** Elyria, OH

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

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**07/16/2023 - [Van Wert Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Van Wert, OH

**Sponsor:** Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://w8fy.org>

**[Learn More](#)**

**07/22/2023 - [Ashtabula County Hamfest 2023](#)**

**Location:** Pierpont, OH

**Sponsor:** Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/>

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**08/05/2023 - [2023 Columbus Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Grove City, OH

**Sponsor:** Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

**Website:** <http://www.columbushamfest.com>

**[Learn More](#)**

<p><b>08/12/2023 - <a href="#">Cincinnati Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Owensville , OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Milford ARC  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://CincinnatiHamfest.org">https://CincinnatiHamfest.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>08/19/2023 - <a href="#">Portsmouth Radio Club Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> New Boston, OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Jett Fire, Shawnee Computer,  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthradioclub.org">http://www.portsmouthradioclub.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>
<p><b>08/20/2023 - <a href="#">WARA Tailgate Swap Meet</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Cortland, OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Warren Amateur Radio Association  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8vtd.org">http://w8vtd.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>09/10/2023 - <a href="#">Findlay Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Findlay, OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Findlay Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://findlayradioclub.org">http://findlayradioclub.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>
<p><b>09/24/2023 - <a href="#">Cleveland Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Berea, OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Hamfest Association of Cleveland  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.hac.org">http://www.hac.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>10/29/2023 - <a href="#">Massillon (OH) Hamfest (&amp; auction)</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> North Canton, , OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Massillon Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.w8np.net">http://www.w8np.net</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>

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## DX This Week – PC2F Interview

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

The DX word of the week is Band Slots. DXers are heard to use this term frequently and it certainly is helpful to know what they are referring to. The term band slot is used to indicate how frequently a ham has confirmed a particular entity. Not how many times they



have worked an entity, but on how many bands. For instance, you might talk to Romania (YO) once on 20 meters. That would be one band slot for YO. However, over time, you may also work Romania on 10,15,17, and 40 meters. This would be 4 NEW bands slots for Romania for a total of 5.

Many hams use a chart, or their logging program, to indicate whether they need a particular entity on a particular band. In this case, the next time Romania is on 12 or 80 meters, I will get notified that Romania is available on that band. Totaling up all the band slots gives an indication of how much DX has been worked. I would say that 1,500 to 2,000 is typical while 3,000+ is very “rare air” indeed.

Hope you have been tuning the bands. Although daytime DX has been sparse, evening gray line has been fruitful. I have always equated chasing DX to fishing. If you don’t cast, (call CQ), you can’t catch. Part of the fun of fishing is just getting out and focusing on something other than work! Keep listening and let me know what you are working!

This week I am reprinting an interview from PC2F, Frans. I had an excellent email conversation with Frans immediately after working him regarding the exchange of QSL cards. We are kindred QSL spirits, so we hit it off right away. He kindly agreed to answer a few questions. Don’t hesitate to email Frans for a schedule.

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**AJ8B:** How did you first get interested in amateur radio?

**PC2F:** I started with CB 27 MHz radio as a young boy 15-16 years old. (1975) This was in the seventies in the Netherlands still illegal. I worked with a Super Panther 40 channel SSB radio and a GPA 27 antenna (I still own these items hi). In those days I heard about SWL radio stations, Radio Moscow, Voice of Amerika etc. I bought a Yaesu FRG 7 for SWLing and became a member of both HAM radio clubs; VERON and VRZA. I began sending SWL reports via QSL cards via our Dutch QSL bureau. For that used the given SWL numbers by our radio clubs. I try to send a copy of my QSL cards CB (call sign Pioneer) and SWL QSL cards.



In the days after I began studying for the radio exams and in 1979, I got my call sign PE1IWS (C class license) In those days only VHF, UHF and SHF above 144MHz was aloud. For HF operating we had to do a CW exam.

Many years later this license was changed, and I could also use the HF bands. In 1997 i changed my given call sign in PC2F.

5 years ago, I passed my USA exams in Germany during an international radio meeting (Friedrichshafen) and now I own also the extra USA class with call sign W2PCF.

For the last 9 years, I have been the chairman of our local VERON region with 200 members.

I love to activate special event calls; examples PA375KL, PC100AR etc.

**AJ8B:** Do you have a favorite band or mode?

**PC2F:** I love all bands, but 6m the WARC bands I like most. On VHF I like Sporadic E also FT8 and meteor scatter 6, 4 and 2M.

**AJ8B:** What time of day and days do you like to operate?

**PC2F:** During the week's times the evenings depending on the conditions. And in the weekends, I like to compete in contest running mostly QRP 5-10w.



**AJ8B:** Any secrets to your success?

**PC2F:** Good listening (SWL experience) and try to be active when the conditions are good. DX clusters help me a lot.

**AJ8B:** Any tips that you can share?

**PC2F:** Be patient and listen before calling. And visit club meetings and enjoy other radio friends.

**AJ8B:** Describe what you are currently using:

**PC2F:** Elecraft KX3 and a FD4 from Fritzel. Hopefully in 2022 I will use a hexbeam on a new 50-foot antenna tower. I also own a IC7300 and a FT748 used for 2m and 70cm. VHF and UHF 16 El Tonna 2m and 21 El Yagi 70cm. 58 El Yagi 23 cm and for Q100 a 2m disk.

**AJ8B:** What advice do you have for those of us trying to break pileups to work DX?

**PC2F:** As I said before be patient and listen well. Watch the DX clusters these give info about conditions. Try a DX-pedition not to work in the first day. The big stations are pushing you away if your equipment (power and antenna) are not very good.

**AJ8B:** What is your favorite contest?

**PC2F:** PACC (Dutch contest I run every year in February with other club members under our club call PI4AMF). Sent in your log you will get a nice "vaantje" via postage.



See: <https://www.veron.nl/vereniging/commissies-en-werkgroepen/traffic-bureau/hf-contesten/pacc-rules/> But also, the big ARRL, CQWW 48h contest i like.

**AJ8B:** Any QSLing hints?

**PC2F:** Look on QRZ.com if the stations still use paper QSL and bureau before writing a QSL-card. If so I also always upload all QSO's on eQSL and LOTW. I also sent sometimes a email with the info from digital QSO's asking for QSLing. This helps to shorten the waiting time for paper QSLs via bureau.

**AJ8B:** What coaching/advice would you give new amateurs?

**PC2F:** Try to find a buddy, a other amateur how has more experience. Taking and helping a new station is nice to do.

**AJ8B:** If I were to stop by for a visit, what local place would you want us to visit?

**PC2F:** My city Amersfoort got some middle age buildings and walls. But here in our small country there are many nice things to visit and see. Example our famous Rijks museum with the big painting of Rembrandt van Rhine; de nachtwacht, in Amsterdam. This is about 20 miles away from my city this museum you must see when you visit the Netherlands. But also, Madurodam den Haque, Kinderdijk Windmills, cheese market in Alkmaar and in springtime the tulip fields. Too many to choose from I would say.

**AJ8B:** What local food would you want me to try?

**PC2F:** Salt herring with raw onion (not everybody's favorite) Pancakes, Dutch Gouda cheese and during wintertime potato stamp pots. There are many types of potato based to make or choose from.

**AJ8B:** Thanks for taking the time to answer my questions. Is there anything you would like to share with us?

**PC2F:** If you like I can email you my old QSL and the one I have now.

Thanks!!!

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

**The Intrepid-DX Group has issued their second Press Release regarding the H40WA, Temotu Province DXpedition.**

We are pleased to announce that all our plans to activate H40 Temotu Province are going well.

Due to changes in flight schedules, we are announcing our operational dates will be from October 26th and we will complete our operations on November 9th.

We have assembled a team of eight operators to make a fifteen-day activation of this entity. Temotu Province ranks #45 on Club Log's most wanted DXCC list.

Team members include Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye, DJ9RR, Al, K3VN, Arliss, W7XU, and David, WD5COV. We will make a significant effort on the low bands during this activation using 1500 watts on the 80 and 160-meter bands using CW, SSB, and FT8 Fox/Hound modes. We plan to be active during the CQ WW SSB Contest October 28th-29th.

As you can imagine, shipping all of our gear, generators etc. to Temotu Province is quite costly. The H40WA team appreciates all sponsors and donors who wish to support our mission. Donations can be made, and more information can be found on the Intrepid DX Group's website, <https://intrepid-dx.com/>

**SP – Poland** - A group of YLs will be operating special call SP88YL from the contest station of SQ7NSN, Michael, and SQ7FPH, Arek, from August 6-12. The special callsign will also be used from some SOTA (Summits On The Air) activities and WWFF (World Wide Flora and Fauna) activities.

**The 2022 World Radiosport Team Championship** otherwise known as WRTC2022 took place July 8-9 in Bologna, Italy. This normally quadrennial event was postponed from 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It brought together 58 two-person teams, 58 referees, and many volunteers and visitors to operate a "contest within a contest" during the IARU HF World Championship. The call sign blocks were unique and never before used.

Score reports have been posted on the WRTC2022 website. According to the metrics on the website, there were 242,297 QSOs and 10,592 hunters from 159 countries.

I44W, with UW7LL and VE3DZ, captured the top spot with a claimed score of 7.5 million points. The closing ceremony was held and included awards, several presentations, and an announcement that the United Kingdom would host the 2026 event. Visit the WRTC2022 website, [www.wrtc2022.it](http://www.wrtc2022.it) , for more information.

**Guatemala:** Dennis, KT8X will be active from Guatemala as **TG4/KT8X** from July 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. He will operate 40m through 6m utilizing CW, FT8 and perhaps SSB.

**Timor-Leste** – On June 28th, a station signing **4W6RU** appeared on 30m FT8. There was considerable speculation as to whether it was real or a pirate. DX-World.net confirmed that this station is real.

Vasily R7AL, Mike RU3UR, and Anastasya R6DTO (XYL R7AL) are QRV from Timor-Leste. They will be staying there for approximately 20 days. There will be activity on various bands and modes using VDAs and wire antennas. QSL via R7AL, Club Log OQRS, or LoTW.

By the time you hear this, they will be in their final days! Good luck with this one. I have heard them on the air over the past few days and they are really good operators.

If you miss this DXPedition to 4W, there is a very large group going in the November timeframe and they will be participating in the CQWW CW Contest.

**V7 - Marshall Islands** – Bob, W0RGC, is currently in route to Kwajalein Island and hope to be active by the time you hear this as **V7/W0RGC** for two to three weeks. It should be noted this is a work trip and he will be active in his spare time. He'll be running 100 watts from an IC-706MKii into home brew wire antennas. Listen for him on SSB and FT8 on 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via his home call, via eQSL and LoTW.

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## CONTEST CORNER

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

Check out the WA7BNM Contest Calendar page (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>) and CQ Magazine for more contests or more

details. I also have a comprehensive list that can be imported to your calendar at [www.aj8b.com/files](http://www.aj8b.com/files)

The contests in **red** are those that I plan to spend some significant participation time on. PLEASE let me know if you are working contests and how you fared.

Thanks!

Date(s)	Event	Info
<b>All Year</b>	<b>CQ DX Marathon</b>	<a href="http://bit.ly/3FyPiui">http://bit.ly/3FyPiui</a>
July 19	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
July 22-30	Maidenhead Mayhem Sprint	<a href="https://w9et.com/rules.html">https://w9et.com/rules.html</a>
July 22	YOTA Contest	<a href="https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/">https://www.ham-yota.com/contest/</a>
July 27	RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	<a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
July 29	WAB 144 MHz Low Power Phone	<a href="http://bit.ly/31yE4kT">http://bit.ly/31yE4kT</a>
<b>July 29-30</b>	<b>RSGB IOTA Contest</b>	<a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
July 30	ARS Flight of the Bumblebees	<a href="http://arsgrp.blogspot.com/">http://arsgrp.blogspot.com/</a>
Aug. 2	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
Aug. 5	European HF Championship	<a href="https://euhf.s5cc.eu/euhfc_rules/">https://euhf.s5cc.eu/euhfc_rules/</a>
Aug. 5-6	10-10 Int'l Summer Contest SSB	<a href="http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc">http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc</a>
Aug. 5-6	ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	<a href="http://bit.ly/2IJZcy9">http://bit.ly/2IJZcy9</a>
Aug. 5-6	Batavia FT8 Contest	<a href="https://batavia-ft8.com/">https://batavia-ft8.com/</a>
Aug. 5-6	North American CW QSO Party	<a href="http://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf">http://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf</a>
Aug. 6	SARL HF Phone Contest	<a href="http://bit.ly/H0IqQf">http://bit.ly/H0IqQf</a>
Aug. 9	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
Aug. 12	FISTS Summer Saturday Sprint	<a href="http://www.fistsna.org/operating.html">http://www.fistsna.org/operating.html</a>
Aug. 12	SARL Youth Sprint	<a href="http://bit.ly/H0IqQf">http://bit.ly/H0IqQf</a>
Aug. 12-13	Maryland-DC QSO Party	<a href="https://www.w3vpr.org/node/325">https://www.w3vpr.org/node/325</a>
<b>Aug. 12-13</b>	<b>Worked All Europe CW Contest</b>	<a href="https://bit.ly/36ubggF">https://bit.ly/36ubggF</a>
Aug. 16	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
Aug. 19-20	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up">http://www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up</a>
Aug. 19-20	International Lighthouse Lightship	
	Weekend – ILLW	<a href="https://illw.net/">https://illw.net/</a>
Aug. 19-20	SARTG RTTY Contest	<a href="http://www.sartg.com/index.html">http://www.sartg.com/index.html</a>
<b>Aug. 19-20</b>	<b>North American SSB QSO Party</b>	<a href="http://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf">http://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf</a>
Aug. 20	ARRL Rookie Roundup RTTY	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup">http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup</a>
Aug. 20	FISTS Summer Sunday Sprint	<a href="http://www.fistsna.org/operating.html">http://www.fistsna.org/operating.html</a>
Aug. 25-27	Hawaii QSO Party	<a href="http://hawaiiqsoparty.org/">http://hawaiiqsoparty.org/</a>
Aug. 26-27	ALARA Contest	<a href="http://www.alara.org.au/contests/">http://www.alara.org.au/contests/</a>

Aug. 26-27	Kansas QSO Party	<a href="http://www.ksqsoparty.org/">http://www.ksqsoparty.org/</a>
<b>Aug. 26-27</b>	<b>Ohio QSO Party</b>	<a href="http://www.ohqp.org/index.php/rules/">http://www.ohqp.org/index.php/rules/</a>
Aug. 26-27	YO DX HF Contest	<a href="https://www.yodx.ro/en/">https://www.yodx.ro/en/</a>
Aug. 26-27	World Wide Digi DX Contest	<a href="https://ww-digi.com/">https://ww-digi.com/</a>
Aug 26-27	W/VE Island QSO Party	<a href="https://usislands.org/qso-party-rules/">https://usislands.org/qso-party-rules/</a>
Aug. 27	SARL HF CW Contest	<a href="http://bit.ly/H0lqQf">http://bit.ly/H0lqQf</a>
<b>Sept. 23-24</b>	<b>CQ WW RTTY DX Contest</b>	<a href="http://www.cqwwrtty.com">http://www.cqwwrtty.com</a>

# OHIO'S



\*\*\*Editor's Note: John is taking a much deserved week off and will return with all the news from Southern Ohio next week!

## Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

*(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)*

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

Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License



Manager. I've created a set of instructions on how you can request an "official" printed copy of your license\*

[Click here to download the instructions](#)

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### *One Question Questionnaire*

!!!! I would really like to hear from as many of you as possible. How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It's in the bottom left corner of the page) While you're there, you can click the Big Red Arrow to enter into this months Handbook Giveaway!



This week's Question: Do you have a memorial brick at ARRL Headquarters with your call sign on it?

**A) Yes, or B) No**

From last week's question - Do you operate POTA as either an Activator or a Hunter? I was surprised that the response show that 50% are not active with POTA! It sure doesn't sound that way on the bands.... Of the remaining, about 35% are Activators and 65% are Hunters.

**(This is a subliminal message:** Go to the Ohio Section Website, on the bottom left of the landing page answer this week's question. **AND DON'T FORGET** – look for the Big Red Arrow and sign up for the June Handbook give away!)

AND THE June HandBook winner is: Bob Hajdak N8QE !

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### Ohio Section Cabinet

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Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here's a link that will take you there... <http://arrl-ohio.org/sm/s-s.html>

Do you have equipment that you just don't need or want anymore? Here's a great venue to advertise it, and it's FREE!! Is your club doing a fund raiser to help raise money? After a lot of thought, it was decided that the Swap & Shop webpage could also contain these types of items as well. The same rules will apply as do for the For Sales and Give-A-Ways and will only be posted for a month at a time. Please see the Terms & Conditions on the webpage.

If your club is doing a fund raiser and wants more exposure, please forward the information to me and I'll advertise it on the Swap & Shop webpage for you.

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: [swap@arrlohio.org](mailto:swap@arrlohio.org)

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### ***Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal***

Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website? You can go back and look at any edition simply by clicking:

<http://arrl-ohio.org/news/index.html>



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## ***Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?***

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

Here's the link to the page.... [http://arri-ohio.org/club\\_news/index.html](http://arri-ohio.org/club_news/index.html)

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

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



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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 an email to: [webmaster@arri-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arri-ohio.org) and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



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



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

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

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*PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world! Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!*