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International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend Welcomes First-Time Lights

Marking its 21st anniversary this year, the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend ([ILLW](#)) in August will celebrate Amateur Radio operation at several lighthouses that will make debut appearances in this year's event. So far, 300 [groups or individuals](#) have registered to indicate plans to participate from a lighthouse or lightship during the 2-day operating activity. Newcomers joining the list of perennials include the Ashdod and Mount Carmel lighthouses in Israel; Shabla Lighthouse in Bulgaria; Porthcawl Breakwater in Wales, and Tanjung Datu in Malaysia. Additional newcomers are in Mexico and Cuba, sponsors said.

ILLW is always held on the third full weekend in August. This year, it will get under way at 0001 UTC on **August 18 and continue until 2400 on August 19 — 48 hours in all.** The ILLW typically attracts more than 500 lighthouse entries in dozens of countries. Registration is not required for participation, but it does let other stations know which lighthouses and lightships will be activated.

Other lighthouses making a first appearance in ILLW include Malarrif in Iceland and Akmanrags Lighthouse in Latvia. The Lightship Huron on the St Clair River in Michigan also is a newcomer.

As the ILLW website notes, "August seems to have become the international weekend for lighthouses." In the US, August 7 in [National Lighthouse Day](#), which is marked by Amateur Radio operations at lighthouses during US National Lighthouse Week. In Britain, the Association of Lighthouse Keepers conducts International Lighthouse Heritage Weekend during the third full weekend in August, coinciding with ILLW.

Sponsors stress that the event is *not* a contest — and there are no prizes, certificates, or other enticements to participate. Each station's operators decide how they will operate their station with respect to bands and modes, and participating stations do not have to be on the air for the entire weekend.

Activity does not need to take place inside the structure itself. A Field Day-style setup at the light or other building adjacent to the light is sufficient. Sponsors say the intent of that requirement is to make the station visible to visitors.

Columbus TV Stations Signals Due to Relocate

(Information obtained in part from Tim Feran at the Columbus Dispatch on June 8, 2018 and the ATCO Newsletter)

Over-the-air TV owners with antennas must get ready to rescan their television set. Within the next few years nearly 1,000 TV stations around the country, including four in Columbus, are voluntarily moving their current broadcast channel to another channel in a transition process.

The four Columbus stations moving are:

- Channel 34 WOSU-TV will move to channel 16 from channel 38
- Channel 28 WTTE-TV will move to channel 27 from channel 36

- Channel 6 WSYX-TV will move to channel 28 from channel 48
- Channel 17 WDEM-CD will move to channel 24 from channel 17
- Channel 10 WBNS will remain on channel 21
- Channel 4 WCMH will remain on channel 14

For a complete list of TV stations in Ohio, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_television_stations_in_Ohio

The transition will take place in phases over the next two or so years as stations add new transmitters and erect new antennas. WTTE and WDEM are scheduled to transition by April ??? (That can't be right. WTTE and WSYX are located on the same tower) while WOSU and WSYX are scheduled to make the transition in early 2020.

The stations that are changing channels will notify consumers with daily on-air announcements for at least 30 days prior to any change.

Digital technology has meant that many TV stations already have been on channels that don't correspond to their familiar old numbers. But viewers didn't realize it because translators in digital TV sets have allowed those old numbers to appear onscreen, just as they always have.

The change is happening because the Federal Communications Commission held an auction from March 2016 through March 2017 in which TV broadcasters voluntarily gave up their current broadcast channels in exchange for a share of the financial proceeds from the auction.

The FCC held the auction so that commercial wireless service providers can have the necessary capacity to provide faster mobile broadband services.

Wireless providers ponied up \$19.8 billion in the auction, of which \$10.05 billion went to stations that were giving up their frequencies. More than \$7 billion from the auction is to be deposited to the U.S. Treasury for deficit

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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, you really don't have much time left, it ends July 31st at 11:59pm.. that's tomorrow night folks.. Go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html> and get registered NOW.

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://arrl-ohio.org> I noticed that around 61% of you said that you do monitor the voltage and current on your shack's power supply. That's really great! I don't and know that I should!!

Now here's the next question. Since many of you purchase older rigs at hamfests / swap meets, I wanted to get a sense of just how many of you do the following...

“Have you ever purchased a used radio knowing that you'd have to repair it??”

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



Youth DX Adventure Update

(from Jim Storms, AB8YK)

The Curacao 2018 Dave Kalter youth dx adventure of PJ2Y went QRT at 5:45 pm EDT on Monday July 23. The youths made 6261 QSO's starting Thursday evening at 7:30 pm EDT and ran until QRT time. There was a concentrated effort to have a FT8 station on the air as much as possible. Also, there were 2 additional radios on the air almost constantly. One was was on SSB, and the other alternated between SSB and CW. All CW QSO's were made by the youth. The adults only made a few SSB and FT8 contacts, as the youth were quite active on the radios.

We had a few challenges. During prime band opening time on two of the days we had power losses resulting in lost time. This amounted to about 8 hours. The youth chose to do their sightseeing on Monday to permit contacts on Sunday while people were off for the weekend. Each operating day we didn't see bands open until about 10 and they usually operated until midnight when most bands closed for us.

The team was very compatible and work extremely well together. We thank all of our sponsors and especially all those who contacted us. The multiple contacts on a band were great, as usually it was a different one of the youth. I know several people tried to work all kids (WAK) on not only one but more than one band.

The QSO card will be designed and printed soon. See our PJ2Y QRZ page for more information. The entire log has been loaded to LoTW and ClubLog. At this time, we do not plan to do OQRS.

Thanks to the Coracan Bureau of Telecommunications for speeding the process of getting the PJ2Y call.

LinkedIn Learning is partnering with Ohio's public libraries

(from Ohio District 3 ARES Net News)

Greetings from Clark County, celebrating its bicentennial this year.

On September 1, 2018 something new will be coming to an Ohio library near you. The website **LinkedIn Learning** is partnering with Ohio's public libraries to provide free online training to anyone who holds a valid Ohio public library card.

This experiment, currently scheduled for three years, will make 6,600 online courses available to those card holders. Of special interest to ARES members may be the hundreds and hundreds of computer courses. Programming languages, IT subjects, computer aided design and many other topics are available now for a monthly fee, but in September the Ohio public library network will begin to cover all costs.

Before September 1st, a one-month free trial is available on the website, which is www.lynda.com . To see the Ohio specific program details, visit the site at www.ohioweblibrary.org/lynda .

As usual, this information will be placed on the www.ohd3ares.org website under Net Info/Training.

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Programming Classes to be given at SilverCreek Amateur Radio Association

(from Jason, N8JDM)

SARA is holding a programming clinic for any licensed amateur on **Saturday, October 20th**. The clinic will be held 10 am to 12 noon at the Wadsworth Public Library, 132 Broad St. in Wadsworth Ohio. Experienced hams will lead a presentation and discussion on the following topics:

- Basic FM radio operations
- Basic antenna information including fixed, mobile, and H/T considerations
- Basic repeater operations covering how repeaters work, offsets/splits, CTCSS/PL, Digital Coded Squelch (DCS), Allstar, and Echolink
- Basic concepts in radio programming
- How to program radios from the keypad
- How to program radios using the Chirp software

Following the presentation, experienced hams will be on hand to program radios with a stock list of area repeaters or to help people program their radios with their own equipment. SARA’s website has more information at <https://w8wky.org/clinic>.

If you know anyone who would like a flyer to pass out, we have a downloadable one at <https://w8wky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Programming-Clinic-Flyer.pdf>

Need Letter “N” Card Sorter for 8th District QSL Bureau

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

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



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

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Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA), An ARRL Special Service Club Lawrence County Ironton, Ohio
WWW.W8SOE.ORG W8SOE - August 18, 2018.



Arrival time to set up equipment 8:30 operating time for the public 10:00 to 1:00 RAIN or SHINE.

We will be operating under emergency conditions, NO commercial power, NO rest rooms or running water!

This is a family and friends event please invite everyone to attend to learn about amateur radio and what we train for to provide emergency communications to Lawrence County Agencies, "When All Else Fails."

This is a FUN event to allow for fellowship together and enjoy everyone's company.

Help Wanted

I am looking for Amateur Radio operators interested in volunteering for the 2018 Buckeye Breakaway bike tour. This event starts in Brunswick on **August 4th**, travels to Ashland University, and will return on **August 5th** along virtually the same route. Due to an abnormal drop in volunteers this year across the board I need amateur radio operators to staff a couple of rest stops on both days, as well as anyone (ham radio equipped or not) interested in acting as a SAG vehicle. SAGs roam the route looking for or being "dispatched" to known, broken down or tired riders, and assisting them with either minor bike repairs or transporting them to the next rest stop. If you're interested, please email jeff@cia.net or call me at **216-496-3928 ASAP** as there is a background investigation similar to that run against a new hire conducted by the MS Society and time is running out to complete that paperwork.

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Need Help!



Alliance Amateur Radio Club to Assist with the Carnation Parade

For the first time ever, the members of the Alliance ARC will be working the 2018 Carnation Festival Grand Parade. The parade takes place on **August 11th**. Those working the parade will need to be on location and checked in with net control at 9:30 am. The parade will step off at 11am. Operators will be released as the end of the parade passes their position.

Primary communications will take place on the clubs 2 Meter repeater. Our 440 machine will serve as a backup and for overflow traffic. 147.510 simplex may be also employed if the need arises. So, please make sure before the 11th, that your radio is programmed for all club repeaters, as well as the club simplex frequency.

More information can be found by downloading the project overview, and maps. They can be found by clicking the links below. For any questions, contact [Ron, KE8HCY](#).

Parade overview - <http://w8lky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-Carnation-Parade-Overview.pdf>
Parade Map with Checkpoints listed - <http://w8lky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-Parade-Map.pdf>

Need Help!

Geauga County Fair

Amateur Radio volunteers are needed to help with public service communications for the Geauga County Fair taking place **August 30th through September 3rd**. If you're interested in volunteering please sign up at the following web site: <https://geaugacountyares.org/fair-signup> or contact Bob Magree N8KBX at rmagree@gmail.com

Need Help!

Mantua Potato Stomp Race

Amateur Radio Volunteers are needed to support communications for the Mantua Potato Stomp Race on Saturday **September 8th**. If you can help out please send an e-mail to Steve K8SRR at steve@k8srr.com or Rick K8CAV at k8cav.coms@gmail.com.

Need Help!

2018 Air Force Marathon. This race will happen on **15 September** this year. We will need 65+ ham volunteers to cover the positions on the course. The race hosts 15,000 runners and uses 2,000 volunteers. Hams can sign up at: <http://www.usafmarathon.com/volunteer/> (just be sure to choose the Ham assignment). Got Questions? Contact: Phil Verret, KA8ZKR Cell 937-371-3507 or Office 937-255-9983



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Fun Things To Do, Classes & Hamfests Too

(from various newsletters and sources)

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



Classes starting near you

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



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

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>

Name	Session	Location	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	July 30, 31 – Aug 1	Franklin County Sheriff's Academy	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	August 1 - 2	Franklin County Sheriff's Academy	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 8 - 10	Ohio Christian University Business Innovation Center	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 14 – 16	Fairfield County EMA	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	August 16 – 17	Fairfield County EMA	Enroll
L969 Communications Unit Leader (COML)	August 20 - 22	Lucas County EOC	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 24 - 26	Hocking College, School of Public Safety	Enroll

L426 Building a Roadmap to Resilience: Whole Community	August 28 - 30	Ohio EMA	Enroll
G775 EOC Management and Operations	September 12 - 13	Newark Police Department	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 15 - 16	Hocking College, School of Public Safety	Enroll
G-402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Leaders	September 18	Marietta College - Planetarium	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 18 - 20	Franklin County EMA	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 20-21	Franklin County EMA	Enroll
MGT-347 ICS Forms Review (Afternoon)	September 25(PM)	Franklin County EMA	Enroll
MGT-347 Incident Command Systems Forms Review (AM Course)	September 25(AM)	Franklin County EMA	Enroll

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Butler County ARC

Beginning **August 15, 2018**, the DIAL RADIO CLUB will offer a six-week class to prepare a candidate for examination in Technician Class Amateur Radio operator license. Meeting in Verity Lodge, on the Middletown Campus of Miami University, this class will meet **Wednesday evenings, 6-9 pm.**

Class will conclude September 19 and be followed by an examination session on Wednesday, September 26. Morse code proficiency is no longer a requirement for any amateur radio operator's license. Although there is no charge for the instructional portion of this class, students should be prepared to purchase a license training manual and supplies (approximately \$30) for use in class.

Class enrollment will be limited to twenty students. For registration and/or additional information, please call Carl Morgan (k8cm@arrl.net or 513-422-9384).

[ARRL V.E. Test Sessions](#)



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](#)

08/04/2018 | [Ravenna OH 44266-2191](#)
Sponsor: Portage County ARS Inc.
Location: PCARS Club Site (Rear of complex, under BIG tower)
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

08/05/2018 | [Marion OH 43302-1523](#)
Sponsor: Marion ARC
Location: TV 39
Time: 2:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

08/09/2018 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-3205](#)
Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC
Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

08/09/2018 | [Milford OH 45150-1427](#)
Sponsor: Milford ARC
Location: Faith Church
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

08/11/2018 | [Findlay OH 45840](#)
Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club
Location: Findlay Radio Clubhouse
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
[Learn More](#)

08/11/2018 | [Maumee OH 43537-1628](#)
Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Assoc
Location: Maumee Fire Station #2
Time: 8:15 AM (No walk-ins)
[Learn More](#)

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

[Laurel V.E. Test Locations](#) & [W5YI V.E. Test Locations](#)

Special Events

- **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](#)
- **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](#) or [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](#)
- **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](#)

- **09/02/2018 | Great Geauga County Fair**

Sep 2-Sep 3, 1600Z-0500Z, W8G, Chardon, OH. Geauga Amateur Radio Association. 14.225 7.175. QSL. Larry Shimerka, 965 Primrose Dr, Independence, OH 44131. Please include a SASE For QSL card. www.geaugaara.org

- **09/15/2018 | Crash of USS Shenandoah**

Sep 15, 1700Z-2100Z, K8S/N8S/W8S, Ava, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association/Belle Valley Amateur Radio Club of American Legion Post 641. 7.235 7.230 7.225. Certificate. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. Commemorating the crash of the airship USS Shenandoah. There were three crash/debris sites. Operations will be from the three crash sites using call signs: K8S, N8S, and W8S. www.w8vp.org

Upcoming ARRL Sponsored Hamfests



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

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

08/04/2018 | MARA Swap Meet

Location: Mound Park, Miamisburg, OH
Sponsor: Mound Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.w8dyy.org/>

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/>

09/09/2018 | Findlay Hamfest

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

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

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

09/23/2018 | Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show

Location: Berea, OH
Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland
Website: <http://www.hac.org>

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

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Contest Calendar

August 1

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

August 3

- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC RTTY Sprint](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)

August 5

[SARL HF Phone Contest](#)

August 2

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

August 4

- [10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB](#)
- [European HF Championship](#)
- [WAB 144 MHz Low Power Phone](#)
- [ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)
- [North American QSO Party, CW](#)

August 7

[ARS Spartan Sprint](#)

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Odds and Ends

For those of you with TYT MD-380 HTs...and thinking about a spare battery... **Buy Two Way Radios** is holding a **Buy One Get One** deal on batteries for the HT. Go to: <https://www.buytwowayradios.com/> Enter “MD380 Battery” in the Search Window.

Give the site a few seconds to show you MD380 options. Click on the Tytera MD380 Battery for \$19.99 and “Add to Cart.” When you look at the Cart it will show one battery for \$19.99 and a second for \$0.00. At checkout, when it comes to shipping, select USPS basic for \$4.95 (least expensive) in the drop-down list.

This offer is good till the end of July or until supplies run out. If you can place an order, you’re “good to go.”

Full Disclosure: The battery does not come with a belt clip. If you use that feature, you’ll need to consider ordering a spare Belt Clip (\$4.95) or plan to move yours from battery to battery when you switch batteries.

Steve W9GPI

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DX Engineering’s “August Hot Deals” sales event is coming!

August Hot Deals begins at 8:30 am on **Saturday, August 11** and the sale lasts through 9 pm on Sunday, August 12.

This year's event is also *offering two free mini-seminars*:

8:30 am to 9:00 am, **Digital and Software Defined Technologies**, presented by Will Jourdain, AA4WJ, from ICOM America. Jourdain will be joining us until noon to answer all your pressing questions about ICOM rigs and related equipment.

9:00 am to 9:30 am, **Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS) Antenna Communications**, presented by Tim Duffy, K3LR, Chief Operating Officer of DX Engineering.

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Final.. Final..



Hey Gang...

Wow.. What a crazy week I had last week! From getting to see upfront and personal some of the fastest race cars on the planet at Mid-Ohio, to getting to see everyone at the Portage Amateur Radio Club's HamFair! It was a really busy week this week.

A lot of you are asking about how the ARRL Board of Director's meeting went a couple of weeks ago. Well, you know as much as I do on that one. Headquarters has kept a very tight lip about what is going to happen. I can say that the Ohio Section will definitely be moving forward with ARES Connect and strongly encouraging everyone to get their NIMS courses in.

I will let you in on something that did get released to all of the Official Observers, Official Observer Coordinators and Section

Managers throughout the country this past week. The OO program will be going away sometime in the very near future. The OO program will be replaced with another program, but details on exactly who, what, where and most importantly... **when..** haven't formally been released yet. Stay tuned for more details as they are released.

Hey, how's that training going? Let's not forget that it is going to be a very important part of what we do **from now on!** We want no one left behind, or not credited for the courses that you have taken. Just go to:

<http://arrl-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 – **969**; Active members – **936**; Members NIMS complete -**724**; Total courses logged - **6,736**. These numbers just keep growing. And we want them to continue for sure!

Now, did you notice? We are just **1** away from sending out an ARES Mesh Vest to that **725th person!!!!** Will it be you? If you haven't sent yours in yet, this just might be the time to do that.

This Saturday will be the **Columbus Hamfest / Ohio Section Conference**. John, KD8IDJ has the winners of the Newsletter Contest already selected and the certificates are printed and framed. He stated that it is getting really difficult to choose a winner since they are all so good. I have the plaque for the Alan Severson award to give to the latest recipient. Boy, is this person ever gonna' be surprised! I hope to see all of you there. Want to know who won?

Ha.. Ha.. You're not going to get it out of me that easy!! C'mon out to the Columbus Hamfest / Ohio Section Conference on August 4th and find out who the winners are!

Now, here's how the agenda for the forums...

Cory Sickles, WA3UVV will start the forums by giving a great presentation called "System Fusion II Update" and that will be at 9am.

The Ohio Section Forum where we'll be giving out the awards. It starts at 10am

Rounding out the morning will be the semi-annual OSSBN meeting. It starts at 11am.

As you can see, there's lots to do and see. Make sure that you mark your calendars for August 4th to be at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 1801 Gateway Circle in Grove City!

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

Scott, N8SY...

Murphy's Law

- When your workmates absolutely guarantee they'll take care of your duties while you're on vacation, they won't
Someone always gets the good jobs first.
- Your unemployment check always comes after you find work.

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Chit – Chat, and All That!

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



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

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

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



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