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National News

(from arrl bulletins)

ARRL Comments in "Strong Opposition" to Part 15 Modification Petition Affecting 5 GHz

ARRL has **commented** in "strong opposition" to a ***Petition for Rulemaking*** by RADWIN Ltd. that seeks to amend certain Part 15 rules to permit point-to-multipoint (P2MP) communication services in portions of the 5 GHz band, at power levels now permitted only for point-to-point unlicensed systems. ARRL has focused its concern on proposed high-power P2MP operation in the band 5.725 – 5.850 GHz, but points out that the entire 5.650 – 5.925 GHz allocation has been "subjected to a continuing series of overlays domestically" for more than 2 decades. Amateur Radio is secondary to military radars on the band.

ARRL said the Amateur Radio national "weak-signal" calling frequency of 5.760.1 GHz already has experienced a "very substantial" rise in ambient noise in many areas that has significantly affected Amateur Radio operation in the 200 kHz centered on that frequency, where extremely weak received signal levels are typical. Only low-density usage and the low-power levels permitted for unlicensed national information infrastructure (U-NII) devices have sustained "a good deal of compatibility" between Amateur Radio and U-NII devices at 5 GHz, ARRL said.

"It is quite obvious that RADWIN's proposal for simultaneous point-to-multipoint transmission, with higher input power and [effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP)], using an electronic steerable antenna system, presents an exceptionally high interference potential to ongoing, weak-signal Amateur Radio Service communications," ARRL said in its comments filed on July 30. With users located "at all points of the compass from the distribution point," ARRL said, the potential for interference to Amateur Radio "is *much* greater." Greater yet, ARRL noted, is the potential of interference to users of RADWIN's system.

ARRL said the FCC "has no idea at all" about aggregate noise levels in the 5 GHz band in general, while Amateur Radio and Amateur Satellite users have reported increased ambient noise levels in the band, especially near 5.760 GHz. "Both the *Petition* and the technical statement accompanying the *Petition* are silent on potential interaction between P2MP simultaneous transmission systems operating at high power, and any Amateur Radio facility," ARRL said. "As a result, the petition is fatally flawed and should be dismissed, relative to the 5.725 – 5.850 GHz band."

ARRL asserted that the FCC lacks jurisdiction to authorize Part 15 device operation by rule, "absent a specific finding that the device will not predictably cause interference." Unlicensed, very low-power Part 15 devices may not cause interference to licensed services and must accept any interference caused by a licensed station and must shut down if notified by the FCC that the device is causing harmful interference.

ARRL said RADWIN's *Petition* not only is flawed but fails to address the issue of compatibility between the proposed high-power P2MP Part 15 operation and individual stations in incumbent primary and secondary services. "It is long past time that petitioners such as RADWIN provide in their rulemaking petitions dealing with Part 15 rules enough data to allow the Commission to make an evaluation that fulfills its obligation under the Communications Act," ARRL concluded. "RADWIN's *Petition* must be dismissed as one which fails to provide an adequate justification for the relief requested."

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New law adds $100 fine for distracted driving

As reported in a story in the Cleveland Plain Dealer recently, Ohioans could face a fine of $100 for Distracted Driving when the changes take place the first of October. Governor Kasich signed into law some new regulations on our current Distracted Driving Law that could get you fines of up to $100.

Some of you have sent me emails about this article, and if these new changes will apply to Amateur Radio operators while driving. As it is written, it does not effect the use of a two-way radio. Bob Winston, W2THU, our State Government Liaiason wrote about this in his article that appeard in the June edition of the Ohio Section Journal http://arrl-ohio.org/news/2018/OSJ-Jun-18.pdf

Texting while driving has been a secondary offense in Ohio since 2012. But House Bill 95, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support, applies to distracted driving in all its forms. Similar laws are already on the books in Connecticut, Maine, Washington state, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, according to the American Automobile Association.

As it was reported in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, no one testified against the distracted- driving ban. But some questioned how enforceable the measure would be, and others argued the measure should go further and allow cops to pull over motorists just for distracted driving.

This new portion of the law will take effect in Ohio this October banning all forms of distracted driving. Want to read the law for your self? Here's a link to it.. http://arrl-ohio.org/SGL/hb95_05_EN.pdf

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.htmland 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

Wow… I can't remember when I've seen such an overwhelming majority vote on any question that I've asked before. Over 96% of you said that you don't follow me on Twitter. I did ask this question since I was looking for your consent for me to drop doing any postings on Twitter from now on.

There's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! http://arrlohio.org Here's the next question.… **"Do you prefer to send paper QSLs to your DX contacts directly or via the QSL Bureau system??"**

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.

Club Corner

This is YOUR cornner of the newsletter. Send me what your club is doing and I'll make sure that it gets in. Got a special event or club project that you want everyone to know about? Send it to me!. Need help with a project? Send it to me.

Let me know what you club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary? Just sent it to: n8sy@n8sy.com

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West Virginia Hams Invite All To Meet And Hear ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR On August 25

The featured speaker at this year's West Virginia State Convention will be ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR. His keynote address will be Saturday, August 25, at 11:00 AM as part of the daylong hamfest at historic Jacksons Mill in Weston, also known as West Virginia's state 4-H conference center located off I-79 about halfway between Morgantown and Charleston.

"The Mill" is an easy drive from Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, **Ohio** and Pennsylvania. This is Rick's only appearance in the Roanoke Division in 2018. "I've heard so many compliments about this hamfest and the rustic beauty of Jacksons Mill, I can't wait to join everyone", says Rick.

The hamfest and related events are run by the West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council. Details can be found on its website at: http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/

If you get the chance, don't miss seeing Rick speak!!

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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

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Ohio QSO Party and BBQ
(from the Portage County Amateur Radio Service - PCARS)

I received a reminder from the Ohio QSO Party Activity Whip - Dan W8CAR. I thought it was pretty good, so I copied some of it here for you.

Reminder that the Ohio QSO Party is only 12 days away. Mark your calendar for August 25, Saturday, from noon till midnight EDST (1600Z-0400Z) CW and SSB - work stations on both modes on all bands (except WARC of course)

Here's your chance to be the Hunted and not the Hunter.

Why you should operate:

1) Check out the radios we have at the club site.
2) Football preseason games are a waste.
3) BIG FUN!
4) The more activity the better
5) Add to your county, mode, band count if you keep records
6) BIG FUN!
7) Come and have some good BBQ Burgers & Dogs and fellowship with your fellow members. Bring a dish to pass around.
8) GET ON THE AIR
9) Did I mention "BIG FUN!!"?

Come on out and help your fellow PCARS members put K8BF (KILO 8 BIG FUN) on the air. We'll keep a light on for you.

Chuck, W8PT
Contest Coordinator

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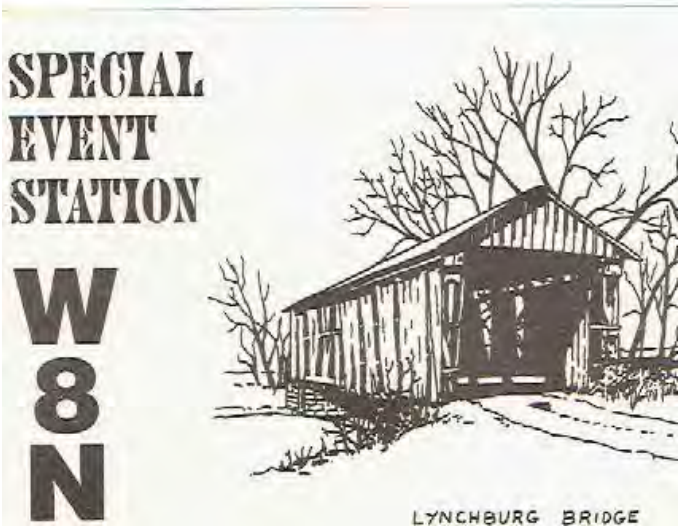

The Highland Amateur Radio Association will operate special event station W8N from the Lynchburg, Ohio Covered Bridge Park on **Saturday, August 18**. The activity will start that morning at 10 and continue until 6 that evening. **Anticipated operating frequencies are 7.235 and 14.285, + or— QRM**. Operations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

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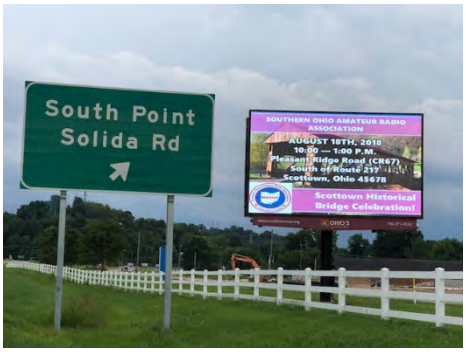
Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA), An ARRL Special Service Club Lawrence County Ironton, Ohio WWW.W8SOE.ORG **W8SOE - August 18, 2018**.

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."



The Lawrence County, Ohio Chamber of Commerce has and continues to do an excellent job in promoting events within the county. They have partnered with the Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association in promoting their Scottown Covered Bridge special event, August 18th.

The electronic billboard is located adjacent to US Route 52 eastbound lanes at the South Point, Ohio exit. A representative from ODOT stated that there are 13,000 vehicles that pass by the sign daily within a 24-hour period. If you do the math with an average of two people per car that is 26,000 viewings potential per day. The sign will remain up until August 1 9, which will allow for approximately 494,000 viewings.

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

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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

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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.

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Need Help!

Hopkins Airport Drill

We are in need of many volunteers for the Hopkins Airport drill on **Friday, September 14**. We will need at least approximately **25** people to staff this event. Unfortunately, it does take place on a Friday, so we anticipate having extreme difficulty filling these roles. If you are available, **PLEASE** plan to attend and sign up at the link below as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

Additionally: Because of the nature of the drill we are going to try to implement **FLDIGI**. It's entirely possible this may be an epic failure, but we've been talking about how helpful it would be for years, so the time to at least try it is NOW. Because of this, the July meeting (July 22 in Independence) will be focused on FLDIGI. If you have the ability to operate FLDIGI or want to learn how, please come. We are going to dedicate the entire meeting to getting FLDIGI set up and practiced with in anticipation of being prepared to use it in September.

Please plan to bring your radio, computer, SignaLink (if that's what you use), and any cables needed to connect the radio to the computer. Because of the nature of the drill, we will **NOT** be doing any acoustic coupling. You MUST be able to plug your radio physically into your computer. If you aren't able to do FLDIGI that's OK. We still need your help with the drill.
This will not be an all or nothing scenario. Stations able to pass digital traffic will be able to, but those with only voice capability will also be able to pass the traffic that way. Net control will not be sending info out via digital so no one without digital capability will miss anything. Net Control will simply be "able to accept" digital traffic from those who can send it.

So once again, those who are available for the Hopkins drill **Friday, September 14**, please sign up here: https://goo.gl/forms/ox9x2xxm9RI97s562

The Drill is expected to start at 9:00 AM (we will be in place about 8:00AM) and should end by approximately 1:00 PM. Those interested in doing FLDIGI, please bring your computers, radios, interfaces, and cables to the meeting **Sunday July 22 2p to 4p at the Independence Library**.

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Need Help!

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

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 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

Name of Course	Date	Location	
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 14 – 16	Fairfield County EMA 239 West Main Street Lancaster, OH 43130	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 15 - 17	Tuscarawas County Emergency Operations Center 2295 Reiser Road SE New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	August 16 – 17	Fairfield County EMA 239 West Main Street Lancaster, OH 43130	Enroll
L969 Communications Unit Leader (COML)	August 20 - 22	Lucas County Emergency Operations Center, 2144 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604-7122	Enroll
L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation (HSEEP) Program	August 22 - 24		Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 24 - 26	Hocking College, School of Public Safety 3301 Hocking Parkway Nelsonville, Ohio 45764	Enroll
L426 Building a Roadmap to Resilience: Whole Community	August 28 - 30	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Rd. Columbus, OH 43235	Enroll
L967 Logistics Section Chief	September 10 – 14	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus, OH 43230	Enroll
G775 EOC Management and Operations	September 12 - 13	Newark Police Department 39 S. 4th Street Newark, Ohio 43055	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 15 - 16	Hocking College, School of Public Safety 3301 Hocking Parkway Nelsonville, Ohio 45764	Enroll
G-402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Leaders	September 18	Marietta College - Planetarium, 214 4th Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 18 - 20	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 20-21	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	Enroll

L984 Task Force/Strike Team Leader	September 24 - 26	Greater Cleveland American Red Cross (ARC) 3747 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115	Enroll
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	September 26	Geauga County Dept. of Emergency Services 12518 Merritt Rd Chardon, OH 44024	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate for Expanding Incidents	October 2 - 4	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	Enroll
MGT-347 Incident Command Systems Forms Review	October 2	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 5 - 7	Robert E. Byer Emergency Operations Center 41859 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 9 - 11	Kinder Morgan-Pinney Dock Terminal 1149 East 5th Street Ashtabula, Ohio 44004	Enroll
G386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response	October 10-11	Jackson Fire Department Annex 166 Pearl Street Jackson, Ohio 45640	Enroll
OH-200 Fall Conference	October 18	The Ohio Union (Performance Hall), The Ohio State University 1739 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 20 - 21	Robert E. Byer Emergency Operations Center 41859 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 22 - 24	Defiance County EMA 22491 Mill Street Defiance, Ohio 43512	Enroll
OH-139 Exercise Design Course	October 23 - 25	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 23 - 25	Summit County Public Health Command Room, **Enter at Entrance A 1867 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313	Enroll
G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	October 24 - 26	Cleveland Office of Emergency Management / EOC 205 West St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 29 - 30	Defiance County EMA 22491 Mill Street Defiance, Ohio 43512	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 31 - November 1	Summit County Public Health Command Room, **Enter at Entrance A 1867 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313	Enroll

G428 CERT Train-the-Trainer Course	November 2 - 4	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43263	Enroll
G775 EOC Management and Operations	November 5 - 6	North East Ohio Regional Sewer District 4747 E. 49th St. Cuyahoga Hts, OH 44125	Enroll
L950 Incident Commander (IC)	November 5 - 9	Newton Township Fire Department 1 Firehouse Drive St Louisville, OH 43071 Access the link for directions: https://goo.gl/maps/V8g1FGEmhKo	Enroll
L388 Advanced Public Information Officer (APIO)	November 5 - 9	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43263	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	November 7 - 9	Seneca County EMA 126 Hopewell Ave Tiffin, OH 44883	Enroll
L956 Liaison Officer	November 8 – 9	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus, OH 43230	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	November 13 – 14	Seneca County EMA 126 Hopewell Ave Tiffin, OH 44883	Enroll
L970 Supply Unit Leader Course	November 13 - 16	Brecksville Fire Department 9023 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141	Enroll
G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	November 14	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	Enroll
G290 Basic Public Information Officer Course	November 14 & 15	Portage County Emergency Operations Center 8240 Infirmary Road Ravenna, OH 44266	Enroll
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	November 15	Jackson Fire Department Annex 166 Pearl Street Jackson, Ohio 45640	Enroll
OH-606 Recovery from Disaster Workshop	November 15	Tuscarawas County Emergency Operations Center2295 Reiser Rd SE New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 (308)	Enroll
G288 Local Volunteer and Donation Management	November 15 - 16	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 3 - 5	Putnam County Educational Services Center 124 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, OH 45875	Enroll

ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 10 - 11	Putnam County Educational Services Center 124 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, OH 45875	Enroll
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 10 - 12	St. Luke's Hospital - Auditorium B 5901 Monclova Road Maumee, Ohio 43537	Enroll
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 12 - 13	St. Luke's Hospital – Auditorium B 5901 Monclova Road Maumee, Ohio 43537	Enroll

Please pay particular attention to these courses listed above, as that there's a lot of ICS 300 & 400 classes listed that are very useful for all Amateurs to have under their belts. I will also state that G775 is also a very good course to take as well. These 3 courses are multiple day in class courses, so please be prepared to spend some time taking them.

Most, if not all of these courses are **free**, but please pay close attention when signing up. There will be a statement of fees if there are any at that time.

We do recognize that IS-300/400 requires multiple days of actual classroom training that is not easily obtained. So, if you just can't find the time to fit these class room courses in, we do have an alternative method for getting you to Level 3. Completing the following **"FREE"** and **"ONLINE"** courses will act as substitute for you FEMA Leadership Development Course requirements. You absolutely will need to complete all **7** of these courses to get your ICS 300/400 credit. Here are the courses that you need to take: **IS-120, 230, 240, 241, 242, 244 & 288.**

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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).

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Possible AUXCOM Course Becoming Available

Would you be interested in attending an AUXCOM course at the Franklin County EMA sometime in the future.

Franklin County EC, John Montgomery-N8PVC, in conjunction with the local Franklin County EMA is working to host the AUXCOM course. The critical resource is qualified instructors and finding a place on their schedule.

It is important to understand the demand for this course so that information can be passed to those approving the course. That makes responding to this posting very important. No course delivery dates have been established beyond a target date range that goes through **December 1st**. There is a minimum number of students required to enroll before a course is delivered, generally fifteen.

So please let me know who is interested. Email me at: kb8ymn@sbcglobal.net

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Contests – Just for the FUN of it!!

August 13
- 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

August 15
- NAQCC CW Sprint
- Phone Fray
- CWops Mini-CWT Test

August 16
- CWops Mini-CWT Test

August 17
- QRP Fox Hunt
- NCCC RTTY Sprint
- NCCC Sprint Ladder

August 18
- SARTG WW RTTY Contest
- **ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest**
- Russian District Award Contest
- Keyman's Club of Japan Contest
- Feld Hell Sprint
- **North American QSO Party, SSB**
- CVA DX Contest, CW

August 19
- SARTG WW RTTY Contest
- SARL HF Digital Contest
- **ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY**

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

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ARRL V.E. Test Sessions

08/14/2018 | Lancaster OH 43130-3014
Sponsor: Lancaster & Fairfield Cnty ARC
Location: American Red Cross
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

08/15/2018 | Akron OH 44301-2108
Sponsor: Pioneer AR Fellowship
Location: Firestone Park Community Center
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

08/18/2018 | East Liverpool OH 43920-9486
Sponsor: Triangle ARC
Location: Glenmoore Volunteer Fire Station
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

08/18/2018 | Reynoldsburg OH 43068-3015
Sponsor: CRES Laurel VE Team
Location: Parkview Presbyterian Church
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
Learn More

08/19/2018 | Elyria OH 44035-1343
Sponsor: American Red Cross
Location: American Red Cross
Time: 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

08/20/2018 | Athens OH 45701-2059
Sponsor: Athens Cty ARA
Location: Red Cross Southeastern Ohio
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

08/21/2018 | Sandusky OH 44870-1926
Sponsor: Sandusky, Ohio VE Team
Location: Sandusky Radio Club
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Learn More

08/25/2018 | Hamilton OH 45011
Sponsor: Butler Cty ARA
Location: Fairfeld Twp Police Det
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

- **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

- **08/25/2018 | Ohio QSO Party**

Special Event Ohio QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club. Saturday 1200 to 2400 EDT (1600-0400 UTC). For more information, including rules, modes, links and downloads, and certificates, go to: www.ohqp.org

- **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

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Upcoming Hamfests

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

10/11-14/2018 | Microwave Update 2018 Convention
Location: Fairborn, OH
Sponsor: Midwest VHF/UHF Society
Website: http://www.microwaveupdate.org

10/13/2018 | Northwest Ohio ARC Hamfest
Location: Lima, OH
Sponsor: Northwest Ohio ARC
Website: http://nwoarc.com

10/28/2018 | Massillon Hamfest
Location: Massillon, OH
Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club
Website: http://www.w8np.org

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

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Final.. Final..

Hey Gang...

Wow... What a week this has been! As I told you last week, my computer wasn't operating up to its normal expectations. Actually, it was running on just one cylinder! Now, as funny as this may seem, this past Monday, just after sending out the weekly newsletter I had another project that I was working on, so I left my shack for just about 5 minutes. When I got back I thought something was funny, it was way too quiet in the room. I looked at my monitor and it was off, not unusual I thought, I have my power settings such as when there's no activity for 20 minutes or more it turns the monitor off. I looked at the case of the computer and the light was on, as normal. Yet, I still had this funny feeling that something just wasn't right. I sat down and wiggled my computer mouse to wake up the screen, and that's when I discovered that it wouldn't wake up. The lights are on, but my computer just wasn't there.

As you can imagine, I said a couple of not so kind words to the computer box, and then hit the restart button on the front of the case. It shut down and never came back up! Oh, the pretty blue light that indicates the computer has power lit up nice and bright, but the computer itself was dead. It didn't even try to boot the hard drive or disc drive. This means that the Bios in the computer that does the bootstrap to start everything had gone bye.. bye.. Without the bootstrap program, the computer is toast.

So, off to my nearest friendly computer store to get a replacement. After looking at over 100 different models, styles and configurations and talking with several sales representatives, I decided that I needed a gaming computer. Yes, a gaming computer. Believe this or not, gaming computers have more computing power than most of the very expensive business computers and they are half the price! Now that's not the end of this story. You know me, it's never that easy. The computer that I wanted they didn't have in stock at that store. Figures, right? It was in stock in the Mayfield Heights store instead. The problem was that I was in Columbus! Well, you guessed it, I wanted that computer, and since it wasn't possible for the store to bring it to me, I had to go to the computer. So, I spent most of Monday just driving from one end of the state to the other to get a lousy computer, but I did get the one that I wanted.

Now, just like above, the story doesn't stop there either. Just like most of you, I have a lot of Amateur Radio programs that Microsoft just doesn't think is worthy of pre-loading into the computer, but they do think that Mine Shaft and Candy Land Express are what everyone needs to have. So, after a lot of work to delete these "exciting" games, I finally got down to the business of getting my programs loaded.

Now, once again, the story doesn't stop there either. It seems that Microsoft is really focused on a program called OneDrive. It's their version of a cloud-based way of saving all your files, and it is extremely persistent in doing just that! I get the idea that you need a good, reliable way of saving your files, but I already subscribe to another company that I have trusted with my stuff for many years. I really don't want to change. So, I got to work trying to gently convince the computer that I don't need to store my files on OneDrive. It wasn't having any of it. The more I tried to change where things were stored, the more it decided to steal them back. I was so frustrated with it, I was very close to packing it all back up and take it back to the store.

I went on-line and found that I wasn't the only one with this problem, there were thousands of complaints, but after weeding through a bunch of these complaints I did find an article that told me what I needed to do. As the article explains, you can't just simply delete the program. It's a part of Microsoft's Windows 10 and they seem to feel that you have to have it, regardless. So, the only thing that you CAN do is to completely disable OneDrive, although you really never completely disable it. You just put it to sleep. Once you have it sleeping you then can go in and re-map every Microsoft program so that it will save your files where you want them to be, and not where Microsoft tells you that they want them. Wow.. 2 days later I am finally up and running!

Now.. On to some happier items.. I had a blast at the Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest this past weekend. It was really fun getting to visit with everyone and the weather was fantastic! If you did go, you really missed a great hamfest.

As was announced this past week, that the new ARES Program changes are on hold until they can acquire additional input **from all of the Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators** around the country. We have until **October 31st** to get our input into the Committee. **Here's your chance to have some input to all of this.** Send me your input to any possible changes that you may have about the new system. I will forward them to the Committee. But we do have a few rules that you need to be aware of…

1. Please be concise and to-the-point in your responses.
2. Bear in mind that each member of the working group has been sincere and dedicated to the redesign of ARES, so please be respectful in your responses.
3. The framework of ARES must remain as close to universal as possible, even with the recognition that some geographical areas may require certain specific training that others do not need.
4. The understanding that specific agency agreements and needs must be honored.
5. Mutual aid pacts may require training specific to adjacent jurisdictions.
6. If you have a concern about a new policy, be prepared to offer an alternate.

Please keep the comments civil, and constructive. Send them to me at: n8sy@n8sy.com

Here in Ohio we can ill afford not to be trained. We have been asked to work in some very unique situations with our partners in the past several years, and most of their confidence in us started with the knowledge that we have been trained in their systems. If we expect to keep moving forward with them, we have to keep demonstrating to them that we are serious and are willing to get training!

On this same subject, some of you noticed that you can acquire your Level 3 by substituting your ICS 300/400 with the following NIMS courses. Completing the following "FREE" and "ONLINE" courses will act as a substitute for you FEMA Leadership Development Course requirements. You absolutely will need to complete all 7 of these courses to get your ICS 300/400 credit. Here are the courses that you need to take:
IS-120, 230, 240, 241, 242, 244 & 288.

Hey, speaking of training, how's yours 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 or Advanced 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 – **970**; Active members – **936**; Members NIMS complete -**724**; Total courses logged - **6,816.** 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? I've been absolutely surprised that we've gone an entire week without getting the 725th person. If you haven't sent yours in yet, this would be the perfect time to do that.

That's going to do it for this time around. Stay safe, and most of all… have FUN!!

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Who Has Been Licensed The Longest?

OH MY.. That's my reaction to all the emails I got from you. I got way more than I ever thought I would. I am amazed at the level of experience that we have here in Ohio. Ok, now here's what's come in. I've had numerous emails with folks telling me that they've gotten licensed in the early to md 1950's, but the winner so far is…. Ray Hurlbut, W8FLX – who (according to Jack, AE8P) was first licensed in March of 1939.

So, with that information we will ask this… Is there anyone out there that is older than that? Let's see.. Send me the information n8sy@n8sy.com

—The recent passing of George Shaffer, W8NTX, has raised an interesting question. Who in Southern Ohio has continuously had a ham license the longest? Since Bill "Doc" Terrell, W8NTZ, got his ticket the same time that Mr. Shaffer did and is only one letter removed from Shaffer's call sign, it would stand to reason Doc may now have the honor. Doc was a student of Shaffer and was licensed while still in high school. He thinks he has been licensed 66 years. Does someone know of someone licensed longer than that? (from the Monday Morning Message)

Chit – Chat, and All That!

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

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

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

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

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

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