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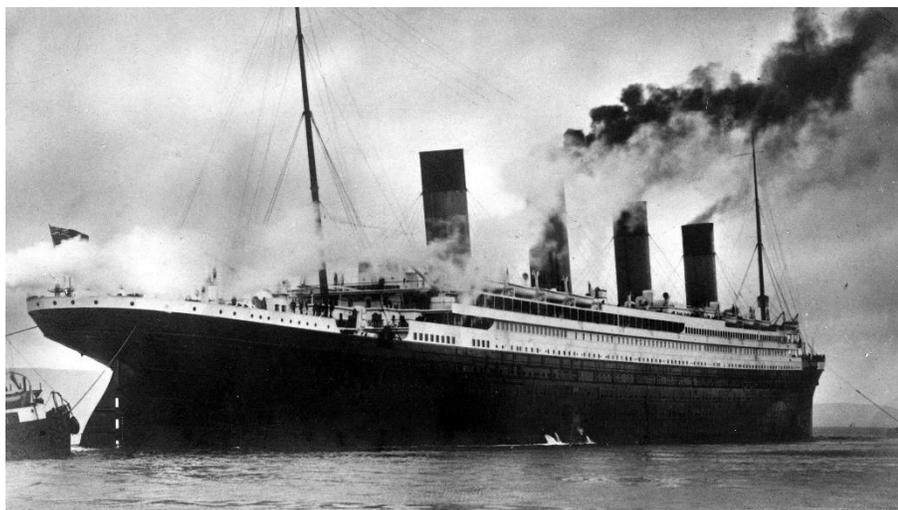
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## CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD

When I was a kid, I was introduced to the “Magic of Radio” by one of our neighbors. Since that time the magic has never grown old. If you think back to the time when radio was just being developed, I’m sure that to those folks it really did appear to be Magic! Originally, radio was a tool for the shipping industry – the only way to keep in touch with ships at sea. Think about how that must have changed the nature of shipping: instead of a ship leaving port, not to be heard from again until it reached its destination several weeks later, to being able to be in contact with it all along the way. That was truly a magical change in the way the business was operated! The Marconi Company was investigating radio since the late 1800’s, yet there was no regulation until the US Congress passed the Radio Act of 1912. That act was passed in direct response to the sinking of the Titanic in April of 1912.

The Radio Act of 1912 dealt primarily with the regulation of radio in the shipping industry, and it also included “Amateur Radio”. It did not contain anything regarding “broadcast radio” because that had not even been considered as a form of



radio communication yet. Westinghouse obtained the first US commercial broadcasting station license in October of 1920. One of the first radio “Broadcasts” was the live returns of the Presidential election between Warren G. Harding and James Cox on November 2, 1920. Since then, the broadcasting industry has been an important component in the evolution of our society.

And so has Amateur Radio! Especially after WWII, when lots of young men returned from the military with new knowledge and skills of radio that they were taught while in the military, but also because of the huge amounts of military surplus radio equipment that became available for just pennies on the dollar. Many of us “Old Timers” got interested in radio because of the “Magic” we saw in it as kids. We learned about it by reading QST and the other hobby magazines that flourished in the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. A lot of us ended up in technical schools and jobs with a pretty good knowledge and understanding of radio and electronics because of our participation in Amateur Radio. Because of that interest and participation in Amateur Radio the whole field of electronics and communications has been pushed to the limits.

Have we reached the limits? Is it time to quit? How did we get to this point where we are immersed in technology, we are all experiencing its benefits, but a smaller and smaller group of us seems to have any interest in understanding the technology and how to apply it to our lives. These are questions we need to answer if we (amateur radio) are to survive. Send me your comments, suggestions, ideas [wb8lcd@arrrl.org](mailto:wb8lcd@arrrl.org) .

I want to remind you all that our turn at **W1AW/8** is coming up again on August 30 to September 5<sup>th</sup>. You can get a full description of the operation at [tiny.cc/wlaw8-info](http://tiny.cc/wlaw8-info)

This will be an ideal opportunity to get the Ohio Section on the Air! Between this and the Ohio QSO party the previous weekend if you need Ohio – now’s your chance! One last comment, sure we could make this a contest, but I want to encourage you to not just make contacts – have a QSO with the stations you’re working! (I know, kind of hard on digital, but let’s try it on voice and CW) Ask them if they ever worked W1AW before, ask them if they’ve ever had the chance to visit W1AW in Newington, ask them how long they’ve been a ham, ask them whatever comes to *your* mind – you control the QSO, chat them up, at least a little bit.

I mentioned last week that there is an election for the Great Lakes Division (GLD) Director and Vice-Director coming up soon. Everyone who is an ARRL member in the GLD will receive a ballot in the mail sometime in September. You will be given the option of filling out the ballot and mailing it back to ARRL, or, going online and casting your ballot there. No – you can’t do both, and even if you do, it will be wasted motion since only one will count. If you use the supplied envelop you will need to put a stamp on it (it’ll cost your 63 cents) but if you go online there should be no charge associated with it. Either way, your choice, but you must vote! It’s really the first step in becoming an involved ARRL member.

One last thing, I’ve been getting lots of email regarding DXpeditions coming up. If you’re interested in DXing, now is the time to get going. We are fast approaching the peak years of

cycle 25. There are already some amazing DX openings and its only going to get better. Get that antenna work done before winter hits. Start studying and get that license upgrade so you can have your best shot at the best DX. Reconfigure your station to take advantage of all the modes that are being used by the DX stations. Up your game – you’ll be glad you did.

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD  
Ohio Section Manager  
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330-554-4650



### 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 September 10th \*\*\*

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)*

### Amateur Radio Operators Serve in Hawaii Firestorm Relief Efforts

ARRL members, in the Hawaii Amateur Radio Emergency Service®, ([Hawaii ARES®](#)), continue to respond following to the deadly wildfires on the island of Maui.

The radio amateurs are coordinating with state and local officials during the response and recovery effort. On August 15, an HF SHARES gateway, and an amateur VHF VARA FM gateway were brought back online, after having been damaged. Local hams continue to update lists of frequencies and repeaters that can be used in the response.

ARRL Headquarters staff have been in daily contact with member-volunteers on the island. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Hawaii and especially the island of Maui," said ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV. "ARRL was in initial contact with Section Manager [of the ARRL Pacific Section] Joe Speroni, AH0A, on Wednesday, August 9, and we have had daily briefs with him. This is an exceedingly challenging time for Hawaii, and we will be available as needed." ARRL has offered equipment through ARRL Ham Aid, a program established in 2005 and funded by donations, Ham Aid makes emergency communications equipment available to amateur radio organizations during disasters.

Johnston emphasized that most amateur radio communications, including relayed messages are being handled on the existing repeater system in the state. On shortwave, HF stations across Hawaii are operating nets on 7.088 MHz.

On August 8, wildfires fueled by strong winds began burning in Maui, and by the next day, much of Lahaina had been destroyed. As of press time, 110 people have been killed in the blaze and 2,200 structures have been destroyed; 86% of those structures were residential, according to Hawaii Governor Josh Green.



Fire Damage at Wailuku, HI (Dominick Del Vecchio/FEMA, photo)

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## ARRL Affiliated Club Competition Changes Approved

The ARRL Programs and Services committee has approved changes to the ARRL Affiliated Club Competition (ACC). The eligibility circle radius for clubs in the unlimited and medium categories active in the club competition will increase from 175 to 250 miles. The local club category radius will remain at 35 miles. Contest club secretaries should revisit their club's eligibility lists and make any necessary updates before the start of the next contest.

For more details regarding the ACC, visit <http://www.arrl.org/contest-club-tools/>

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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.



## **Air Force Marathon September 16 @ 5:00 am - 2:00 pm (Registration required during August!)**

The Air Force Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 16. We are forming a team of ham radio volunteers to support the event by operating several networks for logistics, medical information, monitoring and tracking of runners, shadowing of race officials, and support of finish line operations. We need in excess of sixty volunteers to make all of this happen. As this is being written, only 75% of the required number of volunteers have signed up; we could use your help. Most of the race takes place on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (near Dayton) which adds a couple of security complications: registration needs to be completed before the end of August and race day entry to the base requires arrival by 5:30 AM to accommodate ID checks and road closures.

To volunteer, go to the web page [usafmarathon.com/volunteer/](https://usafmarathon.com/volunteer/) and select VOLUNTEER NOW. You will be redirected to the portal at [raceroster.com](https://raceroster.com) where you will need to create an account. Select VOLUNTEER and sign in. Select the pull-down list under "Volunteer With Us", scroll down and select "Volunteer on Saturday, September 16th, 2023". Continue to scroll down and fill out the required information. Be sure to include your Call Sign in the appropriate box. Below that box, under "Amateur Radio Operator" click the box for "Add to order". Continue to the bottom of the page and select your t-shirt size. "CONTINUE" to submit your registration.

Also, please report that you have signed in by sending a message with your name and callsign (and preferred email, if different from the account you sent it from) to [AFM.Hams@gmail.com](mailto:AFM.Hams@gmail.com)

If you have questions, use [AFM.Hams@gmail.com](mailto:AFM.Hams@gmail.com).

As the race date nears, you will receive an invitation to a training session and a link to the training materials, assignment list, and communications plan.

**Bob Baker N8ADO  
Greene County EC  
Volunteer Lead for Amateur Radio Support to the Air Force Marathon**

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**The Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association, Inc.**  
**A Nonprofit Ohio Corporation and ARRL Special Service Club**  
**P. O. Box 4684**  
**Ironton, Ohio 45638**

*“Dedicated to community service through amateur radio”* [www.w8soe.org](http://www.w8soe.org)

# Let's Talk Ham Radio

If you are interested in Ham Radio and want to see firsthand what Ham Radio is about and talk to someone around the word, this free event is just for you. You will receive literature about how to obtain a Ham Radio license without knowing morse code. There will be a full operating station set up on battery and solar power using different antennas that *you* can use with the direct supervision of an FCC licensed operator. Members of the Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA), Lawrence County, Ohio, will be available to answer all your questions. No age restrictions! Everyone is welcome.

**Location:** The special event, *Let's Talk Ham Radio*, will take place at the Patriot Park picnic shelter, South Point, Ohio, on the beautiful Ohio riverbank at the confluence of the Ohio River and the Big Sandy River. The GPS location is the intersection of Ferry Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East. The site is handicap accessible and there is lots of parking.

**Date:** Saturday, September 30, 2023, with a rain date of Saturday, October 14, 2023.

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

For additional information, contact Mike Love WB8YKS, SOARA, PIO 304-638-7338 or [Mlove82a@gmail.com](mailto:Mlove82a@gmail.com). Visit the SOARA website [WWW.W8SOE.org](http://WWW.W8SOE.org)

**Don't miss out on this special opportunity to learn how to get a Ham Radio license!**

## The 201<sup>st</sup> Great Geauga County Fair is August 31 through September 4.

GEARS, the Geauga Emergency Amateur Radio Service, organizes a group of volunteers at the Great Geauga County Fair. It's our biggest volunteer event of the year: In 2022, we had 52 volunteers for a total of 1,367 volunteer hours.

We perform a number of functions at the fair as described below, but it's also an exercise for us: As part of our emergency- and disaster-preparedness role within the county, we're able to practice deploying equipment and resources in the field.

### What does GEARS do at the fair?

- Dispatch and drive golf carts to help people get around the fairgrounds and to and from the parking lot.
- Staff the sheriff's office building outside of Gate 1.
- Walk the fairgrounds to provide eyes and ears for the on-duty fire departments and the sheriff's office.
- Perform other miscellaneous tasks to assist the sheriff's office.
- Provide surveillance cameras for fair personnel and the Sheriff's Office to monitor traffic and parking.
- Provide IP telephone service on the fairgrounds.



To sign up to work with us, please go to <https://ohiogears.org/fair>

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## Ohio Club Helps with Headwaters Adventure Race

The Portage Parks District in Ohio holds an annual three-event race in July, called the Headwaters Adventure Race, that consists of a 2-mile run, a 10-mile bicycle course, and a 5-mile canoe course on the Cuyahoga River. Since the race's inception, amateur radio operators have provided communications support to the Race Director through the Comms Unit of the EMA, and other amateur radio volunteers. This year's event was on Saturday, July 8, and was supported by 15 radio communicators. Support ranged from staffing key intersections on the course, providing a bicycle sweep and a canoe sweep on the river, a net control station operator, and a

COML/shadow for the Race Director. All radio communicators reported on time to sign in and move to their assignments. Radio checks were performed and then a formal net was opened.

Radio communicators provided all requested information to the net control station in a timely manner. There were no injuries or incidents that needed reporting or required a first responder. The event ended when the last canoeist crossed the finish line, followed by the two radio communicators in the sweep canoe, at 12:31 PM. It was evident from the start that all radio communicators had experience in providing communications for public service events. Communications were performed in a professional way, and with net discipline. Two radio communicators new to public service communications were mentored by experienced radio communicators and will be able to perform independently in future events because of that mentoring.

The Race Director was very appreciative of the radio communicators' time and talent given for this event. I would like to sincerely thank the following radio communicators for making this year's team a success: Jim, KC8YYS; Greg, KA8TOA; Rick, KD8WCK; Roger, KE8TEJ; Ron, W8AHC; Sandy, KD8JCY; Bob,



Photo by Rick Kruis, K8CAV

N8KBX; Gene, W8NET; Brandon, KE8ARB; Ethan, KE8WVV; Andrew, KE8BWA; Nick, N8WLE; Mike, KB8TUY, and Mike, N8WCP.

## 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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## W1AW/8 Activation ARRL Ohio Section August 30 to Sept 5, 2023

Bookmark or share this information using - [tiny.cc/w1aw8-info](http://tiny.cc/w1aw8-info)

This document will be updated as necessary with the latest information

Ohio operators will get their second opportunity to active W1AW/8 from August 30 through September 5th as part of the year-long ARRL VOTA (Volunteers On The Air) operations. For additional information on VOTA, visit- <https://vota.arrl.org>. **Note- you do not need to be an ARRL official/volunteer to activate W1AW/8.**



The W1AW/8 activation will take place on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 Meters using CW, Phone and Digital (FT8/FT4, RTTY, etc.). If you would like to operate using the special callsign, you must meet a few guidelines and agree to follow a few rules:

- Currently valid FCC Amateur Radio license
- Operate from within the state of Ohio
- Agree to:
  - Follow all US Amateur Radio rules and licensing class restrictions **(operate only on frequencies and modes allowed by YOUR LICENSE)**
  - Follow [Radio Amateur's Code](#) and [Considerate Operators Guide](#) and other accept Amateur Radio Etique. Remember you are representing the ARRL and the Ohio Section
  - Accurately log all contacts using computer logging software
  - Export an ADIF file of all contacts and submit it via email to **Anthony Luscre, K8ZT (k8zt73@gmail.com)**

If you meet the above requirements, you can **apply for time slots by submitting an online form-** [tiny.cc/w1aw8-form](http://tiny.cc/w1aw8-form). You will receive a confirmation email with your time slots, if available. Please refer to schedule- [tiny.cc/w1aw8](http://tiny.cc/w1aw8) to confirm your time slots. The process involved takes a while to update, so please be aware of this. If you have questions or need assistance, please email Anthony ([k8zt73@gmail.com](mailto:k8zt73@gmail.com))

A publicly available **schedule of operating slots will be available at** [tiny.cc/w1aw8](http://tiny.cc/w1aw8). In addition to using this schedule to find available operating band/mode time slots to apply to fill, please share the link with fellow hams interested in working W1AW/8.

There was also a live Zoom meeting on the W1AW/8 Operation Wednesday, August 16th, at 8 PM. The Zoom session Covered scheduling, operating practices, logging contacts (including examples of common logging programs), extracting .ADIF files from logging software or WSJT-X to submit your contacts and Q&A. You can view the zoom call by following this YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/r9a3-sAT6Mk>

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## Overall Goals

- Make a W1AW/8 Ohio contact available to as many hams as possible
- Represent the Ohio ARRL Section in a positive manner
- Have Fun!

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**For the complete document, please view online at**

**[tiny.cc/w1aw8-info](http://tiny.cc/w1aw8-info)**

**The online version always will be the most recent version with all updates and additions include how-to setup logging software and export .ADIFs**

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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, Middletown, 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, April 1  
Saturday, June 3

Saturday, August 5  
Saturday, October 7  
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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## DARA University

The fall season at DARA University is nearly upon us. Here are the classes for the Fall 2023 learning season:

- Technician – 23 Sep, 30 Sep, 7 Oct, and 14 Oct
- General – 21 Oct, 28 Oct, 4 Nov, and 11 Nov
- Extra – 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec, and 9 Dec
- Tech and General Test session 15 Nov 1900 local at the DARA Clubhouse
- Extra Test session TBA

All classes are from 0900 to 1300 local and are conducted at the DARA Clubhouse.

For more information see <https://w8bi.org/education/classes/>

For the full content of the Technician learning materials (not including the manual) see <https://w8bi.org/education/classes/tech-class-details/>

Limited quantities of license manuals are available from your instructor for \$30.00.

Please feel free to share and repost this information on social media and pass it along to prospective Technician candidates!

73 and see you in class.

de N8NMG – John – Dayton, Ohio

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## Get on The Air as Rare DX with No Travel Costs

Well, not really Rare DX, but no travel costs, and you will be in demand as a multiplier if you join us for the annual [Ohio QSO Party](#) (OQP) on August 26th. As an Ohio station, stations from Ohio, the USA and the world will want to work **you!**

For more information on the QSO Party, join me on Wednesday, July 26th, live in person or via Zoom as I present to the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club (CFARC). Visitors are always invited to CFARC meetings, and they would love to have you join them for this special presentation- “Ohio QSO Party, Other State QSO Parties & the State QSO Party Challenge”. I

will give you background on QSO Parties in general, then focus on the Ohio QSO Party. Find out everything you need to know to set up and operate in this event. I will also discuss other State QSO Parties you might want to try and how your entries can count double if you participate in the [State QSO Party Challenge](#). I will also have tips if you are just getting started on HF (High Frequency) Operation. I will cover methods for logging, including computer logging. We will leave plenty of time to address questions.

If you want to attend in person, the meeting is held at Pilgrim United Church of Christ's Social Hall at 130 Broad Blvd, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, conveniently just off Route 8. If you want to join via Zoom, please use the Activity Meeting link at the CFARC website- [www.cfarc.org](http://www.cfarc.org). For questions, please email [k8zt@cfarc.org](mailto:k8zt@cfarc.org).

## Why Participate in State QSO Parties?

- Friendly
  - Atmosphere of friendly laid back competition
  - Chance to connect with old friends around state
  - Make for great club competitions both between club members and between local clubs
- Great Activity for New Contesters
  - More laid back atmosphere than many higher pressure major contests
  - Both SSB & CW options to work (some have been adding Digital option)
  - Shorter duration contests
  - Many opportunities throughout year



**Your 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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## ARLD033 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.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q. Vlad, OK2WX will be QRV as 9Q2WX from August 20 to September 9. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various modes. QSL via IZ8CCW.

NAURU, C2. Phil, 3D2TS is QRV as C21TS. Activity is on the HF bands using FT8 and possibly SSB. QSL via M0OXO.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, DA. Radio amateurs from Rostock are QRV with special callsign DQ125LH until the end of October to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Lighthouse Warnemuende, DOK125LH. QSL via bureau.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Members of the Korean Amateur Radio League are QRV with special callsign HL78V during August to mark the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the country's liberation. QSL via 6K0MF.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. Uli, DL2AH is QRV as KH0/DL2AH from Rota Island until September 14. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

BRAZIL, PY. Special callsign PX8AMA is QRV from Ji-Parana in the Brazilian state of Rondonia until August 29. QSL via LoTW.

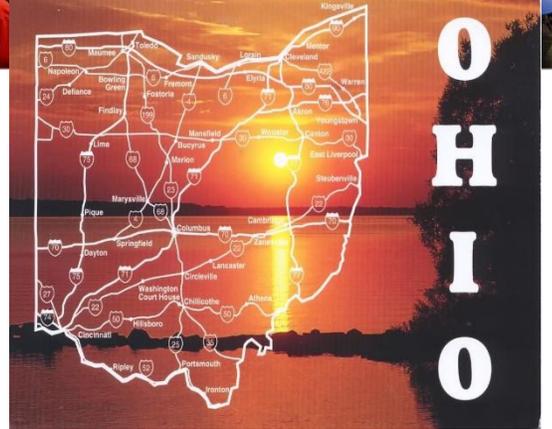
CORSICA, TK. Alex, SQ9UM is QRV as TK/SQ9UM until August 31. Activity is holiday style on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL to home call.

ASIATIC RUSSIA, UA0. A group of operators are QRV as RI0Z from Beringa Island, IOTA AS-039, until September 3 to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

MEXICO, XE. Special event station 6E0G is QRV until December 17 during the Ghost Towns on the Air event. QSL via XE1EE.

SOUTH AFRICA, ZS. A group of operators are QRV as ZS9V from Robben Island, IOTA AF-064, until August 21. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

## Upcoming *Hamfests*



# *Ohio Hamfests*

## 2023

**08/20/2023 - [WARA Tailgate Swap Meet](#)**

**Location:** Cortland, OH

**Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <http://w8vtd.org>

**[Learn More](#)**

**09/10/2023 - [Findlay Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Findlay, OH

**Sponsor:** Findlay Radio Club

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

**[Learn More](#)**

<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>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></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>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>



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*All  
Welcome*

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## DX This Week – The Ohio QSO Party

Bill - AJ8B

([thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com), @AJ8B, or [www.aj8b.com](http://www.aj8b.com))



I received an email from Teresa, KA9IFQ, asking about DXCC Endorsements. What are they? Is there more than one? Great Questions.

The central award that most DXers attempt to achieve is the DXCC, or the worked and confirmed 100 countries award, which is called the DXCC Mixed. This award allows for confirmation on any band and any mode.

After that, there are endorsements based on modes and bands. For instance, there is DXCC CW, DXCC SSB, DXCC Digital, Satellite DXCC, and 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6, and 2 meter endorsements.

For each of these certificates, you can get stickers that track the number of confirmed entities. These stickers are issued in increments of 25 or 50 until you reach 300 and then the stickers are issued for every 5 new entities confirmed.

There is an award that ties this together called the 5 Band DXCC award that has endorsements for 160, 30, 17, 12, 6, and 2 meters. There are some hams who have earned 10 Band DXCC!

How do you track all of this? In the old days, it was up to you to track these and send the cards and application forms to the ARRL DXCC desk. Today, you can use the Logbook of the World from the ARRL to track this and to allow you to apply for the various awards. Most logging software applications can assist with this process also.

Even if you are not a member of the ARRL, you can still create a Logbook of the World account and upload your QSOs to benefit the rest of us.

Thanks, Teresa, for this excellent question. If anyone has a question or a comment, just send an email to [TheDXMentor@gmail.com](mailto:TheDXMentor@gmail.com).

The end of August is fast approaching. Can You believe it? I try to participate in as many contests as I can during the year. I consider the contest season running from the fourth Saturday in August to Memorial Day weekend of the next year. The significance of August to May is that the Ohio QSO party (OQP) is held on the fourth weekend in August and the CQWW WPX CW contest is held during the last weekend in May. Although I do participate in as many state QSO parties (and other contests) as I can, my focus is on the Ohio QSO Party. Most of the information presented here is from the Ohio QSO Party website and is used here courtesy of the Mad River Radio Club.

### Why the Ohio QSO Party?

The objective of the contest is for Amateurs inside the state of Ohio to contact as many Amateurs as possible both inside and outside of Ohio. For Amateurs outside the state of Ohio to contact as many Ohio stations as possible. Non-Ohio stations may work only Ohio stations, while Ohio stations may contact anyone.

The Ohio QSO Party is an opportunity for amateur radio operators around the world to celebrate the great state of Ohio.

What does this have to do with DX? Well, chasing DX requires operating skill, patience, and a solid knowledge of your equipment. Contests require all of this for an extended period. In the case of the OQP, this is a 12-hour long contest where one of the biggest factors is BITS. (Butt in the Seat – Thanks Dave, K8DV) In addition, it is really a lot of fun!

If you have any interest at all, please visit <https://www.ohqp.org/> and browse the links on the left-hand side and explore the site. You'll find the rules, past scores, planned operations for this year's event, scoring records and more. Even if you don't want to spend any time in the contest, tune the band and give me a call. I can use the QSO from Warren County!

If you review the graph above, you will see that there is a lot of activity during this contest. I hope that it is even busier this year.

How can you get up to the minute info on OhQP, post questions or tell everyone about your OhQP experience...?

OhQP has a mail list (reflector). You can subscribe (allowing you to post messages or to view the archives. This is the only place on the web to get "official" information on the Ohio QSO Party.

We are not on Facebook, Twitter or anywhere else. Since 1999 the Mad River Radio Club has brought you the Ohio QSO Party.



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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:

If you listen to the DX Mentor podcast, you got a sneak preview on this one. E5/N **Northern Cook Islands.**

The next stop for the ship Magnet and the "Rig In a Box" setup will be Penhryn Atoll from August 19<sup>th</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be signing E51D on 160 m through 6 m on CW, SSB and FT8. The local team will include Tamas, HA7RY, Michael, KN4EEI, Gabi, HA5YG and George, AA7JV. They will be using multiple RIBs and will have remote operators from all around the globe. Despite not being the optimum time of the year, they will be active on Topband, or 160 m.

Yuris, YL2GM, expects to get on the air as ZD9W from **Tristan da Cunha and Gough Islands**, as a one-man operation, September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will be on all the bands, he says, 160-6, using CW, SSB and FT8. On 6M it will be FT8 only. On CW he will always listen up one or more kHz. He will likely go by regions of the world at times. On FT8 if you see RR73 from ZD9W you are in the log and you can stop, "no need to transmit RR73 or 73 message."

The ZD9W station is a Yaesu FT-710 and a pair of SunSDR2 Pro radios, and an SPE Expert amplifier. He will have a vertical a matching unit for 160-30, a Spiderbeam for 20-10 and a 3-element Yagi for 6, plus a DX-Commander vertical.

He will upload the log to Club Log with OQRS available for direct or bureau "later."

ZL3IO, Holger, says things are shaping up for his ZL7 - **Chatham Islands** trip as ZL7IO. He goes for "about" two weeks at the end of September. He will repair antennas and set up the station, and he hopes to repair ZL7DX's gear. He has shipped parts ahead. He had hoped to have high power but the ZL7DX QTH is off grid, running on solar and batteries and has "certain limitations."

A full-size 80M vertical made of aluminum tubing is to be installed permanently. It can work on 160 with toploading, and with "passive excited elements" for 60 and 40. A DX Commander vertical on top of a shed covers 80-10, with the shed's metal roof as the counterpoise. He will also be installing a hexbeam for 20-10. That makes two antenna options for each band except for 160.

Holger plans three trips actually, first the setup trip in September and to operate in the CQWW RTTY contest if everything works out. The second trip is at the end of October, and again a month later in November to continue to work on the station setup and do the CQWW SSB and CW weekends both, single op all band "high power if possible."

Jacky, ZL3CW plans to be active from **Wallis Island** from November 20<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be a CW only DXpedition focusing on the WARC bands. Jacky will be participating in the CQWW CW contest at the end of November. Stay tuned for more details.

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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.

Below is a contest that should allow you to pick up some much needed band slots or new ones.

If you listen to the DX Mentor podcast, you already know about this new contest from INDEXA. If you had not heard, or if you need a refresher, here are the details.

*The International DX Association, INDEXA, is celebrating its 40th anniversary in September of 2023. Over the last 40 years, INDEXA has sponsored hundreds of DXpeditions to dozens of DX entities around the world. Consistent with its name, INDEXA has contributed to DXpedition teams from multiple nations. It is an international organization.*

*INDEXA began as a few men supplying or loaning equipment to DXpedition groups. Over the last 40 years it has grown to become a major financial partner and sponsor of DXpeditions. In recent years, with the sponsorship of JH1AJT (SK), INDEXA added its Humanitarian Aid Fund. This fund can provide humanitarian aid to local people living in some of the entities DXpeditions visit.*

*All of this is possible because of the support of INDEXA’s members and there are over 1,000 of you worldwide. Now, to celebrate this 40th anniversary and thank you for your*

support, INDEXA's officers and board of directors invite you to participate in the INDEXA Worldwide QSO Party.

*This on the air event will run from September 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup> of 2023 and will utilize 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters with SSB, CW, and RTTY modes.*

*The event is for everyone worldwide. Both members and non-members of INDEXA are welcomed and encouraged to participate and compete for awards. A user defined contest module is available for use in the NIMM Logger + logging program which will log each QSO, track multipliers, and calculate your score. Full details are available on the INDEXA QSO Party website: <https://indexaqsoparty.com>*

*This is intended to be a fun and enjoyable event. You may operate as much or as little as you like, be competitive or just relax and chat with fellow DXers from time to time, operate on different modes, chase multipliers or bonus stations, or seek an award for the top score in your country or continent.*

*Please join us. Have fun and lets celebrate the DXing we all enjoy so much.*

*Ralph – KOIR*

I hope you will join into the fun of one of the upcoming state QSO parties. The weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup> will have three: The Kansas QSO party, the Hawaiian QSO party, and the **Ohio QSO** party. Please join us that weekend as I will be representing Warren County in Ohio.

The CWops organization sponsors the **CWops Test**, or **CWTs**, which are fun, weekly competitions. They also sponsor the **CW OPEN (CWO)**, which is held on the first Saturday in September, is guided by the same principles along with enhancements to make it a serious, annual competitive event. This is not a weekend long or day long contest but is held in sessions.

The Object is to Work as many CW stations worldwide as possible within each session. There are three separate competitions, or sessions, that are held at three separate times. Each station may be worked once per band in each session. Entry can be made to any or all of the sessions. Each session is scored separately. Entry into multiple sessions will be added together for a combined score in a separate, additional aspect to this event.

The date is September 2<sup>nd</sup> and the sessions are 0000Z to 0359Z, 1200Z to 1559Z, and 2000Z to 2359Z. All amateurs are encouraged to participate. Details can be found at [www.cwops.org](http://www.cwops.org).

Below is a list of upcoming contests:

Date(s)	Event	Info
All Year	CQ DX Marathon	<a href="http://bit.ly/3FyPiui">http://bit.ly/3FyPiui</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	Worldwide 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/H0IqQf">http://bit.ly/H0IqQf</a>
Sept. 2	AGCW Straight Key Party	<a href="https://www.agcw.de/contest/http/http-en/">https://www.agcw.de/contest/http/http-en/</a>
Sept. 2-3	All Asian DX Phone Contest	<a href="https://bit.ly/3CrQCho">https://bit.ly/3CrQCho</a>
Sept. 2-3	Colorado QSO Party	<a href="http://ppraa.org/coqp">http://ppraa.org/coqp</a>
Sept. 2-3	G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest	<a href="https://www.fistsna.org/operating.html">https://www.fistsna.org/operating.html</a>
<b>Sept. 2-3</b>	<b>PODXS 070 80M Sprint</b>	<a href="http://bit.ly/2MkaaNt">http://bit.ly/2MkaaNt</a>
Sept. 3-4	Tennessee QSO Party	<a href="https://tnqp.org/rules/">https://tnqp.org/rules/</a>
Sept. 4	RSGB Autumn Series SSB	<a href="https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
Sept. 4-5	MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	<a href="https://www.miqrp.net/contest">https://www.miqrp.net/contest</a>
Sept. 6	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
Sept. 9	FOC QSO Party	<a href="http://www.g4foc.org/qsoparty">http://www.g4foc.org/qsoparty</a>
Sept. 9-10	Alabama QSO Party	<a href="http://alabamacontestgroup.org/aqp/rules/">http://alabamacontestgroup.org/aqp/rules/</a>
<b>Sept. 9-10</b>	<b>Worked All Europe SSB Contest</b>	<a href="https://bit.ly/36ubggF">https://bit.ly/36ubggF</a>
Sept. 9-11	ARRL September VHF QSO Party	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf">http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf</a>
Sept. 10	North American CW Sprint	<a href="http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf">http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf</a>
Sept. 13	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
Sept. 13	RSGB Autumn Series CW	<a href="https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
Sept. 14	Bavarian Contest Club QSO Party	<a href="https://bit.ly/42VQn9f">https://bit.ly/42VQn9f</a>
Sept. 16	Feld Hell on Wheels Sprint	<a href="http://bit.ly/2JcbOwW">http://bit.ly/2JcbOwW</a>
Sept. 16-17	ARRL 10 GHz and UP Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up">http://www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up</a>
Sept. 16-17	Iowa QSO Party	<a href="http://www.w0yl.com/IAQP">http://www.w0yl.com/IAQP</a>
Sept. 16-17	New Hampshire QSO Party	<a href="https://w1wqm.org/nh-qso-party/">https://w1wqm.org/nh-qso-party/</a>
Sept. 16-17	New Jersey QSO Party	<a href="http://bit.ly/1nDlf8V">http://bit.ly/1nDlf8V</a>
Sept. 16-17	QRP Afield	<a href="http://bit.ly/2QACxFu">http://bit.ly/2QACxFu</a>
Sept. 16-17	SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest	<a href="http://bit.ly/H0IqQf">http://bit.ly/H0IqQf</a>
<b>Sept. 16-17</b>	<b>Scandinavian CW Activity Contest</b>	<a href="https://www.sactest.net/blog/">https://www.sactest.net/blog/</a>
Sept. 16-17	Texas QSO Party	<a href="http://txqp.net/">http://txqp.net/</a>
Sept. 16-17	Washington State Salmon Run	<a href="http://salmonrun.wwdxc.org/rules/">http://salmonrun.wwdxc.org/rules/</a>
Sept. 17	BARTG Sprint PSK63	<a href="http://bartg.org.uk/wp/contests/">http://bartg.org.uk/wp/contests/</a>
Sept. 17	North American RTTY Sprint	<a href="http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf">http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf</a>
Sept. 18	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	<a href="https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
Sept. 20	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>

Sept. 28	RSGB Autumn Series Data	<a href="https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">https://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
Sept. 23	AGCW UHF/VHF Contest	<a href="https://www.agcw.de/contest/vhf-uhf/">https://www.agcw.de/contest/vhf-uhf/</a>
Sept. 23-24	Maine QSO Party	<a href="http://www.ws1sm.com/MEQP.html">http://www.ws1sm.com/MEQP.html</a>
<b>Sept. 23-24</b>	<b>CQ WW RTTY DX Contest</b>	<a href="http://www.cqwwrtty.com">http://www.cqwwrtty.com</a>
Sep.30-Oct. 1	UK/EI DX Contest, CW	<a href="https://www.ukeicc.com/dx-contest-rules.php">https://www.ukeicc.com/dx-contest-rules.php</a>

# OHIO'S



As this is prepared, most of the hamfests in the South 40 Region are in the history books with only the **Buffalo 10 Meter Net's** Swapfest and Car Show on September 16 to take place. So far N8ZNR and I have been to the shows in Grove City, Owensville and New Boston and found each enjoyable and worth the time and effort to attend. Because the Huntington show was on the same date as another I was unable to attend it, but heard good reports. My hat is off to the **Alladdin Audio Unit**, the **Milford ARA**, the **Tri-State ARA** and the **Portsmouth RC** for going to the time, effort and expense to put on these events. Besides browsing the flea market tables and checking out the boneyard, the highlight is seeing and meeting old and making new ones. And I have to admit it is kind of a hoot when someone comments about reading the column and gives some thanks for the effort.

Tom Mongold, Jr., KD8LDS, reports the **Highland ARA** VE Team conducted a license testing session during the **Milford ARC** sponsored Cincinnati Hamfest. With HARA conducting the test session it allows MARC members to be totally focused on other areas to assure the entire hamfest goes smoothly. Mongold reported that 14 people tested during the morning and several walked away with either a new license or an upgrade.

Speaking of helping out another club, some HARA members journeyed to Portsmouth on Friday evening to assist the **Portsmouth RC** in setting up the building for the following day's hamfest.

The **Athens County ARA** will conduct an ARRL VE testing session on August 21 at the Red Cross Building in Athens. It will begin at 7 PM. Contact VE Coordinator Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, for any updated information. A number of other clubs in the region offer testing opportunities and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Washington County now has a new ham as Daniel Smith of Marietta recently passed his Technician license and has been assigned the KE8YWA call sign. Congratulations.

Jesse Stanley, KD8CHP, tells us the **Scioto Valley ARA** is working towards holding their first VE session since the death of their VE leader John Hartmus II-WB8GRX. In the past testing has taken place in Chillicothe or at the Club's clubhouse near the Scioto Trails State Park. But the Club is now looking at holding a session at the Pike County Airport near Waverly. Once plans are firmed, Jesse will share the information with us.

The **Clinton County ARA** will have its monthly "Last Saturday Breakfast" on August 26 at Sam's Deli and Meats in Wilmington. It gets started around 8:30. All area amateurs are welcome to attend.

During the lead in to the column I mentioned the September 16 **Buffalo 10 Meter Net's Ham Radio Swap Meet**. This is the group's third event and is held in conjunction with the Leavitt Car Show. The event is totally free and includes door prizes, music, food and drink and is held on the grounds of the Leavitt Funeral Home, 801 Victor Street in Belpre. Based on previous photographs, posted comments and actual conversations with those who have attend the previous shows, it should be an enjoyable experience. Personally I think it's neat to co-op with non-radio event and use it to expose people who are not familiar with amateur radio to the hobby and service. Visit the [www.buffalo10meter.net](http://www.buffalo10meter.net) website for details.

Although not in the immediate South 40 coverage area, another couple hamfests of worthy attendance consideration are the upcoming September 10 Findlay Hamfest and the A. R. C. S. Radio Festival on September 30 in Paintsville, KY. Information on each can be found at their repective websites at [www.findlayradioclub.org/hamfest](http://www.findlayradioclub.org/hamfest) or [ky4arc.com](http://ky4arc.com).

Since it opened the planned activity portion of its website a couple weeks back, the **Ohio QSO Party** website has really blossomed. Well over half of Ohio's 88 counties now show there will be activity. However this ever growing August 26 event that is sponsored by the **Mad River** still has a number of counties indicating no activity. Thanks to a couple rovers, less than a handful are counties in the South 40 region. As I keep trying to point out "if you are looking for a ham radio challenge using the comfort of your shack and your own equipment and one that won't take up a weekend, a week or much longer then you need to check out this event". The objective of this contest is to use phone and/or CW to work as many of Ohio's 88 counties as possible on the various HF bands during the 12 hour contest period. The event rules can be found at [www.ohqp.org](http://www.ohqp.org). This contest is not require the rapid pace of a Field Day or Sweepstakes

event and is a perfect contest entry level for a new ham or even the casual one. Why not invite some other hams to visit your shack and get them on the air. Let them see that not all contests can be “cut-throat”! In fact the **Clinton County ARC** is taking this one step further and will be operating portable from the grounds of the Boyd Cancer Center in Wilmington.

On September 8 through the 10<sup>th</sup>, the **OH-KY-IN ARS** will operate the “Big 6” booth at the annual Harvest Home Fair in the Cincinnati suburb of Cheviot. Because the booth must be open during all hours of the Fair it requires a large volunteer force to man this major Club fundraiser. If you are able to assist or just want more information, contact N8BV at 513-251-1555.

September 9 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year for another laid back operating event that seems designed for the new or casual ham is the upcoming **Ohio State Parks on the Air**. Our hat is off to John Myers, WX8G, who does a splendid job keeping the [www.ospota.org](http://www.ospota.org) website up to date by letting us know which of Ohio’s 75 state parks will have activity during the day. The 8 hour activity that will use ham radio to promote Ohio’s State Park System and takes to the airwaves at 10 that morning and runs until 6 pm. Although the above website reveals 32 parks to have activity there several South 40 area ones that still have no planned activity scheduled. Thanks to the **Portage ARA** for their sponsorship of this event which some other states are now copying.

In order to increase the awareness of amateur radio in the Ironton-Lawrence County area and to grow the number of area amateurs, the **Southern Ohio ARA** is undertaking a project they call “Let’s Talk Ham Radio” to promote the hobby and service. Their all out effort will use the local broadcast and print media to promote the Saturday, September 30 event. That day the Patriot Park picnic shelter in South Point, Ohio will be the site for a Field Day type operation where amateur radio will be on display and in operation. Members will be on hand to demonstrate what ham radio is about and to answer questions those wishing to learn more might have. It will start at 10 AM and run until 2.

I usually don’t pay attention to the commercials when watching the television, but a while back while watching the evening news I noted one of the people in a Huntington Bank commercial looked familiar. But shrugged it off because I assumed it was some actor who appears in a number of commercials. That was until I read the June edition of the OH-KY-IN *Q-Fiver* newsletter. It seems Kitty Hevener, W8TDA, was asked to take part in a California filming of a series of commercials for the bank. I first met Kitty when Tom Delaney, W8WTD, was an ARRL division official. She would often accompany Tom on his trips to Hillsboro to attend **Highland ARA** meetings and the Clubs annual Christmas Dinner. It’s nice to see her on the boob tube and say “I know her!”

N8ZNR and I just returned from a quick couple days get away to the “Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania”. On the way we made a brief stop at the DX Engineering showroom near Akron. A bit later we passed the K3LR antenna farm at the I-80 Ohio/Pennsylvania state line. That reminded me of working the recent W3Y special event station for the **Dave Kalter Youth DX**

**Adventure** which used that world class contest station for the event. I was about the 200<sup>th</sup> contact for the station and based on listening to the operation, the young lady I worked should develop into a good operator while breathing some more needed young blood into our ranks. It was also good to hear some other Southern Ohio stations making contact with the operation. Thanks to the **Dayton ARA** for sponsoring this outstanding program.

With school and college classes either started or about to start and county fairs underway it calls to attention that summer is about over. Therefore now is the time to check out your antenna system and assure there are no issues that could cause a failure during the less than ideal weather conditions in the coming months. I know from experience it's not fun trying to repair a feedline or restring an antenna whose support line snapped in the wind in freezing temperatures, ice or snow.

Until next time here's hoping each of you have a great and safe week. Plus take some time to get on the air and talk to someone. You just might make their day.

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## 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](#)

## 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: Have you ever built a HEATHKIT Radio?

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

From last week's question - Have you ever visited W1AW in Newington?

Only 50 responses but that's up 5 from last week! – 13 Yes and 37 NO. I've had the opportunity to go twice now, and I WILL GO AGAIN! It's a very impressive station. Put it on your bucket list. Better yet – make plans and get there!

**(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!)

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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://arrrl-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@arrrl-ohio.org](mailto:swap@arrrl-ohio.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://arrrl-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://arrrl->



[ohio.org/club\\_news/index.html](http://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.

Just go to: <http://arri-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!*

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