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***National News***  
*(from arrl bulletins)*

***New ARRL Chief Executive Officer Elected by Board of Directors***

The ARRL Board of Directors has elected Howard E. Michel, WB2ITX, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, to be ARRL's new Chief Executive Officer, starting on October 15. Michel (his name rhymes with "nickel") is currently Chief Technology Officer at UBTECH Education, and Senior Vice President of UBTECH Robotics, a \$5 billion Shenzhen, China, artificial intelligence and robotics company. As the Chief Technology Officer at UBTECH Education, Michel helped build this company from a startup in China to \$100 million in valuation.



“I have Amateur Radio to thank for starting me on a very successful career, and I’m excited about the opportunity to further ARRL’s goals as CEO. Leading the League will allow me to ‘give back’ to a great community and provide similar opportunity for future generations,” Michel said. “I have been a licensed ham for 50 years, and I’ve seen many changes in the hobby. One of my top priorities as CEO will be to develop new products and services so all licensed hams, whatever their license class or interest, find value in League membership,” he added.

Michel was first licensed as WN2ITX when he was about 16 years old and upgraded to General and Advanced within a year. He earned his Amateur Extra-class license in 2000. He notes that he has always had a strong interest in building and repairing radio equipment. “I’ve operated CW/AM/FM/SSB/digital on 80/40/20/15/10/2 on equipment that I have either built, repaired, or modified.”

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, said, “We are excited to have someone of Howard’s qualifications to lead this organization. Howard’s management experience, along with his experience at leading a membership-driven association, makes him an ideal person to move this organization forward.”

In 2015, Michel was the volunteer president and CEO of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), a volunteer-led IRS 501(c)(3) association advancing technology.

“In any large membership-led organization such as ARRL, its members and volunteers are its greatest asset, and a good staff-volunteer relationship is crucial to its success,” Michel said. “I intend to build on this relationship and multiply and amplify the efforts of both staff and volunteers in furthering ARRL’s goals to advance the art, science, and enjoyment of Amateur Radio.”

Michel is a retired US Air Force officer, having served as a pilot, satellite launch director, engineer, and engineering manager, including a tour in the People’s Republic of China where he served as a senior US government technical representative enforcing technology-transfer control plans and procedures during two satellite launch operations.

He notes that during his time in the military, wherever he could set up an antenna, he took the opportunity to operate.

Michel's noteworthy academic background includes his current service as a visiting professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Science at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa. Previously, he was a member of the faculty at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and the University of Dayton in Ohio.

Michel says that some of his favorite activities include attending hamfests to find old stuff to repair or repurpose, contest operating, and DXing, especially on 80/40 meters. He adds that he is a Life Member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association.

Michel will succeed Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY, who had been serving as ARRL's CEO since January of 2018 following the resignation of Tom Gallagher, NY2RF. Shelley had been ARRL's Chief Financial Officer since January of 1992.

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## *The Handbook Give Away*

Hey Gang,

We had another fantastic response this month, but I'm sure you're more interested in knowing just who won the Handbook this month...

And the winner is.... ***Paula Cahill, KD8OCI !***

Since we've had such a great response with the Giveaway this month, I added a "W1AW T-Shirt" to "Give Away" as well!!

AND.... that winner is... ***Ted Alexander, W8IXY***

**Now, let's see how many of you are actually paying any attention to this article.** Since today is Labor Day I added an additional Handbook to give away today too..

The winner of this "Special" drawing is.. ***Karl Beckman, WA8NVW!***

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>

You just never know.. You just might be the next winner!



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## One Question Questionnaire



Hey Gang

Wow... I'm really surprised, only about 43% of you ground your antennas when not in use. I would have expected the percentage to be way higher than that.

OK... Here's the next question for you to answer **“Have you listened in on the hurricane net activity in Hawaii ??”**

You'll find the “One Question” questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! <http://arrlohoio.org> It's all in fun and it's not a scientific survey in any way, but we are learning some things that we didn't know from these questions. I hope that you are enjoying answering these “ONE QUESTION” questionnaires.

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## Club Corner

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

Let me know what 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:

[n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)



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## Fun Day Planned

Aid VFD has requested that SOARA set up a radio station as part of their annual Community Fun Day this coming **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm**. This event is a day of fun for children and their families. There will be several different activities for folks to participate in as a family or as individuals. This is an excellent opportunity for us to show the "magic" of ham radio to the youth of the community. This is also a way for us to participate in FEMA's National Prepared Month. We will be distributing information on Amateur Radio and Disaster Preparedness.

Everyone is invited to attend. You can register for the event on ARES Connect. If you have not registered on ARES Connect here is the address <https://arri.volunteerhub.com/> After registering, send me a message so I will know to rescue you from the Cyber Pool and assign you to our group.

Thanks for all you do for our community. Eddie Jenkins, N8URU ARES EC, Lawrence County Ohio

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## ***First Aid, CPR and AED Classes Forming***

There will be a First Aid, CPR, and AED class on **Saturday, October 27th from 9:00 am till about 3:00 pm**. If you want a card or certificate the cost will be \$25.00. The class will be instructed by Lawrence County EMS personnel and is certified by the American Heart Association. We have checked around and this is the best price we can find for a complete class. **Please register on ARES Connect under Lawrence County Events.**

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## ***WebEOC Training***

**When—September 14th from 10 to Noon**

**Where—County Services Building at 940 London Avenue, Marysville OH**

**What—**WebEOC is a web-based information management system that provides a single access point for the collection and dissemination of emergency or event-related information. It can be used from your desk, command post or home.

**Who—** Who would likely be in the Emergency Operations Center or would benefit from the ability to monitor a major event.

Please bring your own laptop to the training, if you don't have one please **contact Rob Jostes at 937-707-7154**. Instruction will be delivered by the Ohio EMA and local staff.

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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 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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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## 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](mailto:steve@k8srr.com) or Rick K8CAV at [k8cav.com@gmail.com](mailto:k8cav.com@gmail.com).

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## Help Wanted

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



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

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

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

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

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

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## 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*

### *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](mailto:kb8ymn@sbcglobal.net)

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### *Amateur Radio Technician course*

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) is sponsoring an Amateur Radio Technician course that will enable you to obtain your FCC Technician license.

When: **Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Starting: **September 19, 2018 through November 7, 2018** - 8 weeks. Official Amateur Radio License testing will be held at the end of the course (Nov 7th).

Where: At the PCARS Club Site Radio Room located in the Dietrich Building 705 Oakwood St. in Ravenna

Registration: First night of class Cost: **\$25.00** Registration fee. (No Registration Fee for PCARS Members)  
\$30 Text – “Ham Radio License Manual” (text may be purchased first night of class)

For more information: Contact Jim Wilson, AC8NT at: [jawilson@j3solutions.com](mailto:jawilson@j3solutions.com) or phone: 330-342-8149

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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	Session	Location	Enroll
L967 Logistics Section Chief	September 10 – 14, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G775 EOC Management and Operations	September 12 - 13, 2018	Newark Police Department 39 S. 4th Street Newark, Ohio 43055	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 15 - 16, 2018	Hocking College, School of Public Safety 3301 Hocking Parkway Nelsonville, Ohio 45764	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G-402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Leaders	September 18, 2018	Marietta College - Planetarium, 214 4th Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 18 - 20, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-276 Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Workshop	September 20, 2018	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43263	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 20-21, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L984 Task Force/Strike Team Leader	September 24 - 26, 2018	Independence Civic Center 6363 Selig Blvd. Independence, Ohio 44131	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	September 26, 2018	Geauga County Dept. of Emergency Services 12518 Merritt Rd Chardon, OH 44024	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	October 2, 2018	Butler County EOC 1810 Hamilton Princeton Road Hamilton, OH 45011	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate for Expanding Incidents	October 2 - 4, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
MGT-347 Incident Command Systems Forms Review	October 2, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 5 - 7, 2018	Robert E. Byer Emergency Operations Center 41859 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 9 - 11, 2018	Kinder Morgan-Pinney Dock Terminal 1149 East 5th Street Ashtabula, Ohio 44004	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response	October 10-11, 2018	Jackson Fire Department Annex 166 Pearl Street Jackson, Ohio 45640	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	October 10, 2018	Fulton County Emergency Management Agency 8488 State Route 108 Wauseon, OH 43567	<a href="#">Enroll</a>



OH-607 PA Cost Documentation/Damage Assessment Course	October 15, 2018	Delaware County EMA/EOC 10 Court Street Delaware, Ohio 43015	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-200 Fall Conference	October 18, 2018	The Ohio Union (Performance Hall), The Ohio State University 1739 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 20 - 21, 2018	Robert E. Byer Emergency Operations Center 41859 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 22 - 24, 2018	Defiance County EMA 22491 Mill Street Defiance, Ohio 43512	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-139 Exercise Design Course	October 23 - 25, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
EMA-ICS300SummitCoOct2018	October 23 - 25, 2018	Summit County Public Health Command Room, **Enter at Entrance A 1867 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	October 24 - 26, 2018	Cleveland Office of Emergency Management / EOC 205 West St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 29 - 30, 2018	Defiance County EMA 22491 Mill Street Defiance, Ohio 43512	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 31 - November 1, 2018	Summit County Public Health Command Room, **Enter at Entrance A 1867 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G428 CERT Train-the-Trainer Course	November 2 - 4, 2018	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43263	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G775 EOC Management and Operations	November 5 - 6, 2018	North East Ohio Regional Sewer District 4747 E. 49th St. Cuyahoga Hts, OH 44125	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-139 Exercise Design Course	November 5-7, 2018	Ashtabula County Engineer's Office 186 E. Satin Street ( 2nd Floor) Jefferson, Ohio 44047	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L950 Incident Commander (IC)	November 5 - 9, 2018	Newton Township Fire Department 1 Firehouse Drive St Louisville, OH 43071 Access the link for directions: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/V8g1FGEmhKo">https://goo.gl/maps/V8g1FGEmhKo</a>	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L388 Advanced Public Information Officer (APIO)	November 5 - 9, 2018	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43263	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	November 7 - 9, 2018	Seneca County EMA 126 Hopewell Ave Tiffin, OH 44883	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L956 Liaison Officer	November 8 – 9, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus, OH 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	November 13 – 14, 2018	Seneca County EMA 126 Hopewell Ave Tiffin, OH 44883	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
L970 Supply Unit Leader Course	November 13 - 16, 2018	Brecksville Fire Department 9023 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	November 14, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G108 Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance	November 14 - 15, 2018	The American Red Cross 2111 Dana Ave Cincinnati, OH 45207	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G290 Basic Public Information Officer Course	November 14 & 15, 2018	Portage County Emergency Operations Center 8240 Infirmary Road Ravenna, OH 44266	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-101 Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)	November 15, 2018	Jackson Fire Department Annex 166 Pearl Street Jackson, Ohio 45640	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-606 Recovery from Disaster Workshop	***New Date** November 15, 2018	Tuscarawas County Emergency Operations Center 2295 Reiser Rd SE New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 (308)	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
G288 Local Volunteer and Donation Management	November 15 - 16, 2018	Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-131 Exercise Evaluation Course	November 29, 2018	Franklin County EMA&HS 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio 43230	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 3 - 5, 2018	Putnam County Educational Services Center 124 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, OH 45875	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
OH-202 Debris Management Workshop	December 4, 2018	Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 West Dublin Granville Road Columbus, OH 43235	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 10 - 11, 2018	Putnam County Educational Services Center 124 Putnam Parkway Ottawa, OH 45875	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 10 - 12, 2018	St. Luke's Hospital - Auditorium B 5901 Monclova Road Maumee, Ohio 43537	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	December 12 - 14, 2018	Mayfield Heights Fire Department (Training Room) 6154 Mayfield Road Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 12 - 13, 2018	St. Luke's Hospital – Auditorium B 5901 Monclova Road Maumee, Ohio 43537	<a href="#">Enroll</a>
ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 19 - 20, 2018	Mayfield Heights Fire Department (Training Room), 6154 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124	<a href="#">Enroll</a>

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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.

I would like to remind any of you that are going to take any of the in-class training sessions that you dress appropriately. Please don't go into these classes with attire that doesn't represent you, and Amateur Radio in the best of light. I'm not setting a dress code, but if you wouldn't take your wife out to a nice restaurant in these clothes, you may want to reconsider what you are wearing. Remember, you will be in class with fire / police chiefs, mayors, township trustees and a whole host of other government and civil officials that will remember how you represented Amateur Radio while you were in these classes together.

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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**V.E. Test Sessions**

*(from arrl)*

**09/06/2018 | [London OH 43140](#)**

**Sponsor:** MCARC

Location: Madison County Engineer's Office

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

[Learn More](#)

**09/06/2018 | [Youngstown OH 44505-1400](#)**

**Sponsor:** Mahoning ARA

Location: Red Cross

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

[Learn More](#)

**09/08/2018 | [Maumee OH 43537-1628](#)**

**Sponsor:** Toledo Mobile Radio Assoc  
**Location:** Maumee Fire Station #2  
**Time:** 8:15 AM (No walk-ins)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/09/2018 | [Independence OH 44131-4841](#)**

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga ARS  
**Location:** Old Elmwood Recreation Center  
**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/11/2018 | [Lancaster OH 43130-3014](#)**

**Sponsor:** Lancaster & Fairfield Cnty ARC  
**Location:** American Red Cross  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/12/2018 | [Cincinnati OH 45242-5614](#)**

**Sponsor:** Greater Cincinnati ARA  
**Location:** Blue Ash Recreation Center  
**Time:** 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/13/2018 | [Milford OH 45150-1427](#)**

**Sponsor:** Milford ARC  
**Location:** Faith Church  
**Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/15/2018 | [Greenville OH 45331-1038](#)**

**Sponsor:** Treaty City ARA  
**Location:** Beehive One Room School  
**Time:** 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/15/2018 | [Springfield OH 45506-1607](#)**

**Sponsor:** CLARA  
**Location:** Main Branch  
**Time:** 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/16/2018 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)**

**Sponsor:** American Red Cross  
**Location:** American Red Cross  
**Time:** 12:50 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/18/2018 | [Sandusky OH 44870-1926](#)**

**Sponsor:** Sandusky, Ohio VE Team  
**Location:** Sandusky Radio Club  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

**09/19/2018 | [Stow OH 44224-4097](#)**

**Sponsor:**  
**Location:** Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library  
**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

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## *Special Events*

- **09/08/2018 | Eleventh Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air – Amateur Radio Contest**

Make sure to mark your calendar for the 2018 Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest – September 8, 2018 [OSPOTA.org](http://OSPOTA.org). The contest is always held on the first Saturday following the Labor Day holiday. Each year this event has grown, and we anticipate another year of growth with even more participating Amateur Radio Operators.

Let me remind you that the OSPOTA contest was conceived with three main goals in mind:

1. To promote public awareness of amateur radio and Ohio’s beautiful state parks system
2. To contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology
3. To promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio’s Amateur Radio Operators

Your participation has allowed these goals to be achieved. We agree it is a lot of fun to get out in a natural setting with your radio and see how well you can do at working operators in the beautiful Ohio State Parks. **This will be the eleventh annual OSPOTA – Make plans now to be active in OSPOTA 2018.**



The 2018 files are now being posted both on the OSPOTA web site and the OSPOTA Yahoo Group site. Don't forget – we have an OSPOTA Yahoo Group located at: [groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/OSPOTA/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/OSPOTA/info) The OSPOTA Yahoo Group page is used for messaging and sharing of information about OSPOTA for all the fans and participants in the OSPOTA contest. The Yahoo Group is where the action is. Also, since we do allow spotting to encourage more contacts during OSPOTA, Facebook is being used before and during the contest for instant updates and to share stories and photos.

As the contest draws near, we'll be posting on the OSPOTA Yahoo Group page the anticipated 'who's going to be at what Ohio State Park' or 'Planned Park' list as we have in past years. Send your planned park activation information to [PlannedParks@ospota.org](mailto:PlannedParks@ospota.org) . Please, include the call sign that will be used and the Ohio State Park you plan to be at. If your plans change, just let us know and we'll update the list.

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**Notes: Lake White State Park was still out of full opening** as of February 17, 2018. We'll keep an eye out and see if it will be re-opened in 2019. Even with all the repair work that has been accomplished, they are still having problems with water levels. Additionally, some Ohio State Parks are now being managed by local park systems, but they are still listed and considered to be Ohio State Parks according to ODNR (Quail Hollow & Tinkers Creek). OSPOTA Questions? Email: [INFO@ospota.org](mailto:INFO@ospota.org) When the OSPOTA contest is over, send Logs and Summary Sheets to: [Logs@ospota.org](mailto:Logs@ospota.org)

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

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

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**Contest Corner**

*(from arrl bulletins)*

**September 3**

- [MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint](#)

**September 4**

- [ARS Spartan Sprint](#)

**September 5**

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

**September 8**

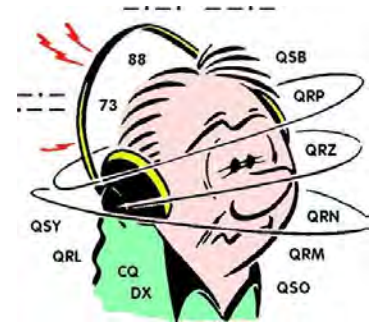
- **Ohio State Parks on the Air**  
*See listing above for full details*
- [ARRL VHF Contest](#)

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## ***DX This Week***

Yes, sunspots are an issue and Yes, propagation was not what it has been. However, there is some hope on the horizon. In the past 7 days, the following entities have appeared at the bottom of 80-meters around “grey line” – LU - Argentina, S7 - Seychelles, VK2 – SW Australia, A4 - Oman , ZL2 – New Zealand, 3D2 - Fiji, VK7 – Tasmania, Australia, ZL6 – North Island, New Zealand, and VP8 – Falkland Islands. The grey line is that area that separates daylight from darkness.



Propagation along the grey line is very efficient. One major reason for this is that the D layer, which absorbs HF signals, disappears rapidly on the sunset side of the grey line, and it has not yet built upon the sunrise side. As we move closer to the winter season, 80 will continue to improve. It will still be a few years until we can work 20 meters around the clock, but, there are stations to work!

K8DV reports that there has been a lot of 10-meter activity on FT8 in the afternoons and has worked over 30 states. I did work G - England, EA – Spain, and S5 – Slovenia on 10-meters last Tuesday at lunchtime. Keep your eyes open!

From “The Weekly DX” ([bernie@dailydx.com](mailto:bernie@dailydx.com)), we know of the following planned activity:

- ZL7 – Chatham Islands will be activated October 16 – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 4U – United Nations HQ is back on the air. The station was rebuilt, and the antennas were mounted.
- PY0F – Fernando de Noronha is active until the end of August.
- A5 – Bhutan will be active September 4 – 14

More details can be found at [www.dailydx.com](http://www.dailydx.com)

Let me know what you are hearing, working and what QSLs you have received! Also, questions or issues to discuss – [aj8b@arrl.net](mailto:aj8b@arrl.net)

More info can be found at [www.swodxa.org](http://www.swodxa.org) or [www.aj8b.com](http://www.aj8b.com)

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### ***Upcoming Hamfests***

#### **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>

### 11/03/2018 | GARC HAMFEST

Location: Georgetown, OH

Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://garcoho.net>

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

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## *Weather Underground and Ham Weather Stations*

Have you visited the webpage to see all the Weather Underground stations yet? I've just added several more reporting stations to the listing. This is really great we are growing every week.! Here's a link to it... <http://arrl-ohio.org/wus.html>



We're starting to get a really good collection of stations all over. I know that there is a lot more than what we have listed. How's about sharing your weather information with all of us! All that you need to do is send me your Weather Underground ID and your call sign and I'll take it from there. Sent it to: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com) I think this will be a lot of fun for sure!

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I want to let you in on something brand spanking new to the National Weather Service. Here in Northern Ohio the NWS is introducing a "Spring" and "Fall" Skywarn training session. As proposed, it's gonna' be really useful, and from the information that I've gotten on this new fall class, it will also deal with some of our winter time issues in Northern Ohio. You know, Lake Effect snow and some other unusual occurrence that happen only in our area!

Now here is how the classes are proposed to be scheduled, keep in mind, just because it is being introduced in Northern Ohio doesn't mean you folks from the southern end of the state can't join in as well. You are invited too, it's just gonna' be a lot further drive home for you. I think this idea is great! You'll now have the advantage to take both if you want.

This year Fall talks will be in the following counties:

- Wood
- Seneca
- Knox
- Cuyahoga
- Ashtabula
- Marion
- Ottawa
- Ashland
- Stark
- Mahoning
- Crawford, OH
- Huron
- Medina
- Geauga
- Erie, PA

The Spring 2019 talks will be held in the following counties:

- Lucas
- Sandusky
- Erie OH
- Lorain
- Portage
- Hancock
- Morrow
- Holmes
- Summit
- Trumbull
- Wyandot
- Richland
- Wayne
- Lake
- Crawford PA

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Christine Riley - Warning Coordination Meteorologist - National Weather Service - Cleveland, Ohio

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## ***Final.. Final..***



Hey Gang...

It's once again been a very busy for me! I've had fun visiting with all of you at club meetings and we even had a training session this past weekend for ARES Connect as well. I sure hope to be able to squeeze some time in this next weekend to work some of the Ohio QSO Party. Details are listed in this newsletter. You won't want to miss out on the fun for sure.

Now, on to some other items... It's time for you to get registered in the new ARES Connect system, if you haven't already. I did an audit the other day and found some errors that I would like to let you know about. First and most importantly, we want you to be honest when answering the questions about your training.

We know that you mean well by answering that you have the needed courses in, but we are checking to make sure that you are in our statewide database when we are completing your registration. If you're not there, you won't get credit for the courses and you'll most likely get an email from your EC wanting to know where they are. You see, he needs them too. Now, this is actually a double-edged sword.

Some of you have taken these courses and just haven't gotten copies of your certificates to us or your EC to enter into the database. Shame on you! As you can now see, it's going to be extremely important for you to be in our database if you want any of your volunteer time to count! So, how can you find out if you are there?

Easy, here's a link to our database,

<http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/special/ICS%20Complete%20by%20County%20and%20Name.pdf> it's by county so you'll have to look there first, or you can simply do a "FIND" and use your call sign or name. Either way, if you are there, great, no problems, if you aren't, you need to get to work and get those all-important copies of those certificates to us.

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.**

Now, don't forget that your ICS certificates aren't the only things we're looking for either, Basic or Advanced First Aid, CPR or AED training and Damage Assessment is 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 your home! And YES, my accident last year happened within that 25-mile radius. You need to be prepared! Oh yes, keep those NIMS courses coming... Let's see if we can get to **750** persons with all 4 of their NIMS courses in!

**openSPOT·2**



The whole world in your pocket.

Switching Gears... I've just been informed by Greg, WD9FTZ that there's going to be a brand new OpenSpot very soon on the market. According to the ad, it's supposed to be completely self-supporting, nothing else needed other than your radio. It's also going to be very small, so that you can fit it in your pocket if you want.

Unfortunately, they don't discuss the price, which could be a big gain or drawback for most hams,

especially since the other similar unit sells for just a little over \$100. Here's a link to the site....

<https://www.sharkrf.com/products/openspot2/learn-more/>

I can't think of a better place than right here to remind all of you with OpenSpots, DVMM's, ChinaSpots and similar devices to be very careful when setting up a frequency on which to operate on. There have been some reports that a few folks are operating where they really shouldn't be. It seems that they have been spotted operating in areas of the spectrum where they really shouldn't be!

Now, I realize that they are very low wattage devices (around 100 milliwatts or so), but we don't want you to get caught operating outside of where you should be either. Operating outside of where you are allowed to operate, even with that low of wattage, could get you into trouble. An OO could send you a card, or the FCC could knock on your door.

So, for those of you who don't seem to be familiar with Part 97 Rules, and where you can and cannot operate, I would strongly advise you to click on this link. >> [HERE](#) << It will take you to Part 97 where you really need to read it very carefully and I'm sure this will get you to see where you went wrong.

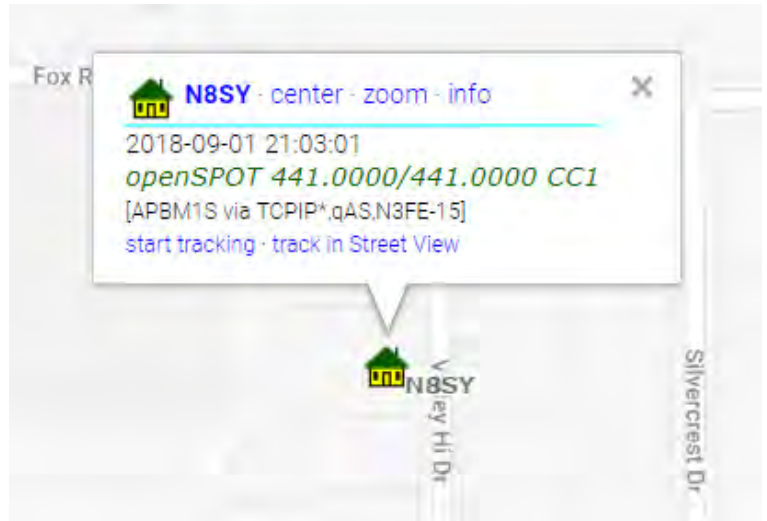
Now, how do we know where your little unit is operating at? I want to let you in on a new way of actually looking at all of the "OpenSpot" and similar devices that are on the air right now. The website is <https://aprs.fi>

This APRS application not only allows you to see all the APRS stuff, but you can see the OpenSpot and similar devices as well. It's a lot of fun looking around at all of these "various units" that are on the air at any given time. It does give a lot of detail on not only what you are running, but the color code and "frequency" that it is operating on as well.

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Here's a sample of just how it looks.

Ok, I used my own OpenSpot location to show you just how it appears. You can see that my OpenSpot is operating on 441.00 simplex, and it's using Color Code 1. Now, when you click on the "info" button on the top right side of this information box, it opens to a lot more information about your station as well.



Now you can see why you need to be careful where you put your OpenSpot or similar device. I was unaware until just recently that you could track these devices so easily. Oh, by the way, since this is APRS, it does have the capability if you use an OpenSpot or similar device with GPS turned on, to track you just like the APRS units do.

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

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



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### ***YL / XYL's - Who Has Been Licensed The Longest?***

Hey YL's / XYL's... Who among you has been licensed the longest! Now don't be shy about this. Ladies, I promise that I won't ask you your age, just how long have you been licensed. Send me the information [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)



*I do want to give John Levo, W8KIW, from the Monday Morning Memo a great big thanks for coming up with this wonderful idea! Thanks, so much John.*

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### ***Murphy's Law***

- Anything good in life is either illegal, immoral or fattening
- Never sleep with anyone crazier than yourself
- In case of doubt, make it sound convincing
- Never argue with a fool, people might not know the difference

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## Chit – Chat, and All That!

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



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



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

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



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

# SORRY FOLKS



**We've reached the end of PostScript!**

**We'll be back next week with  
another great edition...**

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