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An old saying has manifested itself in my life: “The hurrier I go, the behinder I get”. I probably only have myself to blame, perhaps I need to learn how to say “no” more often. While I was looking forward to the Great Lakes Division Convention that was supposed to be this weekend, I’ll hopefully be using the time to catch up on a few things that I know I’m behind on. I want to thank the Kentucky Section, and most especially the Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky for all their hard work to make the Convention happen. I believe that in a different time it would have been the “Premier” event for hams in the Great Lakes Division. I also believe they made the right call #1 because of COVID concerns and restrictions and #2 for not wanting to go forward with an event that ultimately would have been less than spectacular! I want to encourage the Hams of Ohio to travel to the next KY Colonels hamfest and check it out. I know you won’t be disappointed.

I also want to make the case for OH Section Hams to “visit” clubs other than their own. Since stepping in to the Section Manager’s position on January 1 of this year I have discovered a couple of very interesting things. Ohio is a BIG state. We’ve got big cities and lots of small, rural communities. We’ve got mountains, flatland, lakes, rivers, islands. We’ve got history and lots of contemporary activities and events. And we’ve also got a lot of hams and ham radio clubs. On a state-by-state basis, Ohio has the 5th largest number of active Amateur Radio licensees in the nation. On an ARRL Section basis, The OH Section is the largest in the organization! The Dayton Hamvention (Sorry, I just can’t make the disconnect there) is the largest gathering of Hams in the nation, and has been for over 50 years now.

So here's what I want you to do: First off, make your plans to attend Hamvention – May 20-22, 2022. I have a feeling this “Return to Hamvention” after the past two years is going to be something *really special* and will not be something to be missed! Besides, if you are a ham in OH and you have never been to Hamvention, you really need to get there. Period. (Anyone who has been to Hamvention will back me up on that.)
<https://hamvention.org> .

Second, I want you to get to know other Hams in the section. Pick out a couple other clubs, find out when their meetings or activities are, and just show up. I'm guessing that you will find the other clubs, and the Hams in those clubs to be a pretty good group of people who will be just as happy to meet you as you are to meet them. I've been able to get to know a lot of the Hams in OH and I will say I am impressed with how friendly and diverse a group of people we are. I've also met a lot of folks who are *really smart* and *really engaged* in the Amateur Radio hobby. Get out there and get to know the other OH Section Hams – you won't be disappointed.

Finally, I hope you're all aware of Ohio House Bill 283 – AKA the “distracted driving” bill. I'm asking you all to contact your local representative and ask that the bill be passed, ALONG with the latest amendment to the bill which is a “carve out” for Amateur Radio. The bill is important. As of August 31st 2021, there had been 856 confirmed motor vehicle fatalities in the state of OH. Round that off to an annual rate of 1000 and that would be 20,000 people killed on the highways of Ohio over the past 20 years. By comparison, the number of Americans killed in Afghanistan over the past 20 years is approximately 2500. In the Month of September 2021 there were another 39 people killed on the Highways of Ohio (in 31 separate counties). Our roads and highways are a dangerous place and “distracted” drivers are the worst offenders.

If you ask, “Isn't Ham Radio it's own form of distraction?” the answer is yes, but.... Everything is a distraction. Some are way worse than others. Cellphones and text messaging are the worst distractions. Texting is obvious, because it takes your eyes off the road. Cellphone conversations are a different type of communication than two-way radio communications. A cellphone conversation is a “duplex” form of communication – you can talk and listen at the same time. A two-way radio conversation is a “simplex” form of communication – you are either talking or listening, but not both. That has a huge impact on your attention to the operation of your vehicle. It makes sense.

Finally, I would ask you to take a personal stance in being concerned about the number of people killed on the highways. Be aware of, and follow, the traffic laws – most especially Stop-signs and lights, lane restrictions, and speed limits. If people would do this, it would make a considerable improvement in our fatality rates. But, you can only be responsible for your own driving habits. You can't change the people around you on the road. Don't get upset. Just concentrate on yourself. That's enough to make a difference. Let the public see, that when a car with an antenna on it goes by, they can know that the driver is paying attention to the road and the other travelers on it. Let them know we deserve the “carve out” in the law!

The next time you see Michael Kalter – W8CI – tell him “thank you” for all the work he has done to influence and support the Ham Radio carve out in HB283.

73,

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ARRL Learning Network Webinars

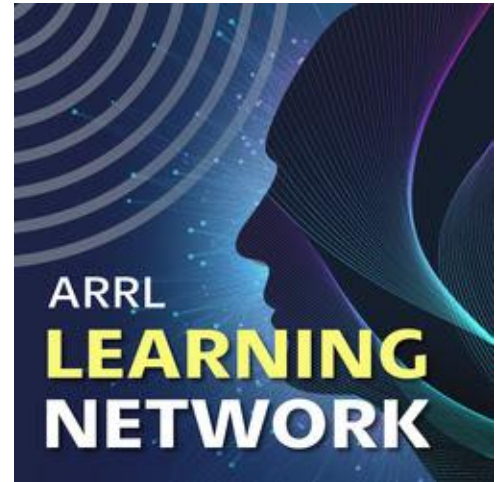
Visit the [ARRL Learning Network](#) (a members-only benefit) to register, check on upcoming webinars, and to view previously recorded sessions.

ARRL members may register for upcoming presentations and view previously recorded [Learning Network](#) webinars. ARRL-affiliated radio clubs may also use the recordings as presentations for club meetings, mentoring new and current hams, and discussing amateur radio topics.

Working the Pileup, presented by Ron Delpiere-Smith, KD9IPO / Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 1:00 pm EDT (1700 UTC)

Ron Delpiere-Smith, KD9IPO, Vice President of the Chicago Suburban Radio Association and an ARRL Assistant Section Manager in Illinois, will offer an enlightening discussion on working a pileup from both sides of the contact. Whether your interest lies in ARRL Field Day, contesting, special events, or rare DX, this is a must-see presentation. Ron will discuss search-and-pounce and running techniques, when to use them, and some tips on working them to your advantage.

The [ARRL Learning Network](#) schedule is subject to change.



ARISS Seeks Hosts for Ham Radio Contacts with Space Station Crew

Starting on October 1, Amateur Radio on the International Space Station ([ARISS](#)) will accept applications from US schools, museums, science centers, and community youth organizations (individually or working together) interested in hosting amateur radio contacts with crew members on the International Space Station (ISS). Contacts will be scheduled between July 1 and December 31, 2022. Crew scheduling and ISS orbits will determine the exact contact dates. ARISS is looking for organizations that will draw a sizeable number of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan.



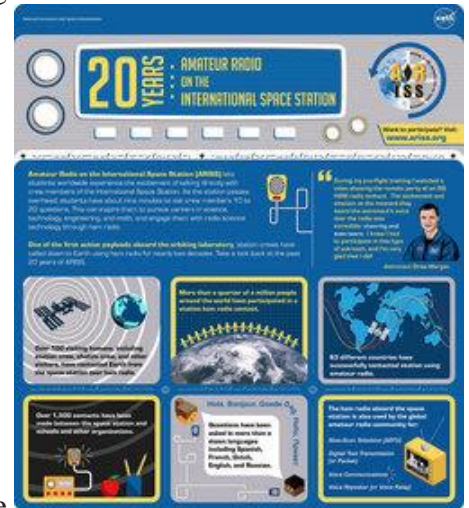
The deadline to submit is November 24. [Proposal information](#) and more details, including expectations, proposal guidelines, and a proposal form are on the ARISS-US website. An ARISS introductory webinar session will be held on October 7 at 8 PM ET (2400 UTC). [Sign up](#) for the webinar via Eventbrite.

Each year, ARISS provides tens of thousands of students with opportunities to learn about space technologies and communications through amateur radio. Crew members aboard the ISS will participate in scheduled amateur radio contacts. These contacts are approximately 10 minutes long and allow students to interact with the astronaut through a question-and-answer session.

The program offers learning opportunities by connecting students to orbiting astronauts through a partnership that includes ARRL, AMSAT, and NASA, as well as other amateur radio organizations, and space agencies in Russia, Canada, Japan, and Europe. The program's goal is to inspire students to pursue interests and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as amateur radio.

"Educators overwhelmingly report that student participation in the ARISS program stimulates interest in STEM subjects and in STEM careers," ARISS said in their announcement regarding the contact opportunities. ARISS says enthusiasm sparked by a school contact may also lead to an interest in ham radio among students and to the creation of ham radio clubs in schools. Some educators have even become radio amateurs after experiencing a contact with an ISS crew member.

ARRIS is celebrating 20 years of continuous amateur radio operations on the ISS. [Contact](#) ARISS-US for additional information.



The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Sunspot activity was up over the past week, with the average daily sunspot number rising from 28.7 to 59.4, and average daily solar flux up 11.4 points to 89.8.

The noon 10.7-centimeter solar flux was 101.6 on Wednesday, September 29, the highest value since December 3, 2020, when it was 102.9.

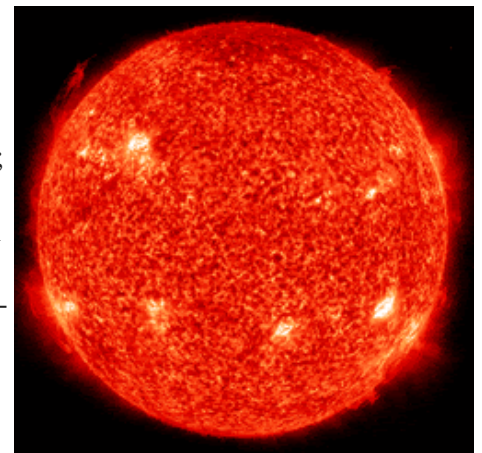
Geomagnetic indicators were quiet, with average daily planetary A index values declining from 9.1 to 7.3, and average middle latitude A index from 8.4 to 6.3.

Predicted solar flux is 100, 105, 110, and 105 on September 30 - October 3; 95, 90, and 85 on October 4 - 6; 74 on October 7 - 9; 78 on October 10 - 12; 80 on October 13; 84, on October 14 - 15; 86 on October 16 - 17; 88 on October 18 - 22; 86 on October 23 - 25; 84 on October 26; 80 on October 27 - 29; 78 on October 30 - 31; 76 on November 1, and 74 on November 2 - 5.

Predicted planetary A index is 12, 24 and 10 on September 30 - October 2; 5 on October 3 - 9; 12 on October 10; 5 on October 11 - 17; 10, 12, 10, and 8 on October 18 - 21; 5 on October 22 - 23; 18, 15, and 12 on October 24 - 26; 5 on October 27 - 30; 8 on October 31; 12 on November 1, and 5 on November 2 - 5.

Sunspot numbers for September 23 - 29 were 75, 75, 38, 67, 30, 57, and 74, with a mean of 59.4. The 10.7-centimeter flux was 89.7, 88.4, 88.4, 86.3, 85.3, 88.9, and 101.6, with a mean of 89.8. Estimated planetary A indices were 11, 8, 7, 3, 7, 10, and 5, with a mean of 7.3. Middle latitude A index was 10, 6, 7, 2, 6, 9, and 4, with a mean of 6.3.

A comprehensive K7RA Solar Update is posted Fridays on the ARRL website. For more information concerning radio propagation, [visit](#) the ARRL Technical Information Service, [read](#) "What the Numbers Mean...," and [check out](#) the Propagation Page of Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA.



ARRL, RSGB Announce Joint Events to Celebrate Centenary of Ham Radio Transatlantic Success

ARRL and the Radio Society of Great Britain will jointly sponsor events to celebrate the achievement of transatlantic communications by radio amateurs 100 years ago.

In December 1921, ARRL sent Paul F. Godley, 2ZE, as its representative to listen for amateur signals from North America during the Second Transatlantic Tests. Setting up his listening station in Ardrossan, on the west coast of Scotland, Godley received the signals of more than 2 dozen US amateur radio stations, the first on December 12 (UTC) from 1BCG in Connecticut, operated by members of the Radio Club of America. The message read: "Nr 1 NY ck 12 to Paul Godley, Ardrossan, Scotland. Hearty Congratulations. (Signed) Burghard Inman Grinan Armstrong Amy Cronkhite."

These successful transatlantic tests and the ones that followed spurred technological advances and new global wireless distance records. Several amateur radio operating events this year and next will commemorate the centenary of these significant milestones that heralded the dawn of two-way international amateur radio communication.

ARRL and RSGB will activate special event stations for 6 hours (0200 - 0800 UTC) on December 12 for the 160-meter Transatlantic Centenary QSO Party. RSGB will activate GB2ZE from Scotland, with a team of stations from the GMDX Group sharing operating duties. ARRL will activate W1AW. The stations will operate only on CW. If transatlantic propagation holds up, the stations may continue to operate beyond 0800 UTC.



The GMDX Group of Scotland will award a *quaich* -- a traditional Scottish drinking cup representing friendship -- to the first stations in North America and the UK to complete contacts with both W1AW and GB2ZE during the QSO party. A commemorative certificate will be available for download.

RSGB and ARRL are also organizing an international amateur radio marathon on the HF bands to commemorate transatlantic tests held between 1921 and 1923. The Transatlantic Centenary Marathon will take place in December 2022. The objective will be to mark these historic events by encouraging all radio amateurs to get on the air. Event details are pending.

ARRL and RSGB have assembled a list of stations and groups that are also organizing events and activities to celebrate 100 years of amateur radio transatlantic communication. For more information, visit arrl.org/transatlantic and rsgb.org/transatlantic-tests. The sites also include links to many previously published articles and presentations covering the historic tests.

Additional events and commemorations include:

- **Radio Club of America (RCA) Transatlantic QSO Party**, 1200 UTC on November 13 to 0400 UTC on November 14, 2021 (16 hours total). The QSO party commemorates the contribution of members of the Radio Club of America who constructed and operated the 1BCG transmitter site in Greenwich, Connecticut, that sent the first message received by Paul Godley, 2ZE, in Scotland.
- **W1AW Commemorative Transatlantic QSL Card**. Stations making contact with the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, W1AW, between December 11, 2021, and December 31, 2022, qualify to receive a commemorative W1AW QSL card. US stations should QSL with a self-addressed, stamped envelope; international stations should QSL via the Bureau.
- **The 2021 ARRL 160-Meter Contest**, 2200 UTC on December 3 - 1559 UTC on December 5. This 42-hour, CW-only contest is most similar to the original Transatlantic Tests of the early 1920s. Stations in the US and Canada work each other as well as DXCC entities. RSGB is planning to activate one of the original call signs used in the Transatlantic Tests, with up to seven different prefixes from the UK and Crown Dependencies. Look for G6XX (England); GD6XX (Isle of Man); GI6XX (Northern Ireland); GJ6XX (Jersey); GM6XX (Scotland); GU6XX (Guernsey), and GW6XX (Wales).
- **Special Event GB1002ZE**, December 1 - 26, 2021. The Crocodile Rock Amateur Group (CRAG) based near Ardrossan, Scotland, will activate the special event station GB1002ZE to commemorate the successful reception of amateur transatlantic signals by Paul Godley, 2ZE, in 1921. The RSGB encourages stations in the UK and Crown Dependencies to append the suffix "/2ZE" to their station's normal call sign throughout the period, as authorized by UK regulator Ofcom.

Registration Opens for US Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships

[Registration](#) is now open for the 2021 US and IARU Region 2 Championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), set for October 13 - 17. Competition venues will be near Asheboro, North Carolina. Postponed from 2020, these championships will be conducted in accordance with CDC COVID-19 guidelines.



"The US ARDF Championships are an ideal opportunity to watch and learn from the best radio-orientees in the US," said ARRL ARDF Co-coordinator Charles Scharlau, NZ0I. "Winners who qualify by citizenship or residence may be selected for positions on ARDF Team US, which will travel to Serbia for the 2022 ARDF World Championships."

Wednesday, October 13, will be a model event for equipment testing and a competitor briefing. Thursday, October 14, will be devoted to the [Sprint](#) championship, a short course with 12-second fox transmissions instead of the usual 60 seconds.

Classic 2-meter and 80-meter competitions will take place on Friday and Sunday. Between the days of classic competitions will be [Foxoring](#), a combination of radio direction-finding and classic orienteering, held on Saturday morning. An outdoor pizza picnic will be held on Saturday evening. Presentation of medals for foxoring, sprint, and Friday's classic event take place at the picnic. Awards for Sunday's Classic competition will be presented immediately after the competition.

Three optional practice days are planned for Sunday through Tuesday, October 10 - 12, just prior to the championships. A practice event on Sunday in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, will provide the experience of a full ARDF course in a friendly environment, with the clock as the only opponent. The practices on Monday and Tuesday will be held in Durham, North Carolina, and will offer informal sessions in which the participants help with setting the transmitters in the woods.

Experienced radio orienteers and event organizers from the Backwoods Orienteering Klub ([BOK](#)) will organize the 2021 US and IARU Region 2 Championships. An [email reflector](#) is available for questions and answers with the organizers, as well as for coordinating transportation and arranging equipment loans. -- Thanks to Joe Moell, KOOV Read [an expanded version](#).



Postponed in 2020, the 2021 ARDF USA Championships will take place October 13 - 17 in North Carolina.

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 sent it to: 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



JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Sunday October 17th
10AM – 4PM

Orange Village Fire Dept.

Rear Lot

4600 Lander Rd. Orange Village, OH 44022

DONATION OF \$5 PER PERSON SUGGESTED

(OFFSETS COST OF LUNCH AND PATCHES)

LUNCH PROVIDED (HOT DOG, POP, CHIPS)

Scouts will be given demonstrations of various types of voice and digital amateur radio communications methods. Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers, including girls. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically involves talking on a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication may also be taking place, such as video communication, digital communication (much like sending a message on your smartphone but transmitted by radio), or communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater). The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2017 JOTA-JOTI had over 1.5 million Scout participants from more than 160 countries.

SIGN UP AT www.n8esg.org/jota

JOTA PATCHES

Patches given to the first
25 attendees



K9 DEMO AT 10 AM

K9 Search Demonstration
by North Central Ohio K-9
Search & Rescue



COMMS TRUCK TOUR

Tour and OPERATE from
inside the Chagrin Valley
Dispatch HAVOC-1
Communications Vehicle



Contact with
questions:
info@n8esg.org

Cooperative Statewide AR Licensing Classes

Many local Amateur Radio clubs often run licensing classes. These are very important to maintaining and increasing the number of licensed hams in the US. They also play an important role in the recruitment of new members into local clubs. Quite often these classes have only a minimum number of attendees in comparison to the amount of work put in by the club members that teach the classes. They have to find (sometimes also pay rent for) a place for the class and handle other aspects of teaching.

COVID has also been a factor complicating in-person classes. Last year our club, Cuyahoga Falls ARC-

www.cfarc.org) decided to take our Tech and General Licensing Classes online. We used Google Meet for online conferencing and Google Classroom to manage the class, distribute materials, provide sample quizzes, share resources, etc. We had a combination of local students, wider-ranging Ohio students and students from three other states. We will be doing this again this year and would like to involve your local club.

Our plan is to do our usual local recruitment of students for the classes but we would also like to enlist your local club's help in



recruiting candidates from your local area. The big difference is we will refer any students from your area of the state to your local club for membership and most importantly in-person mentoring (Elmering). Even if you do not refer to them, if we have students from your area we would like to know that we can refer them to you for membership and Elmering.

What we would like you to do:

1. Advertise our classes in your newsletter, nets and local media
2. Let us know that you are interested in getting referrals to your club
3. Take an active role in getting these new licensees on the air and acclimated with Amateur Radio operations

What we will do:

1. Provide free online Tech and General Class Licensing instruction
2. Accommodate students from around Ohio and US of all ages
3. Welcome resources, handouts, recordings, guest lecturers, etc. from other clubs
4. Provide a sample news release you can modify for your local media
5. Refer all students completing the classes to radio clubs and VECs in their local area
6. Advertise the class on ARRL website and locally

The Tech License classes will begin Sunday, Oct 10th and run for six weeks. Classes are 1:30 to 4:00 PM and all students must pre-register. The General License classes are not yet scheduled but will run in January/February 2022

Resources/Links

- Class Info- [link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQU9aeMBjS5jeJn_Zz5bpxiFNKOdGkGePYGbXe_hk96aE2iabOZWtFcn4ONEdqMw sdnR6KTUQ4_jWNK/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000) (https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQU9aeMBjS5jeJn_Zz5bpxiFNKOdGkGePYGbXe_hk96aE2iabOZWtFcn4ONEdqMw sdnR6KTUQ4_jWNK/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000)
- Class Registration- [link](http://tiny.cc/cfarc-tech) (http://tiny.cc/cfarc-tech)
- Sample News Release (a Google Doc that will make a copy and you can edit for your local media)- [link](#)
- Contact Information
 - Anthony Luscre, K8ZT k8zt@arrl.net 330-650-1110
 - Jim Grover, N8PZL n8pzl@arrl.net 330 928-8921

Please contact us if interested in participating k8zt@arrl.net

VE Session

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

Lake County Amateur Radio Association (LCARA)

Saturday December 4

All exams start at noon and are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Rd. Kirtland, OH

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

Starting on August 7th, PCARS will resume VE testing 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.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at KB8UUZ@gmail.com

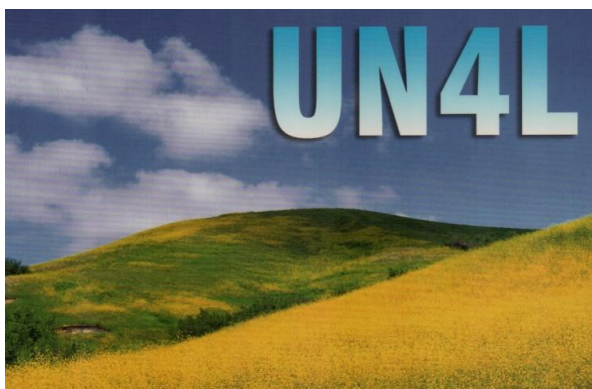
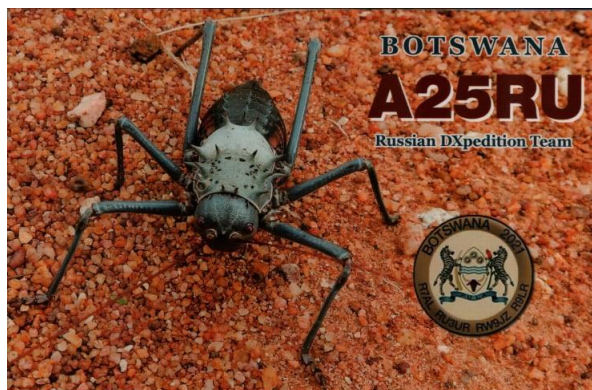
On behalf of the VE team at PCARS, we all look forward to getting the VE testing going again and look forward to seeing you there – The first Saturday of every even numbered month -10 am – at the PCARS club site in Ravenna.

Your Club news should be listed here!

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

DX This Week – W4DXCC
Bill AJ8B (aj8b@arrl.net, @AJ8B, or www.aj8b.com)
CWOPs Member #1567

I received a card from the A25RU DXPedtion to Botswana, the same group from Mozambique operating as C92RU, and then from UN4L – Perminov in Katakhsan. What did you get?





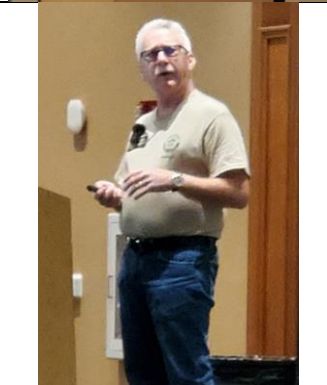

Once again, K8DV, Dave has received a great card and passed it along. This confirms a July 6 meter QSO with the British Virgin Islands. Thanks Dave!



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This past week was the W4DXCC convention sponsored by the SouthEast Dx and Contesting group. (SEDCO) There were two days of fun! There are three differences between this DX convention and others that I have attended. First, there is no “Flea Market”. Secondly, the vendors that are present are there to just answer questions and let you try things. They can’t even take orders! I was able to try several Vibroplex paddles a couple of years which really helped me to decide on the model that was best for me. Finally, the third difference is that the first day is a “bootcamp”, specifically designed for “newbies”. It is a great day with lots of discussion and interesting topics. This year, the bootcamp line up was:

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:00	Welcome & Introduction	Kevin Jones – W8KJ 

12:15	Propagation and the Gray Line	Jim Storms - AB8YK	
13:30	LOTW and Basic use of N3FJP Logging Software -	Bob Cieszanski - ND7J	
14:45	Bonding and Grounding Your Station, Tower etc.	Gary Wise - W4EEY	

The bootcamp was well attended with approximately 65 hams attending. There were also many door prizes given away and of great conversation.

The second day was a variety of topics for anyone interested in DX or Contesting. That lineup was:

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30	Introduction, Pledge, Administrative details	Dave Anderson - K4SV
8:45	DXing During a Contest	Bill Salyers - AJ8B
9:50	Parks On The Air (POTA) Everything You Need to Know	Rick Parent - W0ZAP
10:55	What You Don't Know About Powerline Interference	Mike Martin - K3RFI
13:30	Rig-In-A-Box Live Demonstration of How it Works on a DXpedition*	Gregg Marco - W6IZT and Hal Turley - W8HC

14:35	Youth On The Air (YOTA) in IARU Region 2	Sterling Mann - N0SSC
15:40	VP8PJ DXPedition to South Orkney	Gene Spinelli - K5GS
18:30	Banquet and Prizes!!	

*The Rig in a box is a revolutionary concept that may change the cost and approach to future DXPeditions. It was first shown in public at the W8DXCC convention. The first time it has been used except for the testing was at the W4DXCC convention. Thanks to Gregg and Hal.

It was a solid line up. The Saturday session was well attended with over 150 hams attending the dinner. If you have an interest in DXing and/or Contesting, you should consider the W4DXCC convention next year.

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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:

3B8 – Mauritius - Originally G0VJG, Nobby was going back to 8Q with the 8Q7CQ callsign, September 28 to October 13, his third trip there. But...he is switching the plan to Mauritius. The dates have also shifted, now October 2-16 and he is waiting for the license to come through. Nobby figures the odds are about 50-50 due to short notice. The authority has accepted the application; he's waiting for approval. We'll see. As we reported in late May, he has an FT-450D or FT-857 and JUMA KW amp to an HF6V Butternut vertical and a dipole. QSL direct via M0OXO or OQRS.

SV/A Mount Athos - SV1RP, George, and several others are heading to the Koutloumousiou Holy Monastery on Mt. Athos. Plans are to install a couple of antennas and for SV2RSG/A to be QRV again by the end of the month. No other details, at the moment.

PJ5 - St. Eustatius - PJ5/W5JON will be on the air October 23 to November 1 with a Yaesu FT- 891, Elecraft KPA-500 amplifier, 40/30 dipole and 20-6 rotatable dipole. Those are the bands he plans to cover, 40-6, SSB and FT8, including the CQWW event, single operator all band SSB, October 30-31.

C6A – Bahamas - A group, including W6IZT, KN4EEI, W8HC, N1DG, NA7RY and AA7JV are going to Wood Cay, station C6AGU, for the CQ WW CW and the ARRL 160M Contest that are at the end of November and the first weekend of December. Their activity between the weekends will mostly be on the low bands. With covid often causing changes in travel plans, they note this is all preliminary. The radios will be six "RIBs" and high power, verticals for 160-10 three VDAs and a new 40-10 vertical dipole. It's CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via HA7RY, or Club Log or LoTW. AA7JV, George, says it's a continuation of testing the RIBs. <https://www.qrz.com/db/c6agu>

HS – Thailand - SM6NT, Lars, is planning to go back to winter over as HS0ZME from November 9 to April 5. QSL direct or via the bureau.

The ARRL has a new updated LoTW user guide to help you "get going with Logbook of The World"

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/LoTW%20Instructions/LoTW-New-User-Guide.pdf>

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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.

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

Thanks!

Oct. 6	432 MHz Fall Sprint	http://svhfs.org/wp
Oct. 6	UKEICC 80m Contest SSB	https://bit.ly/2SDPqQQ
Oct. 6	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
Oct. 7	SARL 80m QSO Party	http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
Oct. 8-10	Nevada QSO Party	http://nvqso.com/contest-rules
Oct. 8-10	YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	https://ylrl.org/wp/dx-na-yl-contest
Oct. 9	QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	www.qrparci.org/contests
Oct. 9	Microwave Fall Sprint	http://svhfs.org/wp
Oct. 9-10	Arizona QSO Party	www.azqsoparty.org
Oct. 10	10-10 Intl. 10-10 Day Sprint	http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc
Oct. 10	UBA ON 80M CW Contest	https://bit.ly/3kKYKzj
Oct.9-10	Cosack's Honor VHF/UHF Contest	http://cshonor-vhf.ho.ua/eng1.html
Oct. 9-10	Makrothen RTTY Contest	http://bit.ly/2uZd6oF
Oct. 9-10	Oceania CW DX Contest	www.oceaniadxcontest.com
Oct. 9-10	Pennsylvania QSO Party	http://paqso.org
Oct. 9-10	PODSX 070 Club 160M Great Pumpkin Sprint	http://bit.ly/2RUkcE6
Oct. 9-10	Scandinavian SSB Activity Contest	www.sactest.net/blog
Oct. 9-10	South Dakota QSO Party	https://sdqsoparty.com
Oct. 13	RSGB Autumn Series Data	https://bit.ly/3p4eShW
Oct. 13	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
Oct. 16	Feld Hell Spooky Sprint	https://bit.ly/3g8gpxD
Oct. 16-17	10-10 Intl. Fall CW Contest	http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc

Oct. 16-17	Araucaria World Wide VHF Contest	www.avhfc.com/rules/en.pdf
Oct. 16-17	New York QSO Party	www.nyqp.org
Oct.16-17	JARTS WW RTTY Contest	http://jarts.jp/rules2021.html
Oct. 16-17	Worked All Germany Contest	http://bit.ly/2uDQRSV
Oct. 17	Asia-Pacific CW Sprint	http://jsfc.org/apsprint
Oct. 17	RSGB RoLo CW Contest	https://bit.ly/3xJDZtO
Oct 17	UBA ON 2M Phone/CW Contest	https://bit.ly/3kKYKzj
Oct. 17	Illinois QSO Party	https://w9awe.org/ilqp
Oct. 18	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	http://bit.ly/3mCNXXH
Oct. 18-22	ARRL School Club Roundup	http://bit.ly/MaLmBs
Oct. 20	AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	http://bit.ly/2WB74qy
Oct. 23-24	ARRL EME Contest	www.arrl.org/eme-contest
Oct. 23-24	North American SSB Sprint Contest	https://ssbsprint.com/rules
Oct. 23-24	Stew Perry Topband Distance Challenge	www.kkn.net/stew/stew_rules.html
Oct. 23-24	UK/EI DX Contest	www.ukeicc.com/dx-contest-rules.php
Oct. 24-25	Telephone Pioneers QSO Party	http://tpqso.tparca.org
Oct.24-25	Fall Classic Exchange CW	www.classicexchange.org
Oct. 26-27	Fall Classic Exchange CW	www.classicexchange.org
Oct. 27	UKEICC 80m CW	https://bit.ly/2SDPqQQ
Oct. 28	RSGB Autumn Series SSB	https://bit.ly/3p4eShW
Oct. 30-31	CQWW DX SSB Contest	www.cqww.com/index.htm
Nov. 27-28	CQWW DX CW Contest	www.cqww.com/index.htm

Upcoming Hamfests

We **DO** have some hamfests scheduled for 2021!! Yes, take a good look at the list, it's growing every day!



10/02/2021 - 10th Annual Vette City Hamfest, CANCELED!
ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention

Location: Bowling Green , KY
Sponsor: Kentucky Colonels Amateur Radio Club
Website: <https://ky4bg.com>
[Learn More](#)

10/09/2021 - [Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club \(NWOARC\) hamfest – CANCELED!](#)
Location: Westminster, OH
Sponsor: NWOARC, Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.nwoarc.com>

11/06/2021 - [GARC Hamfest](#)
Location: Georgetown, OH
Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club
[Learn More](#)

10/31/2021 - [Massillon \(Ohio\) Hamfest](#)
Location: Green, OH **Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://w8np.org>
[Learn More](#)

12/04/2021 - [FCARC WinterFest](#)
Location: Delta, OH
Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://k8bxq.org/hamfest>
[Learn More](#)

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 consider this one of the most important questions I've put up here, so how about going to www.ARRL-OHIO.org and giving me a click? (It's in the bottom left corner of the page) I'll have more to say about this in the next OH Section Journal!



“Have you worked an ATNO (all time new one) in the last 60 days?”

From the last Poll: ***“Have you ever built a working Amateur Radio Transceiver?”***

Out of 106 responses, it broke out to 50/50 with 53 yes's and 53 no's. Building is a HUGE part of the Amateur Radio tradition. Ask for help if you have to – but Build Something!

Ohio Section Cabinet

Section Manager – Tom Sly, WB8LCD	Section Traffic Manager – David Maynard, WA3EZN
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Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK	Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Tom Sly, WB8LCD
State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU	Public Information Coordinator – John Ross, KD8IDJ



Hey Gang,

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

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

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

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much

space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: swap@arrlohio.org

Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website? You can go back and look at any edition simply by clicking:
<http://arrl-ohio.org/news/index.html>



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://arrl-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@arrl-ohio.org

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@arrl-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://arrl-ohio.org/news/>

The pictures on the front page and throughout this newsletter 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 in the Ohio Section News!!”



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!