



# *Columbus Day Edition*

→ [National News](#)

→ [One Question Questionnaire](#)

→ [Club Corner](#)

→ [DX This Week](#)

→ [Upcoming Hamfests](#)

→ [Final.. Final..](#)



---

**National News and Other Items**  
(from arrl bulletins and other sources)

**More Discussion on the Issue of Uncertified Imported VHF/UHF Transceivers**



ARRL has taken a minor exception to the wording of a September 24 [FCC Enforcement Advisory](#) pertaining to the importation, marketing and sale of VHF and UHF transceivers and is in discussion with FCC personnel to resolve the matter. The *Enforcement Advisory* was in response to the importation into the US of certain radio products that are not FCC certified for use in any radio service, but identified as Amateur Radio equipment.

“While much of this equipment is actually usable on Amateur bands, the radios are also capable of operation on non-amateur frequencies allocated to radio services that require the use of equipment that has been FCC-certified,” ARRL said. “Such equipment is being marketed principally to the general public via mass e-marketers and not to Amateur Radio licensees.” ARRL said the upshot is that the general public has been purchasing these radios in large quantities, and they are being used on the air by unlicensed individuals. “

“Radio amateurs have complained of increased, unlicensed use of amateur allocations by people who are clearly unlicensed and unfamiliar with Amateur radio operating protocols,” ARRL said. But while it supports the general tenor and intent of the

Enforcement Advisory, ARRL said it disagrees with the FCC on one point.

“In several places, the *Enforcement Advisory* makes the point that ‘anyone importing, advertising or selling such noncompliant devices should stop immediately, and anyone owning such devices should not use them,’” ARRL pointed out. “The Advisory broadly prohibits the ‘use’ of such radios, but our view is that there is no such prohibition relative to licensed Amateur Radio use — entirely within amateur allocations — of a radio that may be capable of operation in non-amateur spectrum, as long as it is not actually used to *transmit* in non-amateur spectrum. ARRL has had extensive discussions about this issue with FCC Wireless Bureau and Enforcement Bureau staff, and those discussions are ongoing.

“It is important to protect the flexibility of the Amateur Service as essentially an experimental radio service, but it is also very important to stop the unlawful importation and marketing of illegal radios in the United States and the use of those radios by unlicensed persons,” ARRL maintained. “We will keep our members informed as our discussions with FCC on this subject continue.”

#####

**Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)**

(from Rosalie White, K1STO)

- Sep 6: Students at Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School in Santa Ana, CA had a successful ARISS radio contact with Ricky Arnold who answered 25 questions. Over 500 people were in the audience and the Santa Ana school district streamed the action to another 1,000 students in classrooms.



Attendees represented Congressman Lou Correa's office and the Satellite Educators Association, ARRL officials came from Orange County and Los Angeles County, and Liam Kennedy of ISS Above was assisting. News stories were in Spanish and English; students are 98% Hispanic. The school's name honors the Mendez family, who in 1947, won an injunction ordering desegregation of the school district, which led to the US Court of Appeals' order to all California schools to desegregate. An ARISS volunteer, who is the AIAA STEM K-12 outreach chair, aided faculty with ARISS-related activities beginning last June. Students designed, built, and tested rockets and took field trips to: California Science Center's Space Shuttle Exhibit, Santa Ana College Planetarium, Lucerne Dry Lake for a rocket launch, UC-Irvine chemistry and physics labs and the Reach for the Stars National Rocketry Challenge. A school wireless radio club was set up and youth experimented with electronics kits, listened to ham satellite transmissions, learned about digital communications, radio waves, light waves, sound waves, the electromagnetic spectrum, and ham emergency communications.

News stories are at:

<http://newsroom.ocde.us/santa-ana-students-ask-astronaut-about-life-on-the-international-space-station-during-live-stream/>

<https://www.telemundo52.com/fotosyvideos/Estudiantes-se-comunican-con-estacion-espacial-TLMD---Los-Angeles-492629831.html>

<https://vimeo.com/288644883?ref=em-v-share>

A good video is at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q\\_Liv9IZNcw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_Liv9IZNcw)

The photo below: Mendez students in the limelight.



- Sep 4: Staff who are supporting an ARISS contact later this year for the **Tallmadge Community Learning Center in Lancaster OH**, sent photos of student preparations for their radio contact. Two photos below show students' exhibits in the Center's hall of fame; the last photo is of youth and adults taking part in the ARISS projects.

[TOP ^](#)



### Upcoming Events

- Sep 10: Students at the Colegio Del Sol, in San Miguel de Tucuman, Tucuman, Argentina are scheduled to speak with Serena Aunon-Chancellor during an ARISS contact.
- Sep 12: An ARISS contact will be supported by Ricky Arnold for the Walford Anglican School for Girls in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.



---

## One Question Questionnaire



Hey Gang

Wow... I am surprised a bit that only about half of you are actually going to review your fire escape plans with your family! I would have thought that number to be much higher, say around 95% of you!

Well, so much for that.. Now, lets see how you do with this next question..

### “Does your club have a designated “greeter” who meets non-member visitors at meetings??”

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.

---

## 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? Need help with a project? Send it to me. [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)



\*\*\*\*\*

## Help Wanted

I was asked to coordinate communications for a small 5k being hosted by the Solon Chamber of Commerce on **October 12th**. This 5k will be unique in that it's 7:30 PM in the evening. The race starts and ends at the Solon Public High School and the course will be lined with GLOW STICKS (Cool, right?)!

If you are interested in signing up, please feel free to reach out to me at [Andrew.L.Kahn@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.L.Kahn@gmail.com). I'm looking for 6 or 7 volunteers who are interested in Public Service.

\*\*\*\*\*

## 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.**

\*\*\*\*\*

[TOP ^](#)

## *FM Radio and Programming Clinic*

SARA is holding an FM radio and programming clinic for any licensed amateur on Saturday, **October 20th**. The clinic will be held 10 am to 12:30 pm 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 repeater etiquette, offsets/splits, CTCSS/PL, Digital Coded Squelch (DCS), Allstar, and Echolink
- 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. SARA's website has more information at <https://w8wky.org/clinic>.

\*\*\*\*\*

## *Technician Class Slated*

A six-week class to prepare for the Technician license will be held starting **November 1st**, on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.

The location is the Bowling Green FabLab in Woodland Mall. The only course material required is the ARRL License Manual- 4th edition. This can be obtained from ARRL at [arrl.org](http://arrl.org).

The course will end with a review and VE exam session on December 20th. For further information, contact Bob, N1RB, at: [boughton@bgsu.edu](mailto:boughton@bgsu.edu)

\*\*\*\*\*

## *Technician Classes forming*

The TMRA Education Committee has released the schedule for the Fall Technicians Class. The class schedule will follow our traditional style. Two classes held two weeks apart and a V.E. Testing Session after the final class. The Class is FREE, you will have to provide your own book, or one can be purchased from the TMRA (\$25.00). The testing session will cost \$15.00 which is the standard fee set by the ARRL.

Class one will be held on **Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>** from 08:00 TILL 17:00. Class two will be held on **Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>** from 08:00 TILL 17:00 (This includes the V.E.Session) Both classes will be held at Lucas County EMS Training Center - 2127 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo.

To Enroll in the Class, or for more Information please contact Steve Stalker, KC8TVW at 419-467-3734 or [kc8tvw@arrl.net](mailto:kc8tvw@arrl.net)

\*\*\*\*\*



## ***NEW HAMS SEMINAR “I GOT MY LICENSE, NOW WHAT?”***

Congratulations, you have studied and passed your element and received your first Amateur Radio License. NOW WHAT?

What Radio should I buy? Should I buy new or used Equipment? What Aspects of Ham Radio should I get involved in? What Activities should I get involved in? What Club should I join, or should I join one at all? And many other Questions.

Welcome to The HUGE world of Ham Radio, this hobby has so many aspects that the new Ham can explore. This 4-hour Seminar is designed to help you gain clarity and hopefully answer some of the questions new Hams have. We hold this Seminar two times a year, within a few weeks of the completion of our Spring and Fall Tech Class. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a **FREE** Seminar. There will be Equipment and experienced Hams on-site. Come on out and meet the Club Members and get a look at some of the radios and bring your questions. We will get them answered and help get you on the road to the world of Amateur Radio.

The Fall New Ham Seminar - **Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>** from 0800 till 1200. It may go past 12:00 if there's a lot of questions or if there's a good discussion going on a certain topic. We will meet at the Maumee Fire Station 2 - 450 west Dussel Drive, Maumee. Look for the Big Blue Water Tower, parking in the rear

\*\*\*\*\*

### ***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>

I've been asked to also include a link to the Kentucky EMA training calendar as well..

<https://kyem.ky.gov/training/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://sites.google.com/site/ccoemtraining/home>

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.

[TOP ^](#)

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.

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.**

\*\*\*\*\*

## V.E. Test Sessions

(from arrl)

10/11/2018 | [Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-3205](#)

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls ARC  
Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

10/11/2018 | [Milford OH 45150-1427](#)

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

10/12/2018 | [Maumee OH 43537-1628](#)

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

10/13/2018 | [Findlay OH 45840](#)

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club  
Location: Findlay Radio Clubhouse  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

10/13/2018 | [Huber Heights OH 45424-4143](#)

Sponsor: Huber Heights Amateur Radio Cl  
Location: The Forge  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

10/15/2018 | [Athens OH 45701-2059](#)

Sponsor: Athens Cty ARA  
Location: Red Cross Southeastern Ohio  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

10/16/2018 | [Sandusky OH 44870-1926](#)

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

10/17/2018 | [Akron OH 44301-2108](#)

Sponsor: Pioneer AR Fellowship  
Location: Firestone Park Community Center  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

10/20/2018 | [East Liverpool OH 43920-9486](#)

Sponsor: Triangle ARC  
Location: Glenmoore Volunteer Fire Station  
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

10/20/2018 | [Mansfield OH 44907-1502](#)

Sponsor: Inter-City ARC  
Location: Peoples Community Center  
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

10/21/2018 | [Elyria OH 44035-1343](#)

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

10/27/2018 | [Hamilton OH 45011](#)

Sponsor: Butler Cty ARA  
Location: Fairfield Twp Police Det  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
[Learn More](#)

\*\*\*\*\*



## Special Events

- **10/19/2018 | Commemorating 79th. Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
**Oct 19-Oct 21, 1402Z-1402Z, W8E, Loveland, OH.** United States Coast Guard Auxiliary District 8ER. 21.336 7.234. QSL. David Stroup, 6138 Misty Creek Dr., Loveland, OH 45140. [cgaux8@yahoo.com](mailto:cgaux8@yahoo.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

## ARRL Contest Corner



Want to know about ARRL contests? >> [Click Here](#) << for the latest information from ARRL about contests. A generic ARRL contest calendar is also provided there that gives the weekends for all our events, to assist with long-term planning of your contest operations. The Contest Corral files include non-ARRL events.

#####

## School Club Roundup

**When - October 15-19, 2018**

**Objective:** To exchange QSO information with club stations that are part of an elementary, middle, high school or college. Non-school clubs and individuals are encouraged to participate.

Sponsored by the ARRL, its Hudson Division Education Task Force and the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club (LIMARC) to foster contacts with and among school radio clubs.



Award certificates will be issued for the following US and DX categories: **Schools:** Elementary, Middle/Intermediate/Junior High School, High School and College/University, **Non-school Clubs and Individuals**

[TOP](#) ^

**Web Submission of Scores and Logs:** Click [here](#) for the SCR score entry website. Scores and logs for any School Club Roundup may be entered from the time the contest begins through the log submission deadline published below. A logs-received page is also maintained, and provisional scores will be published immediately following the log submission deadline. Thanks to WA7BNM for creating this new score reporting and publishing web site.

**Multipliers:** Note that a station can *only* count for a single multiplier as described in Rule 5 below. i.e. a contact may count for a "School" or a "Club" but not both. A "school club" counts as a "school" only. Contacts submitted claiming both multipliers will be scored according to the log submitted by the station contacted.

**Post Photos and Stories:** One of the best parts of School Club Roundup is showing off your team members and station. Other participants will enjoy hearing about how you did and reading the story of your contest. You can upload photos and text via the [ARRL Soapbox](#) web page.

\*\*\*\*\*

## *Scouting's Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) coming in October*

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operators ham shack. Many times, you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.



### **Tell Me More**



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.

### **When Is It?**

Jamboree-on-the-Air is held the third weekend in October. This year that is: **October 20 – 21 to be exact.** There are no official hours, so you have the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts. The event officially starts Friday evening during the JOTA Jump Start and runs through Sunday evening.

[TOP ^](#)

### **How Can I Participate as a Scout?**

Contact your local Scout council and see what may already be planned in your area. You can also contact a local ham radio operator or a local amateur radio club. You can find a searchable database of clubs at [www.arrl.org/find-a-club](http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club). This website is operated by the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio, which is cooperating closely with the BSA on JOTA and many other activities.

Your local club may be able to direct you to its planned JOTA activities. These can include ham stations set up at camporees or other events. Or, if there are no planned activities, you can either work with them to get

something set up or arrange to visit a local radio operator's ham shack at a scheduled time to participate in JOTA.

### How Can I Participate as an Amateur Radio Operator?

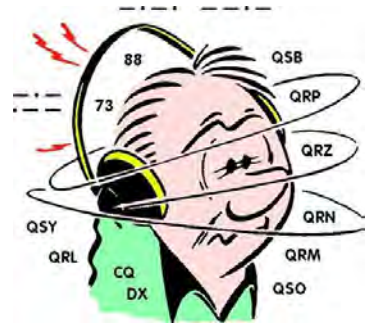
Contact your local Scout council and see what may already be planned in your area and how you can help. You can find your council using [the Council locator](#).

---

### *DX This Week*

*(from Bill, AJ8B)*

I received a note from my DX Mentor, “Uncle Frank” regarding the recent CQWW RTTY contest. Contests are one of the best times to work that less common DX and Sunday afternoon is probably the best time for hunting the elusive entity. I was thinking that RTTY activity was dropping off, but, activity on the bands last weekend would suggest otherwise. The CQWW RTTY website indicates that there are typically 15,000 participants and 3,300 logs submitted worldwide. I did make 10 QSOs on 10 Meters and 23 on 15 Meters just to check out the equipment and propagation. I am sure that Frank was using the same Model 15 teletype that he had in his dorm room 40 years ago...and I would bet that he achieved a higher score that I did!



If you participated at all, just drop me a line and let me know how you did and what your thoughts were – [aj8b@arrl.net](mailto:aj8b@arrl.net)

### DX Topic of the Week: DX Spots

I have gotten a few queries about “clusters” and “spots”. I thought it would be a good idea to go into a bit of detail about these items. Years ago, we had a local “spotting network”. If there was some rare DX that was showing up, we had a group of hams that would call each other – independent upon the time of day (or night). As technology developed, we started using 2-meter repeaters and 2-meter clusters to share the same information. One of the advantages of this approach was that you could load your local country needed list and the 2-meter clusters would beep your terminal when a country was “spotted” for a band or mode that you needed.



[www.dxsummit.fi](http://www.dxsummit.fi)



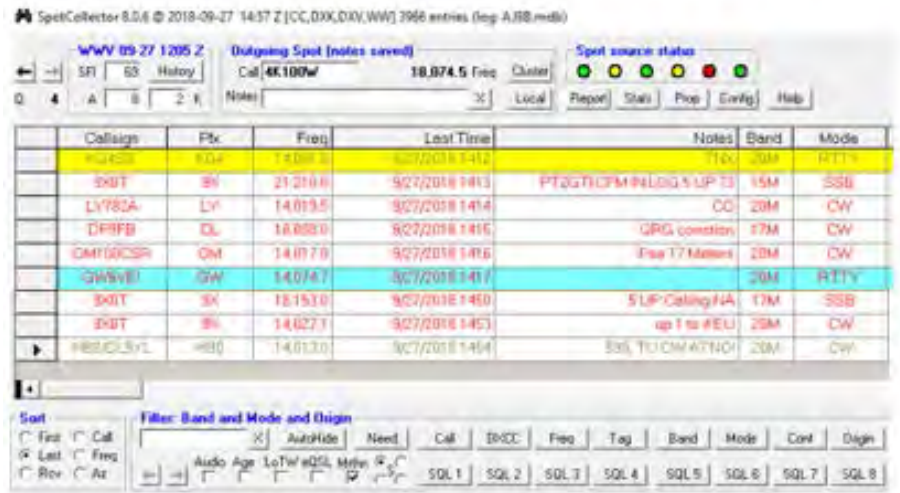
[www.dxwatch.com](http://www.dxwatch.com)

These spots usually consist of quite a bit of information: Callsign, Prefix, Frequency, Mode and Comments. The comments field varied from a signal report to what frequency the station was worked at to QSL information and any other information the person who entered the data (the spotter) wanted to provide. As the internet became a standard piece of our equipment in our hamshack, websites sprang up with “spotting pages” such as these.



Logging programs have also taken advantage of the spotting network. This picture is from my logging software spots received window. Each spot is color coded indicating that it is a new mode, band, country, or zone, or some combination of these. It will also indicate that the station uses Log Book of the World and/or eQSL.cc.

It also gives you the ability to search on various criteria as shown on the buttons at the bottom of the screen. Clicking on the spot of interest will set your rig to the correct frequency and mode and can also set up a split frequency if applicable. You can also configure this software to automatically turn the rotor to the appropriate heading; something that Uncle Frank takes advantage of, but I don't need with my vertical.



DX Lab Logging Software Spot Window

From our friend at the DailyDX and the WeeklyDX, Bernie has this to report:

- E6 – Niue – Niue is scheduled to be active from October 6<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. They plan on uploading logs daily. (<https://quakedxpeditons.wordpress.com/>)
- LZ1GC, Stan, is active again in the Pacific. The SWODXA DXPeditioner of the Year ® last year, he is again earning his stripes. He is currently in 5W (Samoa) until October 14<sup>th</sup>. He will then move to YJ – Vanuatu, October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>. – (<http://www.c21gc.com/>)
- VK9X – Christmas Island. Two groups will activate Christmas Island between October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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! I am also looking for questions, issues, or topics of the week to be featured – [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)

[TOP ^](#)

## DXCC Card Checking

(by Dave, K8DV)

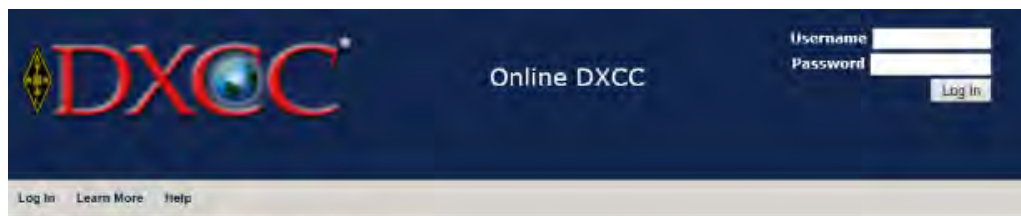
So, in the last issue I gave a very high level view of DXCC and card checking so with this issue let's start breaking it down piece by piece. I am going to start with Online Electronic DXCC Application, <http://www.arrl.org/online-dxcc-application> which has to be one of the best things the ARRL and DXCC Desk have done since the creation of the program back in the thirties. No more worrying about the order of the cards, no more do multiple QSO cards go at the front or back of the list, just enter as you receive new QSLs in whatever order.

When you use the link above you will be taken to a page that looks something like this.



From there click on “ARRL DXCC online application system” and you will end up at the sign in screen.

Once at the sign in screen, in the upper right-hand side you will see two boxes, labeled “Username” and “Password” these are the same as the ones you would use to log into the ARRL members section of the ARRL homepage. This is most likely your “Callsign” and a password that you created.



Once you have entered your login information you should see a page where the top of it looks something like this.



On this page you will also find the step by step instructions, so I will not include those here. The next step is to start entering QSL/QSO information. Start by clicking on “Enter QSLs” in the gray menu bar.

You will end up on a page and down at the bottom you should see an entry screen.

Complete all of the fields below to add or edit QSL card information in your account. All fields must be completed.

Call Sign	QSO Date (dd-mm-yyyy)			Band	Mode	DXCC Entity
<input type="text"/>	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select

[Save](#)

You are now ready to enter QSL/QSO information. When entering your data use the drop downs, you may find that the DXCC Entity may be filled out for you or give you a choice of several entities, such as when you enter a callsign starting with VP8 you will have several choices and you should select the entity that is printed on the card itself. Once you start entering QSO/QSL information you will see the list appear below the entry screen.

Complete all of the fields below to add or edit QSL card information in your account. All fields must be completed.

Call Sign	QSO Date (dd-mm-yyyy)			Band	Mode	DXCC Entity
<input type="text"/>	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select	Select

[Save](#)

The 1 QSLs in your Online DXCC account are shown below.  
More recently entered QSLs are listed towards the top.

[View All My QSLs](#) (as a PDF document)

Click the *View All My QSLs* button above for a PDF listing of your QSLs in the order they must be placed for submittal.

Call Sign	QSO Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Band	Mode	DXCC Entity
A388	2017-12-01	80	CW	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

[Edit](#) [Delete](#)

1 of 1

Show 35 QSLs at a time.

After you have entered all your data and have all your cards in the same order at which they are entered you will need to click the “Submit Application” button in the gray toolbar at the top of the screen. At this point you can enter your payment info and other information. Once you do this you will see a button to review application this will bring up a PDF of your application, print all pages of this as this is the application itself and the QSL listing. Bring the printout, QSLs and envelope with at least one unit of first-class postage to me for checking.

Also, did I mention that the fees for using this for your DXCC application is cheaper than the manual form and usually faster as well.

Have a good DX season and keep those DXCC applications coming and if there is a card checking topic you would like to see covered in the future just let me know at [k8dv@cinci.rr.com](mailto:k8dv@cinci.rr.com)

73,

Dave, K8DV



---

## ***ARLD041 DX news***

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by KE1R, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites.

Thanks to all.

**LIBYA, 5A.** Elham, 5A0YL has been active on 20 meters using SSB around 1200 and 1300z. QSL to home call.

**UGANDA, 5X.** Anders, SM0HPL is QRV as 5X7W from Kampala until October 13. Activity is in his spare time on 20 meters only using CW, JT65 and FT8 with QRP power. QSL to home call.

**CAPE VERDE, D4.** Harald, DF2WO will be QRV as D44TWO from Praia Baixo, Santiago, IOTA AF-005, from October 6 to 21. Activity is on the HF bands, with a preference for 160 and 80 meters, using CW, SSB, JT65 and FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

**NIUE, E6.** Members of the Quake DXpeditioners will be QRV as E6Y from the Makefu area from October 6 to 15. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 in DXpedition mode. This includes being an entry in the Oceania DX Phone contest. QSL direct to ZL3PAH.

**CANARY ISLANDS, EA8.** Ben, DL1RNT is QRV as EA8/DL1RNT from El Hierro. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using mainly CW with some digital modes. QSL to home call.

**BELARUS, EU.** Special event station EV890G is QRV until October 20 to celebrate the 890th anniversary of the city of Grodno. QSL via EW4R.

**FRANCE, F.** Emil, DL8JJ is QRV as F/DL8JJ/p from Ile de la Tradeliere, IOTA EU-058, until October 6. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

**REUNION ISLAND, FR.** Stephan, DL9HAL will be QRV as FR/DL9HAL from October 9 to 27. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via M0OXO. In addition, Willi, DJ7RJ will be QRV as FR/DJ7RJ from October 9 to 21. Activity will be on the HF bands, with a focus on 160 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

[TOP ^](#)

**ISLE OF MAN, GD.** Tom, KE1R is QRV as MD/KE1R until October 7.

Activity is holiday style on 80 to 10 meters, around 1300 to 1700z, using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8.** Darren, VK4MAP is QRV as KH8/VK4MAP from Tutuila Island, IOTA OC-045, until October 10. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters. This includes being an entry in the Oceania DX Phone contest. QSL to home call.

**DODECANESE, SV5.** Wolf, DL3DRN is QRV as SV5/DL3DRN from Rhodos Island, IOTA EU-001, until October 10. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

**PALAU, T8.** Ichy, JH7IPR, Hirotaka, JA6KYU and Kouko, JQ6FQI are QRV as T88UW, T88HS and T88WM, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until October 10. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL direct to home calls.

**CHAD, TT.** Ken, LA7GIA will be QRV as TT8KO from N'Djamena from October 9 to 21. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

**NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N.** Takao, JO7GVC and Hirokazu, JK7LXU will be QRV as VK9/home calls from October 9 to 14. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, PSK and FT8. QSL to home calls. In addition, Joe, N7BF, Everett, W6ABM, Russ, N7QR and Peter, ZL2HM will be QRV as VK9BF, VK9EV, VK9QR and VK9PM, respectively, from October 9 to 20. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home calls.

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X.** Martin, A65DC, Paul, A65DR, Thomas, SM0CXU and Delia, VE7HDW are QRV as VK9XT until October 6. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes, including FT8 as band conditions warrant. QSL direct to N4GNR.

**VIET NAM, XV.** William, WA7WJR is QRV as XV9WJR from Vung Tau until October 27. Activity is on 40, 20 and 15 meters using CW, with some SSB and PSK31. He also plans to visit Con Son Island, IOTA AS-130, and Phu Quoc Island, IOTA AS-128. QSL direct to home call.

**THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO.** The NCCC RTTY Sprint, NCCC CW Sprint, TRC DX Contest, Oceania DX Phone Contest, Microwave Fall Sprint, Russian World-Wide Digital Contest, YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest, California QSO Party, International HELL-Contest, FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint, SKCC CW QSO Party, RSGB DX Contest, UBA ON SSB Contest and the Peanut Power QRP Sprint are all on tap for this weekend.

The RSGB 80-Meter Autumn CW Series is scheduled for October 8.

The CWops Mini-CWT Test, Phone Fray, 10-10 International 10-10 Day Sprint and NAQCC CW Sprint are scheduled for October 10.

The ARRL International Grid Chase runs during all of 2018.

Please see October QST, page 91, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest Web Sites for details.

[TOP ^](#)

---

## ***Upcoming Hamfests***

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>

10/13/2018 | Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest  
Location: Mineral Wells, WV  
Sponsor: Wood County Emergency Communications  
Website: <http://www.wc8ec.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>

12/01/2018 | FCARC WinterFest  
Location: Delta, OH  
Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

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

[TOP ^](#)

---

## ***ARES Connect – What’s in it for ME??***

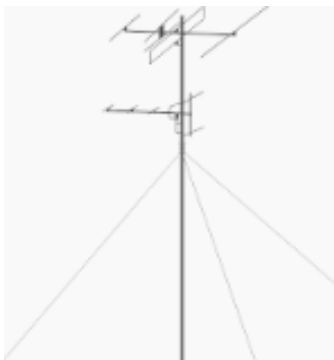
As everyone by now should know, we have a new system that has been employed for reporting our volunteer hours called **ARES Connect**. This system is nothing more than a new way of reporting what you have done.

**ARES Connect**

Instructions to Register

**We’ve been OK with the current method for 50 years, why change it now?** Yes, that’s true for the Ohio Section where we’ve been good with relying on our E.C.’s to accurately remember who did what and when, and then add that to his monthly report. The E.C.’s here in Ohio have been very good stewards of this process, but it is not the same in other parts of the county. Some have given it a “hit or miss” effort, and some haven’t bothered to report at all. For proof of that I will refer you to page 104 of this month’s QST. There are just 40 out of the 71 Sections listed as having sent a report to Headquarters. This is just a freckle over half of the Sections in the country! These numbers have been pretty consistent over the years, as that on any given month it only varies by about 2 or 3 Sections either way.

Enter ARES Connect



**Why is this important?** These reports when tallied up nationwide are then presented to the various government agencies to show how much of our time and talents are volunteered back to our communities. This, in the case of PRB-1 for example, helps us keep and strengthen our justification for having all of the frequencies that we enjoy today.

There is also another, even more important piece of information that we are missing with our current method of reporting. With only about half of the Sections reporting, we really don’t have any idea of just how many volunteers we really have. That’s just not acceptable in today’s world of instant information.



Unlike Ohio, most Sections in the country don't know for sure just who or how many folks that they actually have, nor do they know who, or how many of them are properly trained either. They have no current information on their volunteers that they can really depend on. ARES Connect will give them that information, it's real time data reporting and it's countrywide, so the data can be pulled for an individual person, county, state, region or nationally! Every time someone gets approved for hours served volunteering, the database gets updated and the information about them is updated right then and there.

As you know, Ohio was one of 4 Beta Testing sites from around the country. We started this testing back in March with just 4 county groups being part of Ohio's participation. We found issues almost from the get-go and have worked very diligently with Headquarters in getting fixes for these various startup problems. On the first of June the Ohio Section was chosen to be the first Section in the county to start full participation in using this new system, and from that point forward I have been asking everyone to get signed up in this new system. Some of you have had your information given to Headquarters for them to input a very small amount of information about you by your E.C. This got you started into the system, but not fully vetted. For you to get fully vetted you will need to complete your registration process. More details about that will be forth coming, or you can just simply ask your E.C. Now, don't get all shook up about the reporting. For you the user, it's really nothing more than just clicking on an event that you want to participate in and then participate! It's that simple.

**What do these statistics mean to us?** These numbers are used as evidence to support Amateur Radio in this country to our government and served agencies. Without accurate numbers we can't really say with any assurance just how much we really do volunteer. Having accurate information will help to justify why we need all the frequencies and modes that we have.



So, **“What's in it for me?”** Well.. here it is.. I now have the ability to review everyone's reported hours of volunteering, and that means I now can see who's volunteering the most hours in our Section. This is something that was not available to me before. With this new-found information, I am starting a **“REWARD”** program to encourage everyone of you to start using this new system every day.

Yes, it means that you can receive something of value for volunteering your time and reporting it. We've never offered anything like this before, and no one else in the country is doing this either. So, once again the Ohio Section will be leading the nation in a program that has something of value for YOU!!

Now, here's what we are going to be looking at. It will be the person with the most hours logged in ARES Connect for a 3-month period beginning with October through December. What's the reward going to be? Well, that's going to vary from time to time. But, as you know, the Ohio Section is the only Section in the country with a monthly **“Handbook Give Away”** program. So, that will be one of the items you can count on in the rewards program. I do have an arsenal full of other great items and ideas that I won't mention right now, but they will be really neat items for you to receive, and all you have to do to qualify is use the ARES Connect system!

Now, to kick this new idea off I have gone back through the records from June 1<sup>st</sup> where we began, through September 30<sup>th</sup> and tallied up all the reported hours. The very first recipient of this reward program is none other than **Albert Beal, N8RAK**. Albert had a total of 139 volunteer hours reported and will receive an ARRL softcover Handbook as his reward.

So, let's review some of the statistics that are in this report. First is the number of events that we have done and recorded. Since the program got off to a slow start in June, I would have thought that this number would have been much smaller, but to my surprise it's **2,086**. We show **3,481.99** hours and we had **280** participants. Now, if you keep in mind that we normally report that we have around 1,700 ARES volunteers, you can see that we have a very long way to go with this new system.

Now, for the record, here are the top 10 persons in the system as of September 30<sup>th</sup>

Name	Hours
Scott Yonally (N8SY)	152
Albert Beal (N8RAK)	139
Michael Klaiss (KC8BUJ)	132.5
James Grimes (AD8AP)	92
Gary Amato (KB8HTU)	90
James Hershberger (KE8ERN)	83.75
Mathew Nickoson (KC8NZJ)	82.5
Carl Gedeon (KB8VXE)	82
Gregg Gary (WB8YYS)	54.5
Jeffrey Potteiger (WB8REI)	47.63
James Yoder (W8ERW)	47.5

No.. I don't count myself, as that I have been doing it longer than most. At least this time around. Now this does open the door to a challenge to all of you for the next time around for sure!!!! Who's going to top my hours of reporting.

---

### *Weather Underground and Ham Weather Stations*

Have you visited the webpage to see all the Weather Underground stations yet? I've added a couple of more reporting stations just the past week. It's really fun to see just how much the weather varies across the state and this gives you access to each individual station very quickly and easily.



It seems that our list of stations is 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)

[TOP ^](#)

---

*Final.. Final..*



Hey Gang...

Wow, this has been a really crazy week for me! I've been on the road visiting with many of you at your club meetings or events, as well as participated in our local county EMA/LEPC drill, to working many of you on DMR for the annual S.E.T. this past weekend at the state E.O.C.!

Stan and I are still very active in getting out there and doing ARES Connect classes to not only show you how to get registered, but for those E.C.'s and D.E.C.'s that need to know how to setup events and such, we are getting everyone trained on how all of this system functions. It's a labor of love for both of us! Do you have a group of folks that could benefit from Stan or I coming and doing a class with them? Don't hesitate to ask us. We'd be happy to fit you in to the schedule for sure.

I won't go into any of the usual information about ARES Connect since there's already a lengthy article just above that goes into all the specifics along with the details on how to win great prizes just for signing up for events!! I will however say Congrats to **Albert Beal, N8RAK** who just won an ARRL Handbook from me for being the top man on hours recorded in the new system! I'll be doing that type of thing on a regular basis, so please do YOUR part and sign up for events. If you need help getting yourself registered, or find something not working right with the system, please don't hesitate to let me know. I can usually get fixed or answered pretty quickly.



I am still finding some errors that can mess up your ability to do much with the system. First and most importantly, we want you to be honest when answering all the questions about your training. Please, don't just hurry through the questions, read them carefully, if you don't understand something, please ask me, I'm here to answer your questions. We know that you mean well by answering that you do have the needed courses in, but I will let you know that we are verifying what you say you have with what is showing for you in our statewide database when we are completing your registration.

So, how can you find out if you are already listed in our statewide database? Easy, here's a link to it...

<http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/special/ICS%20Complete%20by%20County%20and%20Name.pdf>

On this same subject, some of you noticed that you can acquire your Level 3 by substituting your ICS 300/400 with the following NIMS courses. Completing the following "FREE" and "ONLINE" courses will act as a substitute for you FEMA Leadership Development Course requirements.

You absolutely will need to complete all 7 of these courses to get your ICS 300/400 credit. Here are the courses that you need to take: **IS-120, 230, 240, 241, 242, 244 & 288.**



Hey Everybody.. We did just this week get that **750<sup>th</sup>** person in the database with all 4 NIMS courses completed. He will be receiving his ARRL ARES Mesh Vest! Let's all congratulate **Allen Mytyk, W8TRW** for becoming that 750<sup>th</sup> person... Now, we're not stopping there... Let's see if we can get to **775** persons with all 4 of their NIMS courses in!

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

Scott, N8SY

[TOP ^](#)

---

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



Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website? You can go back and look at any edition simply by clicking >> [HERE](#) <<

Don't have the latest FREE Adobe Acrobat Reader? Here's a link to Adobe's latest FREE version. → [Adobe Reader](#)



---

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

- A device will fail at the least opportune possible moment.
- If you choose a cable and a connector at random, the probability that they are compatible is equal to zero.
- The probability of a given peripheral being compatible with a PC is inversely proportional to the immediate need for that peripheral.
- The probability that an untested diskette will have bad sectors is directly proportional to the importance of the data written onto the diskette.
- When an object is dropped, it will fall in such a way as to cause the greatest possible damage to itself and/or other objects on which it lands.
- The tendency for an object to be dropped is directly proportional to its value.
- Law of Reality Change: Unalterable hardware specifications will change as necessary to maximize frustration for personnel affected by said specifications.
- Law of Noise: Noise bursts occur so as to cause the most, and/or most serious, errors in data communications, regardless of the actual amount of noise present.



[TOP ^](#)

---

## 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...**

[TOP ^](#)

---

*PostScript is produced as a weekly supplement to the Ohio Section Journal (OSJ). 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 from around the world!*