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OK Guys (remember, “Guys” is a universal term meaning all of you), We are in the thick of it now. Most clubs are filling out their slates for next year’s officers. Have you paid your dues? No, I’m not talking about dollars, I’m talking about being an integral part of your club by being one of the officers of the club. And I’m not talking about “filling a position”, I’m talking about *DOING* the position. I’m talking about doing it with the mindset that “I’ll do it better than it’s ever been done before” *and then following that up with action!* I’ve been a club president and a vice-president, and sometime in the future I’ll do it again (when I’m no longer Section Manager). I know the commitment it takes, the time and the effort. IT’S WORTH IT!

2023 has been the ARRL year of the Volunteer. All things considered, and counting everyone from top to bottom, it takes a lot of volunteers to keep Amateur Radio going. For all of you in the Ohio Section who have stepped up and volunteered, in any and all of the positions that need to be filled – I want to personally THANK YOU! Amateur Radio is the Greatest Hobby in the World because of all you do. We need you now, more than ever. Don’t let us down.

2024, in the Ohio Section, will be the “Year of the Club”. In the Grand Scheme of Amateur Radio, the local radio club is THE most important brick in the whole structure. We are going to work together to help every Ohio Section Club reach a new level of competence and achievement. It will be a fantastic year to be an officer of a club or a member of a club!

As I understand it every club now needs to update their club information with the ARRL in December of this year. Please get that done sometime in the last couple weeks of December. You’re probably going to be busy, but please don’t forget to get it done. I’d also like you all to review your club’s internet presence in your website, Facebook page and any other digital format that you use. Most importantly, get rid of old, outdated and incorrect information that’s still out

there. (I've seen a lot of it!) Make sure that in everything you have, you make complete information available. As an example, have an email address available and a phone number available for at least one of your officers. A full address for your meeting place including the zip code, and for any other activities you have. For someone not familiar with the club, it can sometimes be tough to figure out where and when you should be somewhere.

Remember the movie "Field of Dreams"? The whole premise of the movie was Build It and They Will Come. It made for a nice movie, but it's fantasy, not reality. Unfortunately, over the past 40 years, the computer, and especially the internet, have led too many to believe that if we build it they will come. NEWS FLASH: *They're not coming!*

Yes, we have to build it. When they come, they have to have something to come to. But they are not going to show up just because it's there. Amateur Radio is like the "Blind Pig" who is still able to find an occasional acorn. Sorry to say, but that's not good enough if we want to bring enough new people into Amateur Radio to make a difference for our future. Remember, like a lot of things, it's all about the numbers! We need to grow or we die. We're going to need to step out of our comfort zone. We're going to have to look at our hobby and our club and create an "outreach" program.



Our outreach program starts with our Public Image. From day 1 of my term as Section Manager I have stated that one of my primary goals is to create a positive Public Image for Amateur Radio throughout the Ohio Section. We'll be working on programs that put our name out into the Public to build awareness that Amateur Radio is still here, and with advances in technology it's a more exciting hobby than ever!

One of the hardest things I have to do is keep up with my email. Between my personal email, business email and Amateur Radio emails, I deal with approximately 100-250 emails every day. Not counting the ones that immediately are routed to the spam file. Even so, quite a few get flushed from my inbox in rapid fashion.... Now I'm asking you to add to my dilemma by sending me an email. Here's what I want: in the subject line put either "Meeting" or "Activity". In the body of the email I want you to give me a brief explanation of what the best club meeting you've attended in the past 24 month was, or the best club activity you've participated in was. If you can remember, give me the club name where it took place, the topic or activity, who the leader was, and why you thought it was so good. That's it. A brief description will do.

So, your marching orders for the next week are as follows:

- 1) Seriously consider serving your club in a leadership position.
- 2) Get your vote in for the Great Lakes Division election
- 3) Send me an email about a meeting and / or activity

- 4) Support your club by being an active participant
- 5) Pass some traffic through the NTS
- 6) If you are a member – nominate someone for the A-1 Operator Club [A-1 Op \(arrl.org\)](http://arrl.org)

73,

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Youth Net

When: The second Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM EST

Where: The K8IV repeater located in Kent, Ohio (Echolink node K8BF-L) RF: 146.895 Mhz with PL 118.8

Who: Any licensed amateur radio operator who wishes to participate. Priority will be given to youth stations and those located in Ohio.

The purpose of this net is to encourage youth activity in amateur radio and to help new hams get more comfortable on the air.

***Next Net is Sunday October 12th ***

If you are a young ham, in the Ohio Section or elsewhere, please check in and say “Hello”! Even if you’re far away from OHIO you can check in via Echo-Link. Echo-Link is a good tool to have, and it can be accessed from your laptop, tablet or cellphone. But there is a process to get validated to the Echo-link system. It’s simple to do, but you need to get it done before the day of the net! Go to [Introducing EchoLink](#) for more information on getting started. If you’re an “Old Guy” (a gender neutral term meaning not a youthful operator) and you have some kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or even some neighborhood kids who you would like to give a chance to talk to other kids about Ham Radio, this might be an excellent opportunity to give them that small nudge that could be the start of something positive they will carry with them through life!

National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

Using Amateur Radio to Play Chess

Playing chess using amateur radio? The concept may have begun in 1912 when a group of college students from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) wanted to challenge chess players at The Ohio State University (OSU). Though the official origin is still debated, clippings from a 1912 issue of The Case Tech, one of CWRU's former student newspapers, reveal that the challenge was made when the CWRU Wireless Club procured a Morse code transceiver. Faculty Advisor to the Case Amateur Radio Club, W8EDU, David Kazdan, AD8Y, said there are no official records of the match, so the challenge was re-proposed this year by the [Case Amateur Radio Club](#). With the with the help of [OSU's Amateur Radio and RF Club](#), W8LT, the game was on. It started on September 26 as a round-robin tournament with other schools and is now moving into an elimination phase. The setup is the same as any chess game except the players are in different locations.

Chess moves are relayed over the air either by voice or Morse code.

CWRU started the tournament strong with a win against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), but they lost the long-anticipated game against OSU.

W8LT President Arvcuken Noquisi, KE8MXF, said the tournament is a series of test games to determine the best way to incorporate amateur radio into what is now referred to as HAMCHESS.

"Now we are using EchoLink through a Cleveland, Ohio, repeater with algebraic chess notation relayed by voice," said Noquisi. "In the future, each chess team will determine what method works best for them based on skill level and participation."

Noquisi added that blending the school's chess and amateur radio clubs makes for a great campus experience and opportunity for community involvement.

W8EDU President Adam Goodman, W7OKE, said collegiate amateur clubs are still recovering from the



Case Amateur Radio Club, W8EDU members and Case Western Reserve University Chess Club members (left to right) Jonah Barnett, KO6BGI; Duncan Lu; Andrew Stappenbeck; Zach Baldwin, KE8ZDJ and Tobias Heller KE2BWU playing HAMCHESS. [Adam Goodman, W7OKE, photo.]

COVID-19 pandemic, and HAMCHESS is a great way to reenergize amateur radio clubs and involve other college organizations.

In 1945, the United States and the USSR squared off in a radio chess tournament using CW. In the 1980s, Chess and Amateur Radio International, a club with more than 200 members, used 20-meter SSB in a match between five US players and five players in Oceania, a geographical region spanning the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

Today, more than a dozen college amateur radio and chess clubs are participating in HAMCHESS events. College and university radio clubs, including those participating in the chess tournament, regularly network with each other through the [ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program](#).

INDEXA Announces support for TJ9MD Camaroon DXpedition

We are happy to announce that INDEXA is supporting the upcoming TJ9MD DXpedition to Camaroon slated for November 2-15, 2023.

Representing the Mediterraneo DX Club, a 13 member international team with solid DXpeditioning/Contesting experience will be active from Kribi, on the Atlantic coast with at least four stations operating CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8, 160m through 6m. Plans also call for 2m EME operation as well!

We invite you to visit their web page: [TJ9MD Website](#) to see their DXpedition plans.

We wish the TJ9MD team a safe and successful DXpedition to Camaroon located in western Africa and silent since 2018.

With this DXpedition, thanks to supporting members such as you, INDEXA is now sponsoring 9 current and upcoming DXpeditions! You can find these on our website: [INDEXA Supported DXpeditons](#)

73 and Good DX,

Otis Vicens, NP4G

President INDEXA

WWW.INDEXA.ORG

Club Corner

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

Let me know what your club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary?
Just send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org



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.

How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

If your amateur radio club is planning to host a convention, hamfest, tailgate, or swapfest, please consider applying for ARRL sanctioned status for your event. To learn what it means to be an ARRL sanctioned event, and to get some ideas on how to prepare for and conduct a hamfest or convention, visit www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events.

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application.

The ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar can be found online at www.arrl.org/hamfests. In addition, the Convention and Hamfest Calendar that runs in *QST* each month also presents information about upcoming events.

VE Sessions:

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

It is now an FCC requirement to have an FCC FRN; active email address and active phone number before taking any exam. Please bring your FCC FRN, original license, a copy of your license (if a licensed ham), a valid photo ID and \$15.00 - Cash preferred.

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a \$35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. *VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.*

All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)

We host testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. To sign up please visit our website <https://atara-w8atr.fun> and contact us at hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun.

Butler County Amateur Radio Association W8WRK

Laurel VE Testing Session - hosted by DIAL amateur radio club
Amateur Radio License Examinations at 9:00AM on Sunday April 29th at Fairfield Township Administration Building 6032 Morris Rd. Hamilton, OH 45011. Pre-Registration is required, go to: www.qsl.net/w8blv click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Thurl Golden, KD8VLU (513) 939-4891 tgolden@fuse.net or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or n8qf@roadrunner.com . There are no Exam Fees!

CARS

VE testing from CARS - Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society - at Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Wisnieski Parkway in Independence, Ohio 44131 Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Always the 2nd Sunday of the odd month. Go to CARS www.2cars.org for detailed map of location. Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details

Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred.

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM
Feb 11th; Apr 8th; Jun 10th; Aug 12th; Oct 14th; and Dec 9th, 2023.

Where: Springview Government Center - Emergency Operations Center; 3130 E Main St; Springfield OH 45503 This is US-40 aka "old national road". From Route 40 enter Old Columbus Road, at the fork stay left driving straight onto Ogden Rd, then immediately turn left into the parking lot behind the EMA. Walk to the door with the "Employees Only" sign.
For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email:

buzz@baylorhill.com

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

Dial Radio Club, Middleton, OH

Will offer Amateur Radio License Examinations at 6:00PM on Wednesday March 1st at St. John XXIII Elementary School, 3806 Manchester Rd., Middletown, OH 45042. Pre-Registration is required, go to: www.qsl.net/w8blv click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Dave Williamson, KD8W, (513) 424-5819 or kd8w@ARRL.net or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or n8qf@roadrunner.com . There are no Exam Fees!

Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra). Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2023 are January 15th, March 19th, May 21st, July 9th, September 10th, and November 12th.

Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. The EOC is located just south of the University Geauga Hospital and just east of the Geauga County Safety Center (Sheriff's Office), off of State Route 44 between State Route 322 and State Route 87 on Merritt Road.



Please arrive a few minutes before 14:00 to allow adequate time to process the necessary paper work and take your test. Bring your 1) photo ID, 2) email address, 3) FCC FRN, 4) a printout of your current license if taking the General or Extra exam.

Additional info may be obtained from Jim Mekeel, KE8EMP, email KE8EMP@gmail.com or the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

Huber heights amateur radio club does ARRL VE testing the second Saturday of each even numbered month. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. 9:30-11:00 For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at ab8yk@hotmail.com

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2023** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 4
Saturday, April 1
Saturday, June 3

Saturday, August 5
Saturday, October 7
Saturday, December 2

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station.

The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don’t have a FRN, Google “New FRN” and follow the fcc.gov link.

If you are currently licensed, be sure to **bring a copy of your license to the exam**. The cost of the exam itself is \$15.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification with your picture is also necessary, such as a driver’s license. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440) 256-0320, or scottfarnham@roadrunner.com

In addition to the \$15 test fee, the FCC now charges \$35 to add you to the Amateur Radio database. The FCC will e-mail successful candidates instructions for payment directly to them. Payment must be made within 10 days of the e-mail. This charge does not apply to upgrades.

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

hosts exam sessions at the FAIRFIELD County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr in Lancaster Ohio, 43130, on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am. Please visit our website at <http://www.k8qik.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our experienced VE team looks forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio. Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org to register.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

Beginning Feb 11, 2023 Testing on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Columbiana County EMA located at 215 S Market St. Lisbon, OH 44432. Walk-ins OK. Check in at 1:00PM. For more information go to www.K8GQB.com or contact NN8B at nn8b.oh@gmail.com

Madison County

The Laurel testing group will offer testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. No fee.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.

Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS) VE sessions are held the first Saturday of odd-numbered months (EXCEPT FOR March and July) at 10 AM in the **Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park**. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com. There will be a VE session held **Sunday, March 10** at the NOARS Winterfest held at Lorain County Community College **in the College Center**, 1005 Abbe Rd N, Elyria, OH 44035. Please email Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

The first Saturday of every even numbered month -10 am – at the PCARS club site in Ravenna. Please visit the PCARS web site and check out the information about VE testing in the latest newsletter at www.portcars.org .

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary. Doors open at 0830 for registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is \$15. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to www.w8zx.net/exam or email VETEAM@N8BAG.NET.

West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA) Exam sessions are held one Saturday each month at 10:00 AM-Noon at the VOA Bethany Relay Museum located at *8070 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069*. For more information and links to register, please see our website: <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>

NORTH CENTRAL INFORMATION & TRAFFIC NET

Here's some information on a weekly net originating out of Seneca County on the KC8RCI Linked Repeater System.

The North Central Ohio Information and Traffic Net is held at 10:15 am every Wednesday and will go for 1 ½ to 2 hours. This net has been developed handle traffic, provide information on various amateur radio topics, review technical information and list amateur radio events for our areas.

Check in, get a signal report, stay as long as you can.

This net first began about 5 years ago and is approaching 300 individual call signs that have checked in.

There are 8 linked repeaters available on the KC8RCI System

147.255/107.2 - 444.4375/107.2 - Republic

443.075/151.4 - Mansfield

146.805/110.9 - 442.675/162.2 - 53.290/52.290/107.2 - Berlin Heights

443.9875/162.2 - Elyria

443.625/162.2 - Polk

DARA University

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

- General – 21 Oct, 28 Oct, 4 Nov, and 11 Nov
- Extra – 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec, and 9 Dec
- Tech and General Test session 15 Nov 1900 local at the DARA Clubhouse

- Extra Test session TBA

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

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

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

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

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

73 and see you in class.

de N8NMG – John – Dayton, Ohio

Zoom presentation for an EFHW Antenna

The Cuyahoga Falls ARC is hosting a Zoom presentation on October 25th by Steve Dick, K1RF on an End Fed Half-Wave antenna.

This antenna is gaining attention and is becoming a popular antenna for those with limited space or for use in an emergency situation.

The presentation will start promptly at 7:30 PM on October 25th and the Zoom link can be found at www.cfarc.org. Hope to see many of you then.

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

ARLD042 DX news

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

TUNISIA, 3V. Philipp, DK6SP will be QRV from the 3V8CB club station in Tunis during the 2023 JOTA/JOTI event. QSL via operator's instructions.

BOTSWANA, A2. Members of the Russian DXpedition Team will be QRV as A25RU from October 26 to November 13. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and mostly FT8 with up to nine stations active. QSL via LoTW.

BHUTAN, A5. Abie, AB1F is QRV as A52AA from Thimphu until October 27. Activity is on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. Luis, CE2ML and Mathias, CE2LR will be QRV as XR0Y from October 22 to 29. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. They will be active as 3G0Y in the upcoming CQ World Wide SSB DX contest. QSL both calls via CE2ML.

NORTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as E51JAN from Manihiki, IOTA OC-014, until November 6. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

NIUE, E6. Stan, LZ1GC and Dimo, LZ1ON are QRV as E6AM until October 23. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LZ1GC.

SURINAME, PZ. Renato, PY8WW will be QRV as PZ5TW from October 25 to November 3. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes being a Single Op/Single Band on 15 meters entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide SSB DX contest. QSL via Club log.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Kamil, S79KW is QRV with special call sign S76P during October to bring attention to Breast Cancer Awareness. Station S77HQ will also be QRV during this event. QSL S76P direct and S77HQ via S79JKN.

TUVALU, T2. A large group of operators are QRV as T2C from Funafuti Island, IOTA OC-015, until October 30. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 with four stations. QSL via DL4SVA.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Ken, KH6QJ is QRV as T32AZ until October 24. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using SSB. He plans to be active in upcoming various USA state QSO parties. QSL to home call.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Ed, N2HX is QRV as V4/N2HX from Saint Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until November 11. Activity is on the HF bands. He will be active as V49R as a Single Op/Low Power entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide SSB DX contest. QSL to home call.

MICRONESIA, V6. Ulrich, DL2AH is QRV as V63AH from Pohnpei, IOTA OC-010, until

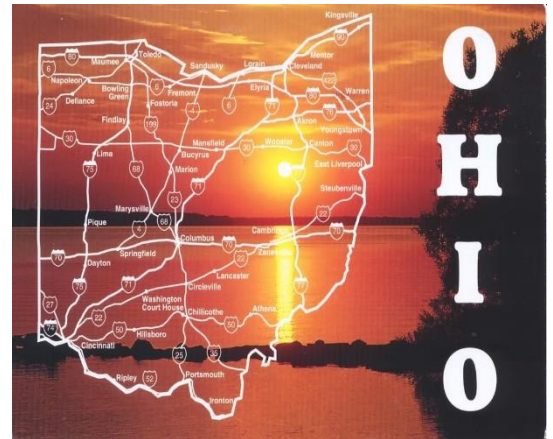
October 30. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL direct to home call. In addition, members of the Yokohama DX Club will be QRV as V6SX from Weno Island, IOTA OC-011, from October 22 to 31 to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters, and possibly 160 and 60 meters, using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. They plan to be active as V6Y in the upcoming CQ World Wide SSB DX contest. QSL via LoTW.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Harald, DF2WO is QRV as XT2AW from Ouagadougou until October 26. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via M0OXO.

VANUATU, YJ. Chris, VK2YUS will be QRV as YJ0CA from October 22 to November 5. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide SSB DX contest. QSL to home call.

CHATHAM ISLANDS, ZL7. Jacek, SP5EAQ is QRV as ZL7/SP5EAQ from Petre Bay on Waitangi Island, IOTA OC-038, until November 3. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide SSB DX contest. QSL to home call.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2023

10/29/2023 - [Massillon \(OH\) Hamfest \(& auction\)](#)

Location: North Canton, , OH

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8np.net>

[Learn More](#)

12/03/2023 - [FCARC WinterFest](#)

Location: Archbold, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

[Learn More](#)



Once again this year the Massillon ARC is having their annual Hamfest at MAPS in N, Canton, Ohio. This year's event takes place October 29th and begins at 8:00am.

Tables (available online at

[https://www.w8np.net/index.php?view=article&id=76:2023-hamfest-vendor-portal-](https://www.w8np.net/index.php?view=article&id=76:2023-hamfest-vendor-portal-instructions&catid=10)

[instructions&catid=10](https://www.w8np.net/index.php?view=article&id=76:2023-hamfest-vendor-portal-instructions&catid=10)) are selling fast. Prices remain the same as last year- \$15 table/ \$5 ticket.

Tables are sold first come/first served and are expected to again sell out.

We have over \$5,000 of door prizes this year. First prize is a Yaesu FT-891, and the second prize is a complete POTA package including a Xiegu G90, antenna, and a Power Station with solar panels from Dakota Lithium!

Sponsors include ICOM, Yaesu, Radioddity, Precision RF, Be Loud, R & L Electronics, Hammond Engineering, DX Engineering, Arrow Antennas, Hamvention 2024, Contest University, Ham Radio Solutions, Ham Radio Outlet, Heil Audio, Flex Radio, B & F Firearms, Ham Radio Deluxe, Dakota Lithium and more.

There will be a VE Testing Session for those looking to become a ham operator or upgrade their license, and coffee/food are available.

Your ticket price includes access to one of the truly unique museums in Ohio- the Military Aviation Preservation Society Museum. Come tour the museum and enjoy the vintage planes and exhibits. This years addition is a C-130 transport plane.

Details may be found at: W8NP.net, or by emailing Club@W8NP.net. This event is sponsored by the Massillon Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL Special Services club.



DX This Week – CQWW DX SSB

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I received an email from Teresa, KA9IFQ, asking about ProSigns in CW usage. Prosigns are typically two letters sent together with no space between them. They can be considered somewhat flow control of a QSO. For instance, one that is widely used is BT sent together. Not DAH DIT DIT DIT <SPACE> DAH, but DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH. BT is used as a break or separator. Other Prosigns that are commonly used are AR: DIT DAH DIT DAH DIT which is used at the end of a transmission and you are sending it back to the other station; SK or DIT DIT DIT DAH DIT DAH, basically the same as the AR but used at the END of your last transmission, and BK DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH DIT DAH used as a break in transmission. There are many others, but these are the ones that I use the most.

Great Question Teresa.

If you have a question that you would like to have answered, just send me an email at thedxmentor@gmail.com

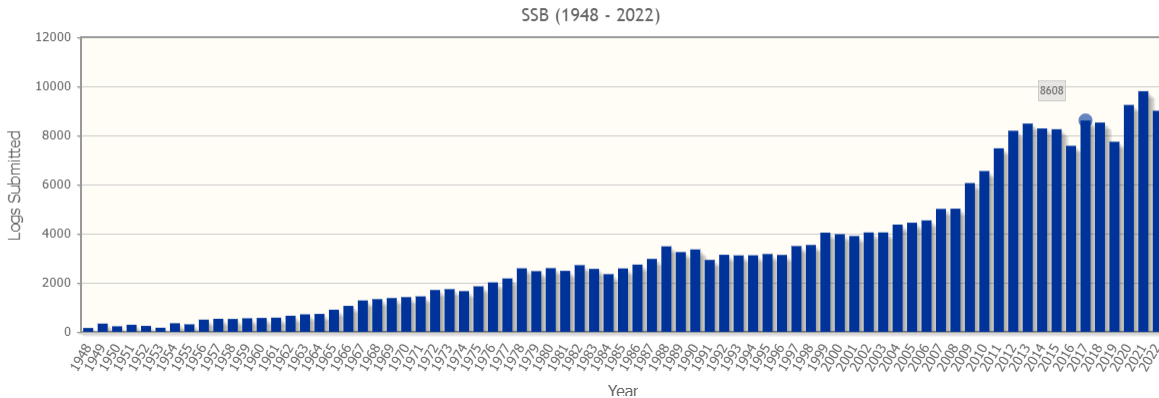
The weekend of October 28th and 29th is the CQWW DX SSB Contest. As you will see below it is very popular. If you have never been in this contest, why not give it a try? Watch for my callsign and give me a shout!

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The CQ WW DX Contest is the largest Amateur Radio competition in the world. Over 35,000 participants take to the airwaves on the last weekend of October (SSB) and November (CW) with the goal of making as many contacts with as many different DXCC entities and CQ Zones as possible.

The SSB contest takes place on October 28th and 29th. The graph below shows the growth in logs submitted since the start of the contest. Note that this is NOT the number of participants, but the number of logs submitted.

CQ WW Entries - World



Last year there were over 9,000 logs submitted.

Below is the introduction from the “Results of the 2022 CQWW DX SSB Contest” article which appeared in the April 2023 edition of CQ magazine

“For nearly a three-quarters of a century at the end of every October (and November) the world’s largest operating event takes place – the CQ WW DX Contest. Celebrating its 74th running, this year’s event was nothingshort of spectacular as our favorite solar object supportedincredible conditions on all bands, 160-10 meters!

Although down about 10% from last year’s total, we still received an impressive 9004 logs in the 2022 WW edition as over 1000 entries poured into our “in-box” in the first 60 minutes after the contest ended! When compiling the data, I’m happy to report that your activity reflected 4,111,409 QSOs made during the contest, an average of 85,654 contacts per hour or perhaps more amazingly, 24 QSOs in every second of the contest. I’ve claimed this before, but after 74 years of beta testing, I’m now convinced this WW thing is starting to gain some traction!

Check <https://www.cqww.com/> for more information.

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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:

The Dxpeditio to **Swains Island**, W8S, is now QRT. The only item on the webpage is “With a QSO number of almost 90K, we can safely say the goal has been met.” Congratulations to the crew! Swains WAS #27 on the Clublog Most Wanted Worldwide list.

The **Kingdom of Bhutan** has been off the air since 2021, but that is about to change. Abie, AB1F, received his A52AA Bhutan amateur radio license last week, and his visa the day before. He is scheduled to operate from Thimphu, the country’s capital, for eight days starting this week and lasting through the 27th. Abie has with him a Yaesu FT-990AT and Alinco DM-30E. He will be running 100W into a Par EndFedz antenna for 40-10M, Diamond dipole for 40M, and Cushcraft D-3 for 20-10M. Listen for Abie on 40-10M SSB. He arrived on October 18th and expects to operate to the 27th. He will depart on October 28th. Bhutan is a landlocked, mountainous Buddhist country in South Asia, situated between China to the north and India to the south. It is #78 on the Club Log Most Wanted DXCC list.

Here is an update from the T2C, **Tuvalu** Dxpeditio. All of their planned antennas are up. Just getting them up was a challenge because of high temperatures and humidity, heavy squalls, and frequent rain showers, and because of construction adjacent to their site and the generally rocky terrain. The operators are in good spirits and are enjoying excellent propagation, especially on the high bands to central Europe. Their four stations, on the air 24/7, have made over 30,000 QSOs in just 72 hours. A fifth station, for FT8, calls CQ on 50.313 during the day and on 60M at night. Their two-element wire beam works exceptionally well; they experience S3-S4 noise levels and some broadband noise, though. Noise is especially troublesome on 160 and 80M; they hope that two newly-installed Beverage-on-ground antennas will help to alleviate this. Hotel Wi-Fi was very unreliable, so they obtained an LTE SIM card to be able to use the internet. It is satellite-based, and therefore slow (and expensive). Their daily log updates are available on Club Log. Tuvalu is #71 on the Clublog Worldwide most wanted.

Bad weather and high winds have plagued the **Tristan da Cunha**, ZD9W, operation. Yuris, YL2GM, has lowered his antennas, repaired the ones that were damaged, and raised them again, only to have all of them except the DX-Commander come down again overnight. While his antennas were up, he recorded his first 6M QSO. Tristan da Cunha is #71 on the Clublog Worldwide most wanted.

DL2AH, Ulrich, is winding up two-month Pacific trip in **Micronesia**. He has been in the Pacific since the end of August. Thus far, he has been to Rota Island as KHØ/DL2AH, Guam as KH2/DL2H, and Majuro in the Marshall Islands as V72AH. He is currently operating as V63AH in Kosrae, Micronesia, until October 30th. He will operate this station, holiday style, using an ICOM IC-7300 to a "triple leg Windom" to cover 80-6M SSB and FT8.

Ken, KH6QJ, is on **Eastern Kiribati**, using the call T32AZ through October 24. Ken has an ICOM IC-702 to wire antennas, and plans to be on 160-10M SSB if all goes well. Activity depends on available power sources; he may use generator power. He has operated in several

U.S. state QSO parties. QSL via bureau or direct to KH6QJ. Eastern Kiribati is #68 on the Clublog Worldwide most wanted.

The Arkansas DX Association's 56th anniversary conference and annual meeting will be held November 11th at the Holiday Inn Express in Russellville, Arkansas. Special guests and presenters include world-renowned DXpeditioner Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA; ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR; and past ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Kennamer, K5FUV. The conference is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with hospitality suites the evening of November 10th and following the meeting on November 11th. Registration (\$50) is required and includes a BBQ buffet luncheon. Additional details on the program and registration are located on the ADXA website.

Here is a Pirate report for you. Recently there was a spot for YI1NOS. However, this is a pirate station. This call was issued to Nawras Emad in 2005 and canceled for inactivity several years ago...ZD8Z on FT8 is also a pirate...Last week, someone was pirating the call ZD8HZ on 12M FT4...People have been erroneously spotting KH9/K7WXB on 20M SSB as being on Wake Island.

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CONTEST CORNER

Below is a list of upcoming contests in the "Contest Corner". I think this is important for someone who is trying to move up the DXCC ladder since entities that are on the rarer side and easiest to work in contests. Some of my best "catches" have been on the Sunday afternoon of a contest when the rarer entities are begging for QSOs. Of course, the gamble is that if you wait until Sunday, conditions may change, or they simply won't be workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course, why not work the contest and have some fun!

Check out the WA7BNM Contest Calendar page (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>) and CQ Magazine for more contests or more details. I also have a comprehensive list that can be imported to your calendar at www.aj8b.com/files.

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

Below is a list of upcoming contests:

Date(s)	Event	Info
All Year	CQ DX Marathon	http://bit.ly/3FyPiui
Oct. 25	UKEICC 80m Contest CW	https://ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php
Oct. 26	RSGB Autumn Series SSB	http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl
Oct. 27	Zombie Shuffle	http://www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/pg.htm
Oct. 28-29	ARRL EME Contest	http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest
Oct. 28-29	Veron SLP Contest	http://bit.ly/2L9eT1L
Oct. 28-29	CQ WW DX SSB Contest	http://www.cqww.com/index.htm
Oct. 29-Nov. 1	Fall Classic Exchange CW	https://www.classicexchange.org/Nov. 25-26
Nov. 25-26	CQ WW DX CW Contest	http://www.cqww.com/index.htm

OHIO'S



John is travelling this week and will return with lots of good information next week.

Safe travels John!

OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

OHIO SECTION NETS – SEPTEMBER 2023

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AC8NP	40	40	10	70	0	20	TOTAL	180
KV8Z	40	33	10	75	0	10	TOTAL	168
WB8YYS	40	17	20	70	0	10	TOTAL	157
N8SY	40	5	30	15	0	50	TOTAL	140
K8MDA	40	40	30	0	0	20	TOTAL	130
KE4RS	40	40	10	35	0	0	TOTAL	125
KC8WH	40	40	30	10	0	0	TOTAL	120
KB8GUN	40	40	30	0	0	10	TOTAL	120
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
KB8HJJ	38	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	88
N8OD	40	32	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	82
KD8UUB	40	18	10	10	0	0	TOTAL	78
WB8SIQ	40	14	10	10	0	0	TOTAL	74
KA1G	40	20	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	70
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K3RC-42	KD8HB-70	N8GBU-29	WB8PMG-11
K8KRA-75	KD8MSZ-4	N8MRS-71	WB8SIQ-14
K8MDA-46	KD8UUB-18	N8OD-32	WB8YYS-17
KB8GUN-75	KE4RS-42	N8SY- 5	WB9LBI-72
KB8HJJ- 43	KE8VJP-42	N8TNV-148	
	TOTALS	35/1797	

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OHIO HF TRAFFIC NETS

BN(E) Buckeye Net Early - CW
BN(L) Buckeye Net Late – CW
OSN Ohio Slow Net - CW
OSSBN Ohio Single Sideband Net – Phone

OHIO VHF TRAFFIC NETS

BRTN Burning River Traffic Net serving Cleveland and North Central Ohio
COTN Central Ohio Traffic Net serving Columbus and Central Ohio
NWOH ARES Northwest Ohio ARES Net serving Toledo and surrounding counties
TATN Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net
TCTTN Tri-County Traffic and Training Net serving North East Ohio

Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.

Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an “official” printed copy of your license*



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

One Question Questionnaire

!!!! I would really like to hear from as many of you as possible. How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It’s in the bottom left corner of the page) While you’re there, you can click the Big Red Arrow to enter into this months Handbook Giveaway!



This week's Question: What's your favorite Amateur Radio Activity?

- A) Rag chewing / casual operation
- B) POTA activation / chasing
- C) Contesting
- D) Net Operations
- E) other

From last week's question - Do you live in an antenna restricted area?

- A) 13% YES
- B) 87% NO

That is from a sample of 62. I actually happy to see that the number of Hams affected by HOA restrictions is far less than I thought it might be.

(This is a subliminal message: Go to the Ohio Section Website, on the bottom left of the landing page answer this week's question. AND DON'T FORGET – look for the Big Red Arrow and sign up for the June Handbook give away!)

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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. You might want to list your location so that prospective buyers know where you're at. 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

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PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world! Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!