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CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD

I received a text message from a good friend this week, in it he says: “I hate the term ‘Play Radio’, Ham Radio is really an interest and path to learning”. This guy is a Phd. And probably one of the smartest guys I know. He recognizes that Amateur Radio is an opportunity to add to his knowledge base and approaches the hobby with that intention. Too many presume that just because they are finished with their formal education (at whatever level that happens) that they are now finished with learning, and often times their approach to life exemplifies that. DON’T

FALL INTO THAT TRAP! Our goal in life should be to obtain as much knowledge and accurate information as possible, and hopefully along with that knowledge will come wisdom.

§ 97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.**
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.**
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.**
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.**
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.**

According to Section C – One of the reasons for Amateur Radio’s existence to pique your interest and motivate you to learn and discover new things from the realm of knowledge you do not possess. For most of us that “realm of knowledge” we do *not* possess is pretty much boundless. And, in relation to Amateur Radio, we should specifically try to add to our knowledge “in both the communication and technical phases of the art.”

Remember when you were a kid, usually at the dinner table, a parent or a grandparent would ask “what did you learn in school today?” What if I were to ask you every week – what did you learn about Communications, Radio, Electronics, RF Propagation, Digital Signal Processing, Digital Modes, or any other of hundreds of questions on the topic that I could ask you? Would you have an answer?

Why not approach your week this week, and the next, and on into the future, so that you’ll have an answer to that question? To really be learning, you need to make a conscious effort to search out the information that you don’t have. That’s part of the basis for which Ham Radio exists!

If hams are involved in this quest to obtain greater knowledge, we should also all be about helping others who are trying to improve their knowledge and their skills. That sounds to me like a perfect activity for ham clubs! Club meeting presentations, build days and almost every other activity we do are good times to facilitate learning on the part of your membership. Make your meetings on topic (Ham Radio Communications) and interesting!



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 November 13th

Last weekend I had the privilege to attend the meeting of the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association where they were presented a plaque by Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams WA8EFK, along with Vice Director Scott Yonaly N8SY commemorating their 75 years of club affiliation with the American Radio Relay League. In and of itself, that is *outstanding!* But there's more. I learned that the club has actually existed since 1913. That is truly amazing, and they've got the documentation to prove it. Congratulations to CARA!



When your club reaches a milestone year, make sure you let me know. We want to acknowledge and show our appreciation for all of you!

Earlier that week I had attended the Summit County ARES meeting. While I was there I took the opportunity to present Ken Dorsey – KA8OAD with a certificate for his work as Summit County ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC). I appreciate the work and commitment of all our ARES volunteers in the Ohio Section. I understand the amount of training and participation that goes into the work that you all do. I want to Thank all of you here, and I will endeavor to thank all of you personally as we work our way through the coming year together. Recently, I've had to think about my own involvement in ARES and what my responsibilities are as Section Manager. My goals, vision, for Ohio ARES in my tenure are as follows:



1. Training. This needs to be based on each individual having an attitude of "constant improvement" in their ability to serve, including mental preparation, technical preparation and the addition of equipment and skills to be useful in a wide range of EmComm activities and situations.
2. Relationships with served agencies and entities. Every ARES unit needs to strive to build relationships with EMA's, other governmental entities, hospitals and other organizations who can use our help in times of emergency. A "formal" place at the table is great, but even if it's just a "casual" relationship - they need to know that we exist and are prepared and equipped to serve their needs. And most importantly - how to get a hold of us!
3. Public Service and community visibility. Public Service provides an opportunity to experience formal traffic handling skills, net etiquette and experiment with equipment / modes of operation while gaining visibility with community members.
4. ARES needs to be a place within the Amateur Radio Service where everyone is accepted for their willingness to serve regardless of their current skillset or abilities, cache of equipment, social or political standing, etc.... Here we are all together, supporting each other and working for the good of the community we all live in.

That's pretty simply put but I believe it's important to put it out there so there is no doubt about my commitment to the ARES program in the Ohio Section. I would encourage everyone to contemplate what their personal involvement in EmComm could be and then Learn (that's been the common thread through this weeks CQ) what's necessary to be competent. Be involved in every activity you can to improve your skills. Participate in ARES and the other volunteer communications services open to you. (Remember item "a" in the Part 97 Basis and Purpose)

Congratulations to Al Smith – WB8LXT – our first winner in the re-booted Handbook Giveaway on the Ohio Section website. The RED ARROW for registering for the contest will appear two weeks out of every month. You’ve got to catch it to be entered in for that month’s drawing. Good Luck to All!

I’ve got a feeling that the rest of 2022 is going to be gone in a FLASH! I’ve still got plans to be out and about so hopefully we’ll run into each other somewhere. If not in person perhaps on the air. I believe that 2022 has been a year of transition. A transition from the prior couple of years where there was a lot of fear for our lives! In 2022 much of that fear has subsided and many of our activities of daily living have been returning to normal – whatever that is..... With 2023 just around the corner, it’s not too early to start thinking about how you will make that your best year ever! We are in charge of our own destiny – don’t let the fear of the world around us sideline you for another year. The best is yet to come!

73,

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)



Artemis Launch Date – Our next Artemis I launch attempt—the first flight test of our Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System rocket—is fast approaching. Reserve a spot in our virtual guest program and get free resources before the launch, currently scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14, at 12:07 AM EST.

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Veterans Day 2022 Special Events

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11, 2022, and will feature many opportunities for amateur radio operators to celebrate and honor Veterans throughout the holiday weekend.

Special event stations will be on the air across the county, including the Redding Veterans Amateur Radio Club, W6VET, in Redding, California, and the Veterans Day commemoration onboard the USS *Kidd* (DD-661), a World War II Fletcher-class destroyer, with the USS KIDD Amateur Radio Club in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The [Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum](#) in Ashland, Nebraska, has a full day of activities planned on November 11, including an amateur radio demonstration by the [Strategic Air Command Memorial Amateur Radio Club](#) (SACMARC) using the historic call signs of General Curtis Emerson LeMay, K0GRL, and the Offutt Air Force Base, K0AIR.



The American Legion Amateur Radio Club, K9TAL, is located at their national headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. Any station that contacts K9TAL on Veterans Day will receive a special QSL card.

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, will celebrate Veterans Day on November 12 - 13, 2022. The USS Cobia Amateur Radio Club will be onboard and on the air from the USS *Cobia* World War II submarine. A commemorative QSL card will be issued for contacts made during the 2-day event.

A complete list of special event stations, including Veterans Day stations, is available at www.arrl.org/special-event-stations. Use "Veterans" in the keyword search.

ARRL Headquarters will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. There won't be a W1AW bulletin or code practice transmissions on that day. ARRL HQ will reopen on Monday, November 14, at 8:00 AM EST.

The EmComm Training Organization (ETO) announces the date of the November Semi-annual Drill -- For over 3 years, the ETO has been training amateur radio operators to be skilled with the use of digital Winlink communications. This effort stemmed from the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico in 2017, and the subsequent call for competent Winlink operators. To develop proficiency, weekly "Winlink Thursday" exercises have been practiced by more than 800 international operators.

The upcoming November 12, 2022 semi-annual drill is open to all participants who have or would like to build skills for digital radio messaging -- such as sending attached forms or photos -- essential for emergency communications for any served agency, whether local government, FEMA, or any NGO, including the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) groups and the Radio Operators of Canada (RAC) Auxiliary Communications Service. The ETO believes this common pathway approach to communications fosters the interoperability that is essential for responding to a national or regional disaster.

The organization recognizes the varied levels of skill with Winlink. Thus, simple and introductory tasks have been designed with a progression to more complicated messaging, ranging from use of Telnet, to VHF gateway messaging and finally to national "peer-to-peer" digital communication on high frequency (HF) bands without the use of the internet infrastructure. [International as well as domestic participants are welcomed to join by visiting the ETO website.](#)

More than 2,000 participants are expected. The scenario is an area-wide natural disaster affecting most communities in North America. The next few weeks of Winlink Thursday exercises will be opportune for those who wish to participate in the larger semi-annual drill. It is anticipated that all participants will be mapped if the tasks are completed appropriately, and an "honor roll" of

competent participants be published on the website for those who wish to deploy and become operational.

FEMA has published the updated [EOC How-to Quick Reference Guide](#), a collection of best practices that will contribute to developing an EOC that can successfully meet the jurisdiction's needs, and will cover topics such as hazard vulnerability assessments, physical site selection, mitigation, considerations, EOC capabilities and requirements, information management systems, and training and exercises. The updates include considerations for virtual and hybrid working environments.

The 3rd Annual Youth "Dream Rig" Essay Contest is now under

way. The contest is sponsored by the Intrepid-DX Group, a US-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes amateur radio activities around the world for youth. The contest is open to US and Canadian amateur radio operators aged 19 or older. The first-place winner will receive a new HF transceiver. Second- and third-place winners will receive a handheld transceiver. To enter, contestants must write a two-page essay answering the question, "How does amateur radio factor into your career plans?" The submission needs to be in plain text, PDF, or a Microsoft Word attachment. Additionally, contestants must promise to use the radios on the air for 1 year and not trade, sell, or "flip" the equipment. The entry deadline is November 30, 2022, and winners will be announced on December 15, 2022. More information about the [Intrepid-DX Group](#) is available at their website.

A reminder, the ARRL Frequency Measuring Test is upcoming 0230Z-0319Z, Nov 11.

You don't have to use special lab equipment to enter the FMT. Modern HF transceivers can make frequency measurements quite accurately. SDR transceivers and PC software can make precise measurements of signal frequency.

If you've never entered an FMT before, information on how to measure the frequency of a carrier is available at www.k5cm.com.

Complete details at: <https://fmt.arrl.org/>

Submit Measurements by 0200Z, Nov 14

W8RKO 40m (near 7064 kHz)
0230Z Call up for 3 minutes

0233Z Key down for 1 minute
0234Z End of 40m run
K5CM 40m (near 7065 kHz)

0245Z Call up for 3 minutes
0248Z Key down for 1 minute
0249Z End of 40m run
W8RKO 80m (near 3598 kHz)

0300Z Call up for 3 minutes
0303Z Key down for 1 minute
0304Z End of 80m run
K5CM 80m (near 3599 kHz)

0315Z Call up for 3 minutes
0318Z Key down for 1 minute
0319Z End of 80m run

If the frequency is busy for a run, please standby and the FMT will start as soon as practical.

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 you 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.



October Ohio DMR Net Report

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SOARA W8SOE Special Event Station Burlington, Ohio October 15, 2022

WOW!!!! What a fantastic day to enjoy the bright sun and breeze along with the scenery of the mighty Ohio River. The Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA) and the Lawrence County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members participated in the On the Air Special Historical Event, Saturday, October 15, 2022.

The SOARA members joined with other invited amateur radio clubs across the Tri-State area to participate in this event. Several special amateur radios operating on different frequencies were used at the *Burlington Commons* shelter on the Ohio riverbank in Burlington, Ohio, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A special feature included some of the equipment powered by a portable solar panel. Radio contacts were made not only across the Tri-Sate, but throughout the United States and countries around the world. The radio stations used the SOARA's club FCC call sign, W8SOE.

Members at the special event

Dave Bruce KD8NYN

Barbara Crockett KE8SRN

Joe Thompson KD8FPX

Tim Nicely AC8VQ

Mike Love WB8YKS

Jim “Ren” Reneau N4REN
James Rowe N8TVO
Tim Breeding N8SLA
Lesa Breeding N8SKZ

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Members who provided support

Eddie Jenkins N8URU
Keith Brooks N8DKB
Fred Jones WA4SWF
Ken Massie WN8F
Jerry Lockhart W8HIC

A special thank you to SOARA member Barbara Crockett KE8SRN for taking the event photos.

A special recognition goes out to the following:

Tamara Jones, President of the Concerned Citizens for Burlington, Ohio
Mark Goodall, Chief and the firemen of the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department
Michael Boster, Director Lawrence County EMA and his support team
Chris Saunders, Ohio History and Underground Railroad Historian

Event Background

In the last several years SOARA has participated in special radio events celebrating the rich historical heritage of Lawrence County. Last year we were at the Lake Vesuvius Iron Furnace, and in prior years, the Lawrence County Courthouse, Ironton, Ohio, and the Covered Bridge at Scottown, Ohio, the only one in Lawrence County. This year in keeping with the historical event series, SOARA members focused on the early history of Lawrence County and its first county seat, established in 1817 at Burlington, Ohio. The importance of Burlington as part of the *Underground Railroad* was discussed with members by Chris Saunders, a Underground Railroad local resident and historian. Chris does tours and presentations about the Underground Railroad in Lawrence County. Additionally, the first Lawrence County jail built in 1846 is still standing in Burlington and was open for tours. Several folks interested in Ham Radio and the History of Burlington and Lawrence County stopped by and spoke with members and shared stories about living in the area.

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Promoting Ham Radio

This event was the first for the Ohio Section of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) at this location. Mike Love, WB8YKS SOARA Public Information Officer said, “This event had all

the opportunities for a fun-filled family day engaging the public and learning about the rich history of Burlington, Ohio.” Additionally, the Burlington Commons playground area was open. A special focus was made to spotlight the public awareness of the hobby and the benefits of a Ham Radio license, as well as emergency and community service. The public was invited to talk on the radios under the direct supervision of an FCC licensed operator.

Tamara Howard, President of the Concerned Citizens of the Burlington Area said, “I am excited that the SOARA members decided to have their special event here at the *Burlington Commons* and are focusing on our area’s history.”

Emergency Preparedness

Eddie Jenkins, N8URU Assistant Amateur Radio Emergency Service Coordinator (ARES) and SOARA Vice President added, “The special event station mimicked emergency conditions which would be required when there is a total communications failure of telephone, commercial radio, television, cell phone, and web access due to devastating weather, earthquake and wildfire conditions.” When all else fails, there is amateur radio.

The Burlington Volunteer Fire Department also set up a display area and had equipment at the event. Firemen were available to answer questions and promote membership. Also, the timing was excellent inasmuch as this is fire prevention month.

Michael Boster, Lawrence County Emergency Management (EMA) Director, stopped by in support of the activities. SOARA and ARES work very closely with the EMA team.

Event Details

The Special Event took place at the Burlington Commons Shelter Area. This is a great place for the family to visit and enjoy the Ohio River.



Want to know where to go to get the courses you need? It's all Right Here!

- [Ohio EMA Training Calendar](#)
- [Login to the DPS Training Campus](#)
- [Create a new account on the DPS Training Campus](#)

NOTE:

- Most courses are in-person but some course may be hosted virtually (this will be noted).
- Seats available listed are as of the release of this update and will change quickly.
- All classes will be posted on the DPS training campus at least 60 days prior to the start of the course.
- Please read the [Training Policy & Catalog](#) for more information on Ohio EMA trainings.

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.

Go Fully Electronic in 2022!

By Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VEC Manager

Online Examinations and Remote Testing

Your club's VE team can become part of the fun and excitement of remotely administered Online Examinations.



The remote exam sessions are conducted using an online video conferencing platform and a web-based examination system with on-screen tests. ARRL VE teams have had the option to be completely electronic since June 2020 by using online exams. The online exams can also be utilized at in-person sessions automating most of the process, for a fully electronic in-person session experience.

VE teams have been using the [Exam.Tools](#) Online Examination system for remote video and in-person sessions. Over 25,000 applicants have been tested through the Online Examinations system in the past two years. The system works well for online or printed examinations and includes registering and tracking candidates throughout the session, on screen exams and grading, online signing of CSCE and 605 forms by the candidate and examiners, logging and compiling session stats and VE participation list (test report summary), and output files for upload to the coordinating VEC. The program manages and handles almost everything needed to conduct a test session. Time and experience with in-person exam sessions is invaluable when transitioning to remote video-supervised online exam sessions.

Interested ARRL VE teams must contact the [VEC department](#) to receive the online exams instructions and remote video session procedures.

Not a VE? Become one today!

Visit <http://www.arrl.org/become-an-arrl-ve>

Electronically File Exam Session Documents for Quicker Service

After the session has concluded, VE teams can upload in-person documents or remote video session files via ARRL VEC's secure web page (program service option since 2018).

New and upgraded licenses are issued within 1 to 2 business days for weekend sessions and are usually issued on the same day for weekday sessions.

Please contact the [VEC department](#) for the information and instructions on electronically filing exam session documents through our upload page. Authorized VEs will be sent the upload page URL which, is hidden from the public.

Resources for ARRL VEs

The [ARRL VEC VE Resources](#) page offers the information you will need to help conduct exam session business. Our support page offers easy access to session forms and information, online examinations, remote video session instructions, VE Manual supplemental information, FCC rules, basic qualification question procedures, and much more. There is also some helpful information for the community, such as preparation resources for candidates, in-person and remote video exam session search, vanity call sign information, and more.

The ARRL VE Newsletter relays important updates relating to FCC rule or policy changes, exam session document or procedural changes, video sessions, and other topics. VEs can sign up for the newsletter at <https://reflector.arrl.org/mailman/listinfo/ve-list>

VE 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.

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

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

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 once again holding its **2022** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates: Saturday, October 1, and December 3.

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

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.k8qjk.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@k8qjk.org to register.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC) is now doing VE testing on 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)

VE sessions are held the first Saturday of odd-numbered months at 10 AM in the North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Elaine, KC8FOS at ewilkinson1951@gmail.com.

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

Your Club news should be listed here!

Did I miss something? Not a lot of Club Activity reports this week.

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

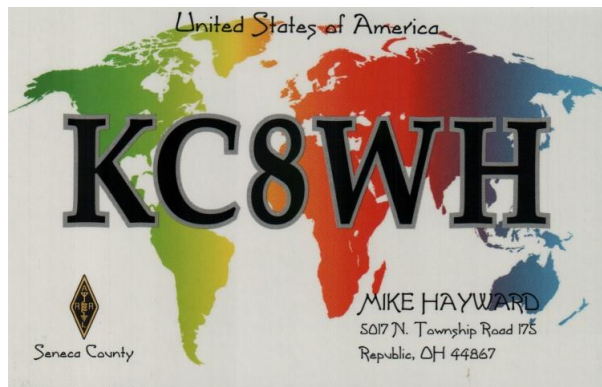
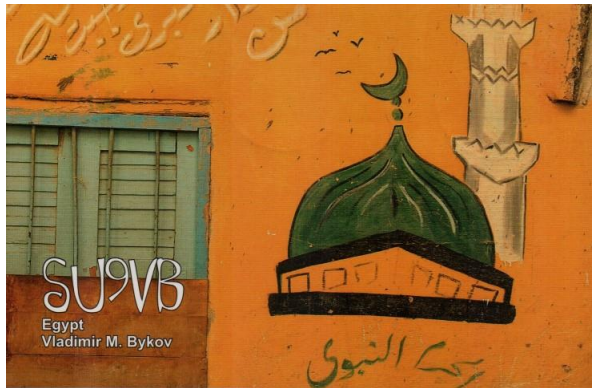
DX This Week – SV1JG Interview

Bill AJ8B (aj8b@arrl.net, @AJ8B, or www.aj8b.com)
CWOPs Member #1567

I received cards from 3A/F6EXV – DXPedition to the Principality of Monaco, FW1JG – Jean-Gabriel on Wallis and Futuna Island, and SU9VB – Vladimir in Al Qeseir, Egypt. Vladimir also sent along a pound note shown below also.

In addition to the DX cards, I received a QSL card, and a kind note from Mike, KC8WH. His card is below. I hope to hear from Mike more often as well as any of you who have comments or suggestion about “DX This Week”. If you have complaints, send those to Tom, WB8LCD!





This week, I have included an excellent interview with SV1JG. Cliff is an interesting guy and a great topic for the newsletter. Feel free to contact him to set up a QSO.

If you had a chance to spend some time in the CQWW SSB contest, let me know how you did. Also, I hope you have had a chance to work some of the great DX that is out there: 5V7RU – Togo, J28MD – Djibouti, P29RO in Papua New Guinea, and 3C3CA – Equatorial Guinea. Stay tuned for updates on all of these and more!

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Interview with SV1JG—Cliff

I worked Cliff and after reviewing his QRZ.com page, I had to contact him. He agreed to answer some questions and it was then that I learned he was a friend of Joe, W8GEX. You can contact Cliff at sv1jg@sv1jg.gr

AJ8B: How did you first get interested in amateur radio?



SV1JG: From a young age I liked electronics and specifically telecommunications. Near my house lived SV1AI (SK) who had the shack on the roof of his house, where whenever I passed I heard him talking to other radio amateurs. So, I learned that in order to become a radio amateur, I had to take an exam. So, I found the one and only club at that time (RAAG) and became a member in 1969 if I remember correctly. Because at that time they were preparing a new law for radio Amateurs I had to wait to take exams for 7 years. So, I got my callsign in 1977. Of course, I was active all those years from the club station.

AJ8B: Do you have a favorite band or mode?

SV1JG: I don't have a specific band that I prefer, I'm active from 160m up to 13cm. In HF bands I prefer CW. I'm QRV on the satellites and on the QO-100.

AJ8B: What time of day and days do you like to operate?

SV1JG: Usually late at night and early in the morning. I listen to it every day and on the weekends. I take part in contests.

AJ8B: Any secrets to your success?

SV1JG: I don't have any secret to my success. If I want to work a rare country I study the propagation and the hours that favor communication.

AJ8B: Any tips that you can share?

SV1JG: Listen, listen, listen before you press your microphone your keyboard or your key!

AJ8B: You have a wide variety of antennas shown on the web page. Do you have any RFI issues or issues with the neighbors?

SV1JG: I have no RFI problem at all. The problem I have is high RF field because my next door neighbor is an amateur too. With good understanding we solve the problems. Hi Hi

AJ8B: Describe what you are currently using:

SV1JG: My main radio in HF is the Elecraft K3 but I have also the ICOM IC-7300 and IC-705. For VHF – UHF – SHF I have the ICOM IC-9700. My HF amplifiers are the Alpha 99 – the Alpha 374A – the vintage Collins 30S1 and 30L1.

My HF antenna is the Steppir 4 elements, for 80m I use double bazooka and for 160 inverted L. For the satellites I have a pair of 8 elements on VHF and a pair of 18 elements parabeam on UHF made by JayBeam

AJ8B: What advice do you have for those of us trying to break pileups to work DX?

SV1JG: This is a very good question. What I follow in every DXPedition is to find out how the operator of the DXPedition handles the pile-ups.

So, I hear the split frequency. Many operators stay and make several contacts at the same split frequency, others change frequency after each contact. Once I understand how to handle the pile-up then I'll decide to call. Only in the second case I mentioned above will I go to a frequency and call. In the first case, I'm looking to listen to the station that answered and then I'll call.



AJ8B: You are a veteran of many DXPeditions. Is there one that really stands out and why?

SV1JG: I've been on several DXPeditions but the best of all was this 2008 at Ducie VP6DX. A very well organized DXPedition, where a team of 13 well-known DXers – testers worked together flawlessly.

AJ8B: Any QSLing hints?

SV1JG: Once we used to QSL for a new country via direct. Now days, it is best to use LoTW if they don't want the QSL.

AJ8B: What coaching/advice would you give new amateurs?

SV1JG: My advice to new amateurs is listen – listen – listen before you transmit.

AJ8B: If I were to stop by for a visit, what local place would you want us to visit?

SV1JG: Athens is a historic city. The visitor must definitely visit the Acropolis and the Archeological

AJ8B: What local food would you want me to try?

SV1JG: In my village, which is 35 kilometres north of Athens , toast mutton is popular. But in Athens try souvlaki or moussaka

AJ8B: Thanks for taking the time to answer my questions. Is there anything you would like to share with us?

SV1JG: I show that member of your club is my friend Joe W8GEX.



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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:

T88WA November 3, 2022 - First of all, a big thank you to DX Engineering for its emergency donation and shipping to Palau of an MFJ Ultrasonic RFI device for tracking down RF noise at the Bai near Choll Village where we were going to make our QTH. It was intractable S9 noise across all bands coming from underground cable and telephone wires running all along the island under the power poles.

Our big news after being shown six other sites is that we found a killer site with an expansive view across the ocean to North America. Our proprietor and her husband are very well connected in Palau and Arlene won't take no for an answer. All business here is transacted based on relationships. Arlene called the Governor and arranged a meeting for Rob N7QT with the governor to explain what we are doing and why we need him to shut down this public site for the duration of our DXpedition. He and Rob are now on first name terms and both are happy with the negotiated price.

The team has taken down the Big IR vertical tested at our resort (worse noise than the Bai) and is removing the Hexbeam at the Bai and packing up our 1500 pounds of gear for transport to our new "Field Day" site. Unlike the Bai we will not have air conditioning but will be operating outdoors in steamy conditions under a summer shelter using mosquito netting to protect us and tarps to protect our equipment from the regular squalls. We will use the 2000w 240V generator we shipped and will be renting or purchasing a 6000w generator likely delivered tomorrow from Koror. So, if all goes well, the team will have three stations to keep running 24 hours per day. We will work out a new commute schedule between QTH and resort. Additional operational and survival logistics are being worked out. We can't report on every detail of the twists and turns of our continuing attempts to get on the air, but an episode of Survivor was filmed here so we decided to call our adventure episode Ham Radio DXpedition Survivor.

We reasonably expect sometime tomorrow we will get our first station on the air and continue building out the antenna field from there. We know the high bands have been hopping and we are also going to work hard to bring you the low bands, including 60m FT8.

Team T88WA

H4 - Solomon Islands - Between late November and early January of next year HB9SHD, Remo, will be in the southwest Pacific and plans to be QRV both from land (P2 and H44) and sea. He has been issued the call P29AH and he has his H44SHD call from the past. He will be aboard the MV Oceania between November 27 and December 5. After visiting Papua New Guinea he plans to be on the air as H44SHD from Uepi Island from December 5 to 19. He will be aboard the MV Bilikiki from December 20 to January 3.

A3 – Tonga - A35GC will be manned by LZ1GC and LZ1PM when they're on Tongatapu Island November 2-20. They plan to be on 160-6 including 60, and 30, 17 and 12, CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. They are taking a TS-480SAT and a pair of FTDX-10 radios, an ACOM 1200S and an ACOM 700S amp. The antennas are two ground planes covering 40-10, another vertical for 160, 80 and 40, a 4-element Yagi for 6M, and some other monoband verticals. Spiderbeam has donated fiberglass poles for the verticals. The ops are forceful in saying their 160M frequency will be 1822.5. On 6 they'll be on 50100 CW and 50313 FT8.

T33 - Banaba Island - The equipment for the upcoming T33T DXpedition arrived by yacht in Tarawa, Western Kiribati (T30). The Rebel DX Group T33T DXpedition team expect to fly out of Fiji on Thursday November 3rd. They will stay there for two days in preparation before setting sail on November 5th to Banaba Island. The sailing trip will take about 48 hours. They hope to have T33T on the air by November 7th or 8th. The team plan to be QRV for 10 days. They will have three operators and plan to be on 1.8 through 50 MHz. On FT8 they will use WSJT-X version 2.5. They will always be sending 73 but will only send it three times then move on so those who miss out will have to try again. They will only be operating Fox and Hound on "standard freq most of the time". Also, they say don't be surprised to see two signals at the same time on FT8 (i.e. 14.074 and 14.090 or 18.100 and 18.095 MHz) both, always on Fox and Hound. They plan to send out more details before they set sail from Tarawa to Banaba. Once back in Europe QSLs will be sent for 3D2CR, 3D2USU, 3D2DOM, 3D2RR. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. LoTW confirmations will be made on the same day requests are made on Club Log. They ask for patience in getting your paper confirmations.

P29RO - News #5 - November 2, 2022 - After a week and almost halfway through our stay, it's time to sum up.

The choice and decision for this location was a very good one. Just off the coast of Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea, the island of Loloata is situated. It can be reached in a few minutes by ferry from the mainland. The luxurious Loloata Private Resort is a modern holiday complex for day-trippers and tourists. Electricity is available 24 hours a day and good internet is provided. The warm and humid climate is a challenge for central Europeans. Working in this heat takes a lot of energy!

We were able to install our antennas on the hiking trail on the mountain ridge. With water around the island and a free takeoff into almost all directions with no disturbances from the hotel complexes down on the shore, this is one of the best possible QTHs for worldwide radio operation. However, this comes with a downside: we needed roughly 60 m of coaxial cable for each antenna. On the high bands, we only use a robust two-element wire beam from LZ Antennas. A pentaplexer from LBS allows us to operate simultaneously three bands from 20 to 10 m, each with 500 watts HF. Loops are used for 30 and 6 m. For the other bands 160, 80, 60 and 40 m, we use verticals with an elevated radial.

We are very happy with the propagation and the good RX situation from 40 m upwards. After 7 days we already have over 55,000 QSOs in the log. The pile-ups are still tremendous. We have strived for equal operations on all modes and bands. The FT8 stations are also manned. All operators work in rolling shifts. 4.5 hours at the station and 9 hours free for eating, sleeping, checking emails and making repairs. We have major hearing problems on 160, 80 and 60 m. On

these bands, the noise level is always at S9 plus! Possibly an atmospheric problem near the equator at sunspot maximum and not man-made noise. That means stations calling us have to be louder than the noise floor. 80m CW is very hard to read. Under these circumstances, all OPs agreed that CW operation makes no sense on 160m.

A note on FT8 Fox & Hound. We use WSJT-X, not MHSV. This means, the confirmation must be on our transmission frequency. Additionally, those who call us below 1,000 Hz can't be worked. There are still a lot of stations from all parts of the world who cannot work correct F&H. So fare in last days we may use normal FT8 mode.

Due to the hot climate, we have to finish the antenna dismantling a day earlier. We are therefore only QRV until November 9th around 4 UTC.

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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.

Thanks!

Date(s)	Event	Info
Nov. 9	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
Nov. 12	FISTS Saturday Sprint	www.fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints
Nov. 12-13	10-10 Digital Fall Contest	http://bit.ly/1FrFeBc
Nov. 12-13	ARRL EME Contest	www.arrl.org/eme-contest
Nov. 12-13	CQ-WE Contest	https://cqwe.cboh.org
Nov. 12-13	JIDX Phone Contest	www.jidx.org
Nov. 12-13	OK/OM CW DX Contest	http://bit.ly/19rrRjl

Nov. 12-13	Worked All Europe RTTY Contest	https://bit.ly/36ubggF
Nov. 12-14	PODXS070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint	http://bit.ly/2Cq2yUA
Nov. 13	FIRAC HF Contest	www.firac.de/html/contest.html
Nov. 13-14	Fall Classic Exchange CW	www.classicexchange.org
Nov. 15-16	Fall Classic Exchange CW	www.classicexchange.org
Nov. 16	RSGB Autumn Series, SSB	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
Nov. 16	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
Nov. 18	YO International PSK31 Contest	www.yo5crq.ro/index.htm
Nov. 19	All Austrian 160M Contest	https://bit.ly/3fgsiUo
Nov. 19	RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest CW	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
Nov. 19	SARL Newbie Party	http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
Nov. 19-20	LZ DX Contest	http://lzdxbfra.bg/rulesen.html
Nov. 19-20	REF 160-Meter Contest	https://bit.ly/3iHzsQU
Nov. 19-20	SARL Field Day Contest	http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
Nov. 19-21	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	www.arrl.org/sweepstakes
Nov. 20	FISTS Sunday Sprint	www.fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints
Nov. 24	RSGB Autumn Series, CW	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
Nov. 26-27	CQWW DX CW Contest	www.cqww.com/index.htm
Nov. 28	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	https://bit.ly/31qpcJl
Nov. 30	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest CW	https://ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php

ARRL DX news

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GHANA, 9G. Dave, AB0GC is QRV as 9G1SD from the Wenchi, Brong Region. Activity is on 17 to 6 meters using FT8 and FT4 at various times during the day. QSL direct to home call.

KUWAIT, 9K. Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society are QRV as 9K2F from Failaka Island, IOTA AS-118, until November 9. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via 9K2HN.

TONGA, A3. Stan, LZ1GC and Ivan, LZ1PM are QRV as A35GC from Tongatapu, IOTA OC-049, until November 20. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 with two stations. QSL via LZ1GC.

MOROCCO, CN. Special event station CN47MS is QRV until November 10 and will commemorate the 47th anniversary of the Green March. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. This includes activity on Satellite QO-100. QSL via CN8WW.

URUGUAY, CX. Special event station CX100B is QRV until November 30 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Radio Paradizabal broadcasting for the first time beginning on November 2, 1922. QSL via CX1AA.

THAILAND, HS. Lars, SM6NT is QRV as HS0ZME from Hua Hin and is here until April 2, 2023. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. QSL to home call.

ARGENTINA, LU. Members of the Radio Club ARM Belgrano will be QRV with special event stations LU4AAO, LU4AAO/A and LU4AAO/D from November 5 to 13 for Tradition Day, which celebrates the birthday of Jose Hernandez. Activity will be on the HF and V/UHF bands using CW, SSB, SSTV, and FT8. Activity will include being on the FM Satellites. QSL direct to LU4AAO.

BRAZIL, PY. Special event station ZW200ESQ is QRV until November 30 to celebrate the bicentennial of the Brazilian Navy. Activity is on 80 meters to 70 centimeters using CW, SSB, various digital modes, and on the FM Satellites. QSL via bureau.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. A large group of operators are QRV as P29RO from Loloata Island, IOTA OC-240, until November 10. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via DL4SVA.

GREECE, SV. A group of operators are QRV as SX22HAF until November 30 to celebrate Hellenic Air Force Day. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

BANABA ISLAND, T3. Members of the Rebel DX Group are QRV as T33T until November 15. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using FT8 in DXpedition mode. QSL via LoTW.

PALAU, T8. A group of operators are QRV as T88WA from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until November 14. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via M0URX.

MALI, TZ. Jeff, TZ4AM is QRV from Bamako and is active on 40 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via KX4R.

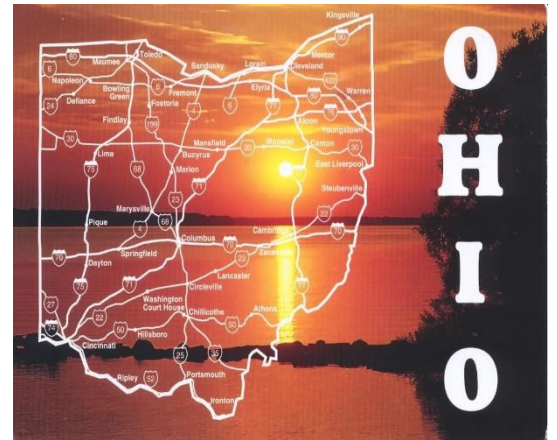
ST. HELENA, ZD7. Christopher, HB9FIY will be QRV as ZD7CA from November 5 to 26. Activity will be in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using SSB, PSK31, and RTTY. QSL via EA5GL.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL CW Sweepstakes Contest,

Please see November QST, page 77, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details

Upcoming *Hamfests*

We **DO** have some hamfests scheduled for 2022!! Yes, take a good look at the list. And YES! They are starting to book up for 2023 already!



2022 & 2023

<p>12/03/2022 - FCARC WinterFest Location: Archbold, OH Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest Learn More</p>	<p>2022 is Done! I hope you made it to a Fest or two. We had some pretty good ones and I anticipate 2023 only getting better! Hope to see you next year.</p>
<p>01/15/2023 - Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest Location: Shade, OH Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Website: QRZ KC8AAV Learn More</p>	<p>03/11/2023 - MOVARC Hamfest Location: Bidwell, OH 45614, OH Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club Learn More</p>
<p>05/13/2023 - 05/17/2023 RV Radio Network Location: Berlin, Ohio, OH Type: ARRL Operating Specialty Convention Sponsor: RV Radio Network Learn More</p>	<p>05/19/2023 - 05/21/2023 Dayton Hamvention Location: Xenia, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association Website: http://Hamvention.org Learn More</p>
<p>07/08/2023 - Mansfield Trunkfest 2023 Location: Mansfield, OH Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club Website: http://iarc.club Learn More</p>	<p>07/16/2023 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://w8fy.org Learn More</p>
<p>08/12/2023 - Cincinnati HamfestSM Location: Owensville , OH Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More</p>	

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 on this one. While I know what I think the answer is going to be, the bigger the sample, the more accurate a survey like this is likely to be.

How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It’s in the bottom left corner of the page)



Are you set up to run WinLink?

- A) Yes
- B) No

From last weeks question:

**ARE YOU MORE LIKELY TO ATTEND A HAMFEST ON A
A) SATURDAY OR
A) SUNDAY?**

OUT OF 63 RESPONSES: ¾ SAY THEY WOULD PREFER SATURDAY AND ¼ SAY THEY WOULD PREFER SUNDAY!

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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

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