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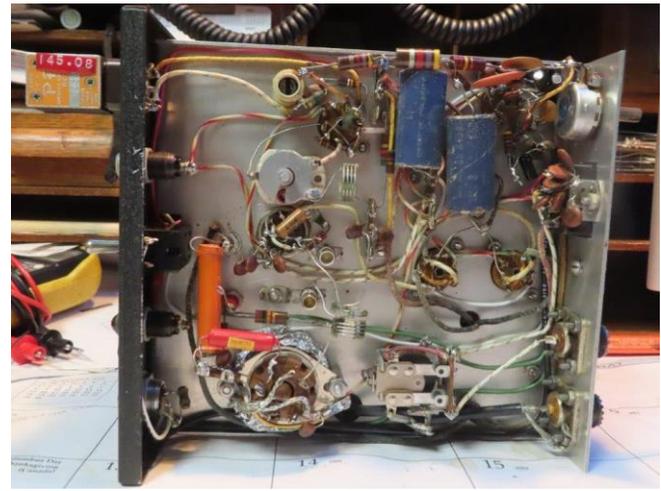
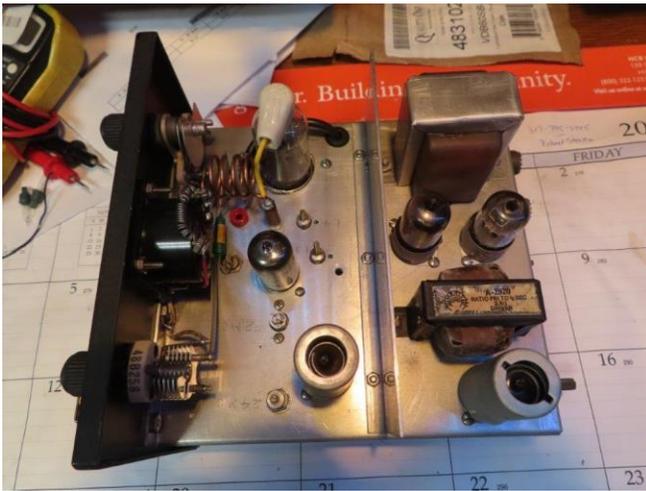
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## CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD

I'll start off this month with another really cool example of "home-brewed" equipment from the past. This one, a 2-meter, crystal-controlled transmitter was built by W8INO – Bob Gunderman who resides in Hilliard, OH. It was donated to Highland ARA by his son David – K8DG. David's dad is from the era when you couldn't normally walk into a radio store and buy a rig off the shelf. You walked into a radio store and bought the parts to build it. By doing this you knew the inside and out of the piece, what each piece did and how it worked. When something went wrong, you fixed it yourself. Those days are long gone and will never return in this throwaway society. The above photo's show the art of building your own radio and the pride that went into it. W8INO did a superb job and is undoubtedly very proud of this two-meter radio he built. It was probably built somewhere in the 1950's or early 60's. Very nicely done Bob!

It's still very satisfying to build your own equipment. When I speak to "older" hams, most of us remember our first home-brew radio, which was probably a crystal set. Building a crystal set is still something many people enjoy doing, and it turns out to be a whole hobby unto itself! If you've never built your own set, it's not hard, all components are readily available, and you can make it as simple or complex as you want. I would suggest starting with a simple set. Build it, and then learn how it works. From that basic understanding of a receiver your knowledge can grow to understand the more complex radios we use today. It will all make more sense once you've got the basic concept down.



That brings us to today. For the past 20+ years, the ARRL has put out a "kit" which was designed to be a youngster (or new ham's) first building project. It's a code practice oscillator. In today's world, it does not really have a whole lot of relevance to either Ham Radio or building – other than as a history lesson. While the CPO is still listed on the ARRL's website as an available product, there is also a new kit available which is



designed to be more relevant to a newcomer to radio, and kit-building, today. In fact, it's an actual radio! Go to the ARRL's website and search for "Introduction to Radio Receiver Kit" and you'll find it listed. It's the complete kit, and it uses a circuit board with all parts "thru-hole" mounted. It's got the battery and an earphone included in the package. Once completed (they say it should take 45 minutes to an hour to build it, your mileage may vary) you should be able to turn it on and hear something! From the package: "This kit is a tunable and volume controlled radio with a frequency range of approximately 40 Mhz to 150 Mhz. It can pick up transmissions from nearby FM radio stations, Air Traffic Control Towers, and similar transmitting sources." I'll be building one this weekend – in my spare time – HA! This should be a good first project to get someone interested in "Making" and "Radio". It could be a very good project for a group of first-time builders. I'll let you know how it works out. By the way, it's also \$2 *cheaper* than the CPO project!

Another new ARRL project is just about ready to launch! From Mike Walters – W8ZY – ARRL Field Services Manager: "We are getting ready for the relaunch of the Club News newsletter. Look for that next week. It is going to be available to all members. All that they will need to do is log into the ARRL.Org website and look at their personal account. Under Email Subscriptions they will find a check box for ARRL Club News. If the box is not checked, they can check there and each month they will get the newsletter. We are also targeting Section Managers, Club Presidents, Club newsletter editors and Affiliated Club Coordinators. They should all get the newsletter anyway. This allows us to target the members that will have the ability to get the newsletter to the most people. This is the first Club News in almost twelve years so I hope that you like it and that all clubs will get something for us to include.

As we near the holiday season we I know that clubs across the country will be participating in all sorts of special events, projects and public service events. Please let us know how they went and SEND US PICTURES. We want to promote these events and show how your clubs are being active. COVID has keep most of us at home or trapped on virtual meetings for some time now. If you have a foxhunt or help out at a parade that is fun and shows what we can do. I remember being a young ham in the 70's and doing Santa Net in the hospitals back home in West Virginia. One of us would take an HT into the hospital and let kids and often others speak with Santa on 2 meters. It was fun and the kids loved it."

Since Mike brought it up – here's some information on a "Santa Net":

For the 16th consecutive year, The 3916 Nets will be presenting The Santa Net on 3.916 MHz. Good girls and boys can talk to Santa Claus, via amateur radio, nightly at 7:15 PM (Central) starting Friday, November 26, 2021. The Santa Net will run nightly through Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021.

Pete Thomson (KE5GGY), of The 3916 Nets, commented on The 3916 Santa Net. He said, "Christmastime and Santa Net is an exciting time on the 3916 Nets. Every year we connect hundreds of children with Santa and we're looking forward to another busy year."

Youngsters can talk to "Santa at The North Pole" via strategically placed operators who relay the voice of Santa. Thomson said that The Santa Net is a team effort that involves the efforts of a number of 3916 Net members. He said, "In our first year, we connected 10 kids to Santa on Ham Radio and it's grown steadily since. This year we're hoping to connect over 1,000 children with Santa Claus."



Prior to each night's Santa Net, pre-net check-ins can be made at [www.cqsanta.com](http://www.cqsanta.com) Third party rules and regulations apply.

The Santa Nets are presented annually by The 3916 Nets. The Rag Chew Crew, The Tailgaters and The Freewheelers are all amateur radio nets that meet on 3.916 MHz nightly. For more information on The 3916 Nets, go to <http://www.3916nets.com> For more information on The Santa Net, email KE5GGY at Gmail dot com.

There are LOTS of good things going on with Ham Radio! Be a part of it. Get on the air. Go to the club meeting. Participate in the events. The people having the most fun, are the ones who are the most involved!

Speaking of Ham Radio Fun – What could be more FUN than Hamvention 2022? This is one of the Biggest and Best Ham Radio events IN THE WORLD! You need to get there, it's in our own backyard after all. Hamvention is too big, and too important to Amateur Radio to let it fade after the past two years shut-downs. We in OHIO *especially* have an obligation to help bring it back bigger and better than ever. I hope to see each and every one of you there this coming May. Get your tickets early. The following article was from the most recent issue of the DARA RF Carrier.

73,

Tom Sly – WB8LCD  
ARRL OHIO Section Manager  
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## 2022 Hamvention

### Hamvention 2022 – The Hamvention Awakens from a Long Sleep



It was astonishing to see the majority of the Hamvention Committee Chairs face-to-face in October at the monthly Chair Meeting. It was heartening to see that all the previous chairs had agreed to face another year of hard work and all the tasks their committees are committed to accomplishing. It had been way too long since we had seen each other in the same room. There were many useful side conversations after the meeting and we all got on the road to begin the actions needed to make Hamvention a successful event in May.

We are absolutely committed to hosting a full Hamvention with ALL the fun and camaraderie of the 2017, 2018 and 2019

Hamventions at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. We believe that most of the concessions we had to make to the COVID pandemic are drawing to a close. As Bill Maher, a popular liberal commentator (and a comedian) said about COVID last week: “We have to get back to life.” Talking about the COVID pandemic, he said “all three sports are playing now, including basketball which is inside. Nobody seems to be having super-spreader events. I mean, you know, it was great. It was so much fun having a pandemic, but, you know, buh-bye.”

We have all lost friends to the pandemic, and have made great sacrifices. But it is time to move on. Personally, we each have enough controls, education, vaccines, and experience to allow us to all get together and have a successful Hamvention again.

The upshot is: we can get a group of amateur radio operators together for a weekend in May with no more risk than we are willing to take when we go to a ball game. Hamvention volunteers don’t need to look at vaccination records, or to insist on people wearing a mask. Hams, by and large, are adults and are capable of making good decisions to keep themselves healthy. Of course, we will follow the recommendations and requirements of our government officials. But it appears that this will not cause interference with our Hamvention gathering in the state of Ohio.

DARA is the sponsor of Hamvention, and with the upcoming Reunion we will be able to get back to the vision of our Radio Association: “to provide a safe, respectful mentoring environment, producing an international amateur radio gathering, while encouraging operating and supporting the amateur radio community.”

We believe we will be able to support the individual amateur radio operator with fresh insights, exposure to new technology, get-togethers with old friends, and loads of flea market bargains. Clubs and individuals will be able to use the flea market to find new homes for equipment they no longer need. Commercial vendors will be able to get face-to-face with their primary market. And organizations allied to amateur radio will be able to schedule meals and meetings.

We are all working to bring the sleeping giant of Hamvention back to full potential as we work through many issues never designed into our ticketing process or the reservation system for exhibit space and flea market space.

The above Hamvention article is used with permission from both Rick Allnutt – WS8G and the DARA RF Carrier newsletter.

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## National News

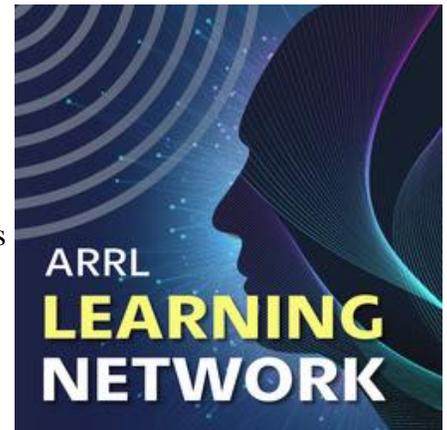
### ARRL Learning Network Webinars

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

#### **More webinars coming soon!**

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

The ARRL Learning Network schedule is subject to change.



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## W1AW 2021/2022 Winter Operating Schedule

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ARLB026 W1AW 2021/2022 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

| Time                | Mode | Days     |
|---------------------|------|----------|
| 1400 UTC (9 AM EST) | CWs  | Wed, Fri |
| 1400 UTC (9 AM EST) | CWf  | Tue, Thu |

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 2045 UTC - (10 AM to 3:45 PM EST)

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri  
 2100 " " CWs Tue, Thu  
 2200 " (5 PM EST) CWb Daily  
 2300 " (6 PM EST) DIGITAL Daily  
 0000 " (7 PM EST) CWs Mon, Wed, Fri  
 0000 " " CWf Tue, Thu  
 0100 " (8 PM EST) CWb Daily  
 0200 " (9 PM EST) DIGITAL Daily  
 0245 " (9:45 PM EST) VOICE Daily  
 0300 " (10 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri  
 0300 " " CWs Tue, Thu  
 0400 " (11 PM EST) CWb Daily

#### Frequencies (MHz)

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CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 50.350 147.555

DIGITAL: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 50.350 147.555

VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 50.350 147.555

#### Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

DIGITAL = BAUDOT (45.45 baud), BPSK31 and MFSK16 in a revolving schedule.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular digital frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

Audio from W1AW's CW code practices, CW/digital bulletins and phone bulletin is available using EchoLink via the W1AW Conference Server named "W1AWBDCT." The monthly W1AW Qualifying Runs are presented here as well. The audio is sent in real-time and runs concurrently with W1AW's regular transmission schedule.

All users who connect to the conference server are muted. Please note that any questions or comments about this server should not be sent via the "Text" window in EchoLink. Please direct any questions or comments to [w1aw@arrl.org](mailto:w1aw@arrl.org).

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Digital at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

All licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 2045 UTC (10 AM to 3:45 PM EST). Be sure to bring a reference copy of your current FCC amateur radio license.

The weekly W1AW and monthly West Coast Qualifying Runs are sent on the normal CW frequencies used for both code practice and bulletin transmissions. West Coast Qualifying Run stations may also use 3590 kHz.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 28 in the November 2021 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-operating-schedule> .



## MEDIA RELEASE

STATE OF OHIO  
Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness

Mike DeWine, Governor ▪ [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov)

For Immediate Release: **November 10, 2021**

### **Bundle Up, Ohio! It's Predicted to be a Cold Winter**

*Winter Safety Awareness Week is Nov. 14-20*

**(COLUMBUS, OH)** – The Buckeye State has already seen an array of weather this fall season to include warm weather, sweater weather with a few tornadoes, and snowflakes in between. Now is the time to start preparation for winter in the Midwest.

In a coordinated effort with the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted have declared Nov. 14 - 20 as Winter Safety Awareness Week. The awareness effort encourages Ohioans to take action now to help minimize the potential risks associated with winter weather. [Click here to view the 2021 Winter Safety Week Resolution.](#)

“Winter Safety Awareness Week is the ideal time for Ohioans to prepare for winter and cold weather-related incidents,” said Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Sima Merick. “Take time to restock your emergency supply kits, ensure your home and vehicles are prepped and maintained and review your emergency plans. Also, it’s

not too late to get vaccinations to protect yourself and family from influenza and the coronavirus.”

According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) annual [U.S. Winter Outlook](#) precipitation map, states in the Midwest including Ohio are leaning toward above-normal or wetter-than-average precipitation this winter.

NOAA also noted that La Niña climate conditions will continue for the second consecutive winter. La Niña is a natural ocean-atmospheric phenomenon marked by cooler-than-average sea surface temperatures across the central and eastern Pacific Ocean near the equator.

“We need to be mindful that preparing for winter is not just getting ready for snow and ice,” noted Merick. “Just last month, a total of six tornadoes touched down in Ross, Highland, and Pickaway counties. We truly need to be prepared for all weather and home emergencies.”

As we transition into the winter weather season, everyone is encouraged to prepare with the following safety tips:

**Practice fire safety and prevention** With the winter months, holiday season, and the continuing pandemic, people will spend more time indoors and will cook, decorate, and possibly entertain more which can lead to an increase in home fires. The best protection is to have working smoke detectors. Test your detectors monthly. Conduct fire drills.

Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year – when you change your clocks, change your batteries. Have auxiliary heaters, furnaces, and fireplaces checked or serviced before using.

Remember that cooking-related fires are the number one cause of house fires. Never leave cooking food unattended. Keep towels, potholders, and paper products away from heated stoves.

**Prepare your home for winter** Cut and remove low-hanging and dead tree branches. Strong winds, ice, and snow can cause tree limbs to break and cause damage to your home. Have your gutters cleaned. Snow and ice can build up quickly with debris if clogged and cause additional damage.

**Prepare winter emergency supplies kits for the home and vehicle** Check the expiration dates on nonperishable food items, bottled water/beverages, and medications. Winter emergency kits should include essential items such as flashlights, extra batteries, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, a battery-operated radio/weather radio, first aid kit, cell phone and charger, and enough nonperishable food and water (one gallon per person, per day) to sustain every household member for several days. Lastly, store food, bottled water, and supplies for each of your pets.

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The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA) is comprised of eighteen local, state and federal agencies and organizations. For additional information on winter weather safety and severe weather preparedness, visit OCSWA's [website](#).

**For additional information, contact:**

CONTACT: [Kelli Blackwell](#), Ohio EMA (614) 799-3694  
[Brandon Peloquin](#), NWS-Wilmington (937) 383-0428

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## ARRL November Sweepstakes VY1AAA Operation is On for this Year

Gerry Hull, W1VE/VE1RM, reports that he is still hoping to be able to operate remotely as VY1AAA from the Northern Territories (NT), a rare multiplier in the ARRL November Sweepstakes (SS) event. Hull said that a family health emergency had kept J. "Jay" Allen, VY1JA, from working on getting his station up and running again, but the situation has brightened somewhat, and he is back at it. Hull has operated Allen's station in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, remotely from the US to make the multiplier available.

Allen had dismantled his station and antennas last year, but recently decided to make the station usable again. He reported that work is being done to repair a vertical antenna and expand its radial set to include 20 and 80 meters. Allen told Hull that he would go over the station computer setup to make sure that *AnyDesk* can operate the station remotely from the VY1JA computer. Allen is also working on primary and secondary wire antennas for the two SS events. Hull told Allen that as far as he was concerned, 80 meters is a lower priority for SS and that 40 and 20 are the "meat and potatoes" bands.



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## Job Openings at ARRL Headquarters

ARRL is hiring for the following positions at its Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. Qualified candidates are invited to [email](#) their cover letter and resume to ARRL Human Resources. Visit the ARRL [Employment Opportunities](#) page for more information.

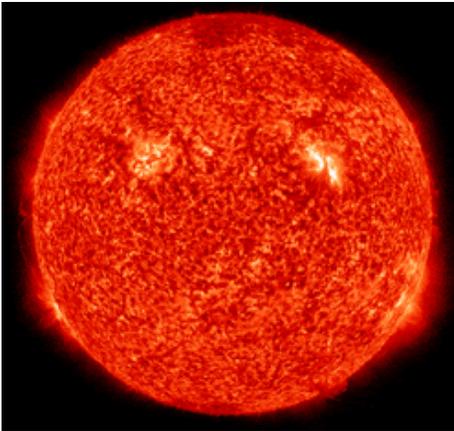
- Lab Engineer EMC/RFI Specialist
- Administrative Assistant
- Director of Information Technology
- Marketing Communications Associate
- Public Relations & Outreach Manager
- Social Media Strategist



To apply to any of these positions, submit your resume and cover letter by mail, [email](#), or fax to ARRL Human Resources, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. Fax: 860-594-0298. ARRL is an equal opportunity employer.

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## The K7RA Solar Update



Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, reports: Sunspot activity and solar flux dropped this reporting week (November 4 - 10), with average daily sunspot number retreating from 67.6 to 36.4, and solar flux from 102 to 89.1. Geomagnetic indicators rose; average daily planetary A index went from 12 to 18, and middle latitude values went from 9 to 11.7.

Predicted solar flux is 86 on November 12; 85 on November 13 - 16; 84 on November 17; 83 on November 18 - 19; 90 on November 20; 95 on November 21 - 27; 90 on November 28 - 29; 85 on November 30 - December 2; 82 on December 3 - 4; 85 on December 5; 82 on December 6 - 9; 80 on December 10 - 11; 85 on December 12, and 87 on December 13 - 15. Flux values may peak at around 95 on December 18 - 24.

Predicted planetary A index is 5 on November 12 - 15; 8 on November 16 - 17; 5 on November 18 - 27; 10, 10, and 8 on November 28 - 30; 5 on December 1 - 4; 8 on December 5; 5 on December 6 - 9; 7, 7, 10, and 8 on December 10 - 13, and 5 on December 14 - 24. Sunspot numbers for November 4 - 10 were 28, 40, 41, 28, 41, 40, and 37, with a mean of 36.4. The 10.7-centimeter flux was 93.8, 92.8, 82.1, 87.5, 88.3, 92, and 87.5, with a mean of 89.1. Estimated planetary A indices were 69, 13, 18, 6, 5, 7, and 8, with a mean of 18. Middle latitude A index was 42, 9, 13, 4, 3, 6, and 5, with a mean of 11.7.

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

A propagation bulletin [archive](#) is available. For customizable propagation charts, visit the [VOACAP Online for Ham Radio](#) website.

[Share](#) your reports and observations.

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## The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program Open Through Dec 31st

The ARRL Foundation Scholarship application period for the academic year 2022-2023 opens on November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31, 2021. I am asking you as a Section Manager to notify your Section membership of this opportunity. The Foundation issued \$550,000 in scholarships for 2021-2022 and for the academic year 2022-2023 there has been a significant increase in the number of large dollar scholarships available thanks to a generous contribution from Amateur Radio Digital Communications, Inc. (ARDC).

For the academic year 2022-2023, 130 scholarships will be offered totaling \$900,000! There are twenty \$25,000 scholarships, four \$15,000, seventeen \$10,000 scholarships, nine \$5,000 scholarships as well as dozens of \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships.

The descriptions of the many scholarships available are on line.

<http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions>

It is also very easy to apply as the scholarship application is on line.

<http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-application>

Since only amateur radio operator students may apply, the chances of being selected for a scholarship are good. It would be a shame for your members to miss this opportunity. Please place a notice in your Newsletter or send a separate E-Mail to your Section to let your members know that the ARRL Foundation offers over 130 scholarships and it only takes a simple online application to apply.

Since 1973, the ARRL Foundation, with the generosity of many donors and the hard work of a long line of dedicated Foundation Directors, has had a positive impact on the lives of many young amateur radio operator students. To ensure that this positive impact does not wane, I ask each of you to timely notify your members of this opportunity. Being awarded an ARRL Foundation scholarship could mean the difference in whether a student can pursue their education in 2022-2023 or not.

Thank you.

Dr David Woolweaver, K5RAV  
President, ARRL Foundation

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## Ten Tips for New Contesters and Those with Modest Stations

Former ARRL Headquarters employee turned ham radio retailer John "Bee" Bartscherer, N1GNV, considers himself a casual contester with a 100 W transceiver and a wire antenna. As the fall and winter contest season begins, he shared 10 operating tips for new contesters and those with modest stations.

1. **Read the contest rules.** Know which bands are in play, your entry category, and the contest exchange.

2. **Use a logging program.** Quite a few options are out there. Bee's personal choice is *NIMM Logger+*. It's free, has an amazing array of features, and it's updated regularly. Most current logging software will interface with just about any modern HF radio.
3. **More operating time means more contacts.** Get rid of any distractions, such as texting, TV, and email, and concentrate on making contacts. However, Bee does suggest taking breaks. For 5 minutes each hour, get up, stretch, hydrate, and get some fresh air.
4. **Set achievable goals.** If you're not an experienced contester with a well-equipped station (yet), it's not likely that you'll win a contest. Instead of trying to win, aim to beat your score from last year's contest, try to work DXCC in a weekend, or try to outscore fellow club members.
5. **Study propagation forecasts.** Get a sense of what bands are likely to be open to areas you want to work and when. This will help you come up with a basic operating strategy. Band openings can occur at any time, so if you're operating in a category that
  6. allows it, keep an eye on the DX cluster to find out when a DX station is on the air.
7. **Don't waste time in pileups.** Early on in a contest, don't waste a lot of time trying to break the pileup. Try a call or two, but if you don't succeed, move on and try again later.
8. **Work multipliers.** Most contests include multipliers in their scoring system, which can help to boost your score. Typically, you multiply your contact points by the number of multipliers (Sections, states, DXCC entities, grid squares) to determine your total score.
9. **Know your radio's knobs.** Familiarize yourself with your radio's front-panel controls, as well as any functions that may be hidden in a menu. Just about every radio has an attenuator, preamplifier, RF gain control, noise blanker, and, frequently, noise reduction. Most will also include an IF shift or passband tuning. Try turning off the preamplifier and turning on some attenuation. This may seem counterintuitive, but if a station sounds loud, chances are you're also loud to them. Reducing RF gain can also knock down strong, close-in interference, so you can hear (and contact) weaker stations that may be drowned out by stronger ones.
10. **Use standard phonetics.** Cute phonetics might be okay to use on your local repeater, but in a contest, other stations will be listening for standard phonetics. Even though phonetics can vary, it's important to be consistent.
11. **Listen before calling.** Make sure you correctly copy the other station's call sign and exchange, which you can enter in your log while waiting in line (this is especially valuable during the ARRL November Sweepstakes, where the exchange is more than a simple signal report). Listen to the other operator's pattern (saying "QRZ?" after each contact, for example). Make sure you're transmitting when the other station is listening. -- Adapted from [The ARRL Contest Update](#)



Contesting at W9SN.

# The Little Giant Sets a New Electric Vehicle Land Speed Record

The “Little Giant” became the worlds fastest electric vehicle with a top speed of 353 Mph. Driver Eric Ritter broke the world record (which he had set the day before!) on November 1, 2021 at the Bonneville Salt Flats.



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## Club Corner

This is YOUR cornner 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 sent it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto: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 aritcle. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated



## **Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)**

While the final total is not in yet, PCARS had kept its streak of continually increasing its annual contribution to the Portage County Center of Hope. For the second straight year donations have exceeded \$10,000 and it appears this years total will exceed last years! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## **Athens County FoxHunt Winners 11/07**

We had six active hunters for the first Sunday afternoon Foxhunt today.

Paul Schulz, WD8SCV, was the fox and hid well, with a maximum power of 10watts and a solar panel to recharge his unit.

Kirk Groeneveld KC8JRV came in first at 45 minutes, having stopped in Buchtel for a tank of gas, after triangulating the Fox in Dover Twtnship. Carl Denbow N8VZ arrived second, having troubles with his initial bearings. He says he sought the fox near Rainbow Lake in error. Eric McFadden WD8RIF came in third, also having had a bum bearing to Dow Lake.

Also in the hunt were James KE8SIQ, and Jeremy KE8QCQ We also were expecting N8PXW Jim.

A reminder, so that we aren't waiting and worrying about people being out on the trail hunting, please be sure to check out on the club repeater frequency AND GET A CONFIRMATION that you are out. Even if someone else has already arrived at the Fox Den, please keep working toward the finish line, as it will Help you fine tune your skills, and give you a sense of accomplishment. We normally adjourn to a local eatery for a bite, but waited so long, there wasn't time today.

The next FoxHunt MAY be set for Saturday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and may contain a special treat.... Weather permitting. While it is getting late in the season, we will hold another provided the weather is supportive.

-Kirk Groeneveld KC8JRV



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## VE Sessions

### **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](mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com)

### **Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club (CFARC)**

Next Laurel VEC session on 18 November. Please preregister at <https://cfarc-edu.org/registration/>. Note Laurel sessions are free. Copy of license not need if you per-register.

### **Lake County Amateur Radio Association (LCARA)**

Saturday December 4

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

### **Highland ARA**

Southern Ohio hospitality will ring true at the November 20 Highland ARA VE session in Hillsboro. The session starts at 9 am that Saturday morning at the Highland County EMA Office, 1487 North High Street. This is a Laurel session and no fee is charged; however please pre-register at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48adac23afec16-hara6>.

### **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](http://www.portcars.org) . If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at KB8UUZ@gmail.com

**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](http://www.milfordhamradio.org)

### **Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society (CARS)**

11/14/2021 09:15 AM Walk-ins Welcome. Location for testing is at: Elmwood Recreation Center 6200 Wisnieski Parkway Independence, OH 44131 Contact: Metro – W8MET 216-520-1320

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Here is some really good information on how to step into the world of being “Net Control.” Matt, KD8TTE, has put together a video with some solid basic training to get you (or your people!) up to speed to step into running a net. This is good stuff.

<https://youtu.be/q1YKMsUCMvs>

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## 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](mailto:WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG)

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## DX This Week – IK0FVC

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

The spots this week included Algeria, Anguilla, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceuta & Melilla, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, England, Faroe Islands, Fed. Rep. of Germany, France, Gabon, Ghana, Gibraltar, Hawaii, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Madeira Islands, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Rodriguez Island, San Marino, Sardinia, Seychelles, Sint Maarten, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, The Gambia, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, Uruguay, Wales, and Western Sahara. So far this year there have been 213 entities spotted in the Midwest and all 40 Zones. If you were participating in the CQ Marathon and were able to work all of the spotted entities, you would be at 253 “points”. This is about 15% ahead of last year and to be expected with the better sunspot numbers.



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Every week I ask that you send me your latest and greatest achievements so that we can all share in the fun. I also ask that you send along any QSL cards that you receive. Dave, K8DV, has responded to both calls for action. Below is a beautiful QSL card from the Turks and Caicos Islands from VP5MA. This confirmed contact is entity #70 on 6 Meters for Dave. Congrats to my friend and Elmer, K8DV, for moving up the 6-meter DXCC ladder!



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This week, I am reprinting one of the favorite interviews from the SWODXA newsletter. The interview was with Francesco, IK0FVC. He is an absolute “Hoot” in person, a great operator, and a great person. He was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of fame during the time we were conducting the interview. I know you will enjoy this one!

### ***Interview with Francesco, IK0FVC***

Over lunch with Joe, W8GEX, I mentioned that the one ham I really wanted to meet/interview was IK0FVC. I had worked him at his home QTH, the Vatican, and at SMOM. Joe mentioned that he had the email address for Francesco and offered to introduce us. Francesco instantly agreed to an “interview” independent of his hectic. While he was composing his answers, it was announced that he was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame! Congrats for a well-deserved Honor!



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

**IK0FVC:** To be honest, like many of us, I started at age of 9 when my brother lent me his CB transceiver and from that moment a long adventure that continues began. I got the ham license in 1985 and I still remember the first QSO with a Russian, it was like talking to a Martian, the memory still excites me.

**AJ8B:** What an honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. How did you feel when you first learned?

**IK0FVC:** Of course, very excited, I will put the email of 12 May sent to me by Bob N200 - who informed me about the induction - in a picture, which I will keep among the most dear things. I immediately called my brother and told him that I would never have imagined that that the little CB transceiver loaned to me almost 40 years ago would take me this far!

**AJ8B:** How did you get involved with the Vatican Radio Station?

**IK0FVC:** In 1991 His Eminence, Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles - W6QYI, helped me to install the shack at the Pontifical North American College, a Vatican extraterritorial area in Rome, and since then I have always been in constant contact with the authorities of the Holy See, who have supported and still support me in this long journey.



**AJ8B:** That must be a great honor. Is it difficult to schedule time at the Vatican station?

**IK0FVC:** If you intend to access the shack there is no problem, now the College is like my second home. The problem, if anything, is finding the time to activate the station, but luckily there is a team of local colleagues who gives me a strong help.

**AJ8B:** You have also operated from 1A0KM, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. How did that relationship develop?

**IK0FVC:** I had and I maintain relationships on a personal level, unfortunately it has never been possible to install a permanent station and this makes the activity as if it were a real expedition from the logistical point of view and the time available is always so little.

**AJ8B:** It seems to be several years since you have operated from there. Anything planned in the future?

**IK0FVC:** Not for this year, we will see in the future.

**AJ8B:** Your own station is very impressive. How do you split time between the three operating locations?

**IK0FVC:** Nice question ... let's say it's like I have three children to look after, even if I can't hide that the two favorites are HVOA and 1A0KM in terms of QSO number, much to IK0FVC's jealousy!

**AJ8B:** Overall, do you have a favorite band or mode?

**IK0FVC:** I like each band of its kind, but I can't hide a certain preference for 10 meters, which, unfortunately, is very much affected by the eleven-year cycle. As for the mode, it is impossible to resist the charm of CW, a dead and glorious language that only we ham continue to guard.

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

**IK0FVC:** On weekends and, of course, during the gray line, especially in the months when you can work the low bands and then, if the gray line is the one of the afternoons, a good glass of Italian wine completes the joy of making radio!

**AJ8B:** Any secrets to your success?

**IK0FVC:** As in all things in life, have consistency over time and always have the passion of the first qso. There have been years in which - for the arrival of the family and for job - when I went to the HV0A shack I found the cobwebs, but I never thought of giving up, indeed, the thought of how many om I could make happy was a decisive help.

**AJ8B:** Any tips that you can share?

**IK0FVC:** I think that on the radio the first rule to be respected is to listen, to listen, to listen before calling. You can't imagine, when you are on the other side of the pile up, the incredible number of stations that continuously call, call, call, but it is knowing how to listen and understand how the dx station operates that makes the difference.

**AJ8B:** Describe what you are currently using at your home station:

**IK0FVC:** Radios are an Icom IC-7851, a Kenwood TS-2000, an Icom IC-7300 and, of course, two vintage, the Yaesu FT-101ZD and a Kenwood TS-930S (also a Yaesu FT-290R and a Kenwood TM-702 for locals) .

Amplifiers are an OM Power 2000A, an Acom 1000 and a Henry 2002-A for 144 mhz. Antennas are an Ultra Beam UB50, a vertical Cushcraft R6000, one 8JXX for 144, one 5JXX for 50 MHz and two dipoles full size for 80 and 160, not that bad to be in downtown.

Of course, the Lafayette Dyna Com-23 could not be missing, that little CB radio that my brother lent me and from which everything started!

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

**IK0FVC:** To those who use to break the pile ups I would ask what they would do if, in line to buy something, someone stood in front of them (something not so rare in Italy). Sometimes, during the pile ups, if someone insists too much, I repeat his name saying that he is on the black list and only if he stops then I pick up him.

**AJ8B:** What is your favorite contest?

**IK0FVC:** I wouldn't want to disappoint you, but I'm not a great lover of contests, I see something competitive that, if exasperated - as sometimes happens - interferes the ham spirit. However, the ARRL and CQ contests I admit that they have their own charm and, at times, are useful to give the country to those who need.

**AJ8B:** Any QSLing hints?



*Figure 1 Francesco with OH2BH - Martti*

**IK0FVC:** Absolutely! In my opinion, among the topics to be studied to take the test for the amateur radio license, I will put the QSL policy. Too many people still send paper QSL without SAE, if not without SASE, incredible to believe. Then, I would encourage the use of LoTW, at least after one has received the first paper QSL useful for the album, the others are no longer needed.

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

**IK0FVC:** I would advise them to learn to love the radio as a life partner, it is eternally faithful and will surely keep you company at all times. Radio is a condition of the soul!

Then, experience the radio discovering its many potentials one at a time, between DXCC, diplomas and anything else there is always something new to start.

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

**IK0FVC:** Here's a typical day: of course, a visit to the HV0a shack first, then here in Rome there are so many places full of history. I would start with St. Peter's Basilica, there is a centuries-old bronze statue of St. Peter whose foot has become smooth due to the many caresses given by the faithful, impressive! Then I would finish with the day by diving into a nice restaurant, some delicacies are only found on real Italian tables.

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

**IK0FVC:** Everything except what is not Italian! Well, why not to start with a real pizza, they make such good ones over here, with a pasta so light that after two hours you are still hungry, a bit like when you go to a Chinese restaurant, but of course it is vaguely similar only in this!

**AJ8B:** I really enjoyed the history and other items on your website. ([www.ik0fvc.it](http://www.ik0fvc.it)) How often do you keep that up?

**IK0FVC:** If you mean how much time I dedicate to the maintenance of the site I'm afraid to disappoint you, too little, unfortunately it is a static site, but over time I will make it livelier, I promise.

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

**IK0FVC:** Besides the common passion for radio I would like to be able to say the love I feel for your wonderful Country. My mother's mother was American, I still have cousins living in San Francisco, I grew up with the American dream, sooner or later I'll buy a house somewhere in US, but don't worry, HV0A will continue to stay on the air!

Thanks, Bill, for the opportunity, I hope to meet you as soon as possible at the DX dinner.

Best 73

Francesco IK0FVC/HV0A

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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:

**FT/W – Crozet - F6CUK**, Thierry (pronounced Terry by his friends), has spent months getting permission for an operation there. TAAF, in charge of the French remote islands, has given him permission for a three-month operation there, mid-December, 2022 to mid-March, 2023, just him, a one-man operation. The last Crozet operation was in 2009 by F4DYW, Crozet callsign FT5WQ. For This upcoming one by F6CUK, QSL via F6EXV. F6EXV, Paul, will also handle financial support, with Thierry's cost estimated as 40,000-50,000 Euros (currently one Euro is 1.16 USD). They ask that you do not contact F6CUK about the operation. They'll put out info when they have it. This will be a full-time ham operation too, not ham radio as a side thing to any sort of scientific mission, which is often how things are done. Thierry has previously oped from St. Barthelemy in 1978 and a few times since, and many IOTA DXpeditions. From his home QTH he does 80-6M. The modes he prefers, in order, CW, SSB and FT8. Here is some historical info:

<http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/galerie/galerie2.php?page=topten&px=FT5W>

**3Y0 - Bouvet Island - KO8SCA**, Adrian Ciuperca, a 3Y0J DXpedition Team Member, has put out the latest monetary support request. Scheduled for November, 2022, the operation is planning to have 13 operators. They cross the South Atlantic starting out from the Falklands, set up camp on the island and operate for 20 days, with a goal of at least 120,000 QSOs, with their eight stations, and covering all the currently popular modes. Adrian says preparations are well under way; they're focused on the complex logistics for Bouvet's harsh environment. Overall, it's a 45- day trip, with a budget of \$650,000 USD, most of that going for the boat and the crew. Each of the ops is putting up 20,000 USD themselves. <https://www.3y0j.no/funding> to donate, and their PayPal address is [bouvet@3y0j.no](mailto:bouvet@3y0j.no). If you have questions or would like to invite the expeditioners to make a presentation to your club, and they hope you do, you should be able to reach them through their website: <http://www.3y0j.com>

**XT - Burkina Faso - DF2WO**, Harald, says he will be playing Santa Claus again as he will be back in Ouagadougou starting December 3rd through December 20th or 21st. When not on the air Harald will be handing out gifts to the local children. When on the air he will be operating as XT2AW using a Yaesu FT-991A running 100 watts into a hex beam, vertical, all band dipole and 80 cm offset for QO-100. Activity will be on FT8, CW and SSB on 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters (grid locator IK92fh). QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. QSL via M0OXO.

**VU – India - AB1F**, Abie, give some details about his upcoming activity as VU2ABE from Shillong in the Meghalaya State, who plans to be QRV between November 6th and December 18. He says there are currently no active stations in that state. He'll have a 100-watt rig and two element HB9CV and plans to be active on 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters and is hopeful "band conditions permit, QSOs with W-land". QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, QRZ and Club Log, usually within four hours. Abie says, "Contest logs may take a few hours longer till the contest ends". For bureau requests it is best to go to AB1F, but "the VU bureau will work as well". QSLs can also be sent directly with appropriate postage.

**KH8/s - Swains Island - W8S** is postponed to March 2023. In a November 4 conference call the ops discussed their plans. With only five flights in the first three months of 2022 from Hawaii to American Samoa and Covid testing requirements the plans got too iffy. As well, two of the team members are also part of 3Y0J going to Bouvet in November-December 2022. When they do get to Swains, the current plan is it will be for 15 days with 10 operators. The good news is propagation should continue to be improving as we get into 2023. The plan is to be on HF CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY from two separate camps, each with two stations, operating 24

hours a day. QSL via PG5M. European ops will first fly to the US, then the Pacific, then a 365 kilometer voyage by boat, a full day at sea, then landing only at high tide.

**SP9FIH**, Janusz, has a Most Wanted DXCC survey and requesting participation. <http://www.dxpedititions.org/most-wanted-dxcc/>

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# CONTEST CORNER

Below is a list of upcoming contests in the “Contest Corner”. I think this is important for someone who is trying to move up the DXCC ladder since entities that are on the rarer side and easiest to work in contests. Some of my best “catches” have been on the Sunday afternoon of a contest when the rarer entities are begging for QSOs. Of course, the gamble is that if you wait until Sunday, conditions may change, or they simply won’t be workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course, why not work the contest and have some fun! Check out the WA7BNM Contest Calendar page (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>) and CQ Magazine for more contests or more details.

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

Thanks!

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| <b>Nov. 24</b>    | <b>UKEICC 80 Meter Contest CW</b>            | <a href="https://bit.ly/2SDPqQQ">https://bit.ly/2SDPqQQ</a>  |
| Nov. 25           | RSGB Autumn Series, CW                       | <a href="https://bit.ly/3p4eShW">https://bit.ly/3p4eShW</a>  |
| <b>Nov. 27-28</b> | <b>CQWW DX CW Contest</b>                    | <a href="http://www.cqww.com/index.htm">www.cqww.com/index.htm</a>                                   |
| Dec. 1            | VHF-UHF FT8 Activity                         | <a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en">www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en</a>                 |
| Dec. 2            | QRP ARCI Top Band Sprint                     | <a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">www.qrparci.org/contests</a>                               |
| <b>Dec. 3-5</b>   | <b>ARRL 160-Meter Contest</b>                | <a href="http://www.arrl.org/160-meter">www.arrl.org/160-meter</a>                                   |
| Dec. 4-5          | PRO CW Contest                               | <a href="http://www.procontestclub.ro/PCC%20Rules.html">www.procontestclub.ro/PCC%20Rules.html</a>   |
| Dec. 4-5          | FT Roundup                                   | <a href="http://www.rttycontesting.com/ft-roundup/rules">www.rttycontesting.com/ft-roundup/rules</a> |
| Dec. 8            | VHF-UHF FT8 Activity                         | <a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en">www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en</a>                 |
| Dec. 12           | QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits<br>Homebrew Sprint  | <a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">www.qrparci.org/contests</a>                               |
| <b>Dec. 11-12</b> | <b>ARRL 10M Contest</b>                      | <a href="http://www.arrl.org/10-meter">www.arrl.org/10-meter</a>                                     |
| Dec. 11-12        | Veron 28 MHz SWL Contest                     | <a href="http://bit.ly/2L9eT1L">http://bit.ly/2L9eT1L</a>  |
| Dec. 11-12        | TRC Digi Contest                             | <a href="https://trcdx.org/rules-trc-digi/">https://trcdx.org/rules-trc-digi/</a>                    |
| Dec. 11-13        | PODXS070 Club Triple Play<br>Low Band Sprint | <a href="http://bit.ly/2Cq2yUA">http://bit.ly/2Cq2yUA</a>  |
| Dec. 12           | CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe<br>Run           | <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y9dytetf">https://tinyurl.com/y9dytetf</a>                              |
| Dec. 17           | AGB Party Contest                            | <a href="https://tinyurl.com/6fke5yb6">https://tinyurl.com/6fke5yb6</a>                              |
| <b>Dec. 17</b>    | <b>Russian 160M Contest</b>                  | <a href="http://www.qrz.ru/contest/detail/90.html">www.qrz.ru/contest/detail/90.html</a>             |
| Dec. 18           | RAC Winter Contest                           | <a href="http://www.rac.ca/contesting-results">www.rac.ca/contesting-results</a>                     |
| Dec. 18-19        | Croatian CW Contest                          | <a href="http://www.9acw.org/index.php/rules/english">www.9acw.org/index.php/rules/english</a>       |
| Dec. 18-19        | OK DX RTTY Contest                           | <a href="http://www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE">www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE</a>                                   |

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| <b>Dec. 18-19</b> | <b>Stew Perry Topband Challenge</b> | <a href="http://www.kkn.net/stew">www.kkn.net/stew</a>                       |
| Dec. 19           | ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW             | <a href="http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup">www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup</a> |
| Dec. 26           | DARC Xmas Contest                   | <a href="http://www.darc.de/?id=820">www.darc.de/?id=820</a>                 |
| Dec. 26           | RAEM Contest                        | <a href="https://raem.srr.ru/rules">https://raem.srr.ru/rules</a>            |
| Dec. 30           | YOTA Contest                        | <a href="http://www.ham-yota.com/contest">www.ham-yota.com/contest</a>       |

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## ARLD045 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by F8DVD, IK2DUW, KD7WPJ, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

ZANZIBAR, 5H. Vlad, OK2WX is QRV as 5H3WX from Michamvi Kae, IOTA AF-032, until December 3. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via HA3JB.

NEPAL, 9N. Robert, S53R is QRV as 9N7AA from Kathmandu. His activity is limited for the time being. QSL direct to S57DX.

OMAN, A6. Special event callsign A600MA is QRV until November 18 to celebrate Oman's National Day. QSL via EA7FTR.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Elvira, C92R will be QRV from November 13 to 30. QSL via IK2DUW.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Members of the C5C team are QRV from Kololi until November 19. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, depending on propagation, using CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4, and on Satellite QO-100. QSL direct to F5RAV.

FRANCE, F. Francois, F8DVD will be QRV with special event station TM60ANT from November 16 to 30 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Members of the Saudi Arabia Radio Society are QRV with special event station HZ1OMAN until November 18 in celebration of Oman National Day. QSL via HZ1SAR.

BELGIUM, ON. Special event station OR95B is QRV until the end of 2021 in celebration of the 95th anniversary of the Belgian National Railway Company. QSL via OR4K.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Hans, PA7HPH is QRV with special event callsign PC19VACCIN until December 31 in support of current health campaigns. QSL to home call.

SINT MAARTEN, PJ7. Oleh, KD7WPJ will be QRV as PJ7/UR5BCP from November 18 to 24. Activity will

be on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

MALI, TZ. Ulmar, DK1CE will be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako from November 18 to December 8. He plans to be active on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. John, W5JON is QRV as V47JA from Calypso Bay, IOTA NA-104, until November 22. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

NAMIBIA, V5. Gunter, DK2WH is QRV as V51WH until March 2022. Activity is on the HF bands. During contests, he will be active as V55Y. QSL to home call.

NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N. Nick, VK2DX is QRV as VK9DX and has been active on 40 and 15 meters using CW. QSL direct to home call.

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## Upcoming Hamfests

We **DO** have some hamfests scheduled for 2021!! Yes, take a good look at the list. The sad news is, if it doesn't show up here now, it's been cancelled!



**12/04/2021 - [FCARC WinterFest](#)**

**Location:** Delta, OH

**Sponsor:** Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

**[Learn More](#)**

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# OHIO'S



As we all too well know most hamfests this year were cancelled because of COVID concerns. Historically the **Grant Radio Club's** Georgetown hamfest normally wrapped up the hamfest activity in the Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky region for the year. Because of restrictions placed on the Club by the hamfest site owners it was determined to again not hold the event. However because the Club had been selling advance tickets for several months, to their credit the Club decided to take a chance at breaking even and raffle off the grand prizes to those who had already bought tickets. They also decided to hold the drawings on what would have been the event date--November 6. The grand prize winner of the \$600 R & L gift certificate was Dan Knapp, K8DMK, from Wheelersburg in the Portsmouth area. Other prize winners were members of the **Scioto Valley ARC, Highland ARA, Portsmouth RC, the Grant RC** and the **Milford ARC**. Although the event's cancellation was announced several weeks ago, and publicized through various means, it was noted a number of people still showed up that morning looking for a hamfest.

The recent time change has affected the starting times for the nightly (except Sunday) **River Cities ARC** and **Portsmouth RC's** net on the Ashland 146.94 and South Webster 145.39 repeaters. The Monday evening **Highland ARA's** two meter net through the Hillsboro 147.21 and Greenfield 146.685 has also changed its starting time. All of these nets now have an 8 PM start.

**Milford ARC** President Ron Brooks, AC8MA, lets us know the Club will not meet in November because the normal meeting date falls on the date of the Milford Harvest Parade. The **Cambridge ARA** will not hold a business meeting in December. Their next meeting will be November 27 at the county government center.

It's been noticed that many clubs throughout the State have restarted license testing opportunities. One of those is the **Highland ARA**. According to VE Team Leader Tom Mongold, Jr., KD8LDS, HARA will have a Laurel test session on Saturday morning, November 20. It will be held at the Highland County EMA Office in Hillsboro beginning at 9 AM. Mongold advises those taking tests should arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the sessions start. All elements will be given. Although walk-ins are welcome, an FRN and pre-registration is requested. Pre-registration is at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48adac23afec16-hara6>.

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and many clubs in the South 40 coverage area are planning and scheduling their annual holiday parties. The honor being the first for this season goes to the **Southern Ohio ARA** in Ironton who will hold their "Christmas In November" dinner on Monday, November 15 at the Ironton Frisch's

Big Boy Restaurant at 6 PM. Ordering will be from the menu. A brief meeting will be held to introduce the newly elected officers. There will be a prize drawing but no gift exchange will happen this year to allow for more socialization and discussions. There will be entertainment featuring live Christmas music.

The **Grant RC** will hold their annual Christmas dinner at a new location this year. It will be held at the Country Inn Restaurant just off SR 32 west of Mount Orab. Reservations for the 6 PM gathering should be made to Club President Ken Klousterman, KD8FKU at 513-515-6726 or VP Al Norris, W8UJM, at 513-403-3273. There will be a gift exchange for those wishing to participate and a drawing for a grand prize.

Lyn Alfman, N8IMW reminds the members of the **Cambridge ARA** of their annual Awards Banquet on December 4 at Theo's Restaurant in Cambridge. Those planning to attend are asked to notify her by November 28 so final arrangements can be made with the restaurant. The Club's highly respected 'Amateur Of The Year' award will be presented that night.

Bill Hopstettler, W8LGX, says the **Hocking Valley ARC's** annual Christmas carry-in-dinner will be held on December 7 at the Antioch Alliance Church in Logan. A short business meeting will start the evening's agenda at 6:30 and be followed by the carry-in, fun, games and socializing. Spouses and guests are always invited.

Jesse Stanley, KC8CHP, invites any amateur in the Ross County area to attend the **Scioto Valley ARA** Christmas Party on December 4 at the Tumbleweed Restaurant in Chillicothe. The fun begins at 1 PM.

Kathy Levo, N8ZNR, reports systems are "all go" for the December 14 **Highland ARA's** traditional Christmas Dinner Party. The event is usually attended by 60 plus and features a catered meal, door prizes, award presentations and a raffle drawing. Great Lakes Assistant Director Scott Yonally, N8SY, is anticipated to attend and make a special ARRL award presentation.

Also on the 14<sup>th</sup> the **DeForest ARC** will hold a carry-in dinner to celebrate the holiday season at the West Union Senior Nutrition Center. The dinner will start at 6:30 PM and be followed by a short business meeting and 2022 officer elections.

Members of the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will assist with the annual Lancaster Holiday Parade on November 20. There will be a brief meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> make sure radios are correctly programed and procedures are known. The 147.03 repeater will be used. On November 27 the **Cambridge ARA** will assist with the annual Cambridge Holiday Parade. Presently they need several members to step forward to help between 2 and 6 that day. On the 29<sup>th</sup> the **Southern Ohio ARA** will assist the Ironton Lions Club with the city's annual Christmas Parade. SOARA provides assistance with parade lineup and communications. Members helping are to assemble at the car wash near Wendy's at 5 PM. Also assisting with a local Christmas Parade will be the **Highland ARA** on Saturday evening, December 11. They are in charge of helping the Hillsboro Uptown Business Association with the task of coordinating the assembly of the parade at the county fairgrounds. Those wishing to assist are requested to gather at the fairgrounds between 4 and 4:30 PM.

According to Teresa Killen, KD8QIH, boys and girls visiting Huntington's Museum of Radio and Technology on Saturday, December 11 will have an opportunity to talk with Santa over the radio and directly tell him what they would like to see under their tree on Christmas morning. The annual event is a joint project between the Museum and the **Tri-State ARA**. Besides youngsters being able to chat with Santa, they and their parents will be able to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa served by Mrs. Claus. There will be other events and displays that day. It will run from 11 until 4 PM.





Forty-five minutes was all it took for Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, to find the ‘fox’ during the recent **Athens County ARA**’s foxhunt. And that even included him stopping to get his vehicle filled with gas! Paul Schulz, WD8SCV served as the fox and transmitted using solar power from a remote part of Athens County. It was a great opportunity to check out the antennas constructed as a recent club project. Weather permitting the next hunt will be held on Saturday, November 20.

The **DeForest ARA** recently held a program devoted to emergency preparedness preparations. Three presenters provided information about an inexpensive water purification system, preserving foods for a longer life through oven canning and grab and go vehicle bags. A follow up session is planned for December 11.

Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, tells us of two new Technicians in Southern Ohio. Christian Canady of Waverly is now KE8THM and Darrell Hey from Proctorville is KE8THN. Congratulations and WELCOME to each.

On December 4 the **Cambridge ARA** will observe and celebrate its 108<sup>th</sup> birthday of its founding. Are they the oldest amateur radio club in Ohio still in existence? This Special Service Club will mark their 75<sup>th</sup> year of ARRL affiliation in 2022 and are looking for suggestions how to observe the milestone occasion. If you have an idea contact Sonny Alfman, W8FHF, at 740-872-3888. All ideas will be appreciated.

About a dozen hearty **Highland ARA** members braved the snow and chilly temperatures to meet this past Saturday morning at an outdoors shelter house at Hillsboro’s Liberty Park. A 1950’s homebrew two meter transmitter showing exceptional construction was displayed. The next HARA Brunch Bunch gathering will be on December 11 and mark the beginning of a busy day for the Club as they will coordinate the assembly and line up of the annual Hillsboro Christmas Parade that evening. Hopefully the day will start with an inside gathering with availability to hot coffee.

The November 20-21 weekend will mark another major HF operating event with the ARRL’s annual November Phone Sweepstakes. Although during the weekend you will run into serious operators who are trying for the honored “Clean Sweep” for working all sections, you will mostly hear the casual operator who is trying to find the few remaining states for their “Worked All State” certificate or just trying to make a few contacts to make sure their equipment and antennas are working as they should. In my case, I get on just to try to improve over last year’s score and see if I can finally get the South Carolina and the Quebec sections in the log. Regardless of the incentive, the bands do come alive that weekend. If you’ve never participated in the Sweeps, why not give it a try? It would be almost impossible not to make some contacts. Last year I even ran across a couple South 40 readers on 75 meters during the event.

Ralph Howes, W8BVH, tells us the monthly breakfast meetings for the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will now take place at the Lancaster Frisch’s Big Boy. The next breakfast will be on Saturday morning, November 20 and the stories and tall tales start at 9 AM.

Upcoming VE sessions within the South 40 region are in Hillsboro on November 20, Middletown on December 8 and in Huber Heights and Springfield on December 12. Check the ARRL website-[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)-for information regarding time, location, sponsoring club and their contact.

Although Veteran’s Day was last Thursday, I want to again express my thanks to our military veterans and all other public servants who serve or have served our government and fellow citizens in some way.

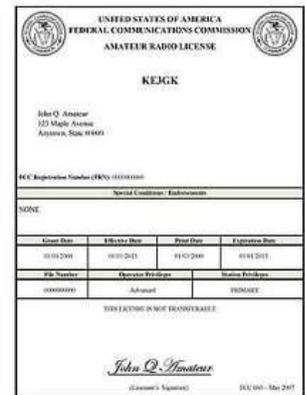
Well that does it for another column and another week. In the meantime, send any news worthy items for inclusion in the South 40 column to [jlevo@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jlevo@cinci.rr.com). Until next time stay safe, healthy and remain radio-active.

73, John Levo, W8KIW

## 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](#)

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### One Question Questionnaire

How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It’s in the bottom left corner of the page) I’ll have more to say about this in the next OH Section Journal!

*Are you planning to attend the 2022 Hamvention?*



From the last Poll: ***“Have you ever worked the International Space Station?”***

Only 27 responses, it broke out to 10 yes and 17 no.

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### Ohio Section Cabinet

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| Section Manager – Tom Sly, WB8LCD                    | Section Traffic Manager – David Maynard, WA3EZN    |
| Section Emergency Coordinator – Stan Broadway, N8BHL | Section Youth Coordinator – Anthony Luscre, K8ZT   |
| Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK           | Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Tom Sly, WB8LCD     |
| State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU        | Public Information Coordinator – John Ross, KD8IDJ |



Hey Gang,

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

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

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

Now, I still want to remind you that it won’t be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: [swap@arrlohio.org](mailto:swap@arrlohio.org)

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### ***Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal***

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



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## ***Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?***

We have a webpage where you can download and read all of the newsletters that I get from around the state and even other sections!

Here's the link to the page.... [http://arrrl-ohio.org/club\\_news/index.html](http://arrrl-ohio.org/club_news/index.html)

Please, if you don't see your club newsletter posted, it's because I'm not receiving it. Just have your newsletter editor contact me and I'll get your club's newsletter listed on the site!!



We all learn and steal (I mean, share) from each other's work. So, get me your newsletter!!! Send it to: [webmaster@arrrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrrl-ohio.org)

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## ***Chit – Chat, and All That!***

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



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



You can always “Opt-Out” at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting. It's fun and very informative. All of your favorite past newsletters are now archived too. You can go back at any time and read them.

Just go to: <http://arrrl-ohio.org/news/>

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



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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!*