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2023 ARRL Board of Directors Election Results

11/17/2023

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® announces the results of the 2023 ARRL Division elections.

ARRL Great Lakes Division Vice Director Scott Yonally, N8SY (2,175 votes), of Lexington, Ohio, defeated candidate Michael Kalter, W8CI (2,023 votes), for the position of Division Director. Yonally will assume the role when Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, who has held the seat since 2014, completes his current term at the end of the year.

In the Atlantic Division, Vice Director Martin Pittinger, KB3MXM (2,801 votes), of Owings Mills, Maryland, defeated candidate Robert Weinstock, W3RQ (1,044 votes) for the seat.

In the Dakota Division, Vice Director Lynn Nelson, W0ND (656 votes), of Minot, North Dakota, defeated candidate Matthew Holden, K0BBC (519 votes).

Winners will assume their roles for terms beginning January 1, 2024.

Members had the option to vote using paper or electronic ballots. The election was conducted by third party Election Services Co., of Melville, New York -- the same company that conducted ARRL elections in 2022. The tabulation was observed by Director of the ARRL Pacific Division Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, who chairs the ARRL Ethics and Elections Committee.

Those were the only contested races in this year's election cycle for Director and Vice Director. In August, the following incumbents, running unopposed in this election cycle, were declared winners: Atlantic Division Director Robert Famiglio, K3RF; Dakota Division Director Bill Lippert, AC0W; Delta Division Director David Norris, K5UZ, and Vice Director Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ.

In the Great Lakes Division, Roy Hook, W8REH, will be the next Vice Director. Hook ran unopposed for the seat vacated by Director-elect Yonally.

ARRL is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. Elections are held for five of the 15 ARRL Divisions each year, for terms of 3 years.



I want to congratulate Scott Yonally - N8SY on being elected as the new Great Lakes Division Director of the ARRL. Scott has a wealth of experience with the ARRL and I believe he knows just about everyone in Newington! Scott has held most of the positions in the ARRL Field Organization and is prepared to help anyone at any level since he has experienced what they are involved in. Scott's best attribute (in my opinion) is that he is open to anyone who has a question or concern about ARRL and is willing to help that person move forward as a Ham and as an ARRL member.

Good luck Scott!

I also want to congratulate Michael Kalter – W8CI. Michael is a good friend of mine and someone who has been involved in Amateur Radio for most of his life. Michael is especially valued in the Ohio Section for his involvement in the Biggest and the Best Amateur Radio Show on earth – Hamvention. Lately, I've talked a lot about being involved in "Ham Radio" – meaning more than just being active on the air. Michael has given much of his time, talent and treasure over the years for Amateur Radio and I look forward to working with him in the future in the Ohio Section as a valued member.





Roy Hook – W8REH, ran unopposed and was therefore “elected” to the position of Vice-Director for the Great Lakes Division. I look forward to getting to know Roy better as he serves in that role.

Finally, I want to say a Heartfelt “Thank You” to Director Dale Williams – W8EFK for his service to ARRL and Amateur Radio. Your 10 years of service to ARRL as Director are greatly appreciated. We wish you Success, Peace and Happiness in your future!



These are all men who have seen the purpose of being involved in the ARRL and have committed to making it better for all of us. Thank you!

Now the next thing I want to talk about is the numbers. Numbers don’t lie. There were 4198 votes cast for the Great Lakes Division Director position. From the FCC License Counts on the ARRL Website (11/18/2023) there are 57,859 active licenses in the Great lakes division. (Ohio 27,317; Michigan 20,936; Kentucky 9606) Let’s drop 10% to account for SK’s and Clubs, that leaves 52,073. Using that number, 8% of the active Ham Radio Licenses in the Great Lakes Division of the ARRL cast a vote for the GLD Director. That my friends, is shameful.

Let's look at it this way, whether you believe the ARRL is running properly, or not, you have to agree that it is the one, *and only*, organization of any consequence that represents Amateur Radio Operators interests to the public, to the Feds, and to the world. The ARRL is essentially run by the Directors. If 92% of Amateur Radio Operators are that apathetic about who's running the show, then you better be ready to change your operations to SWL. We've got to turn this around, and we've got to do it NOW!

I'm willing to bet on the fact that the 4198 folks who bothered to cast a ballot in this election are also the ones who are *ACTIVE* members of their local clubs. I truly believe that clubs are the lifeblood of the Amateur Radio hobby and are therefore critical to the future survival of the hobby. In the Ohio Section, 2024 is the Year of the Club! Stay tuned.....

Share the Magic.,

73,

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Youth Net

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

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

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

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

***December is a busy month. We'll take a break and restart in Sunday January 14th, 2024 ***

If you are a young ham, in the Ohio Section or elsewhere, please check in and say "Hello"! Even if you're far away from OHIO you can check in via Echo-Link. Echo-Link is a good tool to have, and it can be accessed from your laptop, tablet or cellphone. But there is a process to

get validated to the Echo-link system. It's simple to do, but you need to get it done before the day of the net! Go to [Introducing EchoLink](#) for more information on getting started. If you're an "Old Guy" (a gender neutral term meaning not a youthful operator) and you have some kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or even some neighborhood kids who you would like to give a chance to talk to other kids about Ham Radio, this might be an excellent opportunity to give them that small nudge that could be the start of something positive they will carry with them through life!

National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

ARRL Hails FCC Action to Remove Symbol Rate Restrictions

ARRL reports that Monday, November 13, 2023, the FCC Commissioners unanimously voted to amend the Amateur Radio Service rules to replace the baud rate limit on the amateur HF bands with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit to permit greater flexibility in data communications.

"The Federal Communications Commission today [adopted](#) to incentivize innovation and experimentation in the amateur radio bands by removing outdated restrictions and providing licensees with the flexibility to use modern digital emissions," [announced](#) the FCC.

"Specifically, we remove limitations on the symbol rate (also known as baud rate) -- the rate at which the carrier waveform amplitude, frequency, and/or phase is varied to transmit information -- applicable to data emissions in certain amateur bands," concluded the FCC [Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (DA/FCC # FCC-23-93; WT Docket No. 16-239) adopted November 13, 2023. "The amateur radio community can play a vital role in emergency response communications, but is often unnecessarily hindered by the baud rate limitations in the rules."

Consistent with ARRL's request, the amended rules will replace the current HF restrictions with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit. "We agree with ARRL that a 2.8 kilohertz bandwidth limitation will allow for additional emissions currently prohibited under the baud rate limitations while providing sufficient protections in the shared RTTY/data subbands," concluded the FCC Report and Order.



ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, hailed the FCC's action to remove the symbol rate restrictions. Roderick stated that "this action will measurably facilitate the public service communications that amateurs step up to provide, especially at times of natural disasters and other emergencies such as during the hurricane season. Digital technology continues to evolve, and removing the outmoded data restrictions restores the incentive for radio amateurs to continue to experiment and develop more spectrum-efficient protocols and methods while the 2.8 kHz bandwidth limit will help protect the shared nature of our bands. We thank Congresswoman [Debbie] Lesko (AZ-08) for her efforts on behalf of all amateurs to get these restrictions removed."



In a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), the FCC proposes to eliminate similar restrictions where they apply in other bands. "We propose to remove the baud rate limitation in the 2200-meter band and 630-meter band... and in the very-high frequency (VHF) bands and the ultra-high frequency (UHF) bands. Additionally, we seek comment on the appropriate bandwidth limitation for the 2200-meter band, the 630-meter band, and the VHF/UHF bands." ARRL has previously expressed its support for eliminating the symbol rate limits in favor of bandwidth limits where they apply on the VHF and UHF bands but suggested that the bandwidth limits themselves be reviewed in light of today's technology and tomorrow's possibilities. Similarly, when eliminating the baud limits on the 2200- and 630-meter bands, consideration should be given to what, if any, bandwidth limits are appropriate.

The new rules will become effective 30 days after being published in the [Federal Register](#). The FCC will announce a period for public comment on the additional proposed changes based upon publication of the FNPRM in the *Federal Register*. No date has been set for publication.

SKYWARN Recognition Day Is Ready to Go

The 2023 SKYWARN™ Recognition Day (SRD) is December 2 from 0000z to 2400z.

The event honors all SKYWARN storm spotters and amateur radio operators for their contributions to the National Weather Service (NWS) during severe weather. Amateur radio operators also provide vital



communication to the NWS and emergency management when normal communications fail.

The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#) website is now updated with the SKYWARN registration form, mapping form, and rules and information you'll need to check in for this year's event.

It's important to review the following event resources on the NOAA website:

- Operating procedures
- Participant registration lists
- SRD 2023 contact log sheet
- SRD 2023 NWS office contact log sheet
- SRD 2023 NWS operational details
- Social media planning document

SRD was developed in 1999 by the NWS and ARRL. Amateur stations exchange contact information with as many NWS stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6 meters, plus the 2-meter and 70-centimeter bands. Contacts are also permitted using repeaters. Non-amateur radio spotters can exchange information with NWS offices using social media.

To learn how to become a trained NOAA storm spotter visit [Spotter Training \(weather.gov\)](#) .

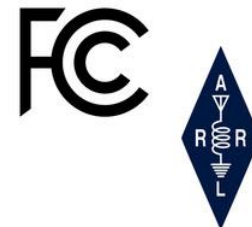
In 2022, more than 5,000 spotters participated in SKYWARN Recognition Day.

Deadline Extended Until November 28 for 60-Meter-Band Comments

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has extended the deadline to file comments on the 60-meter band proposal to November 28, 2023. Replies to comments will be due December 28, 2023. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close October 30, 2023.

[ARRL](#) strongly encourages all amateurs to submit comments expressing support to the FCC for the current 100 W ERP power limit (instead of reducing the power limit to 15 W EIRP) and continuing secondary access to the current channels.

ARRL has assembled a web page with instructions on how to submit your comments, as well as background information on the issue: www.arrl.org/60-meter-band.



National Aeronautics and Space Administration



In this week's newsletter, we celebrate the launch of the Artemis I mission, explore what space sounds like, and discover how a new space telescope will chronicle the active cosmos.



One Year Ago: Artemis I Launches

At 1:47 a.m. EST on Nov. 16, 2022, NASA's Orion spacecraft launched atop the Space Launch System rocket from historic Launch Pad 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, officially beginning the Artemis I mission.

Over the course of 25.5 days, the Orion spacecraft performed two lunar flybys, coming within 80 miles of the Moon's surface. At its farthest distance, Orion traveled nearly 270,000 miles from our home planet. On Dec. 11, 2022, Orion completed a parachute-assisted splashdown in the Pacific Ocean at 12:40 p.m. EST as the final major milestone.

Artemis I set new performance records, exceeded efficiency expectations, and paved the way for humans to explore deep space. This is a prelude to what comes next—following the success of Artemis I, astronauts will fly around the Moon on Artemis II.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Tracking Artemis I

In the year since NASA's historic Artemis I mission successfully launched, the agency has been analyzing data from its approximately 25-day journey around the Moon and back to Earth, including data submitted from volunteers around the world.

[READ MORE](#)



Artemis II: Return to the Moon

Artemis II builds on the success of the uncrewed Artemis I and will demonstrate the capabilities needed to support astronauts on deep space missions. The flight test will be the first mission with crew aboard the Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft.

MEET THE CREW

The Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) is sponsoring the third annual W2MM special event station to celebrate their 76th anniversary on December 5, 2023.

Beginning on the first weekend of December, QCWA members in the US and its territories will be able to activate W2MM for this event, which will run for 7 days. Stations activating W2MM must submit their log as an ADIF file to activitiesmanager@qcwa.org by the end of the third week of December. When naming your file, use the following format: (your call sign) - SE2023.adf. At the end of December, all of the stations that worked W2MM will be able to download a [commemorative certificate](#). Louis Maggio, NO2C, is providing this service on a volunteer basis, so please expect a 2- to 3-month lead time for certificates. Contact QCWA Activities Manager John Kludt, K7SYS, at activitiesmanager@qcwa.org for more information and scheduling. The QCWA was founded in 1947 to provide an organization for the hobby's pioneers. QCWA promotes friendship and cooperation among amateur radio operators licensed at least a quarter century ago and who remain licensed today.

Club Corner

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

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



Please! Format as below:

If you want me to publish your club information, or even an article you have written, please send it in WORD format (.docx). Please use Times New Roman font size 12 for the body of the article. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated.

How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

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

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

VE Sessions:

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

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

All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)

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

Butler County Amateur Radio Association W8WRK

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

CARS

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

Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)

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

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

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

buzz@baylorhill.com

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

If you are interested in testing for a new or upgraded license, please come see us at the DARA Clubhouse. If you have questions about testing, please email exams.w8bi@gmail.com

Dial Radio Club, Middleton, OH

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

Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

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

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



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

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

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

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

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

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

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

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

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

Madison County

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

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

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

Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

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

Free Amateur Radio License Upgrade Classes

Jim Grover, N8PZL

Frank Tompkins, W8EZT

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

General Class

The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club will again offer online classes to pass the FCC General Class Exam. The classes will be held via Zoom on six Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. The first class will start on Jan 14th. The classes are free and available to all interested hams with Tech licenses or studying to complete their Tech license by the end of the classes. Class materials will be distributed via Google Classroom, and the suggested book is “[General License Course Study Guide](#)” (2023-2027 edition), available from HamRadioSchool.com.

If you have your Tech license, this is a great way to expand the bands and modes you have access to. It will also provide a lot of practical information on Amateur Radio.

We need you to spread the word if you already have your General or higher license. Please contact friends, relatives, etc., who have Tech licenses and invite them to this class.

Please feel free to print out the following page and send it to them, post it at your nearby library or any other spot around town that may have interested viewers.

We will have just completed our fall Tech Class with 20 attendees on Nov 12th. We will have another Tech Class next fall or if we have enough demand before then.



The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club offers free live online classes to get your Amateur (Ham) Radio General Class License. Classes start on Jan. 14, 2024.

For information, visit-
tiny.cc/beahamg



What is Amateur (Ham) Radio?- tiny.cc/wiar

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

ARLD046 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by AA3B, VU2WB, W2GD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Kazu, M0CFW will be QRV as 3B9/M0CFW from November 19 to December 1. Activity is on the HF bands. He will be active as 3B9KW in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

YEMEN, 7O. Dima, RA9USU is QRV as 7O73T from Socotra Island, IOTA AF-028, until November 28. Activity is on the HF bands using FT8. QSL via UA3DX.

MALAWI, 7Q. Don, K6ZO is QRV as 7Q6M from Embangweni and is here for six months while on work assignment in a hospital. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and EME. QSL via LoTW.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. Jorge, CE0YHF, will be QRV from November 18 to December 10 while working at a hospital on Pascua Island, IOTA SA-001. Activity is in his spare time on 30 to 6 meters using some CW and SSB, but mostly FT8. QSL direct to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Special event station L36Z marks the 36th anniversary of the Argentine Antarctic Base Esperanza. Activity is on the HF bands using PSK31 and FT8. QSL via LU4DXU.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD will be QRV as P44W from Santa Cruz from November 21 to 28. Activity will be mainly on 30, 17, and 12 meters using CW. He will be a Single Op/All Band/High Power/Assisted entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via N2MM.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Operators G4IKRN, G3WPH, G4IRN and G4PVM will be QRV as S79/home calls beginning November 21. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest with a yet to be determined call sign. QSL via operators' instructions.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Bud, AA3B will be QRV as V26K from Antigua from November 19 to 27. Activity is on the HF bands using CW. He will be a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL direct to home call.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Bob, WX4G will be QRV as V47RB from St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, from November 20 to December 1. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. This includes being active as V48A in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest as a Single Op/Single Band on 40 meters entry. QSL to home call.

NAMIBIA, V5. Gunter, DK2WH is QRV as V51WH from Omaruru until the end of April 2024. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters, including 60 meters. QSL to home call.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X. Yuris, YL2GM and Eugene, EA5EL are QRV as VK9XY until November 27. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to YL2GN.

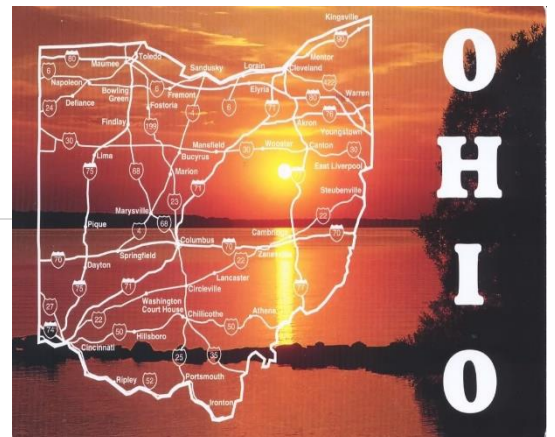
INDIA, VU. A large group of operators will be QRV with special event call AT23JCB from Mousuni Island, IOTA AS-153, from November 18 and 19. Activity will be on 40, 20, and 10 meters. This is also a Beaches On The Air activation. QSL via operators' instructions.

CAMBODIA, XU. Thomas, DL7BO is QRV as XU7GNY until November 26. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL via DJ6TF.

LAOS, XW. A group of operators are QRV as XW4DX from Vientiane until November 27. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters, except 80, 60, and 30 meters, using CW, SSB, and FT8 with five stations. QSL via F4BKV.

CHATHAM ISLANDS, ZL7. A group of operators are QRV as ZL7A until November 22. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL direct to JF1OCQ.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2023

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

Location: Archbold, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club

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

[Learn More](#)

Starting with the first PostScript in December, I'll have the 2024 Hamfest schedule loaded in! Lots of good fests coming up!

DX This Week – QRP Topics

Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com or www.aj8b.com)

Lots of activity and good conditions continue. I think that next weekend will be a blast – good conditions and one of the largest contests of the year. Please let me know how you did, even if you just operate a few hours.

Last week I addressed Jerry, K8DWE's, question about morse code practice files. I had suggested that there were at least two ways to get practice files. The first was via the ARRL website. That works quite well. The second way is to create your own. That is my preferred



method. I use a tool call ebook2cw. If you google ebook2cw, then you will find a link to the program.

This program takes a file that you submit and generates an audio file. You control the tone, the speed, and a variety of other parameters. Give it a try and let me know what you think. This is not the only program that will convert a file to a morse code audio file, but it is the one that I use. If you have a question that you would like to have answered, just send me an email to me at thedxmentor@gmail.com

Below are some details about the CQWW CW DDX Contest. Have a great week!

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CQWW CW - At the end of the month, you will be able to participate in the CQWW CW Contest sponsored by CQ. The dates are November 25th and 26th. Details can be found at www.cqww.com. This is my favorite contest by far and I hope to work you in the contest. The information below is reprinted from CQ Magazine of August 2022, with their permission. Check the website for changes and modifications.

Join nearly 40,000 participants from over 200 DX entities and all 40 CQ Zones in the world's largest DX contest.

The CQ Worldwide DX Contest (CQWW) offers 48- hours of non-stop DX-chasing fun with activity taking place from virtually every part of the world! Whether you are competing for awards, looking for a few new band- countries, or simply filling up your logbook, the CQWW offers something for everyone. Check out the Classic and Rookie Overlay Categories for even more chances to enjoy ham radio's premier operating event. Or perhaps the new Youth and Explorer Overlays may be for you. Regardless of your entry class, the bands magically light up in the CQWW with activity levels that are unlike any other radio competition.

Some Contest Basics

Each mode is a separate operating event that runs for 48 hours from 0000 UTC Saturday until 2359 UTC Sunday. SSB is the last full weekend of October. CW is the last full week- end of November.

Working stations is easy. Exchange and log a signal report and your CQ Zone number (e.g., 59 05 on SSB or 599 05 on CW). If you're not sure which zone you're in, visit <http://bit.ly/1BHtmsP> for more information. Generally speaking, for U.S. operators, the U.S. west coast is in Zone 3, the east coast is in Zone 5, and the rest of the lower 48 is in Zone 4. Western Europe is mostly Zone 14 and Japan is in Zone 25.

Contacts are valid only on the 1.8-, 3.5-, 7-, 14-, 21-, and 28-MHz amateur bands (No WARC bands or 60 meters).

Scoring

Your final score is based on QSO points earned for each contact times the number of multipliers worked. Contacts with other continents count three points each. Contacts with the same continent, but different country, count one point (except in North America where they count two points). Same-country contacts earn zero points but do count for multiplier credit.

Multipliers are the number of DXCC entities and Worked All Europe (WAE) countries, plus IG9/IH9, worked on each band plus the number of CQ Zones worked on each band.

Don't worry about calculating your score; the CQWW Contest Committee's contest log checking software will do that for you when you submit a log. Most participants are using readily available contest logging software to help as well (e.g., N1MM+, Win-Test, etc.)

Entry Categories

The competition is divided into Single Operator and Multi- Operator categories. There are also four additional Overlay sub-categories (see below).

Single Operator (all bands or any single band) – only one operator finds, makes, and logs all contacts in the following categories:

- High power: Up to 1,500 watts
- Low power: 100 watts or less
- QRP: 5 watts or less

Single Operator Assisted (all bands or any single band) – One operator may use DX spotting or other tools to help find contacts. Note that a CW decoder is considered assistance. The one operator must make and log all contacts in the following power categories:

- High power: Up to 1,500 watts
- Low power: 100 watts or less
- QRP: 5 watts or less

Available Overlays

Classic Category – Allows the use of only one radio (e.g., Single Operator, Two-radio operation is not permitted), no QSO finding assistance, and only counts the first 24-hours of operating time. Off-times are a minimum of 60 minutes during which no QSO is logged. Single Operator Assisted entries are not eligible for this Overlay category.

Rookie Category – Open only to operators who are first licensed as radio amateurs less than three (3) years before the date of the contest.

Youth Category – Available to single operators who are 25 years old or younger at the start of the contest.

Explorer Category – Established to allow amateurs to participate in the CQWW Contest while experimenting creatively with internet-linked stations and other new technologies. The goal of this category is to encourage innovation in operating strategies, station design, and technology

adaptation. Single- and Multi-operator entries are permitted. See <https://cqww.com/explorer.htm> for more information.

Multi-Operator – more than one person is involved in operating the station.

Single-Transmitter: This category allows one transmitter to work any station. It may only change bands after 10-minutes on a band. Note: A second transmitter may be used to work multipliers only. This category has some very specific restrictions so please read the full rules carefully.

- High power: Up to 1,500 watts
- Low power: 100 watts or less

Two-Transmitter: Allows the use of two simultaneously transmitted signals on two separate bands. Each station may change bands as many as 8 times per hour.

Unlimited: Allows the use of one transmitted signal on each band.

Awards

Electronic certificates will be made available for everyone who submits an entry, provided that entry is submitted before the log deadline. Plaques are awarded to top finishers in major categories.

Submitting Your Log

Electronic logs should be in the Cabrillo format. Most logging software generates this file automatically. Upload your log on the Web at www.cqww.com/logcheck. The website also includes a utility to convert an ADIF-formatted log file if needed. Please note that paper logs are no longer accepted.

All entries must be sent WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS after the end of the contest: No later than 2359 UTC November 4, 2022, for SSB and 2359 UTC December 2, 2022, for CW. Resubmitting an entry after the deadline will result in it being considered as a late log.

Only one entry is permitted for each callsign. If you submit a log multiple times, the latest log submission will replace any previous attempts. No further action is required.

Full Rules

The complete rules of the CQWW DX Contest are available in English and 18 additional languages on the Web at www.cqww.com/rules.htm as well as the CQ magazine website at www.cq-amateur-radio.com (Look for link on home page or the CQWW DX Contest main page). In addition, there is a rules FAQ that provides additional answers to commonly asked questions.

You are strongly encouraged to review the rules and the frequently asked questions before the contest, especially for possible minor changes in some rule details from previous years. Any questions may be submitted via the online contact form at <http://cqww.com/contact>. The most important requirement for all competitors, however, is to have fun!

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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:

Harald, DF2WO, will once again operate as XT2AW from **Burkina Faso**. This time he will operate from December 6th to the 19th . He plans to be on SSB, CW, FT4 and FT8 using his FT-991A with 100 watts into a hex beam and vertical.

There is news about more operations from **Yemen** which is currently listed as the 44th Most Wanted entity on Clublog.

Last week, I supplied details on the 7O8AD and 7O8AE operation by Ken, LA7GIA, and Shani, HA5DDX. This week, I have information about two more Yemen operations. Dima, RA9USU, began operating as 7O73T on November 10th from the Diksam Plateau on Socotra Island. According to DX World, Dima will be there until November 28th and plans to operate in the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW. Outside the contest, he will mostly be on CW, with some FT8. QSOs for 7O73T are being uploaded to Club Log. QSL via UA3DX.

Vladimir, OK2WX, will operate as 7O2WX from January 25th to February 12th, 2024, also from Socotra Island which has the IOTA designator of AF-028. This operation will include the CQ Worldwide 160-Meter Contest. Vladimir will be on the 160-10M bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via IZ8CCW or LoTW.

I have been waiting for this one. There is a group traveling to **Laos** (formally the Lao People's Democratic Republic), this week. They plan to operate as XW4DX from November 16th to 27th. On their website they posted that they "may" include an entry in the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW. Their most recent website post includes a detailed description of their planned antenna setup. They also note that they have not been authorized to use the 80-, 60-, 30-, and 6-meter bands, as these bands "are currently prohibited for the amateur service in Laos." See their teaser video on YouTube.

Although Laos is listed as 101 on the Clublog most wanted list, it is top 5 for me since I have never heard them on before in Ohio.

It's that time of year, so let's get an update on VK9XY, **Christmas Island**.

As reported last week, Yuris, YL2GM, and Eugene, EA5EL, are headed to Christmas Island which has the IOTA designator of OC-002 as VK9XY from November 14th to the 27th, then on to **Cocos (Keeling) Island** which has the IOTA designator of OC-003 as VK9CY from November

29th to December 7th. The duo should be on Christmas Island by the time you are reading this. More details are available on the DXpedition website. Christmas Island is #63 on the Clublog Most Wanted list and Cocos Keeling is #64 on that list.

Many frequent travelers have issues when travelling and the operators headed to the **Solomon Islands** are no different. While H44WA operators are on-site, most of their bags are still in transit.

All six Western Washington DX Club members for the H44WA Solomon Islands operation have arrived safely, but five of them are still waiting for their bags, 15 bags in all, to arrive from Nadi International Airport in Fiji. They have modified their work plan, and still hope to be QRV by the time you read this. They report that “we are in good hands and very well cared for by our multi-generation family hosts.” The DXpedition website and the Daily DX will carry updates. The Solomon Islands are #76 on the Clublog Most Wanted list.

We have a report on the ongoing **Marquesas Islands** DXpedition. Didier, F6BCW, reports that “TX7L is halfway through our DXpedition, with over 33,000 QSOs, three-quarters of which are on CW and SSB. The apertures are rather long, the European signals are often weak, and propagation to Europe on the high bands has been “really random,” Didier says. However, the team’s quads, 13-element LPDAs, verticals, and a Spiderbeam have helped greatly. Their 160 and 80M antennas have been especially effective. Finally, “The weather is hot during the day, cool at night, with lots of sun and a few scattered squalls which saturate the ambient air with up to 90 percent humidity.”

The Marquesas Islands are #56 on the Clublog Most Wanted list.

T32TT will be on 160-6 from the other Christmas Island, also known as **Eastern Kiribati**, and will have only limited internet connectivity. This will be starting sometime this month and lasting 4-6 weeks, with two CW, one SSB and 12 FT8/FT4 stations.

FT8 will be fox and hound mode and normal mode, on standard frequencies. There may be two signals on the same band at the same time, such as 14074 and 14090 or 18100 and 18095, etc.

They will not answer bureau card requests but paper QSLs, plus LoTW, will be available via Club Log, on request.

Eastern Kiribati is #68 on the Clublog Most Wanted list.

Nan, JH1HST, will be operating as JH1HST/JD1 from the **Ogasawara Islands** from November 26th to the 29th. This will include POTA activity from the Ogasawara National Park which has the POTA designator of JA-0015 and from Ogamiyama Prefectural Park which has the POTA designator of JA-1288. Look for him on 80 through 2 meters and 70cm. There will be no 30m activity. He will be mostly on digital modes with SSB and CW secondary.

QSL preferably via LoTW or eQSL. You can also QSL the traditional way via the bureau or direct to JH1HST.

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CONTEST

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

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

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

Below is a list of upcoming contests:

Date(s)	Event	Info
All Year	CQ DX Marathon	http://bit.ly/3FyPiui
Nov. 25-26	CQ WW DX CW Contest	http://www.cqww.com/index.htm
Nov. 25-26	ARRL EME Contest	http://www.arrl.org/eme-contest
Nov. 27	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl
Nov. 29	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest CW	https://ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php

OHIO'S



Where has the time gone? It seems we were just handing out Halloween candy and already we are planning this week's Thanksgiving menu plus how to keep Grandpa and Cousin Lew from arguing about politics and football over the dinner table. However we Americans have a lot to be thankful for and being able to engage in the Amateur Radio Service is just one.

As we enter the Thanksgiving through New Year's holiday period we should expect to see a reduction in the number of club meetings in favor of meetings and dinners celebrating the completion of another club year. We hope to inform you of these events and urge you to make a visit to one close to you.

The **Hocking Valley ARA** recently announced their incoming 2024 officers as President-Roman Wilshanetsky, W8TUZ; Vice President-Bruce Underwood, Jr., W8BEU; Secretary-Bill Hopstetter, W8LGX; Treasurer-Roy Vickers, KC8TFW and Trustee-Ray Webb, KB8GUN. The coordinator for the ARES is Dave Brimmer, KB8OTU and the EMA coordinator is Mark Edgar, KD8LPW.



Amateur radio's participation in the holiday celebration season kicks off with the annual **Southern Ohio ARA** "Christmas In November" year end celebration. Club PIO Michael Love, WB8YKS, tells us the November 20 event will be at the Ironton Frischs. Mike tells us those attending will need to order from the menu as the buffet will not be available. The gathering begins at 6 PM. Besides donated door prizes, some lucky attendee will receive a HUGE gift. There will be a short program with comments from guests. It is stressed that you do not need to be a club member to attend.

A series of holiday parades throughout Ohio's South 40 region started this past weekend in Lancaster where the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** assisted with communications and parade line up. On the 25th the annual Cambridge Christmas Parade will wind through the downtown streets and the **Cambridge ARA** will assist lining up the parade and providing communications. Members are asked to meet at the old railroad depot on Wheeling Street at 2 PM to receive their assignments. Then in December the **Highland ARA** will meet at the county fairgrounds at 4 PM on the 2nd to assist the City by lining up the Hillsboro Christmas Parade along with providing communications. According to John Willis, KE8JEM, and Bob McFarland, N8ZDL, amateur radio has played an important function each year since the local retail merchants began the event in the 1960s. Also on the 2nd, the Hocking Valley ARA is needing assistance to assist the Logan Chamber of Commerces' Holiday Parade. Those able to assist are asked to be at the county fairgrounds shortly before 10 AM. This year FRS radios will be used to enable communications with the CC volunteers.

In the coming weeks we will observe most Southern Ohio area clubs moving their gatherings from their normal meeting locations to churches, restaurants or pizza parlors in order to eat, chat, socialize and perhaps elect new officers for the upcoming year. It will be a special time on December 2 when the **Cambridge ARA** holds their annual Awards Night. This year Lynn Altman, N8IMW, will be presented the national ARRL's Phil McCann Silver Antenna Award for her efforts to promote amateur radio throughout the area. The event takes place in the Green Room at Mr. Lee's Restaurant in Cambridge and will start at 2 pm. This makes her the 'Best of the Best'. The CARA's Amateur Operator of the Year will also be announced.

On December 5 the members and friends of the **Hocking Valley ARC** will gather at the Antioch Alliance Church near Logan starting at 5 PM for a social hour. Following a short business meeting, the annual club carry-in dinner will take place. All are invited. Turkey is on the menu when the **Clinton County ARA** holds their traditional carry-in Christmas meeting dinner on December 7. President Mark Atwell, WX8A, is providing the turkey with the other dishes and deserts provided by the members. It will be held at the Foster Boyd Cancer Center, across from Clinton Memorial Hospital, in Wilmington. The **Portsmouth RC** combines their Christmas celebration gathering dinner with a fund raising auction. It takes place at the River Road Gathering Place in Wheelersburg on the 9th. On December 12 the **Highland ARA** will hold their Christmas dinner party at the Hillsboro Methodist Church. The membership chose this year's catered meal menu that features a seasoned turkey breast along with a roasted pork loin with all the trimmings, side dishes, deserts and drink. The Club has had another outstanding year and the members voted to charge only \$10 a person. There will be a raffle featuring R & L gift certificates along with many door prizes and a gift exchange. You do not have to be a HARA member or even a ham to attend. But please contact highlandara@gmail.com in advance to let N8ZNR know you intend to attend. The **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will have their Christmas gathering on December 16 at the Pizza Cottage on Fair Avenue. It starts at 6 PM. December 19 marks the date for the **Athens County ARA**'s annual Christmas dinner at a

location yet to be determined. The **Southwest Ohio DX Association** is awaiting the confirmation of their date and location. The **Queen City Emergency Net** has some members who are also members of the **Cincinnati FM Club**. Therefore they are issuing the CFMC a special invitation to attend the QCEN's December 15th Christmas Party. It will be held at the Red Cross Building on Dana Avenue in Cincinnati and according to QCEN President Tom Delaney, W8WTD it starts at 6:30. What a splendid show of cooperation and friendship as well as just a great thing to do.

If your club's holiday and year-end celebrations have not been mentioned, why not take a moment and use the e-mail address at the bottom of this column and let me know about it? I will be glad to list them among those other clubs that use this opportunity to promote themselves.



I was pleased to hear from fellow OSPOTA and Ohio QSO Party rover Ralph Matheny, K8RYU, who not only updated me about his beagle, but provided some information about the **Marietta ARC**. Ralph reminds those living in the Marietta/Washington County area that the Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Stanleyville W8HH clubhouse at 7:30. He also says members meet at the Marietta Bob Evans on the 4th Tuesday of the month for breakfast. The coffee drinking starts at 9 AM. Any and all hams in the area are invited to attend either or both monthly functions.

The **Athens County ARA** will conduct their November business meeting on November 23 at the Southeastern Ohio Red Cross Building in Athens. Those unable to attend in person may attend via ZOOM and should contact President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, for instructions. The meeting starts at 7 PM.

Ham radio has had a busy past few days. Balloting to elect a new ARRL Great Lakes Division Manager closed at noon on Friday the 17th. Now it's just sitting back to learn the results of the race for the office by two outstanding individuals-Michael Kalter (W8CI) and Scott Yonally (N8SY). Regardless of the outcome, the Division and members are the real winners. The next item adding to everything happening was the Phone portion of the ARRL's November Sweepstakes. As mentioned in past columns, this enjoyable contest sees a lot of stations on the air and serves as a good and laid-back entry level one for a new ham, an older licensed one or someone with a simple equipment and antennas to get a feel for operating in a HF contest.

Last week we reminded all that the starting time for the weekly **Highland ARA** Monday Night Net changed with the recent time change. Following a recent membership vote it was decided to make the start time for the Net as 8 PM year around. The Net is on the Hillsboro 147.21 repeater with a 100 hz. tone.

From the West Virginia side of the River the **Tri-State ARA** will meet on November 21 at the radio museum at 7 PM. On December 9 they will hold a license test session at the Museum. It is scheduled to begin at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not needed and walk-ins are welcome.

Although a few weeks away, the 2024 hamfest season will begin with the **Sunday Creek ARF**'s hamfest on January 14. It will be at the Community Center in Shade, Ohio with the doors opening at 8 AM.

This week I'm doubling ending on a happy note because we want to welcome some new people to the world of ham radio. Ron Champlin II and Franklin Anderson II have each passed their Technician licenses. Ron is from Lancaster now sports the KE8ZNA call sign and Franklin is from Amesville and is KE8ZNC. Congrats to each and here's hoping a lot of people reach out to you and welcome you to the airwaves.

Although he lives outside of this column's primary coverage area, I personally want to welcome Nick Finsel to our ranks. Nick lives at Sidney and is now KE8ZLL. Nick stopped by the **Highland ARA** Hamvention booth late on Saturday afternoon this year. Jeff Collins, KD8VUY, and I started talking with him and discovered his Hamvention mission was to learn more about amateur radio and what worlds it opened. Jeff and I spend quite some time giving him a 'sales pitch'. We ended by inviting him to attend the HARA Field Day in June. Between Hamvention and Field Day a number of emails were exchanged encouraging him to keep plugging along learning more about the service. Nick made the trip to Field Day and spent the weekend adding value to HARA's efforts by not only helping set up and tear down, but by actually making contacts. I later learned from Tom Delaney, W8WTD, that Nick was making the round trip from Sidney to Cincinnati to attend the **Queen City Emergency Net**'s license class. Tom recently informed me that Nick not only passed his Technician, but made the General too. Now that's what I call dedication to earning a license. Congrats Nick. I'm glad to have been a part of what I hope will be your life long ham radio adventure.

So until the next time we meet, here's hoping each of you have a great and radio active week. And be sure to give thanks as you munch down on that turkey leg, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad and pumpkin pie. Oh, I almost forgot Aunt Jane's green bean casserole.

John Levo, W8KIW, jlevo@cinci.rr.com or highlandara@gmail.com, 937-393-4951

Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

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

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



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

One Question Questionnaire

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

This week’s Question: Will you be on the air on Thanksgiving Day?

- A) YES
- B) No



From last week’s question – Have you “hand built” any station equipment in the past 5 years?

- A) 52% YES
- B) 48% NO

Wow! I’m surprised....out of 81 responses! Good for Amateur Radio

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

And the Winner of the October Handbook is: Entry #97 out of 180 – KP4VZ – Michael

Gonzalez! Congratulations Mike – I’ll look forward to handing your Handbook to you!

Ohio Section Cabinet

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Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK	Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Amanda Farone – KC3GFU
State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU	Public Information Coordinator – Elizabeth Kline - KE8FMJ



Hey Gang,

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

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

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

Now, I still want to remind you that it won’t be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. You might want to list your location so that prospective buyers know where you’re at. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact

phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: swap@arrlohio.org

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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