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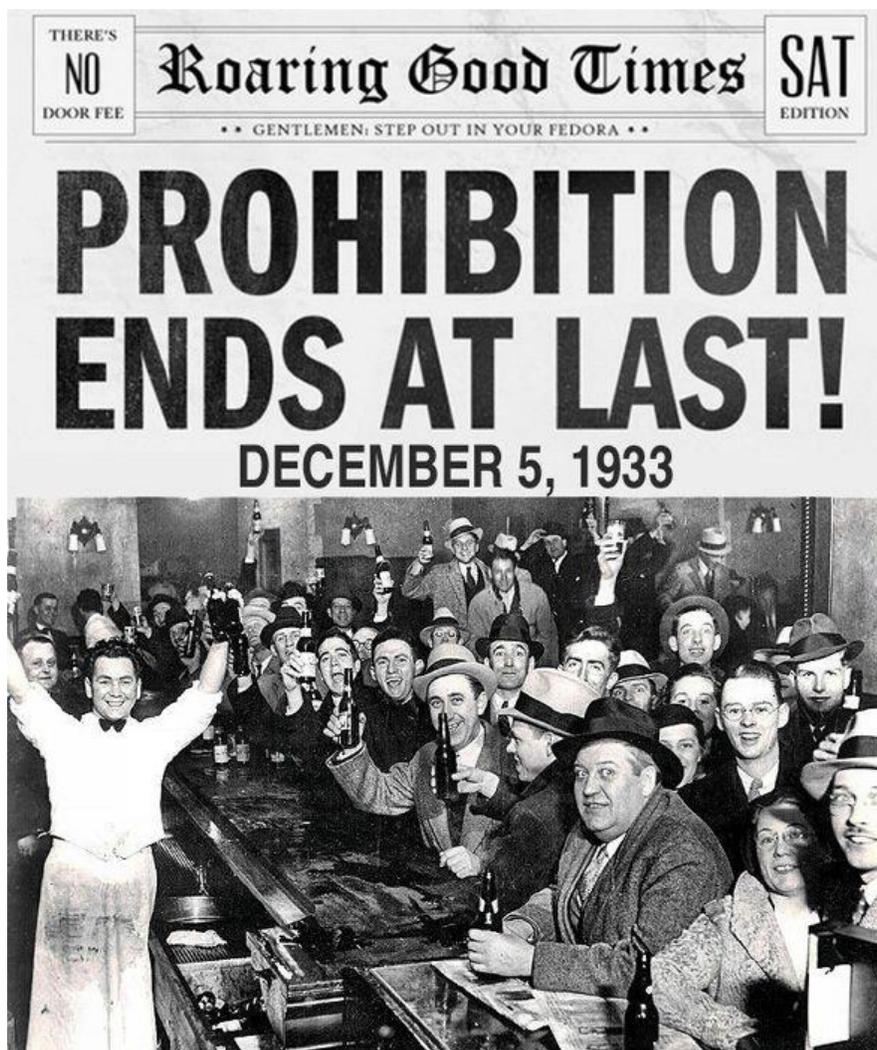
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## CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD

And this is why there was no PostScript last weekend. For the third straight year, Chuck-W8PT and I have sponsored Special Event Station W8A. We celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which was the one that ended Prohibition on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:32 PM (Eastern) in these United States. A study of events leading up to the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment (Prohibition), which became effective on January 17, 1920, and through its end on December 5, 1933, was an amazing time in our country's history. Our goal with this Special Event station was:

- 1) Celebrating the end of Prohibition,
- 2) Providing a history lesson for anyone who was interested, and,
- 3) Making QSO's – not contacts – with as many other stations as possible over the weekend.

I think we were successful on all accounts! Station operators included Tom – WB8LCD, Chuck – W8PT, Bill – WB9LBI, Tyson – K8TTX, Mike – KB8TUY, and Greg – KA8TOA. Yes, we celebrated in the spirit of the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment. We passed along a few tidbits of information that most people were not aware of. We had some outstanding QSO's with a whole bunch of really friendly people! My big take away was that there are a lot of folks who want to “Rag-Chew” and have a conversation that goes beyond “Ur 59 OH – QRZ?” We were treated to many interesting stories about the Prohibition Years that were passed down in families.

All total, over Saturday, Sunday and Monday, working mostly the daylight hours on 20 and 40 meters, we make 503 total QSO's. We got 45 out of the 50 states, and 31 of the 88 Ohio counties. We also had several Q's with Canadian stations, and one with Mexico and one with Slovenia. It was definitely a fun operation!



### Youth Net

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

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

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

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

\*\*\*Next Net is Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*

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!

I want to change the subject from young hams to old hams. As you’re probably all aware, we’re all in the “check-out” lane on this planet. Each of us are going to make it to the end, and we’ll be gone in a flash. It’s a fact of life. So is the fact that most hams leave a whole bunch of “stuff” behind that our families will usually not have too much of a clue what it’s worth or what to do with it. YOU should do them a favor and create a worksheet of what you have and what you would like to have happen to it. I cringe every time I hear about a family that put all of granddad’s ham radio gear in the dumpster. (Yes, it’s true, that happens.) Another sad story is the “helpful” ham who offers the widow \$200 for that “old” Collins station, just to help her get it out of the house. (Yes, that happens too.) Make some kind of plan and communicate it to your loved ones! They’ll be happy you did. You might also want to make a list of Clubs you belong to (Including the ARRL) the FCC and anyone else who might want to recognize that you are no longer with us. Finally, while you’re making that list of organizations, you might want to consider adding a bequest to your final affairs, knowing that some things that live beyond you would still appreciate your support.

Finally, go to the Ohio Section website [www.arrl-ohio.org](http://www.arrl-ohio.org) and in the bottom left corner is the 1 Question Survey. After you’ve answered the survey question click the Big Red Arrow on the bottom to get entered into the Handbook Giveaway! The Handbook giveaway is going again because of the survey we did a few months ago! The first handbook was won by Al Smith – WB8LXT of Rocky River and the second was won by Alan Zadiraka – AB8OU of Akron. Who’ll be next? I hope it’s someone from Southern Ohio – c’mon – make me spend some hard earned cash on Postage!

73,

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## *National News*

*(from ARRL and other sources)*



**Essential (Nutrients) for Exploration** – A biology experiment called BioNutrients-2 is continuing research into how microorganisms could be used to produce nutrients – off Earth and on demand – that will be critical for human health in space.

[Learn About BioNutrients](#)

Check this out! Pretty interesting.....

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## Youth on the Air Camp 2023 Application Period Now Open

Applications are now being accepted for campers interested in attending Youth on the Air (YOTA) Camp 2023.

Licensed amateur radio operators ages 15 through 25 are encouraged to apply online at [YouthOnTheAir.org](https://YouthOnTheAir.org). The Radio Amateurs of Canada will be the local host for the 2023 YOTA Camp. It is scheduled to take place July 16 – 21,



2023, at the Carleton University campus in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Applications will be accepted through May 31, 2023, but for the best chance at being selected, applications should be submitted by 2359 UTC on January 15, 2023.

The application process is free. However, a \$100 deposit is required upon acceptance. If a camper is unable to pay the deposit, they may be able to apply for a scholarship or waiver. Camp Director, Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, said campers are responsible for their transportation to the camp location, though some assistance may be available. Travel during camp events is provided.

Campers will be selected by the working group and notified by February 1. To encourage attendance from across the Americas, allocations for campers are being held open for various areas of North, Central, and South America. If countries do not use their allocation, or should someone within an allocation decline acceptance, those positions will be filled from the remaining pool of applicants. As this will be an ongoing process, everyone will not receive notification of acceptance at the same time. Preference will be given to first-time attendees.

COVID-19 guidelines are still in effect and may have an impact on offering the camp. Currently, the outlook on offering the camp in July 2023 is positive. If the camp cannot be hosted, or would need to reschedule, all applicants will be notified as soon as possible. Appropriate requirements on masking and vaccination statuses will be announced as needed.

A [YouTube](#) video is now available about the 2023 YOTA Camp. For details and additional information, contact the Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, at [director@youthontheair.org](mailto:director@youthontheair.org).

## Call For Instructors

ARRL is embarking on a journey of training for club officers and members. The new club development webinar series will include live Q&A, and the live sessions will be available to everyone. The webinars will be recorded and available to ARRL members through the ARRL Learning Center. We're looking for ARRL members to help us produce, create, and deliver the webinars.

The purpose of this program is to offer a series of short webinars that offer training for the skills needed to build and run a successful club. Topics will include leadership, activities, finance, and recruiting. Envisioned is a series of 10 or more webinars, all lasting from 20 to 30 minutes.

The hope is that club officers and members will view the series as an opportunity to learn from others that have been able to put those skills to use. To do this, we need the help of membership. We're looking for instructors to help with building the training. We're also looking for members that can present in a standard format and have the skills necessary to do the training. If this sounds like something that you are interested in, please contact Mike Walters, W8ZY, at [mwalters@arrl.org](mailto:mwalters@arrl.org) for further details. We hope to start this series in late January 2023.

## *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](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 article. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated.



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### An update for the Ashland Co. Radio nets

Following the Thursday evening Net on 147.105 we are holding a check-in only net on our DMR repeater.

444.0375+ TG 313952 (Ashland Emergency) CC1. This is our local TG on Brandmeister for events and incidents where we would be responding for ARES operations.

Thanks,

Scott Engelhardt- KD8OTQ  
Ashland County ARES Emergency Coordinator  
330.317.7510



## Technology Club of Patrick Henry Local Schools (KE8VNL) Receives 2022 American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Equipment Grant

The Technology Club of Patrick Henry Local Schools (Tech Club / KE8VNL) received an equipment grant valued at \$2000 for students to learn about radio technology. The cutting edge equipment received includes a Yaesu FTdx10 radio, 30 amp power supply and an 80m off center fed dipole antenna. This radio offers excellent functionality for an educational setting. It has the ability to connect the display to a projector or TV screen, and you can connect a USB mouse and keyboard to navigate the menus and send messages using modes like RTTY, PSK 31 and CW directly through the radio without a dedicated computer.

Tech Club is a organization of +/- 40 children in grades 5-12 who are interested in pursuing individual or group projects related to technology. The mission of Tech Club is to provide students with a space where they can engage in project based learning in a student-directed learning environment. Most of the projects incorporate some aspect of wireless technology.

Gabe Oberlin, call sign AF8GO, is the Career & Technical Educator of the Engineering pathway and the advisor for Tech Club at Patrick Henry Local Schools in Hamler, Ohio. He is also an amateur radio enthusiast (Ham). Oberlin wants to introduce students to the amateur radio community by getting them involved. He sees many similarities between the Tech Club members and the Hams he knows. They have a curiosity about how the world works and a sense of comradery. Being part of something bigger and making a difference is a way of life for the Patrick Henry community. Going above and beyond is one of the pillars of the Patrick Henry way. Tech Club students take alot of pride in belonging to this group.

One of the primary goals of Technology Club is to provide students with opportunities to explore their interests in technology. The primary focus has been on robotics and the technologies required to be successful in that arena. Radio is one of those technologies. Providing students with radio equipment will help them gain a better understanding of wireless technology. It is hard to say what doors will open for these students as a result of the experiences they will gain from operating a ham radio.

The school administration was in full support of Oberlin’s proposal to apply for the station grant. Oberlin presented a well thought out proposal, and they agreed it was educational and fit with his program. They also gave him permission to offer a Radio Technology class for credit. Students meet on Mondays from 3-5 pm and will take the exam to earn their amateur radio Technician license in the Spring. Students spend roughly a half hour studying the book to prepare for their exam and the remainder of the time they spend doing hands-on activities with the radios. They set up a 2m radio station using an antenna they built out of wire, PVC pipe and a dowel rod. They have had some experience with some older equipment donated by local Hams. This new radio they received will allow them to gain experience with the most recent technology available.

Tech Club has support from the Henry Co Ohio Amateur Radio Club, (K8TII) specifically from club president Mike Sharpe, N8RLD and Joe Mahlman, KC8QYH a Patrick Henry alumnus. The students had their first QSO with Jeff Barber, KE8PJL on the K8TII Henry Co. repeater. They received equipment from the Defiance County Amateur Radio Club President Ed Ballard WD8JVV and his wife Christine, N8FOK. The students are very grateful for all the support they have received.

This experience will allow students to experiment with radio technology and in the process gain a better understanding of radio communications. It is common for students working on different projects and at different stages of their educational journey to share ideas and perspectives. Tech Club creates a safe environment where students can discuss ideas and try new approaches to common problems. Having a functioning amateur radio station at the school will help students better understand the global community they live in.

You can follow AF8GO on Twitter @gabrieloberlin

## Items provided by ETP Station Grant

Yaesu FTDX – 10	\$1500
Antenna OCF Dipole	\$ 150

Yaesu FP-1030A Power Supply	\$230	
RG-213 70'	\$90.95	
Sony Noise Cancelling Headphones	\$28	
Total		\$1998.95

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## Simplex Day December 17, 2022

### Who Heard Who?

All Stations are welcome to participate! You do not have to be a member of ANY club or organization to partake in this event.

December 17, 2022 from **4 pm to 6 pm**

This is a drill!!! If this was an actual emergency... would the repeater still work?

The intention of this Simplex Day drill is to test how our communication works on simplex. During an emergency you cannot always rely on the repeaters.

There are two parts to communication. Talking is important but listening can be just as important. This drill is open to all Ham Operators.

Find out how well you actually do under simplex conditions. Find out who you can hear!

**Frequencies are:** 146.5400, 146.4900, 146.5800, 147.4500, 147.5100, and 147.5700

**Start:** Sign up for the drill by sending an e-mail with your call sign to [w8ter@arrl.net](mailto:w8ter@arrl.net). You will be issued a designator by e-mail or...Check-in to the net on the **TMRA** 147.270 pl 103.5 repeater and **receive your designator** over the air. (Your designator will be your **Tactical Call**). You will use the **designator** throughout the drill. Designators shall be ham phonetics ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, etc. (**Be sure to properly identify using your ham call sign.**)

**Tune:** Go to a designated simplex frequency and start calling. CQ Simplex Day CQ Simplex Day. "This is w8abc calling. My designator is (F "FOXTROT").

**Object:** To collect as many letters of the alphabet as you can and log them as GOOD READABLE, WEAK READABLE, or just HEARD. Work as many stations as you can.

**Contacting stations without designators:** Log their **call** and **readability (GR, WR, OFW)**.

**What to do:** Call out using your designator and try to contact the stations you can hear.

**Score:** 1 Point per contact W/designator. ½ Point WO/designator

**You may know:** One fourth of the U.S. uses a 20 khz spread for 2 meter simplex and most of the rest uses 15 khz. **Ohio** uses 15 khz and **Michigan** uses 20 khz. **146.5800** is coordinated for both Ohio and Michigan.

**Listen for stations:** Collect and log their Designator. If you cannot contact them, log them as HEARD. If you can talk to them, log them as Good Readable **GR** or Weak but Readable **WR**

**CONTACTED** stations should exchange designators and readability. “My designator is TANGO you are (**GR**)...Good Readable (**WR**)...Weak but Readable. *If no designator, log the station’s call **Include the readability exchange in the log.***

**HEARD (OFW)...**Only a Few Words but no exchange include the signal strength, if any, emitted from the “HEARD” station, S-1, S-9 under notes.

**HINT: Open your squelch to hear weak signals**

**HELP: Use the TMRA repeater to coordinate frequencies with stations.**

Please direct your questions to:

Steve Bellner/W8TER

419-367-1200 Mobile Phone

E-mail your log results to [w8ter@arrl.net](mailto:w8ter@arrl.net)

The results will be published in the January TMRA newsletter.

**There are no prizes for this drill, only improved skill.**

<http://www.tmrahamradio.org/newsletter.php>

It is the desire of Toledo Mobile Radio to help organize and train units of licensed radio amateurs capable of maintaining radio communications as a public service during periods of emergency and to promote and elevate communication standards.



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## Ohio DMR Net Report

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1215 N8BHL – DELAWARE  
1216 N8SY - LEXINGTON  
1217 WB8LCD – KENT

OHIO DMRN NET REPORT FOR  
NOVEMBER 213 CHECK-INS 143 MINS  
IN 4 SESSIONS

The Ohio DMR Net meets Monday evenings at 830 PM EST on Brandmeister Talk-Group 3139. The net will be off 12-26 and 1-2-23 in observance of the holidays.

GREGG – OHIO DMRN NM

73,

**Gregg Gary - WB8YYS**  
*Asst. EC - Summit County*

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## SOARA / ARES Provides Communications for the Ironton Lions Club Christmas Parade November 28, 2022

The Southern Ohio Amateur Radio Association (SOARA) and the Lawrence County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) groups provided communications for the Ironton Lions Club Christmas parade on Monday, November 28, 2022.

It was a great evening for a Christmas parade with temperatures in the mid 40's and no precipitation.



The following nine communicators worked with parade officials, in lining up the different divisions. Additionally, they walked with each division providing communication to an official net control operated by James Rowe N8TVO. James had direct communications with local emergency services should the need arise. We are thankful that the parade went off without a hitch, and no one was injured.

Santa was there for the kids and the adults. Everyone had a great time!

1. Jim Rowe N8TVO
2. Don Kempe KN4KSS
3. Jerry Lockhart W8HIC
4. Michael Love WB8YKS
5. Jack Ferguson KE8TCM

6. Joe Thompson    KD8FPX
7. Tim Nicely      AC8VQ
8. Dave Bruce      KD8NYN
9. Barbara Crockett KE8SRN

Michael Love  
WB8YKS  
SOARA / ARES  
Ohio Section PIO

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

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

### **NOTE:**

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

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to [www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application](http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application).

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

## Go Fully Electronic in 2023!

By Maria Somma, AB1FM, ARRL VEC Manager

### **Online Examinations and Remote Testing**

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



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

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

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

Not a VE? Become one today!

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

### **Electronically File Exam Session Documents for Quicker Service**

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

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

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

## Resources for ARRL VEs

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

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

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## VE Sessions

**All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)** We host testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. To sign up please visit our website <https://atara-w8atr.fun> and contact us at [hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun](mailto:hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun).

### **CARS**

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

### **Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)**

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

### **Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club**

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

### **The Lake County Amateur Radio Association**

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

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

**The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)** hosts exam sessions at the FAIRFIELD County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr in Lancaster Ohio, 43130, on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am. Please visit our website at <http://www.k8qjk.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our experienced VE team looks forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio. Contact me at [ve\\_testing@k8qjk.org](mailto:ve_testing@k8qjk.org) to register.

**The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)** is now doing VE testing on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.

Please pre-register at [www.milfordhamradio.org](http://www.milfordhamradio.org)

### **Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)**

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

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

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

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [KB8UUZ@gmail.com](mailto:KB8UUZ@gmail.com)

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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 – Interview with G0LUH

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

There is quite a bit of DX activity going on. I was not able to work the T88WA DXpedition on Palau. I did get the others that were active in the log, but not those guys. I am running out of solar cycles and hope to get T8 next time!

I received nice cards from HC4ER – Ernesto in Ecuador and S54PK – Zdenko in Slovenia. The collection of cards is from Joe, W8GEX. He received quite a bounty the past few weeks. The list is ST2NH – Nader in the Sudan, D68CCC – The DXPedition to the Comoros, 7Q7VW – German DXPedition to Malawi, E44M – Italian DXPedition to Palenstine, and IZ0BTV – Simone in Italy. What did you get?





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Interview with G0LUH—Doug Goodson  
*I worked Doug and reviewed his QRZ.com page. He spent some time with one of my favorite authors, Sir Arthur C. Clarke. This prompted me to investigate G0LUH further and Doug agreed to answer a few questions for us. This is reprinted with the permission of the SouthWest Ohio DX Association. Enjoy...*

Hello Bill

Below are my answers as well as some pictures. Please let me know if you need more. Also, please review a YouTube documentary from the BBC (not copyrighted) called **Arena-Tunning** from 1994. I helped to make this, and I appear in it as well.



**AJ8B:** After I worked you, I immediately went to your QRZ.com page. I noticed that you had met one of my favorite authors, Sir Arthur C. Clarke. That must have been quite a thrill. Can you share a few details about that?

**G0LUH:** Arthur C Clarke was a friend of a friend in Sri Lanka who wanted to hear about my experiences of crop circles and dust circles or Whirrley gigs (dust whirlwind type in the UK) Nice guy, quite eccentric and strong-willed. I had a good day with him talking about his books and theories and space and his films, what he had achieved so far in life and what his future plans were. He asked about the amateur radio station I had in Colombo and what I was achieving considering that it was just weeks prior to the 1st Gulf war and that I had travelled through the war zone to get to Sri Lanka, but that's another story.



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

**G0LUH:** I first got interested in radio at senior school (high school) aged 13 when the teacher Mr. Davis (LT Col R Davis ex-Royal Signals) decide we should all build crystal sets. Not my idea of fun until I realized I could listen to Radio Luxemburg and rock and roll in 1963.

**AJ8B:** Do you have a favorite band or mode?

**G0LUH:** No favorite band, I just go where the noise is.

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

**G0LUH:** Being retired, operating time is not an issue, but prefer as a UK station, I prefer to work radio 1800 hours to 0600 hours. That way I get the best USA and Asia

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

**G0LUH:** Always be nice to the other station and to other users. They will always, or most times, reciprocate and always QSL quickly

**AJ8B:** Describe what you are currently using:

**G0LUH:** Kenwood TS590S, Yaesu FT950, my main antenna is a



26-meter EFHW direction west to east, Gap Eagle, MFJ 1788X Loop, Diamond V2000 for 2 meters, 70cms and 6 meters, UK AMP 572 tubes. 800w output rarely used as EFHW works well barefoot.

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

**G0LUH:** Patience, Patience in big

**AJ8B:** You are a veteran of my DXpeditions. Is there one that really stands out and why?

**G0LUH:** In 1992, a Tornado ripped off the roof of the shack and we still carried on with radio work.

**AJ8B:** What was the worst experience you had?

**G0LUH:** Dropping a valve for one of the groups linear they were not pleased and blowing a TS940SAT motherboard

**AJ8B:** Where are you going next?

**G0LUH:** Now I am leaving it to younger and richer people, I play electronic fly fishing these days where I can get a signal and get a bite (signal) I am pleased, I can visit the whole world from my shack and the coffee is better!

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

**G0LUH:** Always join your national society and always use QRZ, EQSL, LOTW and update frequently.

**AJ8B:** You are very involved in operating from the HSM Belfast as an Imperial War Museum Volunteer. What has that been like?

**G0LUH:** HMS Belfast a society rather than a radio club so the rules differ. It's an honor and privilege to be an operator on board such a historic WW2 ship, not only dealing with the radio pileups, but also with tourists. We have a system with a morse key and demonstrate morse. We then get the visitors to send their name while we write it on a certificate that's issued to them. We cater to children aged between 4 years and 94 years and they are all very grateful. In some cases, people who have never held any kind of qualification in their lives, the people who are challenged such as sight and sound and physically are probably the most heart-tugging human beings but the satisfaction is overwhelming when they achieve that goal.

Also, when we have overseas visitors who operate and find themselves in the middle of a pileup for that callsign, GB2RN.



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

**G0LUH:** There is a floor and ceiling for all of us. Always listen to advice. Some will be good, and some will have to be left behind for now. Always be polite and sensible, when you fail, pick yourself up and get help if you need it

Doug Goodison G0LUH  
ex 4S7/G0LUH, 4S0UK,  
4S7DGG, 8Q7AB  
Treasurer and Membership  
Secretary RNARS(LG)



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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:

**8Q – Maldives - RX3APM**, Sergey, will be in the Maldives from December 4-17, operating holiday style on 40-10 CW, with 100 watts and a "telescopic vertical" on the beach near the water's edge. From the QTH in Nalaguaidhoo, he has a license for callsign 8Q7BB. He will upload the log to Logbook of The World afterward. Sergey says he does not plan to upload the log to Club Log because the Maldives are not rare enough.

**XT - Burkina Faso - DF2WO**, Harald, says Santa Clause has come through, as he got his plane ticket for Ouagadougou, for his visit December 3-18. He plans to be on 160-6M FT8, CW and SSB, and is open to skeds. He will have a Yaesu FT991A to a hexbeam, dipoles, vertical and satellite antenna for QO- 100. The callsign is XT2AW. QSL via M0OXO.

**S2 - Bangladesh** - S21RC, Fazlay Rabby, reports that a group will be on the air from Dhal Char Island December 10-16 with three stations, 800 watts, 600 watts and 100 watts, on the HF bands, 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10, plus the popular QO-100 satellite. The op list includes S21RC, S21AM, S21D, S21MK, S21OM, S21BK and S21TT. Their modes: SSB and FT8. The antennas: a pair of Spiderbeams, a hexbeam, 80M GP, 160M top loaded GP, 40M 4-square and receiving antennas. QSL through LoTW or Club Log, paper QSL via EB7DX. [www.s21dx.org](http://www.s21dx.org) They are looking for financial support, having not reached their target yet.

**T33 – Banaba** - The Rebel DX Group recently operated as T33T. They say T33KC, Kaam, is now on the air and can exchange signal reports, with target frequencies 14183, 18140, 21200, 24940, 28450 and 7163. His Barrett 930 radio has limitations, no S meter, and limited frequencies, as listed above. He frequents the ANZA Net at 05Z and is gaining operating experience, still a bit new at it. He has dipoles for 40 and 20 between two towers, and a multiband vertical for 17, 15, 12 and 10.

The T33T expedition ended up with 93,731 digital QSOs, FT8 and FT4, a total of 97,193 QSOs in 158 DXCC entities, giving out 3,745 all-time new ones to DXers. Apparently only five ops asked for a quick 5NN CW QSO, so they made five CW QSOs. As of this information, they were still on Banaba but were out of fuel for the generators and were waiting for their ship. Meantime, they were working on the "Hams for Banaba kids" project.

**3C - Equatorial Guinea** - 3C3CA, Ersoy (home call TA2OM) says it looks like he will be there another two months. He's glad, because this change gives him time to do some SSTV and SSB operating.

**TN – Congo** - The Czech DX-Pedition group are planning a DXpedition in the Republic of Congo as TN8K in 2023. The team includes eight "well-experienced HF operators" who will emphasize making "as many contacts as possible" with a focus on the low bands (160, 80, 60 and 40 meters) as well as 6 meters "if there will be propagation". They will be active around the clock on FT8 and RTTY on all the bands. TN8K also plans to be QRV on CW and SSB. They plan to upload QSOs in real-time to Club Log. The team have already received in hand their TN8K license. It is believed to be the first time in 40 years that the TN8 prefix will be back on the air. In addition the TN8K team will activate Congo on QO-100 for the first time as well 6 meters.

The licensing process took many months. First it took "four months to get the right contact with the licensing officer". Another eight months to receive the TN8K license as they initially "received two individual licenses TN/OK6DJ and TN/OK2ZI, which did not allow expedition operation of a group of operators." They had to reapply for a group license which caused a schedule change from "September 2022 to November 2023". [Editor's note: Originally they said January 6-21, 2023, however their current email notes November 2023. Your editor has reached out to the team to clarify the dates for this DXpedition.] They are hopeful there will be no travel restrictions as the entire team has been vaccinated for COVID-19 and yellow fever.

The team has secured a fenced QTH with dimensions of approx. 6000m<sup>2</sup>, on a peninsula, in flat terrain approx. 500m from the sea". This location does not have public electricity and

therefore will be "powered entirely by generators only". The estimate of diesel fuel needed for their operation is 1,400 liters, at a cost of approximately 1 Euro or 1 US \$ per liter.

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# CONTEST CORNER

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

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

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

Thanks!

Date(s)	Event	Info
Dec. 7	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en">www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en</a>
Dec. 10-11	ARRL 10M Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/10-meter">www.arrl.org/10-meter</a>
Dec. 10-12	PODXS070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint	<a href="http://bit.ly/2Cq2yUA">http://bit.ly/2Cq2yUA</a>
Dec. 11	CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	<a href="http://www.coloradoqrclub.org/contests/snow.htm">www.coloradoqrclub.org/contests/snow.htm</a>
Dec. 11	QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	<a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">www.qrparci.org/contests</a>
Dec. 14	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en">www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en</a>
Dec. 16	AGB Party Contest	<a href="http://ev5agb.com/contest/contests_e.htm">http://ev5agb.com/contest/contests_e.htm</a>
Dec. 17	RAC Winter Contest	<a href="http://www.rac.ca/contesting-results">www.rac.ca/contesting-results</a>
Dec. 17-18	Croatian CW Contest	<a href="http://www.9acw.org/index.php/rules/english">www.9acw.org/index.php/rules/english</a>
Dec. 17-18	OK DX RTTY Contest	<a href="http://www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE">www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE</a>
<b>Dec. 17-18</b>	<b>Stew Perry Topband Challenge</b>	<a href="http://www.kkn.net/stew/stew_rules.html">www.kkn.net/stew/stew_rules.html</a>
Dec. 18	ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup">www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup</a>
Dec. 21	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en">www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en</a>
Dec. 25	RAEM Contest	<a href="https://raem.srr.ru/rules">https://raem.srr.ru/rules</a>

Dec. 26	DARC Xmas Contest	<a href="https://www.darc.de/?id=820">https://www.darc.de/?id=820</a>
Dec. 30	YOTA Contest	<a href="http://www.ham-yota.com/contest">www.ham-yota.com/contest</a>
Dec. 31- Jan. 1	Bogor Old and New Contest	<a href="https://contest.orari-bogor.org">https://contest.orari-bogor.org</a>

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## ARLD049 DX news

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

NIGER, 5U. Giorgio, IU5HWS is currently active as 5UA99WS, mostly on 15 meter SSB until December 20. QSL direct via EA5GL, OQRS or LoTW.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Andre, ON7YK is QRV as C5YK during his spare time until February 24, 2023, mostly on 10 and 12 meters, and also on 20, 17 and 15 meters using CW and digital modes. QSL direct via ON7YK or LoTW.

WILLIS ISLAND, VK9/W. Sands, VU2WXW/VK4WXW, is working at the Meteorology Weather Station until April. He has been on 40, 20 and 15 meters and hopes to add 17, 12 and 10 meters as well. QSL via Club Log.

BANGLADESH, S2. Team S21DX will be active from Dhal Char Island (AS-140) from December 10 to 16 December. Plans are for eight operators (S21AM, S21BK, S21D, S21IT, S21MK, S21OM, S21RC and S21TG) to be QRV with two SSB stations, one FT8 (F/H) station, and one station for QO-100 satellite (SSB). QSL direct to EB7DX. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW or Club Log.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Harald, DF2WO and will be operating as XT2AW until December 18 on HF and via QO-100. QSL via M0OXO (OQRS), LoTW or direct.

LAOS, XW. Vincent, XW4KV plans to activate 12 locator grids via QO-100, until December 23. HF operation is expected as well from December 13 to 18. QSL via F4BVK (d/B), OQRS or LoTW.

SENEGAL, 6W. Earl, WA3DX will sign WA3DX/6W, from December 22 to January 20, mostly on 20 meter SSB and FT8, but also on 40 to 10, 2 meters and 70 cm FM, and APRS. He will also be QRV as 6W1/WA3DX, 6W6/WA3DX, and 6W9/WA3DX. QSL direct to home call or LoTW.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Harald, DF2WO will be active as XT2AW until December 17. He is

operating CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on HF and plans to be QRV on QO-100 as well. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Vadim, R6CA will be active as 8Q7CA from December 13 to 22. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80 to 10 meters. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call.

ANTARCTICA, VP8. Seba, SQ1SGB will be operating as VP8/SQ1SGB/p during his spare time, until February 1, 2023. He is QRV on 40 and 20 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

SPAIN, EA. Special event station EE44C celebrates the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Spain's present constitution until December 18. QSL direct via EC5WR, LoTW or eQSL. Also, EH5FPM operates around the Patron Saint Festivities of Mazarron until December 11. QSL to EA5JDN via the Bureau, eQSL or LoTW.

ENGLAND, G. The RSGB holds their Transatlantic Centenary Tests throughout December, commemorating the tests towards the first transatlantic contact on HF. Look for special call signs G5WS, G5AT, G6XX, G6ZZ, G3DR, and GM3DR. Additional calls may also be used from other parts of the country: GM5WS (Scotland), GW5WS (Wales), GU5WS (Guernsey), GD5WS (Isle of Man), GJ5WS (Jersey) and GI5WS (Northern Ireland). QSL via M0OXO. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

FINLAND, OH. The Market Reef DX Association station, OH9A operates with the call sign OH1XMAS until December 26 on all bands and modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS or direct.

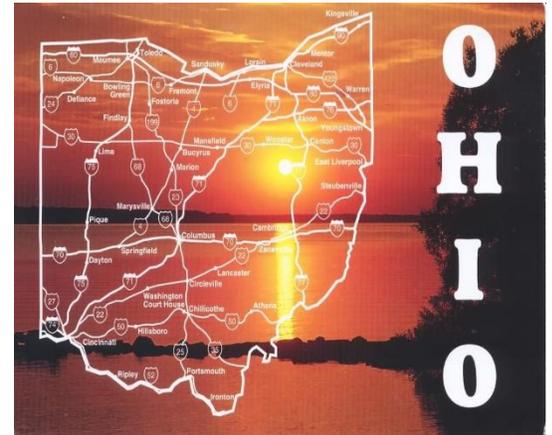
NETHERLANDS, PA. Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special call sign PH22XMAS will be active until December 28, while PH23HNY will be QRV from December 28 to January 31. QSL cards will not be available.

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## Upcoming *Hamfests*

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





# 2023

**2022 is Done! I hope you made it to a Fest or two. We had some pretty good ones and I anticipate 2023 only getting better! Hope to see you next year.**

**01/15/2023 - [Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Shade, OH

**Sponsor:** Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation

**Website:** [QRZ KC8AAV](#)

**[Learn More](#)**

**03/11/2023 - [MOVARC Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Bidwell, OH 45614, OH

**Sponsor:** Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club

**[Learn More](#)**

**03/19/2023 - [Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair](#)**

**Location:** Perrysburg, OH

**Sponsor:** Toledo Mobile Radio Association

**Website:** <http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

**[Learn More](#)**

<p><b>05/13/2023 - 05/17/2023</b>  <a href="#">RV Radio Network</a>  <b>Location:</b> Berlin, Ohio, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Operating Specialty Convention  <b>Sponsor:</b> RV Radio Network  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	<p><b>05/19/2023 - 05/21/2023</b>  <a href="#">Dayton Hamvention</a>  <b>Location:</b> Xenia, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Dayton Amateur Radio Association  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://Hamvention.org">http://Hamvention.org</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
<p><b>07/08/2023 - <a href="#">Mansfield Trunkfest 2023</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Mansfield, OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Intercity Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://iarc.club">http://iarc.club</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	<p><b>07/16/2023 - <a href="#">Van Wert Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Van Wert, OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Van Wert Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8fy.org">http://w8fy.org</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
<p><b>08/12/2023 - <a href="#">Cincinnati Hamfest<sup>SM</sup></a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Owensville , OH  <b>Sponsor:</b> Milford ARC  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://CincinnatiHamfest.org">https://CincinnatiHamfest.org</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	

# OHIO'S



Greetings to our readers this week from the mountains of Western North Carolina. N8ZNR and I are here this week for a post-Thanksgiving visit with my sister and her husband in Hendersonville. With luck there will be several items awaiting my return to Hillsboro and those will be passed along next edition. But in the meantime, here are some early activity reports and some items to remind you of.



The **Southern Ohio ARA** recently assisted the Ironton Lions Club with communications and parade marshalling of the annual Ironton Christmas Parade. Then a few evenings



later they gathered at the Ironton Big Boy for their annual “Christmas in November” Christmas dinner and became the first South 40 club to celebrate the upcoming holiday, the New Year and hold year-end elections. According to Mike Love, the new officers are: Tim Nicely, AC8VQ, President; Eddie Jenkins, N8URU, Vice President; James Reneau, N4REN, Secretary and Dave Bruce, KD8NYN, Treasurer. Besides music provided by Barbara Crockett, KE8SRN, Lawrence County Firefighters Association Chief Matt Jenkins told about the newly acquired communications trailer that will be available to SOARA and the ARES group for their use during emergencies and other events.

A number of other South 40 region clubs held their Christmas meetings, dinners and elections the past couple of weeks. I’m looking forward to hearing how all of those events turned out and will share them in future columns. One of those is the **Cambridge ARA** who held their annual Awards Banquet at the Cambridge Dennys on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Although the attendance was smaller than usual, it was quality. Great Lakes Vice Director Scott Yonally, N8SY, and his wife Janie, KB8YPW, were in attendance.

Members of the **Highland ARA** recently made their annual road trip to R&L Electronics. Upon arriving at the R & L parking lot they headed across the street to Hyde’s Restaurant for something to eat and drink while sharing some stories and tales. After getting their fill of food, drink and tales they crossed back to R&L for a couple of fun shopping hours to help Santa pick prizes for the upcoming HARA Christmas Party and perhaps get some ideas for something they personally wouldn’t mind finding under the tree on Christmas morning. It was also a time when experienced hams were able to give assistance to a rather new ham who was making his first trip to the “candy store”.

What might be the South 40 region’s final test session for 2022 occurred on the 10th when the **Tri-State ARA** held an ARRL VE session at Huntington’s Museum of Radio and Technology. With luck Santa will be delivering new licenses or upgraded ones to a number of good little girls and boys.

The **Fayette ARA** is testing holding monthly breakfast/coffee gatherings and will hold it’s second one at the Our Place Restaurant, 827 East Market Street in Washington CH around 10 AM on December 17. All amateurs in Fayette and surrounding counties are invited to attend. Please note the location for this month has changed because November’s location was too noisy and busy to allow relaxed conversations. Anyone wishing to be added to the Club’s mailing list is invited to contact Jeff Dreher, KE8DVH at [feeling2old.sbcglobal.net](mailto:feeling2old.sbcglobal.net). Jeff also reminds area hams of the Tuesday evening 8 PM net on the FARA 147.27 repeater.

**Highland ARA** Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Levo, N8ZNR, says that over 80 reservations indicate a lot of people plan to be in Hillsboro on Tuesday evening, December 13, for the annual HARA Christmas Dinner Meeting Extravaganza. She says the meal itself is reason to attend. Two meats, a salad, side dishes, desert and drinks for only \$10! Plus door prizes, a gift exchange and chances in a raffle to win a large R&L gift certificate, ARRL publications and a host of

other prizes. Although the reservation deadline has passed, HARA will try to accommodate anyone wishing to attend. You don't have to be a HARA member to attend. Please contact her at 937-760-6070 or 937-393-4951 ASAP. The doors will open at 5:30 PM at the Hillsboro Methodist Church.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> the **Portsmouth RC** will gather at the Gathering Place in Wheelersburg for what is always a fun packed Christmas Party experience featuring an excellent smoked and bar-b-que meal. Instead of the traditional gift exchange they hold a gift auction that is a riot and is entertainment in itself. The food serving time will be announced in the coming days.

The **Athens County ARA** has decided to hold their annual Christmas dinner gathering on December 20 at the Applebee's on East State Street in Athens. Details will be finalized in the coming days.

**Scioto Valley ARA** President Jesse Stanley, KD8CHP, tells us that 18 people attended the December 1 SVARA gathering at the Scioto Ribber Restaurant in Portsmouth. Besides the excellent food (black angus steaks) the restaurant is known for, those attending had a most enjoyable evening. Jesse says the Club is anticipating holding additional social outings in the coming year.



According to **Clinton County ARA** President Mark Atwell, WX8A, the Wilmington National Weather Service's Skywarn Station, WX8WIL spent around 12 hours operating three HF and one UHF/VHF station from the radar maintenance building during the recent SkyWARN Recognition Day. Several photos of the operation have been posted to the Club's Facebook page. Best guess is that about 100 contacts were made.

Speaking of the National Weather Service, we all know emergencies don't happen in just nice weather. Therefore training to operate during less than ideal weather conditions is important. Therefore a Winter Field Day was established to provide such an opportunity. This year finds the event on January 28 and 29. For those of you who have never participated in Winter Field Day, it is much like the June ARRL version, but colder. The **OH-KY-IN Radio Society** will operate from the Harvest Home Park and the **Athens County ARA** will operate from the Red Cross Building in Athens.

Although it was recently struck by a vehicle trying to allude law enforcement, repairs to the cradle holding the bell in front of Hillsboro's county historical museum will be made in time for the bell to toll in the New Year. This will allow the annual **Highland ARA**'s New Year's Eve Net to again take place. The bell ringing will announce the start of the New Year and is broadcast over the Hillsboro and Greenfield repeaters. Once the ringing ceases the Net will start with any amateur welcome to check in. Often stations remain on the frequency after the Net concludes and QSOs lasting into the wee hours of the New Year begin. Stations outside of the repeater footprints who cannot get into the Net are welcome to send emails confirming their listening to [highlandara@gmail.com](mailto:highlandara@gmail.com).

The Southern Ohio region's first hamfest of the New Year will happen on January 15 at the Shade Community Center, Old US 33 in Shade, Ohio. The event is sponsored by the **Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation** and will get underway at 8AM and run until noon. There will be an ARRL test session at 10AM. This is the second year for the new location since relocating it from Nelsonville.

A Technician license class sponsored by the **Athens County ARA** will begin on January 16 and be held each Monday through March 20 at the Red Cross Building in Athens. The classes will run from 7 until 9 each week. There is no fee for the class but preregistration is requested to Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, at 740-541-0972 or [n8suz@arrl.net](mailto:n8suz@arrl.net). An ARRL VE session will be on March 20.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of Lee (N8YHU) and Betty Bishop upon Betty's passing. Betty was a former Mayor of Hillsboro and it was during her term when she learned the **Highland ARA** was looking for a repeater site. Because of the involvement the local ham club had in the City she offered the use of a city water tower to host the repeater and antennas. Although she never got a license, she was a big supporter of the Club. However her husband attended a future HARA license class and became licensed. He later served as a HARA President and is active with the Club's ham radio estate and hamfest sales benefit programs. Services were held Saturday in Hillsboro.

Upon release from a hospital following a three day stay the first thing done by **Cambridge ARA** member Lyn Alfman did was to directly go to the Denny's in Cambridge to be a part of their annual Awards Dinner. All clubs should have a supporter as she! Hope you're feeling better Lyn.

Just In! Thanks to Paul Gehringer, WB8ZZR, for forwarding the results of Thursday night's **Clinton County ARA** elections. WX8A, Mark Atwell, will be returning as club president. Steve Lamb, W8SBL, will serve as Vice President and his wife Sara, KS8P, will take care of the secretarial duties. Andrew Adrian, W9AMA, will handle the money. Directors elected were Lee Kolodziej, KC2VFX, and Dave Gordley, K8DEG. Congrats to each.

I started this week's column in the mountains of western North Carolina before heading home to finish it in the hills of Highland County. I was able to get on the air Monday make a contact with the "Breweries On the Air" special event station, W8A, and our Section Manager Tom Sly. I found it interesting a contact was made between a station celebrating the repeal of prohibition and a station in Hillsboro, OH which is acknowledged as the Birthplace of the Women's Christian Temperance Union! Strange things do happen on ham radio.

Speaking of western North Carolina, many folks from Ohio head to Asheville, NC during the holidays to visit the Biltmore Estate and view the outstanding Christmas decorations. Asheville is also the home of one of the most interesting radio museums in the county-the Asheville Radio Museum located on the campus of the local community college. The museum is closed during

December and January, but will reopen in February. Visit [www.avlradiomuseum.org](http://www.avlradiomuseum.org), for a video tour and other information. It definitely is worth a visit whenever in that area.

We are knocking on the door of what is one of the most joyous times of the year. However it also is a time when that door is opened it is met with sadness and depression. Hams are known as communicators. So why not put down that microphone, shove the keyboard or key aside and pick up the phone and give that ham you haven't heard from for some time a jingle. Even better, pick up a pen and drop them a note or a Christmas card. Even better yet, take a few moments from your so-called "busy" day and make a visit or invite them to meet you somewhere for coffee or something to eat. Any of these suggestions might turn out to be the best Christmas gift you could give someone.

Until next time stay warm, healthy, safe and radio-active.

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## Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

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

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



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

## One Question Questionnaire

!!!! I would really like to hear from as many of you as possible. How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It's in the bottom left corner of the page) While you're there, you can click the Big Red Arrow to enter into this months Handbook Giveaway! Since we've started that up again I've mailed out 2 – both in the NE part of the state. Good for me – the postage is cheaper when it's close to home! I need someone in the CENTRAL or SOUTHERN part of the state to get in there and win this! C'mon – make me spend some hard earned cash getting that Handbook out to you!



This week's question is for Technician Class Licensee's only! (Should be about 50% of all Hams!)

### Will you commit to Upgrading to General in 2023?

A) Yes

B) No

From last weeks question:

OUT OF 75 RESPONSES: 59% (44) SAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN OHIO SECTION CONVENTION IN 2023! I'LL MAKE THAT HAPPEN. ANOTHER 24% (18) WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE "ON AIR" OPERATING EVENTS (LIKE OSPOTA). THAT'S ANOTHER AREA WE CAN MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN. IF YOU HAVE SOME CREATIVE IDEAS FOR THIS – SEND THEM TO ME!

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### Ohio Section Cabinet

Section Manager – Tom Sly, WB8LCD	Section Traffic Manager – David Maynard, WA3EZN
Section Emergency Coordinator – Bret Stemen KD8SCL	Section Youth Coordinator – Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK	Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Amanda Farone – KC3GFU
State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU	Public Information Coordinator – Elizabeth Klinc - 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. 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://arrl-ohio.org/club\\_news/index.html](http://arrl-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@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-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@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-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://arrl-ohio.org/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!*

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