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I'm going to keep this short this week. But I'm happy to say that 2022 is done, gone, fini. I couldn't be happier about it. Looking forward, Lord willing, 2023 is going to be AWESOME! All you need to do is wake up Sunday Morning with a smile on your face and a good attitude – and it's off to the races. Quit with the negative thoughts. Don't just sit there, do something. There's a lot of talent, expertise and opportunity that's wasted by the uninspired. Don't let it happen to you.



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 January 8th

****The January 8, 2023 Net will be held as a ZOOM Meeting! Watch for Details****

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!

If you're reading this newsletter, you are most probably an ARRL member. If not – *you should be!* I want to make sure that everyone gets the most advantage out of their membership, so as we move through 2023 I'll be high-lighting some of the benefits you have as a member. And don't forget – VOTA starts Sunday January 1, 2023! Get on the air!

One last thing..... if you would like to submit an article, or a news story for publication here, I'd love to include it in a future issue. I'm always looking for "current events" articles from clubs and individuals in the Ohio Section. Please, send it as a .DOCX file, Times New Roman font, size 12. And please send all pictures as a .JPG file. While I try, I can't promise I'll always be able to use other file types.

73,

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

ARRL Headquarters will be Closed on Monday, January 2

ARRL Headquarters will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023. There will be no W1AW bulletin or code practice transmissions on that day. ARRL HQ will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, at 8 AM EST.

ARRL wishes all our members a very *Happy New Year!*

New Ham Resources

Welcome to ARRL

Whether you're looking to get on the air for the first time or take your interest in amateur radio to a new level, ARRL has over 100 years of experience supporting hams in pursuing their interest in amateur radio.



What Should I Do Now That I Have My License?

We'll answer this and many of your other questions on this [page](#) which launched in June, 2021. Check back often as we collect and respond to some of the most common questions new hams have about getting active, involved and on the air? **Got a question?** Submit it to marketing@arrl.org.

[Sign up for Free monthly tips and techniques from On the Air magazine](#)

The email features curated stories from ARRL's *On the Air* magazine along with original content that will help beginner to intermediate radio operators start operating and get active in amateur radio.

New to Amateur Radio?

[What is Ham Radio?](#)

Introductory videos and information on amateur radio.

[Getting Your Ham Radio License](#)

Learn about getting licensed and the rules to operate legally.

[Find a Class in Your Area](#)

Need help preparing for your exam? Search our database for upcoming classes in your area.

[Technician Class Question Pool](#)

Download a current copy of the Technician class question pool.

[Ham Radio Glossary](#)

Stuck on ham radio terms and lingo? Get the meanings here.

[Find an Exam Session in your Area](#)

Ready to take your exam? Search our database for exam sessions in your area.

[On the Air Magazine Free Sample](#)

Not an ARRL Member? Read a sample of *On the Air* magazine, for beginner to intermediate ham radio operators.

[What is a repeater?](#)

Check out this detailed read on what a repeater is and how to use them.

[Operating References](#)

An operator's guide to UTC time, the phonetic alphabet, the RST system, and other guidelines.

Experienced Ham Resources

[ARRL Magazines FREE Sample](#)

Non-members can receive a free sample of *QST*, *On the Air*, *NCJ*, and *QEX*.

[Public Service](#)

Learn how you can get involved with Public Service using ham radio.

[Technology](#)

Your ARRL membership includes technical information services support from the ARRL Lab.

[Amateur Radio Emergency Services](#)

Learn about (ARES) and how you can get involved.

[Need Advice? - Our Technical Info Service experts can help](#)

Here's some technical help on what you may be looking for.

[Find a Club near you](#)

Want to join a ham radio club? Search the database for a club in your area.

[Latest news from the Amateur Radio Community](#)

Read current news and features.

[Publications and Products](#)

See what's new at the ARRL Online Store.

[OTA Blog - Member generated content](#)

Read the monthly OTA Blog including member stories, and learn how you can contribute.

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. 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.



Online Amateur Radio Examination

Since June 2020, ARRL VE teams have gone completely electronic by using a web-based examination system to administer online exams for remote, video-supervised sessions or in-person sessions.

The remote sessions are conducted using a video conferencing platform with [ExamTools](#) onscreen tests. Online exams can also be used at in-person sessions (candidates must have tablets or computers for fully electronic in-person sessions). For teams that prefer to generate and print their own exams, our blue overlay grading template designs are loaded into the program, and they can be used with the system's printed exams for manual grading. This system replaced our *ARRL VE Exam Maker* exam-generating software.

The online exam platform includes registering and tracking candidates throughout the session, onscreen exams and grading, online signing of Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCEs) and 605 forms, logging and compiling the session stats and VE participation list, and output files for upload to the coordinating VEC. The program manages almost everything needed to conduct a test session.

Interested ARRL VE team leaders should email the ARRL VEC at VEC@arrl.org for details and instructions on creating an ExamTools account and training with an experienced team.

Electronically File Exam Session Documents

Upload exam session documents for quicker service! This program benefit, available since November 2018, allows rapid processing to the FCC. VE teams can upload paper documents or online exam session files via the ARRL VEC's secure web page. New and upgraded licenses are transmitted to the FCC within 1 – 2 business days for weekend sessions and are usually transmitted on the same day for weekday sessions.

Please contact the VEC department at VEC@arrl.org for instructions on e-filing exam session documents through our upload page. Authorized VEs will be sent the upload page URL, which is hidden from the public.

Contact ARRL VEC to be more active in 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

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.



Free Amateur Radio License Update Classes

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 15th. 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*” (2019-2023 edition), available from HamRadioSchool.com.

For more information and to register for the class, visit-
tiny.cc/cfarcgeneral or scan the barcode ----->>>
Please share this information with your friends.



Extra Class

“A free, weekly, live [Amateur Radio Extra Class Licensing](#) course on Zoom will begin on Thursday, January 12, 2023, and run through Thursday, March 23. Sessions will start at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. Sessions will be recorded. Those attending should hold the General Class Amateur Radio License. These classes have been held for years and are sponsored by the National Electronics Museum.

The text for the course is "[The ARRL Extra Class License Manual](#)," 12th Edition, and students are asked to purchase and begin reading before the first class. As of Dec 2022, this text is \$32.95 from ARRL or the [Kindle Edition for \\$19.95 from Amazon.com](#).

For those who don't know Rol Anders (K3RA), he may be the premiere instructor for this course anywhere. Rol Anders chairs the committee that selects questions for the question pools for all classes of Amateur Radio License in the USA. Along with his assistant instructor Tom Christovich (K3YH), Rol Anders has helped hundreds of amateurs achieve Amateur Extra class licenses over the years.

To pre-register for the course (preferred) or obtain more information, you can email Rol Anders (K3RA) at roland.anders@comcast.net or reach him by phone at 410-796-4792”.

Free Live Online Class to get your General License

Sundays, Jan 15 to Feb 19, 1:30 to 4:00 PM

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club-

www.cfarc.org



WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE AMATEUR RADIO A TRY



Make Global Connections

Meet great people all over the world, from every walk of life and every generation. Over 2 million smart and inspiring people are on the amateur airwaves and eager to talk to you!



Get Involved in Public Service

Community events, such as parades and road races, require radio communications along their routes for logistic support, scoring, and first aid.



Explore Technology

Discover how radio works by building projects and experimenting. Build a simple radio receiver and make a wire antenna to listen for far-away signals.



Compete & Win

From "foxhunting" for hidden radio signals to on-the-air contests for awards, amateur radio offers many challenging & fun ways to compete.



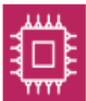
Make a Difference

When cell phones, the internet, and other systems are down, amateur radio still gets the message out. It is a vital service that can save lives when regular communication systems fail.



Expand Your World

Talk through satellites and with astronauts on board the International Space Station
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Get Creative

Design, build, and test your gear, whether from scratch or a kit. Challenge yourself to make a one-of-a-kind electronic project.



Develop New Skills

Don't be afraid to try new things and learn new skills. Through amateur radio, you can develop communication skills to improve your career, friendships, and life!

What is Amateur Radio?

Amateur Radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics, and communication together. You can use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the internet or cell phones. It's fun, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of need.

Who are Hams?

There's no one type of person who becomes a "ham"—from doctors to students to celebrities, all ages and lifestyles are linked by their interest in wireless communications and technology.

Get Started — Get Licensed!

There are three classes of amateur radio licenses in the US—Technician, General, and Amateur Extra, each with increasing airwave privileges. The Technician-class license is the entry-level license and requires passing an exam with 35 questions on radio theory, regulations, and operating practices.

With this license, you can communicate locally and often throughout North America. It also allows for some limited privileges on the HF (also called "shortwave") bands used for international communications.



NEW SEC

Ohio ARES: 2022 in review

It's time to present a summary of ARES in Ohio for the year 2022. I couldn't be more proud of your accomplishments this year! ARES, indeed Amateur Radio, proved itself as a professional and technically proficient operation able to meet the highest federal standards. We played in the "real world" of national security and preparation, and by all accounts we won. We not only solidified our relationships with many agencies including EMA's and Red Cross but also gained the respect of Homeland Security and other high level divisions. Credit belongs to our local and district Emergency Coordinators for long meetings, intense preparation, and executing with great success!

As many of you already know, Stan – N8BHL has retired as Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)! Stan has served exceptionally in this position for quite some time now, and we owe him a sincere "Thank You" for all the time and work he has put into the position. Stan leaves Ohio ARES in great shape to move on into the future for the benefit of the citizens of the Ohio Section. It was a job well done. I was approached by Stan about stepping up into his position, I accepted the position and will pick up where Stan left off and will work hard to keep OH ARES and other EMCOMM functions fully operational throughout the state. I ask for a little time to absorb all the information and tasks as I will be looking at ways to improve some areas (if it's not broke, don't fix it). I am looking forward to be working with all of you.

As for the yearend report (including projected numbers to fill out December) Amateur Radio operators nearly doubled the number of public service and actual emergency events.

Here are our end-of-year projections for 2022, 2021 numbers are in parenthesis.

Public service events: 830 (709)

Public service hours: 24,115 (17,450)

Emergency events: 815 (117)

Emergency hours: 2,500 (2,099)

Training events: 8,100 (6,493)

Training hours: 19,800 (14,710)

Total events: 10,805 (7,319)

Total hours: 83,280 (62,590)

Assuming the most recently reported hourly value of a volunteer to be \$29.95, not including fuel or supplying our own radio equipment, this leads us to conclude that ARES provided \$2,594,520 (\$1,875,000) in volunteer service to our communities, counties, and state. Estimating cost of equipment at a low of \$350 per volunteer, the value increases to over \$3.25 million.

Our training hours were up from last year (perhaps because we were busy actually ~doing~ things) but the number of members who've completed FEMA 100, 200, 700 and 800 has steadily increased. Although we aren't confident we have all your records. We continue to press for completion, and we have set a standard that ARES volunteers who report to an EOC or emergency operation must have the NIMS courses. Make sure we have your certificates (scans or jpg's) for the database, and your EC has a printed copy for a log at your EOC.

With the winter months being slow months, this would be a great time to work on your training.

Just as I reported last month's ARES training numbers and noted the expected seasonal slowdown, I began to receive a good bunch of new training certificates. We've gained additional amateurs pursuing a Level 2 or Level 3 designation and have added additional certificates to the database. We have 10,382 certificates on file including 894 Level 1, 751 Level 2 and 222 Level 3. In addition, 70 have earned the Professional Development Series certificate and 80 have completed the Aux COM certification. Keep those certificate submissions coming. Our Ohio Section is doing great and is being noticed. Our ARES program and the training statistics we have give great reason to be proud. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to each of you who have helped us achieve these numbers.

Thank you, Jim W8ERW w8erw@arrl.net

In addition to the obvious activities during 2022, ARES members did a lot more. Some groups are working on developing applications in Winlink (RF-based email systems) and new nodes (VHF & UHF) being put on the air here in Ohio, look for a node near you on the WINLINK.ORG website under the "tools" tab. Because emergencies don't provide prior notice, and because the ability to rapidly communicate is absolutely key to handling an event, EOC's need to maintain the presence of amateur radio gear! In several counties, ARES organizations are upgrading, expanding and further developing stations. Many other groups were busy upgrading communications trailers for emergency response, some in cooperation with CERT.

ARES members encouraged participated in the upcoming "NVIS Antenna Day" testing the ability to communicate within the state using HF radio frequencies.

I would like to also encourage members to participate in our "ARES VHF Contest". The ARES VHF radio contest will be held on January 14th 2023, I have sent emailed information to your county emergency coordinators who can forward to their members! It should be a great time. With the increasing attacks on the power grids/stations, we will need to evaluate alternate means of getting the message through- and I know you can do that! "If you see something, say something" to the local authorities if you see something suspicious, especially at a local power plants or sub-stations.

This is designed to test and improve our local communication capabilities for those times when everything (even our own repeaters) has failed. 2022 was a great success. Amateur Radio's "Field Day" event is always a big draw. And it is very rare to find a marathon or large ride/run that doesn't depend on ARES volunteers. Weather systems bring out trained spotters, relaying accurate ground reports to National Weather Service stations. From bringing aid to a stricken hunter outside of cell phone range to being a standing backup for the Red Cross, local hospital or health dept, to activating to help at an EOC, our ARES volunteers won the confidence of EMA directors, and assumed a higher position of trust.

Well done, and I truly appreciate each and every one's time and efforts!

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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.

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

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

CARS

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

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

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

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

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

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is once again holding its **2022** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the first Saturday of every even numbered month.

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

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

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

Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

2023 Amateur Radio Activity Challenge List

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year of Amateur Radio, I wanted to pass on a few suggestions to both new and seasoned hams across the state. Over my 40+ years of AR, I have always been overwhelmed by the wide variety of activities available to us as licensed amateurs. But I am often disappointed to see most hams get stuck in a rut of only doing one thing. New hams often feel limited by their license privileges to try new modes or bands. Even though there are limitations, Tech licensees have a wide variety of things they can try “beyond the local FM repeater.” For more on this, look at my slideshow “**Technicians, Life Beyond Repeaters... & Activities Not Just for Technicians**” at tiny.cc/btech or watch the video recording at <https://youtu.be/-m8tOFBYl4E>.

Even more confounding to me are seasoned hams with General or Extra class licenses that don't exercise their license privileges and band allocations. Unlike Techs, there is no problem with license restrictions and, in most cases, definitely not for lack of equipment! Many of us have radios on which we have not used all the available bands and/or modes. Maybe the lack of an antenna for a specific band is holding you back. Don't let this stop you; a temporary or non-resonate antenna with a wide-range tuner may work fine, so give it a try. Maybe you are just not comfortable with HF yet; if so, look at the three-part series that Dennis, W6DQ, and I did recently, “**Beginner's Guide to HF**.” The slideshow is tiny.cc/bghf, and the three videos at <https://youtu.be/cjZZjfKYPak>, <https://youtu.be/dH5gsA1CZSc> and <https://youtu.be/eG3kFbCZEM8>.

If you are interested in learning about Contesting, Logging, QSLing Online, etc. I have a list of dozens of slide presentations and recorded videos I have done at tiny.cc/k8zt-p (by the way, if your local club would like a meeting presentation, I would be happy to do one in person or via Zoom; just email me).

To help you try some new things in AR this year, I have put together a checklist for you to track your progress. You can use this for ideas to try. It works even better when you use it with a friend or group as a friendly competition. It would be a great club project your group could track over the year and maybe provide recognition of accomplishments with newsletter articles, certificates, or even prizes.

Some are very easy, some harder. Some may also have a profound effect on helping others in AR. If you are interested in learning CW in 2023 look at my “Having Fun with Morse”- tiny.cc/fwm. Please feel free to add extra activities to my list (I'm sure I missed many ideas).

Band Worked	Mode Worked	Activity (or mode of op)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 2,200 M (135 kHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSB	<input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (2 M and up)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 630 M (472 kHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - CW	<input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (10 or 6 M)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 160 M (1.8 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - AM	<input type="checkbox"/> - Simplex FM QSO (VHF/UHF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 80/75 M (3.5/3.8 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FM	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSB QSO (VHF/UHF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 60 M (5.3 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - PSK (31, 63)	<input type="checkbox"/> - CW Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 40 M (7 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FT4	<input type="checkbox"/> - Contest Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 30 M (10.1 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FT8	<input type="checkbox"/> - Satellite Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 20 M (14 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Other WSJT- X Modes (FSK441, JT6M, JT65, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Fox Hunt (ARDF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 17 M (18 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - JS8call	<input type="checkbox"/> - WinLink Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 15 M (21 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Packet radio (AX25)/APRS	<input type="checkbox"/> - EchoLink Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 12 M (24.9 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSTV or Fast Scan ATV	<input type="checkbox"/> - WAS (work all 50 states)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 10 M (28 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Digital FM- DMR, D-Star, Fusion, etc.) including Hotspots	<input type="checkbox"/> - Work 50 countries
<input type="checkbox"/> - 6 M (50 MHz)		<input type="checkbox"/> - Work 100 countries
<input type="checkbox"/> - 2 M (144 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Pactor, Clover, Olivia, Throb, DominoEX, MT63, Thor, AMTOR, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> - WAC- Work All Continents
<input type="checkbox"/> - 1.25 M (222 MHz)		<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA (Parks On The Air) or SOTA (Summits On The Air) Chaser Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 75 cm (440 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FAX or Hellschreiber	
<input type="checkbox"/> - 33 cm (902 MHz)	Club	<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA or SOTA Activation

<input type="checkbox"/> - Higher Microwave Bands	<input type="checkbox"/> - Attend an ARC meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA Activator
Build or Install	<input type="checkbox"/> - Present at ARC meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> - Work you State QSO party
<input type="checkbox"/> - New VHF/UHF Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Head a committee	Build/Test/Repair
<input type="checkbox"/> - New HF Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Attend a Hamfest	<input type="checkbox"/> - Electronics Kit or Homebrew
<input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> - Teach a Licensing Class or be a VE	<input type="checkbox"/> - Use an Antenna Analyzer or nano-VNA to measure
<input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Mentor a new ham	<input type="checkbox"/> - Fix non-working Radio
<input type="checkbox"/> - Computer/Radio Interface	<input type="checkbox"/> - Write a newsletter article	<input type="checkbox"/> - Aurdino, Rasp Pi or other microprocess Proejct or Program
<input type="checkbox"/> - Club building project	<input type="checkbox"/> - ARRL Membership	

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

DX This Week – Dates

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CWOPs Member #1567

There are some important dates you should make a note of. These include the State QSO Parties, international DX contests, and regional DX contests. I have worked many normally difficult entities during contests and found it very easy (sometimes) to get them in the log. I have about 90 dates that I would suggest that you keep in mind.



However, you don't need to write them down and I did not want to send WB8LCD, Tom, to editor purgatory while he tried to align and post all of these dates in this week's journal. So, I have created two items to make it easy for you. The first is a .pdf copy of the dates. The second may be useful if you have slight computer skills. I have created a .csv of the dates that conforms to the Google calendar format. You can import this .csv and viola', the dates are on your Google calendar. Both files can be found at www.aj8b.com/files. Let me know if you have any questions.

Finally, there is a new podcast available in January (January 8th to be exact) that addresses DX and all matters concerning DXing. More information can be found below.

I hope you have been chasing Crozet. Good opportunity to get your skills honed in time for Bouvet!

Have a safe week and Gud Hunting

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A new Amateur Radio Podcast is now available, and we invite you to give us a listen. The DX Mentor Podcast is different than any other podcast you have heard. It is focused on helping you become a better DXer no matter your current level.

Each podcast will focus on a specific topic and will feature several guests to discuss and analyze the topic at hand. These guests are among the top in the subject matter and will cover the topic so that both entry level DXers and seasoned DXers will learn something.

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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:

YJ – Vanuatu - During October 2023 a group named "DX Obsessed" consisting of NC7M, Marc Wills; N7JI, Scott Rosenfeld; K6VHF, Alex Nersesian; W6UC, Phil Krise; and NG7E, Osiel (O.C.) Rodriguez; are heading to Port Vila, Vanuatu. They will be using the call YJ0TT, which has been issued to NC7M. The other ops have their own calls and they are YJ0NA (K6VHF), YJ0UC (W6UC) and YJ0ET (NG7E). Activity is expected on CW, SSB and Digital modes on 1.8 through 50 MHz and 23 cm EME.

T33 - Banaba Island - DF6FK, Norbert, and his wife DL2ZAD, Judith, report nothing has change and all equipment is packed and ready for their January 2023 T33BA and T33BB operation. They depart on January 11. They expect to be QRV from January 12 to 24.

Merry Christmas from 3Y0J team

(The following is from the 3Y0J website)

In just 18 days we start departing to Falkland island! The team will first assemble in London where we meet our club sponsors CDXC and RSGB for sponsor dinner in the evening! On January 11th we depart from Brize Norton with RAF military flight to Port Stanley where we arrive evening Jan 12th.

We spend 2 days packing and will do a safety course. Departure estimated January 14th. Arrival Bouvet?ya estimated 11 to 14 days later, so depending on WX expect to be QRV late January for 22 days.

Our 3Y0J vessel tracker will be <https://share.garmin.com/3y0j>

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CONTEST CORNER

Below is a list of upcoming contests in the “Contest Corner”. I think this is important for someone who is trying to move up the DXCC ladder since entities that are on the rarer side and easiest to work in contests. Some of my best “catches” have been on the Sunday afternoon of a contest when the rarer entities are begging for QSOs. Of course, the gamble is that if you wait until

Sunday, conditions may change, or they simply won't be workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course, why not work the contest and have some fun!

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

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

Thanks!

Date(s)	Event	Info
Jan. 4	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest SSB	https://ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php
Jan. 4	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
Jan. 7	PODSX PSKFest	http://bit.ly/2Qv3wkA
Jan. 7-8	Original QRP Contest	www.qrcc.de/contestrules/index.html
Jan. 7-8	WW PMC Contest	http://bit.ly/2y2QWCc
Jan. 7-8	ARRL RTTY Roundup	www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup
Jan. 7-8	EUCW 160m Contest	www.eucw.org/eu160.html
Jan. 8	DARC 10-Meter Contest	http://bit.ly/2pCiRo1
Jan. 11	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
Jan. 14	YB DX Contest SSB	https://ybdxcontest.com
Jan. 14-15	Feld Hell "Low Down" Sprint	https://bit.ly/3eKxi2f
Jan. 14-15	North American CW QSO Party	http://ncjweb.com/nagp
Jan. 14-15	UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest	http://bit.ly/2Oi8fsa
Jan. 18	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
Jan. 21-22	Hungarian DX Contest	www.ha-dx.com/en/contest-rules
Jan. 21-22	North American SSB QSO Party	http://ncjweb.com/nagp
Jan. 21-23	ARRL January VHF Contest	www.arrl.org/january-vhf
Jan. 25	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest CW	https://ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php
Jan. 25-26	AWA Linc Cundall Memorial Contest	https://bit.ly/3iDUm34
Jan. 27-29	CQWW 160M CW Contest	http://cq160.com/rules.htm
Jan. 28-29	AWA Linc Cundall Memorial Contest	https://bit.ly/3iDUm34
Jan. 28-29	BARTG RTTY Sprint	http://bartg.org.uk/wp/contests
Jan. 28-29	REF CW Contest	https://tinyurl.com/p4bbva92
Jan. 28-29	UBA SSB Contest	http://bit.ly/W0gZiE
Jan. 28-29	Winter Field Day	www.winterfieldday.com
Feb. 11-12	CQWW WPX RTTY Contest	www.cqwxprtty.com
Feb. 24-26	CQWW 160M SSB Contest	http://cq160.com/rules.htm

ARLD052 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.

OMAN, A4. Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society are QRV with special call sign A450RS to celebrate the Society's 50th anniversary. QSL via EC6DX.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Harald, DF2WO will be QRV as D44TWO from January 3 to 21, 2023. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4, as well as on Satellite QO-100. QSL via M0OXO.

NORTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Warwick, E51WL will be back on Penrhyn Atoll, IOTA OC-082, after January 1, 2023 and expects to be active shortly afterwards. This may include being active on 6 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

CROZET ISLAND, FT/W. Station FT8WW is QRV and expects to be here until March 2023. QSL via OQRS.

FRENCH GUIANA, FY. Pierre-Jean, F4GPK is QRV as FY/F4GPK from Kourou until January 8, 2023. QSL direct to home call.

ECUADOR, HC. Members of the Ecuador DX Club plan to be QRV with special call HD1DX on January 1, 2023 from 0000 to 2359z. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via operators' instructions.

HAITI, HH. Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti will be QRV as HH75RCH from January 1 to May 1, 2023 to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary. QSL via N2OO.

OGASAWARA ISLANDS, JD1. Harry, JG7PSJ is QRV as JD1BMH from Chichijima Island, IOTA AS-031, until January 2, 2023. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL direct to home call.

BONAIRE, PJ4. Heli, DD0VR and Bigi, DE3BWR will be QRV as PJ4/DD0VR from January 1 to 13, 2023. QSL via DD0VR.

POLAND, SP. Special event stations SP90ENIGMA and SP90ENG are QRV until January 15, 2023 to commemorate the 90th anniversary since Polish cryptologists first broke the Enigma cipher. QSL via SP3PGR and SP3PDO, respectively.

GABON, TR. Roland, F8EN is QRV as TR8CR from Libreville until March 15, 2023. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

ANTARCTICA. A group of operators are QRV as RI1ANC from Vostok Station, IOTA AN-016, until March 2024, and as RI30ANT from January 1 to March 31, 2023. Activity is in their spare time on various bands using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL RI1ANC via RN1ON, and RI30ANT via RZ3EC.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Special call signs R2023NY and UE23NY are QRV until January 8, 2023 for the annual Russian New Year radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club. QSL via RQ7L.

NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N. Marcelo, ZL1MTO is QRV as VK9MTO until January 5, 2023. Activity is holiday style on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4, generally between 0600 to 1100z. QSL to home call.

MONTSERRAT, VP2M. Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as VP2MDX from January 2 to 31, 2023. QSL to home call.

INDIA, VU. Members of the West Bengal Radio Club will be QRV as AT2WBRC from Sagar Island, IOTA AS-153, from January 5 to 17, 2023. QSL via VU2JFA.

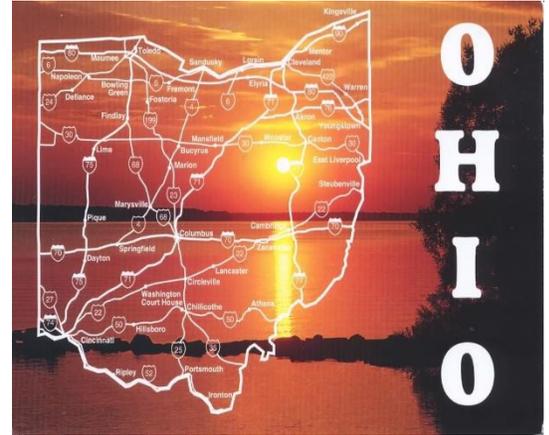
CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. Edmondo, VA3ITA is QRV as ZF2IT from Grand Cayman, IOTA NA-016, until January 5, 2023. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

Please see December 2022 QST, page 59, January 2023 QST, page 74, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.

Upcoming *Hamfests*

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





2023

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

Location: Shade, OH
Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation
Website: [QRZ KC8AAV](http://www.qrz.com/db/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.tmrahmradio.org>
[Learn More](#)

04/15/2023 - [Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)

Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Website: <http://www.cfarc.org>
[Learn More](#)

<p>05/13/2023 - 05/17/2023 <u>RV Radio Network</u> Location: Berlin, Ohio, OH Type: ARRL Operating Specialty Convention Sponsor: RV Radio Network Learn More</p>	<p>07/08/2023 - <u>Mansfield Trunkfest 2023</u> Location: Mansfield, OH Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club Website: http://iarc.club Learn More</p>
<p>07/08/2023 - <u>Mansfield Trunkfest 2023</u> Location: Mansfield, OH Sponsor: Intercity Amateur Radio Club Website: http://iarc.club Learn More</p>	<p>07/16/2023 - <u>Van Wert Hamfest</u> Location: Van Wert, OH Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://w8fy.org Learn More</p>
<p>08/12/2023 - <u>Cincinnati HamfestSM</u> Location: Owensville , OH Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More</p>	



OHIO'S



With Christmas Day now behind us for another year, here's hoping Santa left you with whatever whiz bang ham radio item you had topping your wish list. Even if that did not happen, I hope the day was pleasantly spent with family, friends and good memories.



With that said, I'm certain all of us are familiar with a common year-end tradition in the media presenting a "Year In Review" with the highlights and lowlights occurring during the past 12 months. Well, I've decided to take a stab at doing that by contacting each known club this column tries to cover and letting them provide the feedback to build this week's column around. So let's take a gander at their thoughts.

2022 started on a positive note when the **Highland ARA** was named an ARRL Special Service Club followed by the ARRL's Board of Directors awarding HARA's PIO John Levo, W8KIW, as the winner of the highly honored Phil McGan Silver Antenna Award. But HARA President Pat Hagen, N8BAP, said things only got better when HARA was named the 2022 Dayton Hamvention Club of the Year. In June the club received world-wide publicity through the *Amateur Radio Newslines* with a feature regarding the Clubs decoration of veteran's graves in a local cemetery. October saw a special event operation from a local historical site and then a record 83 people attended the annual Christmas Dinner Party and Meeting.

Seventy-five years of anything is a respectful amount of time. And for the **Cambridge ARA** 75 years marks the length of time it has been an Affiliated Club of the American Radio Relay League. In October ARRL officials journeyed to Cambridge to present a plaque from the ARRL honoring the occasion. Their year also included Field Day and Ohio Parks on the Air activations along with assistance at the annual Cambridge Holiday Parade. During COVID they established a "Trivia Net" that still continues to draw activity.

It was great to see the return of some popular hamfests following COVID and/or other circumstances. The hamfest year kicked off with the **Sunday Creek ARF**'s relocation of its event to Shade, OH. The **Portsmouth RC** found a location in New Boston and the **Scioto Valley ARA** had a very successful event at the Pike County Fairgrounds at Piketon. Other South 40 clubs holding hamfests were the **Tri-State ARA**, **Mid Ohio Valley ARA**, **Athens County ARA** and the **River Cities ARA**. All are expected to return in 2023. Another hamfest held that's just barely within the region covered this column is the **Aladdin Shrine ARA** held in Grove City. Plus who can overlook the **Dayton ARA**'s HamVention? However we do need to report the **Grant RC**'s annual event was not held due to the loss of the usual location. There is a

possibility it will not return. Although the **Milford ARC**'s hamfest was held, the accompanying W8DXCC Convention sponsored by the **Southwest Ohio DX Association** did not.

Another highlight of the year was the return of two clubs as being active following years of inactivity. We welcome the return of the **Ohio University ARC** and the **Vinton County ARC**.

Down in West Union the **DeForest ARA** recently held its year-end carry in dinner and election meeting. Kim Paquette, N8YWX, was re-elected Club President. Her fellow officers will be: Bill Hablitzel, K8WEH-Vice President; Jared Shupert, KE8GED- Treasurer and Tory Peterson, N8XGR-Secretary.

Members and friends of the **Portsmouth RC** recently gathered for their annual holiday dinner to celebrate an active year for the Club. Besides the return of the previously mentioned hamfest, the Club was the only Ohio club participating in the 'Lewis and Clark On The Air' special event operation commemorating the historic Lewis and Clark Trail passage through 16 states. Their contact numbers were in the top three of the 20 clubs participating. Another activity undertaken was the activation of Shawnee State Park during the 'Ohio State Parks' on the Air in September.

Mentioning OSPOTA calls attention to the number of clubs in the region who participated in the event. Although some parks went begging for activations, hats are off to those clubs who set up in one of Ohio's State Parks to give out contacts. Some of those clubs are the **All Things ARA**, **Athens County ARA**, **Bellbrook ARC**, **Cambridge ARA**, **Drake ARC**, **Fayette ARA**, **Hamilton ARA**, **Huber Heights ARC**, **Preble ARA**, **Portsmouth RC**, **Scioto Valley ARA**, **Sunday Creek ARF**, **Vinton County ARC** and **West Chester ARC**. Special recognition goes to the **Madison County ARA** who activated two parks and the **Highland ARA** who activated three parks. It's my hope to have more of our parks activated in 2023.

Thanks to the **Hocking Valley ARA** for returning their popular 'Fox Hunts' to the region in 2022. Reports indicate they were well received and based upon those reports some other clubs might be looking at including them in their own activities for 2023. The Club also held a Technician Class starting in October that saw several successful students receive their licenses.

It seems the **Athens County ARA** always has something going on-which is good! Marathons, foot races, trail runs, fox hunts and an OSPOTA operation from Stoups Run State Park were just a handful of the activities that kept the Club hopping during the past year. Their Field Day efforts gave them second place in the Ohio Section as well as the 8th call district and 3rd place in the Great Lakes Division. Their license classes, VE testing sessions and project nights are among the best. And who can forget they conduct one of the best hamfests in the State? President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, indicates some 2023 objectives are to help the **Ohio University ARA** get restarted, become an ARRL Special Service Club, grow their hamfest and tweek their repeaters even more.

The **Fayette ARA** keeps plugging along with its weekly Tuesday evening net on 147.27 at 8PM according to Net Control Ken Rowley, WD8PHL. However to try to gain more interest, the Club has started a monthly social and coffee gathering. Jeff Dreher, KE8DVH, states the next gathering will be January 21 at 10AM at Tim Horton's in Washington CH. Club station K8FAY saw activity during OSPOTA from Deer Creek plus was active during the Ohio QSO Party. The Club also conducted a couple VE sessions during the year.

Just down the road from FARA we find the **Clinton County ARA** heavily involved with the Wilmington National Weather Service's SkyWarn Program. According to Mark Atwell, WX8A, members were called out several times this year to activate Storm Spotters in several of the counties served by the office. Mark also states the Club participated in the recent NWS SkyWarn Recognition Day activities. The Club also provided volunteers to Hamvention for license testing, security and manning the prize booth plus shared flea market spaces with the **Highland ARA** as well.

Milford ARA President Ron Brooks, AC8MA, states major changes were made to their repeater systems to provide a better experience to their members. In addition to totally upgrading the electrical service to the repeater shack, a new equipment rack was installed. The Wires-X installation originally on their UHF repeater was migrated to the VHF repeater once major antenna work was completed. They also conducted another well attended Cincinnati Hamfest at the Clermont County Fairgrounds. They continue to provide a free monthly license testing program seeing many new amateurs getting licensed. Membership is at an all time record.

Another South 40 club with a lot activity during 2022 is the Lawrence County **Southern Ohio ARA** ARRL Special Service Club. For years the Club has helped organizers by providing communications and coordination assistance for the annual Ironton Memorial Day and Holiday parades. For several years the Club has operated a special event station from local historical sites. This year they chose a location at the southernmost point in Ohio that sits along the bank of the Ohio River in Burlington, OH. That site was the location of the original county courthouse and jail and served as one of the first underground railroad stops in Ohio. The Club had a very active PR program with loads of media coverage including television.

The **Athens County ARA** recently held its well attended annual Christmas Dinner. A highlight of evening is always the awarding of the NC8V Memorial Trophy to the member achieving the highest score during the recent ARRL 10 Meter Contest. This year President WD8RIF had the honor of presenting the award to Drew McDaniel, W8MHV. The award is presented in remembrance of the life and accomplishments of past-member John Cornwell (SK).

Across the River our neighbors at the **Greater Mason County ARA** recently held elections to choose those who will lead the club in 2023. According to Brent Wells, N4BDW, the new club president is Dan Hughes, KO4JXW. Larry Dodge, KG4PXA, is the vice president with Mike Mullins, KN4COE, serving as the secretary. Holton Cartmell, KE4LCZ, will handle the money. One of the club's 2022 highlights was making improvements to their Beechburg repeater site.

It's acknowledged the final event of 2022 and the first in 2023 is the **Highland ARA's** New Year's Eve Net. But the final gathering of the year honor goes to the **Clinton County ARA** for their usual 'Last Saturday of the Month' breakfast on the 31st in Wilmington. Although this is written prior to it being held, I've attended several in the past and know how their members like to eat and talk so it had to be a good one.

The **Hocking Valley ARC** will meet on January 3 at Logan's Hocking County EOC beginning at 7 PM.

The **West Chester ARC** will have what appears to be an interesting program at its January 5 meeting. Walt Witham, W8LTR, will present a program called "Making Your Call Sign Understandable". The program begins at 7 PM at the Voice of America Museum near the WLW tower near Mason. The club's business meeting will be the following evening-also at the Museum at 7 PM.

The **Clinton County ARA** will kick their year off by meeting on Thursday, December 5. It will be at the Boyd Cancer Center, Farquher Avenue in Wilmington and will get underway at 7:30 PM. There is no program planned for this month, just discussion of their pending 501 (c)3.

A new podcast produced by the **Southwestern Ohio DX Association** previews on January 8. Bill Salyers, AJ8B, states the intent of the podcast is to make one a better DXer and operator regardless of their DXing level. "DX Mentor" will feature topics and interviews of interest to DXers and be available on many of the popular podcast services. More information can be found at dxmentor@gmail.com or by phoning 513-855-3980.

Highland ARA President-elect Ken Lightner, KE8JEL, reminds all amateurs in the Highland County area of the Club kicking off the new year with the monthly Brunch Bunch gathering on Saturday, January 14. It starts at 10 AM at the Hillsboro Burger King located in front of Rural King on North High Street. On the same morning the **Bainbridge Area Hams** from Ross, Pike and Highland Counties will gather at the Dutch Restaurant near Bainbridge at 8 AM for their monthly gathering. All are welcome to attend either or both.

Another happening on the 14th is the annual 'Ohio VHF+ Test'. Fixed stations, mobiles and stations operating as rovers are invited to participate. The objective of this six hour test event is to inspire amateurs to make emergency type contacts using simplex frequencies and as many UHF/VHF modes as possible during the event. It is also a splendid opportunity for one to test their personal station's performance. And for those who plan to use ham radio only during an emergency, it gives them a chance to determine if that HT will do what they hope. This year's event starts at 10 AM on the 14th and will run until 4 PM. You can find the rules and more at www.ohsimplex.org.

The first hamfest for 2023 in the South 40 region will be Sunday, January 15 when the **Sunday Creek ARF** holds their 'fest in Shade, OH. It will be at the Shade Community Center on Old

Route 33 between Athens and Pomeroy. For additional details contact Jeramy Duncan, KC8QDQ, at 740-343-5976.

A Technician license class sponsored by the **Athens County ARA** begins 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. An ARRL VE session will be on March 20.

The **Tri-State ARA** will meet at the Radio and Technology Museum in Huntington on January 17 at 7PM.

The **Queen City Emergency Net** will hold elections during their January 20 meeting at the Red Cross Building in Cincinnati.

On January 28 and 29 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 during the annual Winter Field Day. The Adams County **DeForest ARA** plans to participate in the event from a location to be determined in the coming days. The **Queen City Emergency Net** will also field a station.

On a sad note we have learned of the December 27 passing of Ed Locke, KE8FK, of West Union. Ed was a long-time member of the **DeForest ARA** and involved in almost everything the Club ever did. He provided assistance during the flooding and other emergencies that hit Adams County, was a club officer, was involved in the Club's VE program and helped with loads of Field Days and other special events. He was an Elmer to many new hams. Needless to say he's the kind of guy that will be sorely missed. Services will be in West Union on January 3. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his many friends.

We near the end of the column with the happy news that Santa delivered a ham license to another new ham in the region. Shane Cottrill of Portsmouth now holds a Technician license and has been issued KE8WFE by the Federal Communications Commission. Should you hear him on the air be sure to give him a big welcome.

As you see from the contents of this column, 2022 has been a great year for most of the clubs in the South 40 coverage area and 2023 promises to be a repeat—although having a repeat of a Dayton Hamvention Club of the Year in the area may be rather difficult. Normally the New Year finds clubs and people making resolutions to set and accomplish goals during the upcoming year. If you are one who makes resolutions I hope a couple include being more active on the air and within your local club. In order to get more people operating, the ARRL will conduct a year long "Volunteers On The Air" operating event. Based on information about the event, it should be a lot of fun. And a request I have is that if you are a member of a Southern Ohio area club

that is not represented in this column, please have those responsible for promoting the club place us on their contact list.

On Christmas Day, N8ZNR, Pete/K9DOG and our son David who was home from the Big Apple were on the way home from our annual trip to New Vienna to visit the farm and the cemetery when Kathy's cell rang. It turned out to be a video call from our daughter Jennifer (WA8KIW) and daughter-in-law Carina, KK7EYH. You might think that's no big deal, but to us it was. Imagine cruising down the highway and not only talking to someone but seeing them at the same time! Isn't technology great! Oh, did I mention the girls were in New Zealand?

In the meantime, here's hoping everyone has a great 2023 and you enter my logbook at some time.

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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!



This weeks Question:

Are you planning to operate in the January 14th ARES VHF Contest?

- A) YES
- B) NO

From last weeks question:

DID YOU LOSE COMMERCIAL POWER AT YOUR LOCACTION BETWEEN 12/22 AND 12/26? OUT OF A TOTAL OF 73 VOTES – 11% YES (8) AND 89% NO (65)

I have to say, I'm surprised. But don't get a sense of false security! Personally, it's not the weather that most worries me.....

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Hey Gang,

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

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

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

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. 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@arrlohoio.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>



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

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@arri-ohio.org

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@arri-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://arri-ohio.org/news/>

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!