



*“July 8th, 2024”*

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Finn (10 years old), son of Zeb – KD8WZS makes his first contact during Field Day 2024!

## CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD

Field Day Weekend is gone, but a lot of really good things happened. First off, a lot of you went out in the field, or even from home, having fun with the best hobby in the world! GOTA stations were very popular and lots of publicity was received about our hobby by the local press in Ohio. Great job getting people involved and getting the word out about Ham Radio.

On Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, Great Lakes Division Director Scott Yonally presented the Massillon Amateur Radio Club – W8NP – with a certificate recognizing them as being an ARRL Affiliated Club for 90 years! I'm sure there are some interesting stories surrounding the club from their history. After all, 90 years ago was 1934! The ARRL was only 20 years old. Ham Radio was “off the air” during World War I and shortly thereafter. The club was really just getting going when WW II came along.

Today's members are active hams, both young and old, who are excited not only about the club's past, but also about the club's future. We wish you a very successful future!



This past weekend I had a chance to talk to many Ohio Section Hams at the Mansfield Trunkfest. It was a good day for a fest, the weather was perfect! In our conversation it was brought up by more than one person that Amateur Radio seems to be losing, or has lost, its sense of “Fraternalism”. I'm sad to both hear that and experience it. As an Amateur Radio Operator since February of 1968 (56 years) I feel that the Fraternalism I've experienced through the years has been one of the most important pieces of my experience as a Ham. All through High School and College, my best friends were Hams. My business partner of 40 years was a Ham (WB8VYW – sk). To this day, most of my best and longest lasting friendships have been with hams I have met through the years. I've always felt that if you and I are both hams, we are automatically friends! I'm not going to give up on that aspect of the hobby. I appreciate you all.

## 2024 K3Y Special Event – Scheduled for July 26-28

The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure plans to participate in a 2024 Special Event as K3Y on July 27, 2024. K3LR Contest Group is hosting us at their station for this event. They will participate in the RSGB IOTA contest as a team of youth operators.

This is the second time a Youth DX Adventure event is being hosted in the USA. As K3LR is one of the largest stations in the world this adventure was truly special for the David Kalter kids and their parents. There were housing issues for our anticipated international trip.

The trip is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, K3LR Contest Superstation and DX Engineering.

This program is a *Very Big Deal!* Thank you to the sponsors and supporters. Please get on the air and give them a QSO!

## ARRL News

**Logbook of The World® (LoTW®) returned to service effective July 1, 2024.** It had been offline as part of a [systems service disruption](#). ARRL is taking steps to help manage what will likely be a huge influx of logs. We are requesting that if you have large uploads, perhaps from contests or from a DXpedition, please wait a week or two before uploading to give LoTW® a chance to catch up. A process was implemented to reject logs with excessive duplicates. Please do not upload your entire log to “ensure” your contacts are in LoTW® as they will be rejected. Despite this request, we have seen several recent DXpeditions upload large log files and many amateurs have uploaded logs with excessive duplicates. This negatively impacts the backlog time. Lastly, please do not call ARRL Headquarters to report issues you are having with LoTW®. You can contact support at [LoTW-help@arrl.org](mailto:LoTW-help@arrl.org). For more information [click here to read our ARRL Member Bulletin about LoTW](#).

### Updated 07/01/2024

Effective 12:00pm ET / 16:00 UTC we will be returning Logbook of The World® (LoTW®) to service.

As work progressed on the network, some users encountered LoTW opening briefly during which some 6600 logs were uploaded. The logs were not processed until this weekend as we tested that the interfaces to LoTW were functioning properly.

We are taking steps to help manage what will likely be a huge influx of logs. We are requesting that if you have large uploads, perhaps from contests or from a DXpedition, please wait a week or two before uploading to give LoTW a chance to catch up. We have also implemented a process to reject logs with excessive duplicates. Please do not upload your entire log to “ensure” your contacts are in LoTW as they will be rejected. Lastly, please do not call ARRL Headquarters to report issues you are having with LoTW. You can contact support at [LoTW-help@arrl.org](mailto:LoTW-help@arrl.org).

Through the end of the year, you may experience planned times when LoTW will be unavailable. We have been using this time to evaluate operational and infrastructure improvements we would like to make to LoTW. Those times will be announced.

We appreciate your patience as we worked through the challenges keeping LoTW from returning to service. We know the importance of LoTW to our members, and to the tens of thousands of LoTW users who are not ARRL members. LoTW, just behind *QST*, is our second most popular ARRL benefit.

Progress continues at headquarters, and I urge you to follow the posting on the ARRL website for the latest. The direct link is [www.arrl.org/news/arrl-systems-service-disruption](http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-systems-service-disruption). The latest information is posted there as news is available.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD  
Ohio Section Manager  
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330-554-4650



# *National News*

*(from ARRL and other sources)*

## **ARRL Board and Executive Committee Meetings**

Here is the link to the agenda for the Second Meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held July 19 – 20, 2024:

[Second Meeting of Board of Directors July 2024 Agenda \(PDF\)](#)

You may also access meeting agendas and minutes at [www.arrl.org/board-meetings](http://www.arrl.org/board-meetings).

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## **Club Grant Program**

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### **ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program**

The ARRL Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the Club Grant Program for 2024.

#### **ARRL Club Grant Program at a glance:**

·Click [HERE](#) to apply.

**The ARRL Club Grant Program will be accepting grant proposals from June 3, 2024 through July 26, 2024.**

- Grants will be available up to \$25,000
- Clubs who receive grants will be required to share updates and reports with ARRL
- Clubs do not need to be ARRL-affiliated clubs or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Emphasis is given to projects that are transformative in nature.
- Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: get on the air projects; ham training and skills development through mentoring; STEM and STEAM learning through Amateur Radio;

station resources for use by the ham community; and emergency communications and public service projects that emphasize training

·Grant funds may not be used for commercial or for-profit projects

**Follow the links below for Club Grant application templates:**

[Project narrative](#)

[Grant milestones](#)

[Grant project budget](#)

The ARRL has long recognized that it is in the best interests of Amateur Radio to encourage and support amateur radio clubs. Clubs historically have recruited, licensed and trained new radio amateurs and have provided the community setting for radio amateurs to continue their education and training.

Check this site and the ARRL newsfeeds for updated information.

Questions about the Club Grant Program can be sent to [clubgrants@arrl.org](mailto:clubgrants@arrl.org).

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## **Central States VHF Society 2024 Conference Registration is Open!!!**

Hello everybody,

The Central States VHF Society Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA on July 25-27, 2024 is open for registration. A great technical program provides time to see operating rovers and microwave dishes, measure low noise amplifiers, measure your antenna gain, and learn through one and a half days of classroom style presentations.

Our family program shows off three historic facilities in the Cedar Rapids area. The National Czech and Slovak Museum showcases our Czech heritage in Cedar Rapids. The Bruce more Mansion tells the stories of two influential families in Cedar Rapids whose legacy still impacts our community. The Amana Colonies visit begins with a bus tour of the colonies including stops at a communal kitchen, a church, and museum. Lunch and shopping are on your own.

The Friday and Saturday luncheons provide an opportunity to dine with your new and old friends and listen to a very interesting speaker. The banquet provides a great meal, award presentations, keynote speaker, and a prize drawing with thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Amateurs and family members leave with something. We are pleased to announce our luncheon and banquet presentations.

Friday Luncheon: “902 MHz EME Roving October 2023 - 27 States in 21 Days + WAS #1”, by Peter Van Horne, K6AU

In September 2023, I decided to make a 902 MHz EME roving trip starting October 1, 2023. The goals included AI, W5LUA, completing WAS #1 on 902 and helping the other active 902 EME operators complete as many states as possible.

Saturday Luncheon: “A DXer’s Gridpedition to EN67. Or What’s a Guy Like YOU doing in a place like this?” by Tom Vinson, NY0V

In this presentation, Tom will take you through his journey from HF DXing until he went on his first solo Gridpedition to EN67 in June 2023. Topics will include how he decided which grid to activate, the equipment and system used, how it turned out, and the lessons he learned.

Saturday Evening Banquet Keynote: "Sights Along the Way or Snorkel and Bounce" by Karen Orzech and Lance Collister, W7GJ

Lance and Karen will share their adventures in visiting exotic locations that Lance activated on 6 meter EME while Karen pursued photography and snorkeling hobbies.

You may wonder what happens at a Central States VHF Society Conference. The following paragraphs describe the highlights of a conference. When you attend, you can experience all of these functions. You also meet many people who enthusiastically embrace activating the higher bands. There are many propagation and communication modes to experience.

Two antenna ranges provide an opportunity for members to measure the gain performance of their antennas. In past years, new designs performed well. Sometimes, a quick adjustment provided improved performance. Antennas ranging from 144 MHz to 10 GHz can be evaluated.

Low noise amplifiers extend range in weak signal environments. For many bands, amateur radio operators homebrew their own low noise amplifiers. The noise figure measurement bench provides an opportunity for the measurement of noise figure on a world class noise figure analyzer.

Since amateur radio operators rarely experience the show and tell of operational stations, many amateur radio operators bring rovers and microwave dishes to Central States VHF conferences to show other enthusiasts how simple or complex these stations can be. Weather permitting, we will be herded down the line of stations. Each owner then discusses the unique features of their stations.

Vendors display and sell their products in our vendor room. Some products are brand new. Some used. Some vendors salvage test equipment and commercial products to provide items that are useful in the VHF and higher bands.

Members share innovations, adventures, technological advancements, and operating practices in a series of presentations on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The hospitality suites provide an informal opportunity to interact with each other.

The registration link is: [56th Annual CSVHFS Society Conference-Annual Conference](#)

The Room Reservation link

is: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9668829>

Note that we have a special conference room rate when you use the link.

Updated information on the convention can be found on our web site

at <https://2024.csvhfs.org/>

We look forward to seeing you in Cedar Rapids.

Thank you,

Bill Caldwell, N0LN0

President

Central States VHF Society

Rod Blocksome, K0DAS

Vice President

Central States VHF Society

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## ARRL Student Membership

ARRL Student Membership was established to increase youth participation and long-term involvement in amateur radio. Student members can access ARRL membership benefits including the digital versions of ARRL magazines, and the extensive courses and training materials available through the ARRL Learning Center.

Please note: ARRL requires age verification for all student members. Parental/Guardian consent is required for applicants under 18 years of age. Student memberships are not eligible for add-on printed membership magazine subscriptions. Student membership benefits are subject to other restrictions and exclusions.

Student Membership options:

- **Option 1: Full Student Membership.** Dues rate \$30 per year. This low-cost membership option is available to US Amateur Radio licensees under the age of 26 years. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. A full member may vote in ARRL elections for Division Director, Vice Director, and Section Manager. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.
- **Option 2: Free Student Membership.** This no-cost, Associate membership option is available to full-time students aged 21 years or younger. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Free Student Membership excludes access



to the ARRL E-mail Forwarding Service, and Associate members may not vote in ARRL elections. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.  
Become an ARRL student member today!

**To JOIN with a Student Membership** - <https://form.jotform.com/241074273604047>

or

**To RENEW a Student Membership** - <https://home.arrl.org/action/My-Account/Pay-Balances>

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## *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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## 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.

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## **VE Sessions:**

### **The following information is for ALL exam sessions:**

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

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

**AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team** administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2024 are as follows: January 20, April 27, July 20, and October 19. Time and location for these dates are 10:00am at the Westerville Fire Station #111, 400 W. Main St in Westerville, Ohio. The listed dates are co-sponsored by the Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC).

Pre-Registration is required, and open the 1st of each testing month. All information is available at [www.ae8fp.net](http://www.ae8fp.net) <<http://www.ae8fp.net/>>

### **Alliance Amateur Radio Club**

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds quarterly VE testing, at the Christ United Methodist Church in Alliance. The address is 470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/prDyEPp6siJun2ibA>).

Upcoming Exam Dates are  
Saturday, March 16th, 2024  
Saturday, June 15th, 2024  
Saturday, August 10th, 2024  
Saturday, October 19th, 2024

We begin registration at 8 AM, with testing at 9am.

More information can be found at [www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/](http://www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/).

**All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)** hosts testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. Our testing sessions use Examtools, a digital testing platform, and administers the exams on tablets. Simply sign up for a free account at <https://hamstudy.org/register> and then search for our session and register through the Hamstudy website. Reach out with any questions to Jarrod – KE8MBL 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](http://www.2cars.org) for detailed map of location. Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details

### **Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)**

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

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM Feb 10th; Apr 13th; Jun 8th; Aug 10th; Oct 12th; and Dec 14th, 2024. Where: Springfield

Government Center - Emergency Operations Center; 3130 E Main St; Springfield OH 45503

This is US-40 aka "old national road". From Route 40 enter Old Columbus Road, at the fork stay left driving straight onto Ogden Rd, then immediately turn left into the parking lot behind the EMA. Walk to the door with the "Employees Only" sign.

For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email:

[buzz@baylorhill.com](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

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

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

### **The Findlay Radio Club**

The Findlay Radio Club sponsors an Exam Session the second Saturday of every month except September when we have our Hamfest. The Exam Session takes place at the Findlay Radio Club, 1333 West Sandusky St., Findlay Ohio 45839. The session begins at 9 AM. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. You can pre-register at [hamstudy.org](http://hamstudy.org). We

can also give Exams remotely on-line on your schedule if you can't make to a session.

The club has meetings on the first and third Thursdays at the clubhouse at 7:30 PM. The meetings are also available on Zoom. Contact N8ET if you would like to log in. All are welcome.

We also meet at the club on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 (or later!) to talk about anything Ham Radio. The sessions are geared toward new Hams. Everyone brings their questions and equipment they would like to show off or learn how to use. This Sunday we are going to install and learn to use Fligi, Flmsg, and Flamp. In past sessions we have built antennas, fired up new rigs, and generally had a good time!

The next meeting (Feb 15) will cover the same topic. Bring your laptop!

### **Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)**

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

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2024 are Jan 14, March 10, May12, July 14, Sept 15, and Nov 17, 2024. All sessions are at 2:00PM each month



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

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

Additional info may be obtained from Jackie Welch, N8JMW by email [n8jmw2@gmail.com](mailto:n8jmw2@gmail.com) or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

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

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

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

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2024** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 3	Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6	Saturday, October 5
Saturday, June 1	Saturday, December 7

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station. The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

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

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

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

## **The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)**

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC) hosts exam sessions on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am in Lancaster Ohio at the Fairfield County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr., Lancaster Ohio.

To register for an exam, [Click Here](#).

Questions: Contact me at [ve\\_testing@k8qik.org](mailto:ve_testing@k8qik.org).

## **Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AGENCY  
AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

SIGN IN AT 1 PM AND TESTING AT 1:30 PM.

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

JAN 13; FEB 10; MAR 9; APR 13; MAY 11;  
JUN 8; AUG 10; SEP 14; OCT 12; NOV 9; DEC 14.

WE CAN ALSO GIVE THE TEST AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS  
THAT ARE NORMALLY ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
LAARA MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. SEE  
THE [K8GQB.COM](http://K8GQB.COM) WEB SITE FOR UPDATES.  
MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

### **Madison County**

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

### **The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)**

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

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

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

Six VE testing sessions in 2024. Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information or to register. [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com) or 216-337-4235

Saturday, Jan 6. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Sunday, March 10. NOARS Hamfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM.

Saturday, May 4. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Saturday, July 20. NOARSfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM.

Saturday, September 7. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Saturday, November 2. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

### **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

### **Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX**

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

### **Silvercreek ARA (SARA)**

Hold six exam sessions per year for all license classes. Pre-registration requested but not required. Exam sessions for 2024:

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> -Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> -Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

All sessions begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit <https://w8wky.org/license-exams/>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/>. Sign up and if you aren't ready or can't make it, just notify the VE team lead.

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

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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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## **Update the “Jamboree On The Air: this fall at Camp Tuscazoar:**

First of all, many thanks go to all clubs who have sent members to the camp over the past four years of putting on this operation. I am unaware of any other such event (combining JOTA with a Scouting merit badge) in Ohio, but I'm sure others will copy eventually.

Our 50th wedding anniversary is this October, and our sons have rented a cabin at Salt Fork to treat mom and dad to a nice weekend with our entire family. That will make it impossible for me to conduct a merit badge session inside Hoover Lodge this year. We are looking for a replacement instructor for a new badge in 2024.

Radio badge was on the docket in 2020 and 2022. In 2021 and 2023 it was Signs, Signals & Codes. The camp and I agreed that these two badges needed a rest, as the number of Troops signing up for the weekend is declining. Once a Scout has a specific badge, there's no sense in earning it a second time. By resting a year or two, we'll allow a new wave of Scouts to cycle through the program.

Jeff Voltz of the Tuscarawas ARC has always coordinated the outdoor JOTA component of this weekend, and he has agreed to do so in 2024 (why mess with a good thing?). We are looking for a BSA registered merit badge counselor who can run a technology-related badge for 50-100 Scouts on October 19 (Saturday). If you are a BSA counselor, you don't need to be told how the program works or what badges are authorized. "Technology-related" is not 100% mandatory, but something like Electricity, Electronics, Digital Technology, Engineering, Orienteering, Search & Rescue, and Weather would have some tie-in with ham radio. To get broader appeal to Troops, pick any badge that can be taught by an enthusiastic leader in a day. First Aid? Any firefighters or paramedics reading this?

One goal of this event is to help the camp by making an attractive weekend for Troops so they will sign up to camp. Other goals are to teach young people on a subject that might lead to a career or hobby, help them get closer to Eagle rank (21 badges needed), and (with the JOTA component) show people something about ham radio.



Key to getting upwards of a hundred participants is to make this an exciting weekend. A Troop must choose an activity to do every time they camp out. Troops can go shooting at a range, explore rough terrain at Nelson's Ledges, canoe down the Tuscarawas river, bike on the Towpath Trail, visit the Lake Erie islands, or any number of adventurous things. The fact we've been successful with a nerdy subject like ham radio speaks to the enthusiasm and dedication of the 25-35 volunteers who help with this event every year.

Time is short. People on this email should know who might be able to step up. Contact myself or Nancy if you need more information, and thank you!

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## **ATARA Update**

What goes better than chocolate and peanut butter? Kids and amateur radio!!!

Afterschool Programs of Lancaster hosted a Family STEM Night at each of their five sites for their families to enjoy an evening of STEM activities. Students spent the week leading up to the STEM Night learning about Morse code and its history from Amateur Radio on the International Space Station's (ARISS) SPARKI lesson plans.

During regular program hours, students visited the All Things Amateur Radio Association's STEM trailer learning about amateur radio and keying up a replica Spark Gap Transmitter and Cohere Receiver. They build an FM radio out of Snap Circuits, learned about conductivity using Energy Sticks, testing various objects to see if they were conductive, and they made simple circuits using Squishy Circuits.

When Family STEM Night began, students and their parents participated in a variety of activities. They made Morse code bracelets by coding their name in beads. Families made paper circuits using copper tape, LEDs, and a battery. Families also made mini telegraphs from a kit which, when pressing the transmitting buttons, the receiving unit either lite up the LED or made buzzing sounds.

One of our favorite parts of the evening was watching the students bring their families to the STEM trailer. Parents tried the hands-on activities while the children taught them what they had learned. It was a very fun and educational evening. Thank you to the ARRL who helped fund the Family STEM Night.



All Things Amateur Radio Association, ATARA, spent the week at Alley Park in Lancaster teaching middle school age campers from the Survival Camp and Alley Carte Camp. Campers used fox hunt equipment to locate a hidden transmitter while learning about triangulation. Three targets were set up and the campers had to find which target the transmitter was hidden behind. The ATARA Stem trailer set up for campers to learn about STEM as it relates to amateur radio. After visiting the STEM trailer, campers built a variety of circuits using Snap Circuit kits. The Survival campers learned about primitive fire starting methods taught by ATARA members. Campers used Ferro rods and magnesium bars to make the spark for their fire. Once the spark landed on the char cloth and jute, they blew on it and they had their fire starter. Of course, that meant roasting marshmallows over a fire! Finally, we taught basic wilderness first aid. Campers learned some basic skills and even made a stretcher. The team had a good time working with the campers and will be back in July for more fox hunting with the younger campers.



# 2nd Annual Northeast Ohio Amateur Radio Round Up

A day full of FUN for amateur radio enthusiasts!

**Saturday, July 20th**

**10am - 6pm**

**Harry Meshel Picnic Area**

**Lake Milton State Park**

**590 Milton Ave, Lake Milton, OH 44429**



## Editor's Note:

Take a serious look at the above invitation! Looks like a very FUN opportunity to just hang out and get to know some fellow OHIO Section Hams who are actually DOING IT! Could be a fun activity for *your* club members to participate in and all you gotta do is show up! (It probably wouldn't be a bad idea to let them know you're coming so they can plan appropriately. Let them know at [w8wrarc@gmail.com](mailto:w8wrarc@gmail.com) )

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## Drone Threat Training Invitation

The Department of Public Safety's Ohio Homeland Security and Ohio Emergency Management Agency have teamed up with New Mexico Tech and the State University Law Enforcement Association (SULEA) to offer free training! The training curriculum will cover Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART), Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Development (UASPD), and Unmanned Systems and Terrorism Case Studies. The training is designed for a diverse audience, including Colleges, Universities, Law Enforcement, EMA Officials, Fire & EMS, Military, State & Federal Agencies, and Private Sector partners. Complimentary coffee and lunch will be provided during the training sessions.

- [July 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-4:00pm: Kent State](#)
- [July 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-4:00pm: Bowling Greene State University](#)
- [July 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-4:00pm: University of Cincinnati](#)

**\*\*These courses are CPT approved – 7 hours\*\***

**Attendees must be registered through [Public Safety Training Campus](#) in order to attend the listed courses. If you do not have a Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC) account to register for these courses, please [click here](#) to create an account.**

For any and all questions, please contact Sarah Martinez at [skmartinez@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:skmartinez@dps.ohio.gov) .

Thank you!

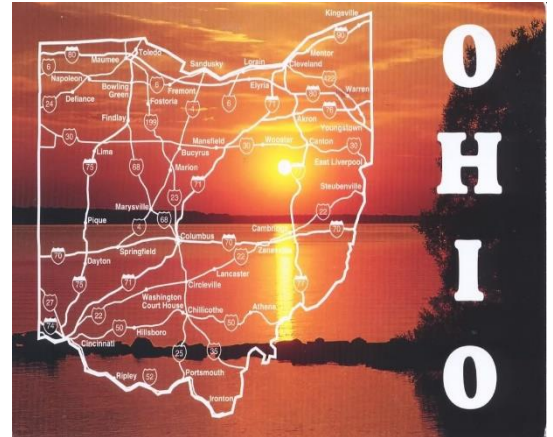
OP3 Program  
Ohio Homeland Security  
1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

## ARLD DX news

(None Issued this week)

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# Upcoming *Hamfests*



# Ohio Hamfests

## 2024

### 07/20/2024 - [Ashtabula County Hamfest 2024](#)

**Location:** Pierpont, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/>

[Learn More](#)

### 07/20/2024 - [NOARSFEST](#)

**Location:** Elyria, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

**Website:** <http://www.noars.net>

[Learn More](#)

### 07/21/2024 - [Van Wert Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Van Wert, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://w8fy.org>

[Learn More](#)

### 08/03/2024 - [2024 Columbus Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Grove City, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

**Website:** <http://www.columbushamfest.com>

[Learn More](#)

### 08/10/2024 - [Cincinnati Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Owensville, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Milford ARC

**Website:** <https://CincinnatiHamfest.org>

[Learn More](#)

### 08/17/2024 - [Portsmouth Hamfest](#)

**Location:** New Boston, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Portsmouth ARC

**Website:** <https://www.portsmouthradioclub.com>

### 08/18/2024 - [Warren Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Cortland, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <https://www.w8vtd.com/>

[Learn More](#)

### 09/08/2024 - [Findlay Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Findlay, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Findlay Radio Club

**Website:** <http://w8ft.org>

[Learn More](#)

<p><b>09/22/2024 - Cleveland Hamfest</b>  <b>Location:</b> Berea, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Hamfest Association of Cleveland  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.hac.org">https://www.hac.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>10/05/2024 - Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club (NWOARC) Hamfest</b>  <b>Location:</b> Lima, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.nwoarc.com">http://www.nwoarc.com</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>
<p><b>10/05/2024 - Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest</b>  <b>Location:</b> Piketon, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club  <b>Learn More</b></p>	
<p><b>10/27/2024 - 2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS</b>  <b>Location:</b> N. Canton, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Massillon Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.w8np.net">https://www.w8np.net</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>12/07/2024 - Winter Hamfest</b>  <b>Location:</b> Archbold, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> FCARC  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://k8bxq.org/hamfest">https://k8bxq.org/hamfest</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>

Plenty of Ohio Section Hamfests on tap for 2024! If you haven't got yours submitted to ARRL as of yet – go back up a couple pages to the top of the “Clubs” section for complete instructions on how to get your fest ARRL Sanctioned!

DX This Week – 07/05/2024

Bill - AJ8B ([thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com) / [www.aj8b.com](http://www.aj8b.com) )



Well, I have ended my first month of operating on 6M with 20 states and 8 DXCC entities. It is a challenging band for sure. I am away from the house 10 hours per day so the only chance I have is in the evening or very early morning. However, I will keep digging!

There are many hams who enjoy POTA and/or SOTA. I was not one of them as I knew little about either. We recently had a podcast/YouTube episode with Thomas, K4SWL. He has me excited about chasing POTA and DX. I was surprised at the similarities! Give that a listen at the DX Mentor podcast or YouTube channel.

Speaking of that, Ned, AA7A, recently sat down with the DX Mentor and reviewed the new “Super Fox”. Ned has been a guiding force in the development of this software, even coining the phrase “Fox/Hound” during his requirements documentation phase. That will be launched and available by July 8<sup>th</sup>. Give both a listen!

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**Here is what is happening in the World of DX:**

This section of DX News comes from Bernie, W3UR, editor of the DailyDX, the WeeklyDX, and the How’s DX column in QST. If you would like a free 2-week trial of the DailyDX, the only source of real-time DX information, just drop me a note at [thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com)

Here is an update on **N5J, Jarvis Island**. The much-anticipated Jarvis Island DXpedition is less than five weeks away. N5J will be on the air August 5-17. Two RIBs (Rigs in a Box) and antenna tests have been conducted – one last week at FW7JV on Wallis Island, and the second right now from American Samoa as



K8R. The local N5J team will consist of AA7JV, George; N1DG, Don; HA7RY, Tamás; KN4EEI, Mike; and KO8SCA, Adrian.

As an aside, WØGJ, Glenn, who is one of the FT8 operators, notes that this will be the first use of the new SuperFox mode; CY9C, St. Paul Island, below, will be the second. The Jarvis Island DXpedition has many foundation, club, corporate, and individual sponsors. The Daily DX is proud to be one of its corporate sponsors.

The **3D2Z, Rotuma** DXpedition adds third youth operator. The 3D2Z Rotuma DXpedition team has added LY7J, Lukas Bartkus, 22, from Lithuania. He joins KD9LSV, Connor, and MØSDV, Jamie, as the team's third young ham, making 3D2Z a multinational "Next Generation" DXpedition. Lukas describes himself as a young ham "with seven years of ham radio love." He is a second-year electrical engineering student and a full-time professional events photographer. WØVTT, Mike, who stepped off the in-person team, will remain a valued member of the off-island DXpedition team, serving as one of the remote operators of the two NexGenRiBs which will be accompanying the DXpedition.

The **St. Paul Island, CY9C team**, has announced its VHF/UHF/EME/SAT plans for the upcoming CY9C DXpedition. This DXpedition aims to provide excellent communication capabilities for amateur radio weak signal enthusiasts. Their VHF/UHF plans include high power and optimized-gain antennas for 6 and 2M, 70CM, and 23CM, plus satellite and EME operation. As with previous DXpeditions, you can follow along in real-time by joining the VHF-Chat Slack group. For more information about the CY9C DXpedition or to donate, visit the CY9C website or contact WA4DAN via email.

We have a late breaking update to share. The CY9C team is grateful to FlexRadio, Inc. for the loan of six complete FlexRadio station set-ups which include a FLEX-6600 transceiver, Maestro™ control head, and a Power Genius (PGXL) amplifier. A seventh FLEX-6700 station will be used for VHF/UHF/EME and satellite. Each station will have its own Honda EU2200i generator.

There will be three operating teams whose schedule will slowly rotate through the gray line, so everyone experiences all the propagation. Half of the radios will be used for CW, SSB & DIGITAL modes. At any given time, a minimum of three

stations will be using the new SuperFox FT8 mode.

All antennas will be monobanders, except for 12/17 meters, which will use a duo band beam with a diplexer. Each antenna will have a high-power bandpass filter.

FLEX radios were chosen for the Maestro ergonomics and the ease of networking the radios, amplifiers, and computers with simple CAT5 cables. The amplifiers will all be “remotely” located together in the operations tent. This will make setup quick and simple without the complexities of “all those wires” in wireless! Craig, K9CT, has assembled, labeled, and tested all the stations.

The first shipment of equipment will arrive in Dingwall, Nova Scotia, in just 4 weeks. The Team will assemble in Dingwall on August 24th. Radio operations will start August 26th (weather permitting) and end on September 5th (again, weather permitting). Two helicopters will transport all gear and operators to/from the island, making this the most expensive St. Paul Island operation ever.

It has been a challenge to get the needed permits, insurance, and licensing. Getting permission for these sensitive areas is becoming increasingly more difficult each year. This could well be the last CY9 St. Paul Island operation for many years to come. Your financial contributions WILL make this all possible.

**K8K, American Samoa**, will be QRV through July 10. YL2GM, Yuris, has been on American Samoa as K8K since June 28, using FT8. It was not possible to bring a spider beam due to luggage restrictions on Yuris’ flights to and from Lord Howe Island, where he operated as VK9LA. He made an unsuccessful effort to work 20M CW today. K8K will be on 80M for three nights, then the 80M vertical will be transformed for 160M.

Here are few tidbits.

KV1J, Eric, is traveling to **Saint Pierre and Miquelon** Islands. He expects to be on the air as FP/KV1J July 2 from Miquelon, initially on 6M. He hopes to put up a spider beam on July 3 or 4, Details of his trip are on his website.

NL7RR, Tom, is heading back to **Wake Island** July 9 for a 14-day work assignment. It may take a day or two before he gets on the air as NL7RR/KH9 in his spare time. Listen for him on or near 14.220 MHz SSB between 0600 and 0930 UTC, “provided that he does not have to work overtime.”

**E6 - Niue Island** - SP5EAQ, Jacek, is planning DXpedition from the same cottage used by E6SP and E6CI, which is located close to the ocean on a cliff north of Alofi. This is planned for October 22 to November 9, including the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest. He has applied for the callsign E6AQ and is waiting for authorization. Jacek will be running a K3 and 600-watt amplifier. He will be on SSB only using a seven band GP7 vertical and delta loop or L antenna for 80 meters. He plans to be on 80 through 10 meters. Once he knows the callsign has been issued he will launch a website. QSOs will be uploaded daily to Club Log. QSL via SP7DQR and LoTW, a few weeks after the DXpedition.

Here is an update on **Logbook of the World**, Updated 07/01/2024. Effective 12:00pm ET / 16:00 UTC we will be returning Logbook of The World® (LoTW®) to service.

As work progressed on the network, some users encountered LoTW opening briefly during which some 6600 logs were uploaded. The logs were not processed until this weekend as we tested that the interfaces to LoTW were functioning properly.

We are taking steps to help manage what will likely be a huge influx of logs. We are requesting that if you have large uploads, perhaps from contests or from a DXpedition, please wait a week or two before uploading to give LoTW a chance to catch up. We have also implemented a process to reject logs with excessive duplicates. Please do not upload your entire log to “ensure” your contacts are in LoTW as they will be rejected. Lastly, please do not call ARRL Headquarters to report issues you are having with LoTW. You can contact support at LoTW-help@arrl.org.

Through the end of the year, you may experience planned times when LoTW will be unavailable. We have been using this time to evaluate operational and infrastructure improvements we would like to make to LoTW. Those times will be announced.

We appreciate your patience as we worked through the challenges keeping LoTW from returning to service. We know the importance of LoTW to our members, and to the tens of thousands of LoTW users who are not ARRL members. LoTW, just behind QST, is our second most popular ARRL benefit.

This story will be updated with new developments.

We have an update on **3Y/B - Bouvet Island** - Yesterday the 3Y0K Bouvet DXpedition team "received the helicopter permit from Norwegian Polar Institute to make landing in the period November 2025 to March 2026", reports LA7GIA. The permit will allow the team "to setup camp at the plateau above Larsoya (South West) with clear take-off to North America to Cape Fie (South East)". The permit will give the 3Y0K team flexibility and gives them "many options when planning the camp setup.

The latest episode of The DX Mentor has been posted and is now available wherever you get your podcasts and on the DX Mentor YouTube channel. The discussion this week is with K4SWL, Thomas, and is focused on Parks on the Air versus DX. It is a lively and spirited discussion.

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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.

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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!

Radiosport fans are gearing up for the summer’s biggest HF competition: the IARU HF World Championship. This 24-hour long contest is the highlight of the summer HF contesting season, with plenty of opportunity to work DX from all around the globe on CW and SSB. Participants also get the chance to make QSOs with many IARU Member Society club stations and officials.

“The IARU HF Championship is one of radio sport’s more unique events,” said the ARRL Contest Branch Manager. “It’s the only major contest that uses International Telecommunications Union (ITU) zones as part of the exchange, and the only contest that gives special multiplier status for IARU Member-Society stations and their officials.”

Hams can get in on the fun in a variety of ways. You may choose to enter as either a single operator, using either SSB only, CW only or a mixture of both modes. Single operator stations can choose from three power levels: High Power (greater than 150 W), Low Power (between 5 and 150 W) or QRP (5 W or less). You can also get some friends together at one station and participate as a Multioperator station with a single transceiver.

One of the fun things to do is see how many of the IARU special stations you can work during the event. “While most stations give their ITU zone as part of the contest exchange, IARU Member-Society stations give the abbreviation for their IARU society name, such ARRL for W1AW,” the contest manager explained. “In addition, IARU officials can give one of four unique exchanges: AC if they are on the IARU Administrative Council, or R1, R2 or R3 for the ITU Region that official serves. It is always special to see so many nations represented on the air by their national organization. It reinforces the global nature of Amateur Radio and the common bonds we all have as amateurs.”

ARRL HQ station W1AW/4 will be on the air from Tennessee, operated by members of the Tennessee Contest Group, and IARU HQ station NU1AW will be on the air from Missouri.

The IARU HF World Championship begins at 1200 UTC Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and goes until 1200 UTC Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Complete rules may be found online. All logs must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than 1200 UTC August 14, 2024.

<b>Contest</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
IARU HF World Championship	7/13/2024	7/14/2024
North American QSO Party - CW	8/3/2024	8/4/2024
10-10 Intl. Summer Contest, SSB	8/3/2024	8/4/2024
WAE DX Contest - CW	8/10/2024	8/11/2024
Maryland-DC QSOP	8/10/2024	8/11/2024
North American QSO Party - SSB	8/17/2024	8/18/2024
World Wide Digital DX Contest	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Hawaii QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Ohio QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Kansas QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Colorado QSOP	8/31/.2024	9/1/2024
Tennessee QSOP	9/1/2024	9/2/2024
All Asian DX Contest, SSB	9/7/2024	9/8/2024
ARRL September VHF Contest	9/14/2024	9/16/2024
Texas QSOP	9/21/2024	9/22/2024
New Jersey QSOP	9/21/2024	9/22/2024
CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY	9/28/2024	9/29/2024

# OHIO'S



For years it's been said that bad news usually comes in a series of three pieces of such news happening around the same time. Unfortunately it usually relates to deaths of family members



and/or friends. That seems to be what has happened within the **Highland ARA** and the South 40 Region during June. First we had the passing of K9DOG, Pete, on June 9. Pete was the four legged "child" of N8ZNR and W8KIW and the **Highland ARA**'s mascot. Pete was



a common attendee at a number of South 40 hamfests and meetings. Shortly thereafter we learned of the passing of Paul Gehringer, WB8ZZR. Paul was well-known throughout the area related to his involvement in reorganizing the SkyWarm Program for the newly formed National Weather Service at Wilmington about 25 years ago. Paul was a member and past President of the **Clinton County ARA** in addition to be an early founding member of HARA in 1977.

The third passing came as a shock to HARA members when they heard that Tom Archibald,



K8TDA, had joined the ledger of silent keys due to a heart issue. Although Tom had not been licensed that many years, he once told W8KIW that he thought he had been born with a radio in his hand. Tom entered the world into a family that owned WSRW AM/FM in Hillsboro for decades. Besides his knowledge of radio and electronics, he was a wizard at fixing almost anything. Additionally he followed his father's footsteps as a volunteer fireman and as the son of a minister he was active in his church. As an HARA EC he was very involved with the Highland County EMA and served on the County EMA Board. Tom

will be missed not only in the amateur radio community, but by the entire Hillsboro area. Our condolences to Lisa, their daughters and entire family.

Someway I missed the information where Ralph Howes, W8BVH, advised me the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** participated in Field Day from the Fairfield Coon Hunters Club near Lancaster. I also understand the **River Cities ARC** of Ashland, KY operated FD from the Armco Park near Ashland.

An area of the South 40 we don't hear much from is Noble County. I'm pleased to learn via Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, that Andrew Sheanshang from Sarahsville passed his Technician and now is KF8BSB. Ted also informs us that Joshua Haught from Cambridge has become KF8BSF. Congrats and welcome to each.

The **OH-KY-IN ARS** announces their July 13 Brunch Bunch gathering will be at the Pig Candy BBQ in California, OH, located at 5901 Kellogg Avenue on Cincinnati's East Side and not far from the I-275/Kellogg Exit. Also on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the **Bainbridge Area Hams** will hold their monthly breakfast at the Dutch Restaurant starting at 8 AM. The monthly **Highland ARA**'s Brunch Bunch will also happen on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Hillsboro's Liberty Park Harmony Lake Shelter House.

Members of the **Athens County ARA** will assist with communications at the Athens Gravel Challenge on July 20. It will be held at the Bailey's Trail location. Contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, at 740-541-0972 for information about how you can assist.

Last time out we announced the **Jackson County ARA** is in need of a certified tower climber. Now we need to add the **Portsmouth RC** to the list. The JCARA anticipates a new repeater site and they have no member who is a certified climber and the PRC needs an antenna inspection. If you know of someone who has the certification and is insured, please contact Julie Angle, KF8AJK at 304-445-1293 for the JCARA or Gary Miller, KB8SRN for the PRC.

Although there are no hamfests or swap meets during July in Ohio's South 40 Region, there is an antique and classic radio swap meet on July 20 at the **West Virginia Museum of Radio and Technology** in Huntington, WV. It gets underway at 8 AM with an auction beginning after lunch.

We're excited to learn of the return of an old hamfest and a brand new one testing the waters. COVID forced the **Grant RC** to discontinue the Georgetown hamfest. But after these years, the cry to bring it back has been deafening. The Club has heard to request and therefore will return the event to Georgetown on Saturday, November 9. A new hamfest entry this year is the W8VCO **Vinton County ARA** swap fest on October 26 at the community building in



McArthur. The Columbus Hamfest marks the first August hamfest in our part of the State. The **Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit**'s annual show will be held from 8 until 1 at the Shrine Center in Grove City on August 3. Then on Saturday, August 10, the **Milford ARA** sponsored Cincinnati Hamfest will be held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. On the 17<sup>th</sup> the action moves to Scioto County when the annual **Portsmouth RC** Hamfest takes place in New Boston. The **Buffalo 10 Meter Net**'s 4<sup>th</sup> annual swap meet is Saturday, September 21 and is held in conjunction with the annual Leavitt Funeral Home's Festival and Car Show. The Pike County Fairgrounds at Piketon again hosts the **Scioto Valley ARA**'s hamfest on October 5.



Your columnist and N8ZNR attended the recent **Portsmouth RC** meeting where Michael Bailey, N8MRB, presented certificates of appreciation to the club members who represented the Club and made contacts during the recent Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air operating event. Those acknowledged for their participation were: Gary Miller, KB8SRN; Gary Caldwell, WX8G; Bill French, KE8AAL; Jennifer Bailey, N8JEN and Michael Bailey, N8MRB. Dwight Kelley, K4YJ, also received a certificate but was unable to attend.

As the annual Ohio State Parks on the Air event is several weeks away you or you club has adequate time to plan an activation of one of Ohio's wonderful State parks. The **Portage County ARS** is the sponsor for this popular event now approaching its 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A look at the OSPOTA.org website shows a good number of parks in the South 40 not showing planned activity. This means there is a good opportunity for a club or individual to spend some time in one of our state parks and make park chasers happy while you enjoy the out of doors. Last year several parks in this area of the State were not activated. Let's try to change that by activating a park not normally heard from. Or why not challenge a neighboring club to a friendly wager?

The current *ARRL LETTER* has a couple Field Day photos showing the operations at the **Clinton County ARA** and **Portsmouth RC**'s FD sites. I have to admit that steak and eggs at 1 AM sounds like an interesting bribe to get operators to stay a bit longer. Sounds more enticing than a cold slice of pizza.

Please remember that the **Highland ARA**'s Monday Night 147.21 Net has been changed back to the original 9 PM. The new starting time began with the July 1 net and will remain in effect year round.

Recently I was an activator for the *Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air* and frankly, I had a ball and enjoyed every minute of it. This week I was a chaser in the annual *13 Colonies* operating event. At the half-way point in that event, I still have a few more activators to grab. But I'm having a ball while being surprised at how well my station is performing.

One amazing observation is how a lot of hams cannot or will not follow instructions for whatever reason. As an example, the K2C activator in Rhode Island would call for stations in the "2" district and would be called by stations in 4 land or other non-2 land call signs. Or he would request stations to spread their calls out to stand a better chance of being picked out-only to be met with nothing but chaos and not being able to clearly hear anyone. And then someone would post a comment on the spotter site about the activator being a "lid" or poor operator because of the way he was conducting his time on the air. And then those who get their kicks by putting a dead carrier on the frequency. It appears one activation went QRT on the 4<sup>th</sup> because of all the abuse and interference! What is wrong with some of our fellow operators? Some of these activators must have nerves of steel because of the abuse they take and shrug off just so some of us can enjoy our hobby. My hat is off to them.

That's it for this week. Until next time don't forget to keep cool, hydrated 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](#)

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### Ohio Section Cabinet

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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://arri-ohio.org/sm/s-s.html>

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

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

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

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

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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](mailto:webmaster@arri-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@arri-ohio.org](mailto: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.

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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! Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!*

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