



“July 22nd, 2024”

- [National News](#)
- [DX This Week](#)
- [Upcoming Hamfests](#)
- [VE Testing](#)

- [Club Corner](#)
- [Contest Corner](#)
- [One Question Questionnaire](#)
- [South 40](#)

CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD



NOARS Fest – Saturday July 20

Always a nice fest at the Lorain County Community College. Last year the summer fest was a “rain-out”, and it wasn’t just a sprinkle, it was a gully buster. But as you can see from the photo above, nothing but clear, blue skies this year! The “special” entertainment for the day happened

around 10:30 am when a fire alarm went off somewhere in the building. Everyone was herded outside for about a half hour while we waited for the FD to give the “all-clear”. After that it was back into the building to finish the fest. I’m sorry I don’t have his name / call, but the fellow outside in the green t-shirt can be seen clutching his CSCE for his upgrade to General. I know that there were a few others who also passed their Technician class exam. Congratulations to all!



Fred Heyse – N8AHS was the winner of the Ohio Section door prize – an ARRL End-fed half wave antenna kit. Congratulations Fred I hope you get it on the air real soon. Lots off nice door prizes were given away at the NOARS Fest!



2024 K3Y Special Event – Scheduled for July 26-28

The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure is participating in a 2024 Special Event as K3Y on July 27, 2024. K3LR Contest Group is hosting us at their station for this event. We 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 Youth Team of Ian Alkema (KI8NA) and Lily Colon (W8LIL) are joined by alumni/Youth Mentors of Katie Campbell (KE8LQR) and Grace Papay (KE8RJU).

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

Additional information is available on our youthdxa.org website. Look for us on the regular HF bands. **This program is a *Very Big Deal!* Thank you to the sponsors and supporters. Please get on the air and give them a QSO!**

Social Security update

The following is from the Kim Komando newsletter – I’ve copied it here because many of you may have received this email and wondered if it was legit.

Surprisingly, it’s not a scam

My inbox is flooded with folks asking about an email they got from the Social Security Administration. I mentioned it earlier this week, and, nope, it’s not a scam — it’s legit. But this change is big enough that we need to spend more time talking about it.



Social Security scoop

The new home for all things Social Security online is Login.gov. The idea was to make signing in easier, but they also needed to comply with federal authentication standards.

Even if you don't collect welfare checks or SSA retirement benefits, it's worth updating your account. This way, it's easy to order a replacement Social Security card, estimate your future retirement benefits, and say what benefits you want and when. If you already have a Login.gov or ID.me account, you're good to go.

If you registered for a *my Social Security* online account before Sept. 18, 2021, do this:

- Go to [SSA.gov](https://ssa.gov) and sign in with your existing credentials. You'll be prompted to change over to Login.gov.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to create a Login.gov account. At the end, you'll receive a confirmation screen.
- Log in and access your account. That's it!

Club activities

I've noticed an interesting thing happening – Ham Radio clubs are becoming more active! A lot of that activity revolves around activities and events, and that's a good thing. Anytime you can get Hams together for something where they will have FUN with their hobby, they'll want to do more of that. And I also notice that those activities often times are “multi-club” activities where two or more clubs get together for the planning and implementation of the event. These events include POTA activations, Fox-hunting, antenna builds and most include food! Get the clubs in your area activated in some of these events. Truly a fantastic idea for those of you putting on these events! As more of these things come up, we're bound to have some date/time conflicts – and we already have. But that's OK. It's good to have choices.

I've also noted some very good ideas lately to help new hams get started. The attrition rate in Ham Radio is very high in the first 6 months. We need to get new hams on the air and engaged with the hobby as soon as they get their license. The longer it takes them to get engaged, the less likely they ever will. Please, listen for them on your repeaters and call back to them. Before they leave your test session make sure they have an idea of what repeaters they might have the best luck hitting with an HT. Let them know when your nets are. Make sure you get their phone number / email address and make contact with them in the first week after they test to help them get started. This is critical to keeping them in the hobby!

Share the Magic of Radio.

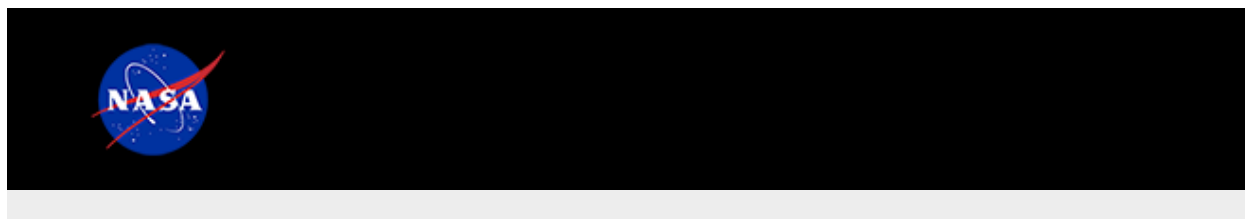
73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD
Ohio Section Manager
wb8lcd@arrl.org
330-554-4650



National News

(from ARRL and other sources)



HUMANS IN SPACE

America's Rocket is on the Move



On Tuesday, July 16, the first core stage of NASA's Space Launch System rocket for the agency's Artemis II mission began a journey from the Michoud Assembly

Facility in New Orleans. The core stage was moved onto the agency's Pegasus barge, where it will be ferried 900 miles to Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Once at Kennedy, engineers will prepare it in the Vehicle Assembly Building for attachment to other rocket and Orion spacecraft elements.

[MOVING ARTEMIS FORWARD](#)

Club Grant Program



ARRL FOUNDATION

Administering Programs to Support the Amateur Radio Community

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.

Voices from the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology

The ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology continues to bring educators from around the country to ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, to learn how to engage students with amateur radio and radio technology. The program helps tie wireless technology into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.



Jackie Blumer, KC9LEH, center, smiles during the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology.

In their Own Words

This week, TII, or the initial course of three, is being held. We're hearing from teachers in their own words about the experience.

Jackie Blumer, KC9LEH, is the Earth/Space Science teacher at Greenville Jr. High in Illinois. She's very active in aerospace and STEM teacher development. This is what she wrote about her experience.

Here's what I'm up to...

- Creating circuits with breadboards: Delving into the fundamentals of electronics by building circuits from scratch. This hands — on experience is perfect for understanding how different components interact and work together to create functioning devices.
- Becoming more proficient with soldering — Honing my soldering skills to ensure precise and reliable connections. Soldering is an essential technique for any budding engineer or electronics enthusiast, and I can't wait to master it!
- Working on getting my General license — Advancing my knowledge and capabilities in ham radio by aiming for my General license. This will not only enhance my personal expertise but also enable me to bring more advanced concepts to my students.
- I'm excited to bring this hands-on knowledge and experience back to my students. Integrating these skills into my curriculum will provide them with a deeper understanding of electronics and inspire them to pursue their own STEM passions.

Read more from the teachers [in this album on the ARRL Facebook page](#).

The Last Frontier: Alaska in the Log

Hams know how hard it can be to get Alaska on certain bands. So, too, has it been challenging to get a teacher from Alaska to attend one of the Teachers Institute cohorts. It is a tradition for each educator to put a pin in the map for where they're from, and this week – a pin went into Alaska for the first time. Dana Serfass teaches at Gruening Middle School in Eagle River, Alaska.



Dana Serfass pushes a pin in the map for Eagle River, Alaska. She's the first educator from the state to attend a TI.

The ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology is funded entirely by donations to the ARRL Education Fund.

Learn more at www.arrl.org/ti.

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>

Club Corner

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

Let me know what your club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary?

Just send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org

Please! Format as below:

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



How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

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

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

VE Sessions:

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

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

AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2024 are as follows: Januray 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/>>

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, 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/.

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 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: Springview

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

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

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

buzz@baylorhill.com

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

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

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. 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 Flgigi, 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 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

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

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.

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 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

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 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 .

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

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 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

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

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

Saturday, August 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

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

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

All sessios 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/>

2024 ARRL Field Day Log Deadline Approaching



The numbers for ARRL 2024 Field Day continue to grow. As of Thursday, July 11, there were nearly 3,500 entries posted. Remember, the deadline for entries is July 23, 2024. It's a good idea to check the [ARRL Field Day website](#) daily for the latest updates and to make sure your entries are completed. If you see "complete" in the status column, your entries are good. If you see 'pending documents,' it means you need to submit additional forms or make corrections.

The Field Day [Soapbox](#) is up and running. You can post your thoughts and experiences on Field Day activities and read what other amateur radio operators were doing.

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

50th anniversary of Bellbrook Radio Club

The Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club (BARC) is celebrating 50 years on the air! BARC is hosting an open house this Sunday, July 28th, 2pm, at the clubhouse, 51 South East Street Bellbrook. Tour the facility and join in the trunkfest swap meet.

The Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club is a general interest club with many activities involved in many aspects of amateur radio. The Club was initially organized in 1974 as the Communications Group for the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Township Disaster Plan and was officially founded on July 4, 1976 with twenty "charter members."

BARC acquired space in a former elementary school in 2007 for its Clubhouse which includes a Communications Center with four well-equipped stations providing voice, morse code capability and digital modes on all amateur bands.

BARC jointly sponsors Spring and Fall license courses with the other two Greene County amateur radio clubs and Greene County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). BARC also provides ongoing continuing education opportunities, study groups and special interest groups on antennas, digital communications, Morse Code and operating skills, and other topics of interest.

BARC's big annual activity is Field Day in which it has participated since 1976. The Club has an annual Field Day Family Picnic, an annual Dinner Meeting, an annual Chili Supper and a weekly "Lunch Bunch." One of BARC's mottos is, "FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP." The Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club is a friendly group of hams of all ages that doesn't know any better than to just have fun while promoting and enjoying amateur radio and being ever ready to respond as needed when disaster or a communications emergency occurs.

Submitted by club secretary, Jim Gifford 937-718-6126 or at the above email address.

Alliance ARC

At the July 10th meeting of the Alliance ARC, we drew the winning ticket for our 2024 HF Rig Raffle. The winning ticket was drawn by the City of Alliance Mayor, Andy Grove.

The winner of this year's HF Rig Raffle is Rich Slutz, KB8GAE, from Canfield. He tells me that he's happy with his new radio.

We'll have our final numbers at the August meeting. Since we donate 50% of our profits to local charities, they are the real winners of the fundraiser. We'll combine the money raised on this raffle with 100% of the proceeds from our fundraiser in November, and donate to charities in our local area

We'd like to thank all who support us each year. This really wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the support of the Ham community.

We'll be back in spring of 2025 with our next HF Rig Raffle.

73 from the Alliance ARC

www.W8LKY.org



PCARS
&
SARA
Present
the



July 2024
Multi-Club POTA Event

Saturday, July 27th

9am—3pm

PCARS

Will be at Lake Milton State Park



in the Harry Meshel Picnic area
[Click here for directions](#)

SARA

Will be at West Branch State Park



In the East Boat Ramp Pavilion
[Click here for directions](#)



For more information, contact

Brandon, KE8ARB
bmerc@eutonian.com

Josh, W8HRF
ke8vka@gmail.com

<https://www.portcars.org/wp/club-info/club-activities/pota-field-trips/#POTA24>

<https://w8wky.org/pota-event-july-27th/>

**Visitors
welcome!**

Goals of this event

- 1) Stoke up a lot of local POTA activity – We can do this by getting lots of local clubs on the air at the same time!
- 2) Give visitors opportunities to see how different clubs setup for POTA – If many different clubs activate nearby parks, visitors can travel around to see all the different setups!
- 3) Give operators the chance to operate portable – Bring you batteries and solar power if you have them!

Hocking Valley ARC

I am pleased to report that I won this morning's foxhunt in Hocking County in a record time of 33 minutes!



Had I not stopped at Cantwell Cliffs for a potty break, it would have been under a half an hour. No clues were used in the solution to today's foxhunt By W8NZZ Phil Stanley, who had modified the rules slightly. No clues would be given out until after the first half hour, and then each clue would be Transmitted twice, five minutes apart. This revision was done to encourage hunters to use their triangulation skills to read the fox simplex transmissions And not rely upon "clues" to solve the location question.

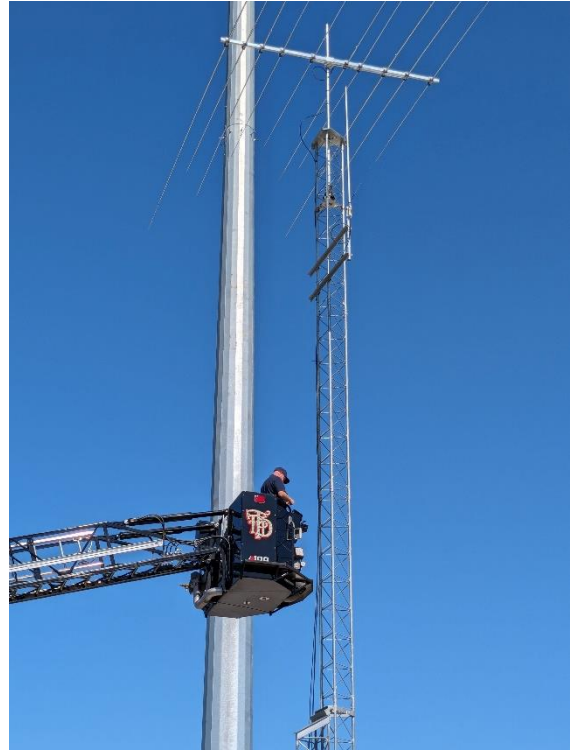
KC8JRV Kirk Groeneveld of Athens, Ohio will be the next fox, with a tentative date of August 10th in mind. The hunt is open to any Ham with a two meter rig

(or HT) that can monitor 147.495 for transmissions and clues, and a directional antenna. Pre-registration starts at 9:45 a.m. and the hunt starts at 10 a.m. The HVARC Club repeater of 146.345 Mhz is used for registration and any clarification or two way communication needed during the hunt.

A trip to a local restaurant for lunch is the normal practice after the hunt is concluded. At times, the meal is purchased by the fox for the last finisher.

ARES of Summit County

Ken Dorsey – KA8OAD was interviewed on WAKR July 18th. You can go to <https://wagr.net> and at the top of the page click on "Local News" or on "This Week In Tech" and you will find a section named "Who You Gonna Call? Ham Radio To the Rescue!". Scroll down the article past the picture of the Tallmadge Fire Department bucket truck working on the tower and you will find a player that you can click on to play the full 15 minute interview.



NEWS RELEASE

Ilene Shapiro – Summit County Executive
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 16, 2024



Contact: Greta Johnson
Director of Communications & Assistant Chief of Staff
Office of Executive Shapiro
ExecutivePress@summitoh.net
330-643-2656

Amateur radio operators and EMA collaborate to enhance safety

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—County Executive Ilene Shapiro and her Emergency Management team recently partnered with Summit County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) to enhance the volunteer organization’s capabilities to assist in an emergency response. The County is now hosting ARES equipment on its radio tower at Summit Emergency Communications Center, ensuring reliable communication throughout the county and with state partners in the event of an emergency.

ARES is comprised of licensed amateurs radio operators who voluntarily register their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service if a disaster strikes. Members are required to meet certain national standards, including completing Federal Emergency Management Agency and National Weather Service training. The group has 60 volunteers dedicated to supporting their community and many also serve as volunteers with the Twinsburg, Copley and Summit County Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

“Summit County is proud to support ARES and its dedicated volunteers. When disaster strikes, we need all hands on deck to respond,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “By providing access to our radio tower, we are better prepared for emergencies and will have stronger communication capabilities should an event occur.”

Summit County EMA and ARES have a long history of collaboration. ARES has provided backup communication for the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in both actual incidents and training exercises, helping to coordinate high-quality emergency response efforts and increasing preparedness and response capabilities. ARES also provides support to the American Red Cross, Akron Marathon and other local public service events. And as trained SKYWARN spotters, ARES members help monitor and report severe weather conditions. The group’s participation in yearly SKYWARN training ensures they are prepared for weather-related information during emergencies.

“ARES appreciates Summit County’s support and the strong collaborative relationship we have maintained for many years. Our volunteer members are committed to supporting our local public safety forces in the event of an emergency or disaster. Working together, we are keeping our community safe,” said ARES Emergency Coordinator Ken Dorsey.

Learn more about Summit County EMA at <https://co.summitoh.net/departments/Emergency-Management-Agency.html> and about ARES at <http://www.summitares.org/home.php>.

ARLD DX news

ARLD026 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.

MALTA, 9H. Bill, LA8FTA will be QRV as 9H/LA8FTA from Gozo Island, IOTA EU-023, from July 23 to August 1. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Christian, F4EBK is QRV as DU3/F4EBK from Luzon Island, IOTA OC 042, until January 2025. Activity is on 20, 15 and 10 meters typically around 0900 and then after 2100z. QSL via F4EUO.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Steve, ZL2KE will be QRV as E51KEE from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, and Aitutaki, IOTA OC-083, from July 20 to August 2. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via IK2DUW.

GUADELOUPE, FG. George, OK2KG is QRV as FG/OK2KG until July 23. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

SAINT MARTIN, FS. Eric, GM5RDX will be QRV as FS/GM5RDX from July 24 to 28. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

SARDINIA, IS0. Ennio, IW1RBI is QRV as IS0/IW1RBI from Arbus, IOTA EU-024, until July 25. Activity is holiday style on 80 to 6 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

JAPAN, JA. Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as JA1XGI/6 from Minami Daito Island, IOTA AS-047, from July 21 to 23. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20, 15, and 10 meters using CW and FT8. This includes being active on Satellite IO-117. QSL via Club Log.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. A group of operators are QRV as K8R from Tutuila Island, IOTA OC-045, until July 25. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via HA7RY.

SINT MAARTEN, PJ7. Eric, GM5RDX is QRV as PJ7/GM5RDX until July 23. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

EUROPEAN RUSSIA, UA. Mike, R1MJ and Yaroslav, R1BET will be QRV as RI1K from Bolshoy Zhuzhmyu Island, IOTA EU-147, from July 20 to 27. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via R1BET.

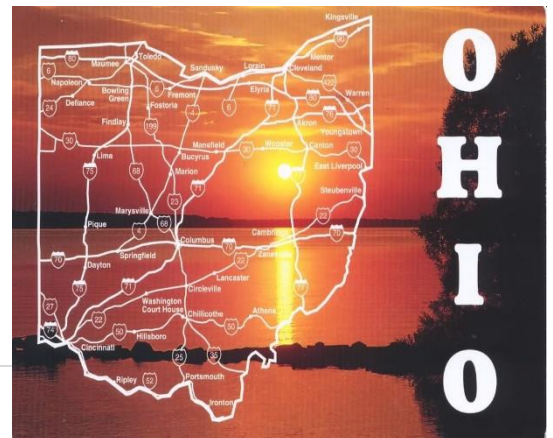
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Rod, K8RR is QRV as V4/K8RR on St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until July 20. Activity is holiday style on 80, 40, 30, and 20 meters. QSL to home call.

CANADA, VE. Pierre, VE3KTB will be QRV from Eureka Amateur Radio Club station VY0ERC located on Ellesmere Island, IOTA NA-008, from July 21 to August 7 while on work assignment. Activity will be in his spare on 20, 15, and 10 meters, and possibly 17 and 12 meters, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, VK9L. Jeff, W7BRS is QRV as VK2/W7BRS until August 1. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes being an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via M0URX.

INDONESIA, YB. Benny, YB1RET is QRV as YB1RET/p from the Riau Islands, IOTA OC-075, until July 20. Activity is on Satellite QO-100 using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2024

	08/03/2024 - <u>2024 Columbus Hamfest</u> Location: Grove City, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit Website: http://www.columbushamfest.com Learn More
08/10/2024 - <u>Cincinnati Hamfest</u> Location: Owensville, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Milford ARC Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More	08/17/2024 - <u>Portsmouth Hamfest</u> Location: New Boston, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Portsmouth ARC Website: https://www.portsmouthradioclub.com
08/18/2024 - <u>Warren Hamfest</u> Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: https://www.w8vtd.com/ Learn More	09/08/2024 - <u>Findlay Hamfest</u> Location: Findlay, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club Website: http://w8ft.org Learn More

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

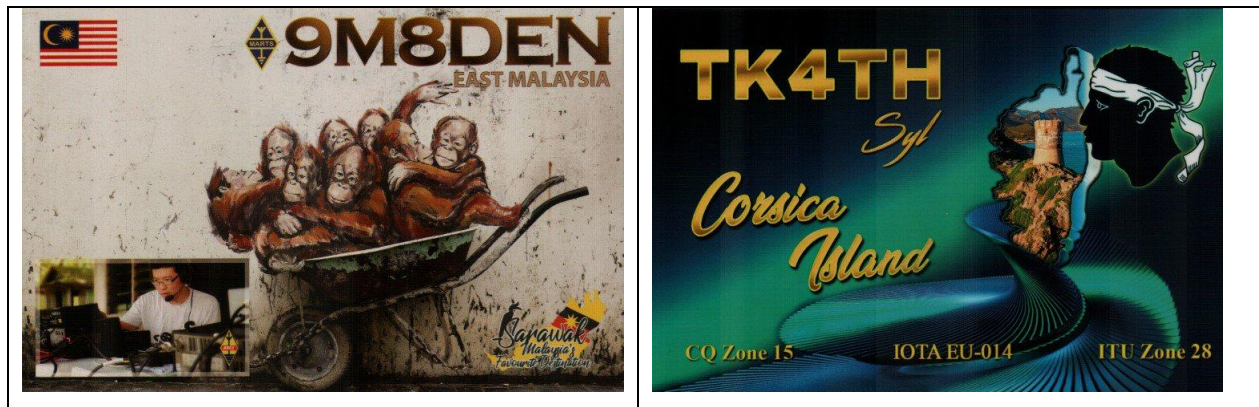
DX This Week – 07/19/2024

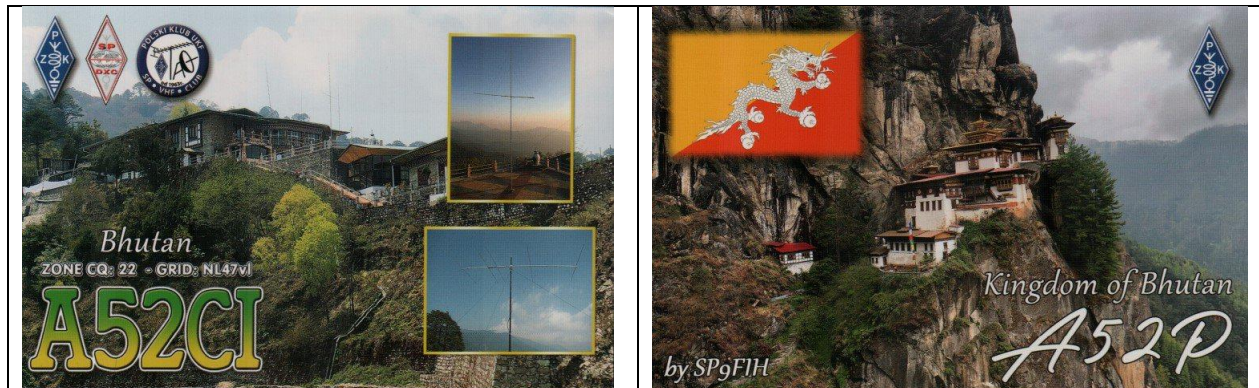
Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com / www.aj8b.com)



Are you planning for the Cincinnati Hamfest? (<https://cincinnatihamfest.org/>) It is sponsored by the Milford Amateur Radio Club. This Hamfest will be held on Saturday, August 10th. The Southwest Ohio DX Association and The DX Mentor will have display tables in the covered area. Please stop by and say “Hello”.

State QSO party season is right around the corner, at least for me. The Ohio QSO party will be held on Saturday, August 24th. I will have more on this later, but the date is getting close. Check <https://www.ohqp.org/> for rules and more information. I received several excellent QSL cards in the past week. They included: 9M8DEN, Dennis in East Malaysia – My first confirmed QSO with 9M8, TK4TH, Syl on Corsica Island. Syl has agreed to an interview and it will appear here! The next two cards are from Bhutan, from the recent DXpedition. What did you receive?





DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH

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

The Dateline DX Association (DDXA), a worldwide DX organization, is pleased to announce to the amateur radio DX community that it will operate from the small island nation of **Sao Tome and Principe, S9Z**, from November 11-20. The license, issued by the General Regulatory Authority (AGER) in Sao Tome and Principe, authorized the call sign S9Z. This operation will be on CW, SSB, and digital using hex beams and tall verticals on 160-6M, as well as 432 MHz EME. The S9Z team includes N4XP, Tom (leader); 5B4AQN, Roman; CT1BOL, Jorge; Jose' CT1EEB, José; HI8RD, Rigo; I8NHJ, Max; KH7U, Kimo; KJ7KOJ, Angus; KØIR, Ralph; K3VN, Al; N2WB, Bill; N6MZ, Mike; WB4JTT, Dave; and W7YED, Robin. All are highly experienced in DXing, DXpeditioning, and contesting. The S9Z website is under construction; in the meantime, information is being posted on QRZ.com.

W7GJ, Lance, plans to mount a six-meter EME DXpedition from **Tristan da Cunha**, September 26 - October 25, with the callsign **ZD9GJ**. He is currently on waiting lists for sea passage leaving Cape Town, South Africa on September 18,

and returning on October 27. None of this is a sure thing, however; he says that may be “bumped” for higher-priority passengers. “All my equipment is checked, packed and sitting here ready to go with me on the next DXpedition – I just need a confirmation of passage.” In the meantime, Lance is investigating the possibility of activating another rare DXCC entity for the first time on 6M EME in case the ZD9 trip is canceled again. “I was hoping that ZD8 [Ascension Island] could be a backup location, but research has shown that there currently is no place to operate and only friends and relatives of those already living on the island are issued visas. I am still investigating the possibility of H4Ø [Temotu Province] and D6 [Comoros], but neither of those DXCC [entities] currently have good lines of communications, so it is taking longer to move forward on those. In the meantime, fingers are still crossed for ZD9!” Lance will post updates on his website.

K8R testing continues apace. Per AA7JV, George, on July 12, **K8R** is now on the air in **American Samoa**, testing equipment, antennas and the new SuperFox mode ahead of the “real thing” in August – the historic trip to Jarvis Island as N5J. “This is our last chance to get everything right,” says George. “A RIB DXpedition is different than a traditional one where you can fix and move things around on the fly. With us, once equipment is on the island, it is very hard to change things or fix what is not working. Our plan is to get every station and antenna working here and put it all back on the RIB boat as is, hoisted it up onto [the ship] Magnet, ready to be launched at Jarvis.” Continues George, “The K8R test setup is on a narrow beach on the north side of Tutuila Island, the main island of American Samoa. The beach is a private beach where the owner was gracious enough to allow us to set up and operate. This is an ideal location for a small DXpedition from a remote but still easily-reached place. Takeoff to the north is over water. But for us, the beach is too small, as eventually we plan to have seven stations and eight antennas. K8R has now four stations operational; one local and three remote-controlled. Because the beach is small, our antennas are close to each other, but so far, our filters seem to be working. Heavy rains have hampered the effort, but they are on the air as much as they are able.”

We have an update from yesterday: The K8R team has now spent 6 days configuring the Jarvis equipment on American Samoa and testing the stations.

We expect to be QRV another 5 days or so. One of the important tests has been the first DXpedition use of SuperFox. In almost 6 days we have logged 16,000 SF QSOs. We have two stations configured for WSJT-X RC5.

While most of the Hounds have had no trouble working us in the new mode, there have been some interesting items that have popped up on Hound's ability to consistently decode our signals. This has not been universal, but some have yet to make a QSO. Fixing these will require a new release from the Development team. They are not critical flaws, but we do not want to deprive anyone of a K8R QSO so effective Thursday UTC 00:00 our 20 M Super Fox dedicated station will remain operating Superfox while the second digital station will be on normal Fox/Hound.

When the new release is issued and properly tested, we will revert to all SuperFox.

The decision of which version(s) to operate from Jarvis will be made after all testing is done. Remember, K8R was a test operation. We appreciate all the callers to help us and the WSJT team evaluate this new mode. We expect to be QRV another 5 days or so. We depart for Jarvis on August 1.

73,

Don N1DG and George, AA7JV

We have an update on the **3Y0K Bouvet** DXpedition. We're still negotiating the contracts for a DX-pedition to Bouvet Island. This DX-pedition will be a large scale operation with 20-24 operators and we are searching for 4-6 more CW/SSB operators to complete the team www.3y0k.com <<http://www.3y0k.com/>>.

We are looking into several options how to execute the expedition, where the focus right now is the logistics of the helicopters. In late June, we received the helicopter permit from Norwegian Polar Institute, and thus have all permits we need to activate Bouvetøya. The helicopter permit allows us to setup camp on either the SE or the SW side of the island. In 1927, the first Norvegia expedition

landed on Bouvetøya, and claimed it for Norway. They also landed on “Larsøya” a small rocky island at the SW part of Bouvetøya. Our landing permit extend from the plateau above this SW corner all the way to the SE part at Cape Fie. 99 years after the Norvegia expedition we plan to land on Bouvetøya with helicopters. Our permit is valid for a helicopter operation in the period November 2025 to March 2026.

73, 3Y0K

IZ5WPZ, Antonio, was on the air July 10-15 from **Iraq** as **YI9WP**.

VK9/C - Cocos (Keeling) Islands - The VK9CV expedition is November 1-15. While there they plan to upload the log to Club Log once a day, and they will not have livestream. They plan to be active on six meters.

5R – Madagascar - M0KRI, Shabu, is planning to be QRV from Nosy Faly (AF-057), Madagascar as 5R8SR. The exact dates have not been decided but tentatively he is looking at going in mid-September 2024. He'll have an IC-7300 and IC-706 running 100 watts to a vertical. Activity will be on CW, FT8 and SSB on 80 through 6 meters. QSLs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. QSL only via OQRS on Club Log.

Here is an update on the DXpedition to **Vanuatu**. DX Engineering has become a Major Sponsor for the October 2024 Vanuatu DXpedition. With their help there will be two stations on the air from October 16-30, 2024. Priority for the DXpedition will be the 2024 CQ WW SSB Contest on October 26-27. We will be operating High Power multi-multi.

Vanuatu is an island nation between Fiji and Australia and accessible by commercial airlines. Plans for the DXpedition are being handled by Van Herridge, N4VGE/YJ0VV, who has made reservations at a luxury villa, Asana, just outside of Vanuatu’s capital only 100m from the beach.

Currently there are three hams committed to going: John Schroeder, K4QQG; Nick Maslon, K1NZ / YJ0NZ; and myself. The DXpedition is from October 16 - 30, 2024 and there is enough room in a luxury villa for two additional hams and their XYLs or OM. Those not operating the radios will find a safe and hospitable, pacific paradise. There will be several contests during the DXpedition including the CQ World-Wide SSB Contest. Timing will allow us to take advantage of the excellent Southern Hemisphere springtime propagation on top of the best sunspot activity in years. Equipment includes a Flex 6700, Icom 7300, and a Yaesu 891 for several POTA activations. Matched to these will be an Acom 1200s and ETO 91B legal limit amplifiers. Antennas will include a 6-20m hex beam, 10-160 inverted V fed by ladder line, an end fed 160m long wire, multi-band vertical, vertical arrays, bazooka long wire, DX Commander Expedition (for POTA) and additional antennas.

In addition to operating as a DX station we will have the opportunity to operate at several POTA and IOTA locations. If interested contact Van, N4VGE / YJ0VV, as soon as possible.

We leave in three months. Will you be with us?

Van Herridge N4VGE / YJ0VV

In addition, AJ8B, W8GEX, and 5H3DX talk about DX from Tanzania and all of the good work that NK8O, Charles is doing there on "The DX Mentor" on YouTube and Spotify.

DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH

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!

By this time the IARU HF DX contest will be well underway. The next contest to prep for is the WAE DX CW contest August 10th. I will have details on that next week. That is a very challenging contest, but a lot of fun.

Another contest that is near and dear to me is the Ohio QSO Party. That will be held on August 24th and I will have details on that soon as well.

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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	9/14/2024	9/16/2024

Contest		
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
Maine QSOP	9/28/2024	9/29/2024

OHIO'S



When growing up on the Farm, we always considered the start of the county fair and continuing into the early days of the start of school as the Dawg Daze of Summer. However I think the Daze got an early jump this year with the heat index hitting the triple digits a few times and this part of the State receiving little or spotty rain. However some of the local farmers have been surprised how well the crops are looking considering the high heat and lack of rain. With

how the weather has been, one would think more hams would be inside and on the air. But a lot of repeaters are more quiet than usual and the HF bands not as busy as I would expect.

When reading club newsletter and websites I have noticed many clubs around the nation are doing Parks on the Air activation as an official club activity. In our region one such club is the **Athens County ARA**. They plan to activate Strouds Run State Park on July 21 from the Bobcat shelter house. I believe the **Southern Ohio ARA** recently did one or is planning for one from a park in their area. This activity is a great one to use to train new hams on how to operate during an event like the upcoming September Ohio State Parks on the Air or just give them an opportunity to learn more about bands, modes and equipment. Plus it's another excellent excuse for hams to just gather to play radio and have a "good ole social time".

In a past column I commented about a new ham in Noble County and being a county not heard from that often. This week there is word of a new ham in another that is less than frequently heard from—Perry County. Let's welcome James Pate, Jr. of New Lexington into our ranks.

James is now KF8BSV. Our FCC data base watchdog Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, also lets us know the Commission has issued first licenses to some others in the South 40 Region. Let's also welcome Jeffery Lorenz, David Carroll and Craig Hogan to our ranks. Jeffery lives in Franklin Furnace and is now KF8BTJ. David who is from Amelia is KF8BTR and Craig has been issued KF8BTU.

Speaking of new hams reminds us to inform our readers of a couple upcoming test sessions. The **Highland ARA** will assist the **Milford ARC** during the upcoming Cincinnati Hamfest by conducting a test session at the August 10 event in Owensville. Although walk-ins will be accepted, you may preregister on the *Cincinnati Hamfest* website. This is a Laurel VE session and there is no charge to take a test; however successful first-time candidates are still subject to the FCC fee for a first license. Then on Sunday, September 1 the **Athens County ARA** will hold a license testing session during their Trunkfest at the Athens Masonic Lodge in Athens. The Trunkfest is a free event and will run from 8 until noon. However there is a fee to take a test. Walk-ins are welcome.

On Sunday, August 4 the **Cambridge ARA**'s Waller-McMunn Radio Museum will be open to the public. The Museum honors the establishment of radio station WEBE in 1924 that served the Cambridge/Guernsey County area until it was removed to Zanesville and later became WHIZ in 1929.

I recently noted the passing of Jerry Becker, WA8R, of Leesburg. On August 24 there will be a Celebration of Life at the Leesburg Fire Hall from 1 to 5. Jerry was known throughout the region for his ability to fix almost anything electronic. He had been a technician for Yaesu at their old Cincinnati repair facility.

Athens County ARA President Eric McFaddin, WD8RIF, reminds ACARA members the Club does not hold in-person meetings during July, August and September. October 17 should be their next meeting.

Although July hamfests in this part of the state are slim pickins and require some travel to find one, we're excited to learn that the out look for August gives us at least one we can attend almost every weekend. The **Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit** kicks the month off with their annual show at the Shrine Center in Grove City from 8 AM until 1 on August 3. Then on Saturday, August 10, the **Milford ARA** sponsored Cincinnati Hamfest will be held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. Also on August 10 the **Tri-State ARA** will hold its annual hamfest at the New Baptist Church, 610 28th Street in Huntington beginning at 8 AM. On the 17th the **Portsmouth RC** Hamfest takes place in New Boston. It has recently received an ARRL sanction. Looking beyond August we note the previously mentioned **Athens County ARA** Trunkfest on September 1 at the Athens Masonic Lodge. Moving east on US 50 to Belpre, where the **Buffalo 10 Meter Net**'s 4th 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. A new hamfest entry this year is the W8VCO **Vinton County ARA** swap fest on October 26 at the community building in McArthur. Before COVID forced the **Grant RC** to discontinue the Georgetown hamfest it usually marked the final hamfest in Southern Ohio for the year. But the cry to bring it back has been deafening. It's great to know the Club responded to the request and will return its day of glory to Georgetown on Saturday, November 9.

Also last week we announced the **Jackson County ARA** and **Portsmouth RC** are in need of a certified tower climber. Now we can add a third need for such a person. Bob Mathews, K8TQK, is in need of a climber or high lift operator to complete a project for him that another climber abandoned. 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. Mathews can be contacted at 740-656-4051.

Although Saturday, September 7 is still several weeks away, the clock is quickly ticking towards it. You ask what is so special about September 7? Well that is the date when the growing annual **Portage County ARS** sponsored Ohio State Parks on the Air event will happen. This year marks the 17th anniversary for this popular operating event/contest. As of June 30 the www.OSPOTA.org website shows only 27 parks anticipating activity with a good number of parks in the South 40 not showing planned activity. Let's try to change that by activating a park not normally heard from. This means there is a good opportunity for a club or individual to spend some time in one of our state parks and make state park and POTA chasers happy while you enjoy the out of doors. Or why not challenge a neighboring club to a friendly wager.

Starting this past Tuesday. The **Fayette ARA**'s weekly net began a new starting time. They hope to have more participation with it starting each Tuesday evening at 9 PM on 147.27. It's a short net with good people.

The **Bellbrook ARC** will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on July 28 with a big bash at their clubhouse from 2 PM until 8. The event features a mobile drive-in, a trunkfest and food. Another neat thing they do is hold a monthly 'Dessert and Movie Night' at the clubhouse. Their next one is July 25 at 7 PM with the screening of 'Father Goose'.

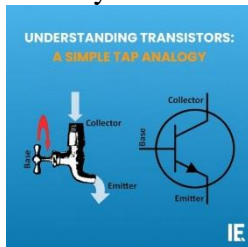


Although Clinton County has a couple of broadcast radio stations, they are operated by out of county owners and do not fully fill the needs or interests of the county residents. Because of the absence of local athletic and news broadcasts, early this year the **Clinton County ARA** decided to build a broadcast station to serve the residents of the county. That goal resulted in 95.9 recently OKed by the FCC to go on

the air. Thus the CCARA becomes only one of a handful of amateur radio clubs in the nation to have its own broadcast station to serve the public good. The WIOH low power signal does not get much beyond the county lines. But it does the job the CCARA intended for it to do. Congrats to all who made this happen.

If you are a POTA activator or park collector, there is an opportunity for you to meet others who share your passion. On August 17 the 2nd Ohio POTA Meet-up and BBQ will take place north of Columbus at the Delaware State Park. The gathering starts at 10 AM at the Buckeye Grove Shelter. This sounds like a great time to not only meet others involved in the POTA program, but also a chance to exchange information, see the rigs, power sources and antennas other activators use while enjoying fellowship and food with others sharing your interest in chasing parks. It would also be a good place to find out more about this growing part of ham radio.

The **Warren County ARA** recently held their annual fox hunt with approximately a dozen participates. Three foxes were hidden. In addition to the fox hunt a portable HF station was set up for demonstration and several people experienced the thrill of making a long-distance contact. An all you can eat taco lunch was served.



That's it for this week. It's to be **HOT** this week so don't forget to keep cool, hydrated and radio active.

John Levo, W8KIW

jlevo@cinci.rr.com or highlandara@gmail.com or 937-393-4951 (landline-leave a message)

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](#)

Ohio Section Cabinet

Section Manager – Tom Sly, WB8LCD	Section Traffic Manager – David Maynard, WA3EZN
Section Emergency Coordinator – Bret Stemen KD8SCL	Section Youth Coordinator – Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK	Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Amanda Farone – KC3GFU
State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU	Public Information Coordinator – Elizabeth Klinc - KE8FMJ



Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here's a link that will take you there... <http://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-A-Way 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-A-Way post to: swap@arriohio.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://arri-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://arri-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! 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!