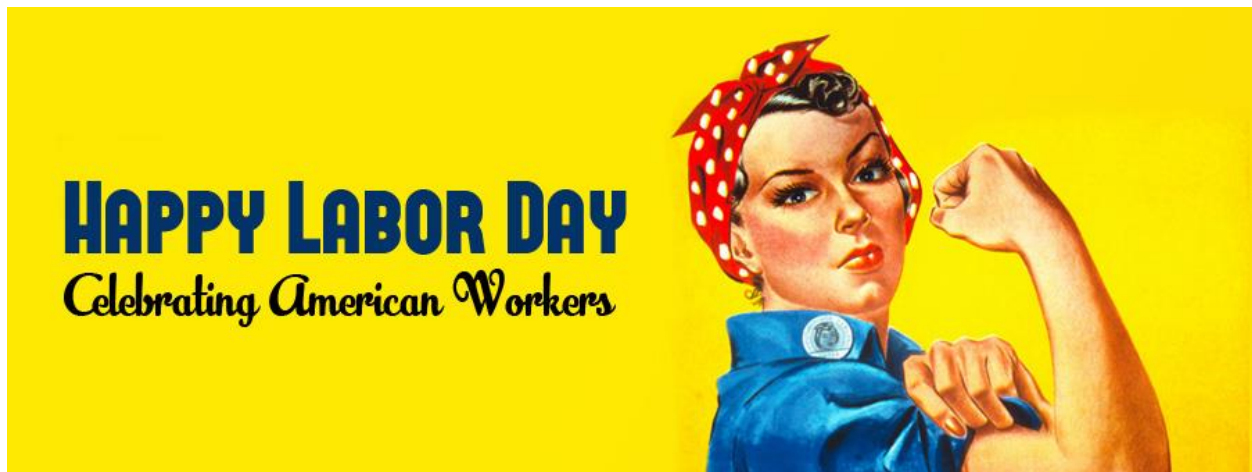


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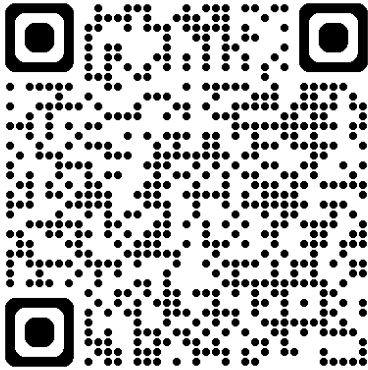
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Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday of September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements in the United States. Whether it’s done in the Boardroom or a Farm Field, for “profit” or for other motives, in a suit or in coveralls – ***All Labor is honorable!***

We especially want to thank all of you who are at work over this long weekend – we appreciate you being there!

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Continuing on last week's message regarding representing Amateur Radio to the public – the QR code here will take you directly to the ARRL brochure “Why You Should Give Amateur Radio A Try”. You can find it on the ARRL website in the “ARRL STORE” under the Exhibit Supplies tab. This is available for FREE!

I can immediately think of two ways to use this:
Do you have an Amateur Radio business card? You probably should. When someone asks about your hobby,

what you're doing at a POTA activation, what's the antenna on your car for.... You should be ready to give them the 1 to 2 minute “elevator” talk about what Amateur Radio is. Follow that up by giving them your card with this QR code on the reverse side. They can now get some further information from ARRL plus they can get ahold of you if they think it's interesting and would like to know more. Too often we talk to someone who has shown an interest in what we are doing, tell them how Great it is, and then send them away without any easy and convenient way to find out more about us. Don't Do That!

If you are out at a group or club activation of any kind, you should have the printed brochure ready to give away to any interested passersby. Along with it, or attached to it, you should have additional information regarding your local Club, ARES Unit, or any other “Group” that they may want to contact for more information or to get involved with. I won't say that “people are lazy”, BUT, they do like to take the easy way out, and the easier we can make it for them to find out more about the hobby, the easier it will be for us to convert them to members of the hobby!

Did you know that the ARRL makes a “First Contact” award available? Everyone makes a first contact, and that contact often times will set the course for a new hams experience with the hobby! If YOU make a contact with someone who informs you that this is his/her *FIRST* QSO, then anything you can do to make it special will help to keep that new ham an active and engaged ham. (The opposite of an unimpressed and uninterested / unmotivated ham who will soon become an “inactive” ham). After you've made their first contact a memorable one, how about commemorating it with a certificate? It's available on the ARRL website as a fillable .pdf file which you can present to the new ham.

https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Awards/ARRL_First_Contact_Certificate.pdf

If it's a local new ham, get him to your club meeting and make the presentation there, which will immediately introduce them to the other club members and let them know that they are now a

Part of Something, not just another person with a callsign lost in the crowd! If you can't get them to the meeting, print it out and mail it to them (please put it in an envelope big enough so you don't have to fold it up).

Maybe you're a relatively new ham, and someone really went out of their way to help you along in getting your license, and then really "becoming" a Ham! That person would certainly be surprised and impressed to receive the "Mentor Award" from you! Again, especially appreciated if presented at their local club meeting.

https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Awards/ARRL_Mentor_Award.pdf

Next up I want to talk about the "Rag Chewers' Club". It's pretty simple. You are required to have a 30-minute QSO with another station. The other station issues you the certificate, which is available as a PDF on the ARRL website:

https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Awards/2023_Rag_Chewers_Club_Certificate.pdf

You can fill in the certificate and either mail, email, or hand it to the station you are issuing it to in person. It can be for any class license (Tech / General / Extra) for a QSO on any authorized band for the recipient (no, a cell-phone call doesn't count).

Making new hams is critical to our future, but just getting someone licensed is not enough. We need to get them engaged and active. We need to build that sense of "community" and that we are something you really want to be a part of!

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD
Ohio Section Manager
wb8lcd@arrl.org
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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

NASA Decides to Bring Starliner Spacecraft Back to Earth Without Crew



NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and leadership participate in a live news conference on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, at the agency's Johnson Space Center in Houston where they provided an update about NASA's Boeing Crew Flight Test.

Credit: NASA

NASA will return Boeing's Starliner to Earth without astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams aboard the spacecraft, the agency announced Saturday. The uncrewed return allows NASA and Boeing to continue gathering testing data on Starliner during its upcoming flight home, while also not accepting more risk than necessary for its crew.

Wilmore and Williams, who flew to the International Space Station in June aboard NASA's Boeing Crew Flight Test, have been busy supporting station research, maintenance, and Starliner system testing and data analysis, among other activities.

"Spaceflight is risky, even at its safest and most routine. A test flight, by nature, is neither safe, nor routine. The decision to keep Butch and Suni aboard the International Space Station and bring Boeing's Starliner home uncrewed is the result of our commitment to safety: our core value and our North Star," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "I'm grateful to both the NASA and Boeing teams for all their incredible and detailed work."

Wilmore and Williams will continue their work formally as part of the Expedition 71/72 crew through February 2025. They will fly home aboard a Dragon spacecraft with two other crew members assigned to the agency's SpaceX Crew-9 mission. Starliner is expected to depart from the space station and make a safe, controlled autonomous re-entry and landing in early September.

NASA and Boeing identified helium leaks and experienced issues with the spacecraft reaction control thrusters on June 6 as Starliner approached the space station. Since then, engineering teams have completed a significant amount of work, including reviewing a collection of data, conducting flight and ground testing, hosting independent reviews with agency propulsion experts, and developing various return contingency plans. The uncertainty and lack of expert concurrence does not meet the agency's safety and performance requirements for human spaceflight, thus prompting NASA leadership to move the astronauts to the Crew-9 mission.

"Decisions like this are never easy, but I want to commend our NASA and Boeing teams for their thorough analysis, transparent discussions, and focus on safety during the Crew Flight Test," said Ken Bowersox, associate administrator for NASA's Space Operations Mission Directorate. "We've learned a lot about the spacecraft during its journey to the station and its docked operations. We also will continue to gather more data about Starliner during the uncrewed return and improve the system for future flights to the space station."



NASA’s Boeing Crew Flight Test astronauts (from top) Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams pose on June 13, 2024 for a portrait inside the vestibule between the forward port on the International Space Station’s Harmony module and Boeing’s Starliner spacecraft.

Credit: NASA

Starliner is designed to operate autonomously and previously completed two uncrewed flights. NASA and Boeing will work together to adjust end-of-mission planning and Starliner’s systems to set up for the uncrewed return in the coming weeks. Starliner must return to Earth before the Crew-9 mission launches to ensure a docking port is available on station.

“Starliner is a very capable spacecraft and, ultimately, this comes down to needing a higher level of certainty to perform a crewed return,” said Steve Stich, manager of NASA’s Commercial Crew Program. “The NASA and Boeing teams have completed a tremendous amount of testing and analysis, and this flight test is providing critical information on Starliner’s performance in space. Our efforts will help prepare for the uncrewed return and will greatly benefit future corrective actions for the spacecraft.”

NASA’s Commercial Crew Program requires spacecraft fly a crewed test flight to prove the system is ready for regular flights to and from the space station. Following Starliner’s return, the agency will review all mission-related data to inform what additional actions are required to meet NASA’s certification requirements.

The agency's SpaceX Crew-9 mission, originally slated with four crew members, will launch no earlier than Tuesday, Sept. 24. The agency will share more information about the Crew-9 complement when details are finalized.

NASA and SpaceX currently are working several items before launch, including reconfiguring seats on the Crew-9 Dragon, and adjusting the manifest to carry additional cargo, personal effects, and Dragon-specific spacesuits for Wilmore and Williams. In addition, NASA and SpaceX now will use new facilities at Space Launch Complex-40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida to launch Crew-9, which provides increased operational flexibility around NASA's planned Europa Clipper launch.

The Crew-9 mission will be the ninth rotational mission to the space station under NASA's Commercial Crew Program, which works with the American aerospace industry to meet the goal of safe, reliable, and cost-effective transportation to and from the orbital outpost on American-made rockets and spacecraft launching from American soil.

For more than two decades, people have lived and worked continuously aboard the International Space Station, advancing scientific knowledge and demonstrating new technologies, making research breakthroughs not possible on Earth. The station is a critical testbed for NASA to understand and overcome the challenges of long-duration spaceflight and to expand commercial opportunities in low Earth orbit. As commercial companies focus on providing human space transportation services and destinations as part of a robust low Earth orbit economy, NASA's Artemis campaign is underway at the Moon where the agency is preparing for future human exploration of Mars.

ARRL Urges Protecting the Amateur Radio 902-928 MHz Band



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) accepted for public comment a [Petition for Rulemaking filed by NextNav Inc.](#), a licensee in the 900-MHz Location and Monitoring Service (LMS), to completely reconfigure the 902-928 MHz band and replace the LMS with high-powered 5G cellular and related location services.

The FCC [Notice requested comment](#) on the effects that NextNav's proposals would have on amateur radio operations in the band. [ARRL®](#) is preparing comments urging protection of existing and future amateur uses in this band and urges all amateurs to file their own comments describing their activities in this band and the expected effect of the proposed changes. [Click here for a guide to filing comments.](#)

NextNav currently holds licenses in the 900-MHz band that authorize it to provide services limited to determining the location and status of mobile radio units. NextNav ties its request to provide high-power broadband, cellular and location services to the vulnerabilities of the current satellite-based GPS system and argues that implementation of its proposal would complement GPS by providing an alternative nationwide terrestrial location system in addition to cellular and broadband services. Under its proposal, NextNav would be designated the sole nationwide licensee for this spectrum in exchange for its more limited licenses.

The new nationwide license would authorize NextNav to provide much higher-powered traditional broadband and 5G cellular services as well as the related location service occupying 15 of the total 26 megahertz available in the band. The reconfiguration proposed by NextNav would create a 5-megahertz-wide uplink subband at 902-907 MHz paired with a 10-megahertz downlink subband at 918-928 MHz. The 5-megahertz uplink subband would be limited to use by mobiles with a maximum of 3 watts ERP. On the 10-megahertz downlink subband, up to 2000 watts ERP would be permitted in rural areas and 1000 watts ERP in urban and suburban areas, radiating from tower structures that could reach 1000 or more feet above average terrain. These configurations reflect the FCC's rules for standard cellular configurations that have been adopted to govern a number of other bands used for similar 5G and like services.

Although uses by the Amateur Radio Service in this band are secondary to LMS, NextNav is proposing substantial technical and use changes that would completely alter the foundation upon which the current rules and spectrum sharing arrangements rely and undercut shared use of the band by amateurs as well as a variety of other users. In addition, NextNav proposes deletion of a specific interference provision in the Commission's rules that was adopted to encourage and protect continued sharing with amateurs and other secondary users.

NextNav, in its petition, argues without evidence that the changes that it proposes to the 902-928 MHz band “will not impede amateur operations.” In an [8-page description](#) of NextNav’s proposal released by the FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, the FCC staff asks a series of questions that would clarify the proposal and help the Commission ascertain the likely effect of the proposed changes on existing users if the requested changes were adopted. Comment was specifically requested on the extent of amateur operations in the band, the potential impact of the proposed changes, any other spectrum options that may exist, and the costs for relocations if other options exist.

ARRL is preparing comments urging protection of existing and future amateur uses in this band. ARRL urges all amateurs to study the proposal and file their own comments describing their activities in this band and the expected effect of the proposed changes. The filing deadline is September 5, 2024. Replies to comments are due by September 20, 2024. [Click here for a guide to filing comments.](#)

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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>

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.

EOTA (Everyone On The Air)-- A Mini POTA (Parks On The Air) Like Activity

Calling all Northeast Ohio Amateur Radio Operators. You are invited to join us on the air on September 11th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM local time (2030 to 2330 UTC). The activity is designed to include all hams, regardless of license class. The bands and modes (2 M, 70cm & 6 M FM and 6 M & 10M SSB) are chosen to cover radios that most Amateurs already have and operating privileges of all hams, including Technicians. You can choose to work one or all modes/band combinations.

10 M	6 M		2 M		0.75 M
SSB	FM	SSB	FM		FM
28.320	52.525	50.125	146.460	146.535	446.0000
to	52.540	to	146.475	146.550	446.0125
28.340	52.550	50.135	146.490	146.565	446.0250
	52.570		146.505	146.580	446.0375
	52.590		146.520	146.595	446.0500

Setting up can be as simple or complex as you like- Using your handheld, driving your vehicle with mobile radio/antennas, or setting up a portable station with gain antennas. You can also activate multiple park locations if you want to be a rover.

Sponsored by the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club (CFARC), the event uses the Summit County Metro Parks as the setting. Still, you can also participate from your home station if you are within range. With 39 possible locations, including parks and trailheads, there are plenty of choices. If you are a dedicated POTA operator, some of the parks are also part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Although sponsored by CFARC, the event is open to all Hams, regardless of club affiliation.



If you are in Summit County, pick out your nearby park or plan to operate from home and join us on the air. If you are from outside the county, take a short drive and enjoy autumn in one of the parks while you operate. Maybe even plan a hike before operations begin. There is also a random drawing for a \$50 Gift Certificate for DX Engineering for all participants who make at least five contacts and submit an entry.

For full details on the event, visit <http://tiny.cc/eota2024>. You will find lists of locations, abbreviations, maps, operating rules, score sheets and more.

We also suggest you warm up for this event by participating in two other local events:

- Ohio QSO Party (<https://www.ohqp.org/>)- on August 24



- Ohio State Parks On The Air—*OSPOTA* (<https://ospota.org/>) on September 7th.

Ohio State Parks On The Air



The 17th annual [Ohio State Parks On The Air](https://ospota.org/) (OSPOTA) contest will be held **September 7, 2024, from 1400 to 2200 UTC (10 AM to 6 PM EDT)**. Contacts can be made on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB. Currently there are 75 Ohio state parks that will be open for the 2024 event. The OSPOTA contest has three main goals: to promote public awareness of amateur radio and Ohio’s state parks system; to contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a diverse and active ecology, and promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio’s amateur radio operators. More information is available at the [OSPOTA](https://ospota.org/) website.

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/>>

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds 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, May 12, 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.

WE HAVE ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE ODD MONTHS AND
BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE EVEN MONTHS.

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 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/>

September 17th, 18th, 19th

The Madison County Amateur Radio Club of Ohio (KE8RV) is conducting a Special Event Station honoring

The Ohio State University's 62nd Farm Science Review.

The call sign will be K8A.

Frequencies we will be operating on, depending upon band conditions, are:

10 meters – 28.320

15 meters – 21.320
20 meters – 14.320
40 meters – 7.275

Check with your favorite spotting network for the exact frequency we will be using.

Each day we will begin at 1200 UTC and end at approximately 2000 UTC on September 17th, 18th, and 19th. All stations will be operating on Single Side Band During that timeframes. Some FTn may be available after these hours.

More information can be found on QRZ.com - K8A

Larry N8CWU

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

ARLD032 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by N5DD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

GEORGIA, 4L. Stephane, F4JZW is QRV as 4L/F4JZW until September 30. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters. QSL via LoTW.

TIMOR-LESTE, 4W. Alan, VK1AO is QRV as 4W/VK1AO from Mount Tatamailau, the highest summit of the country, as well as some POTA sites, until September 4. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Michele, IZ8PWN plans to be QRV as 8Q7WN from the Thudufushi Island resort, IOTA AS-013, from September 6 to 13. Activity will be holiday style on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters using SSB and possibly FT8. QSL via I8KHC.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. A number of stations will use the 9M67 prefix until September 1 to celebrate the 67th anniversary of Malaysia's independence. QSL via operators' instructions.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Special event station 9M61LS is QRV until September 16 to celebrate the 61st anniversary of Sabah's independence. QSL direct.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Jo, CT1EYQ is QRV as C91/CT1EYQ until September 4. Activity is holiday style on 20, 15, and 10 meters using CW and possibly FT8. QSL via operator's instructions.

ST. PAUL ISLAND, CY9. A group of operators are QRV as CY9C until September 5. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and SuperFox FT8. This includes some EME and Satellite activity. QSL via WA4DAN.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Tom, N2WLG will be QRV as E51WLG from Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, from September 1 to 8. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using CW and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

FRANCE, F. Special event stations TM40IPC, TM2024JPP, TM2024PG, TM24JPO, TM24JPP, TM42JP, TM51JP, TM63PARA, TM67PR, TM77PO, and TM78OGP are QRV until September 8 during the Paralympic Games being held in Paris. QSL TM40IPC via F6DZU, and all others via operators' instructions.

SARDINIA, IS0. Giuseppe, IK5WWA will be QRV as IM0C from San Pietro, IOTA EU-165, from September 1 to 15. Activity will be on 40 to 2 meters. QSL to home call.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. A group of operators will be QRV as KH8T from Tutuila Island, IOTA OC-045, from September 2 to 16. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 160, 60 and 6 meters if propagation allows, using CW, SSB, and FT8, including SuperFox mode. QSL via M0URX.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event station OE50LOW is QRV during September to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the G-QRP Club. QSL direct to OE7AFT.

DODECANESE, SV5. Special event call sign SX5GB is QRV until September 5 to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Gerontas. Activity is on 160 to 2 meters using all modes. QSL direct to SV2MAC.

CRETE, SV9. Karl, DJ5IL is QRV as SW9IL from the Kissamos area. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

PITCAIRN ISLAND, VP6. Bill, G0VDE will be QRV as VP6WR from September 5 to 15. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via M0URX.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Pista, HA5AO will be QRV as Z22AO from September 3 to 13 from Zambezi National Park. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

GIBRALTAR, ZB. Stations in Gibraltar can use the special ZG prefix from September 3 to 10 for Gibraltar's National Day celebrations. QSL via operators' instructions.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2024

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

Location: Findlay, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Website: <http://w8ft.org>

[Learn More](#)

09/22/2024 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)

Location: Berea, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland

Website: <https://www.hac.org>

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

10/05/2024 - [Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)

Location: Piketon, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

12/07/2024 - [Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Archbold, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: FCARC

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

[Learn More](#)

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!

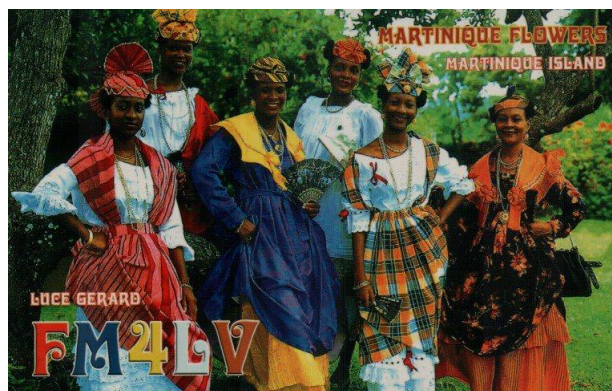
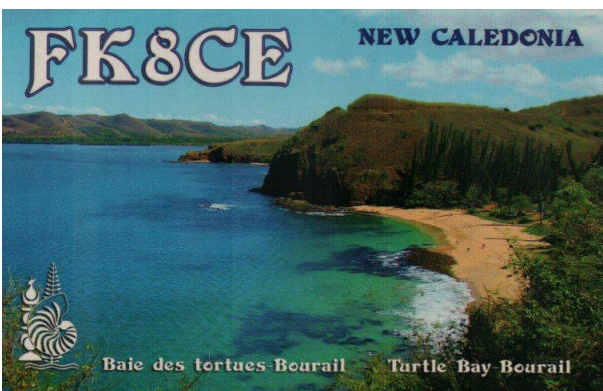
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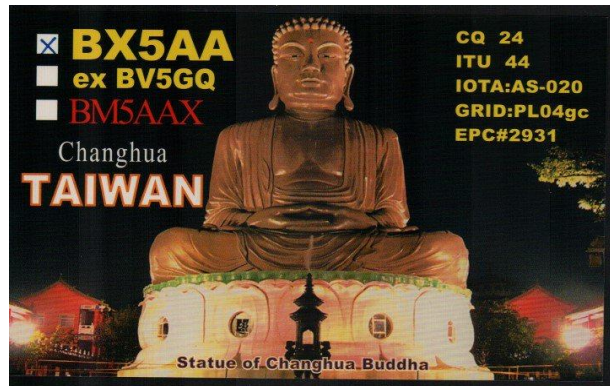
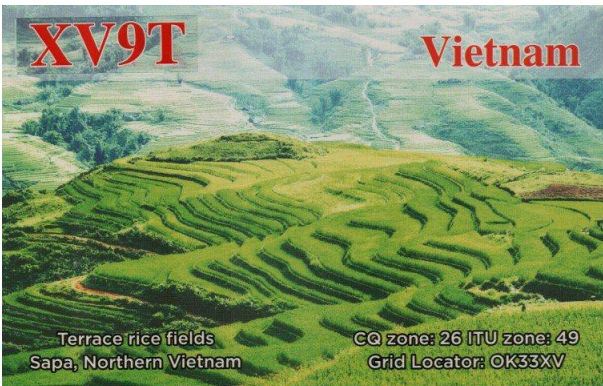
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Hope you are having a good time on the air. I had a blast in the Ohio QSO Party, achieving a score in excess of 100,000! I know that for many, that is no big deal. However, for me, 103,620 points and 351 QSOs were both all time highs for this contest. I just need to get more multipliers. I even had 2 hams say that they enjoyed this column! That is always very reassuring and is an indication of the friendly rapport that all of the contestants have.



I had a good week for QSLs. Among a few others, I received: FK8CE – Dom in New Caledonia, FM4LV – Gerard in Martinique, XV9T – Eddy in Vietnam, and BX5AA – Jimmy in Taiwan. Let me know what you received.





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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

The following update is from the ARRL website, updated 08/22/2024 .

Work is continuing to return the DXCC systems to service. DXCC award processing, including the “Online DXCC” application system, is unavailable at this time. While all DXCC user data is secure and unaffected, we have taken the precautionary measure of keeping the service offline until we can ensure the security and integrity of our networks.

As previously reported, Worked All States (WAS) applications are being processed. WAS certificates and endorsement stickers are being mailed.

VUCC applications are being processed, and VUCC certificates and endorsement stickers are being mailed.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Preparing for CW Worldwide DX Contest, CW, ZL3IO, Holger, updates us on plans at the **Chatham Islands, ZL7DX** station. He is shipping material and supplies" from Napier to the Chatham Islands in mid-September. He has confirmed flights to ZL7 for October 15-31. That trip will be for "maintenance of the existing antennas" and "preparation for the lattice towers." They plan to "pour concrete foundations for lattice towers and guy wires." The plan is to move the existing antennas higher for the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW, in late November. A top band antenna is "also on the agenda."

Holger is planning a likely low power effort in the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB, operating with his own call, ZL7IO. Holger's daughter ZL4YL, Xenia, will join him for a week around the time of the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW. She will be QRV as ZL7YL. That will be their callsign during the contest, maybe SOAB or multi-single effort. Holger would prefer a multi-two effort; however, even if they ran low power. they would "run out of power within 10 hours". The site is powered by a 10-kWh battery and solar power. While Holger is there in October, he will see if he can secure a generator.

E51EME in the **South Cook Islands** is QRV on 6M through September 15. This is grid BGØ8cw. ZL1RS, Bob, will use an ICOM IC-705 to a homebrew kilowatt 6M amplifier into a pair of five-element Yagis stacked on a new, homebrew 11-meter tilt-over mast.

Following this operation, Bob will upload his log to LoTW. Paper QSLs will be available in October through Club Log. Donate to this effort via PayPal.

W5ZN suggests being alert in the afternoon on 6M for E51EME, on 50313 FT8. This one has been heard in the US "south" recently. E51EME is also sometimes on 10M in his afternoons, and he is on the island for "a couple weeks of vacation." At home in New Zealand, he is ZL1RS. On 6M this time he has a pair of 5 element 6M Yagis, stacked, and a kilowatt output, and a QTH overlooking the ocean. Also, in the middle of the night in the US, E51EME has had a good EME signal, at his local moonrise and moonset.

W8GEX, Joe, worked E51EME from Southwestern Ohio.

E51WLG in the **South Cook Islands** will also be activated by N2WLG, Tom. He plans to be on Rarotonga, South Cook Islands September 1-8, CW and digital on 40-10. QSL to his home QTH or use Logbook of the World.

TA1HZ, Tev, is heading to **Jersey Island** where he will be QRV as **MJ/TA1HZ** from September 11 to 16, including participation in the Worked All Europe (WAE) SSB Contest. He'll have an FT-891 and a long wire antenna. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, QRZ and eQSL. You can also QSL direct to his Call Book Address (CBA) with 5 US\$ and SAE.

In celebration of the 61st anniversary of Sabah Day special call **9M61S** is QRV until September 16. Sabah Day is the celebration of the Independence of Sabah, East Malaysia, which is on August 31.

The **C5T** and **C5I** callsigns have come through for the late November Dxpedition to the **Gambia** by a group of European hams. They plan to operate from the mainland November 25-29, with a possible trip to the Bijol Islands, IOTA AF-060, when they will switch to the C5I callsign. They plan 60-6M and various modes. QSL to EA5GL and they will upload to LoTW even while they're still in C5.

ZD7W is planned for October and November trip to **St. Helena Island** by W6NV, Oliver. He will get a station set up to do the CQWW SSB and CW weekends. He is planning the unassisted category.

OZ1DJJ, Bo should be QRV from Greenland until September 12, from **West Greenland**, where he will operate from various locations. He says, "Don't expect too much of me," it is not a DXpedition. QSL via OZ0J.

G0VDE, Bill, is traveling to **Pitcairn Island** where he plans to be active as **VP6WR** from September 5-15. But first he will be heading to Tahiti on August 31, where he will be staying for a few days then on to Mangareva Island on September 3. He'll return to Mangareva on September 17 and will be QRV as FO/G0VDE until September 21. He then goes back to Tahiti and will fly back home on September 24.

N5DD, Don; KC5DJI, Amy; K5PI, Robert; VE7KW, Keith; and W5MJ, Madison; are heading to Pago Pago, **American Samoa**, early next month. They will be QRV as **KH8T** from September 2-16. Plans are to give "as many of the Deserving as possible a chance to work an All Time New One, or a new band or mode country. They will be QRV on 1.8 through 50 MHz on CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. W5SJ, Bill, will be the KH8T pilot. You can email him at kh8t@gmail.com.

AA7JV, George, is planning to operate the CQ Worldwide DX CW Contest, in November, from **FO/M, the Marquesas Islands**. At the moment he does not know his callsign.

IZ8PWN, Michele, is planning a honeymoon "holiday style DX Pediton" to the Thudufushi Island Resort in the **Maldives, 8Q**, from September 6-13. He will be on SSB and possibly FT8 on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. Michele will be running 100 watts into a multi-band dipole. QSL via I8KHC.

VA3QR, Phil, is back in **Panama** and QRV as **HP3/VA3QR** as he awaits his new Panamanian callsign. Listen for him on 40 through 10 meters and 6 meters.

The **6O3T** DXpedition team, who are going to northwestern **Somalia** in September have announced they will not be using SuperFox but rather going with MSHV instead. "Having carefully weighed up the pros and cons of using

SuperFox mode, while recognizing that if developed, it could become a high standard, at the moment we feel it is still too young."

If you are someone who likes podcasts and/or YouTube episodes, The DX Mentor has a discussion all about **3D printing** with 3D printing expert Bob, WV7W. Check it out on YouTube or wherever you get your podcasts.

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CONTEST CORNER

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

The first contest to mention this week is the CWOPs CWOPEN. CWops sponsors the CWops Test, or CWT, which are fun, weekly competitions at times thought to be optimum for amateurs in ITU Regions 1, 2, and 3.

The CW OPEN (CWO), which is held on the first Saturday in September, is guided by the same principles along with enhancements to make it a serious, annual competitive event.

The Object is to work as many CW stations worldwide as possible within each session. There are three separate competitions at three separate times — each

is called a “session.” Each station may be worked once per band in each session. Entry can be made to any or all of the sessions. Each session is scored separately. Entry into multiple sessions will be added together for a combined score in a separate, additional aspect to this event.

The three sessions are Sept 7th from 0Z to 0359Z, 1200Z to 1559Z, and 2000Z to 2359Z. More information can be found at the CWOPS website, cwops.org.

The second contest event is the All Asian DX Contest – Phone. The SSB portion is held Sept 7th through the 8th for 48 hours. The standard HF bands will be used, 10M through 160M. The exchange is slightly different as it is the signal report and your age. More information can be gotten from the WA7BNM website.

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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
Maine QSOP	9/28/2024	9/29/2024
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	10/5/2024	10/6/2024
California QSOP	10/5/2024	10/6/2024
Nevada QSOP	10/12/2024	10/13/2024

Arizona QSOP	10/12/2024	10/13/2024
Oceania DX Contest, CW	10/12/2024	10/13/2024
Pennsylvania QSOP	10/12/2024	10/13/2024
South Dakota QSOP	10/12/2024	10/13/2024
10-10 Intl. Fall Contest, CW	10/19/2024	10/20/2024
New York QSOP	10/19/2024	10/20/2024
Illinois QSOP	10/20/2021	10/21/2024
CQ WW DX Contest, SSB	10/26/2024	10/27/2024
CQ WW DX Contest, CW	11/23/2024	11/24/2024
ARRL 160M contest	12/6/2024	12/8/2024
ARRL 10M Contest	12/14/2024	12/15/2024

OHIO'S



If you missed last Saturday's Ohio QSO Party operating activity, you missed a fun time. Although the bands weren't the greatest and my 60th high school reunion was that day, I managed to get a few hours of enjoyable seat time. I even worked a couple counties I normally haven't heard in past years. Although USA-CA #798 is hanging on my wall, I still like chasing counties and trying to better my previous OQP counts.

With Labor Day just around the corner it means the annual Ohio State Parks on the Air operating event/contest is at hand. The event is always the first Saturday following Labor Day. Thus this year it will be on September 7 from 10 AM until 6 PM at a state park near you. Although not all proposed activations are submitted, a look at the proposed activation list on the www.ospota.org website indicates anticipated activity from 37 of the 75 approved parks. Great Council near Xenia

is not approved this year. The list does indicate a number of state parks below US 40/I-70 do not have a planned activation. The extended weather forecast calls for pleasant temperatures and only a small chance of showers. So why not head to a park? Throw up an antenna and fire up a rig. You'll make a lot of people happy and should have a fun time yourself.

Following the conclusion of the OSPOTA you may find several hams hitting the road to attend one of the best hamfests in the Midwest. Although not in the South 40 Region, for some a trip to Sunday's September 8 Findlay Hamfest has become an annual tradition. The annual hamfest at the Hancock County Fairgrounds is sponsored by the **Findlay RC** and usually is one of Ohio's largest gatherings of amateurs. Moving back to the Ohio South 40 Region we note that on the 21st you can attend a hamfest at Belpre. The **Buffalo 10 Meter Net** and Leavitt Funeral Home have teamed up with a hamfest and a vintage and classic car show on the funeral home's grounds in Belpre. Plans for the **Scioto Valley ARA's** annual hamfest on October 5 at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Piketon are moving ahead as are plans for the first **Vinton County ARA** hamfest as October 26 hosts their first swap fest at the McArthur Community Center in McArthur. Then in November we find the **Grant ARA** making a hamfest comeback on November 9 in Georgetown.

It appears people studying for a first license or an upgrade have changed their priorities from studying to end of summer events as vacation travel, getting the kids ready for back to school, county fairs and Penn State football. I say this because there appears to be a decrease in the number of new ham licenses issued by the FCC during the past month. Our area's newest ham to welcome is Robert Smith from Milford. He is now KF8CAC. The **Athens County ARA** recently held a test session. According to Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, they had three candidates and all walked away happy. Randy Sherman, KF8BQJ, from Stockport, upgraded to General and Guysville's Mark Halloram, KD8ZKS, now can operate in the Extra bands. Not to underrate the successes of those who upgraded, the highlight of the night was Dave Vance coming into the session with no license and leaving with his Extra. Dave is from Belleville, WV and already changed his call to AD8NZ.

Speaking of license tests, if you know of someone interested in testing, don't forget to check the Section Journal's listing of monthly scheduled test sessions. Here in Southern Ohio you will find such testing by the **Portsmouth RC** and **Milford ARC** each month. Many of the other clubs give tests too, but on a more infrequent basis. In the meantime, contact your local club and they should be able to point you in a direction to find a testing site that will accommodate your schedule. The **Athens County ARA** will have their next test session at 7 PM on October 21 at the Athens Red Cross Building. Another place to test is usually at a hamfest. On October 5 the **Scioto Valley ARA** will have a test session during their hamfest at Piketon. The **Grant RC** has asked the **Highland ARA** to provide testing at their November 9 hamfest in Georgetown.

In a previous column I told about the **Highland ARA** accepting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program donations, in the memory of Tom Archibald, K8TDA. Tom really liked what the program did but noticed older boys were not receiving items they could keep and use.

Therefore he started donating hammers to insert to boxes to be given to those boys up to 14 years old. HARA took note of his desire and has started accepting donations to continue what he had started. To date the response has been exceptional and for a \$10 donation a young man in some part of the globe will find a hammer, tape measure, roll of duct tape and a 6 feature screwdriver in the box they receive-something they can use after the glow of Christmas wears off. The OCC Shoebox Program is a nationally qualified charity and donations can be used for tax deduction purposes. Because the Program is national in scope a local drive can be found almost anywhere. However if you wish to participate and can't find a local church participating, you may make your check payable to the Hillsboro Methodist Church and mail it to HARA Secretary Kathy Levo, 21 Highland Drive, Hillsboro, OH 45133. Therefore if you prefer to donate in your local area, please do so but let HARA know so the Archibald Family can acknowledge your thoughtfulness.

According to Jennifer and Michael Bailey, N8JEN and N8MRB, because of the Labor Day holiday the **Portsmouth RC** will hold their September business meeting on Wednesday the 4th. It will be held at the usual American Legion location across from the courthouse in downtown Portsmouth.

We're reminded the **Jackson County ARA** meets on the third Saturday of the month at the Faith Lutheran Church, Huron Street, in Jackson. The meeting begins at 6 PM. All area amateurs are urged to attend.

At the September 12 meeting of the **Queen City Emergency Net**, Regional Red Cross Disaster Director Ken Robinson will be the guest speaker and speak about volunteer opportunities.

For once the **Highland ARA**'s September Brunch Bunch will not fall on the day of the Ohio State Parks on the Air event. Thus the members don't have to decide which activity to attend. Depending on the weather the September 14 BB will be at either Hillsboro's Liberty Park Harmony Lake shelter house at or at the nearby Burger King. It starts at 10 AM. The September 7 activation of Rocky Fork will happen rain or shine at the old Fisherman's Wharf concession stand on the South side of the lake.

Also on September 14 the **All Things ARA** will have their monthly breakfast at the Scramblers Restaurant on Ety Road in Lancaster beginning at 8 AM. The **OH-KY-IN ARS** will hold their monthly Brunch Bunch at the Alcapulco Restaurant in Fairfield at 1 PM.

Bill Garringer, N8SBT, reminds all amateurs in the Fayette County area of the movement of the **Fayette ARA**'s Tuesday evening net to the new 9 PM starting time. He also calls attention to their relocation of the FARA monthly breakfast gathering to the Ranchers Restaurant in Washington CH. The next gathering will be on Saturday morning, September 21.

The next **Hocking Valley ARA** Foxhunt will be on September 28. It will start at 10 AM. Normally they retire to a local restaurant at the conclusion of the event to relive the morning's activity.

The editor of the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** newsletter, Ralph Howes, W8BVH, lets us know the restored WWII landing boat LST 325 will visit a couple of Ohio's South 40 ports in September. On September 5 to 10 they will be in Wheeling, WV and then visit Marietta this September 12 to 15. The ship has 2 meters as well as HF on board. You can also track them on 30 meters APRS. Should you wish to tour the ship, tell the tour leader you are an amateur radio operator and you will be escorted to the WW2LST radio room bearing WWII equipment as well as modern. Visit their website at www.lstmemorial.org for more information and the hours and prices for tours. I first saw it at Cincinnati's Tall Stacks several years ago and have caught it passing Maysville and the Rankin House at Ripley most recent. It is quite impressive. Especially when they strike up "Anchors Away" on the PA.

Well, that's it for another session. But before parting, a big thanks to those who are presently working and those who have retired following many years of toil. Whether you spent those years in a tool shop, laboring to put food on people's tables, serving our nation in some manner, providing a service, in the classroom or behind a desk, let's take a moment on Labor Day to celebrate yours and others contributions to making this country the best of all.

Catch you next time. In the meanwhile have a safe holiday and keep radio active.

John Levo, W8KIW

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Let's Have a [Statewide POTA Party](#)

[Ohio State Parks On The Air](#) (OSPOTA) is held each September- link. Sponsored by Portage County Amateur Radio Service



(PCARS), this groundbreaking event is in its 16th year and undoubtedly was one catalyst to ARRL NPOTA and the whole POTA movement.

This year's event will take place Sept 9, 2023, from 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC (10 am to 6 pm ET). Your club can pick from one or more of the 75 Ohio State Parks. This contest places a premium on working stations located in the Ohio State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300-mile range. OSPOTA is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the design and deployment of Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS) antennas. You can find numerous designs online and in various Amateur Radio antenna manuals.

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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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... <https://arrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/>

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: <mailto:swap@arrl-ohio.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:

<https://arrl-ohio.org/ohio-section-newsletter/>



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....

<https://arrl-ohio.org/ohio-club-newsletters/>

Please, if you don't see your club newsletter posted, it's because I'm not receiving it. Just have your newsletter editor contact me and I'll get your club's newsletter listed on the site!!



We all learn and steal (I mean, share) from each other's work. So, get me your newsletter!!! Send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org

Chit – Chat, and All That!

Do you know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "[Opt-In](#)" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send an email to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org 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:

<https://arri-ohio.org/ohio-section-newsletter/>

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!