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### **CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD**

Last PostScript (September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 – you can find it on the Ohio Section Website at [www.arrl-ohio.org](http://www.arrl-ohio.org)) I was talking about the ARRL’s “First Contact” certificate, and the “Rag Chewers Club”. These are *excellent* ways to help new hams feel Welcomed into the hobby. People thrive on personal recognition. Receiving something with *their* name on it, from another member of the Ham Radio community will almost always be an instant confirmation that they have gotten into something which is not only going to be fun, but that they will be a part of the community that hams often times project. Kind of like a “fraternity”. It’s easy to do, doesn’t cost much, and just a simple thing that anyone can do. That said, it’s worthless if no-one does it! You need to be the proactive one who might just make the difference in a new hams life that keeps them engaged in the hobby. There’s also a “Mentor’s” award. It’s never too late to thank someone who helped you into a hobby that may have bee the best thing you’ve had going in your life!

One more certificate – A-1 Operator!

This one may be a bit more difficult to come up with. Membership is available to all currently active, licensed Amateur Radio operators. Membership comes after nomination by two A-1 Operator club members who find the nominee qualified to be a member of this elite group. You can find all the requirements here: [A-1 Op \(arrl.org\)](http://A-1 Op (arrl.org)) This hasn’t been updated since that fateful day in May 2024, but, as of 06 May 2024 there were 6359 members. That’s a pretty exclusive group! I’m hoping that those operators will look for those who qualify and will nominate them so they can join the club. If you want to join the club, you better get on the air and work some of these guys and let them know you would like to be a part of the club. You’ve got to be active, on air to get nominated! Pretty much any band, any mode. Get on the air and be a good operator.

If you're a regular reader of PostScript and Ohio Section Journal, you'll know that one of my content providers is Bill Salyers – AJ8B – with the DX This Week column. This issue of PostScript contains his 300<sup>th</sup> consecutive column! Bill *always* has an interesting column regarding all things DX, it's well worth the read. Thank you Bill, for your many contributions to Amateur Radio.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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Ohio Section Manager  
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## *National News*

*(from ARRL and other sources)*

### **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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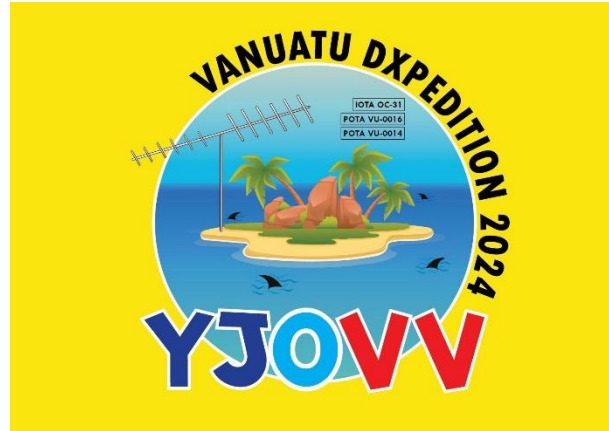
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## **Final Prep Underway for Vanuatu DXpedition**



Four hams are packing over 500lbs of equipment in suitcases and making their final plans for a DXpedition to Vanuatu, a small island nation between Australia and Fiji. Expect to hear them on the air from October 16 through October 29. They will be operating two high power stations with a choice of seven antennas. There is room for one or two more hams in their luxury villa located on a South Pacific beach. If interested please contact Van as soon as possible at [vanherridge@gmail.com](mailto:vanherridge@gmail.com).

The hams are John Schroeder, K4QQG, from Hilton Head, SC; Nick Maslon, K1NZ / YJ0NZ, from Monson, MA; William “Savo” Savacool, K2SAV / YJ0SA from Schenectacy, NY; and Van Herridge, the team leader, N4VGE / YJ0VV from Charleston, SC. The QSL Manager is Nathan Wood, K4NHW, who will oversee live uploads to Clublog and coordinate QSL cards.

Planning for this DXpedition started in 2022 with plans to concentrate on SSB and participate in the 2024 CQ WW SSB Contest on October 26-27 as a high power M2 designation using the callsign YJ0VV. Antennas are: 10-160m full size inverted V, 6-20 BuddiHex, 40m phased vertical array, 15m 5/8 wave vertical, 80-160m receive only pennants, 160m sloper, and a 1040m DX Commander Expedition.

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.

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## ARRL Defends 902-928 Amateur Radio Band

[ARRL® The National Association for Amateur Radio®](#) has [filed comments \[PDF\]](#) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) urging that the 902 – 928 MHz amateur radio band be protected. ARRL joins hundreds of licensed radio amateurs who utilize the band in opposing a proposal from 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.



[Read more about NextNav’s proposal on ARRL News \(8/15/2024\)](#)

ARRL’s comments, filed by our Washington, D.C. Counsel on behalf of ARRL members and radio amateurs, point out several problems with NextNav’s request.

*“Contrary to NextNav’s assertions, the band is extremely crowded with millions of devices and transmitters in operation in multiple services, including the Amateur Service. Adoption of the proposal would result in either massive interference that would prevent proper operation or displacement to other bands. The difficulty is that there are no other bands known to be available, and in fact, some of the Amateur operations in this band are here because they were displaced when a portion of the 420 – 450 MHz band North of “Line A” was closed to the Amateur Service some years ago. Others were displaced from the same band when new Federal Government defense radars were initiated and continued Amateur secondary operations would have interfered with their operation.”*

Pushing amateur radio out of heavily used spectrum is a risk to public service, ARRL argues in the comments.

*“When space can be found in this band, Amateurs employ it to establish wide-area voice and some television signal repeaters. Others are actively experimenting with digital mesh networks and associated control links. These networks are a testbed for digital design and experimentation, but also are available and used for back-up emergency communications purposes. Still others operate low power beacons for propagation research. Weak signal work – tuning and experimenting to communicate over the longest paths with the least power – also is popular and leads to improvements in equipment.”*

Mesh networks are becoming increasingly useful in emergency communications. Just this past week, the [ARRL Utah Section announced](#) that dozens of [Amateur Radio Emergency Service® \(ARES®\)](#) volunteers are working to expand the mesh network around the state. “The needs of participating agencies have evolved to require more than analog voice and low-speed data modes,” said ARRL Utah Section Public Information Coordinator Scott Rosenbush, K7HSR. “High-speed mesh networks using AREDN® [Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network] software will allow amateur radio to play a larger role in supporting these agencies in emergencies.” The ARRL Utah Section already has a five-county mesh network in place. The proposal from NextNav make it more difficult to operate networks like this one.

*“Under NextNav’s proposal, the much higher-powered transmitters would be ubiquitous and operating 24/7. The resulting interference would effectively exclude many of the current Amateur operations that are operating in the 902-928 MHz band.”*

The FCC docket remains open for reply comments from the public until September 20, 2024. As of September 6, over 800 comments have been filed by Amateurs and others who use this spectrum.

The comments can be viewed at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ypxh583p>.

[Click here for an ARRL Guide to Filing Comments with FCC.](#)

ARRL will continue to defend amateur access to this and other threatened amateur allocations.

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## **ARRL Student Membership**

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

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

Student Membership options:

- Option 1: **Full Student Membership.** Dues rate \$30 per year. This low-cost membership option is available to US Amateur Radio licensees under the age of 26 years. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. A full member may vote in ARRL elections for Division Director, Vice Director, and Section Manager. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.
- Option 2: **Free Student Membership.** This no-cost, Associate membership option is available to full-time students aged 21 years or younger. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Free Student Membership excludes access to the ARRL E-mail Forwarding Service, and Associate members may not vote in ARRL elections. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.

Become an ARRL student member today!

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

or

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

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The Moon is pictured on Dec. 7, 2022, the day before its Full Moon phase from the International Space Station as it orbited above the southern Indian Ocean. Credit: NASA

# NASA to Develop Lunar Time Standard for Exploration Initiatives

NASA will coordinate with U.S. government stakeholders, partners, and international standards organizations to establish a Coordinated Lunar Time (LTC) following a policy directive from the White House in April. The agency's Space Communication and Navigation (SCaN) program is leading efforts on creating a coordinated time, which will enable a future lunar ecosystem that could be scalable to other locations in our solar system.

The lunar time will be determined by a weighted average of atomic clocks at the Moon, similar to how scientists calculate Earth's globally recognized Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Exactly where at the Moon is still to be determined, since current analysis indicates that atomic clocks placed at the Moon's surface will appear to 'tick' faster by microseconds per day. A microsecond is one millionth of a second. NASA and its partners are currently researching which mathematical models will be best for establishing a lunar time.

To put these numbers into perspective, a hummingbird's wings flap about 50 times per second. Each flap is about .02 seconds, or 20,000 microseconds. So, while 56 microseconds may seem miniscule, when discussing distances in space, tiny bits of time add up.

"For something traveling at the speed of light, 56 microseconds is enough time to travel the distance of approximately 168 football fields," said Cheryl Gramling, lead on lunar position, navigation, timing, and standards at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "If someone is orbiting the Moon, an observer on Earth who isn't compensating for the effects of relativity over a day would think that the orbiting astronaut is approximately 168 football fields away from where the astronaut really is."

As the agency's Artemis campaign prepares to establish a sustained presence on and around the Moon, NASA's SCaN team will establish a time standard at the Moon to ensure the critical time difference does not affect the safety of future explorers. The approach to time systems will also be scalable for Mars and other celestial bodies throughout our solar system, enabling long-duration exploration.

As the commercial space industry grows and more nations are active at the Moon, there is a greater need for time standardization. A shared definition of time is an important part of safe, resilient, and sustainable operations," said Dr. Ben Ashman, navigation lead for lunar relay development, part of NASA's SCaN program.

*NASA's SCaN program serves as the office for the agency's space communications operations and navigation. More than 100 NASA and non-NASA missions rely on SCaN's two networks, the Near Space Network and the Deep Space Network, to support astronauts aboard the*

*International Space Station and future Artemis missions, monitor Earth's weather and the effects of climate change, support lunar exploration, and uncover the solar system and beyond.*

Learn more about NASA's plan to return to the Moon at:

**<https://www.nasa.gov/humans-in-space/artemis>**

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## **LST 325 Comes to Marietta, Ohio**



On September 12, 2024 Vickie and I had the opportunity to visit the WWII, LST 325 which was docked in Marietta, Ohio. We had a great day and got to meet Bob Pointer who was the radio operator on this trip up the Ohio River. He said that this was his 3rd voyage with the ship. They take a trip once a year and are out for 30 days. Each year they try to go to a different area and don't come to the same place only every 5 years.

I had to say that it was a great visit and the guys were very polite and very informed about the vessel. If you have a chance, by all means you need to visit the ship.

Dana, KB8GYU

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## *Club Corner*

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

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

Just send it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)

### **Please! Format as below:**

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



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## How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

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

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

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

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## **VE Sessions:**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Alliance Amateur Radio Club**

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds 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/](http://www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/).

**All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)** hosts testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. Our testing sessions use Examtools, a digital testing platform, and administers the exams on tablets. Simply sign up for a free account at <https://hamstudy.org/register> and then search for our session and register through the Hamstudy website. Reach out with any questions to Jarrod – KE8MBL at [hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun](mailto:hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun).

### **CARS**

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

### **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](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

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

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

### **The Findlay Radio Club**

The Findlay Radio Club sponsors an Exam Session the second Saturday of every month except September when we have our Hamfest. The Exam Session takes place at the Findlay Radio Club, 1333 West Sandusky St., Findlay Ohio 45839. The session begins at 9 AM. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. You can pre-register at [hamstudy.org](http://hamstudy.org). We can also give Exams remotely on-line on your schedule if you can't make to a session.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, February 3	Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6	Saturday, October 5

Saturday, June 1

Saturday, December 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

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

## VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

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

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

MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

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](http://www.milfordhamradio.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)  
Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)  
Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)  
Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)  
Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

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

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

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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

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**Your Club news should be listed here!**

I know you're out there doing things! Send me a write-up (MSWord please) and some photo's (.jpg please) and we'll get your club hi-lited here for the other OH Section Clubs to see! Send to [WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG](mailto:WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG)

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**ARLD034 DX news**

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by 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.

ZAMBIA, 9J. Pista, HA5AO will be QRV as 9J2AO near an area of Victoria Falls from September 14 to 23. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. Look for special event station A60ARS, as well as stations A60ARS/0 through A60ARS/20 to be QRV from September 17 to 23 to commemorate the 94th National Day of Saudi Arabia. QSL via operators' instructions.

CHILE, CE. Members of Radioclub El Trauko on Chiloe Island, IOTA SA-018, are QRV with special call signs 3G7CW and 3G7RLN through September, with a focus on September 17. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and other modes. September 17, 1898 was the day Ramon Luis Norero put a wireless telegraph system into operation across the Chacao Channel between Chiloe and mainland Chile. QSL both calls direct to CE7DE.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FO. Paula, NX1P is QRV as FO/NX1P until October 1. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

JERSEY, GJ. Tev, TA1HZ is QRV as MJ/TA1HZ until September 16. This includes being an entry in the Worked All Europe DX SSB contest. QSL via LoTW. In addition, look for Peter, ON8ZZ and Fred, ON8ZL to be QRV as MJ/OT9Z from September 13 to 15. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters. This also includes being an entry in the Worked All Europe DX SSB contest. QSL via ON8ZL.

HAITI, HH. Special call sign 4V1SAVANNAH will be QRV from September 16 to October 20 to commemorate the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Savannah, an encounter of the American War of Independence. QSL via N2OO.

SAUDI ARABIA, HZ. Special call signs HZ94ND, 7Z94ND, and 8Z94ND are QRV until September 23 to commemorate the 94th National Day of Saudi Arabia. QSL via operators' instructions.

ST. VINCENT, J8. Brian, GW4DVB is QRV as J88PI from Palm Island, IOTA NA-025, until September 21. Activity is on 40, 20, 17, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

SVALBARD, JW. Operators LB5SH and LB0VG are QRV as JW/LB5SH and JW/LB0VG, respectively, from Spitsbergen Island, IOTA EU-026, until September 15. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes being active as JW2T in the Worked All Europe DX

SSB contest. QSL via LoTW.

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

TUVALU, T2. Maxim, OH7O is QRV as T2M until September 16. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mostly SSB with some QRS CW. QSL via operator's instructions.

SOMALIA, T5. A group of operators are QRV as 6O3T from Northern Somalia until September 30. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and MSHV FT8. QSL via operators' instructions.

KAZAKHSTAN, UN. Uwe, DL8UD is QRV as UN/DL8UD until September 19. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly SSB. This includes being an entry in the Worked All Europe DX SSB contest possibly using a shorter contest call. QSL to home call.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Rikk, WE9G is QRV as V4/WE9G from Frigate Bay on St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until September 17. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using mainly FT8 and FT4 with some CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Harald, DF2WO is QRV as XT2AW until September 22. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB and FT4, and on Satellite QO-100. QSL via LoTW.

INDONESIA, YB. A group of operators will be QRV as 7E4M from Mendanau Island, IOTA OC-144, from September 14 to 16. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. This will be the first ever activity from this Island. QSL via LoTW.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLAND, ZD9. Lance, W7GJ is QRV as ZD9GJ from Tristan da Cunha, IOTA AF-029, until October 1. Activity is primarily on 6 meters EME using Q65-60A in the Q65 Pileup mode. This may include some 6 meter TEP with SSB or FT8 as well. QSL direct to home call.

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# Upcoming *Hamfests*



## *Ohio Hamfests*

**2024**

**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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DX This Week – 09/14/2024

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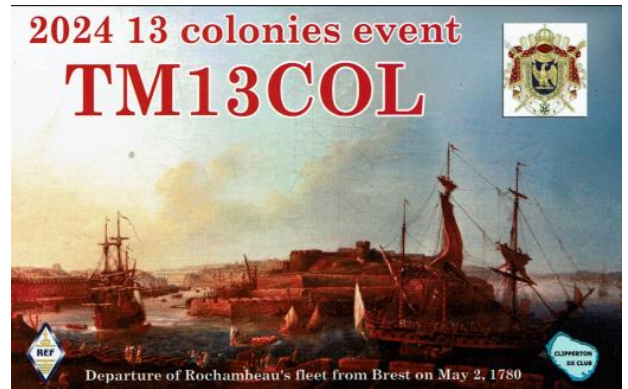
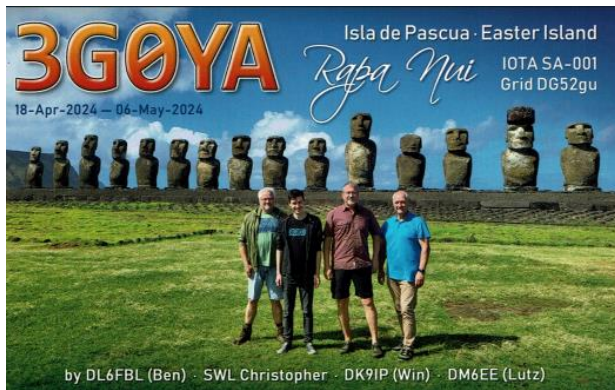
*Welcome to Episode 300 of the “DX this Week”!* I don't know that I have held a job this long before!

I would like to thank Scot, N8SY, for getting me involved and Tom, WB8LCD, for his encouragement, professionalism, and friendship! Of course, I would like to thank those of you that read this every week and send me emails with information and comments. They are all appreciated!

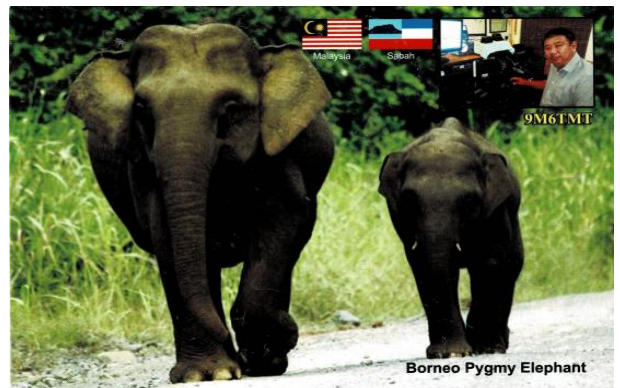
Speaking of emails received, I have two that I would like to pass along.

From N8YDM, Jim Kelley, he passed along “Here are two of the coolest QSL cards that I received this week:”





Howard, N8HO, had this to say “It has taken me the best part of a year to confirm 9M6TMT, East Malaysia, for an All Time New One!”  
 Congratulations Howard. (The 9M6TMT card is to the right)



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

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

The **KH8T** DXpedition to **American Samoa** is QRV and appears to be going well. The team – N5DD, Don; KC5DJI, Amy; K5PI, Robert; and VE7KW, Keith – has been QRV on 160-6M CW, SSB, and FT8/FT4. They have provided daily updates; the most recent one reads, “Operated SSB on 10 and 15 yesterday, more today. CW and FT8 still going strong. Two or three stations on [the air] at most times. Over 8,300 QSOs so far. Rain prevented much antenna work on the 5th. We have received several comments about our FT8 time being off. We are running Meinberg, syncing to the Oceania time server pool, on all computers. Also checking with time.is several times daily; this site always reports our time as “exact.” We are still looking into it. Club Log Live Stream is still working well. Updates to MØURX and LoTW occur every day. Appreciate the support and donations coming in.”

Here is a second update. We know that we are getting a lot of requests for more SSB/CW and less FT8. There are only 3 of us here. Still a lot of antenna work going on, that takes at least 2 people. So rather than take 2 stations off- line we decided to have the 1 person staying inside run all 3 radios on FT8. When on FT8 there is no end to the number of stations calling.

Low bands – We have the low band antenna up. Right now, it is configured for 80. There is a lot of local noise on all bands especially the low bands. We plan to run a station on 80 FT8 at our sunset and our sunrise (5:18z and 17:21z) tonight. Next week we may reconfigure the vertical for 160 and or 60.

Here is a final update. After a few days, we have over 17,000 QSOs in the log. We are continuing with all modes. We are still dealing with local noise, and we think it is coming from powerlines and streetlights. This makes it difficult to dig out weaker stations. The low band vertical was completed yesterday and configured for 80. We had one station on 80 FT8 all night and made 400 QSOs. Plan is to configure for 60 and 160 later in the week.

We encountered N1MM issues after we hit 13,000 QSOs in the log. When typing in a callsign it would not appear for a few seconds This delay made it very difficult when logging CW or SSB. The solution was to save the existing log and create a new log.

LiveStream as well as MØURX and LoTW uploads are continuing to work well. For any stations who believe that they were logged incorrectly the process is, if possible, work us again before Sept 16. (We do not mind dupes.) Or, wait until after Sept 16, then use the Log Check Request button on the MØURX web site.

Our Logs are uploaded in real-time, and our operators do not have the ability to edit them.

The team greatly appreciates and is continued to be encouraged by the support and donations coming in.

Thanks  
Don

Mark your calendars for January 2025 for a Multi-call **Marquesas** DXpedition. The F6KJS club is planning a DXpedition to Marquesas January 12-27, 2025. **TX7N** will be on Hiva Oa (OC-027). They plan to operate with four distinct callsigns, 160-6M and satellite, CW, SSB, and digital modes with five stations. Satellite will be on 70 cm, and an EME station will be on 23 cm. Both will use callsign TX7MAS. In the REF Cup event they will use the callsign TX1ØØREF, and in the CQ Worldwide 160 Meter Contest, CW, they will use TX7WW. Operators include F6BCW, F6FMC, F5LRL, F5SDD, F5VHQ, F8GGV, F8ATS, F4GLD, F4ISZ, F1MNX, EA1SA, HB9GWJ, OK2WX and SP5APW. In support of this effort will be F8FKI, Europe and world pilot; and F6EXV, handling QSLs, Club Log, and OQRS. FO5MD will help with logistics in Polynesia, and F1COB is webmaster.

Dates have been announced for C8K, the **Mozambique** DXpedition. Planning is underway for a DXpedition to Mozambique January 18-February 1, 2025, with the callsign C8K. Operators will include OK1BOA, Petr; OK1FCJ, Petr; OK1CRM, Palo; OK1GK, Pavel; OK2ZA, Ruda; OK2ZC, Ludek; OK2ZI, Karel; and OK6DJ, David. This will be an all-band, all-mode operation, on 160-6M (including 60M) CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8/FT4, and PSK. They will also be on the QO-100, RS-44, and IO-117 satellites. If local internet is available, they plan to use Club Log Live Stream. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS, and LoTW.

TA2IMG, Mustafa, has been in the **Ivory Coast** since 2016. He has recently been issued the callsign **TU5ML**. Mustafa has an ICOM IC-7300, double bazooka antennas, and a 40M delta loop. Listen for him on 160-6M SSB and FT8, as well as QO-100.

F6ICX, Eric, will be back in **Madagascar** from October until the end of this year. His radio activities as **5R8IC** will be during his “free time periods.” He will mainly be on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10M CW. Due to QRN, he will not be on 160 or 80M.

He runs 100W to a dipole on 40M, half-wave antenna on 30 through 15M, and a two-element HB9CV on 10 meters. The best times to listen for him are during “morning periods gray line for U.S.A.” and the end of the day on the high bands. QSL direct or via the bureau to F6ICX and LoTW.

German ops DK1BT, Manfred; DL4WK, Wolf; DL6SAK, Annette; DL7BO, Tom; and DL7UFR, Frank; are heading to the **Kingdom of Eswanti**. They will be using the callsign **3DA0DL** from October 25 to November 9. Plans are to have 5 stations and be active on 160 through 10 meters on CW, SSB and digital modes. Equipment will include 3 IC-7300, 2 IC-705 along with amplifiers. They will have verticals for 160 and 80 meters, loops for 60, 40 and 30 meters, a Spiderbeam for 20-10m, a Spiderbeam for 30-12m, loops for 20, 15 and 10m, an HB9CV for 17 and 12m and a Beverage.

Pilot stations for this DXpedition are DL7DF - [dl7df@t-online.de](mailto:dl7df@t-online.de) and DF3CB - [bernd@df3cb.com](mailto:bernd@df3cb.com) QSL via DL7UFR and LoTW.

Next month ZL4TE, Pete, is heading to **Samoa** where he will be QRV operating holiday style as **5W0TE**. He's taking an IC-705 and will be running 10 watts into an EFHW for activity from October 3-10. Pete will be mostly on CW with some FT8 and SSB for the POTA and WWFF gang. Listen



for him on 40, 20 and 10 meters. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. QSL via ZL4TE with SAE and 4US \$, OQRS and LoTW.

Starting later this month **KH0/KC0W**, Tom, plans to be QRV on AO-91, ISS, SO-50, SO-121 and PO-101 in the **Mariana Islands**. He believes those from "Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Northern Australia, Guam, Korea, Taiwan or far Eastern China (Shanghai) the Chances of a Successful QSO are Excellent".

**S21DX**, scheduled for December 13-19 is a DXpedition to Dhal Char, **Bangladesh**. There will be "a lot of youth operators" who have joined the team. Organizers hope they will get more interested in DXing through this experience in the coming days, as they do some prep sessions, including making a K9AY antenna and other antennas.

YL Raka, the XYL Of S21RC, has a callsign now, S21YLJ, and she has joined the operation.

**T88DT** and **T88RC** operated by JH1OLB and JH1FFW will be November 14-20 from the **Palau** Radio Club.

ZL1DO, Mark, will be on holiday in the **South Cook Islands** today through September 17, with the **E51DOO** callsign. He has a Yaesu 710 with him and "an assortment of wire portable antennas." Mark is not sure how often he will get on the air, with family activities planned.

**KH2/JH3DJX**, will be from the Reef Hotel in Tamuning, **Guam**, September 29 to October 1. He will have an FT-757GX, 100 watts, to a fishing rod antenna with tuner, 40-10M CW and FT8. QSL through the bureau to his home callsign.

If you are someone who likes podcasts and/or YouTube episodes, The DX Mentor has a discussion with Dave, AA6YQ, about his groundbreaking, and FREE, station control suite of software products, otherwise known as DXLab. 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 contest that I am gearing up for is the CQWW RTTY DX contest. I have had great experiences in this contest over the years and have made some great friends and picked up some good DX in the process.

I checked the CQWW RTTY website to see how many folks have been active in this contest. I was very surprised to see that participation had gone up last year by over 5%. There were 3,357 logs submitted in the 2023 contest. Of course, this is only the logs submitted. For instance, I could only spend about 3

hours in the contest last year and did not submit a log – I should have to help validate some of the QSOs, but time just got away from me.

If you are currently using FT8, you have everything you need to participate in this contest, even if only for a small amount of time.

The two applications that I have used for RTTY are TrueTTY and MMTTY. Since I use DXLab for all my shack functions, and MMTTY is built in, I have settled on that.

As many hams will be dusting off the RTTY software and testing it before the contest, there should be an uptick in activity over the next couple of weeks. Give it a try and let me know how you do!

<b>Contest</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
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



Well the Fellow Upstairs must not have thought I should play radio last Saturday with my home station participation in the annual Ohio State Parks on the Air operating event/contest. Although a few entries were made in the log, the body just said “Chill it this year!” My observation of the limited time on the air was although there was a good number of stations operating, most of the activity related to POTA with the OSPOTA as a afterthought. It will be interesting to see what the final totals indicate.

As you read this, the historic WWII landing craft LST 325 has wrapped up its visit to Marietta and now is heading down river to his Evansville, IN base. The ship has 2 meters as well as HF on board and uses the WW2LST call sign. When in motion the ship can be tracked on 30 meter APRS. They are also known to show up on simplex and repeaters along the way. Visit the website at [www.lstmemorial.org](http://www.lstmemorial.org) for more information. This historic restored ship is quite an experience to just see, let alone to get to be on board.

Speaking of Marietta, the *Marietta Times* recently had an article about the plans of the **Parkersburg ARK** to conduct an on-site Parks on the Air operation from Blennerhassett Island. Because of the unique conditions to activate the island, it is a much sought after activation to make contact with.

About three years ago the **Buffalo 10 Meter Net** and the Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre teamed up with a rather unique project drawing upon a non-radio event to expose people to amateur radio. They combined a vintage and classic car show with a swapfest on the funeral home’s grounds in Belpre. It must of worked because it returns this year on September 21. Thanks to **Scioto Valley ARA** President Jesse Stanley, KD8CHP, for letting me know that flyers for the

annual hamfest on October 5 at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Piketon are now available. On October 26 the **Vinton County ARA** hosts their first swap fest at the McArthur Community Center in McArthur. Then November 9 finds the **Grant ARA** making a hamfest comeback in Georgetown.



Bill Garringer, N8SBT, reminds all amateurs in the Fayette County area of the movement of the **Fayette ARA** monthly breakfast gathering to the Ranchers Restaurant in Washington CH. The next gathering will be on Saturday morning, September 21. Also on the 21<sup>st</sup> the **Jackson County ARA** will meet at the Faith Lutheran Church, Huron Street, in Jackson. The meeting begins at 6 PM.

All amateurs are urged to attend.

Also the 21<sup>st</sup> has the **Clinton County ARA** participating in a Safety Day at Cowan Lake State Park. The event starts at 10 AM and runs until 2 at the Lake's campground at 1750 Osborne Road, Wilmington. The Clinton County EMA, Red Cross, the Department of Natural Resources, local fire departments and life squads as well as a medical helicopter will participate.

September 22 begins a license class leading to a Technician ticket. This multi-week class is sponsored by the **Bellbrook ARC** and concludes with a test on November 18. Classes run from 7 to 9 each evening at 51 South East Street in Bellbrook. For more information check the [www.bellbrookara.org](http://www.bellbrookara.org) website.

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 monthly **Clinton County ARA** Last Saturday Breakfast will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> at Sam's Deli and Meats in Wilmington. The good time social event gets underway at 8:30.

With Summer about to end, it usually means that hamfests are too. The **Scioto Valley ARA** will conduct their annual hamfest at the Pike County Fairgrounds in Piketon on October 5. In addition to the hamfest, there will be a license testing session for those interested in a first license or upgrade. On October 26 the Vinton County ARC will hold their first W8VCO Swap Fest from 8 AM until noon at the Community Building in McArthur. Many amateurs in Southwestern Ohio and Northern Kentucky are celebrating the return of the **Grant RC** hamfest after a multiyear absence because of COVID. Although a bit out of the South 40 Region, these hamfests do attract several of our readers and news contributors in their respective part of the Region. The **KY4ARC** Hamfest will be held in Paintsville, KY on September 28 at the Paintsville Recreation Center from 8 AM until 1 PM. Checkout the [www.ky4arc.com](http://www.ky4arc.com) website for details. As our region extends to West Virginia on the East, those in that area may have an interest knowing the

**Hancock Auxcom Team** will hold their second H.A.T. fest at the Chester, WV Park on October 5 from 10 AM until 4. Check [www.HATFEST@wv8hat.org](http://www.HATFEST@wv8hat.org) for more info.

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 does to provide Christmas gifts to youngster in other parts of the world, 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 past actions and pledged to raise enough funds to donate sufficient funds to a hammer and at least another basic tool to insert in 30 boxes. To date the response has been exceptional and allows for more items to be inserted than planned. 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. 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. The OCC Shoebox Program is a nationally qualified charity and donations can be used for tax deduction purposes. The Church has notified HARA a photo of the Club will be placed in each box that bears the tools.

October 12 will be a busy day for the **Athens County ARA**. On that date they will assist with communications for the upcoming Buckeye Trail Runs. They will assist with the 10K and half-marathon events. Jeff Slattery states they still need some volunteers to assist at locations along the way. If you can assist or be on standby, please let Jeff Slattern, N8SUZ, hear from you at 740-541-0972. This year's run will use a revised leg in order for the course not having to cross a busy State highway.

After what seemed to be a dry spell, it's nice to report some new folks earning their first ham radio license. Let's put out the welcome mat to the following: Timothy Summers, Sabina, KF8CCR; Scott Bowland, Lancaster, KF8CDA; Dennis Murphy, Washington CH, KF8CDB; Andrew Pillsbury, Crooksville, KF8CDD and Nicholas McCune, Milford, KF8CDG. Let's seek out these folks and see how you can assist their starting on what might be a life-long love affair with amateur radio. Too many new licensees lose interest within months of earning a license because no one steps forward to help them assemble stations or just to talk to them. Offer them a ride to a meeting or other activity and be willing to answer what might appear to be "dumb" questions. Please do your part to get these folks started on the right foot.

Tom Delaney, W8WTD, lets us know the **Queen City Emergency Net** is starting a seven week course leading to passing the Amateur Extra License. The course starts on September 16 at the Red Cross Building in Cincinnati. Sessions begin at 7 PM. Tom also advises us a five-week

Technician and General class will start on September 30 at the Red Cross. It too will begin at 7 PM. A license test will be conducted at the conclusion of the classes on November 2.

Although some may disagree, Ohio’s largest industry is agriculture. Ohio’s largest event honoring the farming community is the Ohio State University sponsored Ohio Farm Science Review. This year that event will be held September 17, 18 and 19 just South of I-70 near London. In recognition of the event the **Madison County ARC** will activate a special event station honoring the 62th annual event. They will operate daily starting at 1200 UTC on 10, 15, 20 and 40 meter sideband using the special K8A call sign. Special QSL cards will be available after the event ends. [www.mcarcoh.org](http://www.mcarcoh.org) for info. Thousands attend this event featuring millions of dollars worth of agricultural equipment, demonstrations, exhibits, seminars and food. It’s kind of like a HamVention for farmers and those of us who grew up on a farm!



Well that’s it for this weeks travels down the highways and by-ways of the very dry Ohio’s South 40. Here’s hoping each of our readers has an enjoyable week and finds some time to be radio active.

John Levo, W8KIW

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## Ohio Section Traffic Report August 2024

### Ohio Section Nets August 2024

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BNE	151	44	292	31	N2LC
BNL	63	48	229	31	WB9LBI
OSN	39	24	375	22	N2LC
OSSBN	1263	466	2508	93	KC8WH

### Ohio Section PSHR Reports August 2024

Call	Nets	Traffic	Vol Pos	PSH	EPSH	PM DS	Total
AD8CM	40	40	10	375	0	10	475
WA3EZN	40	40	30	250	0	10	370
N2LC	40	40	30	125	0	20	255

KE8ANW	40	8	0	165	0	0	213
N8SY	40	20	30	50	0	40	180
AC8NP	40	40	10	40	5	40	175
W8DJG	40	31	20	15	5	20	131
KV8Z	23	34	10	45	0	10	122
K8MDA	40	31	30	0	0	20	121
KE4RS	40	40	10	30	0	0	120
WB8YYS	40	17	10	20	20	10	117
KF8ATJ	40	22	0	55	0	0	117
KL7RF	40	40	10	15	10	0	115
KD8UUB	40	40	10	20	0	0	110
KC8WH	40	40	30	0	0	0	110
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	100
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W8MAL	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
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**OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – AUGUST 2024**

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KA1G	30	N2LC	68	N8SY	20
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**Ohio Section Nets August 2024**

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OSSBN	1263	466	2508	93	KC8WH

Ohio Section PSHR Reports August 2024

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KE8ANW	40	8	0		165	0	0	213
N8SY	40	20	30		50	0	40	180
AC8NP	40	40	10		40	5	40	175
W8DJG	40	31	20		15	5	20	131
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#### OHIO HF TRAFFIC NETS

BN(E)	Buckeye Net Early - CW
BN(L)	Buckeye Net Late – CW
OSN	Ohio Slow Net - CW
OSSBN	Ohio Single Sideband Net – Phone

#### OHIO VHF TRAFFIC NETS

BRTN	Burning River Traffic Net serving Cleveland and North Central Ohio
COTN	Central Ohio Traffic Net serving Columbus and Central Ohio
TATN	Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net
TCTTN	Tri-County Traffic and Training Net serving North East Ohio

## Ohio DMR Net Report

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

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

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

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



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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/>

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

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

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

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