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#### **Cleveland Hamfest**

I was on the opposite end of the state (again) but it looks like the Ohio Section was well represented by Anthony (K8ZT), Scott (N8SY), Jeff (K8JTK) and Bob (W2THU)!







I know I've missed quite a few over the last couple months, and I *really do* enjoy getting out to as many fests as I can every year. If all goes well, I'll finish up this years hamfest schedule at the MARC Hamfest at MAPS. I hope you'll have the chance to stop out and see me there, and enjoy the unique venue where this fest is held.

I want to congratulate the Clubs, and Individual Hams of the Ohio Section on the number of special events and activities that have taken place across the Ohio Section this year! For a hobby that "allegedly" is in decline, if you're a Ham in the Ohio Section there's an awful lot of stuff for you to participate in, and a lot of it is in locations that are open to the public. As the non-ham public sees us out, having fun, and doing some pretty interesting activities, it will dawn on them what an *awesome* hobby Amateur Radio is! I believe we will start seeing the results of that in this Fall and Winters "new ham" and license upgrade classes that many of you are planning!

Now, the best way we can follow up all of those activities is to make ourselves easy to find with accurate information on our upcoming meetings and activities. First off, make sure all of your club information with the ARRL is complete and up to date. Next up is your website and/or Facebook page. It's better not to have a page than to have a page with outdated and incorrect information. I once wanted to get involved with a club and per that clubs web-page, showed up for the meeting on a cold February night. There were people at the meeting place – but no Hams. They told me that the club hadn't met at that location for the past couple of years! I was pretty discouraged, but fortunately I was already a Ham, or I might have never become one with that welcome. Make sure that any public information that exists for your club is up to date! (and don't be too Geeky! Use local time and give actual addresses so people can find you.)

By the way, I want to give a special thanks to John – WG8X – for the work he's been doing revamping the Ohio Section website. <a href="www.arrl-ohio.org">www.arrl-ohio.org</a> If you haven't been to the site in awhile check it out! I know a lot of you have be the number of entries into the Handbook Giveaway that have been received. Our first winner in the revived contest was Bob Thomson – W5KBW from London, OH. Congratulations!

Share the Magic of Radio.

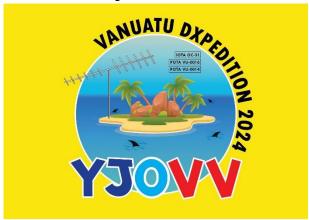
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# National News (from ARRL and other sources)

### Final Prep Underway for Vanuatu DXpedition



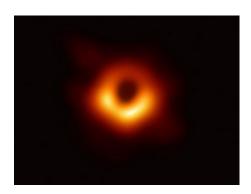
Four hams are packing over 500lbs of equipment in suitcases and making their final plans for a DXpedition to Vanuatu, a small island nation between Australia and Fiji. Expect to hear them on the air from October 16 through October 29. They will be operating two high power stations with a choice of seven 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.

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.

#### **News from NASA**



Here on Earth, it might not matter if your wristwatch runs a few seconds slow. But crucial spacecraft functions need accuracy down to one billionth of a second or less. The need for increasingly accurate timekeeping is why three NASA teams are honing clock precision and synchronization with innovative technologies like quantum and optical communications.

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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 otherestrictions 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 Stutent Membership** - https://form.jotform.com/241074273604047

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

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#### Get Ready for JOTA/JOTI

Jamboree On - The - Air (JOTA) and Jamboree On - The - Internet (JOTI) is the world's largest digital Scout event using amateur radio and the internet. The event, to be held October 18 - 20, 2024, connects scouts worldwide for a full weekend of online activities that promote friendship and global citizenship.

Millions of scouts participate and during the 2014 event, worldwide Scouting participation included 1.1 million Boy Scouts and 200,000 <u>Girl Guides/Girl Scouts</u>, for a total participation of over 1.3 million--the largest Scouting event in the world.



Amateur radio operators use their stations to allow the scouts to make contracts. While many scouts are licensed radio operators, the majority participate in JOTA/JOTI through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs. Some operators use television or computer-linked communications.

Throughout the years, JOTA/JOTI amateur radio stations have been set up in unusual locations including the top of a mountain or on a boat. The event also features a variety of informal education activities, including webinars, global campfires, talent shows, live shows, fun challenges and more through an interactive 3D campsite.

More information about JOTA/JOTI, including rules, regulations, callsigns and worldwide frequencies can be found at <u>Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) (arrl.org)</u>. Additional information is available in the <u>JOTA-JOTI Ham Radio Handbook</u>.

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#### Club Corner

This is YOUR cornner 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 you 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.

#### **VE Sessions:**

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

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

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

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

Pre-Registration is required, and open the 1st of each testing month. All information is available at <a href="http://www.ae8fp.net/">www.ae8fp.net/</a>

#### **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/.

<u>All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)</u> 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 <a href="https://hamstudy.org/register">https://hamstudy.org/register</a> 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 <a href="www.2cars.org">www.2cars.org</a> 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: <a href="mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com">buzz@baylorhill.com</a>

#### **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 <a href="mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com">exams.w8bi@gmail.com</a>

#### **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 <a href="hamstudy.org">hamstudy.org</a>. We can also give Exams remotely on-line on your schedule if you can't make to a session.

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

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

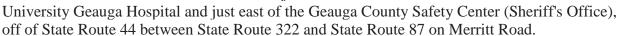
The next meeting (Feb 15) will cover the same topic. Bring your laptop!

#### Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

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

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

Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. The EOC is located just south of the



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 <a href="mailto:n8jmw2@gmail.ccom">n8jmw2@gmail.ccom</a> or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <a href="https://geaugaara.org">https://geaugaara.org</a>

#### **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, 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)**

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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.

#### **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. <a href="ewilkinson1951@gmail.com">ewilkinson1951@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="https://www.w8zx.net/exam">www.w8zx.net/exam</a> or email <a href="https://www.w8zx.net/exam">VETEAM@N8BAG.NET</a>.

#### 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 3rd - 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 sessios begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit <a href="https://w8wky.org/license-exams/">https://w8wky.org/license-exams/</a>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <a href="https://w8wky.org/sara-vo-registration-form/">https://w8wky.org/sara-vo-registration-form/</a>. Sign up and if you aren't ready or can't make it.

at <a href="https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/">https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/</a>. 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

## **Highland County Amateur Radio Association honors memory of Tom Archibald**



Pictured ARA Secretary/Treasuer Kathy Levo, N8ZNR, and Lisa Archibald, the wife of Tom Archibald, K8TDA.

By John Levo

#### **Highland County Amateur Radio Association**

The Highland County amateur radio community recently lost a member and dear friend, Tom Archibald, K8TDA. Tom was one of those quiet people who would do anything for another person, even if they had just met.

During the services, the minister stated Tom's favorite charity was the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. At Christmas time, this program provides shoeboxes filled with items that children, 14 and under living in developing nations around the globe, can use or enjoy.

However, Archibald discovered the older boys receiving a shoebox often didn't receive something they could use after the sparkle of Christmas was past. He took it upon himself to purchase hammers to insert into the boxes designated for an older boy.

That story touched his fellow Highland Amateur Radio Association members, who then voted to continue Tom's hammer purchases in his memory. They pledged to raise enough funds to provide hammers to 30 shoeboxes.

Through HARA members and the generosity of others who know "Arch," they have raised sufficient funds to not only fill the original 30 boxes, but are close to doubling their goal.

Because of the overwhelming support, HARA also decided to place a metric tape measure, a roll of duct tape and a six point screwdriver in each box to accompany the hammer.

The Highland Amateur Radio Association is a group of approximately 100 Highland County residents who have Federal Communications Commission issued amateur radio licenses and have an interest in electronics, worldwide communications and emergency communications service through amateur radio.

Information about HARA and ham radio is available by contacting the Club at <a href="www.highlandara@gmail.com">www.highlandara@gmail.com</a> or 937-393-4951. You can also find amateur radio information at the American Radio Relay League's <a href="www.arrl.org">www.arrl.org</a> website.

#### What Comes After DHS AUXCOMM Course?

C. Matthew Curtin, KD8TTE

Are you ready to build on your training to qualify individually to the Auxiliary Communicator standard and complete the Position Task Book? Now is the time to register for the twenty-three week qualification course that turns the theoretical into the practical!

When it's time to use our radio equipment and skills for the benefit of served agencies, we have learned and expect to use the Incident Command System (ICS) and the structure of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Part of that includes our service as volunteers to the agency, not as members of a non-government agency, but as individuals qualified to standards expected by the agency.

Many of us have completed the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) course to carry a qualification recognized in the world of NIMS. The course is great for giving practical hands-on exposure to planning communication circuits and integrating into agencies to fit the needs of the task ahead.

When it comes to the individual qualification for the Auxiliary Communicator (AUXC), DHS helpfully published a Position Task Book (PTB) that spells out the tasks that agencies can expect AUXCs to be able to perform. NIMS doctrine allows for this to be augmented with additional tasks to be standardized at state and local levels.

This isn't a replacement for the League's Field Organization or its programs—it's a means to train and qualify individual volunteers to meet standards articulated by agencies to work at a statewide level. Over the course of twenty-three weeks there are five in-person meetings (once monthly) in Columbus, weekly task assignments, ample opportunity to discuss the task in an email group and in video conference, and three opportunities to participate in the statewide communication network each week. On a task-by-task basis, volunteers are qualified by a state agency. Some complete the entire task book, and others get started in the journey. Either way, there is learning and achievement.

AUXC candidates and those who have completed the qualification have made a few remarks about what to expect.

- "Excellent course to be able to "put it all together" in Auxcomm terms. The more exposure and experience to digital comms and non ham protocols/signals etc the better. Not focused on casual operator who just wants to feel like he is a part of Emergency comms."
- "Practical and effective. Focused/Immersive."
- "Takes you from talking about it to doing it."

Register now to apply for the Ohio AUXC Qualification Course!

- "Good at amateur radio? Good at EmComms? Good on public safety radio? Like, really good? Come get even better, train up to military standards. You'll need the right knowledge, skills, attitude, equipment: train to get the communications tasks accomplished. Major time and effort commitment: totally worth it."
- "Difficult, but well worth the effort."
- "The best thing about the course is the no fault training environment. No one was belittled for failing a task; rather, they were encouraged to tackle it again. Along this line, I felt that only those things that were truly mastered were marked as "trained", i.e., there was no pencil whipping. Consequently, I believe such training creates confidence."
- "This was an awesome experience and I am better for the experience and proud of my achievement."

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#### Cuyahoga Falls ARC Online Tech License Classes Start Oct 6th

The Cuyahoga Falls ARC will sponsor Technician and General Licensing Classes this fall and winter. The Tech class starts on Oct 6 and will run for six weeks. Time is 1:30 to 4:00 PM, and the classes will be held online via Zoom and Google Classroom. For more information, you can visit *tiny.cc/beaham*.

I know what you are thinking: "Why would I be reading this if I didn't already have my Tech License?" That's partially true; we are running this article because we need your help. Potential Hams do not know about licensing classes or how Amateur Radio Licensing works. So we need you to find potential new Hams and inform them about the class.

Here are some suggestions on how to do this:

- 1. **Tell someone** give them this link <u>tiny.cc/beaham</u> (email it to them, print it out, text it to them, call them on the phone, send it in a letter or card, attach it to a small gift or snack, etc.) and if they ask, "What is Amateur Radio?" give them this link <u>tiny.cc/wiar</u>.
  - a. Do you have a spouse, child, parent, or other family member who is interested in getting started in Amateur Radio?



- b. Do you have friends or neighbors interested in getting started in Amateur Radio?
- c. Do you have co-workers interested in getting started in Amateur Radio?
- 2. **Do you have a place to put up a flyer** (work, school, library, restaurant, store, etc.)? Here are links to two printable flyers: Flyer A & Flyer B

What's different about these classes? In addition to teaching the material you need to pass the exam, we will devote time to things that will get you one the air and operating!

This year, we will be working in conjunction with the <u>M.O.R.E.</u> <u>Project</u>. Students who complete the class and pass the license exam will be eligible to receive a GOTA (Get On The Air) package of free equipment, including a VHF/UHF HT.



Because we draw attendees from around the country, we always recommend they join a local radio club. If you recommend this class to someone, please let them know about your local club so they can find mentors in their area.



## Fall 2024 Technician Licensing Classes

Hello MCARC Newsletter subscribers...

## Please consider printing out the attached flyer to distribute/post

to friends, family, public bulletin boards, libraries, schools and anywhere people may have an interest in Amateur Radio .

INTRODUCTORY Amateur Radio Classes \* No Morse code required \* Will prepare you for the FCC Element 2, Technician Class License exam—35 multiple choice questions to get YOU on the air!

October 9, 2024 begins seven Wednesday classes, 7:00-9:00pm at the Medina County Career Center (JVS)

No charge for classes.

Last class is exam session – walk away with a Technician License.

Email Jane@K8JGR.radio for more info and sign-up

Click here for Flyer

#### 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

#### ARLD035 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.

TANZANIA, 5H. Vlad, OK2WX is QRV as 5H1WX from Mafia Island, IOTA AF-054, until October 6. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via I8KHC.

BOTSWANA, A2. Pista, HA5AO will be QRV as A25AO from Chobe National Park from September 24 to October 4. QSL to home call.

OMAN, A4. Special event station A43KSA is QRV until September 26 as part of Saudi Arabia National Day. QSL direct.

NIUE, E6. Fred, DH5FS is QRV as E6FS from Kaliki Lodge until September 30. Activity is holiday style on various HF bands. QSL to home call.

SPAIN, EA. Special event station EG2AMCUP is QRV until October 29 during the 37th America's Cup being held in Barcelona. QSL via EA3MM.

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

SCOTLAND, GM. Members of the Guisborough and District Amateur Radio Club will be QRV as MS0NYM from the Isle of Lewis, IOTA EU-010, from September 22 to 26. QSL direct to G0UOK.

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

GREENLAND, OX. Henning, OZ2I is QRV as XP2I from Kangerlussuaq, IOTA NA-018, until September 22. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using only CW. This includes being an entry in the Scandinavian Activity CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

GREECE, SV. Dirk, ON5CT is QRV as SV8/ON5CT from Samos Island, IOTA EU-049, until October 6. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using SSB, RTTY, and FT8. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX RTTY contest. QSL via LoTW.

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.

MALI, TZ. Jeff, TZ4AM is QRV until September 30. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using mostly CW and SSB. QSL via KX4R.

ST, KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. John, W5JON is QRV as V47JA from St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until October 1. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

NAMIBIA, V5. Gunter, DK2WH is QRV as V51WH from Omaruru until November 12. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters, including 60 meters, using SSB, FT8, and possibly CW. He will be active as V55Y in various contests. QSL to home call.

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.

Please see September QST, page 73, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

# Upcoming *Hamfests*



## Ohio Hamfests

## 2024

10/05/2024 - Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio

Club (NWOARC) Hamfest

**Location:** Lima, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club,

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Website: http://www.nwoarc.com

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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

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12/07/2024 - Winter Hamfest

Location: Archbold, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: FCARC

**Website:** https://k8bxq.org/hamfest

Learn More

If you have information for your 2025 hamfest get it into the ARRL! As soon as I see them approved and added to the ARRL site, I'll start getting them listed here.

DX This Week - 09/21/2024

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

You can tall that fall is almost here, and the sunspot numbers are staying up. 15 Meters has been great up until about 10 PM. I can remember when 20 was open 24 hours for days in a row. Hope that returns this fall.

I received an email from Bob, K8AAC, with the question. "You mentioned tail-ending in one of your podcasts. What does that mean? Is it a skill I should learn?"



Great question Bob. Imagine that you are a reporter at a press conference, and you want to have the person of interest call on you next. The normal approach is to try to shout louder than the reporters next to you hoping that the person will hear you and then select you. You have a one in X chance of getting picked next.

However, what if you were to just throw your name out right after the previous question was answered, but before the interviewee says, "Next Question"? Chances are you will be heard. This could be called "tail-ending".

Using this technique with SSB or CW can achieve the same results. For example, let's say that P5DX is working a pileup. He has been sending the following after each QSO,

P5DX: AJ8B 599. AJ8B: 599 TU & GL P5DX: UP 10 to 20 All Callers call at once!

However, tail-ending might be used in this scenario

P5DX: AJ8B 599. AJ8B: TU & GL.

Now, at the very end of the GL, W8GEX sends "GEX"

P5DX: The GEX station, go

This can be a very effective strategy. You need to pay attention to three things.

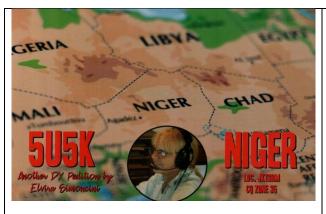
#1 – If the DX station has said "Full Calls Only" then you really need to pass along your full call.

#2- Listen to the pileup. Some stations don't like tail ending and won't work you.

#3 – It does take some practice!

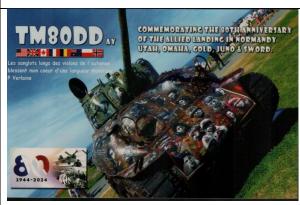
It really is an effective strategy at times and just another tool to keep in your toolbox. Thanks Bob, good question!

I received some great QSL cards the past couple of weeks. 5U5K was from Elvira's DXpedition to Niger, CX1T – is the Radio Club in Uruguay, FW8GC was from the LZ1GC DXpedition to Wallis & Futuna Islands, and the TM80DD QSL card is a special commemorative QSL card for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allied landings in Normandy, otherwise known as D-Day. What did you get?









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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 <a href="mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com">thedxmentor@gmail.com</a>

During October and November look for **PZ5JT** to be QRV "from **Suriname** during the jungle training of the Royal Dutch Army and Marines". Members of the signal regiment will be active on SSB on 40, 20, 17,15 and 10 meters. The ops will be on in their spare time using military equipment from multiple locations.

Sometimes signing /M or /P "from more challenging <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/PZ5JT">https://www.qrz.com/db/PZ5JT</a>

We have an update on the recent CY9C, St. Paul Island, DXpedition. Bill, K5DHY, reports that OQRS is now open for CY9C. If possible, please be generous with donations. This was the first CY9 DXpedition that cost in excess of \$100K. The CY9C team utilized two helicopters as well as a boat to transport gear and team members to the island. Special thanks to Air Dolan and Breton Air Services for the helicopter support as well as Greg Lawrence for the boat transportation. Over four tons of gear, materials and supplies were transported to St Paul Island. As of today, the total Q count stands at 114,842! Thanks to all who were in the pileups. We experienced very interesting propagation during the DXpedition. Disturbed geomagnetic conditions were experienced for 3-4 days during the 10.5 days on the island. This reduced the number of Q's during those days. The team rotated operating shifts for the duration of the DX pedition. Overall, the weather was reasonably good during the time on the island with strong winds and occasional rain at times. St Paul is very exposed to the wind, but the team's new tents held up very well during the wind events. Any and all log questions should be emailed directly to: cy9dxpd@gmail.com Once again, the team plans for a beautiful, double folded, six panel QSL card. Thanks again to all of the foundations, clubs and individuals who supported the CY9C DXpedition. We could not have done it without your help and support!

73 - Murray WA4DAN & Glenn W0GJ

#### VK9/X - Christmas Island & VK9/C - Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Four Germans and one Australian are planning back-to-back DXpeditions to Christmas Island and then Cocos (Keeling) Islands in February and March 2025. DL2AWG, Guenter, will lead an experienced group of DXers including Elmar, DF4GV; Rainer, DL2AMD; Heye, DJ9RR; and Steve, VK6SJ. First stop will be from February 18 to March 4 at the Island Divers Villa on Christmas Island. Then they will go to the Beachcomber Cottage on Cocos (Keeling) where they will operate from March 4 to 12. Accommodations and flights have been "booked and confirmed".

The Christmas and Cocos DXpedition team "have valid CEPT licenses for VK9 (i.e. VK9/homecall), but [they] are in the application process for genuine VK9 licenses (callsigns to be announced as soon as issued)". They have requested the calls VK9XU for Christmas and VK9CU for Cocos (Keeling). They will be active on CW, SSB, FT4, FT8 and RTTY on 1.8 through 6 meters. Plans are to have three stations active around the clock. Equipment will include two Flex 6500's, one FTDX10 and an IC7300 along with three Acom 500S and one Expert 1.3K. As for antennas they plan to have a Hexbeam for 20-6 meters, DX-Commander vertical for 40-10 meters, J-Pole for 30 meters, Rhombic for 17 and 12 meters and verticals for 80 and 160 meters.

QSOs will be uploaded daily to Club Log and they may use Live Stream. QSL via DL2AWG and via OQRS on Club Log. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW three months after the DXpedition. The team is working on constructing a website for the DXpedition.

The **6O3T** operators headed to **Somalia** are safe but the DXpedition is in limbo. The 6O3T DXpedition team has run into unforeseen delays. They arrived safely, but their equipment is still held up by the customs process in Somalia. They wrote that

"While this is not an ideal situation, ...it is a normal part of the process and, as expected, it will take a few days before everything is completed." The operators are "safe, well fed, and in good health." Their goal is to be on the air within the next few days. Subscribers to The Daily DX and The Weekly DX will receive timely email notifications. In the meantime, we send our best wishes to the 6O3T team.

OZ2I, Henning, is heading to Black Ridge, Kangerlussuaq, **Greenland**, as **XP2I**, to participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW, September 21, 1200 UTC, to September 22, 1159 UTC. He will have an Elecraft K3S running 100W into a Spiderbeam for 20, 15 and 10M and dipoles for the low bands. Activity before the contest is possible; listen for him on 80-10M CW. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW. QSL via OQRS.

German operators DK1BT, Manfred; DL4WK, Wolf; DL6SAK, Annette; DL7BO, Tom; and DL7UFR, Frank, are heading to the **Kingdom of Eswatini**, where they will use the callsign **3DAØDL** October 25-November 9. Plans are to have five stations on 160-10M CW, SSB, and digital modes. Equipment will include three ICOM

IC-7300 and two ICOM IC-705 transceivers along with amplifiers. They will have verticals for 160 and 80M, loops for 60, 40, and 30M, a spider beam for 20-10M, another spider beam 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 and DF3CB. QSL via DL7UFR and LoTW.

## Here is a an EME and 6 Meter update from **ZD9GJ** regarding **Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island.**

Saturday September 14 - I put up an inverted V for 6m, using the Falling Derrick as a mast. It is oriented to radiate north/south. I figured a broad northern pattern might be optimum for TEP. I spliced all the extra cables I brought down with me and came up with around 50', which just reached the rig after 4 splices! Glad I brought all the adapters to join all the cables together! I worked another 30 EU stations on TEP. I quit early to take a nap before the Island Administrator's reception party for people who had arrived on the recent S.A. Agulhas II voyage. Sunday September 15 - I tried out EME during my moonset for the first time, since the Degradation was down, the Kp was down around 3, and the moon was starting to become lower. Faraday Rotation caused non-reciprocal signals between many stations, but it was an ideal time for me, since it was in the middle of the night and there was no high TEC in the way to interfere with the EME signals. It also was dead calm here, which is HIGHLY irregular. However, as my moon was setting, a wind out of the south started up and brought light snow flurries with it. Here are the first 23 6m EME stations worked so far: N7NR, N8RR, NU4E, N7IP, N0TB, K1UU, KJ9I, AA7A, K4PI, W9GA, PY2XB, W5ZN, N9IW, K9RX, K2ZD, NJ6P, N1DG, N6JV, W6UC, W7JW, K7KX, WA5VGI, NG7E. The weather forecast is frightening for the coming week, and I hope I can keep the antenna in the air!

GL and VY 73, Lance, ZD9GJ

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<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 <u>vanherridge@gmail.com</u>.

The hams are John Schroeder, K4QQG, from Hilton Head, SC; Nick Maslon, K1NZ / YJ0NZ, from Monson, MA; William "Savo" Savacool, K2SAV / YJ0SA from Schenectady, 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<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 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 10-40m 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.

Van Herridge N4VGE / YJ0VV 843-303-1885 vanherridge@gmail.com

Following up on our September 9th story of Polish DXpeditioners SP9FIH, Janusz, and SP6CIK, Leszek, going to Nosy Be Island (AF-057), **Madagascar** Janusz says the licenses are now in hand. They will be operating as **5R8WE** and **5R8CI** respectively from October 23 to November 6. Activity will be on CW, SSB and FT8, including SuperFox on 40 through 10 meters. They will have an IC-7300 and K3 along with two Expert 1.3K-FA amplifiers. They are still making final decisions as to their antennas but as of press time they plan on having two

element verticals on 40m, two element verticals on 30m, vertical on 20m, loops on 17 and 15m, three element beam on 12m, 3 element beam on 10m. They may be limited on space and won't erect two element verticals. They will be emphasizing activity on 10 and 12 meters. They have the plane booked and made a down payment on the cottage.

As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the **KH8T** DXpedition is now in the books with 43,064 QSOs in the log. Antennas are being taken down and suitcases packed. Flight to Honolulu late tonight and on to our home QTH in the following days. This was a great trip with new experiences had by all. All of us were motivated by the enthusiasm of the callers and interest and support in our expedition. 73, Don, N5DD / KH8T

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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# CORNER LS

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!

As I mentioned, I will be ramping up this coming week to participate in the CQWW RTTY contest. I will be on 20 Meters, most nights, to tweak the station, software, and my techniques. Hope to work you this week or in the contest!

Contact	Start	End	
Contest	Date	Date	
CQ WW DX Contest,	9/28/2024	9/29/2024	
Maine QSOP	9/28/2024	9/29/2024	
Oceania DX	10/5/2024	10/6/2024	
Contest, Phone			
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	10/12/2024	10/13/2024	
Contest, CW			
Pennsylvania QSOP	10/12/2024	10/13/2024	
South Dakota QSOP	10/12/2024	10/13/2024	
10-10 Intl. Fall	10/19/2024	10/20/2024	
Contest, CW			
New York QSOP	10/19/2024	10/20/2024	
Illinois QSOP	10/20/2021	10/21/2024	
CQ WW DX Contest,	10/26/2024	10/27/2024	
SSB			
CQ WW DX Contest,	11/23/2024	11/24/2024	
ARRL 160M contest	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	
ARRL 10M Contest	12/14/2024	12/15/2024	

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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... <a href="https://arrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/">https://arrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/</a>

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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: <a href="mailto:swap@arrlohio.org">swap@arrlohio.org</a>

#### Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

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