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**Merry Christmas to you All!**



**CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD**

Back by popular demand - OHIO ARES VHF Simplex Contest – January 18, 2025; 2:00PM EST – 6:00PM EST. The Ohio ARES VHF Simplex contest occurs concurrently with the first four hours of the [ARRL January VHF Contest](#). You can find all the details for the ARES Simplex contest at [Rules – Ohio VHF Simplex Contest](#). The Q’s you make will count for both contests! Sharpen up your ARES skills and get a great kick-off to the national contest. Just to help you all be just a bit more competitive, on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, Anthony – K8ZT will be doing an Ohio Section Zoom presentation on Contesting. The first part will be an intro to Contesting in general, and the second part will be specifically directed towards VHF and Simplex operations. The Zoom meeting information will go up on the Ohio Section website on January 1, 2025 and will be in the December 30 PostScript and the January 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Section Journal. During the contest you can look for me primarily on 6 meters looking to fill in some grids on my map.

## SWODXA Announces the DX Mentor Recognition Program

The Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) in conjunction with ICOM® America, Inc. is announcing a program to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have played a key role in helping other amateur radio operators achieve DXCC. The purpose of this program is not to bring recognition to those that achieve DXCC but rather to recognize those amateurs that assist others in achieving their first 100 confirmed entities. There is an application form and a judging committee staffed by SWODXA representatives and a representative from both the NCDXF and INDEXA. Those amateurs receiving the mentoring must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year for the award. The intent of targeting this audience is to attract and retain those amateurs that are most likely to remain engaged in the hobby after achieving DXCC. SWODXA is uniquely positioned to bestow this award at the annual SWODXA DX Dinner®. The DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention®, is arguably the largest gathering of active DXers in the world. We present the DXpedition of the Year Award®, the DXpeditioner of the Year Award, when applicable, and host the DX Forum there. CQ Magazine announces their CQ DX Hall of Fame inductees at the DX dinner as well. As a technology leader in our hobby, there is no better partner to promote and celebrate this award than ICOM. Ray, N9JA, has been a constant promoter of ham radio, even coining the phrase “For the Love of Ham Radio”. ICOM has selflessly supported amateur radio over the years and is taking this opportunity to promote the mentors of DX. Thanks to ICOM for their support! More information and the entry form can be found at [www.swodxa.org/DX Mentor-Program](http://www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program) or by emailing [thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com).

## SUNSPOT CYCLES

2024 is just about history for us. 2025 is coming on STRONG! Solar Cycle 25 (see what they did with those numbers?) is expected to peak in July 2025 with a projected sunspot number of approximately 115. That pretty much means that we are about to hit the best 12 months of radio propagation we may ever experience in our lifetime! You can expect the next 24-36 months to be outstanding. After that we're headed to the bottom of the cycle which is predicted to occur approximately 2030 sometime. Cycle 25 is well below the average cycle peak of 179. Cycle 19 peaked in 1958 with a peak of 285 (I was 5 years old then – not a ham). Cycle 21 peaked in December of 1979 at 233. (I had just upgraded to General in August and was an avid CW op for the next 5-10 years. It was a pretty exciting time to be a Ham!). Even though Cycle 25's peak is below average, it's still giving us some outstanding operating conditions. Certainly not as good as '58 and '79, but I'd still argue that we have the advantage, and lots of factors contribute to that advantage. First off, there's a lot more licensed Hams now than there were back then, therefore, more activity and opportunity. Our world is much more accessible to Hams now than back then, we can put a DXpedition at almost any spot on the planet – our capability to travel has been greatly improved. Finally, the science, technology and equipment that we have at our disposal today can outperform what we had back then exponentially!

We are truly NOW in the Golden Age of Amateur Radio! I predict there will be more excitement in 2025 than ever before and a Hams ability to reach out and make Q's will mean there will be more QSO's logged in this year coming up than ever before. Look at the list of upcoming DXpeditions for 2025 and you'll see that those who are looking to make big things happen are betting on 2025 to be a good one.

So now I've got to ask you, What are you going to do about it? You've got two choices:

1. Sit on your couch, watch TV and complain about the sunspot peak being so low that you couldn't make a Q on two tin cans with a string tied between them, or,
2. Get out there and make it happen!

I'll admit that I know of folks in both categories. I'm going to try to stay away from the folks in category 1 and surround myself with the folks in category 2. I'm going to be at the club meetings and events. I'm going to be at the Hamfests (especially Hamvention – and I will continue to beat the drum that for those of us in the OHIO Section – The largest gathering of Ham Radio operators in the world is in our own backyard! If you aren't there, .....I have no words for it.....) I'm going to be improving my station and my skill level. And most importantly, I'm going to put my butt in the chair and get on the air!

I'm excited. This is going to be a very good year!

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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## *National News*

*(from ARRL and other sources)*

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## ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology Now Accepting Applications for 2025 Cohorts



The ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology (TI) continues to grow. Fresh off a [highly successful YouTube telethon](#) that raised more than \$41,000 for the program, some of next year's dates have been announced. Applications are now open.

The program is growing, and educators will have the opportunity to attend sessions around the country. "We love having the teachers here at ARRL Headquarters, but we wanted to bring this program nationwide," said ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA. Dates and details of the regional sessions are still being determined, but the hope is to touch many areas of the United States.

The application process is straightforward. Interested educators can find the web form at [www.arrl.org/ti](http://www.arrl.org/ti). ARRL covers all the costs of the TI, including travel, but there is a \$100 application fee if the teacher is accepted.

The success generated from the program is demonstrable. "The teachers leave TI with energy and knowledge. They've taken that and built tremendous programs in their schools," said Goodgame. The program isn't necessarily designed to get young people licensed, but rather to get them thinking about radio in their other areas of study. Teachers work amateur radio and radio technology into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics lessons. Amateur radio is presented as a pathway to get hands-on with the concepts, and to use them in the real world.



There are 16 cohorts planned for the 2025 ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology. “The growth we’re seeing in TI is a result of the teachers’ experiences with the program, and the donors who enable it,” said Goodgame. The TI is funded entirely by donations to the [ARRL Education & Technology Fund](#).

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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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## 2025 Youth on the Air Camp Application Period Open

Applications are now being accepted for campers interested in attending the 2025 Youth on the Air Camp. Licensed amateur radio operators, ages 15 through 25, who want to attend are encouraged to apply online at [YouthOnTheAir.org](https://YouthOnTheAir.org). The camp is scheduled to take place June 15 - 20, 2025, in Thornton (Denver), Colorado and the [Denver Radio Club](#), an ARRL Affiliated Club, is the local host.



The current application period is for the fifth camp for young amateur radio operators in North, Central, and South America. For the best chance at being selected, applications should be submitted by 2359Z on January 15, 2025. Campers will be selected by the working group and notified by February 1.

To encourage attendance from across the Americas, allocations for campers are being held open for various areas of North, Central, and South America. If countries do not use their allocation or should someone within an allocation decline acceptance, those positions will be filled from the remaining pool of applicants. As this will be an ongoing process, everyone will not receive notification of acceptance at the same time. Preference will be given to first-time attendees.

Applications will continue to be accepted through May 1 and up to 50 campers will be accepted. The application process is free, but a \$100 USD deposit is required upon acceptance. Should a potential camper be unable to pay the \$100 deposit, they may apply for a scholarship or waiver. Campers are also responsible for their own arrival and departure transportation to the camp location. Travel assistance may also be available, especially for those traveling from outside of the USA and Canada. Travel during camp events is provided.

For details about the camp, visit the camp web page at [YouthOnTheAir.org](https://YouthOnTheAir.org) or email Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, at [director@youthontheair.org](mailto:director@youthontheair.org).

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## On Christmas Eve morning, Tuesday December 24, 2024, SAQ Grimeton in Sweden is scheduled to be on the air to send its traditional Christmas message to the world, using the 200-kW Alexanderson alternator built in 1924, on 17.2 kHz CW.

The event will be streamed live on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) beginning at 08:25 CET (Central European Time, 07:25 UTC). Startup and tuning of the of the Alexanderson alternator will start at 08:30 CET

(07:30 UTC) followed by the 09:00 CET (08:00 UTC) transmission of the Christmas message. Test transmissions will be on Friday, December 20, 13:00 – 16:00 CET (12:00 – 15:00 UTC). Amateur radio station SK6SAQ will be QRV during the day on the following frequencies: 3.517.2 kHz CW; 7.017.2 kHz CW; 14. 017.2 KHz CW; 3.755 kHz SSB; 7.140 kHz SSB. Comments are welcome at [info@alexander.n.se](mailto:info@alexander.n.se).

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## **2025 ARRL Foundation Scholarships – Final Weeks to Apply**

The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program continues to accept applications for the 2025 scholarship cycle. The application period is open until 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on January 6, 2025. The scholarships are available to eligible amateur radio operators pursuing higher education. There are more than 100 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$25,000.



The scholarships have been established by generous donors and can help fund a portion of a ham’s education. Descriptions of the scholarships may be found at [www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions](http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions).

ARRL Director of Development Kevin Beal, K8EAL, is encouraged by the program. “Hams are always learning, and being able to honor that dedication to education through generously funded scholarship programs helps relieve some of the financial burden that students can experience,” he said.

All applicants must submit a completed online application. Transcripts and any additional required documents must be submitted with the application and not emailed separately. A number of scholarships require additional documents, such as a letter of recommendation from a sitting officer of an ARRL-affiliated club. Applications without accompanying transcripts and additional required documents (if applicable) will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified by early June 2025. Awards are mailed directly to recipients' schools and will be awarded in July 2025.

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## ARRL Kids Day is Only a Couple of Weeks Away on January 4, 2025



Bellevue (Nebraska) ARC and The Science Club at Yates Illuminates kids show their On The Air certificates from January 2024 Kids Day.

Kids Day runs from 1800 UTC - 2359 UTC. Operate as much or as little as you like.

The event is designed to give on-the-air experience to young people, to foster interest in getting a license of their own, and give older hams a chance to share their stations and love for amateur radio with their children. You can share the excitement with your own kids, grandkids, a Scout troop, a church, or the general public!

All participants are encouraged to post their story and thumbnail photos to the [Kids Day Soapbox page](#). Tell the world about your operations, the fun you had, and the contacts you made! Remember, ARRL must have a completed [release form](#) in order to include youth photos (younger than 18 years of age) in ARRL publications.

There will be a second ARRL Kids Day on June 21, 2025.

More information, including frequencies, suggested exchanges, and how to download a certificate, can be found at [Kids Day](#).

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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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## **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 2025 are as follows: January 18, April 12, July 19, and October 18. 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/>>

**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 Flgigi, Flmsg, and Flamp. In past sessions we have built antennas, fired up new rigs, and generally had a good time!

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

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

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

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



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

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

Additional info may be obtained from Jackie Welch, N8JMW by email [n8jmw2@gmail.com](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. 10:00AM til Noon. 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:

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

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

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

### **Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

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

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

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

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

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

### **Madison County**

The Madison County Amateur Radio Club Laurel testing group offers 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. There is no Fee for testing. Pre-Registration is not required but preferred. Walk-ins are welcome. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information or to get pre-registered send email to [Exams@mcarco.org](mailto:Exams@mcarco.org) .

### **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](mailto: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)**

Holds six exam sessions per year for all license classes. Pre-registration requested but not required.

#### **Exam sessions for 2024:**

Saturday, December 7th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

#### **Exam sessions for 2025:**

Saturday, February 1st - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.)

Saturday, April 5th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Saturday, June 7th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.)

Saturday, October 4th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

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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## **ARLD047 DX news**

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ISRAEL, 4X. Special event stations 4X8NER and 4Z8NER will be QRV from December 25 to January 2, 2025. QSL via 4Z5MU.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Hannes, OE3SGU is QRV as DU1OE from Luzon Island, IOTA OC-042, until December 27. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Gerhard, OE3GEA is QRV as TX24HAID from Noumea, IOTA OC-032, until December 25. Activity is holiday style on 30 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

FIJI, 3D2. After his New Caledonia operation, Gerhard, OE3GEA will be QRV as 3D2GE from Nadi, IOTA OC-016, and Nacula, IOTA OC-156, from December 25 to January 7, 2025. Activity will be holiday style on 30 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Hardy, DL7JLL is QRV as FO/DL7JLL from Mangareva Island, IOTA OC-063, until January 15, 2025. Activity is on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. Tom, DJ2TG as QRV as FR/DJ2TG from St. Leu until December 23. Activity is on 30, 20, and 10 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

SAINT MARTIN, FS. Oleh, UR5BCP will be QRV as FS/UR5BCP from December 26 to 2. Activity will be on 40 to 15 meters using CW. This might include activity from Sint Maarten if he obtains a license. QSL via KD7WPJ.

FRENCH GUIANA, FY. Joe, OZ0J is QRV as TO0J from Kourou until December 31. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using primarily FT8. QSL to home call.

OGASAWARA, JD1. Harry, JG7PSJ will be QRV as JD1BMH from Chichijima, IOTA AS-031, from December 23 to January 3, 2025. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL direct to home call.

WAKE ISLAND, KH9. Allen, KH7AL is QRV as KH7AL/KH9 until December 28. Activity is in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using some CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event station OE65XMAS is QRV until January 6, 2025. QSL via bureau.

FINLAND, OH. Special event station OF9X is QRV until December 31. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via OH2BH.

POLAND, SP. Special event stations HF0CLAUS and SP0CLAUS are QRV until January 6, 2025. QSL via bureau.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Members of the Rebel DX Group are QRV as T32TTT until January 1, 2025. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

CAMEROON, TJ. Thierry, TK1CX is QRV as TJ/TK1CX until the end of February 2025. Activity is in his spare time on 20 to 10 meters using mostly FT8 and low power. QSL via EA5ZD.

INDIA, VU. Kaustav, VU2UUU is QRV with special call sign AT2025 until January 15, 2025 while studying winter propagation, and monitoring solar cycle conditions. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via operator's instructions.

ALBANIA, ZA. Ben, ON6BW plans to be QRV as ZA/ON6BW from Durres until December 22. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Oleg, ZS1ANF is QRV as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, IOTA AN-016, until February 2025. Activity is in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using mostly CW. QSL via DL5EBE.

Please see December QST, page 59, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details

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## Upcoming *Hamfests*



# *Ohio Hamfests*

**2025**



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| <p><b>01/19/2025 - <a href="#">Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest</a></b><br/> <b>Location:</b> Shade, OH<br/> <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br/> <b>Sponsor:</b> Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation<br/> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b></p>   | <p><b>03/16/2025 - <a href="#">Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair</a></b><br/> <b>Location:</b> Perrysburg, OH<br/> <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br/> <b>Sponsor:</b> Toledo Mobile Radio Association<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.w8hhf.org">http://www.w8hhf.org</a><br/> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b></p> |
| <p><b>04/05/2025 - <a href="#">Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 69th Hamfest</a></b><br/> <b>Location:</b> Cuyahoga Falls , OH<br/> <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br/> <b>Sponsor:</b> Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org">https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org</a><br/> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b></p> | <p><b>05/15/2025 - <a href="#">Four Days In May</a></b><br/> <b>Location:</b> Fairborn, OH<br/> <b>Type:</b> ARRL Convention<br/> <b>Sponsor:</b> QRP Amateur Radio Club International<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://qrparci.org/fdim">http://qrparci.org/fdim</a><br/> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b></p>                              |
| <p><b>07/12/2025 - <a href="#">Mansfield Mid Summer Trunkfest 2025</a></b><br/> <b>Location:</b> Ontario, OH<br/> <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br/> <b>Sponsor:</b> Intercity Amateur Radio Club<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8we.org">http://w8we.org</a><br/> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b></p>   | <p><b>07/20/2025 - <a href="#">Van Wert Hamfest</a></b><br/> <b>Location:</b> Van Wert, OH<br/> <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br/> <b>Sponsor:</b> Van Wert Amateur Radio Club<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8fy.org">http://w8fy.org</a><br/> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b></p>  |
| <p><b>09/28/2025 - <a href="#">Cleveland Hamfest</a></b><br/> <b>Location:</b> Berea, OH<br/> <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br/> <b>Sponsor:</b> Hamfest Association of Cleveland<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.hac.org">https://www.hac.org</a><br/> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b></p>   |   |

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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 get them listed here.

DX This Week – #314

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



Can you believe that Christmas is only a few days away? The bad news is that the end of the CQ Marathon contest is also a few days away. I don't have much time to get Asian countries worked on 80 meters! The good news is that the 2025 CQ Marathon contest starts in a few days as well.

If you have not heard of this, I will have more details next week – but even if you are a casual DXer, it is a great competition to get involved with! As I always say, it gives me a reason to work Germany on all bands again! More details to follow!

I had two nights this past week where I was printing envelopes and Christmas letters for 2 hours each night. I had quite a bit of time to listen to the bands and decided to challenge myself. I wondered how many states I could work on 160M using any mode, in the total of 4 hours I had.

I was able to work 31 states in those 4 hours as well as Puerto Rico, Cuba, Columbia, and Canada. The best thing was that I worked all three states on the west coast! I had a blast and would challenge you to do the same. As always, let me know how you do!

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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, your only source of real-time DX information, just drop me a note at [thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com)

Russian Robinson Club heads to Central America early next year as members are planning a Central American tour February 10- March 8, 2025. They plan stops in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.

They will start in **Nicaragua** February 11-16. There they will be QRV from Complejo Volcanico San Cristobal (POTA NI-055) as **YN6RRC**. If approved, they will also do Isla Del Cardon (NA-212) as **H7RRC** during that same time frame. They may also operate as YN8/KL7RRC and possibly POTA NI-011.

Next, they will head to **Costa Rica** where they will be operating as **TI1RRC** Isla Cano (NA-117) and POTA CR-0018 February 19-25. Finally, they will be in Panama February 26-March 3 where they will be operating 3F3RRC from POTA PA-0033. The group is still waiting for callsigns.

They plan to be active from the parks on 160-10M and from the IOTA operations on 40-10M. They plan to have 5 to 6 operating positions. The members of this operation include N3QQ, W8HC, K5MSK, NL8F, OK8AO, RW3RN, R1BIG and R9LR. R1BIG, Raisa, will be interviewed by W1DED, Kevin Thomas, for the W1DED Worldwide Ham Radio YouTube channel.

The RRC is looking for support. Check out the TI1RRC page on QRZ.com for more details.

EA5RM, Antonio Gonzalez Guillen of Santa Pola, Spain, has become a Silent Key. He was just 56 years old. Tony was a DXer, DXpeditioner, and DXpedition organizer. Some of his DXpeditions included 1AØC (2012, 2014/2015, 2019, 2023), 5JØR, 5U5R, 9XØR, E4X, HD8R, SØ1R, SØ5X, STØR, TN5R, TZ6RD, and XU7ABD. Over the years, Tony made multiple humanitarian trips to Bolivia and was occasionally active as CP1XRM.

Tony was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in May 2020. He was the winner of the 2015 ARRL International Humanitarian Award as well the 2018 Intrepid Humanitarian Award. EA5RM had 340/348 in the ARRL Mixed DXCC standings, was at the top of the ARRL DXCC SSB DXCC Honor Roll, and was on

the ARRL DXCC CW Honor Roll. Tony also had 5-Band WAZ with all 200 zones. He will be greatly missed.

CQ DX Hall of Fame nominations to open in January When K2MGA, Dick Ross, publisher of CQ Communications, became a Silent Key in April 2024, many people wondered about the numerous award programs that were run by CQ Magazine.

One very important program was the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honors those amateurs who have made exemplary contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning, including both on- and off-air activities and accomplishments. Prior to his passing, Dick gave his blessing for the International DX Association (INDEXA) to carry on with this prestigious award, with the guidance of N200, Bob Schenck, if the magazine ever ceased to function. INDEXA will begin the stewardship of the Heritage CQ DX Hall of Fame starting with the 2025 class of inductees. Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honors those amateurs who have made exemplary contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning, including both on- and off-air activities and accomplishments.

Writes Schenck (slightly edited for clarity), “The activities and accomplishments that qualify one for membership in the CQ DX Hall of Fame involve considerable personal sacrifice and can usually be described by the phrase ‘above and beyond the call of duty.’ It is not enough to just be a DXpedition team member a number of times. To be in the DX Hall of Fame you might need to have the foresight to organize DXpeditions to the very hard-to-reach entities around the globe, or perhaps work on ways to open amateur radio in countries where politics exclude it. Other accomplishments could be to create or provide new and/or important techniques that support the DX chaser. Other important attributes to be considered include integrity, perseverance, good will, honesty, and “being noncontroversial.”

Nominations will be open January 1 through March 1, 2025. Please send your nominations to N200, Bob Schenck, with CQ DX Hall of Fame in the subject line. Inductees will be announced at the Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) dinner during the Dayton Hamvention in May 2025.

**T32TTT** is now QRV from **Christmas Island**. This operation by two ops from the Rebel DX Group emphasizes that dupes are acceptable, noting that others make strong statements against dupes. They say don't worry about it. The LoTW upload will come quickly afterwards, with paper cards sent out every few months in the order the requests are received through Club Log. A last note: They may have more than one signal on a band at the same time; even with just two ops, they will be multiing with two CW stations, one SSB and as many as 12 more on the FT modes, 160-6M.

The Rebel DX Group follows up their T32 operation with a trip to **Nigeria** as **5N9DTG** the third week of January. They will then travel to South Africa to arrange for a ship for a "southern ocean voyage." More info to follow.

**KH0/AJ6VJ**, Ken plans to be QRV from the **Mariana** Islands December 30 to January 3, on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10M. He'll be on CW, FT8, FT4, RTTY and SSB. He'll be running 100 watts from an IC-7300 and 10 watts from an IC-705 using ground planes and dipoles. Get confirmation through Logbook of the World, eQSL or sending an SAE/SASE, but we will have the mailing address later, but not to Saipan, he says.

A DXpedition to **V6WG** by WE9G, Rikk, is scheduled for March 18 to April 1 from Kosrae, **Federated States of Micronesia**. This is IOTA OC-059, Kosrae Island. Rikk plans SO2R, single op two radios, on 80-6, possibly 160, but mostly FT8 and FT4 MSHV and Super Fox and "some" SSB and CW. He plans Club Log livestream too. He notes he prefers paper QSLs, replying 100% free of charge, "envelopes and stamps and USD are appreciated but not required." Likewise, PayPal donations can be sent to his email. Using the bureau is slow but okay, with a "reply in kind." He will have Club Log OQRS but still prefers the paper QSLs. He will have LoTW, QRZ, Club Log, eQSL and HRDLog, all free of charge. Not caring for eQSL, he answers those "only as a courtesy," and does not make any log corrections on eQSL.

Over the past few days someone has been operating as JX0X on SSB on several bands. Most likely this is not for real. LA7DFA (JX7DFA), Per, tells us, "At this time of the year there are no ships or planes landing due to weather and darkness". This call was originally issued for a 2020 DXpedition by SM6LRR and others. It never happened. WFWL but don't be surprised if it turns out to be bogus.

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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 want to highlight is the Stew Perry 160M CW contest. It is held 1500Z on December 28<sup>th</sup> to 1500Z December 29<sup>th</sup>.

This event was created by a small group of contesters who were interested in 160 meters (TopBand). The most unusual feature of this contest is that the point-value of QSOs depends on the distance between the two stations. You earn one point plus another point for each 500 km of distance. Points are also multiplied for lower power categories, for both the sending and receiving station.

Participation in this contest continues to grow. The band tends to be less crowded than in the other contests, making it easier to work DX.

The December event, which is the "Big" Stew, has the highest participation, which is due to good conditions in the northern hemisphere, but also due to the

Plaques that are sponsored. Lew, W7EW, has been sending out plaques, and they are in shacks all around the world. The categories for the plaques are decided by the sponsors and there are plenty to go around. Typically, there are plaques for stations using small or temporary antennas.

The Exchange is your four-character grid square. Signal Report is optional.

We hope to hear you on in a future event!

| <b>Contest</b>                | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> |
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| Stew Perry 160M CW Contest    | 12/28/24          | 12/29/24        |
| EUCW 160M Contest             | 1/4/2025          | 1/5/2025        |
| YB DX Contest - SSB           | 1/11/2025         |                 |
| North American QSO Party, CW  | 1/11/2025         | 1/12/2025       |
| YB DX Contest                 | 1/11/2025         | 1/11/2025       |
| North American QSO Party, SSB | 1/18/2025         | 1/19/2025       |
| ARRL VHF Contest`             | 1/18/2025         | 1/20/2025       |
| CQ 160M CW                    | 1/24/2025         | 1/26/2025       |

# OHIO'S



As most clubs in the South 40 Region have held their Christmas dinners and elections, it's not surprising to see that old man with a long white beard wearing a white robe and carrying a sythe quickly approaching. Clubs in our region of the State (Athens, Cambridge, Chillicothe/Waverly, Hillsboro, Huntington, Logan, Marietta, Portsmouth, West Union and Wilmington) all report good attendance and good times at their gatherings. The only one yet to take place I am aware of is the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARC** who are to hold their 7 PM Christmas dinner on December 21 at the West Fair Street Pizza Cottage.

The **Bellbrook ARC** recently observed the 121<sup>st</sup> year since the Wright Brothers' first successful manned airplane flight at Kitty Hawk. On December 17 I was able to make a 40 meter contact with Special Event Station W8W and had a brief chat with the Club Secretary. The special event was conducted to commemorate the birth of manned flight. In a strange twist of events, the observation of the "birth of flight" came just days following the closure of all airspace over the nearby Wright Patterson Air Force Base because of drone sightings and unknown activity.

Diana Stuckey, KB9NPO of Bainbridge, has a rare kidney condition and is in need of a living kidney donor. Should such a donor (18 to 70 in good health) come forward, she could receive the needed transplant within a year. More information can be found at [wexnermedical.osu.edu/kidneydonor](http://wexnermedical.osu.edu/kidneydonor). Please spread the word. What a wonderful Christmas gift if a donor would step forward!

Santa has already delivered some early Christmas gifts to some South 40 residents according to Ted Jacobson, W8KVK. Santa's workload must be heavy as there are a number of new licenses coming to our part of the State and to some counties normally not heard from. Seldom heard from Adams County now has a new General in Blue Creek as William Poole passed not one, but two elements to become KF8CXT. Also in Adams County Dawne Hamilton from Manchester is now KF8CYC. Ross County adds two more to their amateur radio population with the addition of William Sturgill from Kingston and Josept Allagree from South Salem passing their Tech tests. They are KF8CXR and KF8CXT. Lancaster finds its ham population increasing by two as Patricia Jackson becomes KF8CXB and Gregory Trenten is now KF8CXN. Another county not often heard from is Vinton. We're pleased to see its ham count increase through Stephen Steed of McArthur becoming KF8CXC. At the same time Michael Kinney of Cambridge received the KF8CWP call sign. An on-going increase to the number of hams around the tri-county city of Loveland continues with Josept Donofrio becoming KF8CYH. At the **December Portsmouth RC** test session Wendell Sorrell, KC8PRW, upgraded to General. Wendell is from Lucasville. A



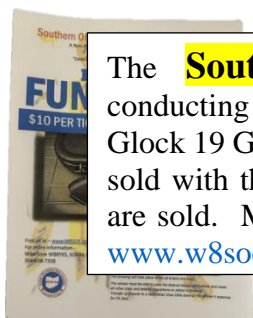
ham license is a gift to oneself that has an on-going opportunity to keep giving throughout one's life. A hearty congratulations and good going to each of these folks on gaining this achievement. Now—GET ON THE AIR and see what doors you just opened! And to those of you in these communities where the “newbies” are, seek them out and offer assistance to get them active opening those doors. If you hear them on the air, return to their calls. Make them feel Welcome.

Speaking those who just achieved a new ham license or upgraded an existing one, those interested in earning a first one or upgrading an existing one, a nine-week Technician License Class begins in Athens on January 13. The course is at the Southeastern Ohio Red Cross Building on nine consecutive Monday evenings at 7PM with a test session will on March 17. Members of the **Athens County ARA** will be providing the instruction.

The **Highland ARA** will once again ring in the New Year with the broadcast of the New Year's Eve ringing of the large Hillsboro manufactured CS Bell gracing the front of the Highland County Historical Society's Highland House Museum. The sound of the bell announcing the start of a new year will be broadcast at the stroke of midnight and once it ceases, any amateur within the range of the Hillsboro 147.21 repeater (100 tone) is invited to toss in their call sign to the list of stations doing likewise. In past years in excess of 20 stations have joined in and some from some distances. Last year stations from McArthur and Kettering were acknowledged. Following the check ins, usually some good conversations break out into the wee hours of the New Year. Again, you do not have to be a HARA member to participate. If you hear the event, but cannot check in, feel free to send the info to [highlandara@gmail.com](mailto:highlandara@gmail.com).

It seems 2024 has just began and I read in the **Southwest Ohio DX Association**'s newsletter the announcement of their January 9 meeting. Thomas Witherspoon, K4SWL, will present a discussion about “POTA and SOTA”. The **OH-KY-IN ARS** will meet on January 7 at the Arlington Heights Village Hall at 7:30. The meeting may also be attended via Zoom

The first 2025 hamfest in Ohio's South 40 Region will be the **Sunday Creek ARF**'s January 19 event at the community building on old US 33 in Shade, Ohio. [jeramy\\_duncan30@yahoo.com](mailto:jeramy_duncan30@yahoo.com) for more information.



The **Southern Ohio ARA** is currently conducting a raffle with the winner to receive a Glock 19 Gen 3 pistol. Only 100 tickets are being sold with the drawing to be held once all tickets are sold. More information can be found on the [www.w8soe.org](http://www.w8soe.org) website.

Another club with a fund raising raffle underway is the **Milford ARC**. For a length of time the Club has been awarding a Yaesu radio to some lucky ticket holder. This time out they are awarding a FTM-500DR dual band mobile transceiver. A limited number of tickets are to be sold. Check the [www.cincinnatihamfest.org](http://www.cincinnatihamfest.org) website for details. Proceeds are used to promote Club activities including the growing Cincinnati Hamfest.

Although several months away, a couple South 40 clubs already are planning for special event operations in the upcoming year. The **Highland ARA** anticipates activating K8HO to observe the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Highland County. According to the Noble County Historical Society, talks with the **Cambridge ARA** to operate a special event station commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 3, 1925 crash of the Shenendoah are being finalized.

Christmas is to be a season of joy, but there are reasons causing it to be a sad time such as with the passing of a member of our ham radio community. We have learned of the passing of **Athens County ARA** member Charles “Chuck” Robideaux, W8DUX, of Coolville. Services have been held in Little Hocking.

The **Highland ARA**'s ringing in of the new year sees a change of some officers for 2025. 2023-24 President Ken Lightner, KE8JEL, will turn over his position to newly elected John Willis, KE8JEM and join the Board as Past President. Demond Crider, N9QOX, assumes the Vice President position. Kathy Levo, N8ZNR, was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer as Sarah Crider, KC9ZQN, and Jeff Collins, KD8VUY, join the board as new Trustees. Also turning over the role of President of the **Clinton County ARA**, after filling the position for some years, is Mark Atwell, WX8A is turning the gavel over to long-time member Lee Kolodziej, KC2VFX. Sara Lamb, KS8P, becomes the Vice President and husband Steve, W8SBL, takes over the Secretarial role she previously held. Andrew Adrian, W9AMA, will continue to handle the money. Paul Jellison, K8IO, becomes the Technical Vice President with Gary Poland, W8PU; Dave Gordley, K8DEG; David Chesney, KE8GII and Mike Boyle, WF8B, to serve as Directors.

The **Southwest Ohio DX Assn.** informs us of a new program that ICOM© America has introduced to recognize a ham mentor who has devoted time and effort helping newly licensed amateurs make and then assist confirming their first 100 country contacts to earn DXCC. Information, rules and a nomination form can be found by emailing [thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com) or at [www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program](http://www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program). The award winner will be announced at the SWODA DX Banquet during this year's Hamvention.

There are now just hours instead of weeks until that jolly ole fat man slides down our chimneys to the delight to all of all ages. It's a wonderful time of the year. But between all the visiting, feasting,

opening gifts and other associated activities, let's not forget the real reason for the season and spend time reflecting the birth. Seasons greeting to all from our house to yours. N8ZNR and W8KIW

Until next time. May your Christmas be a merry one.

*John Levo*, W8KIW

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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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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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