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Meanwhile.....somewhere in Ohio??!!!

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Well, that looks like fun! The interesting thing is there are *a lot* of Ham Radio activities coming up in the next few months. I hope you're not going to let a little cold, snowy weather squelch your plans to get out there. Send me some photos where ever you go and let me know what you're doing.

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.

Ohio ARES VHF Simplex Contest

Jan 18, 1900-2300 UTC (2 to 6 PM EST) runs concurrently with the first 4 hours of ARRL Jan VHF Contest.

- Ohio VHF Simplex Information, Rules & Planned Operations Signup- <https://ohsimplex.org>
- ARRL January VHF- www.arrl.org/January-vhf

CLUBS

Over the next week, almost every club in the OHIO Section will be welcoming their new officers to begin their tenure as club leaders! I want to say “Thank You” to all of those who have served in your club’s leadership and management over the past years, and I want to also Thank those who are stepping into those positions. In the history of Amateur Radio, I believe we are now in

an era where the local club is the most important unit in our path to the future, and in fact, to our survival! It's important to remember that we are not in competition with each other, we need to work together, understanding that sometimes our differences complement each other and make us all stronger together.

Last week I mentioned how important it is to keep your clubs info up to date with ARRL. I've since been involved in a little test of that. The first week of January I sent out over 100 emails to Ohio Amateur Radio Clubs, as listed on the ARRL website. I got over 30 *bounces*, and that doesn't include any that might have been delivered to someone who is no longer involved with a club! PLEASE – make sure your club info is up to date! And this goes for social media too! Any place you have an internet presence needs to be kept current. (I know, I'm guilty too.) If someone is looking for information on our hobby, let's make sure they can easily find it and trust it to be correct and current.

As you already know, when the ARRL site got hacked, it took down the Section Managers (and also the Division Directors) bulk email to members capabilities. I have a couple of “stand-alone” lists that I use to get the Section newsletters out, but they're pretty limited, so I'm relying on you to share the announcements each week with your local clubs and other friends. Usually, it's available on the Ohio Section website by Monday of each week, and I really appreciate all of you who help me get it distributed. Thank you. I also want to assure you that that functionality is in the queue to be restored. There were some concerns expressed last week that ARRL did *NOT* plan on returning that functionality to the Section Managers.

Following is some of the information I've received from ARRL:

Dear Section Managers,

The truth is that our bulk email tool was one of the services that had been disrupted following the cyber-attack in May. It is a highly integrated tool used for various services throughout the organization, including e-newsletters, membership notices, and the website integration that Directors and Section Managers use to email members in their respective regions.

We have not yet recovered the tool for use in the current systems environment we have been rebuilding since the attack. We have, however, migrated many of the newsletters to a new email platform, like the ARRL Letter which only missed a single weekly issue after the attack.

In the months after the attack, we developed a manual process to support the 15 Directors with email to their Divisions. To help SMs reach members in their Sections, many of the Directors have developed a practice of inviting SMs to forward monthly

reports and news to them, which they have included with their Division emailing's – sometimes as a monthly newsletter, or more regularly if necessary.

This solution is only a close gap as we continue to address the few remaining services that have required additional attention to bring back online, like the most recent resumption of DXCC application processing and returning the system to normal processing times. As with all the other systems we've restored, we need to perform an exhaustive evaluation of each system to ensure that the solution going forward is secure, scalable, and is implemented according to present day 'best practices.'

It is simply untrue that we are making an effort to keep SMs from communicating with ARRL members in their Sections.

I will keep you posted on further developments involving bulk email to Sections, but I can assure you that the commitment to recovering this function has never fallen off of our radar.

Finally, there is also some patently false information circulating about ARRL VEC and our support of ARRL Volunteer Examiners. One such claim is that ARRL has lost the email addresses of Volunteer Examiners. This is false.

As always, if you have a concern about something you read online...please reach out to me. I'm happy to help you, or to set the record straight.

Thanks

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*** I have slightly edited the above, but not in any way which alters the nature of the communication. wb8lcd

I also want to share with you another communication which was received by some (Volunteer Examiners (VEs)), but I think it will be of interest to all of you:



Our Sincere Thanks for Your Volunteerism...

Dear ARRL Volunteer Examiner,

We want to take a moment to **THANK YOU**, our Volunteer Examiners (VEs) for being an essential part of the ARRL VEC program this past year. The number of new licenses issued by the FCC in 2024 was strong, increasing by 23% compared to 2023, while upgraded license activity rose by 12%. VEs served nearly 25,000 exam applicants using the ExamTools online examination system last year, with 88% of candidates earning a new or upgraded license.

The VEC has worked hard to give the community more choices for conducting exams for Amateur Radio Licensing, ensuring flexibility and accessibility for all. An impressive 55% of all successful FCC license candidates were examined using ExamTools in 2024. The availability of remote video online sessions has made it easier for candidates to take their exams.

Additionally, the ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program, introduced in April 2022, has continued to positively impact the community. In 2024, more than 900 young people benefited from this program, helping to inspire the next generation of amateur radio enthusiasts.

Yes, our VEs have been busy!

Volunteering is important to our organization and the community, and your contributions truly make a difference. Visit the [ARRL VEC VE Session Counts](#) webpage to view your ARRL VE accreditation information, including your examiner accreditation start date and the number of sessions participated in. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to exam session support and the ARRL VEC program.

The ARRL VEC staff looks forward to continuing to support you in 2025, wherever your examining efforts take you.

From all of us in the VEC department, **Happy New Year!**

ARRL VEC Services and Information

Register Exam Sessions: Please continue to send in your session dates for 2025 using the online interactive [ARRL Exam Session Registration Form](#) or via email to vetests@arrl.org. Remember to schedule your yearly listings [specific date(s) and location(s)] with us near the beginning of every year. This ensures we have the most up to date information posted on the [ARRL VEC Exam Session Search](#) webpage so potential examinees can find you quickly and easily.

Exam Fees: The 2025 ARRL VEC examination fee remains at \$15, and \$5 for candidates under 18-years of age. Visit the [ARRL VEC exam fees](#) webpage for more information.

ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program: The ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program went into effect on April 19, 2022. ARRL will cover the one-time \$35 application fee for new license candidates younger than 18-years old for tests administered under the ARRL VEC program. The \$35 FCC application fee will be reimbursed after the ARRL VEC receives the completed reimbursement form and the new license has been issued by the FCC. The reimbursement check will be mailed to the fee payer. Also, candidates younger than 18-years old pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC VE team at the time of the exam. The \$5 fee is for all candidates under the age of 18 regardless of the exam level taken. Proof of under 18 status is required at the session. Visit the ARRL website for the program instructions and reimbursement form at [Youth Licensing Grant Program](#).

Resources for VEs: The ARRL VEC [VE Resources](#) webpage offers all the information you will need to help conduct an exam session. Our support page offers easy access to session information including:

- electronically filing exam sessions to the VEC,
- online amateur radio examinations,
- remote video session instructions,
- FCC rules,
- basic qualification question procedures,
- helpful information for the examinees,

...and much more.

ARRL Member Licensing Support: Ongoing [FCC licensing guidance and support](#) to our ARRL members, including license renewal help, is an important part of our program services.

The ARRL VEC Staff is Ready to Serve You: As always, the dedicated VEC staff are here to answer any questions you may have. Please contact the ARRL VEC department at VEC@arrl.org for information about our services and to be more active in 2025. Thank you for your service to the amateur radio community!

From last month's One Question Questionnaire – it looks like just over 50% of those who responded are participating in POTA. From the survey, 35 said Yes and 28 said No to participating. Don't forget, you can participate as a "Hunter" and never leave the comforts of your home station!

Finally, I want to ask you about your "New Years Resolutions". If you made a list and it looks like this,

1. I will lose 56 lbs.
2. I will go to the gym 6 days a week
3. I will cure cancer
4. I will rescue all the stray, homeless cats in Ohio, and,
5. I will get my CW speed back up to 40 wpm.

It ain't gonna happen! Try this:

1. I will check into my club net twice a month, and,
2. I will make 5 other QSO's every week.

If you commit to just those two simple things, at the end of 2025 you'll have checked into 24 nets and made approximately 250 other QSO's over the course of the year. It's certainly "doable" and I'm sure it will motivate you to accomplish some other small things as you move forward. The accumulation of many small accomplishments can add up to some serious activity without becoming burdensome. Give it a try!

Most importantly -

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

ARRL Teachers Institute: Coming to a Town Near You

The [ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology](#) is going mobile in 2025. In addition to the cohorts hosted at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, there will be several sessions around the United States this year. The first, hosted by ARRL model school Staten Island Technical High School in New York City, will be held January 21-24.



TI members ready to participate in a fox hunt at ARRL Headquarters

The format is being refined this year from five days to four. That change, along with taking the show on the road, is expected to make it easier for educators to attend, according to ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA. “Especially for educators juggling a busy family life, a four-day program near them might be an easier option than a five-day trip to New England.” Plans are also being finalized for a session in Kilgore, Texas, in July; and another in the southeastern US.

The programming and support continue to evolve. “We really want to support these TI graduates after they leave, so we have rolled out a Discord server so they can stay in touch with their peers who are also implementing the material they learned here,” said Goodgame.

Providing community support and engagement has proven key to the ongoing success from the program. Staten Island Tech High’s program is led by [Everton Henriques, KD2ZZT](#), a two-time ARRL TI attendee. Henriques has helped many of his students not only get licensed but also be genuinely engaged in amateur radio. Henriques will help ARRL Education Specialist Wayne Greene, KB4DSF, teach the program.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: [Staten Island Technical High School Students talk about the program, January 2025 QST Digital Edition](#)



SITHS Engineering Teacher Everton Henriques, KD2ZZT (on the right), assists Olivia Wojtczak (on the left) and Ashley Li (in the middle) with building a directional antenna

By developing the network of educators who have benefited from the program and by offering the regional opportunities, Goodgame hopes to receive more applications to attend. TI is free for educators, thanks to funding from donors through the [ARRL Education and Technology Fund](#). There is a \$100 application fee if the educator is accepted.

Goodgame sees a long-term benefit to wrapping genuine fun into this radio-centric curriculum. “Inspiration drives innovation so if we don’t inspire young people to innovate and expose them to RF, they’re not going to innovate in those fields,” he said. “Somebody will, it’s just not going to be our kids.”

To learn more about the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology, and to apply to attend, head to www.arrl.org/ti.

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. 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](#).

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.arrrl.org/action/My-Account/Pay-Balances>

ARRL Launches Dream Station Sweepstakes

ARRL has introduced a [sweepstakes](#), offering members the chance to win an Icom Dream Station including a limited-edition IC-7760 HF/50 MHz transceiver, IC-PW2 amplifier, and microphone, generously donated by Icom America.



The ARRL Sweepstakes will run from January 3 to December 31, 2025. It is the centerpiece of a year-long campaign to encourage new membership, and a fun way for current members to extend their support for ARRL.

[Go to the ARRL Sweepstakes Now >](http://www.arrrl.org/DreamStation)
www.arrrl.org/DreamStation



The lucky winner will receive one grand prize that includes a dream station comprised of the latest amateur radio equipment from Icom:

- [IC-7760](#) HF/50 MHz 200 W Transceiver – Icom 60th Anniversary Signature Edition
- [IC-PW2](#) 1 kW Linear Amplifier
- [SM-50](#) Advanced Desktop Microphone

The winner will also receive a limited-edition Seiko watch celebrating Icom's 60th Anniversary.



Participation in the sweepstakes is open to ARRL Full members in the US ([see Official Rules](#)). Members will automatically earn sweepstakes entries when they:

- **Join or Renew Membership** – earn 1 entry
- **Set up Auto-Renewal** – earn 2 entries
- **Donate to the ARRL Diamond Club** – earn 1 entry for every \$50 donated

Members can earn up to six (6) entries during the year-long campaign.

For more information about the ARRL Sweepstakes, and Official Rules, visit the ARRL website at www.arrl.org/DreamStation.

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. 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.

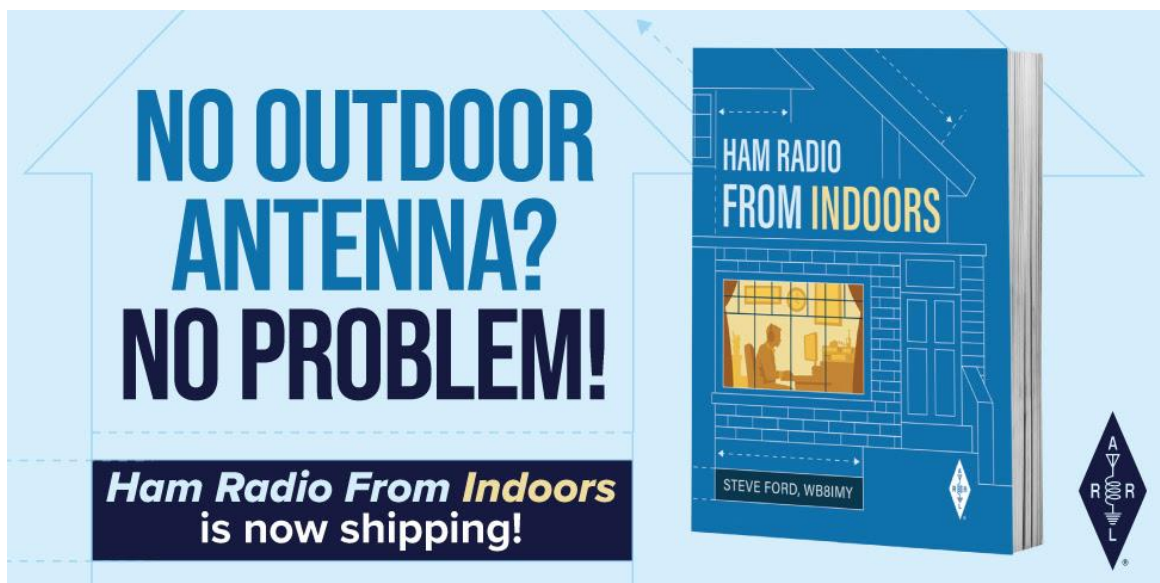


The current application period is for the fifth camp for young amateur radio operators in North, Central, and South America. For the best chance at being selected, applications should be submitted by 2359Z on January 15, 2025. Campers will be selected by the working group and notified by February 1.

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 or email Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, at director@youthontheair.org.



Don't let outdoor antenna limitations keep you from enjoying amateur radio. It is possible to operate on the HF bands with equipment and antenna systems that are entirely inside your house, apartment, or condominium. All it takes is some creative thinking!

The times for 2025 [Winter Field Day \(WFD\)](#) have been updated.

This year's WFD is scheduled to run from 1600 UTC (11 AM EST) Saturday, January 25 through 21:59 UTC (4:59 PM EST) Sunday, January 26. Stations may begin setting up at 1600 UTC (11 AM EST) on Friday, January 24. However, cumulative set-up time shall not exceed 12 hours. You can review all of the changes at [Rules - WFDA](#). Also, remember to mark your calendar for 2025 ARRL Field Day on June 28 - 29. For additional information, visit [Field Day \(arrl.org\)](#).

Club Corner

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

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

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



Please! Format as below:

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

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/>>

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds quarterly VE testing, at the Christ United Methodist Church in Alliance.

Upcoming Exam Dates are: Saturday, March 15th, 2025, Saturday, June 21st, 2025, Saturday, August 16th, 2025 and Saturday, October 25th, 2025.

The address is 470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/prDyEPp6siJun2ibA>).

Registration begins at 8 AM, and testing at 9am.

More information can be found at www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/.

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

CARS

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

Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred.

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM Feb 10th; Apr 13th; Jun 8th; Aug 10th; Oct 12th; and Dec 14th, 2024.

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

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

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

buzz@baylorhill.com

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

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

The Findlay Radio Club

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

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

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

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

Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

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

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



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

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

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

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

Huber heights amateur radio club does ARRL VE testing the second Saturday of each even numbered month. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. 10:00AM til Noon. For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at ab8yk@hotmail.com

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

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

Saturday, February 3	Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6	Saturday, October 5
Saturday, June 1	Saturday, December 7

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

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

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

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

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

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

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

Questions: Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

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

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

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

WE CAN ALSO GIVE THE TEST AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS THAT ARE NORMALLY ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

LAARA MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. SEE THE K8GQB.COM WEB SITE FOR UPDATES.

MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

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

Madison County

The 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 .

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 2025. Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information or to register. ewilkinson1951@gmail.com or 216-337-4235.

January 4, March 1, May 3, July 5, Sept 6, November 1.

Sessions are held at the Fairview Park Library, 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park 44126.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

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 2nd - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.)

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

Saturday, December 6th - 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/>

ARLD002 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.

GUINEA, 3X. Jean-Philippe, F1TMY is QRV as 3X1A from Conakry until mid-2026. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters, and on Satellite QO-100. QSL via ClubLog.

KENYA, 5Z. Scott, WA5A is QRV as 5Z4/WA5A from Ruaka. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mostly SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call.

SENEGAL, 6W. Billy, F4GJE will be QRV as 6W1RD on January 11 and 12. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via EA7FTR.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Fabian, DF3XY and Xenia, DO4FX are QRV as 8Q7XF and 8Q7FX, respectively, until January 13. Activity is on 40, 30, and 20 meters using FT8. QSL direct to home calls.

GUYANA, 8R. Aldir, PY1SAD is QRV as 8R1TM from Georgetown until February 8. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes, as well as Satellites. QSL direct to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Felix, DL5XL will be QRV as DP1POL from the German research station Neumayer III, IOTA AN-016, from January 12 to February 25. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF bands using mostly CW with some SSB and various digital modes. QSL via DL1ZBO.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FO. A group of operators will be QRV as TX7N on the HF bands, and TX7MAS on 70 centimeter Satellites and 23 centimeter EME. They will also be active as TX100REF in the upcoming REF contest, and TX7WW in the upcoming CQ World Wide 160 Meter CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. Darren, VK4MAP is QRV as H40DA from Pigeon Island, IOTA OC-065, until January 16. Activity is on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL via operator's instructions.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 until March 1. Activity is in his spare time. Of late, he has been active on 15 meters using CW around 2300z. QSL via JA8CJY.

FINLAND, OH. Members of Keski-Uudenmaan Radioamatoorit are QRV as OF60AP during all of 2025 to celebrate 60 years of the club. QSL via bureau.

CURACAO, PJ2. Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as PJ2/W2APF from January 12 to April 8. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

PALAU, T8. Operators JA6EGL and JE6KFN are QRV as T88SM and T88XX, respectively, from Koror, IOTA OC-009, until January 16. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL direct to home calls.

GUATEMALA, TG. Dwight, VE7BV is QRV as TG9BBV until January 10. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and possibly FT8. QSL direct to home call.

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.

BENIN, TY. Gerard, F5NVF is QRV as TY5C from Godomey until April 2. Activity is holiday style on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Kim, K5TU is QRV as V4/K5TU from St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until January 14. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

INDONESIA, YB. Jozef, ON6HX is QRV as YB9/ON6HX from Lombok Island, IOTA OC-150, until February 6. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. Bruce, K0BJ is QRV as ZF2BJ until January 17. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using CW and possibly FT8. QSL via LoTW.

Please see January 2025 QST, page 77, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2025

<p>01/19/2025 - Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest Location: Shade, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Learn More</p>	<p>03/09/2025 - Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Winter Hamfest Location: Elyria, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Website: https://www.noars.net/hamfests/winter-hamfest/ Learn More</p>
<p>03/16/2025 - Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair Location: Perrysburg, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association Website: http://www.w8hhf.org Learn More</p>	<p>04/05/2025 - Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 69th Hamfest Location: Cuyahoga Falls , OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Website: https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org Learn More</p>
<p>04/12/2025 - Rio Grande Ohio Hamfest Location: Bidwell, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club Website: https://www.facebook.com/KC8ZAB Learn More</p>	<p>05/15/2025 - Four Days In May Location: Fairborn, OH Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: QRP Amateur Radio Club International Website: http://qrparci.org/fdim Learn More</p>
<p>07/20/2025 - Van Wert Hamfest Location: Van Wert, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Website: http://w8fy.org Learn More</p>	<p>HAMFEST/CONVENTION 08/09/2025 - Cincinnati HamfestSM Location: Owensville, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More</p>
<p>09/28/2025 - Cleveland Hamfest Location: Berea, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland Website: https://www.hac.org Learn More</p>	<p>10/04/2025 - Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club (NWOARC) Hamfest Location: Lima, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club Website: http://www.nwoarc.com Learn More</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 – #316

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

Well, Happy New Year! I hope the new year is off and running for you. If you participated in the CQ Marathon, I hope you did well and are off and running in 2025! The good news and bad news for me is..I had my best score ever and I had been pretty sick and did not meet the submission deadline. Better luck next year I suppose.



Make it your resolution to send me at least one email this year telling me what you want to hear about, what you don't, and how your DX chase is going. You can email me at thedxmentor@gmail.com just like Howard, N8HO, did.

I received the following email from him.

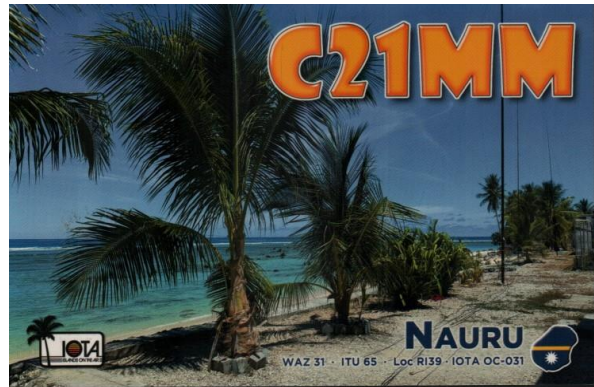
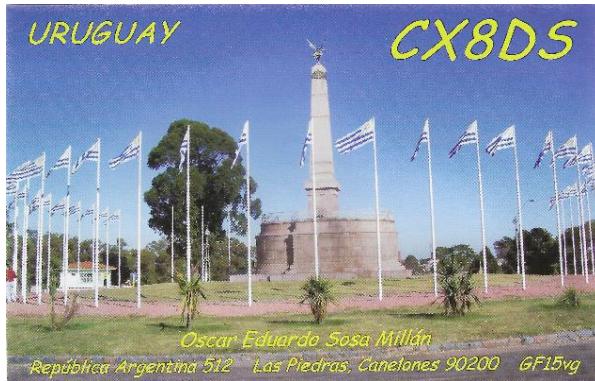
“Here are two QSL cards that I recently received. The card from Oscar, CX8DX, was a new entity for me on six meters. My total DXCC entity count on six is now 34.

Happy New Year!

*73,
Howard N8HO*

PS. I enjoyed your podcast featuring Dave, AA6YQ. I am presently using LOG4OM2, but may switch to DXLab.”

Thanks Howard! What did you receive?



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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

IK7WUL, Antonio, is heading to Africa on a humanitarian mission. He might be able to get on the air toward the end of January. His first stop, January 26-31, will be **XT, Burkina Faso**; callsign not yet issued.

His next stop will be February 1-6, he will go to **Ghana**, with the call **9G5IK**. From there, he goes to **Togo**, February 6-14, and will be on the air as **5VØDX**. He will wrap up his trip February 14-23 in **Benin** as **TY2AA**. These dates are a "little fluid."

If Antonio is able to get on the air, it will most likely be on 10M SSB. Antonio is "looking for sponsors to try to help children less fortunate than ours." Sponsorship is also sought for QSLs and "transport of radio material." Anyone

interested can contact Antonio at his 5VØDB QRZ address for more details and a donation link.

DF2WO, Harald, will return to **Rwanda** January 27-February 15. As in the past, this solo, holiday-style **9X2AW** operation from Kigali, grid square KI48XB, will be on 16-6M plus the QO-100 satellite.

F5NVF, GG, will be active holiday-style from **Benin** as **TY5C** January 10-April 2. He will be in “vacation mode” and will operate CW, FT8, and “very little SSB” on the HF bands and hopefully 6M. QSL direct to F5RAV or via LoTW.

VK4MAP, Darren, will be active holiday-style as **H4ØDA** from Pigeon Island in the Reef Islands IOTA group (OC-065). He arrived there January 2nd after a short stay in Honiara and Lata, and will be there for two weeks, pending the availability of flights from Lomlom Island.

Darren’s previous work as H4ØDA was in 2017 from Nendo Island (OC-100). The station will consist of an ICOM IC-7300 at 100W into a Bushcomm SWC-100 dipole. He will operate SSB on 80-10M, including 12M. Logs will be uploaded at the conclusion of the activity. For a paper QSL, please send US\$4 and a self-addressed envelope to DA-RC HQ OC, P.O. Box 3140, Browns Plains LPO, Queensland, Australia.

IZ3BUR, Livio, will be back in **J5, Guinea-Bissau**, January 26-March 1. In his free time, he will be QRV as J52EC. Listen for him on 20-10M SSB; he says that he will also try digital modes. QSL direct only via IZ3BUR.

Members of the Rebel DX Group have announced their plans to be active as **ZK3ZK** from **Tokelau** “around mid-June 2025.” ZK3 has not been on the air since 2019, and is #42 on the Club Log DXCC Most Wanted list. More details will follow.

VK9/W5EIT, Larry, will be on the air from **Cocos (Keeling)**, February 11-18, with his IC-705, 10 watts, to a "Super Antenna MP1C vertical" and EFHW

with tuner, 40-10 meters, CW, FT8, FT4 and "perhaps SSB if conditions are good," he says. QSL through LoTW and he says if there is enough interest he will have cards printed too.

Larry says his fingers are crossed all the flights work out, saying "I've heard that they can sometimes be sketchy."

We have an update on the QSL status from the **Siera Leone, 9L5A**, DXpedition. The following QSL update is from the 9L5A website: "OQRS is open and can now receive your QSL requests for 9L5A. It was planned to do it faster but we had to deal with more than five hundred of requests for corrections which we preferred to process before so that the last log loaded is as correct as possible (thank you F1ULQ for this important job). Please be a little patient to receive your QSL as they are not yet printed. If no major problem is detected, LoTW will be loaded (for everyone) in a few days."

And from the **S9Z** group, we have this update. The issues involving LoTW uploads have been resolved. OQRS is functioning and receiving requests. All OQRS requests are also being uploaded as they are received. QSL cards are ordered and expected soon. Should you have an issue or an inquiry please contact K4NHW.

KH7AL/KH9, Allen, on **Wake Island**, expects to soon have a multi-band DXCommander vertical. This will allow him to soon be QRV on 12 meters "in the coming weeks". Listen for him on 17 meters SSB around 0800Z on January 12 and then on 10 meters SSB about 2000Z on that same day.

In September 2024 OK6DJ, David, announced he and OK7GU were going to **3B9, Rodrigues Island**, where they would be QRV as 3B9DJ in March or April. They can now announce that the dates will be March 24 to April 5. They will be joined by OK1CRM and OK2ZA. Plans now are to be QRV on 1.8 through 28 MHz on CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via OK6DJ and LoTW.

A DXpedition to Mozambique, originally planned for January 18-February 1, is being rescheduled to early 2026. The organizers wrote, “It is with deep disappointment that we must inform you that due to the current security situation in Mozambique, we are compelled to postpone our planned expedition originally scheduled for departure on January 17, 2025.” They cited multiple travel advisories about security concerns in the south African nation and are hopeful that the political situation will stabilize in the next year.

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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!

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	2/1/2025	2/2/2025

British Columbia QSOP	2/1/2025	2/2/2025
Minnesota QSOP	2/1/2025	
Vermont QSOP	2/1/2025	2/2/2025
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	2/8/2025	2/9/2025
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	2/15/2025	2/16/2025
CQ 160M Contest, SSB	2/21/2025	2/23/2025
North Carolina QSOP	2/23/2025	2/24/2025

OHIO'S



HAPPY NEW YEAR from the snow covered hills of Southern Ohio and Ohio's South 40. Did I say "SNOW?" In 2024 it appeared the most snow in Ohio was in its Northern Counties bordering Lake Erie at places like Conneaut and Ashtabula. However an article in the Thursday *Cincinnati Enquirer* and *Columbus Dispatch* stated all of the 10 places in Ohio hit hardest by the latest round of snow were in the South 40 Region. They ranged from 11 inches in Cleves, Owensville, Landen Southington and McArthur to 12 inches measured in Mowrystown, Pomeroy and Bainbridge. Jackson received 12.8 inches and Clinton and Highland County's New Vienna area had 15. Even as a prepare this on Thursday morning I'm hearing reports of some isolated pockets where people still aren't dug out or even able to get out of their homes. It was reassuring to hear that hams were offering their services to their respective communities in various ways should they be needed. Extra efforts were made by some clubs to make sure repeaters were monitored should someone need assistance. The **Highland ARA** even held a "Welfare Net" to check on members. Some clubs did a splendid job keeping people advised of the changing forecasts from the NWS Offices in Pittsburgh, Charleston and Wilmington. So far I have not heard any reports of activations. As of this morning I understand we could be in for another few inches as well as single digit temps. Therefore this stuff is not going to leave soon. Everyone please be safe.

“What’s that ringing in my ears? Why it’s those ham radio guys ringing in the New Year with the bell at the museum.” This year **Highland ARA** again teamed with the Highland County Historical Society by ringing the historic bell at the front of the Society’s Highland Museum to welcome in the New Year at the stroke of Midnight. The bell ringing was carried on HARA’s 147.21 Hillsboro repeater. At the end of the ringing transmission 20 stations signed in their call signs on HARA’s annual New Year’s Net. One SWL checked in via a text. You can view a video of the bell ringing on the HARA and the Highland County (OH) Historical Society’s Facebook pages.



The New Year finds a change in the office of President of the **Clinton County ARA**. Newly elected Lee Kolodziej, KC2VFX, found he couldn’t serve and resigned the office. Vice-president Sara Lamb, KS8P, assumes the presidency. A new VP will be appointed/elected.

Beginning January 13, the **Athens County ARA** will start a Technician License Class at the Athens Southeastern Ohio Red Cross Building. It will continue for nine consecutive Monday evenings at 7PM concluding with a test session on March 17. The **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** begins a Technician License class with the first session January 27. It will continue through the 31st with a test given February 1. Classes will take place at Lancaster’s Fairfield County EOC. Check the www.k8qjk.org website for more information.

Speaking of classes and test sessions, the New Year is off to a good start with some South 40 residents becoming licensed. According to Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, it appears the first new license of the year went to Marietta’s Nicholas Rake on January 4. Nicholas now bears a General license with the KF8DBJ call sign. Keith and Jennifer Chaney of Hillsboro earned their Tech licenses through an on-line test session on the 9th and are now KF8DCC and KF8DCE. Shortly after the FCC posted their licenses to the database, Jennifer was on the air. Gregg Wardlow, N4RGW, may have been her first contact. That led to several contacts with the local ham population throughout the day. It was neat to hear Jennifer give her husband his first contact. Congrats to all.

The Our Place Restaurant in Washington CH is the meeting location for the upcoming January 18 **Fayette ARA** monthly breakfast. Hams in that area are invited to assemble on January 18 at 10 AM at the Columbus Avenue location.

The new year also brings a change of location to the January 18 **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** breakfast gathering. The legal issues of the Frisch’s restarant chain caused the Lancaster location to close and forced the club to relocate. Future gatherings will now be held at the Scrambler’s Restaurant, 1377 Ety Road in Lancaster. The next one will be on at 9am. The Club plans for some future quarterly gatherings to take place at the Scrambler’s Pickerington location to accommodate Columbus area members.

The first four hours of the January 18 ARRL VHF Contest event will have the Ohio ARES VHF Simplex Contest run concurrently. The event is for those who like operating the bands above six meters. Any simplex contact with a fixed, portable or EOC station using voice or digital modes on the six, two or 70cm bands will count points for both events. Check the www.ohsimplex.org for the rules and operating suggestions.

The following day brings the first 2025 hamfest in Ohio's South 40 Region. For years the **Sunday Creek ARF** has had the honor of sponsoring the first hamfest in the region. This year's event will be on January 19 at the community building on old US 33 in Shade, Ohio. Contact jeramy_duncan30@yahoo.com for more information.

Although not as popular as the June event, some clubs and non-club groups are planning to be active during the upcoming January Winter Field Day on the weekend of January 25-26. Winter Field Day is not a large event, but one that is enjoyable and calls attention to the fact that all emergencies do not happen during good weather. A look at www.winterfieldday.org will reveal a map showing the locations of stations who have registered to participate. I understand the **OH-KY-IN ARS** will operate from the barn at the Harvest Home Park, 3961 North Bend Road in Cheviot. Also in the Cincinnati area, the **Queen City Emergency Net** will operate from the Red Cross Building. Logan's Marion Township Fire Department, 30737 Logan Hornsmill Road is where the **Hocking Valley ARA** will operate from. Down the road, the **Athens County ARA** will activate the club station at the Red Cross Building in Athens. At the same time, the Red Cross will conduct a mass feeding simulation test in conjunction with the Field Day event.

The **Cambridge ARA** recently named Bob Gray, KE8NI, the winner of their annual **Cambridge ARA** Ham of the Year Award.

If you are like several regional hams who are already tired of Winter and are looking for some sunshine, milder temperatures-then a road trip and visit to what might be the second largest hamfest in the nation might be the medicine you need to explore. On February 7 Orlando, Florida is the site for the world famous HamCation at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. Although not nearly the size of the Xenia Hamvention, it is a close second and well worth the journey.

The next meeting of the **Scioto Valley ARC** will be January 16 and the next Elmer's Night will be on February 6. Both events will be held at the Pike County Airport and will begin at 7PM.

Surveys show most New Year's resolutions are broken by the end of January. But some of those (like that of the Chaney's) are not. With the winter weather making only the most important outside activities necessary, a lack of activity on a number of repeaters added to nothing with redeeming social values on the television or Internet, why not break out a study guide for your next license element or go on-line to bone up on learning more about a part of ham radio you might find interesting? Try it. You may like it!

Until next time-may your New Year be off to a good start.

John Levo, W8KIW

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

Ohio Section Traffic Report December 2024

Ohio Section Nets December 2024

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	Net Manager
OSSBN	1354	639	2512	93	KC8WH
BLN	68	97	371	21	WB8LBI
OSN	61	14	358	22	N2LC
BNE	146	26	277	30	N2LC

OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – December 2024

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	Net Manager
TCTTN	99	18	252	13	WB8YYS
TATN	308	89	347	31	WG8Z
COTN	47	68	462	28	KV8Z
BRTN	86	44	236	13	KD8GXL

Ohio Section BPL Reports DECEMBER 2024

Call	Tx	Rx	Orgin	Del	Total
W8MAL	1264	288	0	9	1564

OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – DECEMBER 2024

Call	Traffic	Call	Traffic	Call	Traffic
AD8CM	357	KD8HB	84	KD8GXL	41
KB8GUN	291	WB8SIQ	84	WB8YYS	38
KF8ATJ	248	K3RC	81	KV8Z	33
W8GSR	243	KA8BJA	78	N8SY	20
KL7RF	216	K8KRA	76	WB8PMG	16
WB8LBI	185	KD8GYI	68	KD8MSZ	15
N8MRS	157	K8MDA	52	KE8ANW	10
AC8NP	139	KE4RS	52	N8TNV	4
KD8UUB	121	N8BV	50	WA3EZN	4
N8OD	115	KC8PBU	43	KE8LCJ	2
N2LC	88			AC8SB	1
Stations	32		Total Traffic	3012	

Ohio Section PSHR Reports DECEMBER 2024

Call	Nets	Traffic	Vol Pos	PSH	EPSH	PM DS	Total
AD8CM	40	40	20	425	0	10	535
AC8NP	40	40	20	165	0	30	295
N2LC	40	40	30	80	0	20	210
N8SY	40	20	30	20	10	60	180
KF8ATJ	40	40	0	90	0	0	170
K8MDA	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
KC8PBU	40	40	20	10	20	0	130
KD8UUB	40	40	10	40	0	0	130
KE4RS	40	40	10	35	0	0	125
WA3EZN	40	4	20	20	0	20	104
KV8X	14	33	10	30	5	10	102
KE8ANW	40	10	0	50	0	0	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K3RC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
WB8YYS	38	27	10	0	0	10	85
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	80
KD8MSZ	32	15	0	0	0	0	47

Ohio Section Nets

If you have traffic you need to move, take it to a VHF net or if it is going out of Ohio you can also take it to the OSSBN. Here is WHERE TO FIND AN HF OR VHF TRAFFIC NET IN OHIO

OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

Morning Session	10:30 AM	3972.5 kHz	Every Day
Afternoon Session	4:15 PM	3972.5 kHz	Every Day
Evening Session	6:45 PM	3972.5 kHz	Every Day

OHIO HF CW TRAFFIC NETS

HF CW NETS	NET TIMES	FREQUENCY	NET MANAGERS
Buckeye Early	6:45 PM	3.580 MHz	N2LC
Buckeye Late	10:00 PM	3.590 MHz	WB9LBI
Ohio Slow Net	6:00 PM	3.53535 MHz	N2LC

All CW net frequencies plus or minus QRM

OHIO LOCAL VHF TRAFFIC NETS

VHF NETS	NET TIMES	FREQUENCY	NET MANAGERS
BRTN	Monday, Thursday Saturday 9:30 PM	145.230 MHz PL 110.9	KD8GXL
COTN	7:15 PM DAILY	146.970 MHz PL 123.0	KV8Z
TCTTN	9 PM Sun, Tues, Fri	147.015 MHz PL 110.9	WB8YYS
TATN	8:00 PM DAILY	146.670 MHz PL 123.0	WG8Z

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DMR Net Report and NTS Traffic
R G WB8YYS 14 KENT OH 01-01

105 KD8SCL Pataskala
106 N8SY Lexington
107 WB8LCD Kent

OHIO DMR NET REPORT FOR
DECEMBER 195 CHECK-INS 153 MINUTES
IN 5 SESSIONS 73

Gregg - WB8YYS - ODMR NM

4 R G W8MAL 12 OAK HARBOR OH 01-02
WB8LCD KENT

BPL DECEMBER SENT 1267 RECEIVED
288 ORIG 00 DELIVERED 9
TOTAL 1564
MIKE - W8MAL
OP NOTE: MSG SENT TO STM AND SM

Reported by Gregg Gary WB8YYS

Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT) As of February 17, 2015, the FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an “official” printed copy of your license*



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

https://arrl-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/print_your_license.pdf

Ohio Section Cabinet

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Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here's a link that will take you there... <https://arrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/>

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

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

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

Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website? You can go back and look at any edition simply by clicking:

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



Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?

We have a webpage where you can download and read all of the newsletters that I get from around the state and even other sections!

Here's the link to the page....

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

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



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

Chit – Chat, and All That!

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



We now have many thousands of readers receiving these newsletters weekly. Quite impressive, I'd say! I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, get signed up to receive these weekly Newsletters.



You can always “Opt-Out” at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting. It’s fun and very informative. All of your favorite past newsletters are now archived too. You can go back at any time and read them.

Just go to:

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

PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world! Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you’re reading the newsletter carefully!