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Meanwhile.....somewhere in Ohio??!!!
Nope. Another time, another place.....

The picture was taken some time in the fall of 1977 at the actual northernmost point in North America, Point Barrow. From where I parked the airplane, it was a very short walk to the polar ice cap.

The airplane is a USAF Lockheed HC-130-N configured for search and rescue, assigned to the 71st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, where I was stationed during most of the 1970s.

If you look closely, you can see two wire HF antennas running from either side of the top of the cockpit converging at the tail. These airplanes used to use long wire antennas trailing behind, using a crank to vary the length to resonate on the desired frequency, but when electronic tuners became available, the old crank was replaced by these fixed length wires.

There were ten radios aboard, covering various bands from around 400 khz to 2 ghz. Although primarily used for search, rescue and medical evacuation missions, with all that communications gear it was also used occasionally as an airborne command post.

73,

Fred NL7CF

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First things first! I'm on a short vacation next weekend – no PostScript! The next Newsletter will be the February 3rd Ohio Section Journal.



Hopefully on this cropped version of Fred's photograph you are able to see the antenna wires he mentioned. He also mentioned the radios being used "for search, rescue and medical evacuation missions" I'm hoping an occasional Ham Bands QSO was made to some lucky HF operators back

in the 70's. I'd ask Fred, but I'm pretty sure he would be able to neither confirm nor deny it!

I'm really Jacked UP about Ham Radio in 2025! There's a ton of local and national events going on, Sunspot Cycle 25 should peak somewhere mid-year, DX-peditions are all over the place, and the "state of the art" of radio technology continues to move forward at a rapid pace, and those advances make it into amateur gear available in the marketplace pretty quickly. As I've said before, and truly believe, THIS IS one of the many "Golden Ages of Amateur Radio" and it's really exciting to live in it and be a part of it.

One thing I notice about hams, and ham radio clubs, there is a lot of resistance against embracing the “state of the art”. Hams do the same old things, or only the things that have become *easy* for them. Clubs do the same old activities year after year, because we always have done that. We get stuck in a rut. If that rut is deep enough, all it needs is two end pieces and a top to become a coffin! If you’re in a rut and you want to get out of it, you need to be pro-active. For that you’ll receive a lot of push-back from those who have no vision for the future. You’ll need to Climb Out Of The Rut! (Yeah, I know, at my age climbing out of bed in the morning is tough, climbing up off the floor is nearly impossible). Make the effort – it will be worth it!

In my position as the ARRL Ohio Section Manager I’m expected to support and promote the ARRL. I take that very seriously. I am now and always have been an avid supporter of the League. I’m looking at the “issues” that have been dealt with over the past couple of years and I’m convinced that HPM had it right when he wrote the following:

“The Reason Why

By Hiram Percy Maxim, President, A.R.R.L.
(Reprinted from QST for September, 1927)

SITTING back in the old armchair, with the last issue of QST read from cover to cover and with everybody else in the house asleep hours ago, I fell to thinking of amateur radio to-day and amateur radio of other days. As the blue smoke curls slowly upward from the old pipe, visions of early A.R.R.L. Directors' Meetings float before me. I see those old-timers grappling with problems of organization, with QRM, with trunk-line traffic and rival amateur leagues. I see sinister commercial and government interests at work seeking to exterminate amateur radio. They were dark days, those early ones.

To-day I see Amateur Radio an institution, recognized by our American government and on the road to recognitions by the other governments of the world. I see a fine, loyal A.R.R.L. membership of 20,000 standing shoulder to shoulder and believing in each other and still blazing the way in radio brotherhood taking shape, in the form of our I.A.R.U.

And as the last embers of the old pipe turn to grey ash, I ask how it all came about: that the A.R.R.L. should have succeeded and all its opponents failed. The answer is clear. It is because with our opponents there was always some kind of a selfish motive to be served for someone, whereas in our A.R.R.L. we insisted from the beginning that no selfish motive for anybody or anything should ever prevail. Everything that A.R.R.L. undertakes must be 100% for the general good. That policy bred loyalty and confidence. With those two things an organization can prosper forever.”

Just like getting out of a rut, it’s not easy resolving our issues. It takes “work” (something a lot of folks try to avoid). But I see a point where everyone’s voice has been heard. All the issues are known. ARRL is moving in a positive direction. I believe 2025 will be one of our best years

ever! Unfortunately, it will take time for everything to be addressed. As I like to say “It’s a process, not an event”. Let me go back to the beginning of this rant: I’m really Jacked UP about Ham Radio in 2025!

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 or by emailing thedxmentor@gmail.com.

I wanted to repeat the above because this is a NATIONAL PROGRAM that comes from an Ohio Section club! I also wanted to clarify that the *deadline for your nominations is April 30th*.

Share the Magic of Radio.

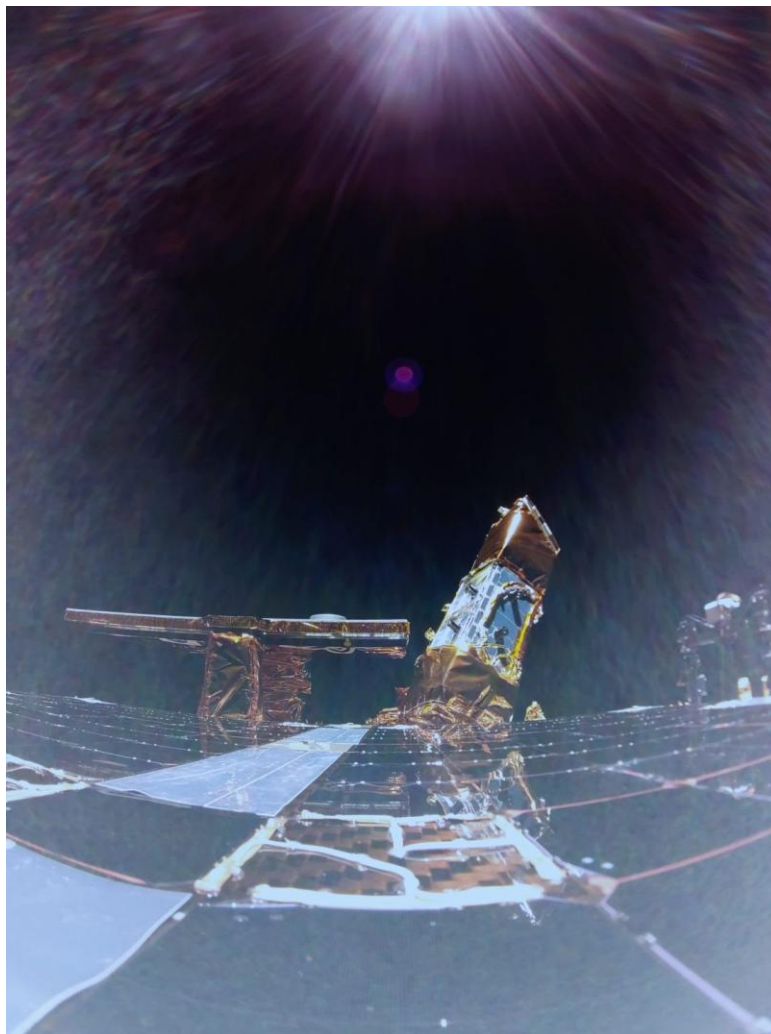
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National News
(from ARRL and other sources)

Moon Bound



Carrying science and technology on Firefly Aerospace’s first delivery to the Moon, the Blue Ghost Mission 1 launched at 1:11 a.m. EST on Wednesday, Jan. 15, aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Complex 39A at the agency’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Lunar landing is targeted for Sunday, March 2.

Once on the Moon, NASA will test and demonstrate lunar drilling technology, regolith (lunar rocks and soil) sample collection capabilities, global navigation satellite system abilities, radiation-tolerant computing, and lunar dust mitigation methods. The data captured could benefit humans on Earth by providing insights into how space weather and other cosmic forces impact our home planet.

Ham Radio Operators Serving During California Firestorms

As the firestorms across Southern California continue to threaten millions of residents, trained amateur radio operators are serving critical volunteer roles to help officials spot fires before they get out of control. Dry conditions and wind gusts of up to 100 miles per hour have fueled days of devastating wildfires. Entire neighborhoods have been leveled by infernos.



Damage from the Eaton Fire. US Air National Guard Photograph by Tech. Sgt. Joseph Pagan.

The Eaton fire burned to the top of Mount Wilson, a critical logistical post for broadcast radio and television stations, as well as communications across the Southland. Federal agencies, air traffic control, local emergency responders, radio amateurs, and others all share tower space on the mountain.

While the main fires have been burning north and northwest of the central section of Los Angeles, just to the south, hams are standing watch. [Orange County Fire Watch \(OCFW\)](#) is a program locally organized by the Orange County Parks Department and the Irvine Conservancy.

During severe fire weather, volunteers go to preassigned locations within parks and open spaces to report conditions. Many of them are hams, using the amateur radio bands to fill in mobile network weak zones.

[ARRL National Instructor Gordon West, WB6NOA](#), is among the deployed volunteers. He said hams are stepping up. “We’re all over the [ARRL Orange Section](#) on hilltops, reporting the wind and humidity, ash seen coming down, scanning for spot fires (none so far), smoke from the LA fires, guest activity at the parks, and being a presence at trailheads with reflective vests and vehicle signs indicating Fire Watch,” he said.

Ray Hutchinson, AE6H, is a retired firefighter who serves as the chief radio officer for Fire Watch. He says local clubs are key to providing the needed RF infrastructure. “Our local club, the [South Orange Amateur Radio Association](#) (SOARA), an ARRL Special Service Club, provides linked 2-meter and 70-centimeter repeaters: one high level and one coastal, for use by OCFW hams during deployments. There is a formal OCFW Net Control Station (NCS) for the entirety of these events.

Radio amateurs are also ready and able to serve at evacuation centers, providing support as needed.

Members of ARRL Headquarters staff have been in touch with ARRL volunteers and other ham radio groups around the affected area, and are offering material support for any activations. “It has been a busy start to the year for ham volunteers,” said ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX. “Whether it’s firestorms or ice storms or any other need, ARRL volunteers selflessly serve their communities. We’re mindful that large-scale events like this impact the hams who are active serving,” she said.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, has been on calls with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other served agencies, offering ARRL resources. Efforts are being coordinated locally by [Emergency Network Los Angeles \(ENLA\)](#), the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) group in Southern California.

Johnston urges hams in the affected regions to be ready to take care of themselves and their families before needing to deploy. He points to resources shared by [ARRL’s Amateur Radio](#)

[Emergency Service® \(ARES®\)](#) during National Preparedness Month last September. “These are stressful events for everyone, and being a ham volunteer is really second to keeping yourself and your family safe,” said Johnston.

SEE ARTICLES:

[Resilience Through Amateur Radio for National Preparedness Month](#)

[National Preparedness Month: Ensuring Family Safety](#)

[National Preparedness Month - Station Readiness](#)

[National Preparedness Month - Get Involved](#)

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

DXCC® application processing is back to typical processing times.

In October, we reported that the ARRL DXCC® System had been returned to service following work that was completed to ensure the security and integrity of the system following the [cyber-attack in May](#). Over 4,000 DXCC applications have been logged into the system for processing since returning the system to service. We are currently processing applications submitted in

December, and we continue to mail orders for paper DXCC certificates and endorsement stickers. There were 315 certificates mailed between December 27, 2024, and January 13, 2025.

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.

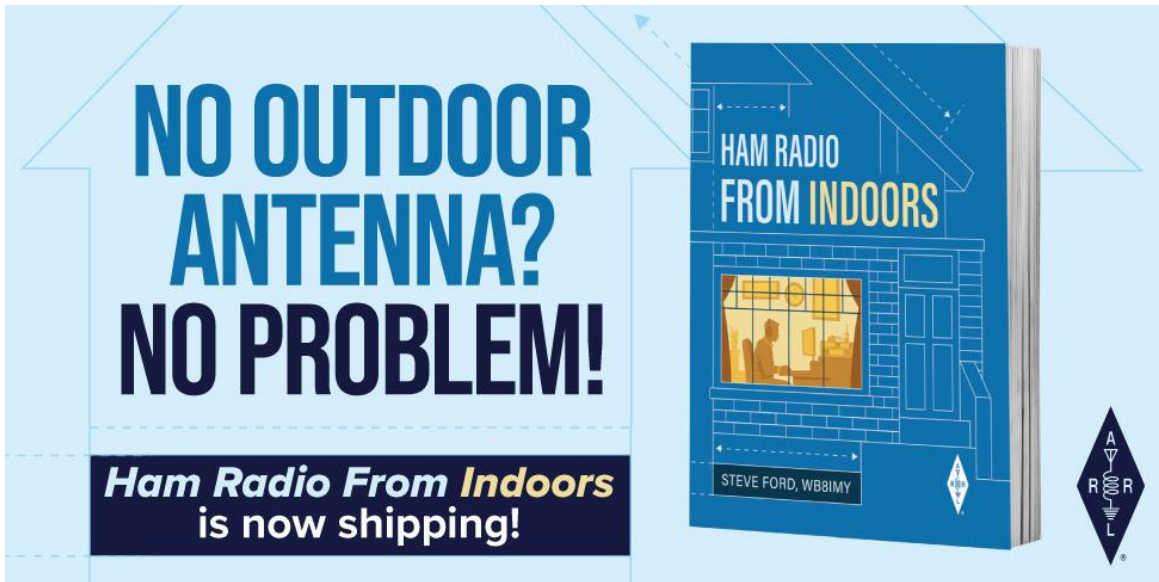


The current application period is for the fifth camp for young amateur radio operators in North, Central, and South America. For the best chance at being selected, applications should be submitted by 2359Z on January 15, 2025. Campers will be selected by the working group and notified by February 1.

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

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

Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

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

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

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

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



Additional info may be obtained from Jackie Welch, N8JMW by email n8jmw2@gmail.com 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@mcarcoh.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/>

ARLD003 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.

SINGAPORE, 9V. Olafur, TF1OL is QRV as 9V1OL until January 20. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using some SSB, with FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Przemo, SP3PS is QRV as C5SP until mid-March. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

MADEIRA ISLAND, CT3. A group of operators are QRV as CR3A until January 21. Activity is on the HF bands. They will be QRV as CR3HA in the HA DX HF contest. QSL via operators' instructions.

ANTARCTICA. Felix, DL5XL is QRV as DP1POL from the German research station Neumayer III, IOTA AN-016, until February 25. Activity is 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 are 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 CQ World Wide 160 Meter CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ENGLAND, G. Special event station GB70RS is QRV to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Society of Great Britain's weekly news service, GB2RS, which has been running continuously since September 25, 1955. QSL via bureau.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Special event callsign HI59UD is active until January 25 to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the Union Dominicana de Radioaficionados, the second oldest amateur radio club in the Dominican Republic. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

ARUBA, P4. Mathias, DL4MM is QRV as P40AA until January 28. Activity is on the HF bands. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide 160 Meter CW contest. QSL to home call.

GUATEMALA, TG. Dwight, VE7BV is QRV as TG9BBV until January 28. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL 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 F5RAV and LoTW.

TURKS AND CAICOS, VP5. Gerhard, OE3GEA will be QRV as VP5/OE3GEA from Providenciales Island, IOTA NA-002, from January 23 to 26. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Denney, VU2DGR is QRV with special callsign AT44I from the Bharati Research Station at Larsemann Hills to commemorate the 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to the southern continent. QSL to home call.

SOUTH SUDAN, Z8. Ken, K4ZW will be QRV as Z81Z from January 20 to 24. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and some SSB. QSL to home call.

ST. HELENA ISLAND, ZD7. Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be QRV as ZD7DPX from January 21 to February 3. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.

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

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2025

01/19/2025 - [Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest](#)

Location: Shade, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation

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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

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>

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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>

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<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 -05/18/2025 - 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>

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 – #317

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

Hope you are holding up against the cold weather that has invaded most of the nation. For me, I have had to replace the 30-meter trap on my vertical and it has simply been too cold! We have about 7 inches of snow on the ground so that doesn't help either. One realization that I have is that you don't realize how directional an off-center fed dipole can be when you are used to a vertical! Doesn't help to radiate in a direction away from the station you are trying to work.



We are expected to see a rise in temps, plus rain, this weekend so I may be able to things done. I will let you know!

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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.

The 3YØK DXpedition team has signed a contract with ICETUGS to take them to Bouvet Island in February 2026. ICETUGS, an Icelandic-based company, has an excellent track record in providing services for expeditions, cargo and fuel supplies, tugging, as well as rescue and camp setup in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. The team has also signed a helicopter contract with Cape Town-based Ultimate Aviation. This group will supply a helicopter, two pilots, and a mechanic. Their crew have broad experience in offshore operations across Antarctica, Marion, Gough, and da Cunha Islands, which includes boat to shore, sling, and hoist operations associated with police force, military, and private projects. This year they celebrate 10 years of operation in Antarctica. “We are confident the

helicopter crew and the vessel will make a big difference for us in activating Bouvet Island.”

Plans are to leave Cape Town on February 1, 2026. The DXpedition is scheduled for 36 days. “We intend to stay around the island for more than 21 days, which will provide us with enough time to wait for good conditions to land the team and all the equipment. The leadership has previous experience from landing at Bouvet Island in 2023, and together with the entire team are prepared and committed to re-activating Bouvet Island. We obtained the helicopter permit six months ago, and with the 3YØK license in hand we have all the approvals necessary to go onshore.”

“Our first deposit of \$450,000 will be paid on January 20, 2025. Given the overall budget of \$1,675,000, we teamed up with a small private group to share the costs. Our team wishes to use this opportunity to thank all the clubs, associations, and foundations, as well as individuals who have already provided us with their support. Going to such remote places would not be possible without such generous contributions. Meanwhile, we invite those who haven’t done it yet to visit our website at www.3y0k.com and consider making a donation. There is also a PayPal link. Those interested in joining the DXpedition team should email admin@3y0.no.

In a related story, The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce its financial support for the February 2026 3YØK Bouvet DXpedition. There will be two grants, totaling to \$200,000. The first will be a down payment of \$100,000. The second will be a dollar- for-dollar match up to \$100,000. The match will be a challenge to the clubs and hams that donate prior to the DXpedition.

This DXpedition will be the most expensive ever planned and executed as the team has found a large ship that can take the two helicopters and crew that we believe will have success. They have found 18 experienced operators that are physically and mentally prepared for this adventure. The plan is to stay on the island long enough to make a lot of QSOs on all bands.

NCDXF has discussed the planning with the 3YØK leadership team and believes that this plan will be successful. There is risk associated with this DXpedition, as we all know, because of weather and local conditions. The leadership has experienced these challenges and has thoughtfully addressed them as best as they know. More information is available at 3Y0K.com.

The mission of NCDXF is to provide necessary financial support for well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC entities and to support advances in DXpeditioning skills, technology, and infrastructure. Those funds come from the contributions of our supporters in the DX community. Your contribution will help make DX happen. Visit the NCDXF website for more information.

“Finally, the Peter 1 DX-pedition is on track, as we have received the landing permit from NPI, and we will sign a contract with ICETUGS to take us there in 2027. We will provide more information at a later stage.”

Here is an update on the February DXpedition to India, specifically, AU2V, Sacrifice Rock (AS-161) VU2RS, Sarath, writes “After the resounding successes of our previous activations at Nachugunta, Kanika, and Sagar, our team (VU3WEW, Adersh; VU2TT, Sangeeth; VU3DXA, Anil; VU3TPW, Renju; VU3GDS, Girish, and myself) is thrilled to announce our most ambitious project yet: activating the highly coveted Sacrifice Rock, AS-161, part of the Kerala IOTA group in India, during the second week of February. This rare entity has long been a ‘holy grail’ for IOTA enthusiasts, and we are eager to bring it to life.”

“The challenges of activating Sacrifice Rock are well-known: treacherous terrain, inhospitable environment, and substantial costs. However, our team is committed to overcoming these obstacles and delivering this unique opportunity to the amateur radio community.” The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$10,000, which will cover essential expenses such as additional generators and equipment, lightweight, portable tents and tables, a holding boat and 24/7 safety team; bandpass filters, amplifiers, and reception antennas to combat high noise levels, fuel for the boat and generators, and ensuring continuous power supply and refueling. “We have received local approval and are awaiting final confirmation of our callsign, AU2V, and other details.” IOTA chasers and DXers are encouraged to support this DXpedition.

W0VTT ("very tall towers"), Mike Cizek (ex W3MC, ex KO7V), in Minnesota, a serious CW man, got 9N7AA, Nepal, on 7003 long path at 0110Z Saturday UTC, then 10.120 at 0125Z short path, "pretty weak on 40 but he had a nice signal on 30."

The Rebel DX Group ops are still at home in Europe preparing for their 5N9DTG operation from Nigeria, that starts around January 25, for two weeks from Abuja. After that they travel to South Africa to meet a vessel and make further preparations, hinting they may be going to 3Y, Bouvet.

K4ZW, Ken Claerbout, will be back in Juba, South Sudan next week and plans to "reactivate [his] Z81Z call". Look for him starting his "mini-DX-pedition" about mid-day Monday January 20 until mid-day Friday January 24. His plans for this trip are "solely dedicated to radio" as this is "not a work trip". Although while there he'll "also be meeting with the communications authority, to discuss the possibility of a club station similar to ET3AA".

In June 2023 two Z8 communications authority members were visiting the ET3AA club station in Addis Ababa. This trip was sponsored by The Yasme Foundation. While at Z81Z Ken plans to be on CW and some SSB. He's aware to the need for Z8 on the low bands, however he's not sure that will be possible but will see once he gets in Juba. QSL Z81Z via K4ZW, see instructions posted on the Z81Z QRZ.com page.

2024 DXCC Year-end Review now available. The 20th edition of the DXCC Year-end Review, by W1JR, Joe Reisert, was distributed on Monday, January 6 to all subscribers of The Daily DX and The Weekly DX. This annual compendium by one of the world's premier DXers has eight pages of DX news and is lavishly illustrated.

Past editions of the DXCC Year-end Review are available at the K8CX Ham Gallery.

From the ARRL DXCC desk we learn that DXCC® application processing is back to typical processing times. In October, it was reported that the ARRL DXCC® System had been returned to service following work that was completed to ensure the security and integrity of the system following the cyber-attack in May. Over 4,000 DXCC applications have been logged into the system for processing since returning the system to service.

The ARRL is currently processing applications submitted in December, and we continue to mail orders for paper DXCC certificates and endorsement stickers. There were 315 certificates mailed between December 27, 2024, and January 13, 2025.

This weekend, W0YK, Ed, is the guest on the DX Mentor Podcast. The topic is RTTY – RTTY usage, RTTY contests, RTTY sprints, all about RTTY. Check out the DX Mentor podcast.

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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!

There is one contest coming up soon that I have been getting ready for. It is the CQ160-Meter CW Contest. It will be held Jan 24th 2200Z to Jan 26th 2200Z. I have covered 160M contests before and simply can’t really describe how much fun they are. If you are interested, I have details on a 160M vertical that takes up only a

60 foot circle including the radials. Drop me a note at TheDXmentor@gmail.com and I can send along the details.

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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



As we look out over the snow covered hills and fields and frozen ponds and lakes throughout our South 40 Region I can't help but to be amused by some past comments heard over the air or seen on the internet-- "Why can't we have a good old fashioned winter?" Since we did get the snow and ice coupled with temperatures in the teens, I hope those folks are enjoying their wishes coming true. The only negative I have heard was one comment about was it being too cold and snowy to get outside and take their Christmas lights down. Although we are not out of the winter weather woods yet, I have yet to hear of any need to call upon the regional amateur community for assistance or manpower. I haven't even heard of any antenna losses.

This provides a perfect segway into how these weather conditions provide us with a great opportunity to dig out the license study guides or videos to study towards the next license or to investigate one of those mysterious modes you have read or heard talked about. Although no longer required for a license, more and more hams are undertaking learning the Morse Code. The bottom line is, the weather has opened a door allowing you a time when outdoor chores and activities are few. This gives you the time to allow you to explore one of several exciting hobbies within our hobby. Take advantage of it. It sure beats watching TV!

January 27 marks the first session of a **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** Technician License class. It will continue through the 31st and conclude with a February 1 test. Classes will take place at Lancaster's Fairfield County EOC. Check the www.k8qik.org website for more information. Although the **Athens County ARC** began its Technician License class this past week I'm certain they would welcome some late comers to join in. The 7 PM classes are each Monday evening at the Red Cross Building in Athens through the March test date. Give Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, a jingle for more info. 740-541-0972

If you are looking for a test location within the coming weeks, you might check out the **Cambridge ARA**'s test session on January 25. It gets underway at 627 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge at 11:30. You need to contact Jim Shaw at 740-305-5041 to register. On Monday evening, February 3, the **Portsmouth RC** will provide a test session at the Portsmouth American Legion Building prior to their monthly meeting.

The year continues to be off on a good footing with two individuals receiving their Technician licenses. One goes to Lawrence County and the other to Hocking. Brandon Childers from South Point is now KF8DDP and Alexander Williams from Murry City bears a ticket imprinted with the KF8DCG call sign.

January saw the **Fayette ARA** and the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** holding their January 18th breakfast meetings in new locations. The Our Place Restaurant in Washington CH was the gathering site for FARA and the Lancaster group is now at the Scrambler's Restaurant, 1377 Ety Road in Lancaster. The **Bainbridge Area Hams**, the **Highland ARA** and the **OH-KY-IN ARS** braved the elements and met for their monthly gatherings on the 11th. On

the 25th the **Clinton County ARA** will gather at 8:30 at Sam's Deli and Meats in Wilmington for their Last Saturday of the Month Breakfast.

On Sunday, January 19 Ohio's South 40 attention turns to Shade, Ohio where the **Sunday Creek ARF** has the honor of sponsoring the region's first 2025 hamfest. This year's event returns to the community building on old US 33 in Shade. Contact jeramy_duncan30@yahoo.com or 740-343-5976 for details.

When you read this, the January 18 Ohio ARES VHF Simplex Contest is in the books. But the annual ARRL VHF Contest event still has some time to run. 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 ARRL's www.arrl.org website for the rules and operating suggestions.

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. In the Cincinnati area the **OH-KY-IN ARS** will operate from the barn at the Harvest Home Park, 3961 North Bend Road in Cheviot. The Cincinnati area also finds the **Queen City Emergency Net** at the Red Cross Building. Adams County's **DeForest ARC** will activate K8GE from 2915 Fawcett Road near Peebles. Up in Clinton County the **Clinton County ARA** will be active as W8GO from the National Weather Service Office at Wilmington. Logan's Marion Township Fire Department, 30737 Logan Hornsmill Road is where the **Hocking Valley ARA** will be. In Athens the **Athens County ARA** will activate the club station at the Southeastern Ohio Red Cross Building. At the same time, the Red Cross will conduct a mass feeding simulation test in conjunction with the Field Day event. The **Bellbrook ARC** has already ordered a load of fireplace wood to keep the chill off their operation location at the Hills and Dales Twin Oaks Shelter, 2655 South Patterson Drive, Dayton. The **Warren County Aux Com** will operate from the Massis Township Fire Station at Harveysburg. They will also hold a test session at 2PM. The **Remote Base Contest Club** will operate from the nearby Caesar Creek State Park Campground. The **Southwest Columbus HRC** plans its operation at the Miller Road Shelterhouse at the Deer Creek State Park. Across the River, the **Parkersburg ARK** is also to participate. In Kentucky the **Morehead ARS** is going to operate from the State Fire Training Center. It's also noted that Morehead Public Radio Winter Field Day did a nice feature regarding Winter Field Day and its purpose. The www.winterfieldday.org has a map showing the locations of stations who have registered to participate.

The next **Scioto Valley ARC** Elmer's Night will be on February 6. The 7PM event will be held at the Pike County Airport.

The **Bellbrook ARC**'s newsletter reports over 600 contacts were made during the Club's recent day long W8W special event operation commemorating the Wright Brother's First Flight.

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.

Well that's a wrap for this time. But before heading into the sunset I want to remind everyone to be safe in the coming days. According to the weathermen the sunshine, milder temperatures and melting snow and ice are only temporary. Some rain on top of the snow banks coupled with bitterly cold temperatures next week may create additional hazards. So if you are out please be careful. In the meantime, fire up a rig and get on the air. Give out a call and let others know you are looking for a contact-regardless of whether it is on a repeater or one of the HF bands.

John Levo, W8KIW

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Winter Field Day

An Amateur Radio Field Exercise

Saturday **January 25th**

More info at www.winterfieldday.org



Operators needed.
No experience? We train!
Enjoy the fun !!
Parma Radio Club
At Stearns Homestead
6975 Ridge Road
Parma, Ohio
www.parmaradioclub.com
write parmaradioclub@gmail.com for details by Jan 23

Attention all hams: The [Parma Radio Club](http://www.parmaradioclub.com) will be participating in it's first Winter Field Day, an event that demonstrates our ability to communicate under challenging conditions...We'll be operating on the first day of a two day event.

We have a small group of operators already, but we need your assistance. Join the fun!

We'll be operating from the [Cabin at Stearns Homestead Historical Farm](http://www.stearns-homestead.com), 6975 Ridge Road, [Parma](http://www.parma.com). The cabin is on the north side of the two white historical homes. Visitor parking is to the south.

Our [WFD](http://www.winterfieldday.org) setup will begin at 9 AM and operation will begin at 11 AM. We'll be open to the public from 11 AM to 4 PM. Radio operation will shut down at 10PM

To join us, write: parmaradioclub@gmail.com so we can keep you in the planning loop. An invitation to an online Zoom meeting will be sent to the team prior to the event.

For info about the Winter Field Day Association see: [winterfieldday.org](http://www.winterfieldday.org)

For info about [Stearns Homestead Farm](http://www.stearns-homestead.com) search [Stearns Homestead](https://www.facebook.com/stearns-homestead) on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com)

Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

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



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

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Hey Gang,

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

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

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

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

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Chit – Chat, and All That!

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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!