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Congratulations to DX Engineering –

2025 is their 25th year serving the Amateur Radio Community! Not just a store, but an active member of the Amateur Radio Community in the Ohio Section, and beyond. They have provided door prizes for our local Hamfests, and programming support for our local clubs. They are one of the many sponsors of “Contest University” (held annually the day prior to Hamvention) and of many DXpeditions around the world. “Thank You” to everyone who works for and with DXEngineering to support The Greatest Hobby in the World! – Amateur Radio.

*From the Technical
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Hey gang,

Are you active on DMR and Brandmeister? Have you been inactive on Brandmeister for a time and your ID no longer seems to work? Most

importantly, does your DMR ID begin with a “1”? If so, you need to obtain a new DMR ID.

What is a DMR ID? It is a unique subscriber (user) identification mechanism, containing 7 digits, for use on digital radio systems and networks. Ham radio has adopted this commercial standard for use on our own digital networks. Users registered in Ohio are assigned 3139xxx, where ‘xxx’ is a 3-digit consecutive ID. Ohio Statewide DMR talkgroup is 3139 and the first Ohio subscriber IDs began with the same. Though a “DMR ID” is universally accepted on any DMR network, it’s also accepted on other platforms using a 7-digit ID, such as P25.

As the popularity of DMR exploded, Ohio and many other states ran out of the 1,000 available IDs. That is 3139000 – 3139999. When that happened, keepers of the registration system at the time, DMR-MARC, decided to issue IDs beginning with a 1 resulting in IDs: 1139xxx. These IDs were issued about seven years ago. DMR IDs are now managed by [RadioID](#).

IDs beginning with a 1 do not follow the [Mobile County Code](#) (MCC) standard and cause issues for some amateur radio DMR network administrators. The first three digits of an ID make up the mobile country code with the first digit identifying the geographic region. “3” identifies communications from North America and the Caribbean. According to the Wikipedia article, 1 and 8 are not used. Others reference 1 (as well as 0) being used for test networks.

[Brandmeister’s announcement](#) states **7-digit personal DMR IDs beginning with a 1** (such as 1139xxx in Ohio) will stop working, at the latest, January 1, 2026. If the ID has not been used “for more than a couple months” it will be purged before Jan 1. Analysis using the [RadioID database](#) search and dumps show 5,300 DMR IDs assigned in Ohio. 900 of those IDs begin with a 1. Nearly 1-in-5 users in Ohio need their DMR ID updated (as of this writing) before Jan 1, 2026 in order to continue using the Brandmeister network. All DMR IDs starting with a 1 will cease to work at the end of 2025 on Brandmeister.

6-digit repeater radio IDs beginning with a 1 (such as 1139xx in Ohio) will stop working sometime in the future. A date when these IDs will stop working has not been set (as of this writing). RadioID database search shows five repeater IDs are affected in Ohio (as of this writing).

5-digit CAP+ (Capacity Plus) IDs will stop working June 1, 2025. Capacity Plus is a popular Motorola commercial controller-less trunking system. I didn't know it was used much in ham radio except for areas in Texas. As seen in a database search, five CAP+ IDs are issued in Ohio (as of this writing). Some NXDN IDs are also five digits but they are not the same as CAP+ IDs.

What prompted this change? Aside from not following the MCC standards, this causes problems with Brandmeister's "operations, scripting, and automation."

Now, I get it – I have obsessive compulsive tendencies and want everything to fit nicely into a defined structure. I've also worked professionally in programming and system administration having the desire for data to be correct only to be overridden in favor of convenience. Instead instructed to 'make it work' adapting programs to accept 'bad' data. In particular, data generated by other facilities, systems, or means which we did not have control.

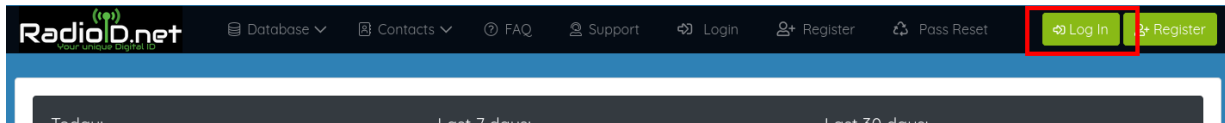
Sure, it took extra time to code, test, and validate but far less effort than having a majority of customers redo a set of steps. Shifting responsibility to users will introduce additional errors, users will not want to redo work with no additional benefit gained, time waiting for users to complete, forgotten passwords, not remembering if they have an account. The list goes on. They already did it once, why would they do it again? Users will think they don't need to complete steps again even when explicitly informed they need to do so.

Is this an issue with the software Brandmeister is using to run the network not accepting IDs beginning with a 1? Don't know, they didn't say. Most (ham) networks are built using open-source software and they apparently don't want to modify it. Their own statements identify 1 as a valid, albeit test, network type. If it's their "scripting and automation," why not just change it?

Brandmeister has decided to take the opposite approach and make RadioID correct subscriber data. It's an easy decision when you're the 800-pound gorilla and one that doesn't have to do the work. Brandmeister doesn't have to get thousands of users to log on, "fix" their IDs and update equipment. RadioID can't unilaterally fix all IDs that begin with a 1 without notifying users because users will still need to update codeplugs.

RadioID updated their portal to include a self-service way to correct an ID beginning with a 1 just a few days ahead of this publication. Users still need to logon, complete the steps to obtain a new DMR ID, update code plugs, upload the new ID to their radios, and update IDs entered into hotspots and apps, such as DroidStar. If you don't use Brandmeister, it's still a good idea to complete these steps because other networks may decide to follow suit since Brandmeister made this a requirement to use their network.

Updating a 1n DMR ID to a 3n ID:



Go to: <https://radioid.net/>

Click **Logon**.

Forgot password, click **Pass Reset**. Enter the **callsign** associated with the account and follow instructions to reset the password.

Don't have an account, **Register** for one. It may take some time to validate license information.

After logging on, ignore/close popups prompting to subscribe unless one wishes to support the work RadioID is doing.

Your Radio ID's				
Radio ID	Callsign	Type	Expires	Status
3139	K8JTK	DMR / P25 / CCS7	Does not expire	Approved
	K8ITK	DMR / P25	Does not expire	Approved

Under the “Your Radio ID's” section, click the appropriate DMR **Radio ID** that needs to be changed.

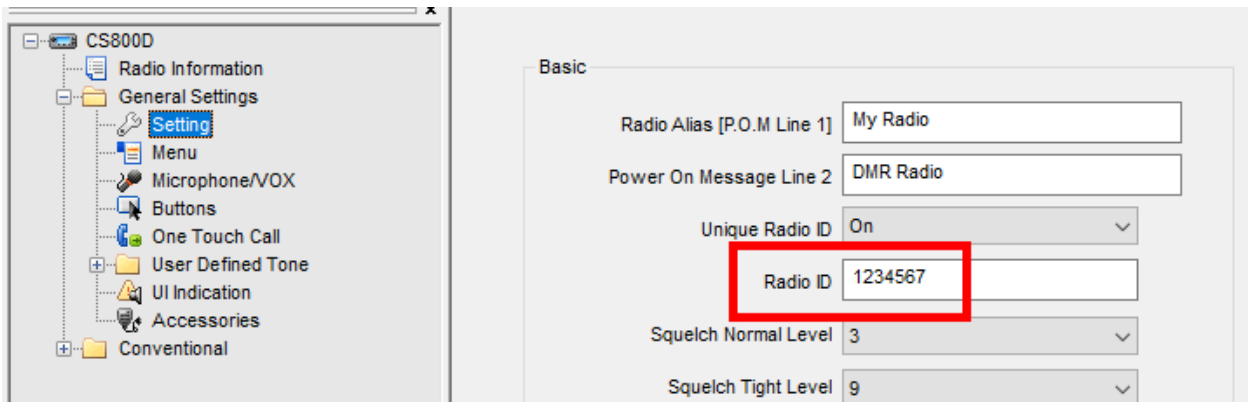
DMR USER ID

Radio ID	3139
Remarks	<input type="text" value="OG DMR"/>

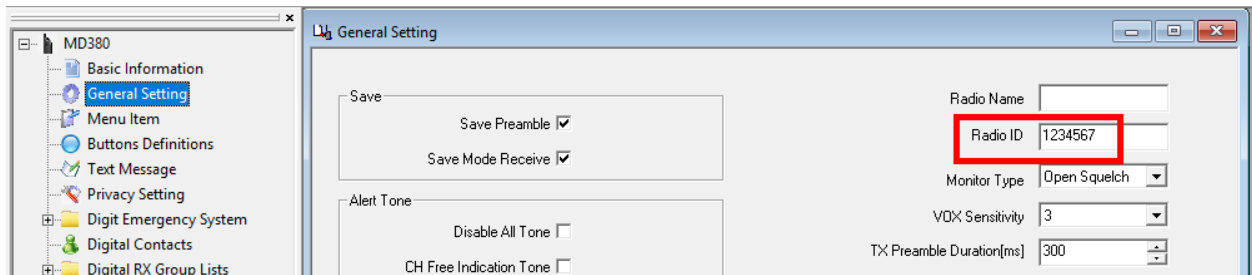
If your ID starts with 1n and you need a 3n ID for BM

On the “DMR USER ID” popup screen, “If your ID starts with 1n and you need a 3n ID for BM” click **Convert to 3n ID**.

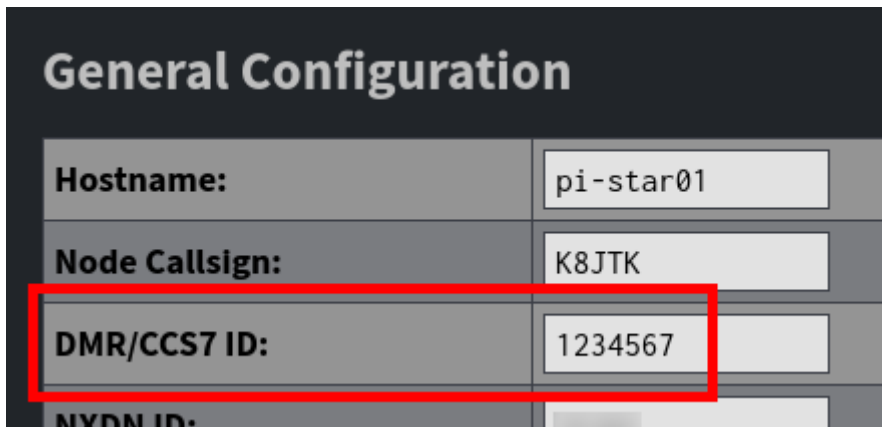
When the new ID is received, update codeplugs, radios, hotspots, and apps. Get this done sooner-than-later to avoid the end-of-year rush of those who procrastinated avoiding delays associated with a pending deadline.



DMR ID in Connect Systems CPS. Radio -> General Settings -> Setting -> Radio ID. Update with the new DMR ID.



DMR ID in MD380 CPS. Radio -> General Setting -> Radio ID. Update with the new DMR ID.



DMR ID in Pi-Star (WPSD). Dashboard -> Admin -> Configuration -> DMR/CCS7 ID. Update with the new DMR ID.

If there are any issues updating an ID or accessing a RadioID profile, open a ticket with RadioID [support](#). **Do NOT** create a ticket with Brandmeister Self-Care because they won't be able to help. Doing so will cause additional delays in obtaining a new ID and they will direct you to RadioID anyway.

I'm not sure if Brandmeister is going to contact users whom are still using IDs beginning with 1 or, more likely, just cut off those users to the Brandmeister network. In the past, it isn't like them to communicate major system changes to users other than posting on a section of their site users don't typically visit and users don't frequently visit the [Brandmeister homepage](#). It may end up being that RadioID might contact users, but I don't think I've ever received communication from them either despite having a current E-mail address on both services.

Make sure to pass the word around to other DMR users, family members on DMR, clubs that have DMR IDs, organizations and clubs that use DMR or have DMR nets. Chances are a number of users will need to complete these steps. 1-in-5 in Ohio alone need to update their ID. One can use the Database [Online Search](#) (then click **DMR User/RPTR ID Search**) searching call signs (or other field) to notify friends/family/club members to update their DMR ID. If your ID is compliant, take this opportunity to log on to RadioID and check the accuracy of profile details.

Thanks for reading and 73... de Jeff – K8JTK

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February 2025

In the Ohio Section, we experienced a remarkable year.

To maintain our progress, we must sustain our activities, engaging both new and current hams. As experienced hams, we should assume the role of mentors, fostering a receptive attitude to their contributions in enhancing ARES and club activities.



Upcoming Events:

NVIS DAY, April 26th
Hamvention, May 16th – 18th

Field Day, June 28th - 29th

OHIO SET, October 4th

Hamfests, throughout the year. Check the [Ohio Section](#) website for more information.

Local exercises and events

These are merely a few examples, and this is an opportune moment to engage local ham radio enthusiasts.

Ohio Simplex Contest:

This year's Ohio Simplex Contest was a success. Although, the turn-out was down from last year. Below are the top 10 scores submitted

	Call	County	Total QSO	Counties	Total
1	N8RKE	Cuyahoga	455	9	4,095
2	KK8EMA	Ashland	251	7	2,057
3	AC8UJ	Hamilton	242	7	1,944
4	KK8EMA	Ashland	205	4	1,120
5	K8VON	Defiance	140	4	810
6	KA8VBR	Cuyahoga	260	3	780
7	K8SAS	Cuyahoga	150	2	700
8	KD8DXV	Monroe	95	4	630
9	K8ZT	Summit	155	4	620
10	N8ESG	Cuyahoga	165	1	615

Ohio Section 2024 Totals

As reported on the Form 2 for 2024

Members	10,166
Nets	5,873
NTS Nets	4,801
Participants	30,946
Exercises	473

Exercise Hours	7,057
Trainings	1,349
Training Hours	10,638
Public Service Events	291
Public Service Events Hours	7,775
Community Service Events	200
Community Service Events Hours	5,664
Emergency Events	67
Emergency Events Hours	2,676
SKYWARN Events	250
SKYWARN Events Hours	4,434
Meetings	840
Meetings Hours	15,779
Unclassified Events	2,512
Unclassified Events Hours	15,187

Total Hours: 69,155

Total Value: \$2,199,129.00*

*Volunteer time that was donated to our local and state municipalities.

Thanks for your service and contributions to the Ohio Section,

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ARRL has replaced the PIO handbook with the PR-101 course. It is a large downloadable file with a lot of good information. I suggest checking it out. In the meantime, I'd like to finish up our old PIO series. Next in line is the chapter on Talking Up Ham Radio. From ARRL's PIO Handbook;

On Radio and TV Talk Shows

More than 4,000 talk, interview and local public affairs shows are aired daily in the United States. They reach audiences totaling millions of people. Many radio stations in the USA are exclusively "talk". This forum represents a huge resource for you, the ARRL Public Information Officer. Here's how you can tap it.

Celebrities Only?

Fame never hurts, but isn't strictly necessary to be famous to be booked on talk shows. While a well-known amateur such as the late Senator Barry Goldwater (K7UGA) would get the approving nod in a heartbeat, there are thousands of opportunities for lesser celebrities - like you. An average of half a million interviews annually, on thousands of shows, makes a lot of space for the right people. So who are these "right" people? They are people who talk show producers believe will 1) interest listeners or viewers, and 2) are a good, reliable interview. Your IQ (Interest Quotient) hangs heavily on whether or not people want or need to hear what you have to say. Depending upon the type of show, you must either be controversial, or able to offer them something that can change their lives for the better. Your IQ takes a nosedive, however, if you are a mere poor imitation of someone else; it soars to the heights if you are unique and well-spoken. That "well-spoken" remark comes from the opinion of talk-show experts who believe that how you say it is often more important than what you say. For promoting Amateur Radio we need to convince producers that listeners will find "hamming" an interesting and vital hobby that they might like to join.

A good, reliable interview is several things. First, it is an interviewee (you!) who shows up on the right day, at the right time and in the right place. For a telephone interview (a "phoner") it means that you are at the phone at the right time - and were smart enough to make it a phone in a quiet location and without the "Call Waiting" service. After all, your hollering kids and the "alert" of the Call Waiting signal go out over the air right along with your most eloquent profundities!

A story about Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, involves an incident that happened at a White House party. “Silent Cal” was a man of few words. He was approached during the party by a woman socialite who told him, “Mr. President, I bet Mrs. Smith that I could make you say three words.” The dour reply was, “You lose.” Don’t be a “Silent Cal” interview unless you want some ticked off host to say, “you lose”. A “good interview” is one in which you do most of the talking. A “good talk” is able to carry the conversation because he or she is an expert on the topic ... and has lots of material on hand.

A teacher at George Washington University offered his students one piece of advice that should be tattooed on the forearms of all who seek talk show appearances: don’t ever speak impromptu. Always be prepared for contingencies in case things don’t go the way they were planned. Have a talk or line of questioning planned, and be prepared to talk on it at length. Too much preparation is never a problem, but too little is a disaster.

Types Of Talk Shows

Talk and interview shows come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Some are call-in shows, during which listeners telephone the studio and ask their questions live on-the-air. Although this format attracts its share of “interesting” callers, it is also a vigorous arena that taxes you to the limit.

Another format is the cross-the-table interview with no call-ins. This type of interview is typically pre-taped for airing at a later time, although some shows do it live.

How To Handle The Tough Interview

Inevitably, if you do a lot of interviews, you will encounter either the hostile host or a call-in jerk who wants to make life difficult for you (probably someone with an unresolved TVI complaint). Pioneer TV talk show host Joe Pine sometimes told his guest to go “...gargle with razor blades.” Journalist Dan Wooding (Open Doors News Service) said that a person does not really come of age in the interview biz until they have survived an interview on Britain’s BBC. According to Wooding, a BBC interview is a vicious rite of passage into the adulthood of the talk show circuit.

But Dan also offered advice on how to handle that kind of interviewer. When he asks a provocative, outrageous or embarrassing question ... ignore it. Answer in a happy, chipper, comfortable and thoroughly congenial manner, but answer by asking a question of your own. You can then burn up about five minutes of that broadcaster’s equivalent of a bear trap with your own answer to your own question.

In other cases, the interviewer will ask legitimate questions that, although designed to lead you out onto a shaky verbal pier above a school of man-eating barracudas, are nonetheless in your best interest to answer. Keep it cool, be amiable, and skewer the rogue with a well thought out answer. After all, you have had a lot more time to think

about the topic than that overworked talk show host.

Another tough interview is the incompetent host. Guests on talk shows are a dime a dozen, and press releases and PR material comes into the station by the box load. Far too many talk show hosts never even see your stuff until you hand him or her a copy five minutes before airtime. The interview then degenerates into a discussion of the major headings “Joe, what do you mean by...” as he reads a title to 500,000 listeners). The only hope for the “incomp” interview is to take command and run away with the host’s show: yak it up! I suspect that the host will actually be relieved. After all, if he is too lazy to at least speed-read the material that you sent in beforehand, then he is probably too lazy to keep the ball rolling: it’s your show from the minute you realize that the host is taking the table of contents route.

How To Get Invited

Fortunately, getting invited on radio and TV talk shows is not too difficult. First, you will have to identify the shows that fit your goals. Is the audience a group of people you’re trying to reach? Does amateur radio fit in with the general sorts of topics the covered? There are several avenues open for learning this information. The first step might be to listen to your local radio station to find out what shows are aired locally. You could also ask the local station manager for advice. You can also look in the standard broadcasting industry directories. Although some libraries might have them, in most cases you will have to spend some bucks to buy your own copies.

Second, you must prepare a press kit. (This is a press kit promoting you as a talk show guest, as opposed to an amateur radio press kit, which you should have as well.) According to Mitch Davis of Broadcast Interview Source, there is a “two-ounce” rule for the press kit. If it weighs more than two-ounces in the envelope, (requiring more than two units of postage) then it is too big.

The press kit should demonstrate that you are experienced with the media (list even one little local interview); if clips are available, include them. Demonstrate why your topic, or your experience, is timely and newsworthy. For example, if Amateurs helped with communications for a storm emergency recently, contact the station or show producer about doing a story. Exploit any seasonal or annual aspects of your topic (Field Day, for example).

Also, if the station or show has a narrow range of listeners, then there might be an Amateur Radio angle that can be exploited. For example, if there is a local Christian radio station in your town, then tune in on and become familiar with the Halo Missionary Net (21.390 MHz, 1800Z). This topic can also be exploited for personal appearances, lunch and breakfast talks, and other gatherings of local religious groups. I found that both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches are eager to hear talks on their missionaries from a radio perspective. It’s fresh, different, and so relevant to their own interests.

Expand your topic to include the greatest number of listeners. ALWAYS be a primary source ("I'm kinda like So-and-So" won't cut it - they'll go get ol' So and-So instead of you). Make sure that your phone number appears in at least three places in the press kit.

In a seminar for Washington's Open University, Mitch Davis and his associate Joe Shafran stressed the importance of a little hype to get the producer to actually open your letter (many - maybe most - wind up in the circular file unopened). Use a real stamp, not a postage meter stamp, and a well-designed envelope that stands out (but not too much glitz, please). Don't use computer generated mailing labels. In fact, Davis recommends hand writing the address on the envelope. Above all, address the press kit to a real person - not just "guest coordinator" or "producer". If you have to call the show or station to find out the correct name, then do it. In fact, it is a good idea to call the person anyway. Ask for about thirty seconds of time, and then use it (and no more unless invited to do so) to tell him why you would be a good guest, and state that "some additional information" (the press kit) will hit his desk any day now.

Make yourself visible. A press kit, although very valuable, is a temporary asset at best. It dies (if not on arrival) very soon after arrival. The we'll file it against the day when... "is the kiss of death." The day when..." never comes.

Cable TV Public Access

Most areas served by cable TV have a "Public Access" channel that can be used by just about anyone. Rules for getting the program sent over the system vary from locality to locality. Some system operators may require you to record the program using your personnel. This can be a great club project! Your program should be lively, entertaining and engaging enough to pique the viewer's interest. Having some visuals, which could be equipment, graphics, photos, videos of Field Day or other activities also adds to the presentation. The less time spent on just "talking heads" the better. Like all programs, your cable access show should have a topic and a beginning, middle and end. Good planning is a must. With all that's going on in Amateur Radio, your club could produce an ongoing series!

Conclusion

The radio-TV interview is one of the most powerful and rewarding methods to promote a book, a cause, an idea ... or Amateur radio. It works, it is accessible and it's for you.

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Northeast Ohio Event for 5th to 8th Grade Students- Radio Day at Williamson Innovation Park



The Youngstown State University College of STEM will host a free Radio Day event for 5th-8th grade students on Saturday, April 26th, from 10 am-3 pm at the Williamson Innovation Park!

Attendees will examine how radios work, learn different ways in which radios are used, and get an introduction to the electromagnetic spectrum through fun and hands-on activities. Activities include learning Morse Code and tuning in radio signals from around the world to make two-way radio contact using amateur (ham) radios!

This program is free, but students must both register and complete a waiver to attend.

Click here to register for the event, and then ***click here*** to fill out the waiver.

Once completed, the waiver must be emailed to

stemprofessionalservices@ysu.edu.

The Williamson Innovation Park is located at 8399 Tippecanoe Rd. Canfield, OH 44406. Parking is available, and parents are invited to drop off students or remain for the day. Bring a packed lunch, as lunch is not provided. We hope to see you there!



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INNOVATION PARK

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

They will also hold a Wireless Summer Day Camp from June 16 to 20th. Details will be available later.

Please pass this information on to your local clubs, families and friends.

That's it for this month; I hope to work you on the air soon!

73,

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From the Section Traffic Manager

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Greetings! Happy Valentines Month!

This month I thought I would like to talk about The Radiogram Handling Instructions..

This information comes from the [ARRL NTS Methods and Practices Guidelines](#).

1.1.3 HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS, [HX], OPTIONAL

OPTIONAL. Do not use handling instructions unless a particular need is present. Do not add a handling instruction if none is present on the originated message. Handling instructions are used

by the originator to instruct the relaying and/or delivering operator to handle the message according to the following codes (Refer to ARRL CD 218, pink card.). If used, handling instructions must stay with the message to the point of delivery.

NOTE: Numbers following the letters are appended without a space. No punctuation, symbol or otherwise, is permitted

*** HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS (ARRL, FSD-218 2/91)**

- HXA__** (Followed by number.) Collect landline delivery authorized by addressee within [...] miles, (If no number, authorization is unlimited.).
- HXB__** (Followed by number.) Cancel message if not delivered within [...] hours of filing time; service originating station.
- HXC** Report date and time of delivery of the message back to the originating station.
- HXD** Report to originating station the identity of station from which received, plus date and time. Report identity of station to which relayed, plus date and time, or if delivered, report date and time and method of delivery (by service message).
- HXE** Delivering station get reply from addressee, originate message back.
- HXF__** (Followed by a number.) Hold delivery until [date].
- HXG** Delivery by mail or landline toll call not required. If toll call or other expense involved, cancel message and send service message back to originating station.

* Compliance with these instructions is mandatory. Reports may be considered service messages.

* **MORE THAN ONE HX CODE MAY BE USED.** If more than one code is used, they may be combined provided no numbers are to be inserted, otherwise the HX should be repeated, thus: NR 27 R HXAC W1AW..., or NR 27 R HXA50 HXC W1AW...(etc.).

Three new Handling Instruction have been added:

HXI	Please handle as ICS-213.
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HXR	Please confirm actual receipt by addressee and notify the originator.
HXT	Special traffic test message, ID ____.

Keep an eye out for these Handling Instructions. HXI indicates the message is one of the ICS forms which may be passed by ARES. HXR is similar HXC except the handler is asked to verify receipt and replay back to the originator. HXT will be used soon for test traffic. I will be talking about this in the future when that traffic starts coming our way.



National Traffic System
Traffic and Message Handling
For Skill, Service, and Fun!

The ARRL got its start to organize message delivery to get messages delivered efficiently, accurately to its destination by different radio stations. This tradition continues today using CW, voice, and digital.

- Why practice traffic handling?
- It teaches operator good skills.
- It gives you valuable skills in times of emergency passing health and welfare messages.
- You learn how to operate under adverse conditions without power.
- You create friendships and camaraderie.

Any license class can handle traffic even with a basic HT. Ask a mentor, club, or go to nts2.arrl.org for more information. There are nets you can join to learn and practice this skill. Consider Traffic Handling as part of your Ham Radio experience!



Ohio Section Nets

If you have traffic you need to move, take it to a VHF net or HF via 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

If you have a net in Ohio, you would like to list here please send me the information.
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Thanks For All You Do!

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Winter Field Day has come and gone. Did your club participate in the operating event? My “home” club participated as a club for the first time since I have been a member. I operated JS8Call, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to operate as much as I was hoping to. Looking forward to next year! With WFD out of the way, it’s a good time to start your planning for

ARRL Field Day in June. Take what you learned during WFD and make this the most successful Summer Field Day ever!

For those of you lucky enough to attend, Hamcation is coming up soon. I am interested to hear if any clubs make the trip together. If your club does, I would love to hear about it. Not far off, on April 18, is World Amateur Radio Day. Have you considered hosting a “Ham Radio Open House”? This is a great opportunity to showcase your club and abilities to the general public and recruit prospective members.

Most club elections should be over at this point. I encourage you to check and see if your club information is up to date on the ARRL website. You can find this information by going to arrl.org/find-a-club and searching for your club. It is good practice to update this information at the very least, annually. Please make sure the following information is correct:

- Meeting Location and Time
- Website URL
- Contact Information
- Board Member List

This is crucial for individuals looking for local information and for the club to be reached. Many missed opportunities have been caused by broken or dead links.

I look forward to seeing what’s to come in the Ohio section for 2025!



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Hi everyone, welcome to February. If you are like me, you probably intend to take it easy this weekend but instead are playing catch-up after Winter Field Day. It's amazing how far behind one can get after just one weekend.

So, this month, let's talk about websites. I've been building and maintaining websites for a few years, beginning (years ago) with Front Page, advancing to HTML/CSS coded sites, and most recently WordPress.

Does your club have a website? Some don't, but most do. I've seen a few that use Facebook as their outward facing window to the world. There's nothing wrong with that, but what about those in your audience who aren't on Facebook? These days, I feel that a website is more a necessity than a luxury for any organization.

I want to start by pointing you to a webinar on the subject that I really enjoyed. It was part of the ARRL's Club Development Series, and is titled "*Effective Websites for Clubs*". The link is https://learn.arrl.org/courses/52440/video_presentations/261533. The recording of this webinar is open to all ARRL Members. You need to log in to the ARRL Learning Center (Separate from your ARRL membership, but it is free).

Websites are no longer an expensive luxury. Nor do you need a degree in Computer Science to create a functional and effective website. In fact, the most important quality needed to create a website is persistence. Time spent at the keyboard keeping the content fresh. I know, I should take my own advice, but that's another subject.

I would venture to say that you can do a basic website for less than \$100 per year. Stay tuned for more. Next month, I'll talk about hosting, and more.

Lastly, let's look at this month's stats from arrl.org.

The top 4 sites (after the home page) are:

- 1) Hamfests (arrl-ohio.org/hamfests/)
- 2) Swap & Shop (arrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/)
- 3) Ohio ARES (arrl-ohio.org/ohio-ares/)
- 4) The Ohio ARES HF Digital Net (arrl-ohio.org/ohden/)

PS, I've been making some changes on the Section website. The menu structure really bothered me, so I moved some things around. Check it out. I hope it makes things easier to find. I'll have more on this in the March issue.

And that is it for this month. See you in the March issue.

73 DE WG8X

National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

President George Washington's 293rd birthday will be celebrated by the [Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club \(MVARC\)](#), K4US, Alexandria, Virginia, on February 15 , 2025 from 1500Z - 2000Z and on February 16 from 1500Z - 1600Z. Club members will be operating from the Mount Vernon greenhouse on the original grounds of the former plantation of George Washington and his wife, Martha. Frequencies include 7.042, 7.242, 14.042, and 14.242 MHz. QSL cards and additional information are available by contacting the MVARC, P.O. Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. The MVARC is an ARRL Affiliated Club.

Shanghai Coast Radio Station XSG will host a global amateur radio special event on February 12 – 13, 2025.

The station will celebrate its 120th anniversary and World Radio Day from 00:00 UTC on February 12 to 24:00 UTC on February 13. All contacts with XSG will be cross-band contacts in Morse code and XSG will operate on its authorized frequencies outside of the amateur radio bands. Amateur radio operators making contact will operate within their own allocated amateur frequencies. XSG transmission frequencies are 4105, 6780, 8502, and 12871.5 kHz. XSG receive frequencies are 3521.3 – 3526.3, 7021.3 – 7026.3, 10121.3 – 10126.3, 14021.3 – 14026.3, and 21021.3 – 21026.3 kHz. For more information email: hadt@shhad.com.

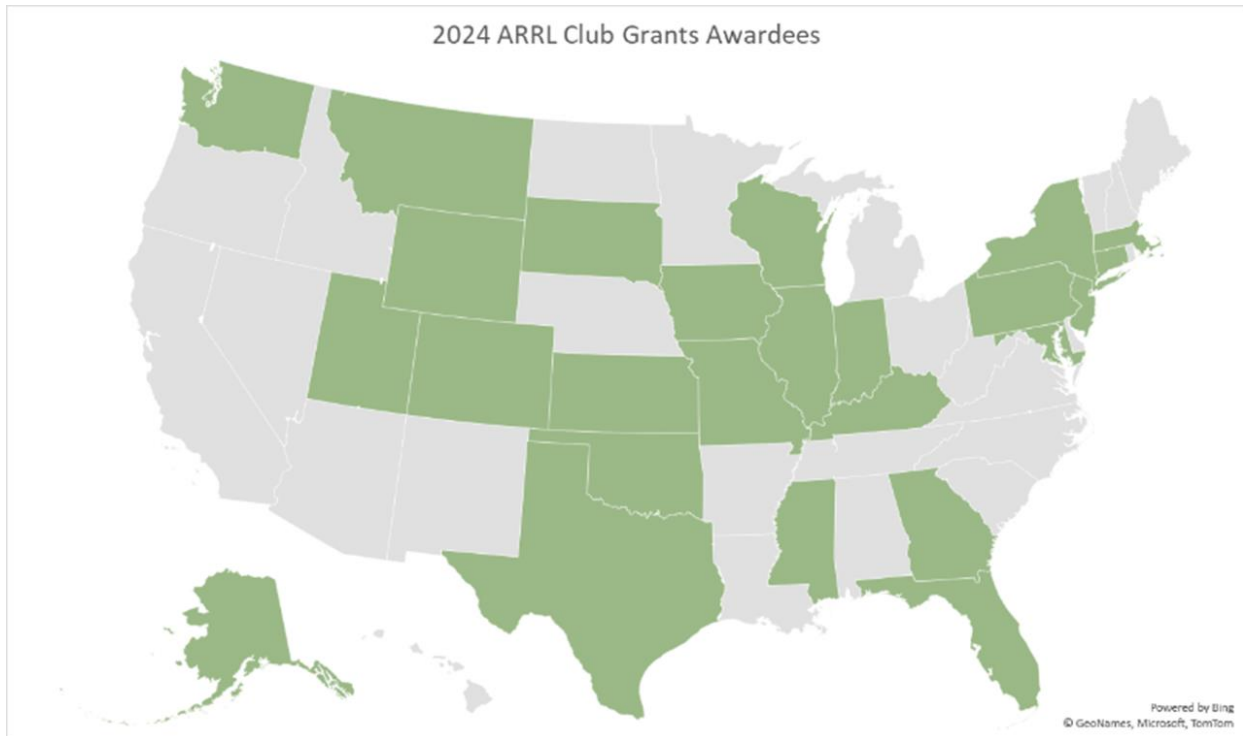
HAMVENTION!

Hamvention 2025 Theme: Radio Independence The Hamvention team is pleased to introduce our 2025 Theme, which is Radio Independence. Radio Independence means a great deal to us. In the age of Parks on the Air (POTA), Summits on the Air (SOTA), YouTube, and International Communications, radio is moving beyond its past limitations. In the course of history radio has been heavily regulated and, in some instances, banned altogether. We are fortunate to enjoy these freedoms, and for us at Hamvention we are proud of our Radio Independence. What does Radio Independence mean to you? See you at Hamvention 2025. 73, Hamvention Executive Committee November 1, 2024



ARRL Club Grant Program Awards a Half Million Dollars to Grow Ham Radio

Thirty-seven amateur radio clubs benefitted from \$500,502 in grants through the ARRL Club Grant Program to implement projects that educate, recruit, train, and promote amateur radio in their communities. Funding for the grants comes from [Amateur Radio Digital Communications \(ARDC\)](#).



There were 110 applicants to the 2024 ARRL Club Grant Program, with applicants from all ARRL Divisions and 40 states, requesting nearly \$1.6 million in support, in amounts ranging from as small as \$1,000 to as large as the maximum of \$25,000. Funds were distributed to the clubs in December of 2024.

Some examples of the work that will be accomplished via these grants include upgrades to antennas within [Florida’s SARNet](#), a statewide linked UHF repeater network that is used extensively by emergency managers during hurricanes; enhancement of amateur radio-based telemetry systems onboard Illinois Space Society projects, and many programs targeting youth outreach.

“These grants are possible because of the strong partnership between ARRL and ARDC,” said ARRL Director of Development Kevin Beal, K8EAL, “and provide transformational impact for the next generation of amateur radio clubs.”

Registration is now open for the 2025 Dayton ConTest University (CTU) to be held all day on Thursday May 15, 2025, at the [Hope Hotel](#) on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base the day before [Hamvention®](#) opens in Xenia, Ohio. 2025 will be the 16th year for CTU Dayton. Eight different countries have hosted CTUs, including the USA, Australia, Russia, Germany, Italy, England, Brazil, and Finland. Over 10,000 students have attended these CTUs with more

than 100 CTU professors sharing their contesting experiences. The 2025 CTU Dayton course outline will be posted once all have been confirmed. Each presentation is carefully prepared with up-to-date information. CTU professors are experienced testers who will share their knowledge, and participants can ask questions and learn new ways to enjoy contesting. Videos and PDF presentations from past CTUs can be viewed at contestuniversity.com. There are scholarships (registration fee paid) available for CTU through a grant from the Northern California DX Foundation for students aged 25 or younger. Student registration information is on the CTU website, contestuniversity.com.

Club Corner

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

Let us 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?

Send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org



VE Sessions

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

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

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

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

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. 9:30-11:00 For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at ab8yk@hotmail.com

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

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

Saturday, February 3	Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6	Saturday, 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

The Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association VE schedule for 2025.

Feb 8th; Mar 8th; Apr 12th; May 10th; Jun 14th;
Aug 9th; Sep 13th; Oct 11th; Nov 8th; Dec 13th.

At the Columbiana County EMA at 215 South Market St, Lisbon, OH 44432.
Check in at 1 PM, testing at 1:30 PM.

Make sure you have your FRN number from the FCC.
Contact NN8B at nn8b.oh@gmail.com for any further information.

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 10, 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 proper ID, 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@mcarcho.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 at <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>



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December 17, 2024

Dear

Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club

On behalf of The City of Struthers I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of your time and energy to help make this year's City Christmas Festival such a wonderful success.

Your dedication and hard work made a significant impact on the event, and it was clear that your passion and commitment helped bring the holiday spirit to life for everyone who attended. We are truly grateful for the effort you put into making the festival memorable for our community.

It's volunteers like you who make our city shine brighter, and your willingness to step up and contribute your time speaks volumes about your character and generosity. We could not have done it without you.

Once again, thank you for your support, and we look forward to working together again in the future. Wishing you a joyful holiday season!

With Love,

Catherine Cercone Miller
Mayor, City of Struthers

Web: www.cityofstruthers.com

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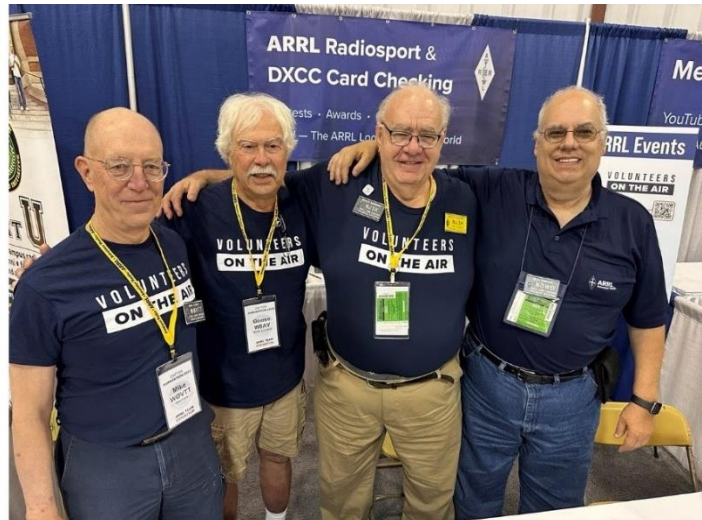
Scott's Stuff...

Wow... Can you believe it, it's gonna' be Groundhog day soon. Yes, this hot story and a whole lot much more can be found inside the Radio Waves newsletter.

Go to: <https://arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2025>

Ok... that's going to do it from here this time around.
Keep smiling!!

Catch you on the air, in a meeting or at a hamfest!!! Be
Radio Active!!!!



73,

Scott, N8SY

Great Lakes Division Director

n8sy@arrl.org

Your Club news should be listed here!

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

Important Links

ARRL Home: www.arrl.org

Find an ARRL Affiliated Club: www.arrl.org/clubs

Find your ARRL Section: www.arrl.org/sections

Find a License Class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a License Exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

Find a Hamfest or Convention: www.arrl.org/hamfests

Email ARRL Clubs: clubs@arrl.org

DX This Week – #318

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

If you are wondering, and I am pretty sure you are not, I was not able to get out and replace the 30M trap on my vertical. There was about 9 inches of snow around it and now it is slush! However, we are to get about 2 inches of rain Friday into Saturday, so my plan is to get it done on Sunday. We shall see!

I received the following from Howard, N8HO:



Hi Bill,

This has been a good week for QSL's! Here are a couple more.

Howard N8HO



Thanks Howard. I really appreciate the QSL cards and the email – nice to know someone is checking the DX column out!

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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.

There are many rumors floating around regarding the SV/A - Mount Athos DXpedition. It is important to rely on trusted sources like the DailyDX for the most accurate information. As of Thursday morning, Bernie reports that “There has been no update from the SV1GA/A team on Mount Athos since 1800Z yesterday. G4WFQ, Dave, reports that the SV1GA/A QO-100 Satellite QSOs have been uploaded to Club Log and that OQRS has been turned off. QRX as The Daily DX will continue to provide updates.”

HD8G will be on the air April 18-26 from the **Galapagos Islands**. This DXpedition, one year in the planning, will encompass 22 operators from Ecuador,

Brazil, India, Serbia, and Russia managing eight stations at two sites on Santa Cruz Island, with one station dedicated to satellites, one dedicated to EME, and one dedicated to 6M. The team's official advisors are NE8Z, Rick, and OK1BOA, Petr. "We received great support from ACOM, one of the world's leading manufacturers of RF linear amplifiers, and other manufacturers." However, airfare and baggage costs have skyrocketed.

Thus, the team seeks individual US\$10 donations via their website. This will guarantee immediate LoTW confirmation and priority mailing of paper QSLs. They are also selling souvenirs, including shirts, caps, and mugs. Finally, they ask that people visit their sponsors, all of which are listed on their website. They welcome commercial and organizational donations as well.

K4ZW, Ken Claerbout, was in Juba, **South Sudan** this week. He made over 4,600 CW and SSB QSOs as **Z81Z**. His logs should be uploaded to LoTW by now. Ken thanks Z81D, Diya, for all his "wonderful support and hospitality." QSL Z81Z via K4ZW; see instructions posted on the Z81Z QRZ.com page.

KH7AL/KH9, Allen, continues to operate on a time-available basis from **Wake Island**. Al notes, not entirely tongue in cheek, that this schedule is "subject to change due to sudden tropical downpours, typhoons, pestering birds, spooky noises in the dark, QRM, big spiders, rogue waves, hermit crab rebel uprisings, and of course, work."

C21TS, Phil in **Nauru**, initially planned to finish in Nauru by February 2025, but has now decided to stay until September 2025. After that, he will take a two-month leave. During his time there, Nauru has improved its ranking on Club Log's DXCC Most Wanted List from 54 to 106, thanks to his efforts and C21MM's 90,000 QSOs in October last year.

Currently, C21TS has 83,000 QSOs with minimal duplicates, as he does not use MSHV. He aims to reach 100,000 QSOs before leaving. His DXCC count stands at 221 confirmed. Operating mainly on FT8 with 25W, he uses a small vertical antenna for 30M and above, and an end-fed half wave antenna for 40 and 80M. He may try SSB soon, but not CW. He also hopes to attempt 160M operations, though it might be challenging without an amplifier.

C5PL from **The Gambia** will be operated by LBØOG, Marcin, on SSB and FT8 MSHV, SP1C on CW, SP1FM on SSB and FT8-MSHV, and SQ1GU on SSB.

This DXpedition is scheduled for January 31-February 7 from the “One Love Beach Bar” near Ghanatown and Banjul, a Parks on the Air (GM-0004) and World Wide Flora and Fauna (C5FF-0004) site. They also plan on POTA GM-0008 and WWF C5FF-0001 with the C5PL/P callsign and POTA SN-0002 and WWFF 6W-0002 from Senegal with a 6W/P callsign. For all operations, they will be on 80-6M with a focus on 20-10M. Their stations will include an ICOM IC-7300, Yaesu FT-891, and an Elecraft KX2 with a 50W power amplifier. The ICOM and Yaesu radios will run 100W on CW and SSB and 20W on digital modes. Antennas are a hexbeam for 20-6M, DX Commander for 40-10M, end-fed wire for 40, 20, 15, and 10M, dipoles for 80 and 40M, and a VDA for 20-10M. QSL via LoTW. They also plan to upload their logs to POTA and WWFF. Paper QSLs will be set several months after the expedition, as they check the logs and order the appropriate number of cards. QSLs via Club Log OQRS should work, also.

HB9ERD (DL3GN), Udo, is on holiday this month, operating as **CN2GN** from several locations throughout **Morocco**. He is using a Yaesu FT-857 on QRP CW. QSL via either of his home calls.

ZL1RS (E51EME), Bob Sutton, is planning a 6 and 10M DXpedition from Makefu, **Niue** in May 2025. He will operate as **E6RS** and will be focused on the Magic Band (6M). Bob is also planning a 6 and 10M DXpedition to Efate Island, Vanuatu in June, where he will operate as YJØRS. During both trips, he will only be on 10M if 6M is closed. QSL via ZL1RS.

44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica member VU2DGR, Denney George, share details about his upcoming radio operations from the Bharati Research Station at Larsemann Hills, **Antarctica**. He is there now through early 2026 and will be operating in his spare time with special call AT44I. He'll be running 100 watts from an IC-7100 into a half wave dipole. Activity will be on SSB, CW and FT8 on 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. QSL via VU2DGR.

On February 22, 2025, members of the Caboolture Radio Club, including VK4AWB, Alf, will be traveling to **Norfolk Island**. They will be conducting radio operations from February 22, 2025, to March 1, 2025, covering all HF bands during the week, including attempting a world record distance on 630m and 2200m bands with callsign **VK9YB**. Additionally, they will operate FT8 mode. The call signs used for this operation will be VK9QD (club station), VK9YB (VK4YB), and VK9AB (VK4AWB).

The Rebel DX Group's 5N9DTG DXpedition has been delayed due to flight cancellations. Initially set for January 25th, it is now expected to start around January 30th.

DF2WO, Harald, has an upcoming **9X2AW** operation from near Kigali, **Rwanda**, today through February 15. Harald has a Yaesu FT991A, 100 watts, to a hexbeam, vertical and 4-element Yagi on 6, plus an 80cm dish for the QO100 satellite. He plans 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6M CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and Q65. QSL via M0OXO direct, through M0OXO website, or Logbook of The World.

Late Wednesday (2344Z), Bob, K4MZU, contacted Eric, KB1EHE/C6A/mm, and Elsie, KB1IFZ/C6A/mm, aboard the National Geographic Explorer heading to King George Island, **South Shetland Islands**, hoping to use **VP0H**. They were using 20 watts with a vertical antenna and had 5/8 signals. Bob noted they worked many stations in North and South America. Operating from the ship's bridge, their antenna was high above the water near King George. They plan to go ashore today and operate as /KC4, looking for Europe between 1800 - 2000 UTC. They will be QRV from the island during the day and from the ship at night as /mm.

I received the following from our friend, Charles, **5H3DX**. "I will arrive in **Tanzania** Feb. 20th and depart on March 6th. This is an official visit for a groundbreaking ceremony for Chihoni Medical Center, so 5H3DX will most likely operate from a hotel room, sporadically at best. On my last trip, FT8 was reliable but CW was hopeless in that setting. I certainly will try to work CW and FT4/FT8 but it depends on propagation and local conditions. There may be more 15- & 10-meter opportunities if recent conditions are any indication. I look forward to a more relaxed visit later this year at which I should be able to do more operating with better antennas and in a more suitable setting.

I will be in Dodoma, Tanzania, using the call 5H3DX. My home call is NK8O. If you need a QSL, please send them direct only, no buro. Request per instructions via PayPal/e-mail for paper cards. I will also be using LoTW and Clublog. There is more information on my 5H3DX web page.

73,
Charles / 5H3DX / NK8O / VE3ISD

The DX Mentor podcast/YouTube channel featured Charles and his exploits in Tanzania in an episode last year. You can access the Youtube version at <https://youtu.be/iUXNUIIAYNU>, or [my searching for the DX Mentor in YouTube and then looking for the 5H3DX, Tanzania episode](#). You can listen via your podcast app by going to <https://creators.spotify.com/pod/show/bill-salyers/episodes/Episode-44---5H3DX-e2m8u93> or by adding The DX Mentor to your favorite podcast app and searching for 5H3DX.

Speaking of the DX Mentor, a new Podcast episode will drop this weekend with details on the upcoming TI1RRC DXPedition to Panama, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua. Each stop will involve some POTA activity. You don't want to miss this!

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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!

ARRL announces new DXCC Trident award

The ARRL Board of Directors Programs and Services Committee and ARRL Headquarters staff are creating a new DXCC award, DXCC Trident, which will recognize those who achieve DXCC using CW, phone, and digital modes. Higher achievement endorsements can be earned at the 200, 300, and Honor Roll levels. The DXCC Trident award is intended to spur greater on-air operating and to inspire those using digital modes to also develop their skills in, and practice, CW and SSB.

The next contest that I am gearing up for is the CQ WW RTTY WPX contest. Having a call like AJ8B is somewhat a multiplier for me and this contest is a blast.

The exchange is RST and Serial Number. It runs from 0000Z Feb 8th to 2359Z on Feb 9th. You get more points for QSOs on 40 and 80 meters, but you do get points for QSOs in the same country as well. Check it out and let me know what you think!

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	3/1/2025	3/3/2025
YB DX RTTY Contest	3/8/2025	3/8/2025
Idaho QSOP	3/8/2025	3/8/2025
Oklahoma QSOP	3/8/2025	3/8/2025
Wisconsin QSOP	3/9/2025	3/10/2025
Virginia QSOP	3/15/2025	3/16/2025
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	3/29/2025	3/30/2025



For those folks who were longing for a good old fashioned winter, I hope all the snow, ice and cold temperatures have satisfied their needs for the next several years. However a sure sign of Spring just around the corner appeared the other day in Hillsboro. It was the sign at the local Dairy Queen announcing their February 1 opening for the year.

What did the **Athens County ARA, Bellbrook ARC, Clinton County ARA, DeForest ARA, Hocking Valley, Morehead ARS, OH-KY-IN ARS, Parkersburg ARK, Queen City Emergency Net, Remote Base Contest Club, Southwest Columbus HRC and Warren County Aux Com** have in common this past weekend? If you said it was participation in Winter Field Day you probably read our last column and get the cigar. Needless to say, there was a decent participation from the South 40 Region. A tune of the bands indicated a good showing of operations on each band. It was interesting to hear the weather conditions stations were operating under. A decent number of folks gave up the comforts of a home station participation to operate from vehicles, tents, open shelter houses, garages and barns. Once again they prove that amateur radio operators are a hearty group of people.

Until a couple years ago, anyone entering the Highland County Courthouse probably encountered Rodney Chamblin, KD8HHE. Besides being the decades long custodian, he was an unofficial caretaker for Ohio's oldest operating courthouse. Additionally, he and wife Rachael, KD8JQL, were the voices of the county fair's PA system for 44 years. Besides the **Highland ARA** Rodney was also a founding member of the Highland County Antique Tractor Club. Following declining health, he became a silent key last week. Services have been held in Hillsboro. Our thoughts are with the family and his friends.

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 recent test session at the January 19 **Sunday Creek ARF** Hamfest resulted in Benjamin Brewster from Athens receiving his General class license and the KF8DES call sign. The Western reaches of the South 40 Region saw Technician licenses issued to Wilmington's Ricky Lewis (KF8DFH) and Hamersville's Zachary Riley (KF8DEM). Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, tells us a couple South 40 counties we don't hear from that often now have a couple of new Technicians. Guernsey County's Josephine Beal from Cambridge is now KF8DGX and Zanesville/Muskingum County resident Steve Loos is now KF8DHC. Now it's up to us to help get them on the air and welcome them with some over the air contacts.

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 **Portsmouth RC** will conduct a free Laurel VE session prior to their February 3 meeting at the American Legion Post. All elements will be given and walk-ins are welcome. Even though the **Athens County ARC** currently has a Technician license class underway I'm certain Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, would welcome any late comer to join in or person wishing to brush up prior to the March VE testing. Give him a call at 740-541-0972 for an update.

According to QST, the **White House Communications Agency ARC** will conduct a special event operation from 0000Z February 16 until 0000Z February 18. WOH is the call sign that will be used. Please refer to page 92 in the February QST or check www.whithousecomms-arc.org. Lowell Yates, KD8HD, of Jackson, is the President of this national club.

Those who have followed this column and the previous "Monday Morning Memo" know the **Athens County ARC** besides being known for its hamfest is heavily involved with providing communications and other services to the many types of running and bicycle events in their area with 2025 no exception. Club officials are already requesting assistance from the amateur community for the slate of upcoming racing events this Spring. Since 2014 the Club has assisted Lake Hope's Iron Furnace Run. This year the event will happen on April 5. Some changes in this year's course will require some additional bodies to man the checkpoints and serve as observers along the courses. A few days later on April 13 the annual Athens Marathon takes place through the streets of Athens. The Race For A Reason duthathon and triathalon sponsors has made a request for assistance for their Saturday April 26 event. Anyone able to assist should contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.

N8ZNR and I had the opportunity to attend the first gathering of the **Fayette ARA** at their new breakfast meeting location. Although the Our Place attendance was cut because of weather, those who attended enjoyed the food and fellowship. Having a room to themselves didn't hurt either. They anticipate meeting at this location on the third Saturday morning of each month at 10 am. February 8 will get started with the monthly gathering of the **Bainbridge Area Hams** at the Dutch Restaurant on SR 41 South of Bainbridge at 8:30. Then up US 50 at 10 the **Highland ARA**'s Brunch Bunch will gather at the Hillsboro Burger King. The **Scioto Valley ARC** is currently polling members to determine the interest in restarting their monthly breakfast gatherings.

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.

Mentioning HamCation reminds me that HamVention is just around the corner. If you have never been to it, you should start making plans to attend this year's event. The first thing you should do is to check the HamVention website at www.hamvention.org. Then start viewing all the YouTubes and other sites to give you an idea what the World's Largest gathering of amateur radio operators

and those interested radio communications is all about. Because the event is so large there is no way you can do it justice in only a single day. Therefore start looking for overnight accommodations if you are not within a reasonable driving distance. Don't expect to find something just down the street. Most places within 30 miles are already sold out or with limited availability. Then start shopping for a pair of comfortable shoes as you will be walking a lot. Or if you have limited walking abilities, investigate the scooter rental program. Next get your hands on a good backpack to hold all the goodies and literature you will pick up during your visit. Lastly, don't forget to go on-line and order your admission ticket. If you are fortunate to reside within driving distance from Hamilton's R & L Electronics, you can purchase your ticket from them and not have to stand in line.

After the last couple of weeks, grass cutting is looking good. I think I'm ready to go zero turn mower mobile again. Until next time, Happy February! Stay radio active and help someone else get the same.

John Levo, W8KIW

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ARLD005 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by F8DVD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

NIGERIA, 5N. Members of the Rebel DX Group plan to be QRV as 5N9DTG beginning February 1 and here for two weeks. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, FT8, and possibly SSB. QSL via ClubLog.

SENEGAL, 6W. Willy, ON4AVT will be QRV as 6W/ON4AVT from the town of Warang from February 2 to April 10. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

RWANDA, 9X. Harald, DF2WO is QRV as 9X2AW near Kigali until February 15. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, FT4, and Q65. This includes activity on Satellite QO-100. QSL direct to M0OXO.

BAHRAIN, A9. Members of the Bahrain Radio Club are active with special call sign A9100IARU the first five days of each month to celebrate the IARU's 100th anniversary. QSL via EC6DX.

NAURU, C2. Phill, FK1TS is QRV as C21TS and plans to extend his stay until September 2025. Activity is currently on 80, 40, and 30 meters using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Operators LB00G, SP1C, SP1FM and SQ1GU will be QRV as C5PL from February 1 to 6. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4. This includes activity from Tanji Bird Reserve, POTA GM-0004, WWFF C5FF-0004. They will sign C5PL/p from West Kiiang Marine National Park, POTA GM-0008, WWFF C5FF-0001. QSL via LoTW.

FRANCE, F. Francois, F8DVD will be QRV as TM22AAW from Macon on February 2 and 3, and then between February 8 to 20 for the 22nd International Antarctic Week. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

GUINEA BISSAU, J5. Livio, IZ3BUR is QRV as J52EC until March 1. Activity is on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and various digital modes. QSL direct to IZ3BUR.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event station OE25SKI will be QRV from Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Leogang from February 4 to 16 in celebration of the 2025 Ski Championship. Activity will be on 160 meters through 23 centimeters. QSL cards will automatically be sent via the bureau and eQSL.

ANTARCTICA. Mika, OH2FFP is QRV as OJ1ABOA from the Finnish Antarctic Station Aboa, IOTA AN-016, until February 12. QSL to home call.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. Xu, BG5DON is QRV as P29XZ near Port Moresby while on work assignment. Activity is in his spare time, mostly during the weekends, on 20, 17, 15, 10, and 6 meters using FT8 with low power. QSL to home call.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Bruni, VE3BRU will be QRV as S79/VE3BRU from Eden Island, IOTA AF-024, from February 4 to 20. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

MALI. TZ. Ulmar, DK1CE is QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako until February 20. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using mainly SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

INDIA, VU. Special event station AU75BSG is QRV until February 4 for the Rajapalayam International Radio Communicators Club to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Jamboree. QSL via VU2JFF.

INDONESIA, YB. Emmanuel, F5LIT is QRV as YB9/F5LIT from Bali Island, IOTA OC-022, until February 18. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

Please see February 2025 QST, page 80, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

Upcoming Hamfests

We **DO** have hamfests scheduled for 2025!!



Ohio Hamfests

2025

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.

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>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>04/27/2025 - Athens Hamfest Location: Athens, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association Website: https://www.ac-ara.org/ Learn More</p>
<p>05/10/2025 - 05/15/2025 RV Radio Network Rally Location: Navarre, OH Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: RV Radio Network 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>05/16/2025 - 05/18/2025 Dayton Hamvention Location: Xenia, OH Type: Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association Website: http://Hamvention.org 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>08/09/2025 - Cincinnati HamfestSM Location: Owensville, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org Learn More</p>	<p>08/17/2025 - Warren Hamfest Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: http://w8vtd.com/hamfest 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>GET YOUR FEST AFFILIATED WITH ARRL TO GET IT LISTED HERE!</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>	<p>08/16/2026 - Warren Hamfest Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: http://w8vtd.com/hamfest Learn More</p>

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***



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

Final... Final

The following was written by Ohio Section member Jeff Meyer – K4DKW:

How young is too young to introduce Kids to Amateur Radio?

You might have guessed the correct answer. It's not age dependent. It's interest dependent. Developing interest in Amateur Radio comes down to visibility and exposure. The changing world we live in makes it a necessity to constantly adapt and find new appropriate exposure opportunities for our hobby. The typical school provided Industrial Arts, science or electronics clubs of the past are generally no longer available as introduction mechanisms. This topic arises frequently within Amateur Radio groups and clubs as people perceive or observe the aging of many of our most passionate and dedicated participants. I want to dispel the misconception that age is the primary cause of diminished interest or reduced hobby participation. We should not expect anyone to knock on our door and say "I want to be interested in ham radio". Our challenge is to present opportunities to expose the public to Amateur Radio technologies so that they might choose something they find of interest.

As a volunteer educator in Northeast Ohio of 3rd to 7th grade students I am equipped to offer you encouragement that there is great opportunity to provide exposure to pre-teen students who are hungry for and excited to explore the science of Amateur Radio. Although the elementary school Amateur Radio Club I created may be looked upon as unique, repeated winning of the ARRL School Roundup, participating in non-youth targeted activities like Foxhunting and SKYWARN, demonstrates we are not doing anything that cannot be replicated in other schools.

As individual hams become more seasoned, a common theme expressed is how the hobby has positively influenced their lives and how they want to see it propagated and preserved for all generations. The opportunity to help identify the hundreds of activities and technologies, both underdeveloped and traditional, thought of as our avocation Amateur radio, is available to all. It has been said that Amateur Radio is a thousand hobbies within a hobby. We can exploit that at any age, but I think I have demonstrated the viability of Amateur Radio Club activity at ages earlier than many are intuitively aware of. I have received requests to replicate what I am doing with our Elementary School Amateur Radio Club in places around the Great Lakes Division like Columbus and Cincinnati. It can be anywhere. I need other passionate and enthusiastic Hams to step up if we want that to happen.

There are certainly many opportunities inside and outside our schools for organizations to create exposure to Amateur Radio, young, old and in between. The ARRL Teachers Institute is another opportunity for professional teachers to proliferate Amateur Radio among our youthful generations. This donor funded program is designed to provide training and help classroom teachers elevate their STEM programs through the use of wireless technology.

Regardless of your talent or expertise, if these thoughts possibly give you or someone you know the desire to help provide exposure to Amateur radio, please reach out to me. More information and my contact details can be found on my K4DKW QRZ page.

Jeff Meyer, K4DKW

The Handbook Giveaway is getting a good response – I’m currently sending out the new edition of the Antenna book (I haven’t got stocked up on the NEW Handbook yet) Our January winner is KE8HXE– **Brad** from Columbus, Oh! Congratulations Brad – your handbook will be on the way shortly. Don’t forget to get signed in for the February drawing – you’ll find it at www.arrl-ohio.org.

Lots of really good events coming up. The hamfest page is getting pretty full – I hope I get a chance to see you at one of the OH Hamfests coming up this year! And, I’m going to start pounding the drum now – Hamvention is the largest gathering of Ham Operators in the World! Be There.

Listening to some old music the other day – Huey Lewis and the News – “It’s HIP to be Square”. I couldn’t help to think that that pretty much sums up Ham Radio operators. Considered to be “Square” because of our interest in Math and Science, but really “HIP” because of all the cool things WE can do! I know a lot of you have made a contact with the Space Station? How cool is that? We play with the latest, state of the art technology, we meld computer science with RF engineering! Most people can’t do the things we do. Let’s invite them to “sit at the Cool Kids table!”

Share the Magic of Radio!

73,
Tom WB8LCD

“Swap & Shop” on the website

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...

<http://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. You might want to list your location so that prospective buyers know where you’re at.

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. 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:

<http://arrl-ohio.org/news/index.html>



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Chit – Chat, and All That!

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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/>



The pictures on the front page and throughout this newsletter are from various newsletters, Facebook posts and/or were sent directly to me in recent weeks. Take a good look at them, you just might be in one of the pictures! "SMILE... you're in the Ohio Section News!!"

The Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) is produced as a comprehensive look at all the programs within the Ohio Section. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition of the OSJ and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and from around the world!

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