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CQCQCQ de WB8LCD



Hamfest season is already underway in the Ohio Section! We've got lots of hamfests on the calendar, if yours isn't on the list, get it submitted to the ARRL – when it shows up on the ARRL list I pick it up for both PostScript and the Ohio Section Journal. I can't tell you how many HW-101's I've built in my day (that's one of mine in the photo! (but not me in the photo)) but look at the price on that! \$350 for the HW101, power supply and 400hz cw filter – what a deal. I want to encourage you to get out to as many Ohio Section Hamfests as you can this year. Save a "boat anchor" from the trash, support our local clubs and get to know the other hams in the section "face to face". You won't find a nicer bunch of people, you'll make some good friends, relive some old memories and have one heck of a good time while you're doing it!

You'll notice that in every issue of PostScript and Ohio Section Journal I list the local fests so you can see what's playing near you. Sadly, I've already deleted a couple for this year. The only way we can stop that from happening is to SHOW UP! I know, times have changed, and I'm sure there will be some casualties along the way. But don't think you are forgotten! I believe that photo above was from the Goodyear Hamfest at Wingfoot Lake Park. That was always one of my favorites. My old mid 70's Ford Granada. The beat up card table of my parents on the right. My good friend Mike (WB8VYW SK) holding up a beer can, yeah, that was us! Even the hat he was wearing: TET. Tanaguchi Electrical Traders (my spelling may be off on that). The first Yagi I ever owned was a TET that I had purchased at Dayton Hamvention. Mac Tanaguchi gave us those hats personally. Wish I still had it, but it's long gone now. It's pretty amazing to think about what little events stick in your memory. But you won't make those memories if you're not there. And for us "OLD TIMERS" – if you don't show up, you might be depriving a young ham of one of those memories that you would have provided. BE There – Be a part of it!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention HAMVENTION here. I say it every year - this is one of

the largest (if not THE largest) gathering of Ham Radio Operators IN THE WORLD! Last year it was estimated that the attendance was over 35,000. That's a pretty big deal! Vendors and visitors from all over the world will be there – how about you? Did I mention, even though it's attended by Hams from all over the world – It's Right In YOUR Backyard! It would really be *silly* for you not to attend (I might have normally expressed this in different terms – but I am trying to be nice...). Seriously – you need to get there. Those of us who make an annual pilgrimage wouldn't think of missing it! Get your tickets now, and if you plan on being there for more than just a "day trip" you



better get going on locking in your hotel / motel / camping arrangements. They get filled up FAST! Bring along a few of your QSL cards. You can post one in the Great Lakes Division booth (in with the ARRL booths), and if you remember to bring some scotch tape, you can hang one on the door of your hotel room – you never know who might be looking for you! A few

extra will make good "calling cards" when you meet, or meet up with, someone you find particularly interesting. DARA goes way out of their way to put on a good show. Don't miss it!

I've heard it commented quite a few times in the last few months that POTA is one of the biggest New events that has got people out and on the air! It's true. The popularity of POTA is through the roof. Don't forget, you can participate from home – you don't have to pack up and go out to the parks to QSO with them. But going out to the parks is an opportunity to test your skills and ingenuity at putting together a station and operating portable. It's also an opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio to the other park goers who may have never been exposed to Ham Radio before. Before you leave to head out for a park, you put some thought into what gear you're taking with you and how you will deploy it. How about spending just a couple minutes thinking about what you might take out with you to give to a passer-by who shows an interest! ARRL has some fliers that would be perfect! Check them out at the ARRL store <u>ARRL | Ham Radio Publications, Books, Equipment, Gear</u> then go to "Exhibit Supplies" and check out the "What is Amateur Radio" Flyer, "Ham Radio Youth" Flyer and "Emergency Prep Checklist" Flyer. They're all FREE! Be sue to put your's, or your club's contact information on them so they can have a local contact to bring them in!

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD Ohio Section Manager wb8lcd@arrl.org 330-554-4650



National News (from ARRL and other sources)

The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL), K4LMB, will host the 2025 SSB/CW/Digital YL-OM Contest from 00:00 UTC February 13 until 23:59 UTC February 14.

All licensed amateur radio operators throughout the world are invited to participate. All bands except 60, 30, 17, and 12 meters may be used. Net and repeater contacts do not count. Participants may work up to 36 of the 48 hours. The contact procedure is simple.



OMs (male hams) call "CQ-YL," and YLs (female hams) call "CQ-OM." For more information, complete rules, and awards, visit <u>Contests - Young Ladies Radio League</u>.

Las Vegas, Nevada, <u>American Legion Paradise Post 149</u>, along with members of the <u>40 & 8</u> <u>Voiture 306</u>, will operate special event station NV7AL, February 19 - 24, 2025. The event celebrates the 76th anniversary of the United States, and the state of Nevada, receiving a 40 & 8 Merci Train boxcar in 1949. The <u>Merci Train</u> boxcar serves as a memorial to the Allies' participation in World War II. The car was called a "40 et 8" (40 and 8) because the French military rated it to carry 40 men or eight horses. There is a 40 & 8 Merci Train boxcar located in Boulder City, Nevada. To learn more, visit Merci Train. The Forty & Eight, a charitable honor society of American wartime veterans, was formed in 1920 by American Legionnaires. NV7AL will be operating at various times each day, primarily on 7.074, 7.250, and 14.074 MHz. A QSL card is available.

NTS® Resources

The National Traffic System® (NTS®) is a network of amateur radio operators who move information during disasters and other emergencies. General messages offering well wishes also move through the NTS® to help test the system and to help amateur radio operators build traffic handling skills. While the NTS® is primarily set up to serve the United States and Canada, it is possible to move traffic internationally through the NTS® through various local, regional, area, and international network connections.

NTS 2.0 NTS Manual NTS Methods and Practices Guidelines Handling Instructions Numbered Texts Form Encoding Rules for Form

Live from Twitch, it's the Space Station!

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, NASA will host the first live Twitch event from the International Space Station. Viewers will have the opportunity to ask NASA astronauts Don Pettit, who is currently aboard the orbiting laboratory, and Matt Dominick, who recently returned to Earth after the agency's Crew-8 mission, questions about life in orbit.

LIVESTREAM DETAILS

ARRL Student Membership

ARRL Student Membership was established to increase youth participation and long-term involvement in amateur radio. Student members can access ARRL membership benefits including the digital versions of ARRL magazines, and the extensive courses and training materials available through the ARRL Learning Center.

Please note: ARRL requires age verification for all student members. Parental/Guardian consent is required for applicants under 18 years of age. Student memberships are not eligible for add-on printed membership magazine subscriptions. Student membership benefits are subject to otherestrictions and exclusions.

Student Membership options:

- Option 1: **Full Student Membership.** Dues rate \$30 per year. This low-cost membership option is available to US Amateur Radio licensees under the age of 26 years. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. A full member may vote in ARRL elections for Division Director, Vice Director, and Section Manager. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.
- Option 2: Free Student Membership. This no-cost, Associate membership option is available to full-time students aged 21 years or younger. Applicant must be a resident of the US, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Free Student Membership excludes access to the ARRL E-mail Forwarding Service, and Associate members may not vote in ARRL elections. Other restrictions and exclusions may apply.

Become an ARRL student member today!

To JOIN with a Student Membership - https://form.jotform.com/241074273604047 or To RENEW a Student Membership - https://home.arrl.org/action/My-Account/Pay-Balances

Club Corner

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

Let me know what you club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary? Just send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org



Please! Format as below:

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

From Brent WD8PNZ OH ARES DEC D-1

I wanted to send along an update to the upcoming Cobalt Magnet 25 Exercise March 17-21.

"The Cobalt Magnet exercise series is a Department of Energy (DOE)/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)-led that focuses on managing the off-site consequences of a radiological or nuclear incident. Response organizations come together in a full-scale environment to establish working relationships prior to an event; validate concepts of operation; and identify best practices, capability gaps, and areas for improvement. Among all response partners, within both the United States and Canada, effectively coordinate to manage and share information among tactical, operational and strategic partners while conducting response and recovery actions"

The States Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and several Provinces in Canada will participate along with areas within the 50 mile IPZ from the Fermi II Nuclear Power Plant in S.E Michigan, NW Ohio and Essex County Canada.

From the original concept of being a 24 hr a day 7 day exercise, it will now be concentrated 8am-5pm M-F that week and of that, Amateur Radio will be heavily involved on Tuesday March 18th 8am-5pm. Michigan SEOC and Monroe County EOC will be fully activated that day along with Promedica Monroe Regional Hospital. The rest of the week, Monroe Amateur Radio will be on call and operating virtually.

We are therefore requesting that if your county can participate on the 18th, we would at minimum do communications pathways roll call checks hourly with all participants starting just after 8am and then every hour at :45 to the hour. That will ensure Monroe will have a complete informational picture before the county EOC performs its briefings at the top of the hour. Any further communications and the extent of the communications will be at the request of exercise controllers, Monroe EOC command staff and Michigan State EOC.

If your operators can operate at your EOC or control point, that would be beneficial. Being that there most likely will be large amounts of downtime in between communications and understanding your operators are giving a large chunk of their time to being available, if they can only operate from home we understand.

As we approach the exercise, I will be providing an ICS 205 for communications. At minimum we expect to utilize HF 40m and 80m, local VHF/UHF repeater assets, DMR BM TG 31673 R5 Auxcomm, WINLINK, Echolink and possibly D*Star reflector 024A. Other channels will be added as needed. There is also a possibility of doing testing with Mutualink communications system for those that have it.

There will be web conferences the end of February in which I hope to learn more of the expected amateur radio extent of play.

I plan to schedule a zoom conference a week or so before the exercise with all participants to coordinate last minute needs.

If your county is able to participate, please email me and let me know along with your communications abilities available that day. If you are a DEC and know of a team leader I have not contacted, please let me know their info and feel free to forward this email to them with my contact info.

Thank you and your team members for the time to participate in this exercise! The effort is greatly appreciated. Have a safe weekend! 73

Lance Charter KE8BYC Emergency Coordinator Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp (c) 734-597-0004

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 <u>will not collect</u> the fees at exam sessions*.

<u>AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team</u> administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2025 are as follows: Januray 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 <u>www.ae8fp.net</u> <<u>http://www.ae8fp.net/</u>>

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/.

<u>All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)</u> hosts testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. Our testing sessions use Examtools, a digital testing platform, and administers the exams on tablets. Simply sign up for a free account at <u>https://hamstudy.org/register</u> 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.

<u>CARS</u>

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 <u>www.2cars.org</u> 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 8th; Apr 12th; Jun 14th; Aug 9th; Oct 11th; and Dec 13th, 2025.

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: <u>buzz@baylorhill.com</u>

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 <u>exams.w8bi@gmail.com</u>

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

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 <u>ab8yk@hotmail.com</u>

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2025** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday. February 1 Saturday, April 5 Saturday, June 7 Saturday, August 2 Saturday, October 4 Saturday, December 6

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, <u>Click Here.</u>

Questions: Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2025 SCHEDULE.

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

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2025:

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

Make sure you have your FRN number from the FCC. Contact NN8B at <u>nn8b.oh@gmail.com</u> for any further information. Our Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month. WE HAVE ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE ODD MONTHS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE EVEN MONTHS. MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

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-11 | P a g e 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 <u>Exams@mcarcoh.org</u>.

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. <u>ewilkinson1951@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>www.portcars.org</u>.

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 <u>https://w8wky.org/license-exams/</u>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <u>https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/</u>. 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: <u>https://wc8voa.org/licensing/</u>

Ham Radio License Classes Start March 1 and March 3

The OH-KY-IN Amateur Radio Society and the Queen City Emergency Net will again present training for all classes of ham radio licenses. The sessions for **Technician** and **Amateur Extra** will take place on Saturday mornings starting March 1st and continuing through Saturday April 5th. Tech sessions will run from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM and the Extra sessions will run from 9:00 AM until noon. For those wishing to upgrade to **General** Class the sessions will take place on Monday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 PM starting on March 3rd and continuing until April 7th.

An exam session will be held on Saturday April 12th. All of these sessions will be held in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207.

Additional details: <u>http://ohkyin.org/wp/club-activities/classes/</u>

Mark Landis KD8ZLD

ARLD006 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by PY2KP, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

TOGO, 5V. Antonio, IK7WUL is QRV as 5V0DX until February 14. Activity is in his spare time on 10 meters using SSB. QSL via I8KHC.

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

BAHAMAS, C6. Chip, K2KJD and John, K4SGR will be QRV as C6ADA from New Providence from February 12 to 16. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and some FT8. They will try to activate new POTA locations and Lighthouses. QSL via K2KJD.

ANTARCTICA. Alex, DL2ALY is QRV as DP0GVN from Neumayer III Station. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB and various digital modes. He may soon be active using CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via DL5EBE.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Claudio, HB9OAU is QRV as D44OA from Sal Island, IOTA AF-005, until February 18. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

SOLOMON ISLANDS, H4. Bernhard, DL2GAC will be QRV as H44MS from Malaita, IOTA OC-047, from February 9 to May 7. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

LIECHTENSTEIN, HB0. Members of the Ham Radio Interest Group will be QRV as HB0DX from Eschen as a Multi/Single entry in the CQ World Wide WPX RTTY contest. QSL via DL3DXX.

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.

ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. Alex, SA2SAA will be QRV as OH0/SE2QRP on 10 meters in the CQ World Wide WPX RTTY contest. QSL via LoTW.

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.

BRAZIL, PY. Special event call PV91L is QRV until February 15 to celebrate the 91st anniversary of LABRE. Activity is on all bands and modes, including some on various Satellites. QSL via LoTW.

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

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Tom, K0YA is QRV as V4/K0YA from St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, until March 4. Activity is on the HF bands. He will be active as V47Y in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. A group of operators will be QRV as V73WW from February 11 to 23. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via DJ4MX.

COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS, VK9C. Larry, W5EIT will be QRV as VK9/W5EIT from February 11 to 18. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW and FT8, with SSB and RTTY if conditions permit. QSL via LoTW.

ANGUILLA, VP2E. Chuck, KG9N is QRV as VP2ECV until February 18. Activity is on all HF bands using CW. This includes being an entry in the CQ World Wide WPX RTTY contest and in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

ST. HELENA ISLAND, ZD7. Gan, KY8D is QRV as ZD7KYD from Jamestown until February 15. Activity is on 17 to 10 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

The ARRL School Club Roundup runs from February 10 to 14.

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

Upcoming Hamfests



Ohio Hamfests

2025

| 03/09/2025 - <u>Northern Ohio Amateur Radio</u> | 03/16/2025 - Toledo Mobile Radio Association |
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| <u>Society Winter Hamfest</u> | Hamfest and Computer Fair |
| Location: Elyria, OH | Location: Perrysburg, OH |
| Type: ARRL Hamfest | Type: ARRL Hamfest |
| Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society | Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association |
| Website: <u>https://www.noars.net/hamfests/winter-hamfest/</u> | Website: http://www.w8hhf.org |
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| Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, | Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, |
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If you have information for your 2025 hamfest get it into the ARRL! As soon as I see them approved and added to the ARRL site, I'll get them listed here.

DX This Week – #319 Bill - AJ8B (<u>thedxmentor@gmail.com</u> / <u>www.aj8b.com</u>)

Well, I was surprised that no one emailed to find out about my exploits with my vertical. Well, since you have all been wondering, the good news is that the 15-meter trap was replaced, and the vertical is performing very well. The trap was filled with water and the winding had broken off due to corrosion at the bottom of the trap. So, no more whining from me!

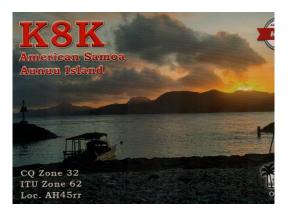


I received some great cards this week. Z21ML from Zimbabwe, 5R8WE from Madagascar, and KH8T, and K8K from American Samoa. What did you get?









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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 <u>thedxmentor@gmail.com</u>.

The worldwide amateur radio community was abuzz last week with news of a previously unannounced DXpedition to Mount Athos, which Wikipedia describes as "a mountain on the Athos peninsula in northeastern Greece directly on the Aegean Sea [and] an important center of Eastern Orthodox monasticism." The first operation from this community was 50 years ago, in 1975, with the same callsign, SV1GA/A. Two of the operators from the 1975 DXpedition were invited back this year: SV1GA, Aris and OH2BH, Martti. They were joined by KO8SCA, Adrian; YO8WW, Gabi; and OH2GEK, Niko. The team arrived on January 25, set up quickly, and got on the air. Their logs were available on Club Log, and all seemed well.

SV1GA/A went off the air early this week without explanation. This fueled intense speculation, as well as baseless rumors. On Wednesday, January 29, the SV1GA/A team said that "Time flows differently in the Holy Community as even the morning prayer starts at 4 a.m. We can all learn and benefit from the Mount Athos lifestyle...Most importantly, the SV1GA/A team is safe and in good spirits

and excited to have brought on the air such a rare DX entity. The matter of Amateur Radio in Mount Athos is in the hands of different entities within the Holy Community, and all we can do at this point is serve as a source of knowledge and expertise. For us, the key entity is the authority that issued our invitation/permit to carry out the SV1GA operation. Our paperwork is as clear as water but outside sources have put everything on hold for further review."

Despite the optimism of this communication, the team left Mount Athos the next day. At this time, there are more questions than answers. The Daily DX and The Weekly DX will share any updates we receive.

The Araucaria DX Group is pleased to announce it has received permission from the Marinha do Brazil (Brazilian Navy) for a DXpedition to Arquipélago de São Pedro e São Paulo (Saint Peter & Saint Paul archipelago). The operation will take place in the October – November 2025 time frame. The actual dates will be announced later.

The St. Peter & St. Paul rocks are located at 0 deg 55.2' N and 29 deg 20.9' W, about 60 miles north of the Equator, approximately 600 miles from the city of Natal, on the Brazilian mainland.

St. Peter & St. Paul rocks, PY0S, is No. 14 on Club Log's Most Wanted List, and No. 3 in Asia. PY0S was last activated in 2012. Since then permission to land and operate from the rocks has not been granted. Our Radio In a Box (RIB) capability enables us to make this activation possible without the operators being physically on the rocks, thereby meeting the key requirement of the Navy for a very small footprint operation with minimum human presence. According to the permit two of us will be allowed to land each day for a limited time to refuel the generators and make any necessary repairs. We plan to deploy five RIB-s for a total of 6 stations. Operators will be working from the boat anchored a short distance from the rocks. We plan to be active from 160 to 6 m, on CW, SSB and FT8. There will be six local operators: Adrian, KO8SCA, Fred PY2XB, George, AA7JV, Mike KN4EEI, Peter, PY5CC, Tomi, HA7RY, as well as a number of remote operators. The RIB equipment, which makes this operation possible, was developed with the support of the Northern California DX Foundation.

The St. Peter & St. Paul archipelago is unique as the only place where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, as five small rocky islets, pierces the surface of the Atlantic Ocean. The largest of these is Belmonte, with a total area of 5400 square meters

(1.2 acres). Not all of this area is dry. Large waves often wash over some parts of the islet. The Brazilian Navy maintains a permanent research station on Belmonte which is manned year around. Our upcoming operation is not only aimed at making this No.14 DXCC entity available to DX-ers but also to increase worldwide awareness of this unique rock formation and the role the Brazilian Navy plays in scientific research and study of this extremely difficult and rare environment.

The RIB concept was developed for operations where human presence is severely restricted. RIB-s contain one or two Flex Radio HF transceivers, as well as power supplies, control modules and power amplifiers, all housed in a weathertight case. Add power, an antenna and a UHF control link, and they can be remotely operated without human presence.

We will be making future announcements as we finalize the dates, callsign and complete required formalities.

Per F2DX, Pat, slightly edited for clarity: "After the success of our 9L5A DXpedition in 2024, the F6KOP radio club of Provins plans to go to Saint-Pierre and Miquelon (Ile aux Marins) for 10 days sometime this year to operate as FP5KE. Although FP is sometimes active, there has never been such a big expedition as we will organize. There will be 16 operators with at least seven active stations, 160-6M, all modes and probably 2M EME. Faithful to our principles, the "human" modes CW, SSB, and RTTY will be favored without abandoning FT8 and FT4. Additional information, such as dates and website, will be communicated later."

Nominations for the CQ DX Hall of Fame and the CQ Contest Hall of Fame are due March 1. These annual awards are presented during dinners held in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention.

The International DX Association, Inc. (INDEXA) has assumed responsibility for the CQ DX Hall of Fame, and the Worldwide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) is now managing the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. Send CQ DX Hall of Fame nominations to N2OO, Bob Schenck, and CQ Contest Hall of Fame nominations to K1AR, John Dorr. The SouthWest Ohio DX Association will host the DX Dinner during Hamvention. It will be on Friday, May 16, at the Dayton Marriott at the University of Dayton. There will be a cash bar from 5:30 to 11 p.m., and the program will begin at 7 PM. Purchase dinner tickets on the SWODXA website.

Finally, reservations are open for the 31st annual Contest Dinner on May 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hope Hotel. K1AR, John Dorr, will be master of ceremonies, and KL9A, Chris Hurlbut, will be keynote presenter.

A new Youtube episode of the DX Mentor 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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Below is a list of upcoming contests in the "Contest Corner". I think this is important for someone who is trying to move up the DXCC ladder since entities that are on the rarer side and easiest to work in contests. Some of my best "catches" have been on the Sunday afternoon of a contest when the rarer entities are begging for QSOs. Of course, the gamble is that if you wait until Sunday, conditions may change, or they simply won't be workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course,

why not work the contest and have some fun!

The ARRL International DX Contest, CW, takes place Feb 15th and 16th. There is a lot of activity in this and a great way to work DX. The exchange is RST + State/Province for Canadian and US amateurs, and RST + Power Level for DX Stations. This is a great contest with a lot of activity. Let me know if participate.

The weekend of Feb 21st will feature the CQ 160M SSB contest. The exchange will be signal report and state/province for Canadian/US stations and signal report and CQ Zone for DX Stations. This is a fun contest, and I hope you give it a try. A few weeks ago, I offered you some details on my compact vertical antenna for 160M that only needs a 60 foot circle. You can get on 160 quickly. Just drop me a note via <u>thedxmentor@gmail.com</u> to get the details.

That same weekend will host the North American RTTY QSO Party. This is also a fun time that allows you to work states and counties that you may need.

Please send me an email if you need any details.

| Contest | Start Date | End Date |
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| 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 |

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I plan to keep the column short this week in recognition of February being the shortest month of the year.

"It will never happen here" may have been over coffee comments made by hams at gatherings in the Ashville, NC area until last November. Who would have ever thought a hurricane would come inland that far and cause so much destruction? Who would have thought of hams reporting bodies in trees, land slides covering mobile home parks, roads disappearing or hams arranging helicopter rescues for ladies in labor. But now they are believers. And who would believe Ohio experiencing a 3.1 earthquake? Not once, but three times in just a few weeks--once in Jackson County and twice near Marietta! Thank goodness no heavy damage occurred but it gives reason for the amateur community to be prepared in the event a major disaster happens, as it did in North Carolina and Tennessee) that takes the usual communication channels out of commission and leaves ham radio as the only dependable link to the outside world. Yes the unthinkable can happen. But only the "guy" upstairs knows when and where.

A belated CONGRATS to Paul Schulz, WD8SCV, for winning the honored **Athens County ARA**'s NC8V Memorial Trophy. The Club presents the award to the member achieving the highest score in the annual ARRL's Ten Meter Contest. Who says 10 meters is dead? Paul made 119 contacts, Carl Denbow, N8VZ had 116 and Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, entered 103 in his log.

On Monday evening, February 3, the **Portsmouth RC** held a test session prior to their business meeting. Michael Bailey, N8MRB, reports that Wallace McClurg, KF8CHL, from West Portsmouth, successfully upgraded to General. Last week it was reported that Benjamin Brewster, KF8DES, from Athens had passed his General at the January 19 **Sunday Creek ARF** Hamfest. **Athens County ARA** VE Co-ordinator Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, tells us Robert Wellman, KE8ZWV, from Hamden passed his General at the same event and David Barnhart, KF8BAV, from Racine is now an Extra.

Club activity reports from the recent Winter Field Day are beginning to filter in. The <u>Clinton</u> <u>County ARA</u> had a laid back approach this year and made a couple hundred contacts. They operated from the maintenance barn at the Wilmington National Weather Service Office. <u>Athens</u> <u>County ARA</u> President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reports their operation from the Red Cross Building in Athens resulted in 288 contacts. Additionally, the Red Cross used the event as training for their emergency feeding and sheltering program.

The **Highland ARA** will meet on Tuesday evening, February 11 at the Highland County EOC, 1485 North High Street in Hillsboro. The meeting will start at 7 PM and be followed by a program about programing radios. Also on the 11th, the **DeForest ARC** in Adams County will meet at 7 PM at the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center in the heart of the town.

According to *QST*, the White House Communications Agency ARC will conduct a special event operation from 0000Z February 16 until 0000Z February 18. W0H is the call sign that will be used. Please refer to page 92 in the February QST or check <u>www.whithousecomms-arc.org</u>. Lowell Yates, KD8HD, of Jackson, is the President of this national club.

The **Portsmouth RC** will again represent Ohio in the May 31 through June 15 Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air Special event. The sponsoring **Clark County (WA) ARC** has also invited the **Highland ARA** to fill the second allocated Ohio slot. HARA will vote on their participation at their February 11 business meeting.

Because of the Ohio University-Akron basketball game happening on the originally posted date of the annual **Athens County ARA**'s Potluck Carry-in the carry-in has been rescheduled to March 1 at the Southeastern Ohio Red Cross Building in Athens. The fellowship and fun gets underway at 5 PM.

Southwest Ohio DX Association President Bill Salyers, AJ8B, lets all know that ICOM has donated an IC-7610 as this year's grand prize at the Hamvention DX Banquet. Additionally they are donating an IC-705 for the raffle. The dinner is May 16. Check out their "Exchange" newsletter at <u>www.swodxa.org</u>.

The **Scioto Valley ARC** is currently polling members to determine the interest in restarting their monthly breakfast gatherings. Let President Jesse Stanley, KC8CHP, know your thoughts about a location too.

Because February is a short month, the usual Last Saturday Breakfast for the **Clinton County ARA** will be on February 22 at Sam's Meats and Deli in Wilmington.

Word from Mike and Jennifer Bailey, N8MRB and N8JEN, is the **Portsmouth RC** has selected August 16 as the date for the Club's annual hamfest. So get that date posted on your calendar.

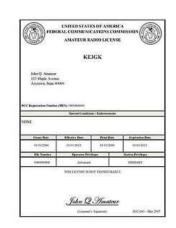
After the last couple of weeks, grass cutting is looking good. I think I'm ready to go zero turn mower mobile again. But before signing off, I have an obligation to remind all that Valentine's Day is upon us. Unless you want to find your coax pinned moments before you are ready to work that rare DX that puts you on the Honor Roll you had better take heed and head to the flower, card or jewerly store. Until next time stay radio active and help someone else become the same.

John Levo, W8KIW

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Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

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



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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... <u>https://arrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/</u>

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

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