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CQCQCQ de WB8LCD



I know you've all seen this picture before – it's in every issue of the Ohio Section Journal. This is Jeff – K8JTK. Jeff is the Ohio Section “Technical Coordinator” (TC). From the ARRL website:

“Technical Coordinator (TC)

The ARRL Technical Coordinator (TC) is a section-level official appointed by the [Section Manager](#) to coordinate all technical activities within the section. The Technical Coordinator reports to the Section Manager and is expected to maintain contact with other section-level appointees as appropriate to insure a unified ARRL Field Organization within the section.

Requirements: Novice class license or higher; Full ARRL membership

Responsibilities:

- Supervise and coordinate the work of the section's [Technical Specialists](#) (TS).
- Encourage amateurs in the section to share their technical achievements with others through the pages of *QST*, and at club meetings, hamfests and conventions.
- Promote technical advances and experimentation at vhf/uhf and with specialized modes and work closely with enthusiasts in these fields within the section.
- Serve as an advisor to radio clubs that sponsor training programs for obtaining amateur licenses or upgraded licenses in cooperation with the ARRL [Affiliated Club Coordinator](#).
- In times of emergency or disaster, function as the coordinator for establishing an array of equipment for communications use and be available to supply technical expertise to government and relief agencies to set up emergency communications networks, in cooperation with the ARRL [Section Emergency Coordinator](#).
- Refer amateurs in the section who need technical advice to local TS.
- Encourage clubs to develop, and TS to serve on, RFI and TVI committees in the section for the purpose of rendering technical assistance as needed.
- Be available to assist local technical program committees in arranging suitable programs for ARRL hamfests and conventions.
- Convey the views of section amateurs and TSs about the technical contents of *QST* and ARRL books to ARRL HQ. Suggestions for improvements should also be called to the attention of the [ARRL HQ technical staff](#).
- Work with the appointed ARRL TAs (technical advisors) when called upon.
- Be available to give technical talks at club meetings, hamfests and conventions in the section.”

Jeff has a good crew of “Technical Specialists” who work with him to help *YOU*, the Ohio Section members with the issues and problems (of a technical nature) you face in the successful operations of your Amateur Radio stations and activities. You can get ahold of Jeff

(Email: k8jtk@arrl.net) and I'm sure he can help with your issues, or point you in the right direction to find the answers you need.

Well, I jumped right in to that! The Ohio Section has several positions, all held by qualified people willing to help you. They are not "Secret Agents", and I want to make sure you know who each one is and what they can do to help you, or your club, get the help you need to experience and enjoy the Greatest Hobby in the world! Over the next few issues of PostScript I'll be highlighting one of the positions in the Section Cabinet and letting you know who is ready, able and willing to help YOU.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

ARRL Headquarters will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025, in observance of President's Day.

There won't be any W1AW bulletin or code practice that day. ARRL HQ will reopen on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 8 AM EST.

RigExpert’s Administrative Office Destroyed in Russian Missile Attack — Production Remains Intact

On February 12, 2025, RigExpert’s administrative office, in Kyiv, Ukraine, was destroyed by a Russian ballistic missile. All employees are reported to be safe.



[Photo from RigExpert.com website]

RigExpert is a leading manufacturer of antenna and cable analyzers and officials said they are committed to restoring operations as soon as possible.

“Our top priority is the safety of our team and the continuity of our operations,” said Ashot Andeev, Chief Executive Officer. “While our administrative office is in ruins, our production facilities survived, allowing us to continue serving our customers and partners.”

The company is working to minimize delays and fulfill its commitments while maintaining customer support operations.

Did You Know?



35 years ago today (Feb 14), NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft was speeding out of our solar system when mission managers instructed it to look back one final time before turning off its cameras forever. One of the images it took was this one of Earth as seen from a distance of billions of miles away. The image was later dubbed "The Pale Blue Dot" inspired by the title of a book written by Carl Sagan

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](#)

(***Editor's Note: This is a *VERY* big deal! We'll keep you informed as this works it's way through the legislature***)

Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act Re-Introduced

Legislation Will Increase Communication Options During Natural Disasters

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Roger Wicker, R-Miss., and Richard Blumenthal, D- Conn., and Representatives August Pfluger, R-Tex., and Joe Courtney, D-Conn. announced their joint re-introduction of legislation in the Senate and House to restore the right to Amateur Radio operators to install the antennas necessary to serve their communities.

Homeowner association rules often prevent Amateur Radio operators from installing antennas at their homes even though Amateur Radio has proven to be essential in emergencies and natural disasters such as hurricanes when other means of communication fail.

“Mississippians should have access to every possible means of warning for natural disasters, including amateur radio operators. In an emergency, those warnings can mean the difference between life and death,” **Senator Wicker said.** “The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness

Act would remove unnecessary roadblocks that could help keep communities safe during emergencies like tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires.”

“When disaster strikes, amateur radio operators provide vital, often life-saving information, which shouldn’t be hindered by prohibitive rules or confusing approval processes. The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act eliminates obstacles for ham radio enthusiasts, allowing them to continue their communications and serve their communities in the face of emergencies,” **said Senator Blumenthal.**

“Natural disasters and other emergency situations that hinder our regular lines of communication are unfortunately unavoidable, which is why we must bolster our emergency preparedness by removing the barriers amateur radio operators often run into when installing antennas. Amateur radio plays a vital role in public safety by delivering critical information to people at all times. My district is home to dozens of amateur radio operators ready to volunteer in the event of an emergency, and I am proud to lead this legislation,” **said Congressman August Pfluger.**

“As we know from recent natural disasters, amateur radio operators in Connecticut can be a critical component of disaster response and emergency management. It is in our communities’ best interest that we give them the capabilities to operate at the highest level, and with the re-introduction of this bill, we’ve taken a strong step in that direction,” **said Congressman Courtney.**

Background:

The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 (H.R. 1094 and S. 459) would require homeowner associations to accommodate the needs of FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators by prohibiting the enforcement of private land use restrictions that ban, prevent, or require the approval of the installation or use of Amateur Radio station antennas. Homeowner associations have often prevented installation and use of such antennas through private land use restrictions. This has hindered voluntary training for emergency situations and blocked access to necessary communications when disaster strikes.

Among other provisions, this legislation would:

- Prohibit homeowner association rules that would prevent or ban Amateur Radio antennas;
- Specify an approval process for installing Amateur Radio antennas;
- Provide a Federal private right of action to Amateur Radio operators in disputed cases.

On behalf of America’s Amateur Radio licensees, Rick Roderick, the President of The American Radio Relay League, re-confirmed the ARRL’s full support for the passage of the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 and extended his thanks and appreciation to Senators Wicker and Blumenthal and Congressmen Pfluger and Courtney for their unflinching

leadership of the bi-partisan effort to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

The text of the House version can be found at this [link](#).

ARRL Student Membership

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

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

Student Membership options:

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

Become an ARRL student member today!

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

Club Corner

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

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

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



Please! Format as below:

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

From the Geauga Amateur Radio Association



On February 9th 2025 The Geauga Amateur Radio Association held its first GOTA Elmer's program. We had 4 amateurs show up along with 3 presenters. We were not sure what questions would be asked but we vowed to do our best. Dave, AD8G, was working on some Meshtastic hardware and most of those attending were interested in that so that is the direction we took. We



did get one question about becoming a VE and Dale, K8DOB, got that person in touch with the VE team leader.

Future sessions will be held at the Geauga County EOC, 12518 Merritt Rd. Chardon, Ohio on 4/13/25, 10/12/25, and 12/14/25 Starting at 2 PM. There will also be 2 Outdoor sessions held at the Chrystal Lake Picnic Shelter in Headwaters Park, 12265 Old State Rd. in Claridon and Huntsburg townships on 9/8/25 and 8/10/25 also starting at 2 PM.

Everyone is welcome regardless of your radio experience so please join us in sharing the knowledge.

For any questions please contact Dale Byers K8DOB at k8dob@outlook.com

GARA will also be offering a 7 week Tech class beginning April 4th. All classes are Fridays from 6:30 to 9:00PM. Contact Jackie Clay for more info n8jmw2@gmail.com

VE Sessions

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

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

AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2025 are as follows: 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 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 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:

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 12, March 09, May18, July 13, Sept 21, and Nov 16, 2025. 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 Clay, N8JMW by email n8jmw2@gmail.com or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

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

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

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

Saturday, February 1	Saturday, August 2
Saturday, April 5	Saturday, October 4
Saturday, June 7	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, [Click Here](#).

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 nn8b.oh@gmail.com 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-Registration is not required but preferred. Walk-ins are welcome. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information or to get pre-registered send email to Exams@mcarco.org .

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.

Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

Six VE testing sessions in 2025. Register at hamstudy.org. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information. Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com or 216-337-4235.

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

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

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

Exam sessions for 2024:

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

Exam sessions for 2025:

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

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

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

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

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

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

All sessions begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit <https://w8wky.org/license-exams/>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/>. Sign up and if you aren't ready or can't make it, just notify the VE team lead.

West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA) Exam sessions are held one Saturday each month at 10:00 AM-Noon at the VOA Bethany Relay Museum located at *8070 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069*. For more information and links to register, please see our website: <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>

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:

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

Mark Landis
KD8ZLD

ARLD007 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by DF4GV, KC1XX, W2GD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

SRI LANKA, 4S. Members of the Polish DX Team will be QRV as 4S7SPG from Nilaveli from February 16 to March 1. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via SP6CIK.

JAMAICA, 6Y. Rob, VE4GV is QRV as VE4GV/6Y from Negril until February 23. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

SIERRA LEONE, 9L. Steve, G7BXU is QRV as 9L1BXU from Freetown until February 21. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Alan, G4DJX is QRV as C5DX from Banjul until February 21. Activity is on the HF bands using CW. QSL via LoTW.

CAPE VERDE, D4. A group of operators are QRV with special event call sign D450ICV until December 31 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cape Verde. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via LoTW.

SAINT BARTHELEMY, FJ. Andreas, DK6AS is QRV as FJ/DK6AS until sometime in March. He plans to be active in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON, FP. Freddy, F4HEC will be QRV as FP/F4HEC from February 16 to 25. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. This includes being an entry in the upcoming REF SSB contest. QSL direct to home call.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, HC8. Edgar, K2IN is QRV as HD8CW. He will be active as HC8M in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via M0OXO.

COLOMBIA, HK. Matt, KC1XX will be QRV as 5K4X from Medellin as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in both ARRL International DX contests. QSL via LoTW.

SARDINIA, IS0. Rich, IS0JHQ will be QRV as IP0A in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/Single Band/High Power entry on 80 meters. QSL via OM2FY.

ST. LUCIA, J6. Kenneth, 8P4KM is QRV as J68P5KH until February 17. Activity will be from POTA locations LC-0018 and LC-0017. QSL to home call.

DOMINICA, J7. Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J75A in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

PUERTO RICO, KP4. Operators KP4AA and KL2A will be QRV as KP4AA as a Multi/Single entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD is QRV as P44W from Santa Cruz until February 18. Activity is on all bands, with an emphasis on 30, 17, and 12 meters, using CW as time permits. We will be a Single Op/All Band entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ICELAND, TF. Henning, OZ2I plans to be QRV as TF2R in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. A group of operators will be QRV as V3T as a Multi/Single/Low Power entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via WC0W.

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 ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

BRUNEI, V8. Hajime, JO1RUR will be QRV as V85RH in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

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

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X. A group of operators will be QRV as VK9XU from February 18 to March 4. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and other digital modes with three stations active around the clock. QSL via DL2AWG.

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 ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

BERMUDA, VP9. Operators K3TEJ and K3CT are QRV as home calls/VP9 until February 18. Activity is on the HF bands. They will be active as VP9I in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home calls and VP9I via WW3S.

EL SALVADOR, YS. Dave, WJ2O is QRV as YS1/WJ2O from La Libertad until February 19. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via N2ZN.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. ARRL International DX CW Contest, The 17th American Lighthouses Weekend, PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Russian World Wide PSK Contest, The Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest, Feld Hell Sprint and the FISTS Sunday CW Sprint will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

The K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW, Mini-Test 80 CW and the AGCW Semi-Automatic Key CW Evening are all scheduled for February 17 to 19.

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

Upcoming Hamfests



Ohio Hamfests

2025

<p>03/09/2025 - Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Winter Hamfest Location: Elyria, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Website: https://www.noars.net/hamfests/winter-hamfest/ Learn More</p>	<p>03/16/2025 - Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair Location: Perrysburg, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association Website: http://www.w8hhf.org Learn More</p>
<p>04/05/2025 - Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 69th Hamfest Location: Cuyahoga Falls , OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Website: https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org Learn More</p>	<p>04/12/2025 - CANCELED - Rio Grande Ohio Hamfest Location: Bidwell, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley AmateurRadio 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>005/16/2025 - 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>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>

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. Note: the last Fest listed is in 2026!

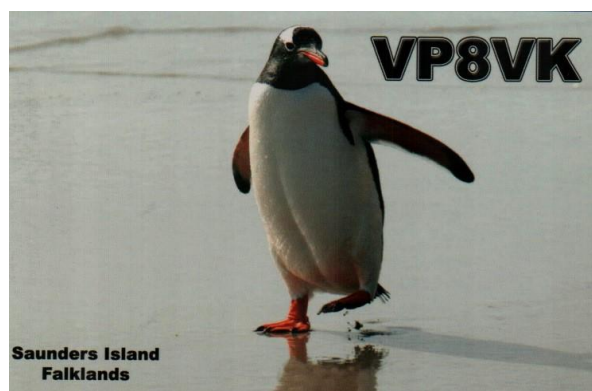
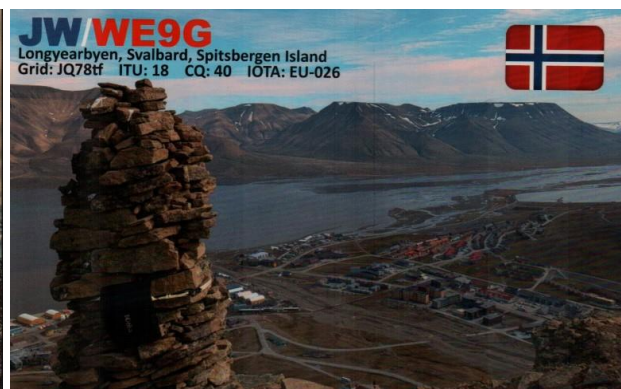
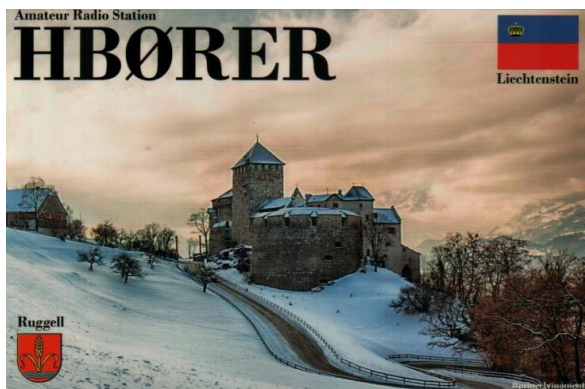
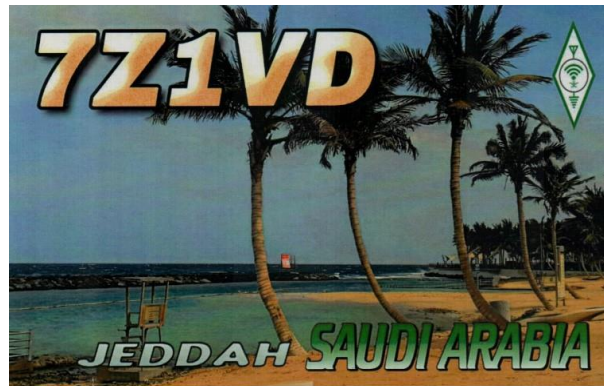
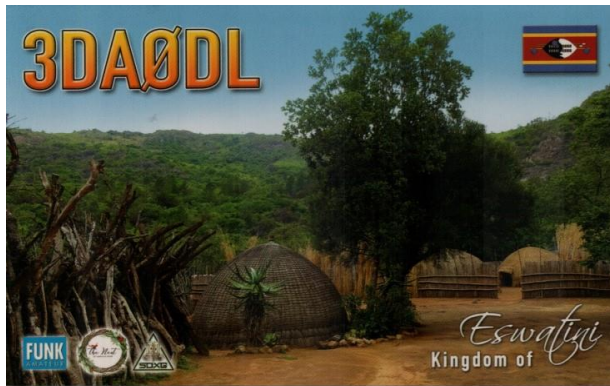
DX This Week – #320

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



Now that the vertical is fixed, I have been hitting 30M hard every night. Coming into this week, I had a CQ Marathon score of 26, and, after 4 straight nights, I am at 71. 30M has always been a fun band. I remember when we were granted access to that band. Chod Harris, VP2ML, editor of the DX Magazine, had a contest. The first 100 hams to work 100 entities on thirty received a certificate. I was fortunate to receive #73. That is still in a special place in my shack!

It was a good week for QSL cards. I received 3DA0DL - DXPedition to the Kingdom of Eswatini, 7Z1VD – Francisco in Saudi Arabia, HB0RER – Egon in Liechtenstein, JW/WE9G – Rikk in Svalbard, V55LA – DXPedition to Namibia, and VP8VK – Suzan on Saunders Island in the Falkland Islands. 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 thedxmentor@gmail.com.

We Made It Back! - I'm beyond thrilled to share that our entire team has returned safely from Sacrifice Rock to the mainland! Despite the challenges we faced, everyone's doing great, and all medical concerns have been addressed.

Operating Highlights: We're still grinning from ear to ear about our operating achievements:

- 6,668 contacts in just 48 hours with two stations!
- We primarily worked CW/SSB, but digital modes saved the day when SSB conditions were tough.
- We managed to complete DXCC and made over 12% of our contacts with North America!

Log Update - Our log will be available starting tomorrow, and our amazing QSL manager will get those cards processed ASAP!

What's Next? - We're excited to introduce "DXIndia" - our new group dedicated to activating all Indian IOTAs, including VU4/VU7! We want to give chasers a chance to work rare entities while having a blast operating with us.

Next Adventure - Mark your calendars for March! We're planning to activate another IOTA during the CQWPX-SSB contest, focusing on SSB operations. Stay tuned!

We're deeply grateful to our incredible sponsors, donors, and supporters. Your encouragement and feedback mean everything. Please keep 'em coming at sara@vu2rs.com !

We have an update on the 2027 Peter I Island DXpedition

The Peter I DXpedition team has signed a contract with the Iceland-based ICETUGS to take them to Peter I Island in February 2027, where they intend to stay for three weeks. According to the team, “ICETUGS has an excellent track record in providing services for expeditions, cargo and fuel supplies, tugging, as well as rescue and camp setup in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. ICETUGS is the same company that will take Team Bouvet to their destination in 2026.” The team will continue working on securing a helicopter contract that will accommodate two helicopters to make this a safe and reliable operation as required by the Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI). They are also scheduled to sign a contract with a leading Antarctic expedition company, Spirit of Sydney, by this summer. This company has successfully organized 80+ expeditions to the Antarctic and will be leading the Peter I expedition from a permit, safety, emergency, and evacuation point of view. Spirit of Sydney has organized several other expeditions in the Antarctic region in collaboration with ICETUGS.

“Our team wishes to use this opportunity to thank all the clubs, associations, foundations, as well as individuals who have already provided us with their support. Going to such remote places would not be possible without such generous contributions. Please consider a donation to help us offset some of our costs for the Peter I Island DX-pedition by visiting our website, where there is a PayPal link at www.3y0l.com.

DK1CE, Ulmar, received his visa for Mali and his flights are confirmed. He should be QRV from Bamako, at the TZ4AM station, by now. He will be using an Elecraft K3S and KPA-1500 and an ICOM IC-7300 with wire and Yagi antennas on 160-6M; on 5M he will use SSB and FT8. Ulmar plans to pay special attention to 160M FT8, 80M, FT8 and 6M. He expects to be there until March 4. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and after the DXpedition to LoTW. You can also QSL direct or via the bureau to DK1CE.

The V73WW team has safely arrived on the island with all their equipment. They scouted the area and set up the antennas. Their activity started yesterday just before 2200Z. They have been reported on 10, 12, 15, 40 CW, and 10 meters SSB.

The live log on Club Log will be available soon after internet access is established at the radio shack.

The operation should last for approximately 12 days, although times on the air may vary based on local conditions. Stay tuned to Facebook and X for the latest updates and frequency information.

QSL cards will be managed by DJ4MX, and they will use Club Log OQRS, with a direct QSL option available after the DXpedition. Free OQRS bureau service will be available at a later time. Internet access permitting, they also plan on daily LoTW uploads and Club Log Live Stream.

G7BXU, Steve, says he's on his way to 9L, Sierra Leone, this month, hoping to be on the air as 9L1BXU, holiday style in his free time, with an IC-7300, 100 watts, to a G5RV type antenna. QSL via G7BXU.

Members of the Polish DX Team, SP3CFM, SP6EQZ, SP6JIU, and SP9FIH, are scheduled to visit 4S, Sri Lanka, at the end of this month. They will operate under the callsign 4S7SPG until to March 1. Their activities will include CW, SSB, FT8, and RTTY on bands ranging from 80 to 10 meters. QSL can be sent via SP6CIK. <http://4s.dxpedititions.org>

The Rebel DX Group will soon be active as 5N9DTG, focusing on FT8. They will use the latest SuperFox and MSHV versions on 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters to maximize QSOs, which benefits smaller stations. You may see 5N9DTG on frequencies like 14.074 and 14.090 simultaneously. SuperFox will be used until activity drops, then they will switch to MSHV. On 30, 40, 60, 80, and 160 meters, FT8 activity will be on MSHV. Any 6-meter activity will also use MSHV. Although CW and SSB are less important, there will still be some activity in these modes.

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!

CONTEST CORNER

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

The 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 thedxmentor@gmail.com 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
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

OHIO'S



Again I plan to keep the column short this week as there hasn't been that much happening due to the weather and rash of illness that has ticked up. However there still are things happening as shown by the number of clubs using ZOOM to connect members to their meetings and activities. I am aware of two South 40 clubs taking a look into its use.

Past **Clinton County ARA** President Mark Atwell, WX8A, is just back from HamCation and came back all excited about 10 meter antennas. In fact to the extent he organized a 10 meter gathering on Wednesday evening that saw seven participate in experimenting with different antenna with some using dipoles, while others used beams. But the majority were on verticals. Three in the group were able to switch between various antennas for the test. Although most live in Clinton County, two Hillsboro hams checked in for a good 20 mile difference between the furthest distanced stations. One found their Carolina Windom outperformed their tri-bander on the cross polarization test. Mark is going to try the experiment again on February 19 at 9 PM on 28.421. He invites anyone, anywhere, to try to make contact.

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 www.whithousecomms-arc.org. Lowell Yates, KD8HD, of Jackson, is the President of this national club.

February 22 finds the **Clinton County ARA**'s "Last Saturday Breakfast" at Sam's Meats and Deli in Wilmington. Following the gathering, they will adjourn to another location for a club activity.

The **Athens County ARA**'s annual Potluck Carry-in has been rescheduled to March 1 at the Southeastern Ohio Red Cross Building in Athens because of the Ohio University-Akron basketball game. The fellowship and fun gets underway at 5 PM. Besides the good food and fellowship, entertainment will be provided in the form of a video.

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 programming 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.

The **Portsmouth RC** and **Highland ARA** will again represent Ohio in the annual **Clark County (WA) ARC**'s Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air Special event running from May 31 through June 15. Last known, the Clark County club is looking for a second club to represent West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The **Grant RC** will have their annual 'Christmas in March' dinner on March 20 at the Country Inn in Mount Orab. It will get underway at 6 PM.

One benefit of doing a column letting the world know there is ham radio activity in Ohio's region south of US Highway 40 is that several clubs send me their newsletters or invite me to view them on line. Although social media seems to have taken over newsletters, there are still some great ones being produced in the South 40 Region. I feel it takes a special person to edit a newsletter for any organization-whether it's a woman's club, Rotary, a church and especially a radio club. It also appears the only time an editor hears from readers is when an error is made! A belated thanks to those individuals who spend hours gathering news affecting and benefiting their members. Recently Ralph Howes, W8BVH, sent a copy of the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA**'s 'Rag Chewer'. Another recent one was from the **South West Ohio DX Association** and their 'The Exchange'. From the Cincinnati area Steve Crase, N8PUP, produces the 'Q-Fiver' for the **OH-KY-IN ARS**. Also from the Cincinnati area Tom Delaney, W8WTD, edits the **Queen City Emergency Net**'s 'The Listening Post'. And who can overlook Liz Alfman, N8IMW, and the work she puts into the quarterly **Cambridge ARA**'s newsletter? No wonder she won the ARRL's McGan Silver Antenna Award! A specialty newsletter even comes out of our region from Oxford. Anyone who works 60 meters has to be aware of Joe Pater, W8GEX, and the work he does to keep those enjoying working that band. I'm certain there are others I don't receive or aren't posted. If your club does a newsletter, the next time you see its editor please thank them.

Em Rhodes, N8MCR, is the new **Queen City Emergency Net** President and takes over from Scott Tengen, W8GXR. Jim Craycroft, KB8UCJ, will fill the Vice President position. Bob Bross, W8NFM: Rob Blocher, N8JMV and Steve Lewis, N8TFD, retain their Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Manager positions. New directors are Bob Garfield, W8MRG, and Kitty Hevener, W8TDA.

The recent less than desirable weather hasn't kept some folks from getting out to take a test. As reported last week Wallace McClurg, KF8CHL, from West Portsmouth, successfully upgraded to General. I understand from the **Portsmouth RC**'s Facebook he has already applied for a new call sign. An email from KE8TZY's wife proudly informs us that her husband, Gary Moore, recently passed his General and is anticipating getting his Extra prior to or at HamVention. Gary is from Hillsboro and is a member of the **Highland ARA**. Fairfield and Washington Counties each have an addition to their ham populations. Russell Meaux from Marietta is now KF8DKN and Nathan Whitacre from Lancaster is KF8DKL.

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 www.swodxa.org.

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.

With the outlook for this week's weather as undesirable, let's all make an attempt to be more radio active.

John Levo, W8KIW

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Ohio Section Traffic Report January 2025

Ohio Section Nets January 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BNE	149	26	258	31	N2LC
BNL	65	114	292	31	WB9LBI
OSN	73	15	445	23	N2LC
OSSBN	1386	467	2178	93	KC8WH

OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – January 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BRTN	104	47	198	13	KD8GXL
COTN	299	60	458	29	KV8Z
TATN	311	77	320	31	WG8Z
TCTTN	106	20	274	13	WB8YYS

Ohio Section BPL Reports JANUARY 2025

Call	Sent	Rcvd	Orig	Delv	Total
W8MAL	386	141	0	8	535

OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – JANUARY 2025

Call		Call	Traffic
AC8SB	4	N8MRS	111
KA8BJA	64	N8OD	77
KB8QPT	10	WA3EZN	4
KD8GXL	41	WB8YYS	30
KD8GYI	22	WB9LBI	174

KV8Z	33	WD8SDH	95
		Total	665

Ohio Section Station Activity Reports

Call	Orig	Rcvd	Sent	Dlvd	Total
W8MAL	0	141	386	8	535
AD8CM	0	129	173	18	320
KB8GUN	26	111	87	46	270
KL7RF	0	68	76	0	144
AC8NP	1	93	24	11	129
W8GSR	0	52	58	9	119
KD8HB	0	37	59	0	96
KD8UUB	3	47	23	3	76
K8KRA	8	32	13	20	73
K8MDA	21	7	23	21	72
WB8SIQ	9	27	36	0	72
KE4RS	7	32	25	4	68
N2LC	0	39	17	0	56
K3RC	11	26	12	0	49
N8BV	0	38	5	0	43
KD8GXL	0	19	15	7	41
WD8YYYS	0	8	18	4	30
N8TNV	0	4	1	4	9
N8SY	0	5	0	0	5

Ohio Section PSHR Reports JANUARY 2025

Call	Nets	Traffic	VolPos	PSH	EPSH	PM DS	Total
AD8CM	40	40	20	465	0	10	575
AC8NP	40	40	20	205	0	30	335
N2LC	40	40	30	120	0	20	250
WB8YYS	40	30	20	45	0	10	145
W8MAL	40	40	10	50	0	0	140
N8SY	40	5	30	10	0	50	135
KE4RS	40	40	10	40	0	0	130
WA3EZN	40	4	30	20	0	30	124
K8MDA	40	40	20	0	0	20	120
KD8UUB	40	40	10	20	0	0	110
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
WD8SDH	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K3RC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	80

Ohio Section Nets

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

OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

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

OHIO HF CW TRAFFIC NETS

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

All CW net frequencies plus or minus QRM

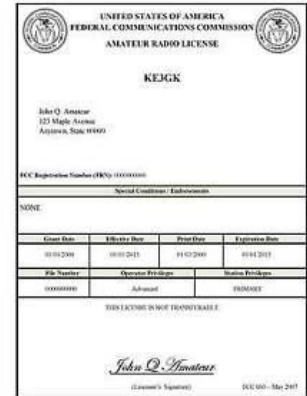
OHIO LOCAL VHF TRAFFIC NETS

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

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

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

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

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

Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

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

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



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

Chit – Chat, and All That!

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



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



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

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