



*“March 24th, 2025”*

→ [National News](#)

→ [DX This Week](#)

→ [Upcoming Hamfests](#)

→ [VE Testing](#)

→ [Club Corner](#)

→ [Contest Corner](#)

→ [One Question Questionnaire](#)

→ [South 40](#)

## CQCQCQ de WB8LCD

I took off an unplanned week of PostScript. Sorry about that, things just piled up and I had to pay attention to them. But I'm back now and raring to go! (I'll still need a nap a little later...)



You've all seen and heard from Liz Klinc – KE8FMJ. Liz is our Ohio Section Public Information Coordinator (PIC). Liz is also the District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for Ohio ARES District 3 in western Ohio.

- As PIC, her responsibilities include: The PIC is responsible for organizing, training, guiding and coordinating the activities of the Public Information Officers (PIOs) within the section.
- Goals may range from recruiting potential hams for a licensing course to improving public awareness of amateurs' service to the community. A successful PIC effectively conveys a story and generates the desired results.
- PR activities must be well-timed and well-coordinated within the amateur community, so that clubs, Elmers, instructors and so on are prepared to deal with the interest the PR generates.

- Effective PICs will convey this goal-oriented perspective and attitude to their PIOs and help them coordinate public relations efforts with others in their sections.
- Advises the Section Manager on building and maintaining a positive public image for Amateur Radio in the section; keeps the SM informed of all significant events which would benefit from the SM's personal involvement and reports regularly to the SM on activities.
- Counsels the SM in dealing with the media and with government officials, particularly when representing the ARRL and/or Amateur Radio in a public forum.
- Maintains contact with other section level League officials, particularly the Section Manager and others such as the State Government Liaison, Section Emergency Coordinator, Affiliated Club Coordinator and Bulletin Manager on matters appropriate for their attention and to otherwise help to assure and promote a coordinated and cohesive ARRL Field Organization.
- Works closely with the section Affiliated Club Coordinator and ARRL-affiliated clubs in the section to recruit and train a team of Public Information Officers (PIOs). With the approval of the Section Manager, makes PIO appointments within the section.
- Works with the SM and other PICs in the division to develop regional training programs for PIOs and club publicity chairpersons.
- Coordinates public relations efforts for events and activities which may involve more than one section, and provides input on matters before the League's Public Relations Committee for discussion or action.
- Establishes and coordinates a section-wide Speakers Bureau to provide knowledgeable and effective speakers who are available to address community groups about Amateur Radio, and works with PIOs to promote interest among those groups.
- Helps local PIOs to recognize and publicize newsworthy stories in their areas. Monitors news releases sent out by the PIOs for stories of broader interest and offers constructive comments for possible improvement. Helps local PIOs in learning to deal with, and attempting to minimize, any negative publicity about Amateur Radio or to correct negative stories incorrectly ascribed to Amateur Radio operators.
- Working with the PIOs, develops and maintains a comprehensive list of media outlets and contacts in the section for use in section-wide or nationwide mailings.
- Helps local PIOs prepare emergency response PR kits containing general information on Amateur Radio and on local clubs, which may be distributed in advance to local Emergency Coordinators and District Emergency Coordinators for use in dealing with the media during emergencies.

- Works with PIOs, SM and ARRL staff to identify and publicize League-related stories of local or regional interest, including election or appointment of ARRL leadership officials, scholarship winners/award winners, *QST* articles by local authors or local achievements noted or featured in *QST*.
- Familiarizes self with ARRL Public Service Announcements (PSAs), brochures and audiovisual materials; assists PIOs in arranging air time for PSAs; helps PIOs and speakers choose and secure appropriate brochures and audiovisual materials for events or presentations.
- At the request of the Section Manager or Division Director, may assist with preparation of a section or division newsletter.
- Encourages, organizes and conducts public information/public relations sessions at ARRL hamfests and conventions.
- Works with PIOs to encourage activities that place Amateur Radio in the public eye, including demonstrations, Field Day activities, etc. and assures that sponsoring organizations are prepared to follow-up on interest generated by these activities.
- With the Section Manager's approval, may appoint club publicity chairpersons or other individuals recommended by affiliated clubs as PIOs. Where the responsibility cannot or will not be assumed by a club, the PIC is encouraged to seek qualified League members who are willing to accept the responsibility of PIO appointments.

That's a lot! But, this is a very important position, and Liz is well qualified to fulfil it. Now it's NOT her job to do it all for you, but if you have ideas and activities you would like to pursue, she can help you move them along in the right direction. All you have to do is ask for her help!

In the Ohio Section, Liz is responsible for our annual Club Newsletter contest. That'll be coming up very soon, so I hope you have had Liz on the mailing list for your club. If not, it's not too late – but it's getting close. I would encourage you to look through the newsletters of the Ohio Section Clubs at [Ohio Club Newsletters | ARRL-Ohio.org](http://OhioClubNewsletters|ARRL-Ohio.org). If you cannot find *your* club's newsletter there, please ask your newsletter editor to add [newsletters@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:newsletters@arrl-ohio.org) to your mailing list. That gets it listed on the Ohio Section website page for all to see!

We're just getting back into Hamfest season again! So far I've been to 2 – the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society NOARS Fest on March 9<sup>th</sup> and the Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair in Perrysburg on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Both were very nice Fests. Both seemed to have increased numbers from last year, and both had lots of really good radios and equipment being offered! Well worth the trip and the price of admission. The rest of the Ohio Section Hamfests are listed later in this newsletter, on the Ohio Section website and the ARRL website. I get my listings for this newsletter from the ARRL website, so please – get your fest registered with ARRL and once I see it posted there I will include it in this newsletter's listings.

I want to personally ask you to attend the Hamfests you are able to get to. For many clubs this is their only way to create some additional income (other than raising dues) and it could make the difference in the other activities and events that that club can offer! We live in turbulent times,

heading off to a hamfest is a pleasant release from the hecticness of everyday life. You'll meet up with some old friends, miss those who are now SK's, and hopefully make some new friends while you're there. As a ham, you are a part of something important that is much larger than yourself – the least you can do is show up! If you need a ride, ask – I know there are some folks who would love to help you out.

I can't say it any better than Steve – W8TER – said in a note to me after the Toledo Hamfest last weekend:

“Toledo Hamfest 2025 is still an amazement to me. I have no other concepts of the show other than watching the club come together and do what they know how to do!

Volunteers came out of nowhere and knew just what to do.

Carts were pushed, tables were carried and setup, wires were laid in place, chairs appeared, and more club members arrived to help. Vendors were assisted, tickets were sold, doors were watched, food was available and, hams that had not seen each other in a year carried on as old friends should and discussed anything that came to mind including ham radio.

After the Hamfest closed its' doors there were carts pushed, tables carried. Wires were removed and put into storage. Chairs were stacked. Vendors were assisted and old friends were bid 73 and fair well.

Ham radio is a wonderful and interesting hobby. It is not for everybody, but we hold it close and share that closeness with the other hams. It's not always about the license or title but a Hamfest rejuvenates our drive to learn about radio and its' devices that help us communicate accurately. We get a sense of knowing that we are contributing our time to our friends and neighbors by learning what amateur radio can do. The Hamfest gives us a chance to give back in a meaningful way. Not by being self-servers but people servers. That is what I think and feel about the amateur radio operators, their clubs, and organizations. We interface with each other in our pursuit of radio activity.

73,

Steve/W8TER

Toledo Mobile Radio”

Thanks for sharing that Steve. I had sensed after COVID that we had lost some of the “comradery” that made Ham Radio different from other organizations or groups. I feel that is beginning to come back! I've always felt that Ham Radio was more like a Fraternity. We have had a sense of fellowship and obligation towards one another that trumped all our other biases *because we were Hams!* Relative to most other groups in our society, we are a pretty small group – lets stick together!

I am now going to start my annual barking about HAMVENTION! Get your plans made now for the biggest gathering of Ham Radio operators on the Planet. Last year's attendance is estimated at 30,000-35,000. You'll never experience a ham radio show like this one anyplace else. And, it's here in the Ohio Section – right in YOUR BACKYARD! I expect to see you there, and I'll be writing down names and callsigns.....

In closing, I have finally received a shipment of the new Handbook 101, Antenna book and Repeater Directory. I'll be getting caught up on sending out the ones I "owe" and that will include the one for the February drawing – going to: Jim – N8YDM of Ashland, OH – Congratulations Jim!

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD  
Ohio Section Manager  
[wb8lcd@arrl.org](mailto:wb8lcd@arrl.org)  
330-554-4650



---

## *National News*

*(from ARRL and other sources)*

### **FCC Initiates Broad Inquiry on Rules to Delete or Amend**

In a [Public Notice](#) titled "In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete," issued on March 12, 2025, the FCC is soliciting public input on any FCC rules in any service that members of the public believe should be deleted or modified "for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens." This is the latest in a series of similar proceedings going back to 1996, when the Communications Act was amended to require the FCC to periodically review its rules.



[ARRL](#), through its Executive Committee and FCC Counsel, is conducting a review of the provisions in Part 97 and other related rules that apply to radio amateurs. ARRL is also soliciting feedback from its members. Rules identified as outmoded, obsolete, or that for other reasons should be repealed or modified, will be included in ARRL's filing to be submitted no later than the FCC deadline of April 11, 2025. The deadline for filing reply comments is April 28, 2025.

It is expected that the Commission will incorporate suggestions that it decides worthy of its consideration in a future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that could be issued later this

year. There will then be an opportunity for public comment on the specific rules that the Commission proposes for deletion or modification.

A PDF of the FCC Public Notice is available

here: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-219A1.pdf>.

---

## ARRL Ham Radio Open House Continues to Grow

Dozens of amateur radio clubs have made plans to host an ARRL Ham Radio Open House in April. The nationwide event is centered around World Amateur Radio Day on April 18, 2025 is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).



While we've been using radio for well over 100 years, amateur radio operators continue to be on the cutting edge of innovation in electrical engineering. Modern weak signal modes, digital modulation schemes, and software defined radios show that ham radio is a vibrant and modern hobby. For many students, it also provides a pathway toward being the technology innovators of the future.

ARRL Ham Radio Open House is a time to show our communities how modern and innovative amateur radio is, and to welcome them to be a part of it. ARRL, HamSCI, and SciStarter are encouraging clubs to have visitors to their sites participate in hands-on activities that can count

toward the nationwide goal of documenting 1 million acts of science in April – which is Citizen Science Month.

The ARRL Public Relations Committee held a live webinar on March 19 to help clubs form and promote their ARRL Ham Radio Open House. A [recording of the event can be seen on the ARRLHQ YouTube channel](#).

The publicity kit is also available at this [link](#). Find an open house (or list yours) at [www.arrl.org/open-house](http://www.arrl.org/open-house). Learn more at [www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day](http://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day).

---

## 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>

## **Registration is open for the next interactive session of ARRL’s “On the Air Live,” which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 8 PM Eastern / 5 PM Pacific in the ARRL Learning Center.**

It will focus on advanced functions of handheld radios, including getting them on digital modes. “On the Air Live” is accessed through the ARRL Learning Center at [learn.arrl.org](https://learn.arrl.org). It is a benefit of ARRL membership, and members must be logged into the website to access it for live or archived sessions.

---

## ***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](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)

**Please! Format as below:**

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



---

## **VE Sessions**

**The following information is for ALL exam sessions:**

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



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

**AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team** administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2025 are as follows: 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) <<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, 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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

### **Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club VE Testing**

Exam sessions are held on monthly. For a complete list of upcoming sessions, locations and registration, visit <https://cfarc-edu.org/registration>.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nn8b.oh@gmail.com) for any further information.

Our Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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@mcarch.org](mailto:Exams@mcarch.org) .

### **The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)**

No charge VE exams are normally given the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Miami Township Civic Center 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150 The facility is handicapped accessible. Map and further details are on our website. Pre-registration is required: <https://milfordhamradio.org/license-exams>

### **Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)**

Six VE testing sessions in 2025. Register at [hamstudy.org](http://hamstudy.org). Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information. [Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.portcars.org) .

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [KB8UUZ@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.w8zx.net/exam) or email [VETEAM@N8BAG.NET](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.)

Saturday, October 4th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - 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/>

---

## DARA University Classes

Is it time to upgrade your license? DARA has scheduled classes. The textbook will be the ARRL License Manual which can be purchased locally or you can get a copy at the DARA meeting or during the first class meeting.

The General class will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday April 19th at the DARA clubhouse, 6619 Bellefontaine Rd, and will run for four Saturdays. The testing for these classes will be conducted on either Friday or Saturday at Hamvention.

What about Extra? The Amateur Extra classes (called Extreme Boot Camp) will held at Hamvention on Friday and Saturday morning. Registration instructions are found on the Hamvention Web site. The cost is \$100 and includes a copy of the ARRL License manual, a syllabus, and a study schedule. Can you pass the exam with only two days of instruction? Definitely yes, because you'll be following the study assignments prior to the Hamvention classes. The testing will be on Saturday afternoon at Hamvention.

Do you already have your license but would like to expand your knowledge of general radio theory? Plan to attend one or more of the license classes. It's a great way to learn or re-learn some new radio concepts.

73,

Bob Neben/K9BL

## From the Geauga Amateur Radio Association

Future “Elmer” 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](mailto:k8dob@outlook.com)

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

---

## Silver Creek Amateur Radio Association

Greetings,

We're excited to invite you and your club to participate in the **2025 Northeast Ohio Multi-Club Parks on the Air (POTA) Event on Saturday, May 31st, 2025!** This all day event, sponsored by The Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association, is an opportunity for hams across **Northeast Ohio** (and beyond) to get on the air, showcase amateur radio, and collaborate with fellow clubs.

### Why Participate?



**Promote Ham Radio, Your Club, & POTA** – A great chance for individuals to see POTA/ham radio in action and visit multiple club activations.



**Encourage Club Collaboration** – Clubs can coordinate special inter-club operating activities with other interested clubs. Ideas include satellite, NVIS, VHF/UHF simplex, digital simplex contacts (D-Star, C4FM, M17, etc.), and even fully portable hike in activations or aeronautical mobile contacts!



**No Extra Effort Required** – Simply activate a park! But, if your club wants to participate in or coordinate a special activity, we're here to help!

## How Can You Get Involved?

1. **Basic Park Activation:** Choose a park and let us know where your club will be operating via the sign-up sheet. If interested, we'll place your activation on our *Participating Clubs List* on the SARA club website (<https://w8wky.org/neo-pota/>) which details which clubs are doing what, and where. Then, activate a park as you normally would and have fun! No other additional commitments!
2. **(Optional) Participate in Special Inter-Club Operating Activities:** If your club is interested in leading or joining a unique operating activity, we'd love to coordinate time frames so we can maximize participation.
3. **(Optional) Join the Planning!** We'll be hosting an Initial Coordination Meeting online to outline the event as well as gauge interest and get ideas for different Special Inter-Club Operating Activities. As we get closer to the date of the event, we'll hold additional meetings for planning these individual Inter-Club Operating Activities.

If your club is interested in participating, please reply to this email, fill out the sign-up form, or reach out to **Josh Van Dyke** - [ke8vka@gmail.com](mailto:ke8vka@gmail.com).

To help with coordination during the event, we will be using the AllStar node 48496 (Echolink W8WKY-R) as a central hub for clubs and operators to connect in real-time. For those in the area that is the W8WKY repeater 147.390MHz+ PL 114.8 and W8OKE 147.015MHz+ PL110.9.

For continued updates, please see the event webpage on the SARA club website: [2025 NEO Multi-Club POTA Website](#)

Sign-Up Form: [2025 Northeast Ohio Multi-Club POTA Activation - Club Sign-Up Form](#)

Looking forward to hearing you on the air,

---

## ARLD012 DX news

This week's bulletin is made possible with information provided by AA3B, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.



RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Operators David, OK6DJ, Palo, OK1CRM, and Ruda, OK2ZA, and Milan, OK7GU will be QRV as 3B9DJ from March 24 to April 5. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via OQRS.

FIJI, 3D2. Heath, VK3TWO is QRV as 3D2TWO from Vanua Levu, IOTA OC-016, until March 27. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters, running 10 watts with SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

NEPAL, 9N. Robert, 9N7AA is QRV from Kathmandu and has been active on 20 meters using SSB around 0100z, and then CW afterwards. QSL via LoTW.

COMOROS, D6. Elvira, IV3FSG is QRV as D68Z until April 1. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via IK2DUW.

GUADELOUPE, FG. Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will be QRV as TO1Q beginning March 24 and here for a couple of weeks. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

ST. BARTHELEMY, FJ. Janusz, SP9FIH will be QRV as FJ/SP9FIH from March 24 to April 4. He will be active as TO1P in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX WPX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FO. Fred, F4LYI will be QRV as FO/F4LYI from Ua Huka, IOTA OC-027, from March 21 to 25. Activity will be holiday style on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA, HK0. Adrian, HJ4ADR is QRV as HJ4ADR/0 from Providencia Island, IOTA NA-049, until March 26. Activity is holiday style on 40 and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

ITALY, I. Members of ARI Sondrio will be QRV with special event station I2AUT from March 27 to April 10 in commemoration of World Autism Awareness Day. QSL via IK2WAD.

GRENADA, J3. Mike, VE2XB is QRV as J38XB until March 31. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using some CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

ST. VINCENT, J8. Ishmael, 8P6PE is QRV as J87PE until March 30. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using SSB from various POTA sites. QSL via LoTW.

EGYPT, SU. Said, SU1SK has been active on 30 meters using FT8 around 0400z. QSL via N2OO.

MALI, TZ. Jeff, K1MMB is QRV as TZ4AM. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via KX4R.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Bud, AA3B will be QRV as V26K from Antigua, IOTA NA-100, from March 25 to April 2. Activity will be on the HF bands using mostly CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

MICRONESIA, V6. Richard, WE9G is QRV as V6WG from Kosrae Island, IOTA OC-059, until April 1. QSL to home call.

VANUATU, YJ. Chris, VK2YUS will be QRV as YJ0CA from Port Vila, IOTA OC-035, from March 24 to April 3. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB from 2100 to 1000z. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL direct to home call.

UK SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS ON CYPRUS, ZC. Adrian, G0KOM will be QRV as ZC4MK from March 24 to 31. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

Please see March 2025 QST, page 72, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

---

# Upcoming *Hamfests*



## *Ohio Hamfests*

**2025**

<p><b>04/05/2025 - <a href="#">Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 69th Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Cuyahoga Falls , OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org">https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	<p><b>04/26/2025 - <a href="#">Tusco Amateur Radio Club's 2025 Hamfest, Computer &amp; Electronics Show</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Dover, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Tusco Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.w8zx.net/hamfest">http://www.w8zx.net/hamfest</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
<p><b>04/27/2025 - <a href="#">Athens Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Athens, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Athens County Amateur Radio Association  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.ac-ara.org/">https://www.ac-ara.org/</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	<p><b>05/10/2025 - 05/15/2025</b>  <b><a href="#">RV Radio Network Rally</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Navarre, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Convention  <b>Sponsor:</b> RV Radio Network  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
<p><b>05/15/2025 -05/18/2025 - <a href="#">Four Days In May</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Fairborn, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Convention  <b>Sponsor:</b> QRP Amateur Radio Club International  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://qrparci.org/fdim">http://qrparci.org/fdim</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	<p><b>005/16/2025 - 05/18/2025</b>  <b><a href="#">Dayton Hamvention</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Xenia, OH  <b>Type:</b>  <b>Sponsor:</b> Dayton Amateur Radio Association  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://Hamvention.org">http://Hamvention.org</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
	<p><b>06/07/2025 - <a href="#">FCARC Summer Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Delta, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Fulton County Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://k8bxq.org/hamfest">https://k8bxq.org/hamfest</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
<p><b>07/19/2025 - <a href="#">NOARSfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Elyria, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/">https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>	<p><b>07/20/2025 - <a href="#">Van Wert Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Van Wert, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Van Wert Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8fy.org">http://w8fy.org</a>  <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>
<p><b>08/02/2025 - <a href="#">Columbus Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Grove City, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit</p>	<p><b>08/09/2025 - <a href="#">Cincinnati Hamfest<sup>SM</sup></a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Owensville, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Milford Amateur Radio Club</p>

<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://columbushamfest.com">http://columbushamfest.com</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://CincinnatiHamfest.org">https://CincinnatiHamfest.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>
<p><b>08/16/2025 - <a href="#">Portsmouth Radio Club 2025 Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> New Boston, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> ARRL, Jett Fire Equipment, Shawnee Computer and More  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthradioclub.com">http://www.portsmouthradioclub.com</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>08/17/2025 - <a href="#">Warren Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Cortland, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Warren Amateur Radio Association  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8vtd.com/hamfest">http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>
<p><b>09/07/2025 - <a href="#">Findlay Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Findlay, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Findlay Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8ft.org">http://w8ft.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>09/28/2025 - <a href="#">Cleveland Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Berea, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Hamfest Association of Cleveland  <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.hac.org">https://www.hac.org</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>
<p><b>10/04/2025 - <a href="#">Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club (NWOARC) Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Lima, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.nwoarc.com">http://www.nwoarc.com</a>  <b>Learn More</b></p>	<p><b>08/16/2026 - <a href="#">Warren Hamfest</a></b>  <b>Location:</b> Cortland, OH  <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest  <b>Sponsor:</b> Warren Amateur Radio Association  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8vtd.com/hamfest">http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</a>  <b>Learn More</b></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 – #325

Bill - AJ8B ([thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com) / [www.aj8b.com](http://www.aj8b.com) )

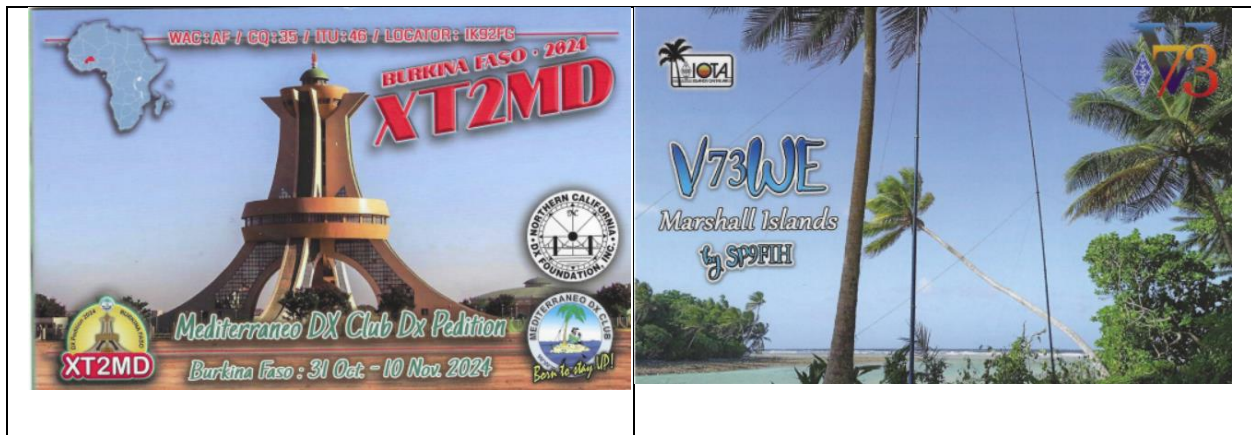


Welcome to “DX this Week.” I hope you are working the DXpeditions that are out there. I am trying an experiment that would love to have your input. I mentioned this last week and did receive some feedback. With all of the DX information that is out there, the dates, times, and URLs, I decided to try to sift through it and make it easier to access. Each Saturday at noon, I will publish a short (10 minute) video on YouTube giving updates on those DXpeditions that are active and will be active next week. They will be on YouTube under The DX Mentor channel. Check it out.

That brings me to the email that I received this past week from Howard, N8HO. Howard wrote  
*“Hello Bill - Here are a few QLS's that I have received in the past two weeks. Also, I enjoyed listening to your new podcast, The DX Corner. It's a nice summary of the current DXpeditions.*

*Howard N8HO”*

Thanks Howard for the kind words and the QSL cards, shown below.



The surprise for me this week was the arrival of V6WG from the Federated States of Micronesia, of FSM. Here is a bit of information about the FSM from the

CIA Fact Book: Each of the four states that compose the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) -- Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap -- has its own unique history and cultural traditions. The first humans arrived in what is now the FSM in the second millennium B.C. In the 800s A.D., construction of artificial islets at the Nan Madol complex in Pohnpei began, with the main architecture being built around 1200. At its height, Nan Madol united the approximately 25,000 people of Pohnpei under the Saudeleur Dynasty. By 1250, Kosrae had been united in a kingdom centered in Leluh. Yap's society became strictly hierarchical, with chiefs receiving tributes from islands up to 1,100 km (700 mi) away. Widespread human settlement in Chuuk began in the 1300s, and the different islands in the Chuuk Lagoon were frequently at war with one another.

Portuguese and Spanish explorers visited a few of the islands in the 1500s, and Spain began exerting nominal, but not day-to-day, control over some of the islands -- which they named the Caroline Islands -- in the 1600s. In 1899, Spain sold all of the FSM to Germany. Japan seized the islands in 1914 and was granted a League of Nations mandate to administer them in 1920. The Japanese navy built bases across most of the islands and headquartered their Pacific naval operations in Chuuk. The US bombed Chuuk in 1944 but largely bypassed the other islands in its leapfrog campaign across the Pacific.

In 1947, the FSM came under US administration as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, which comprised six districts: Chuuk, the Marshall Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Pohnpei, and Yap; Kosrae was separated from Pohnpei into a separate district in 1977. In 1979, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap ratified the FSM Constitution and declared independence while the other three districts opted to pursue separate political status. There are significant inter-island rivalries stemming from their different histories and cultures. Chuuk, the most populous but poorest state, has pushed for secession, but an independence referendum has been repeatedly postponed.

FSM is located in Oceania. It is an island group in the North Pacific Ocean, about three-quarters of the way from Hawaii to Indonesia.

The climate is tropical; heavy year-round rainfall, especially in the eastern islands; located on southern edge of the typhoon belt with occasionally severe damage.

The islands vary geologically from high mountainous islands to low, coral atolls; volcanic outcroppings on Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Chuuk islands.

## DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH

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](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com).

8R1TM, Aldir, is QRV until April 25, with an IC-706MKIIG, 100 watts on CW and SSB, 60W on digital, and 5 watts on satellites, to a long wire, bazooka and Moxon antenna. Aldir plans CW, SSB and digital. QSL through LoTW, eQSL, QRZ Log, Club Log and direct via PY1SAD.

The EIDX Group (EIDXG) is currently active as 6Y7EI from St, Ann's Bay, Jamaica until March 24. In line with their previous expeditions (5V7EI, 7P8EI, 7Q7EI, 9N7EI, and V26EI), they will operate on 160-6M CW, SSB, and FT8. They will have eight stations on the air, and this year, they will use an ACOM power amplifier on 6M. QSL via MØOXO.

Mike, M0MDS is currently QRV as J6/M0MDS until March 24. He will be active from 10 to 15 meters using CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via home call.

Fred, G4XWM is currently QRV as V4/G4XWM from ST. Kitts & Nevis until March 29. He is operating on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

Mike, VE2XB will be active as J38XB until March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meters using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call. I checked the cluster today and there have not been any spots but keep your ears open for this one.

Rikk, WE9G has been very active as V6WG from Micronesia. He will be QRV until April 1. His IOTA Designator is OC-059. He will be on all bands from 80 to 6 meters (160 might be possible) using mainly FT4/8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

Ishmael, 8P6PE plans a SOTA activity from St Vincent as J87PE until March 30th . He has been spotted several times, so I know he is QRV. He planned to be on 20-6m using a Yaesu FT-891 and various antennas. QSL via H/c.

CW Operator extraordinaire, Bud, AA3B, plans to be active from Antigua as V26K between March 25 to April 2.He will focus mainly on CW outside of the CQWW SSB WPX contest. QSL via H/c, LoTW, OQRS.

The most recent DX Mentor Youtube episode is with the DX-Adventure team who is wrapping up their DXPedtion to Anadamann Island. Check it out in The DX Mentor Youtube channel. You can also check out the DX Mentor facebook page to keep tabs on what is current and what is coming.

DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH

## 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!

Here are some details on one of my favorite contests, the 2025 CQ Worldwide WPX Contests. The SSB weekend is March 29-30 and CW is May 24-25. The contest starts 0000 Z Saturday and ends Z Sunday.

From the CQWW WPX website, I found this explanation. “Thrill in the chase of thousands of unique callsign prefixes from hundreds of DX entities in the world’s largest everyone-works-everyone radio contests.



The CQ Worldwide WPX (WPX) contests are immensely popular operating activities that enjoy broad participation by amateurs around the globe. The events attract amateurs at all levels of proficiency from beginner to world champion. WPX features a diversity of categories for single operator and multi-operator stations, including the Youth Overlay for entrants 25 years of age or younger, so please come and join the fun!

Here are the basics of the contest. Amateurs worldwide try to contact as many amateurs and prefixes as possible during the period of operation. Single Operator stations may operate 36 of the 48 hours and off times must be a minimum of 60 minutes during which no QSO is logged. Multi-operator stations may operate for the full 48 hours.

Contacts are valid on the 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands (no WARC bands). Exchange a RS(T) report plus a progressive contact serial number starting with 001 for the first contact. Note: Multi-Two, Multi-Unlimited and Multi-Transmitter Distributed entrants use separate serial number sequences on each band.

With a call like AJ8B, you can probably see why I like these contests.

<b>Contest</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	3/29/2025	3/30/2025
SP DX Contest	4/5/2025	4/6/2025
Louisiana QSOP	4/5/2025	4/6/2025
Georgia QSOP	4/12/2025	4/13/2025
New Mexico QSOP	4/12/2025	4/13/2025
Holyland DX Contest	4/18/2025	4/19/2025
Michigan QSOP	4/19/2025	4/20/2025
Ontario QSOP	4/19/2025	4/20/2025
SP DX RTTY	4/26/2025	4/27/20256
10-10 Intl. Spring Contest, Digital	4/26/2025	4/27/20256

Florida QSOP	4/26/2025	4/27/20256
10-10 Intl. Spring Contest, CW	5/3/2025	5/4/2025
New England QSO Party	5/3/2025	5/4/2025
Delaware QSOP	5/3/2025	5/4/2025
Idaho QSOP	3/8/2025	3/9/2025
Indiana QSOP	5/3/2025	5/4/2025
SWODXA DXDINNER	5/16/2025	
SWODXA DXForum	5/17/2025	
Arkansas QSOP	5/17/2025	5/18/2025
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	5/24/2025	5/25/2025

# OHIO'S



Although N8ZNR and I are each retired, we seem to be busier than when we were getting paychecks, but enjoying it more. Between the radio and community activities we are each engaged in, we finally saw a brief gap allowing us to get out of Dodge for a couple days. A road trip into Northeastern Ohio allowed a visit with Section Manager Tom Sly and a visit to DX Engineering. But now we're home and back into the routine of meetings after meeting, plus the start of a four week radio license study group. Least we forget the daily trip to the Farm to work in the blueberry patch. But life is good and made better with time on the air with new and old friends.

The Southern Ohio Region's weather has been very pleasant for the past few days. Almost Spring like. However the forecast is for the possibility of some questionable weather this weekend. That brings us to the attention of it's the time when National Weather Service offices serving parts of the South 40 Region begin holding weather spotter training. On March 18 and May 13 virtual training to occur. The first in-person training for the Wilmington Office will be March 19 in

Wilmington. Then on April 9 there will be a session in Hamilton County's Springfield Township. On the 15<sup>th</sup> a session takes place in Logan. To date the Charleston Office has not posted any Ohio location dates and the Pittsburgh Office has posted only one for New Philadelphia.

The **Athens County ARA** will conduct an ARRL License Test on March 17 at the Red Cross Building in Athens. All license elements will be available. Contact Jeff Slattery to register for the test.

**Tri-State ARA** Vice President Nathan Thompson, AB8K, reminds members of the potluck style meal that will be served prior to the Club's March 18 meeting. Chili and potato soup plus salads, breads and deserts will be provided by the members. The meal starts at 6:30 at the Museum with the meeting getting underway around 7. Following the meeting, John Taylor will do a presentation about FT8.

**Grant RC** President Steve Neal reminds us the Club will hold their annual Christmas on March 20 at the Country Inn in Mount Orab. It begins at 6PM with ordering from the menu. It's an enjoyable time with great friends, good food and often some neat door prizes.

Well-known for their food Amish and country cooking, the Der Dutchman in Plain City is the site for the March 22 **Madison County ARC**'s breakfast at 8:30. Those folks at the **Bellbrook ARA** like to eat and do it twice a month. This month finds them gathering on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rooster's Wings and again on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral. They also meet once a month at their club house for a movie and desert. On the 29 the **Clinton County ARA** Last Saturday Breakfast will gather at Sam's Meats in Wilmington.



The **Highland ARA** recognized Steve Stuckey, AC9GK, at the recent **Bainbridge Area Ham** breakfast by presenting him with a certificate of appreciation for his participation as an activation station during the 2024 Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event. He anticipates serving again this year if health permits. Following the trip to Bainbridge, the HARA delegation attended their own Brunch Bunch gathering in Hillsboro where around 20 were in attendance, including two newly licensed hams, two who have just moved into the county within the week and a prospective licensee.

Race season is upon the **Athens County ARA** according to Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ. April 13 (Palm Sunday) is the annual Athens Marathon. On April 26 they will be assisting with the Athens "Race For A Reason". If you are available to assist during one or both events give Jeff a call at his cell 740-541-0972.

On the following day, the **Athens County ARA** will hold it's annual hamfest at the Athens Community Center on East State Street. With all the planning and effort they have been doing is any indication it should be another top notch affair. As in past years, the admission will remain at \$5.

All of this crappy weather has given the **Portsmouth RC** the opportunity to prepare the flyer promoting their August 16 hamfest in New Boston. It's always an enjoyable event. So get the date reserved on your calendar.

*John*, W8KIW

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

---

Hello All,

Ham Radio Open House is coming in April and clubs across the country are urged to participate. It's now possible for a radio club or school to add their station open house to the ARRL Ham Radio Open House Locator.

The Open House Locator is linked from the World Amateur Radio Day page at [www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day](http://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day), or go directly to the locator at [www.arrl.org/open-house](http://www.arrl.org/open-house).

Details about Ham Radio Open House are at [World Amateur Radio Day](http://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day)

Let's get the word out.  
Thanks,

Mike

**Mike Walters, W8ZY**  
 Field Services Manager  
 ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®  
 225 Main Street  
 Newington CT 06111-1400  
 860-594-0305  
[mwalters@arrl.org](mailto:mwalters@arrl.org)  
[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

---

### Ohio Section Traffic Report February 2025

#### Ohio Section Nets February 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BNE	136	20	220	28	N2LC
OSN	63	13	383	20	N2LC
BLN	64	51	234	28	WB9LBI
OSSBN	1152	359	1437	84	KC8WH

#### OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – February 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
COTN	260	44	376	28	KV8Z
TCTTN	85	16	192	12	WB8YYS
BRTN	85	26	160	12	KD8GXL
TATN	258	73	284	28	WG8Z

#### OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2025

Call	Traffic
KA8BJA	64

<b>KD8GYI</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>KV8Z</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>WB8PMG</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>WB8YYS</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>WB9LBI</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>WD8SDH</b>	<b>70</b>

## Ohio Section Station Activity Reports

Call	Orig	Rcvd	Sent	Divd	Total
W8MAL	0	87	355	3	445
KB8GUN	27	92	67	47	233
AC8NP	3	95	22	110	230
N8MRS	0	47	108	0	155
KL7RF	0	51	49	1	101
W8GSR	0	31	37	7	75
WB8SIQ	15	28	26	2	71
KD8HB	0	26	41	0	67
KD8UUB	0	38	19	5	62
N2LC	0	32	17	0	49
KE4RS	9	23	13	4	49
K8KRA	0	21	26	0	47
N8BV	0	39	5	0	44
K3RC	3	24	4	0	31
K8MDA	0	6	17	5	28
N8OD	0	9	19	0	28
WB8YY5	0	8	16	3	27
N8TNV	11	3	12	0	26
AC8SB	0	5	3	0	8
N8SY	0	5	0	0	5

## Ohio Section PSHR Reports FEBRUARY 2025

Call	Nets	Traffic	VoIPos	PSH	EPSH	PM DS	Total
AC8NP	40	40	20	220	0	30	350
KE8ANW	40	11	0	220	0	0	271
N2LC	40	40	30	100	0	20	230
KE4RS	40	40	10	60	0	0	150
WB8YYS	40	27	20	40	0	10	137
N8SY	40	5	30	10	0	50	135
KD8UUB	40	40	10	35	0	0	125
W8MAL	40	40	10	30	0	0	120
K8MDA	40	28	30	0	0	20	118
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
WA3EZN	40	3	20	20	0	10	93
KV8Z	16	25	10	30	0	10	91
K3RC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
WD8SDH	37	40	10	0	0	0	87
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	80
N8OD	40	28	10	0	0	0	78

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	WB8YY5
TATN	8:00 PM DAILY	146.670 MHz PL 123.0	WG8Z

Dan Rinaman AC8NP  
Ohio Section Traffic Manager  
419-618-0330  
ac8np@ac8np.com

# Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

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



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

[https://arrl-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/print\\_your\\_license.pdf](https://arrl-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/print_your_license.pdf)

## Ohio Section Cabinet

Section Manager – Tom Sly, WB8LCD	Section Traffic Manager – Dan Rinaman AC8NP
Asst Section Manager – John Levo, W8KIW	Asst Section Manager – Alan Andres, KD8ZBS
Section Emergency Coordinator – Bret Stemen KD8SCL	Section Youth Coordinator and Asst Section Manager – Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK	Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Amanda Farone – KC3GFU
State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU	Public Information Coordinator – Elizabeth Klinc - KE8FMJ



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/>

<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@arrloho.org](mailto:swap@arrloho.org)

---

### ***Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal***

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

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



---

### ***Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?***

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

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

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

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



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

They can go to <https://arrl-ohio.org/ohio-section-newsletter/> to sign up. Or, just have them send an email to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org) and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



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



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

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

---

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