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Section
Journal*

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From the Technical Coordinator

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Hey gang,

Delete, Delete, Delete! No, not your browsing history. The [ARRL posted](#) the Public Notice released by the FCC Chairman requesting input into deleting a whole bunch of regulations. "... 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."

The Trump administration and their goal of making the government efficient (again?), the FCC Chairman is looking to remove regulation that is no longer needed or relevant. When most hams read that, they probably assume they're taking only about Ham Radio. In this case, they are



seeking input from the public and [everything under the FCC's authority](#) is fair game. All frequencies and many communication methods are regulated by the FCC, such as: GMRS, AM/FM/TV broadcast stations, satellite communication, emergency communication methods, 911/E-911, commercial operators, public mobile services, antenna structures, ISM (industrial, scientific, and medical) bands and devices, cellular services, telephony, experimental services, maritime services, aviation services, microwave services, Internet services, cable television, Citizens Band, and, of course, Ham Radio.

The FCC plays an important part in the roll out of any radio frequency service. They are the coordinators of standards, practices, and making sure another service doesn't interfere with or take over another service. There is no doubt something or someone needs to oversee and regulate services. Question becomes: how much?

Pressure from lobbyists, entities with financing, and those out in front of specifications often have the upper hand due to influence and market position. Most want less regulation but we also want our stuff to work. Most regulation comes from vaguely written laws. Regulation stems from implementation, legal challenges, and administrative issues due to questions.

Larger commercial entities are always looking at ways to improve their revenue stream and increase the stock price.

Over the years, many regulations were changed, amended, or restructured [for the Amateur Radio service](#). Including a program of ham volunteers to

administer examinations (aka, VE Program) instead of the FCC, unification of license terms to 10 years, removal of the Morse Code examination requirement, consolidation of license classes and types, and elimination of RACES licenses.

“Delete, Delete, Delete” is an opportunity to improve the Ham Radio service. How many times have we seen online, in a forum, or a club meeting where hams are complaining that ‘we can't do X because there is this old rule that still says Y...’? This is the time to improve on and remove those restrictions and situations.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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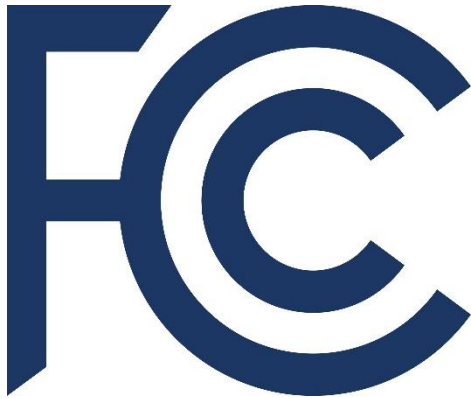
IN RE: DELETE, DELETE, DELETE

GN Docket No. 25-133

Comments Due: Friday, April 11, 2025
Reply Comments Due: Monday, April 28, 2025

Through a series of Executive Orders, President Trump has called on administrative agencies to unleash prosperity through deregulation and ensure that they are efficiently delivering great results for the American people.¹

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) is taking action to promote the policies outlined by President Trump in those Executive Orders. Specifically, we are seeking public input on identifying FCC rules for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens. We seek comment on deregulatory initiatives that would facilitate and encourage American firms' investment in modernizing their networks, developing infrastructure, and offering innovative and advanced capabilities. The Communications Act directs the FCC to regularly review its rules to identify and eliminate those that are unnecessary in light of current circumstances,² recognizing that in addition to imposing unnecessary burdens,³ unnecessary rules may stand in the way of deployment, expansion, competition, and technological innovation



Maybe there are modernization projects that can get underway by removing legacy standards. Maybe the [symbol rate removal](#) on the HF bands doesn't go far enough. Should it be 2.8 kHz across all bands or more with higher frequencies? Maybe you think [station evaluations](#) are a dumb idea and a pointless exercise that no one is doing. Maybe expand 440 sub-bands for technologies such as [TETRA](#) repeaters to accommodate 10 MHz splits in ham bands. Maybe consolidate or eliminate sub-bands. Maybe identifying with the station's call sign every 10 minutes is burdensome, especially on digital modes. Maybe licensing fees or exams should be eliminated altogether. Maybe the legal limit (power) should be raised or removed. Maybe allow encryption for message authentication and network security. Everything is up for debate.

This, by no means, guarantees any changes to the Ham Radio service or that all changes will happen without unintended consequences. This also doesn't necessarily mean that Ham Radio will be around when the dust settles. If you follow other Ham Radio commentators, their click-bait headlines and titles suggest this is a possibility - could this be the end of Ham Radio? Now, there is no indication elimination of the Amateur Radio service is in play.

However, changes no one saw coming are a possibility. One might be Amateur Radio is no longer managed the FCC. The FCC sets aside spectrum for Ham Radio but leaves management to an oversight body, like the ARRL, which becomes responsible for rule making and standards. Privatization, if you will. Much like the FCC is no longer in charge of examinations and question pools.

Even if you don't care about any of the technical regulations, standards, or don't think anything needs changing, use your input to remind the FCC of the importance of Ham Radio. We've seen it before where ham frequencies are given up in favor of commercial, paying interests. At a minimum, we all can remind the FCC about the importance of Ham Radio for emergency communication and a place for radio experimentation and development. The last page of the [Public Notice](#) provides accepted ways to comment.

There isn't much time, though. Comments are due by Friday, April 11, 2025 – a couple days after OSJ publication.

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

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Spring Is Almost Here!

Hamfests are currently underway. I recently attended the Toledo Hamfest and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to engage in face-to-face conversations with many of the attendees. I am hopeful that I will be able to attend several more hamfests this year. I will be present at Dayton once again, assisting with the ARRL ARES Booth.

During a recent conversation at the Toledo Hamfest, I was inquired about leadership and the distinction between a club and ARES. It is crucial to recognize that the club president serves as the sole leader of the club, while the Emergency Coordinator assumes leadership of the local ARES team. Several clubs within the section provide support to the local ARES team by allowing the ARES team to utilize their repeater during ARES weekly or monthly practice nets and for severe weather nets. Approximately 50 to 75% of the membership of these clubs consists of ARES members. Additionally, there are several ARES teams that possess their own repeaters for these activities.

April 26th marks another significant event in the Ohio Section, the Ohio NVIS Antenna Day. As you are aware, this day presents an opportunity for enthusiasts to gather and evaluate their antenna configurations. Kicking off at 10:00 AM, while this event is not a formal competition, its primary objective is to simultaneously engage multiple counties in Ohio, testing their antennas and facilitating communications among them.

We anticipate that this gathering will provide an enjoyable platform for camaraderie, experimentation, and testing within our beloved hobby.

Here's a reminder to get your severe weather spotter training in! Sessions are being held online, and generally require you to register. Check on your local NWS office website for details. It's nearly time to get serious about participating in your local Skywarn net this Spring!

Upcoming Events:

NVIS DAY, April 26th

Hamvention, May 16th – 18th

Field Day, June 28th - 29th

OHIO SET, October 4th

ARES Conference, November, (The date to be determined) Location, Ohio Fire Academy

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

Local exercises and events

NTS

Is your ARES team involved with the National Traffic System (NTS)? Are your team members proficient in traffic handling?

The National Traffic System has consistently demonstrated its effectiveness over the years, particularly in the aftermath of recent natural disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires.

During emergencies or disasters, radiograms serve as a crucial means of communicating vital information that can save lives or property, or inquire about the well-being of disaster victims. The current National Traffic System comprises dedicated operators who are well-trained and experienced in traffic handling. They actively participate in various networks at local, section, regional, and area levels throughout the year.

However, it is essential to acknowledge the evolving landscape of communication. The widespread availability of low-cost telephone calls, text messaging, and the internet has provided numerous alternatives to traditional radiograms. Consequently, a significant portion of today's NTS traffic consists solely of amateur-to-amateur communications, such as "Welcome to amateur radio" or "License expiration." Furthermore, there are concerns regarding the accuracy and reliability of our networks. Additionally, it is noteworthy that some public agencies are either unaware of NTS or have opted to develop their own backup messaging systems. For more information regarding the modernization of NTS visit [The NTS 2.0 Project](#) webpage.

Volunteer Ham

Did you know that there is a free volunteer time tracking site that is available?

Volunteer Ham is not exclusive to ARES members but is open to all amateur radio operators who wish to utilize it. Not only does it record your volunteer hours, but it also allows you to track your mileage. Volunteer Ham provides various categories for time tracking selection. Upon registration, you will not gain immediate access; instead, you will receive an email notification from an administrator after approval.

To sign up or for more information, please visit volunteerham.com

There are several counties in the Ohio Section that use Volunteer Ham on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email.

I extend my sincere gratitude for your unwavering dedication to serving your neighbors, communities and the Ohio Section.

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**Three Events- One for Students,
One for Teachers & One for Hams-**



Students-

STEM Radio Day

at Williamson Innovation Park

Free Northeast Ohio Event for 5th to 8th Grade Students-

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



tiny.cc/ysu-radio-day

Through fun and hands-on activities, attendees will examine how radios work, learn different ways to use them, and get an introduction to the electromagnetic spectrum. Activities include building a Morse Code Key to take home, learning Morse Code and tuning in radio signals from around the world to make two-way radio contact using Amateur (Ham) radios!

This program is free, but students must pre-register to attend. The Williamson Innovation Park is located at 8399 Tippecanoe Rd, Canfield, OH 44406. We hope to see you there!

Also, mark your calendars for the Wireless Summer Day Camp from June 16 to 20th. Details will be available later this spring.

Please pass this information on to your local clubs, families and friends- [PDF Flyer Link](#)

For Teachers & Educators- 2025 ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology

2025 program dates are now listed:




Programs of 2025	Location	Dates
TI-1 Staten Island Local Teachers ONLY	NY	Jan
TI-1 Introduction to Wireless Technology	Newington, CT	June 9-12
TI Balloons and Amateur Radio	Newington, CT	June 16-19
TI Space Comms & Radio Astronomy	Newington, CT	June 23-26
TI Remote Sensors and Data Gathering	Newington, CT	New Dates: June 30-July 3
TI Balloons and Amateur Radio	Newington, CT	July 14-17
TI-1 Introduction to Wireless Technology	Newington, CT	July 21-24
TI Space Comms & Radio Astronomy	Newington, CT	July 28-31
TI-1 Introduction to Wireless Technology	Newington, CT	Aug 4-7
TI-1 Introduction to Wireless Technology	Newington, CT	Oct 6-9
TI-1 Introduction to Wireless Technology	Newington, CT	Oct 20-23

Applications for *TI-1 Sessions* and *TI-1 Electives* are now available on the ARRL website.

For more information on the program, check out the *Teachers Institute*.

CLICK HERE to Apply Now

 <p>ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology</p> <p><small>Sponsored by The ARRL Education & Technology Program</small></p>	<p>About ARRL's Teachers Institute: Our goal for the TI program is to equip each teacher with the necessary foundational knowledge through hands-on learning and demonstrations to inspire teachers to continue exploring wireless technology and adapting relevant content into their classroom instruction.</p>
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For Hams-

If you want to get your Amateur Extra Class License, the Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club (www.cfarc.org) will hold free online classes live via Zoom starting March 23rd. I will be one of three instructors. For more details and to sign up visit- tiny.cc/beahamx.

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

73,

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Greetings! I thought we should take a look at the NTS Operations this month.

Let's look at the NTS Manual.

Chapter Two: Principles of NTS Operation

The National Traffic System includes four different net levels which operate in an orderly time sequence to effect a definite flow pattern for traffic from origin to destination. A message flows through the National Traffic System in a manner similar to an airline passenger who starts out in a small residential town with a destination across the continent in another small town. He has to change carriers many times in the process, starting with a local ground conveyance to a feeder airline, to a transcontinental airline, to another feeder airline, then local transportation to deliver him to his destination. In a very similar manner, the transcontinental message starts with the originating station in a local net, is carried to the section net, the region net, the area net, via Transcontinental Corps (TCC) to a distant area net and then back down the line to delivery.

Of course, the message, like the passenger, can "get on" or "get off" at any point if that's the origin or destination. Thus, a message from, say, New York to Detroit would never get on TCC, but would "get off" at area level. A message from San Francisco to Los Angeles would not go beyond region level, and one from Syracuse to Buffalo would remain inside the section net.

Messages may also be passed through NTS-affiliated local and section traffic nodes that employ digital modes with store-and-forward capabilities and bulletin board operations. Long hauls can be made by NTS Digital Relay Stations at HF, that interface with Section traffic nodes, and the traditional nets of the system.

[Figure 3](#), organization chart for the evening cycle four NTS setup in the Central Area.

2.1 Local Nets

Local nets are those which cover small areas such as a community, city, county or metropolitan area, not a complete ARRL section. They usually operate by VHF (typically 2-meter FM) at times and on days most convenient to their members; some are designated as "emergency" (ARES) nets that do not specialize in traffic handling. The time slot designated for them is thus nominal and will vary considerably. Local nets are intended mainly for local delivery of traffic, inasmuch as such delivery could ordinarily be effected conveniently by non-toll telephone. Some NTS local nets operate on a daily basis, just as do other nets of the system, to provide outlets for locally-originated traffic and to route the incoming traffic as closely as possible to its actual destination before delivery -- a matter of practice in a procedure that might be required in an emergency. Most local nets and even some section nets in smaller sections use repeaters to excellent effect. Average coverage on VHF can be extended tenfold or more using a strategically located repeater, and this can achieve a local coverage area wide enough to

encompass many of the smaller sections. Since propagation conditions on the high frequencies are erratic, more use of VHF and repeaters is recommended at local levels.

A local net or node may also be conducted on a local packet BBS, where radiograms may be stored, forwarded and picked up by local operators for delivery. A Net (Node) Manager is appointed by the Section Traffic Manager to manage these functions, and assure that traffic is moved expeditiously in accordance with basic NTS principles, just like their counterpart nets on local repeaters.

2.2 Section Nets

Organizational and procedural lines begin to tighten at the section net level. Coverage of the section may be accomplished either by individual stations reporting in, by representatives of NTS local nets and nodes, or both. Ordinarily, all section amateurs are invited to take part; however, in a high-population section with several metropolitan areas covered by local nets, representation may be by such liaison stations plus individual stations in cities or towns not covered by local nets.

The section may have more than one net (a CW net, a VHF net, an SSB net or even a section packet BBS, for examples), or two or more sections may combine to form a single net operating at section level, if low population or activity seem to make this desirable. Section nets are administered through the office of the Section Manager, with authority for this function often delegated to an appointed Section Traffic Manager and/or designated Net Managers.

In the case of combined-section nets, officials of the sections concerned should collaborate on the designation of a qualified amateur to manage the net. The purpose of the section net is to handle intra-section traffic, distribute traffic coming down from higher NTS echelons and put inter-section traffic in the hands of the amateur designated to report into the next-higher NTS (region) echelon. Therefore, the maximum obtainable participation from section amateurs is desirable.



National Traffic System

Traffic and Message Handling

For Skill, Service, and Fun!



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

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

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

Ohio Section Nets

If you have traffic you need to move, take it to a VHF net or HF via the OSSBN. Here is WHERE TO FIND AN HF OR VHF TRAFFIC NET IN OHIO.

OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

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

OHIO HF CW TRAFFIC NETS

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

All CW net frequencies plus or minus QRM

OHIO LOCAL VHF TRAFFIC NETS

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

If you have a net in Ohio, you would like to list here please send me the information. ac8np@ac8np.com.

Thanks For All You Do!

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Wow! I can hardly believe it's already April. The first quarter has certainly zipped by. We we embrace Spring here in Ohio, amateur radio operators find ourselves with abundant opportunities. The Hamfest season is in full swing, and I encourage you to attend as many as possible. Not only can you snag some great deals, but you also have the chance to support fellow clubs and

operators. Even if you're not in the market to buy anything, it's always enjoyable to chat in person and make some face-to-face QSOs. And let's not forget about the prizes! We are also entering the season for severe weather, which provides us with an opportunity to refresh our emergency communications skills and engage with our communities. Another excellent way to connect with your community is by participating in public service events. This is the prime time for such opportunities. Promoting the wonders of amateur radio within your community is vital for your club's success. The adage holds true: what you invest in your local community, it will reciprocate. It's wise to seek out local events and find ways to participate. Lastly, Field Day is just around the corner! Club preparations should be in full swing, and details should be coming together. I hope every club in Ohio (and beyond) participates in some capacity. This event is a fantastic way to showcase amateur radio, foster camaraderie, and create lasting memories.

A Call for Success

Has your club recently accomplished something noteworthy? I would love to share stories of club successes. Whether it's a completed project, a successful event, or mentoring a new ham, I want to hear about it! Send me an email to share your achievements and receive the recognition you deserve. I'm also interested in hearing about any collaborations between clubs. Has your club partnered with another club for an event or project? Let's hear your stories!

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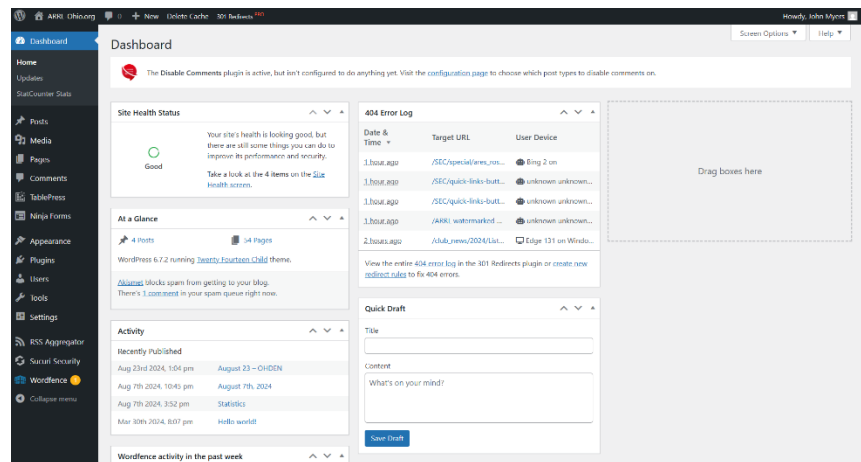


Hooray, we made it! Springtime is here, and the snow blower has been put away for another season. This month, we'll continue on the series about club websites, by beginning a tour of WordPress.

Just so you know, I'm concentrating on WordPress because that is the CMS (Content Management System that I have experience with. There are others out there, and they might be better (or worse) than WordPress. But, I'm sharing my experience with what I know, since I have a fair amount of experience with it.

Logging In

Starting off with the log in, you'll be faced with the dashboard, which holds the main menu, and some other cool information. Your view when you log in will depend on your permission level. If like me, you are the chief cook and bottle washer, then you'll have administrator privileges



allowing you access to all parts of the site, including those scary under-the-hood sections. The view as an administrator will look somewhat “busy”, while an editor or subscriber view will be less so. An administrator can add multiple users, and tailor their privileges to the role you have assigned to them. You can learn more about this by Googling WordPress Roles.

Plug-Ins

Next, we come to plug-ins. The best way to describe a plug-in is that it's a small program that is installed to your WordPress site. A Plug-In is designed to do one or two things very well. A WordPress site can run multiple plug-ins. This is how we customize a site.



For instance, let's say you need to add a countdown timer to your site that will display the number of days, hours & minutes to an event, such as your club's Field Day exercises. A quick search reveals multiple options for countdown timer plug-ins. A lot of them are free; some are not. Some are free-ish, which means that you have to pay for any features above a basic level of functionality. Do you

need to upgrade your plug-ins? Not necessarily. If you are happy with the operation of the plug-in at the free level, then you are good to go. If you need a feature that requires that you pay a fee, then that choice is on you. I've purchased some plug-ins in the past, and consider it money well spent. However, I do not normally buy any plug-ins that require a subscription. There's just so many free alternatives out there.

But paying for the upgraded feature level helps to keep the developer working and producing new plug-ins. But, for the average Amateur Radio website, the free tier will probably suffice. Lastly, if you find the plug-in useful, and they have a donation button, then by all means express your appreciation.

Two plug-ins that I add to every site are Wordfence, and Sucuri.

Wordfence Security is an Anti-Virus, Firewall, and Malware Scan for your website.

According to their description, Sucuri is *a security suite meant to complement your existing security posture*. I run both on my sites, and they play nicely together with no conflicts noted.

Themes

You'll need to choose a theme for your site. A theme defines the visual appearance and functionality of your site. There are thousands of them out there; some free, some not. You can download and try out themes to see how well they match your vision. If you don't like it, it's easy enough to change to another one. Things work better if you choose a theme first, as it gets more complicated to change themes as you add multiple pages to your site.

Most modern themes give you wide latitude for customization, and even allow you to add CSS code to tweak the look of your page. You can also find lots of help out on YouTube to help you customize the theme that you've chosen.



In choosing a theme, it's best to pick one that is adaptive. What is adaptive? Well, the formatting of an adaptive theme changes depending on the device it is being viewed on. This allows your site to look as good on the mobile device in your pocket, as it does on your tablet, or computer monitor.

Next month, let's have a look at pages & posts, and why that matters.

Lastly this month, let's have a look at the arrl-ohio.org web stats from the last 30 days.

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

- 1) Hamfests (arrrl-ohio.org/hamfests/) 413 views
- 2) Swap & Shop (arrrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/) 350 views
- 3) Ohio ARES (arrrl-ohio.org/ohio-ares/) 98 views
- 4) Ohio Section Newsletter (arrrl-ohio.org/ohio-section-newsletter/) 72 views

And that is it for this month. See you in the May issue. 73 DE WG8X

National News

(from ARRL and other sources)



SCIENCE

April is Citizen Science Month

With just your phone or computer, you can help NASA expand our understanding of the universe — all while improving life on Earth. From spotting storms and chasing auroras to exploring distant galaxies, NASA’s citizen science projects tap into the power of people. Most projects need no special gear, just your curiosity and a willingness to learn.

[FIND YOUR PROJECT](#)

HUMANS IN SPACE

Launch Coverage of Soyuz MS-27

NASA astronaut Jonny Kim will launch aboard the Roscosmos Soyuz MS-27 spacecraft to the International Space Station, accompanied by cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Alexey Zubritsky, at 1:47 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 8, from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Coverage begins at 12:45 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 8.

[HOW TO WATCH](#)

HAMVENTION!

Hamvention 2025 Theme: Radio Independence The Hamvention team is pleased to introduce our 2025 Theme, which is Radio Independence. Radio Independence means a great deal to us. In the age of Parks on the Air (POTA), Summits on the Air (SOTA), YouTube, and International Communications, radio is moving beyond its past limitations. In the course of history radio has been heavily regulated and, in some instances, banned altogether. We are fortunate to enjoy



these freedoms, and for us at Hamvention we are proud of our Radio Independence. What does Radio Independence mean to you? See you at Hamvention 2025. 73, Hamvention Executive Committee November 1, 2024

Registration is now open for the 2025 Dayton ConTest University (CTU) to be held all day on Thursday May 15, 2025, at the [Hope Hotel](#) on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base the day before

Hamvention® opens in Xenia, Ohio. 2025 will be the 16th year for CTU Dayton. Eight different countries have hosted CTUs, including the USA, Australia, Russia, Germany, Italy, England, Brazil, and Finland. Over 10,000 students have attended these CTUs with more than 100 CTU professors sharing their contesting experiences. The 2025 CTU Dayton course outline will be posted once all have been confirmed. Each presentation is carefully prepared with up-to-date information. CTU professors are experienced contesters who will share their knowledge, and participants can ask questions and learn new ways to enjoy contesting. Videos and PDF presentations from past CTUs can be viewed at contestuniversity.com. There are scholarships (registration fee paid) available for CTU through a grant from the Northern California DX Foundation for students aged 25 or younger. Student registration information is on the CTU website, contestuniversity.com.

Press Release

SWODXA DX DINNER® ANNOUNCEMENT

April 4th, 2025

AJ8B -Bill Salyers (aj8b@arrl.org) Southwest Ohio DX Association

We now know who the DX Dinner Keynote speaker is... Hal Turley, W8HC. Here is a bit about Hal: In 2012, Hal was visiting "Ham Radio" in Friedrichshafen, Germany where he met Joe Pater, W8GEX who was team co-leader for the NH8S Swains Island DXpedition. Joe asked him if he had any interest in participating on a major DXpedition. This led to Hal's first DXpedition – Swains Island NH8S later that year. Since then, he has participated on a dozen or more DXpeditions including: VK9WA; K9W; K5P; 3Y0Z (aborted); VP6R; K7K; JW0A; KL7RRC; 9G4X; CB0ZA. He also was part of the C6AGU team with George, AA7JV and the NCDXF's Radio in a Box (RIB) project and was one of the remote operators for the recent VP6A; E51D and N5J DXpeditions by George es Crew in the Pacific. Over the years, Hal has served as president of his local Kanawha ARC and West Virginia DX Association. He was the ARRL Section Manager for West Virginia from 2002-2006 and has been active as both a DXCC Card

Checker and Incoming QSL Bureau Manager for 20 years..... Hal has been an INDEXA Board member and is currently the organization's treasurer. This is just a start. The dinner, held in conjunction with the 2025 Dayton Hamvention®, will be held on Friday, May 16th, 2025, at The Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409. There will be a cash bar starting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00. Following the event, there will be a separate room and cash bar available for more fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new hams and to renew old acquaintances as well as to learn about past DXpeditions and those in the planning stages. Tickets are going fast, so don't wait too long. Go now to <https://swodxaevents.org/dinner-tickets/> to secure a seat.

ARRL Learning and Education Programs in Front of 15,000

Science Teachers

ARRL Learning and Education Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, attended the National Science Teachers Association convention held in Philadelphia, PA, March 26 – 29th. More than 15,000 education professionals from around the world were in attendance. ARRL had a booth in the exhibit hall to promote the [ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology](#).

Goodgame spoke to several hundred highly qualified and interested teachers about ways to elevate their STEM curriculum using radio. Additionally, several state and district level officials expressed interest in hosting a session of Teachers Institute.

The first components of the new ARRL STEM Curriculum were also unveiled and shared with teachers. Teachers were excited to have access to a curriculum utilizing electronics and amateur radio that was aligned to national education standards. The curriculum will be available beginning with the 2025/2026 school year.



Club Corner

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

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

Send it to: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org



VE Sessions

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

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

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

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

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds quarterly VE testing, at the Christ United Methodist Church in Alliance.

Upcoming Exam Dates are:

Saturday, 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

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

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!

Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)

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

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



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

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

Additional info may be obtained from Jackie Welch, N8JMW by email n8jmw2@gmail.com or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

Huber heights amateur radio club does ARRL VE testing the second Saturday of each even numbered month. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. 9:30-11:00 For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at ab8yk@hotmail.com

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

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

Saturday, February 3	Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6	Saturday, October 5
Saturday, June 1	Saturday, December 7

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station. The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don’t have a FRN, Google “New FRN” and follow the fcc.gov link.

If you are currently licensed, be sure to **bring a copy of your license to the exam**. The cost of the exam itself is \$15.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification with your picture is also necessary, such as a driver’s license. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440) 256-0320, or scottfarnham@roadrunner.com

In addition to the \$15 test fee, the FCC now charges \$35 to add you to the Amateur Radio database. The FCC will e-mail successful candidates instructions for payment directly to them. Payment must be made within 10 days of the e-mail. This charge does not apply to upgrades.

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC) hosts exam sessions on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am in Lancaster Ohio at the Fairfield County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr., Lancaster Ohio.

To register for an exam, [Click Here](#).

Questions: Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

The Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association VE schedule for 2025.

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

At the Columbiana County EMA at 215 South Market St, Lisbon, OH 44432.

Check in at 1 PM, testing at 1:30 PM.

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

WE CAN ALSO GIVE THE TEST AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS THAT ARE NORMALLY ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. LAARA MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. SEE THE K8GQB.COM WEB SITE FOR UPDATES.

MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

WE HAVE ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE ODD MONTHS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE EVEN MONTHS.

Madison County

The Madison County Amateur Radio Club Laurel testing group offers testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July 10, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. There is no Fee for testing. Pre-Registration is not required but preferred. Walk-ins are welcome. You are required to have proper ID, an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information or to get pre-registered send email to Exams@mcarcho.org .

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

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. Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information or to register. ewilkinson1951@gmail.com or 216-337-4235.

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

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

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

Exam sessions for 2024:

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

Exam sessions for 2025:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club Extra Class License Prep

Free online Extra Class prep sessions will begin March 23rd. All sessions are held online, live via Zoom. Classes are on seven Sundays from 1:30 to ~ 4 PM- 03/23, 03/30, 04/6, 4/13, 04/27, 05/4 & 05/11/2025. They will include reviewing materials, clarifying concepts, conducting Q&As, and providing practical information for getting on the air and using your license privileges. For more information and to register, visit- tiny.cc/beahamx.

DARA University Classes

Is it time to upgrade your license? DARA has scheduled classes for all three amateur licenses. The Technician classes will begin on Saturday March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the DARA clubhouse, 6619 Bellefontaine Rd, and run for four Saturdays. 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.

What about General? The General class will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday April 19th at the DARA clubhouse 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

Medina County Amateur Radio Club

Upgrade to Amateur Radio General Class License:

PREREQUISITE: FCC TECHNICIAN LICENSE

Pass on to Technician licensed friends...

Amateur Radio FCC General Class Licensing Instruction offered by the Medina County Amateur Radio Club.:

Will prepare you for the FCC Element 3, **General Class License** exam, 35 multiple choice questions to get your upgrade!

March 5, 2025 begins *nine* Wednesday classes, 7:00-9:00 pm

No charge for classes. Last class is exam session – walk away with an FCC General Class License.

Required purchase of current **ARRL General Class License Manual, Tenth Edition**, available on Amazon...

MUST READ CHAPTERS 1-3 BEFORE FIRST CLASS

Jane@K8JGR.radio for more info, or <https://www.W8EOC.org>

Location:

Medina County Career Center (JVS),
Room 246,
1101 West Liberty St, Medina, Ohio 44256

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

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

Win a Kenwood TS-590SG



Tickets are now on sale.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please go to

https://www.w8lky.org/fundraisers/hf_rig_raffle/

AUXCOMM Class in Dayton Area to be held immediately prior to Hamvention.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) nationally recognized AUXCOMM course returns to the Dayton area in May. The class will be held in Beavercreek, Greene County, Ohio at a location just 9 miles from the Hamvention site. The class will be held on Tuesday, May 13 through Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Requirements:

Valid Amateur Radio License

Successful Completion of IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800.

To receive further information by email, send a message to OHAUXCOMM@gmail.com expressing your interest. Be sure to include your name, callsign, and contact information.

Bob Baker N8ADO AUXC

Greene County Ohio ARES Emergency Coordinator

Your Club news should be listed here!

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

Important Links

ARRL Home: www.arrl.org

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

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

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

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

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

DX This Week – #322

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

Welcome to “DX this Week.”

I received several emails this past week that I would like to share. The first is from my friend Janez, S51DX.



Bill,

Thank you for the most recent newsletter. I wanted to let you know that I managed to make over 77,000 QSO's in 2024. I currently have over 788,000 QSO's overall in the logbook.

I'm trying to be as active as I can this year, hoping to reach 164,000 QSO's in 2025. I hope to hear you on the bands in the future. Good health to you and the family.

73 es DX de Janez S51DX

Congratulations to Janez. What a feat!

I also received this from Tim, N9PN.

Hi Bill,

Despite having my license for over 26 years and HF privileges since 2007 I haven't really had an HF station until recently. My first contact was loaded into LOTW on January 24th and I submitted for DXCC phone and mixed on March 11th. I received a message in LOTW that my application was completed on 2025-03-28 at 19:59z - 17 days!

I was able to accomplish this with a Flex 8600 dream station and a Mosley RV-7C with 4 radials.

Pretty Cool! I'm getting close with some single bands as well - 10m at 91, 15m at 83 and 20m at 80. Hopefully CQ WW WPX will push those numbers a bit higher once everyone else loads their logs into LOTW.

73,

Tim - N9PN

That is fantastic Tim. Please let me know how you are doing and when you reach DXCC on those bands!

Finally, I received this from Howard, N8HO. Howard wrote:

*“Hi Bill,
This has been a good week for me. Wake Island is an ATNO!
Howard N8HO”*

Thanks Howard!



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.

I am trying to focus on those entities that will be available in the next week. There is so much data to sift through that I thought a focus on the next 7 days might be helpful.

Here is what should be on in the coming week. Let me know how many of these you were able to work!

FOC member DL1BUG, Red, is QRV from Cotonou (grid locator JJ16fj), Benin as TY5FR from until April 9. He has an IC-7300 and CG3000 auto tuner

running 100 watts into a 22-meter wire. Activity will be on CW and SSB on 80 through 10 meters, including 60 meters. He will upload his log to Club Log and LOTW later.

Member Societies of Bosnia and Herzegovina will have a special callsign of E7100IARU April 1-30 to help celebrate the hundred years of the IARU. This one is planned to be on all the bands and modes.

OZ1DJJ, Bob, is QRV from Nuuk in west Greenland as OX3LX until April 9. This is grid GP44de and IOTA NA-018. Bo says this is not a DXpedition, but a busy trip so "don't expect too much of me." QSL to OZ0J.

ZA/IZ2DPX and ZA/IZ1CTE will be on the air from Saranda, Albania, April 8-13. QSL both via IZ2DPX or the bureau. LoTW will work too, and direct via OQRS. They plan to be on HF and 6.

IW2NEF, Flavio, will operating from the Maldives, holiday style, as 8Q7EF, April 3-10, digital modes and SSB on 40-6. QSL direct to IK2DUW or use LoTW or Club Log OQRS.

JD1BOI and JD1BON by JI1LET and JA1UII, will be on from Chichijima, Ogasawara, April 8-17, CW, SSB and FT8/FT4, 160-6M. QSL direct to their home QTHs or use LoTW.

Taka, plans an IOTA DXpedition to Ujishima, an uninhabited island located about 80 kilometers southwest of the southern tip of Kyushu, for April 5-12. He believes that this will be the first activation of Ujishima in at least 11 years. Taka will be on CW, FM, and FT8. For FT8, he will use JTDX mode, or MSHV if there are many callers. Planned frequencies: 7070, 10130, 14090, 18090, 21090, and 28090 KHz and 50.313 MHz. Go to Taka's blog for more information. QSL via Club Log OQRS or direct to his home call.

ZC4 - UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus – This was a rare one for me for a long time. I still need many band slots for ZC4. G4WXJ, Dave should be QRV until April 11th.

He'll be running 100 watts into dipoles and an EFHW. Activity will be on 7-50 MHz on CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4.

Paul, GW0NGA, will be from Jamestown, St. Helena as ZD7PG, April 12-19, not on the air every day, he says, because he is looking forward to relaxing on

the beautiful island. He says he will still have plenty of time on the air and will sort out QSLing when he's back in the UK. Not active on eQSL or LoTW, he likes real paper QSLs but might "knock out some eQSLs if asked."

Well-known Pacific traveler, Haru JA1XGI, will be active from French Polynesia (OC-066) as **TX7XG** during April 9-15, 2025. QRV on HF bands + SAT. QSL via H/c, LoTW uploads free of charge after the DXpedition.

The most recent DX Mentor podcast is available this weekend. It is a conversation with Jeffrey, K1ZN. He is an author, DXpert, and an avid IOTA ham. I know you will enjoy it.

You can also check out the DX Mentor Facebook page to keep tabs on what is current and what is coming.

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CONTEST CORNER

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

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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	4/27/2025
10-10 Intl. Spring Contest, Digital	4/26/2025	4/27/2025
Florida QSOP	4/26/2025	4/27/2025
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



I think I set some type of a record for mowing my yard when I mowed last week. I do not recall ever having done a March mowing in all the years N8ZNR and I have lived here at this location. Although it was mostly wild onions, I know the other stuff is just waiting to shoot up and weekly mowings start. Oh Spring has sprung as have the allergies.

The start of a new month resets the calendar for the round of area ham radio club meetings and events. The month got underway with a well attended business meeting of the **Clinton County ARA** on the 3rd. It was that club that fostered my ham radio interest and although all of those

mentors from years ago are now gone, it is always enjoyable to get back to Wilmington and visit with its new generation. Following SR73 from Wilmington to its Southernmost point finds you in Portsmouth where on the 7th the **Portsmouth RC** meets at the American Legion Post for a test session and meeting. Then on the following evening a Northly trip back up SR73 to Hillsboro can take you to the Highland County EMA Office where the **Highland ARA** will meet at 7 PM. On the same evening the journey on SR 247 from Hillsboro to West Union will lead you past the Adams County Courthouse. Across the street from it is the ABCAP Senior Nutrition Center where he **Deforest RC** will meet that evening. On Saturday morning the 12th the **Bainbridge Ham Group** will meet for breakfast at 8 AM at the Dutch Restaurant in Bainbridge and the **Highland ARA** will gather at 10 AM at either the Hillsboro City Park’s Harmony Lake Shelter House or the Burger King restaurant depending upon the weather. At 1 PM that day the **OH-KY-IN ARS** holds their Brunch Bunch version at the Sugar ‘n Spice Restaurant, 4381 Reading Road, Cincinnati. On April 19, the **Fayette ARA** and the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will each have their monthly breakfast gatherings. FARA will meet at the Our Place Restaurant in Washington CH and LFCARA will be at the Spramblers Lancaster location at 9 AM.

On Saturday, April 5, the **Athens County ARA** put their first race assistance of the season under their belt with communications support to the Iron Furnace Trail Run. Two additional ones are yet to happen this month. The annual Athens Marathon takes place on the 13th (Palm Sunday) and then on April 26 the Club will provide assistance to the Athens “Race For A Reason”. If you are available to assist with any of these events give Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, a call at his cell 740-541-0972.

Although the number of in-person NWS Weather Spotter Training sessions has been cut this year, some will still happen. On April 11 the Charleston Office will conduct a program at the McArthur Fire Department and then on April 14 the Wilmington Office will conduct one at the Atrium Medical Center in Middletown. Wilmington will conduct ones on April 15 at the Hocking County EOC in Logan and in Pickerington at the Fairfield County DD Area Office for a April 28 session. All sessions begin at 6 PM. On May 13 the final virtual training session will begin at 7 PM. See their website for registration details.

Due to medical issues, the starting date for the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA**’s Technician License class has been changed. It will now start on April 7 and run nightly through April 11 from 6 until around 9. All classes will be held at the Fairfield County EMA Training Center in Lancaster. Registration is required at training@k8qik.org or calling Tim Lentz, KD8QCA, at 740-684-2787. The County EMA Offices in Adams an Highland Counties will be



the sites for a couple upcoming Laurel VE sessions. On April 10 the **Deforest ARC** will conduct a Laural VE session in West Union. Contact K8WEH at k8weh@arrl.net for more information or to register to test. Then on Saturday, April 26, the **Highland ARA** will conduct an all element test session at the Hillsboro office. During the upcoming **Athens County ARA**’s hamfest, there will be an ARRL test session.

Speaking of that event, the **Athens County ARA**'s annual hamfest is quickly approaching. It will be on Sunday April 27 at the Community Center on East State Street in Athens. 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.

Of course who can overlook what might be the largest gathering of amateur radio hobbyists from around the globe. I'm speaking of the world respected Dayton Hamvention. Since the **Dayton ARA** gave birth to it in a downtown Dayton hotel in the 1950s this event now draws nearly 35,000 amateur radio operators and radio technology interested people to the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia for three days. This year's Hamvention will be on May 16 to 18. My personal opinion is that every licensed or want to be ham should attend this event at least once in their lifetime. Another wonderful thing is that while hundreds travel from remote parts of the globe to attend, it is in our own backyard. Check it out and plan to attend. www.hamvention.org.

Information from the **Southwest Ohio DX Association** indicates the popular DX Banquet plans are well along. The dinner is held annually in conjunction with Hamvention© and this years takes place at the University of Dayton Marriott Hotel on Friday evening May 16. The festivities get underway with a cash bar at 5:30 and dinner starting at 7. The meal will be followed by the program with well-known W8HC, Hal Turley, serving as the keynote speaker. The bar will reopen following the program for more socializing. Tickets are going fast. Check the www.swodxaevents.org/dinner-tickets/ to secure a seat or for information.

The **Highland ARA** got the jump on the amateur radio station open house month by inviting those attending the Club's Technician/General study group to a gathering in the shack of W8KIW. Of the 9 prospects, five were able to attend while two others monitored the net through radios provided them by the Club. The primary purpose was to expose those folks to how ham radio works and to let them actually talk on the air. A net night was selected so activity would be assured and they were not disappointed. Over 20 stations responded to the notice of what was to happen and appeared on the air. Some had not been on the air for months! All gave encouragement to the "students" and some told of their personal ham radio journey. Following the weekly net, there was an informal question and answer session with many questions geared towards procedures. Another similar session at the W8KIW/N8ZNR QTH will be held on April 21.

On Saturday morning, Lawrence County will hold a full scale HAZMAT training exercise. During the event, **Southern Ohio ARA** members will staff the County EOC, EMA radio room, staging areas, the Red Cross shelter and the St. Mary's Medical Center in Ironton.

On April 11 the **Vinton County ARA** will hold a brief business meeting prior to the NWS Storm Spotter Training. It will be held in the McArthur Fire Department meeting room and gets underway at 5 PM.

The first FoxHunt of the season in the Region is about to take place. On April 12 the **Hocking Valley ARA** will conduct a hunt in Hocking County. Because of their busy schedule for the

next couple of months, the **Athens County ARA** is delaying the start of their annual foxhunting activities.

The **Scioto Valley ARC** will have their clubhouse open and equipment in operation for the upcoming April 18 Amateur Radio Clubhouse Open House. President Jess Stanley, KD8CHP, says it will be open between 10 and 4 with stations on the air. The event is open to the public. The clubhouse is located on a service road at the western edge of Scioto Trails State Park.

The **West Virginia Museum of Radio and Technology** will hold the first of three annual swap meets on Saturday, April 19. Although things don't officially kick off until 8 AM, the gates will open at 7 for early set up. There is no admission charge, but a charge is made for a sales table. For more information check them out on the web at www.mratwv@gmail.com. The Museum is a gem for anyone interested in radio and electronics. It is located at 1640 Florence Avenue in Huntington, WV.

Mike Mullins, KN4COE, lets us know the **Greater Mason County ARC** will provide communications for the annual Maysville Rotary Club sponsored Two Bridge Run on April 19 and could use a couple more hams to assist their efforts.

Because its normal meeting location will be the site for Election activities the May meeting of the **OH-KY-IN ARS** is being relocated to the Lockland Church of the Nazarene, 335 West Wyoming Avenue, in Cincinnati. The meeting will begin at the usual time.

Two South 40 clubs are getting the jump on their annual Memorial Day community event participation. The **Southern Ohio ARA** has started its planning on assisting with the annual Ironton Memorial Day Parade. That event holds the honor of being the oldest annual Memorial Day Parade in the nation. The **Highland ARA** has set Saturday, May 10 when they will gather at the Hillsboro Cemetery to place flags on the graves of those veterans who are buried there.

Mark your calendars for some future hamfests in the South 40 Region. On August 9 the **Milford ARC** sponsored Cincinnati Hamfest will be held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. The **Portsmouth RC** will have their annual hamfest in New Boston on August 16. On September 20 the **Buffalo Ham** Swap meet will be held at the Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre. The **Vinton County ARA** is already making plans for their second swapfest. It will be on October 11.

With Field Day just around the corner some clubs have already firmed their locations and started their planning. The **Athens County ARA** will operate from the Red Cross Building in Athens. The **Highland ARA** will return to the historic Scott House at the edge of Hillsboro's historic district and the **Greater Mason County ARA** will hold their Field Day at the Mason County (KY) EMA Office.

As mentioned in past columns I like to end my column on a positive note. Well what can be more positive than learning of a new radio oriented club being formed in the South 40 Region? Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, informs me of the birth of the **Great Bend Radio Group** in the Meigs County Area. The group is open to all who have an interest in radio technology of any type. You can contact Joe Barnhart, KB8JOE, or check out their Facebook page for more information.

Another positive ending to the column is announcing Samuel Durbin of Waynesville is now KF8DSA and Paul Mossbarger, WD8APX, from Seaman upgraded to General at the recent **Portsmouth RC** test session. Congrats to each.

Until next time, let's stay safe, happy and radio active. Plus support your local club.

John, W8KIW

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ARLD014 DX news

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MALDIVES, 8Q. Flavio, IW2NEF is QRV as 8Q7EF until April 10. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 6 meters using SSB and various digital modes. QSL direct to IK2DUW.

BOTSWANA, A2. Luke, ZS6LUK will be QRV as A25LUK until the end of April. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. He plans to activate some POTA locations. QSL to home call.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, E7. Special event callsign E7100IARU is QRV until April 30 to celebrate the centenary of the IARU. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via bureau.

MOLDOVA, ER. Special event callsign ER100IARU is QRV until April 30 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU. QSL via bureau.

ST. BARTHELEMY, FJ. Jim, K6EI and Scott, KK6IK will be QRV as FJ/K6EI and FJ/KK6IK, respectively, from April 5 to 12. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, FT8, and FT4. QSL direct to home calls.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as TX7XG from Fakarava Island, IOTA OC-066, from April 9 to 16. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using CW, some SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL to home call.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Members of the Dominican Radio Club are QRV as HI0DMRA during April for World Radio Day. QSL via LoTW.

THAILAND, HS. Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand are QRV as HS100IARU until April 30 to commemorate 100 years of the IARU. Activity is on the HF bands, 2 meters, and various Satellites. QSL via LoTW.

JAPAN, JA. Moto, JA1GZV will be QRV as JS6UKY/6 from Naha, Nakijin, Onna, Nago, Uruma Okinawa Islands, IOTA AS-017 from April 6 to 12. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW. QSL direct to home call.

OGASAWARA, JD1. Koji, JI1LET and Takeshi, JA1UII will be QRV as JD1BOI and JD1BON, respectively, from Chichijima, IOTA AS-031, from April 8 to 17. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL direct to home calls.

BENIN, TY. Red, DL1BUG is QRV as TY5FR from Cotonou until April 9. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, including 60 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Randall, KX4QD is QRV as V73HW for the next two years. Activity is in his spare time on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. Special event station 8A100IARU is QRV until April 30 to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL via N2OO.

REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA, Z3. Members of the Radioamateur Society of Macedonia are QRV as Z3100IARU until May 18 to celebrate the IARU's centenary. QSL via LoTW.

ALBANIA, ZA. Operators IZ2DPX and IZ1CTE will be QRV as ZA/IZ2DPX and ZA/IZ1CTE, respectively, from Saranda from April 8 to 13. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL to home calls.

UK SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS ON CYPRUS, ZC. Dave, G4WXJ will be QRV as ZC4RH from April 6 to 11. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB, FT8, and FT4 with low power. QSL via LoTW.

Upcoming Hamfests

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



Ohio Hamfests

2025

	<p>04/26/2025 - Tusco Amateur Radio Club's 2025 Hamfest, Computer & Electronics Show Location: Dover, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Tusco Amateur Radio Club Website: http://www.w8zx.net/hamfest 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</p>	<p>05/16/2025 - 05/18/2025 Dayton Hamvention Location: Xenia, OH Type: Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association</p>

<p>Website: http://qrparci.org/fdim Learn More</p>	<p>Website: http://Hamvention.org Learn More</p>
<p>06/07/2025 - FCARC Summer Hamfest Location: Delta, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest Learn More</p>	<p>07/19/2025 - NOARSfest Location: Elyria, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society Website: https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/ Learn More</p>
<p>07/19/2025 - Williams County ARA Hamfest Location: Montpelier, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Williams County ARA 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>08/02/2025 - Columbus Hamfest Location: Grove City, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit Website: http://columbushamfest.com 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>08/16/2025 - Portsmouth Radio Club 2025 Hamfest Location: New Boston, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: ARRL, Jett Fire Equipment, Shawnee Computer and More Website: http://www.portsmouthradioclub.com 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>09/07/2025 - Findlay Hamfest Location: Findlay, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club Website: http://w8ft.org Learn More</p>	<p>09/28/2025 - Cleveland Hamfest Location: Berea, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland Website: https://www.hac.org Learn More</p>

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

08/16/2026 - [Warren Hamfest](#)

Location: Cortland, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://w8vtd.com/hamfest>

Learn More

Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.

Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an “official” printed copy of your license*



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

Final... Final

So far, I've been able to attend 3 hamfests this spring. All 3 have exceeded expectations! Attendance has been up, lots of good "stuff" for sale and a good amount of \$\$\$ changing hands. One thing I have noticed is that you better get there as early as you can. Crowds start to thin out beginning mid-morning and the vendors will start thinning out shortly thereafter. It appears that in this age of "busyness" and everyone being pressured by time, that this may be a new normal. Perhaps the Hamfest committees need to come up with some new sorts of activities to get folks to hang around longer....

Since about the early 2020's (I'm going to make a conscious effort to quit using COVID as a time marker) it seems like there have been a couple of areas of activities that have exploded – most significantly is the POTA operations. That's an explosion that has gotten worldwide attention. It's been a big boom for activity on the bands and it's got folks engaged in the "mechanics" of the hobby, coming up with go-style kits to get out, get on the air from a park and then get home again, all in the same day. Still some time left over to go out for dinner with the family. We need to find a couple more of these types of activities that are both engaging to a large number of hams, and accessible to large numbers! There's been a lot of interest in QRP type of operations and lots of equipment geared towards that. And a lot of that equipment can be obtained in kit form, so hams can once again experience the fun of "putting" it all together and hoping for no-smoke when fired up!

There's also lots of exam sessions available, and most have been pretty successful at minting new ham licenses. But where are the new "Hams"? Are they sticking around and engaging with the hobby? We need to do a much better job of reaching the new hams and actually making them a part of the hobby and encouraging them to get involved in ALL of the activities that make you a Ham!

To that end, I want to ask you all to make sure that your club's newsletter mailing list includes Liz – KE8FMJ, the Ohio Section PIC KE8FMJ@gmail.com so that your newsletter is included in the annual Ohio Section newsletter contest. And also newsletters@arrl-ohio.org so that your newsletters can be archived on the Ohio Section website. Use the *other Section Club's newsletters as a resource for Ideas, Activities and Speakers* to benefit your club!

One last thing, in order to eliminate some of the overload of information, Scott-N8SY and I have decided to choreograph the issues of our newsletters so as not to just add to the "noise" level. Scott will be putting out the Division newsletter on the 1st and 15th of each month, I'll be putting out the Ohio Section Journal on the 7th and PostScript on the 22nd of each month.

Share the Magic of Radio!

73,
Tom WB8LCD

“Swap & Shop” on the website

Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here’s a link that will take you there...

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



Do you have equipment that you just don’t need or want anymore? Here’s a great venue to advertise it, and it’s FREE!!

Is your club doing a fund raiser to help raise money? After a lot of thought, it was decided that the Swap & Shop webpage could also contain these types of items as well.

The same rules will apply as do for the For Sales and Give-A-Ways and will only be posted for a month at a time. Please see the Terms & Conditions on the webpage. You might want to list your location so that prospective buyers know where you’re at.

If your club is doing a fund raiser and wants more exposure, please forward the information to me and I’ll advertise it on the Swap & Shop webpage for you. Now, I still want to remind you that it won’t be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted.

Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: swap@arrlohio.org

Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website?



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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.



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.



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

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

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