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CQCQCQ de WB8LCD

Welcome to our new schedule for my newsletter! As I mentioned in the April Ohio Section Journal, I've decided, along with Scott – N8SY, to stagger our newsletters so we aren't just creating an overload of duplicate information. To that end, Scott will be publishing the Great Lakes Division newsletter on the 1st and 15th of the month, I will publish the Ohio Section Journal on the 7th and PostScript on the 22nd of each month. If you missed last weeks issue of the Great Lakes Division newsletter you can find it here:

https://arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2025/04-5-radio_waves.pdf

And if you missed the April OSJ you can find it on the Ohio Section website at

www.arrl-ohio.org.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with your family and friends, and that will "officially" move us into the busy season of Amateur Radio. To start off with, I hope you will stop in and say "hello" to me at both the Tusco hamfest this coming Saturday, and then the Athens hamfest on Sunday (April 26/27). Following that is HAMVENTION May 16-18 (with associated activities both prior and after Hamvention), Next up is the Fulton County Summer Fest on June 7th (sorry, my anniversary is the 8th and we've got plans for most of that weekend, so I won't be able to attend) and then Field Day on June 28/29! After that there's a whole slew of Ohio Section Hamfests up through November, and the Ohio State Parks On The Air contest on Saturday September 6th. (this list is not a totally inclusive list of all the Ham Radio activities in the Ohio Section) Don't let me hear you complaining that there's nothing to do and Ham Radio is a declining hobby – You try to put something on the calendar almost anywhere and I can

promise someone will complain about it conflicting with some other activity. What a great problem to have!

In Scott's newsletter he talks about the "Secret Sauce" for building a great club – not just any club, a GREAT Club! Any bunch of guys / gals can get together and call themselves a club. Big deal. One or two of those folks need to stand in and take the lead to drive it to greatness. The problem is, it's hard. There's a lot of work involved. Sometimes it feels like you're doing all of it yourself (in fact, that may be the case!) and everyone else is just hanging out around you. Well, no one ever said it was easy, and if you want it bad enough it's worth the effort! Spoiler Alert: Some of us older guys are going to have to stand in even though we've already had our turn in the barrel. Until we get this turned around and start getting younger folks involved – it's all up to us! I want to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who is involved in the management and running of the Ohio Section clubs, especially you older folks who have already had multiple term under your belt. This is too important to let it die.

I want to give you a couple of tips, and it may sound like it's just making the job bigger, but it usually results in good outcomes. First off, most people will do what *you do*, not especially what you tell them to do. So, *you*, as a club leader, need to do most of the things you want your members to do. Especially the activities of the club! You need to be at the meetings, you need to be on the nets, you need to be visible doing the things you want your membership to do; and having fun as you do it! You need to say "thank you" and affirm the people who are out there with you. That goes a long way in making them want to be there at the club activities. It seems like we went through a phase where anytime a new ham got on the repeater he was not only corrected for his mis-steps, but also chastised for not being familiar with our customary ways. I hope we're past that as a group! We've got some really smart people in our hobby when it comes to the technology, but we don't seem to have mastered the "people" skills as well. Learn that and I think we will find that we have a lot to offer to prospective participants! Finally, make it FUN. Everyone likes to have fun.

Just this past week I was received an email from Amanda Farone – KC3FGU, was stepping down from her role as Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) for the Ohio Section. I want to say THANK YOU to Amanda for her term as ACC. Amanda was an early advocate for the POTA craze that has swept the nation, and I know that many of you have probably worked her in a Park or heard her talking about her activations. She has recently had opportunities to continue her education and to move ahead in the business world. We all wish her the best, and I know that she will continue to be an asset to the Ohio Section and to the Amateur Radio community!

So now I will be looking for a new ACC for the Ohio Section, and if you would like to nominate someone, please send their information to me!

Finally, the March one question questionnaire was was "Do you have antenna work planned for Springtime?" 64 answered the question, 47 said "Yes" and 17 said "No". Wow, that's a lot of

antenna work going on this spring – get out there and give someone a hand! For the handbook giveaway we had 109 entries, and the winner is KE8DPC – Cynthia Thompson! Your Handbook is on the way!

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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



National News (from ARRL and other sources)

NASA Science Wants You!



Through NASA's citizen science projects, volunteers help with cutting-edge research in Earth science, planetary science, astrophysics, biological and physical sciences, and heliophysics.

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, the agency's citizen science projects tap into the power of people.

Projects are available in 18+ languages beyond English and open to anyone, regardless of country of origin or citizenship status, and need no special gear, just curiosity and a willingness to learn.

EXPLORE PROJECTS



Become a GLOBE Observer

On Tuesday, April 22, celebrate Earth Day by giving our home planet the gift of data! Join the GLOBE Observer international network of citizen scientists and scientists working together to learn more about our shared environment and changing climate. To participate, just download the GLOBE Observer app, choose your favorite project, and submit regular observations.

GET THE APP

NASA's Curious Universe

Have you ever wondered how NASA sees our own planet? Get ready to get curious! Every Tuesday from April 15 to May 13, *NASA's Curious Universe* podcast is taking you on an epic adventure, celebrating Earth as only NASA can. Join us as we dive into the stories behind iconic moments like Apollo 8's Earthrise and explore alongside the astronauts, scientists, and experts who are revealing the secrets of our wild and wonderful home.

START LISTENING

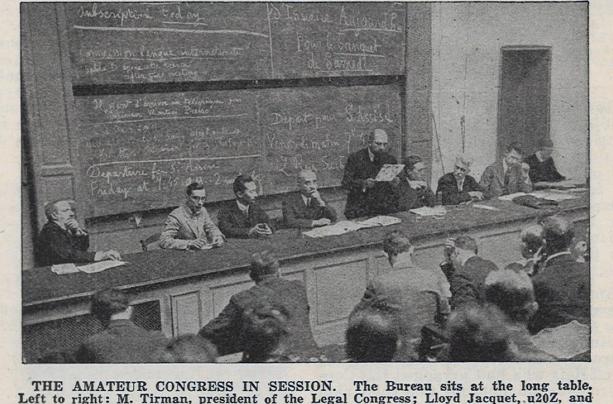


World Amateur Radio Day – International Amateur Radio Union Formed 100 Years Ago



April 18th is honored as <u>World Amateur Radio Day</u>, when we celebrate the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). The organization was born out of a meeting in Paris on April 17, 1925. ARRL took a leadership role in its founding, with ARRL Founder Hiram Percy Maxim, then 1AW, serving as the first President of IARU.

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THE AMATEUR CONGRESS IN SESSION. The Bureau sits at the long table. Left to right: M. Tirman, president of the Legal Congress; Lloyd Jacquet, u20Z, and Leon Deloy, f8AB, interpreters; M. Belin, president of the Amateur Congress; M. Beauvais, Secretary; Jean G. Mezger, f8GO, interpreter; Mr. Maxim; Mr. Warner; a stenographer.. (Photo Delano, Paris.)

As reported by Kenneth B. Warner, 1BHW, in the June 1925 edition of QST:

The International Amateur Radio Union, the dream of years, came into existence on April 17, 1925, when the delegates of twenty-three nations met at the Faculte des Sciences in Paris in the First International Amateur Congress. The Union has adopted a constitution, its officers have been elected and four national sections have been formed and recognized. Its objects lie along lines that will promote and co-ordinate two-way radio communication between the amateurs of the various countries of the world. Membership is by individuals, and anyone interested in the objects of the Union can become a member. In each country from which there are 25 or more members, is there to be a National Section, like divisions in the A.R.R.L., each with its National President and these National Presidents with the Executive Committee, constitute the Board of Directors of the Union. Our A.R.R.L. president, Mr. Hiram Percy Maxim, uIAW, was elected International President.



The excitement of an international body to serve the interests of all radio amateurs was thrilling to hams at the time. Warner continued...

Twenty-three nations! This Sub-Committee elected Mr. Maxim its chairman, and Mr. Jean G. Mezger, f8GO, its secretary, and started work. By its second session it has agreed unanimously that there should be a Union, that it should be an organization by individual memberships, that it

should have for its chief purposes the coordination and fostering of international amateur twoway communications.

One hundred years later, amateur radio looks a lot different than it would have to the delegates in Paris – but the international goodwill, thrill of two-way contacts with other countries, and history of technological innovation continues. ARRL remains the International Secretariat of the IARU, and the work of IARU remains important to the future of this global avocation that shrinks the world.



THE AMERICAN VISITORS AT G2NM. Left to right, seated: Mrs. Maxim, Mr. Mezger, Mr. Maxim, Mr. Marcuse, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Marcuse.. Standing: Mr. Hight, Major Borrett of Canada, Mr. Reid of Newfoundland, Mr. Morris, Mr. Nicholls of g2CC. (Mr. Jacquet remained in France for a visit and does not appear in the photo.)

Photos from the June 1925 edition of QST

ARRL Student Membership

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

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

Student Membership options:

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

Become an ARRL student member today!

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

Sign Up Now for the ARRL Youth Rally at Dayton Hamvention!



Registration is now open for the ARRL Youth Rally at Dayton Hamvention[®]. This amazing event is set to be a great day full of hands-on radio activities for people aged 11 to 21.

Join fellow young people who are interested in ham radio, led by volunteers from the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program, as they make a fun day out of getting to know radio – and each other. There will be

an on-the-air sprint, contacts with a parachute mobile station, a kit built in the youth lounge, and a fox hunt!



2024 ARRL Youth Rally group at Dayton Hamvention

While Hamvention offers free tickets for youth aged 12 through high school, <u>advance</u> <u>registration</u> for the Youth Rally is recommended. The Youth Rally registration fee is \$20 and includes a t-shirt (to wear on Saturday), badge, lanyard, and reusable tote bag. The event is led by ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, a former teacher. Young people are empowered to take leading roles in the hobby by participating in the ARRL Youth Rally. In 2024, then-sixth-grader Cameron Frey, KD9VGV, talked about his success as a Parks on the Air® operator. "I've done more than 100 activations, and more than 40 different parks. I've also hunted more than 700 different parks," he said.

The ARRL Youth Rally is always a day full of smiles, fun, and empowerment — make sure your young ham joins us in Dayton!



A 2-hour interview with ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA, is available on The DX Mentor Podcast, hosted by Bill Salyers, AJ8B.

Minster talked about a wide range of topics from how <u>he got started in amateur radio as a</u> <u>shortwave listener</u>, to the <u>importance of mentoring new licensees</u>. He also answered many questions from Salyers about <u>ARRL membership</u>, matters involving the <u>Board of Directors</u>, and last year's <u>cyber-attack</u> which disrupted many systems and services. Minster also talked about the organization's work <u>promoting and protecting amateur radio in Washington, D.C.</u>, and ARRL's new strategy to <u>develop the next generation of hams</u> and to inspire youth. The DX Mentor can be found on your favorite podcast platform, and on <u>YouTube</u>.



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 <u>Hope</u> <u>Hotel</u> 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 <u>contestuniversity.com</u>. 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, <u>contestuniversity.com</u>.

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.

Club Corner

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

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

Please! Format as below:

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



VE Sessions

The following information is for ALL exam sessions:

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

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

<u>AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team</u> administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2025 are as follows: Januray 18, April 12, July 19, and October 18. Time and location for these dates are 10:00am at the Westerville Fire Station #111, 400 W. Main St in Westerville, Ohio. The listed dates are co-sponsored by the Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC).

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

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

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

Upcoming Exam Dates are: Saturday, March 15th, 2025, Saturday, June 21st, 2025, Saturday, August 16th, 2025 and Saturday, October 25th, 2025.

The address is 470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH (<u>https://maps.app.goo.gl/prDyEPp6siJun2ibA</u>).

Registration begins at 8 AM, and testing at 9am.

More information can be found at <u>www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/</u>.

<u>All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)</u> hosts testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. Our testing sessions use Examtools, a digital testing platform, and administers the exams on tablets. Simply sign up for a free account at <u>https://hamstudy.org/register</u> and then search for our session and register through the Hamstudy website. Reach out with any questions to Jarrod – KE8MBL at hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun.

<u>CARS</u>

VE testing from CARS - Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society - at Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Wisnieski Parkway in Independence, Ohio 44131 Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Always the 2nd Sunday of the odd month. Go to CARS <u>www.2cars.org</u> for detailed map of location. Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details

Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred.

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM Feb 8th; Apr 12th; Jun 14th; Aug 9th; Oct 11th; and Dec 13th, 2025.

Where: Springview Government Center - Emergency Operations Center; 3130 E Main St; Springfield OH 45503 This is US-40 aka "old national road". From Route 40 enter Old Columbus Road, at the fork stay left driving straight onto Ogden Rd, then immediately turn left into the parking lot behind the EMA. Walk to the door with the "Employees Only" sign.

For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email: <u>buzz@baylorhill.com</u>

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

The Findlay Radio Club

The Findlay Radio Club sponsors an Exam Session the second Saturday of every month except September when we have our Hamfest. The Exam Session takes place at the Findlay Radio Club, 1333 West Sandusky St., Findlay Ohio 45839. The session begins at 9 AM. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. You can pre-register at <u>hamstudy.org</u>. We can also give Exams remotely on-line on your schedule if you can't make to a session.

The club has meetings on the first and third Thursdays at the clubhouse at 7:30 PM. The meetings are also available on Zoom. Contact N8ET if you would like to log in. All are welcome.

We also meet at the club on Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 (or later!) to talk about anything Ham Radio. The sessions are geared toward new Hams. Everyone brings their questions and equipment they would like to show off or learn how to use.

We have recently acquired a large amount of equipment from a local ham's estate. As a result, our operating room is undergoing a rather extensive upgrade!

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

Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club

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

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

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

Saturday. February 1 Saturday, April 5 Saturday, June 7 Saturday, August 2 Saturday, October 4 Saturday, December 6 This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station. The tests will start at **12 noon.** Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

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

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

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

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

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

Questions: Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2025 SCHEDULE.

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

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2025:

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

Make sure you have your FRN number from the FCC.

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

Madison County

The Madison County Amateur Radio Club Laurel testing group offers testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. There is no Fee for testing. Pre-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@mcarcoh.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 45150The 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. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information. <u>Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com</u> or 216-337-4235.

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

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

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

Exam sessions for 2024: Saturday, December 7th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

Exam sessions for 2025:

Saturday, February 1st - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.) Saturday, April 5th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.) Saturday, June 7th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.) Saturday, August 2nd - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.) Saturday, October 4th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.) Saturday, December 6th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

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

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

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 12/14/25Starting 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 <u>n8jmw2@gmail.com</u>

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?

- 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 (<u>https://w8wky.org/neo-pota/</u>) 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.

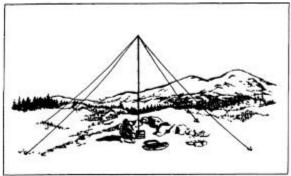
If your club is interested in participating, please reply to this email, fill out the sign-up form, or reach out to **Josh Van Dyke - <u>ke8vka@gmail.com</u>**.

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: <u>2025 NEO</u> <u>Multi-Club POTA Website</u>

Sign-Up Form: <u>2025 Northeast Ohio Multi-Club POTA Activation - Club Sign-Up Form</u>Looking forward to hearing you on the air,

NVIS DAY



NVIS DAY IS COMING! Saturday, April 26, 2025 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

https://arrl-ohio.org/nvis-day/

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, 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.

VHF Activity Day for Sunday, June 15, 2025

In a nutshell, it is designed to engage folks who are largely VHF bound (predominantly Techs) to experience simplex operation on 146, 223, and 446 MHz when there is a critical mass of other stations active at the same time.

I'm promoting this to POTA, SOTA, and the VHF contesters in WNY but would like to invite those in range of WNY (Ohio, WPA, Ontario Canada) to join in. For more information contact Ev Tupis – W2EV at **w2ev@yahoo.com**



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR WESTERN RESERVE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, MAY 19TH | 4-8PM 4542 BOARDMAN CANFIELD RD, CANFIELD, OH, 44406

> ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 66YXA6R OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Ohio Section Traffic Report March 2025

Ohio Section Nets March 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
OSN	54	11	319	20	N2LC
OSSBN	1281	432	2174	93	KC8WH
BNE	145	23	220	31	N2LC
BLN	69	64	301	31	WB9LBI
Total	1549	530	3014	175	

OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – March 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M	Month
BRTN	116	41	322	14	KD8GXL	3/25
COTN	299	68	486	31	KV8Z	3/25
TATN	284	75	308	31	WG8Z	3/25
TCTTN	81	25	235	13	WB8YYS	3/25
Total	780	209	1351	89		

OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – MARCH 2025

Call	Traffic
KA8BJA	76
KD8GYI	31
WA3EZN	2
WB9LBI	96
Total	205

Ohio Section Station Activity Reports

Call	Orig	Rcvd	Sent	Dlvd	Total
AD8CM	5	186	147	17	355
KB8GUN	38	131	96	65	330
W8MAL	0	30	279	4	313
AC8NP	0	97	42	3	142
N8MRS	0	51	87	0	138
KL7RF	0	67	68	0	135
N8OD	0	33	54	1	88
WD8SDH	0	40	46	1	87
WB8SIQ	12	36	36	0	84
KE4RS	0	45	30	3	78
W8GSR	0	32	31	6	69
KD8HB	0	22	47	0	69
KD8UUB	0	40	24	0	64
N8BV	0	36	9	0	45
K8KRA	5	18	4	15	42
K8MDA	0	8	28	5	41
N2LC	0	29	11	0	40
K3RC	6	27	6	0	39
WB8YYS	0	11	18	6	35
KD8GXL	0	15	12	3	30
N8TNV	0	8	8	0	16
N8SY	0	6	6	0	12
KD8OSI	0	1	0	0	1

TOTALS	66	969	1089	129	2253

Ohio Section PSHR Reports MARCH 2025

Call	Nets	Traffic	VolPos	PSH	EPSH	PM DS	Total
AD8CM	40	40	20	640	10	10	760
KE8ANW	40	12	0	340	0	0	392
AC8NP	40	40	20	245	0	30	375
N2LC	40	40	30	20	0	20	150
W8MAL	40	40	10	50	0	0	140
WB8YYS	40	35	20	35	0	10	140
KE4RS	40	40	10	45	0	0	135
K8MDA	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
N8SY	40	6	30	10	0	40	126
WD8SDH	40	40	20	10	0	0	110
KD8UUB	40	40	10	20	0	0	110
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	100
KL7RF	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
WA3EZN	40	3	20	20	0	10	93
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K3RC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KABJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	80

TOTALS	840	736	310	1445	10	160	3351

Ohio Section Nets

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

OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

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

OHIO HF CW TRAFFIC NETS

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

All CW net frequencies plus or minus QRM

OHIO LOCAL VHF TRAFFIC NETS

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

Dan Rinaman AC8NP Ohio Section Traffic Manager 419-618-0330 <u>ac8np@ac8np.com</u>

ARLD016 DX news

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

KINGDOM OF ESWATINI, 3DA. David, PC4K is QRV as 3DA0PA from Manzini while on work assignment. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

THE GAMBIA, C5. Operators YT3PL, YU5R and F5RAV will be QRV as C5R, with F5RAV also active as C5LT, from Kololi from April 19 to May 2. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4, and on various Satellites. QSL C5R via YU5R, and C5LT direct to home call.

CHILE, CE. Members of the Radio Club de Chile are QRV with special event call sign XR100IARU until May 20 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the IARU. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via CE3AA.

IRELAND, EI. Andy, G7SQW will be QRV as EJ/G7SQW from Arranmore Island, IOTA EU-121, on April 19 and 20. Activity will be on the HF bands using SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, HC8. A large group of operators will be QRV as HD8G from Santa Cruz Island, IOTA SA-004, from April 18 to 26. Activity will be from two locations on the island with up to eight stations active. Activity will be on the HF bands and Satellites. QSL via M0URX.

JAPAN, JA. Members of the Japan Amateur Radio League are QRV with special commemorative station 8K3EXPO from the 2025 Expo in Osaka, Kansai until October 13. Activity will be on all bands. In addition, station JA3XPO is also active. QSL via operators' instructions.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 until June 20. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. Ari, OH3KAV is QRV as OH0KA from Kokar, IOTA EU-002, until April 22. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 6 meters, using CW and FT8. QSL to home call.

CZECH REPUBLIC, OK. Members of the Czech Radio Club are QRV with special call sign OL100IARU until the end of the year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. Xu, BG5DON is QRV as P29XZ from Port Moresby, IOTA OC-034, until May 1. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via EA5GL.

BONAIRE, PJ4. Chris, WA7RAR is QRV as PJ4CB until April 27. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using CW and SSB, and active from various POTA sites. QSL via LoTW.

PALAU, T8. Ichiro, JH7IPR is QRV as T88UW from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until April 23. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

TURKEY, TA. Special event station TC3WRD is active until the end of the month to mark World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via LoTW.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. John, W5JON will be QRV as V47JA from St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, from April 20 to 26. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

BRUNEI, V8. DJ, V85NPV has been active on 20 meters using CW around 1500z. QSL via LZ2HI.

INDIA, VU. Special event station AT9WAR is QRV from Kerala, Kochi until April 20 from the Institute of Amateur Radio to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via VU2NSL.

CAMBODIA, XU. Thomas, DL7BO is QRV as XU7O. Activity is on the HF bands. His length of stay is unknown. QSL direct to DL4WK.

PRINCE EDWARD AND MARION ISLANDS, ZS8. Yuris, YL2GM will be QRV as ZS8W from Marion Island from April 21 to May 16 while on work assignment. Activity will be in his spare time on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via Club Log.

Upcoming Hamfests



Ohio Hamfests

2025

	04/26/2025 - <u>Tusco Amateur Radio Club's</u> 2025 Hamfest, Computer & Electronics Show Location: Dover, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Tusco Amateur Radio Club Website: <u>http://www.w8zx.net/hamfest</u> Learn More
04/27/2025 - <u>Athens Hamfest</u> Location: Athens, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association Website: <u>https://www.ac-ara.org/</u> Learn More	05/10/2025 - 05/15/2025 <u>RV Radio Network Rally</u> Location: Navarre, OH Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: RV Radio Network Learn More
05/15/2025 -05/18/2025 - Four Days In May Location: Fairborn, OH Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: QRP Amateur Radio Club International Website: http://qrparci.org/fdim Learn More	005/16/2025 - 05/18/2025 Dayton Hamvention Location: Xenia, OH Type: Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association Website: <u>http://Hamvention.org</u> Learn More

06/07/2025 - <u>FCARC Summer Hamfest</u> Location: Delta, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Fulton County Amateur Radio Club Website: <u>https://k8bxq.org/hamfest</u> Learn More	07/19/2025 - <u>Williams County ARA Hamfest</u> Location: Montpelier, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Williams County ARA Learn More
07/19/2025 - <u>NOARSfest</u>	07/20/2025 - <u>Van Wert Hamfest</u>
Location: Elyria, OH	Location: Van Wert, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest	Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society	Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club
Website: <u>https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/</u>	Website: <u>http://w8fy.org</u>
Learn More	Learn More
08/02/2025 - <u>Columbus Hamfest</u>	08/09/2025 - <u>Cincinnati HamfestSM</u>
Location: Grove City, OH	Location: Owensville, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest	Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit	Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club
Website: <u>http://columbushamfest.com</u>	Website: <u>https://CincinnatiHamfest.org</u>
Learn More	Learn More
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	08/17/2025 - Warren Hamfest Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: <u>http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</u> Learn More
09/07/2025 - <u>Findlav Hamfest</u>	09/28/2025 - <u>Cleveland Hamfest</u>
Location: Findlay, OH	Location: Berea, OH
Type: ARRL Hamfest	Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club	Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland
Website: <u>http://w8ft.org</u>	Website: <u>https://www.hac.org</u>
Learn More	Learn More

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	11/02/2025 - <u>2025 MARC Hamfest at MAPS</u> Location: N. Canton, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Massillon ARC Website: <u>http://www.w8np.net</u> Learn More
	08/16/2026 - <u>Warren Hamfest</u> Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: <u>http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</u> Learn More

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 – #328 Bill - AJ8B (<u>thedxmentor@gmail.com</u> / <u>www.aj8b.com</u>)

Welcome to "DX this Week." I would like to start with some breaking news. Frist from the Northern California DX Foundation, or the NCDXF.

"After several repeated unsuccessful attempts since 2018 to obtain the necessary permits to visit <u>Marion</u>



island and operate from there, Yuris/YL2GM finally has got it! He is currently onboard the ship <u>mv S.A. Agulhas II</u> scheduled to depart from Cape Town, South Africa, towards Marion island on April 17. Yuris will operate from Marion island as ZS8W between April 21 and May 16, 2025.

Secondly, from the ARRL DXCC desk. The ARRL DXCC Desk has determined that the operation by a DXpedition team from Mount Athos meets the DXCC award program's accreditation criteria. Contacts with the team, which operated in January 2025 using the call sign SV1GA/A, will therefore count toward DXCC. Additionally, due to actions taken by local authorities that resulted in the early termination of the operation, any future operations by this team from Mt. Athos will require additional documentation for securing accreditation for DXCC credit. Mount Athos is an autonomous region of northeastern Greece, governed by the monastic community, and is an entity on the DXCC List. This decision ends several weeks of uncertainty about the status of the DXpedition.

My friend, K4YJ, Dwight, broke the 2000 barrier in the ARRL DX Challenge and received his plaque from the ARRL. Congratulations to Dwight for that achievement.

I did receive an email from Janet, W8CAA, asking about my comment last week concerning a DX newsletter. The newsletter that I was referring to is a monthly newsletter from the Southwest Ohio



DX Association. The current issue, and several years of back issues, are available by going to SWODXA.org and clicking on Newsletters. Let me know what you think!

I also received some great QSL cards. Below are cards from Azerbaijan, Taiwan, Thailand, and a commemorative card from K5MGY.

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This section of DX News comes from Bernie, W3UR, editor of the DailyDX, the WeeklyDX, and the How's DX column in QST. If you would like a free 2-week trial of the DailyDX, your only source of real-time DX information, just drop me a note at <u>thedxmentor@gmail.com</u>.

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.

An activation in Botswana by Luke, ZS6LUK, is underway. He should be QRV now as A25LUK through the end of April. He will be using an IC-706 so he can be on 40, 30, 20, 10 meters. He will be using SSB, plus FT8 and "JS8Call."

Some of his planned destinations are registered parks in the POTA program, or Parks on the Air. He will put the log on QRZ.com.

3D2BP is the new callsign for KD6XU, Barry in Fiji. He is on 80-10M, mostly CW, but also FT8, and SSB. His operating hours are sporadic; in his words, it is a "hit and miss kind of thing." He has an ICOM IC-7300, Yaesu FT-891, and QRP Labs QMX-MID. He plans to do some POTA activations like he did in Samoa, but this time he has the FT-891 so it will not all be QRP CW. Most of Barry's operations will be from land but occasionally he may be on his yacht if a beach is not available in the park he is in or near. QSL using LoTW; paper QSLs are not an option.

In February, PC4K, David, a missionary engineer, relocated to Manzini, Eswatini. He has been issued the callsign 3DAØPA and will be active with an ICOM IC-705 at 10W and a SOTA Beams inverted V dipole for 40 and 20M, tunable on other bands. He has signed up for LoTW.

VK4MAP, Darren has been QRV since April 8 as H44DX on 10M SSB (28.460-28.465 MHz). He will be portable from Malaita Island during this time. QSL to his home call.

F8EN, Roland (CN8EM, FO8BV, 3C3CR), has extended his TR8CR operation from Gabon through mid-June. He is on CW only. QSL via the bureau or direct via F6AJA.

OH3KAV, Ari, will be active as OH0KA from Kokar, Aland Islands, through April 22, mostly FT8 and CW on HF, including 5 MHz and possibly 6M. QSL via OH3KAV.

Members of the Bavarian Contest Club are QRV from VP2V, the British Virgin Islands, and will continue through April 27. They will go QRT at 12Z and take down the antennas, departing early on the 28th. They have 560 kilograms of gear, in two oversized packages sent ahead by UPS, including aluminum and fiberglass masts, two Spiderbeams, a "DX Commander" and a 6M antenna.

PV8DX is setting up HD8G on the Galapagos Islands until April 26, to be satellite and HF, with one of station doing "some CW."

This expedition has been a year in the planning, with meetings every two weeks. Various ops have had to cancel but others have joined, over this time. There are now 25 "passionate ops," from seven countries. "Getting by language and culture differences" has been a primary objective, to come up with "one great DXpedition...unforgettable for all the ham community." The seven countries are Ecuador, Brazil, USA, Russia, Latvia, Bosnia & Hercegovina and Serbia. Most are experienced DXers and DXPeditioners and some are brand new. There will be eight full-time stations and a ninth on in night times only. https://hd8g.com

DX News says XU7O by DL7BO in Cambodia is scheduled to start today, operating on the HF bands. QSL using Logbook of the World or Club Log, or direct to DL4WK.

Here is an update on C5 - The Gambia. F5RAV has the C5LT callsign and YT3PL/YU5R has the C5R callsign. With them is IK8HJC, for the April 19 to May 2 operation, CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on HF, 6, and satellite. QSL C5LT direct to F5RAV and C5R via YU5R, and the log will be uploaded to Club Log. https://www.facebook.com/61572930010269.

JG8NQJ/JD1, Take, is going back to the weather station at Minami Torishima, for a stay of "a couple months," and should be QRV by now. He ops in his spare time there, CW and FT8. On FT8 he wants you to send a signal report, not your grid. QSL direct to JA8CJY, JG8NQJ bureau, or LoTW.

Bonaire, PJ4CB by WA7RAR is QRV until April 27, SSB and CW on 20-10, some of the time from Parks on the Air. QSL direct to his home QTH or go through LoTW and QRZ Logbook.

JH7IPR, Itchy, is QRV as T88UW from Palau until until 9 PM local time April 23. He expects to monitor 50313 and will get on the air there when he starts seeing openings.

FG/DG3FEH should be QRV from Pointe a la Gourde, Guadeloupe, until April 27. Holger will have an IC-7300, 100 watts, to a full size ground plane for

20 and 15, the feed point 5M above the ground, with elevated radials. On 40 it's an EFHW. He plans SSB and FT8. QSL through the bureau, LoTW, and Club Log. He says his operating times depend on other activities he's doing. https://www.qrz.com/db/FG/DG3FEH

VP9KF is QRV until April 28, by G4BKI, Paul. He plans to be on HF CW only. Apparently, he does not plan to QSL through LoTW or Club Log OQRS, so how to QSL with him is unknown at this point, but may be given on http://vp9kf.com Apparently the only CW from VP9 outside of "contest visitors" has been VP9KD, Walt, who became a silent key three weeks ago, and "finding CW/WARC from VP9 [is] very unusual," especially in JA and the "Far East." Besides G4BKI, and now VP9KF, Paul also holds the EI6LC callsign.

The most recent DX Mentor Podcast episode is available this weekend. Alex, K6VHF, was the guest. Alex talked about everything from the world records that he holds, to his work with SETI, his Deep Space Exploration Society work, his DX and DXPedition activities as well as his participation in the bouncing signals off of Venus activities. Give it a listen.

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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CORNER

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

workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course, why not work the contest and have some fun!

The Worldwide Holyland DX Contest, WWHC. Pre-2023 this called the Holyland Contest. This is the new name for this event these last few years. Everyone works everyone all over the world, with QSOs with 4X/4Z stations giving more points. It is April 18-19 from 21Z the 18th to 21Z the 19th.

Please send me an email if you need any details.

Until next week, this is Bill, AJ8B saying 73 and thanks to my XYL Karen for her love and support. I Hope to hear you in the pileups! Have a great DX week!

Contest	Start Date	End Date
Holyland DX	4/18/2025	4/19/2025
Contest		
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	4/26/2025	4/27/2025
Contest, Digital		
Florida QSOP	4/26/2025	4/27/2025
10-10 Intl. Spring	5/3/2025	5/4/2025
Contest, CW		
New England QSO	5/3/2025	5/4/2025
Party		
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,	5/24/2025	5/25/2025
CW		

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It's officially the hamfest season as the Levo household has just returned from our first 'fest of the year. Traditionally, unless we hit HamCation, we kick off the season at the Cave City, KY hamfest. In a state that does not have the number of hamfests as Ohio, it is said to be Kentucky's largest hamfest. And that could be right. It's always well attended and an enjoyable one. Plus I get to see a lot of treasures I don't see at the Ohio shows. Although I noticed some vacant tables, the flea market vendors overflowed the inside space and several had to set up in the outside farmer's market pavilion.



Speaking of hamfests, 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 hobbiests 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 people who are interested in amateur radio and radio technology 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. <u>www.hamvention.org</u>.

The **Athens County ARA** recently conducted another successful ARRL License test. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reports three people tested with two passing. COVID prevented a fourth from testing. Linda Clark of Albany made Technician and is now KF8DQVwith Donald Wirtshafter of Athens going away with a CSCE for General and is KF8DRQ. Although Brian Waibi of Athens did not test at the ACARA session, Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, reports he successfully tested for the Tech and is now KF8DQN. Ted also reports that James Prewitt of Goshen is now KF8DQA.

Highland ARA President John Willis, KE8JEM, reports eight individuals are attending the Club's Technician/General license study group each Sunday afternoon at the Hillsboro Methodist Church. The group represents a wide range of ages from a sixth grader to a lady in her 80s. There are at least three folks looking to upgrade to General. On Monday evening, March 31, those in the study group will assemble at the N8ZNR/W8KIW QTH to sit in on the weekly HARA net at 9 PM. It's hoped a good number of hams from throughout the area will check into the net to welcome these prospective hams and encourage them to become active in the hobby. You don't have to be a HARA member to check in and show your support. The net is on the Hillsboro 147.21 repeater with a 100 hz tone. Doctor Dave, K8DG, will be the net control.

An email from **Clinton County ARA** Vice President Mark Atwell, WX8A, reminds hams in that area of the Last Saturday Breakfast on March 29 at Sam's Meats and Deli in Wilmington. 8:30 AM Following it they will adjourn to the Boyd Cancer Center for their monthly Hangout and Build.

The flip of the calendar page from March to April resets the schedule of club meetings, breakfasts and other events. The **Clinton County ARA** will have their normal business meeting on Thursday, April 3 at the Cancer Center in Wilmington. On the 7th, the **Portsmouth RC** will meet at the American Legion Post in Portsmouth then on the following evening, the **Highland ARA** will meet at the County EMA Office at 7 PM. The **Deforest RC** will also meet that evening at the ABCAP Office in West Union. 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. On April 19, the **Fayette ARA** and the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will each have their monthly breakfast gatherings at their usual locations and times.

No Foolin'—The **Cambridge ARA**'s Trivia net will observe its fifth anniversary on April 1. The net was established during COVID as a way for members to keep in contact with each other. It is on CARA's 146.85 repeater each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8 PM. On Saturday, April 5, the **Athens County ARA** will assist the Iron Furnace Trail Run with communications support followed by the annual Athens Marathon on the 13th (Palm Sunday). According to Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, 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 a call at his cell 740-541-0972.

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 through April 11. It will run nightly from 6 until around 9 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.

On April 10 the **Deforest ARC** will conduct a Laural VE session at the Adams County EMA Center. Contact K8WEH at <u>k8weh@arrl.net</u> for more information or to register to test.

Although the government has cut the number of in-person NWS Weather Spotter Training sessions this year, some are still happening. 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 another on April 15 at the Hocking County EOC in Logan. Pickerington will be the site for an April 28 session at the Fairfield County DD Pickerington Office. All sessions begin at 6 PM. On May 13 there will be a virtual training session at 7 PM.

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.

During a recent conversation with another ham of my approximate age I commented that with all the cuts to federal agencies I wondered how long it would be before the Voice of America



shortwave service would become history. Recent reports out of Washington indicate I didn't have long to wait as the axe has fallen and VOA has now gone dark. The VOA and I go back a long way. It was in the late 1950s and early '60s when I got interested in radio and discovered the VOA and its "Yankee Doodle" identification while scanning the shortwave dial on my parents old Philco

medium/shortwave kitchen radio. Later I had the opportunity to visit the old Bethany Relay Station several times until it was decommissioned and even was at the Greenville, NC sites a couple of times. Those antenna fields with the Sterba curtin antennas and dozens of towers were just mind blowing. Although the "old way" of telling America's story via shortwave radio is deemed "old

fashioned" by today's generation, it was dependable. And who could forget Willis Conover and his weekly "Jazz Hour" that was a VOA staple for over 40 years. It's just too bad you became a victim of politics. Kind of makes me wonder how long WWV and WWVH will be around? RIP VOA.

As stated in the past, I like to end my columns on a happy note instead of a downer like above. Thanks to information from Jennifer Bailey, N8JEN, I can do that. She informs us that Paul Mossbarger, WD8APX, has recently upgraded to General following the recent **Portsmouth RC**'s VE session. Congrats.

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

John, W8KIW

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Hello ARRL Public Information Volunteers,

You are invited to join members of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as we host a live, interactive, workshop to help your club get ready for 2025 ARRL Field Day.

The event will be live on Zoom Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 8:30 PM EDT.

Please register at this link, as advance registration is required.

We'll cover:

- How to build a social media strategy to engage members of your local community.
- Press releases and media strategy to get the news to help you promote the event.
- Tips for doing great interviews and media hits.
- Getting a proclamation from your local officials.
- Building your club's visual asset library to help promote next year (and throughout the year)
- Much more!

You'll have a chance to get your questions answered by veteran PR experts from around the ham radio community. *If you can't join us for the live event, a replay will be posted after*.

If you haven't already, please download the 2025 ARRL Field Day Public Relations Kit [PDF]. It will give you a toolkit to get started – including a press release template that you can use for your activation.

We're seeing a lot of lift for ham radio from this month's ARRL Ham Radio Open House program, let's continue that momentum into the largest amateur radio event – ARRL Field Day!

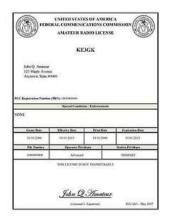
I look forward to seeing you in the workshop!

73, Sierra Harrop, W5DX ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager <u>sharrop@arrl.org</u>

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

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Ohio Section Cabinet



Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here's a link that will take you there... <u>https://arrl-ohio.org/section-</u>

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

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

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

Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

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

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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: <u>webmaster@arrl-ohio.org</u>

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 "<u>Opt-In</u>" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send an email to: <u>webmaster@arrl-ohio.org</u> and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



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



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

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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 and error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!