



*“May 22nd, 2025”*

- [National News](#)
- [DX This Week](#)
- [Upcoming Hamfests](#)
- [VE Testing](#)

- [Club Corner](#)
- [Contest Corner](#)
- [One Question Questionnaire](#)
- [South 40](#)

## **CQCQCQ de WB8LCD**

We have just experienced another OUTSTANDING Hamvention!

Let me start out by saying, the Green County Convention and Visitors Bureau have done an amazing job at turning the county fairgrounds into an excellent venue for not only Hamvention, but also the several other shows that take place there, and those yet to come. Having watched the demise of HARA Arena from the late 1960's on through the 2000's, it was a constant downhill slide. Since Hamvention's first year in Xenia through the last week, it has been a constant improvement in everything about the venue. Congratulations to all involved in that!

Hamvention itself continues to grow and improve itself. Thanks to the DARA/Hamvention leadership, not to mention the hundreds of volunteers involved in the making of the event, it was a pleasure to be there again this year! I feel sorry for those of you who missed it as it truly is a watershed event every year for Amateur Radio Operators. To have it here in our own backyard is an awesome opportunity for Hams in the Ohio Section – and I encourage you to start making your plans for next year, because the trajectory is only for a bigger and better show in 2026!

Next up on the list is Field Day – June 28-29. Definitely the largest operating event in North America (if not the world). Although Field Day is NOT A CONTEST, they do keep score and recognize those with the highest scores in several categories. I would like to see Ohio Section Clubs listed on lots of those leader boards! I know that many of you have a routine you follow for Field Day, and that's OK, but as an Emergency Communications exercise, you should constantly be looking for ways to tweak not only your “set-up” but also your operating skills. Keeping score allows you to measure your own success at improvement through the years. The OHIO Section has sponsored a Field Day ZOOM presentation, and if you were not able to attend it live it will be posted on the Ohio Section Web-site ( [www.arrl-ohio.org](http://www.arrl-ohio.org) ) by Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>. You can also find the OHIO GOVERNOR'S “Amateur Radio Operator's Appreciation Days” proclamation on the Ohio Section Website!

The next big event in the Ohio Section – Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA). The weekend after Labor Day, this years event will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. You can get lots of information at [OSPOTA.org](http://OSPOTA.org) and this might even give you some good information to use for your normal POTA activities. Speaking of which, POTA hunters from all over know that this will be a fantastic day to fill in their list of Ohio State Parks – so get out there and give them some Q's! The weather in Ohio is normally delightful at that time of year – get ye out to a Park!

Finally, the last half of the year is loaded with local hamfests! I want to encourage you to get out there, support all of our clubs in the Ohio Section by attending as many as you can. You might find some good deals on something you just have to have, but even more importantly you'll get a chance to meet and socialize with the many “active” hams in the Ohio Section. Our hobby is truly full of exceptional people! Get out there and meet them.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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



---

## *National News*

### *(from ARRL and other sources)*

#### **On The Air (OTA) Live Event**

The next OTA Live is coming up next week on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8PM Eastern Time. You may have to adjust for your local time. The link and the description is below. You'll have to register to get the attend link so don't wait – get signed up!

<https://learn.arrl.org/webinars/82925>

#### Event description:

Discover how to setup WSJT-X for FT8 and FT4 along with homebrew 10 and 15 meter antennas to participate in this year's ARRL Field Day

We'll cover:

- WSJT-X installation and setup
- How to operate FT8 and FT4
- Demonstration of each with a homebrew 10 meter antenna as featured in the May/June On the Air Magazine
- WSJT-X specific setup for ARRL Field Day

---

## ARRL Renews Defense of the 902-928 MHz Amateur Radio Band

[ARRL](#), in a recent filing, encouraged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to listen to industry stakeholders about the detrimental impacts that proposed changes to the 902-928 MHz band would have for current users.

The FCC is considering a petition by NextNav, Inc., a licensee in the 900-MHz Location and Monitoring Service (LMS), to reconfigure the 902-928 MHz band to obtain more spectrum for itself and replace the LMS with high-power 5G cellular and related positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) services that would supplement GPS. ARRL filed comments opposing NextNav's proposal in September 2024.



[Read more: NextNav's proposal on ARRL News \(8/15/2024\)](#)

[Read more: ARRL Defends 902-928 Amateur Radio Band \(9/12/2024\)](#)

[ARRL's latest filing](#) [PDF] was submitted on May 13, 2025, by the association's Washington Counsel in response to an inquiry initiated by the Commission to consider more broadly ways to improve and harden GPS. ARRL's response echoes concerns of many others and underscores the need to improve and harden the current GPS system in a manner that doesn't impact radio amateurs and other users of the 902-928 MHz band. The band supports an extraordinary number of unlicensed consumer devices used by consumers both inside and outside the United States with which radio amateurs coexist.

*ARRL strongly agrees with the many parties that point out in the record of this proceeding that, in working with its sister federal agencies on this issue, one of the Commission's primary goals should be to ensure that existing services already operating in the spectrum, such as in the crowded 902-928 MHz band, should not be disrupted by complementary PNT if equal or better means are available. Many billions of unlicensed devices are in use to provide hundreds of applications and functionalities to the American public, and the number of devices and the functionalities that they provide continue to grow.*

*These devices coexist with amateur radio operations in the 902-928 MHz band but they as well as amateur radio operations would be displaced if a 5G-like PNT service was authorized to use this spectrum.*

In the current proceeding, the FCC addresses GPS concerns holistically that also are being addressed by multiple other federal government agencies under the direction of the President. ARRL emphasized the FCC's expertise and role in making the best use of the spectrum resource.

*We commend the Commission for initiating this proceeding to take a holistic approach to the problem and possible solutions thereto, rather than a piece-meal approach that might have led to systems that would unnecessarily use valuable spectrum with inferior results and take years longer to construct from scratch. The Commission is the civilian spectrum expert among the collection of agencies that are addressing this issue. We rely on the Commission to make clear the value of each megahertz of spectrum and the trade-offs in designating any particular band for the purpose of complementary PNT.*

ARRL's filing is intended to emphasize the public interest in protecting amateur and others' access to the 902-928 MHz band and to highlight that other, less disruptive options are available for PNT.

ARRL will continue to defend amateur access to this and other threatened amateur allocations.

## ARRL Student Membership

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

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

Student Membership options:

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

Become an ARRL student member today!

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

---

## Promote Your Club's 2025 ARRL Field Day With Posters

[2025 ARRL Field Day](#) will be here before you know it! We're just 7 weeks away from ham radio's biggest event, held each year on the 4th full weekend of June (28 – 29 for 2025). The [theme of "Radio Connects"](#) highlights the many ways amateur radio makes connections.

As radio amateurs, we know the excitement of the weekend: it's part get-together, part emergency communications exercise, part operating event. It is also amateur radio's time to shine and welcome the public to learn about and experience this wonderful hobby.

A major aspect of any successful ARRL Field Day operation is the publicity and outreach: How can the public learn about the event if they don't know it is happening? The ARRL Public

Relations and Outreach Committee recently held a publicity workshop for public information volunteers. One of the tools presented is the 2025 ARRL Field Day Poster. It can be posted around your area (think libraries, bulletin boards, community centers, etc.) with your event information filled in on it.

The 11x17" poster is available as [a free download](#) [PDF] or [available for purchase in packs of 25](#) from the ARRL Store. It tells the story of amateur radio as fun hobby, resource for public service, and tool for inspiring the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands-on sandbox where students gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX, says now is a great time to plaster the posters around your community. "The summer tends to be a busy time with weddings, travel, and other activities. Get your club's ARRL Field Day activities in front of people now with the posters so they can plan to be there."

Check out all the resources for ARRL Field Day at [www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay).

---

# ARRL FIELD DAY 2025



Be a part of the **most popular on-the-air operating event** in amateur radio. Join your local community and get in on the action!

**PARTICIPATE IN YOUR LOCAL  
ARRL FIELD DAY JUNE 28-29, 2025**

[www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay)



---

## Club Corner

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

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

Just send it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)



**Please! Format as below:**

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

---

## VE Sessions

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

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

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

**AE8FP Amateur Radio Test Team** administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area. Our test dates for 2025 are as follows: January 18, April 12, July 19, and October 18. Time and location for these dates are 10:00am at the Westerville Fire Station #111, 400 W. Main



St in Westerville, Ohio. The listed dates are co-sponsored by the Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC).

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

### **Alliance Amateur Radio Club**

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

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

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

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

More information can be found at [www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/](http://www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/).

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

### **CARS**

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

### **Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)**

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

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

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

For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email: [buzz@baylorhill.com](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

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

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

### **Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)**

If you are interested in testing for a new or upgraded license, please come see us at the DARA Clubhouse. If you have questions about testing, please email [exams.w8bi@gmail.com](mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com)

### **The Findlay Radio Club**

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

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

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

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 [n8jmw2@gmail.com](mailto:n8jmw2@gmail.com) or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

### **Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club**

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

### **The Lake County Amateur Radio Association**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)**

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

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

Questions: Contact me at [ve\\_testing@k8qik.org](mailto:ve_testing@k8qik.org).

### **Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2025 SCHEDULE.

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

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2025:

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

Make sure you have your FRN number from the FCC.

Contact NN8B at [nn8b.oh@gmail.com](mailto:nn8b.oh@gmail.com) for any further information.

Our Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. WE HAVE ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE ODD MONTHS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE EVEN MONTHS.

MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

### **Madison County**

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

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

No charge VE exams are normally given the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Miami Township Civic Center 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150 The facility is handicapped

accessible. Map and further details are on our website. Pre-registration is required:  
<https://mifordhamradio.org/license-exams>

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

Six VE testing sessions in 2025. Register at [hamstudy.org](http://hamstudy.org). Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information. [Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com) or 216-337-4235.

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

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

### **Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)**

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

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [KB8UUZ@gmail.com](mailto:KB8UUZ@gmail.com)

### **Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX**

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

### **Silvercreek ARA (SARA)**

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

### **Exam sessions for 2024:**

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

### **Exam sessions for 2025:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

All sessions begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit <https://w8wky.org/license-exams/>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but

not required at <https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/>. Sign up and if you aren't ready or can't make it, just notify the VE team lead.

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

---

## From the Geauga Amateur Radio Association

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

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

For any questions please contact Dale Byers K8DOB at [k8dob@outlook.com](mailto:k8dob@outlook.com)

---

## Silver Creek Amateur Radio Association

Greetings,

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

### Why Participate?



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



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



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

## How Can You Get Involved?

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

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

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

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

Sign-Up Form: [2025 Northeast Ohio Multi-Club POTA Activation - Club Sign-Up Form](#) Looking forward to hearing you on the air,



---

## 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 testers 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](mailto:w2ev@yahoo.com)

---

## ARLD020 DX news

This week's bulletin is made possible with information provided by AC6ZM, 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. Morten, LA9GY will be QRV as 3DA0GY from May 22 to June 2. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters, with a focus on 20, 15 and 10 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

TUNISIA, 3V. Giovanni, IT9PZM is now QRV as 3V8LL from Djerba Island, IOTA AF-083. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via operator's instructions.

4U\_ITU, ITU HQ. Station 4U0ITU is QRV until the end of 2025 to commemorate the International Telecommunications Union's 160th anniversary. QSL direct.

GHANA, 9G. Tommy, ON2TD is now QRV as 9G5TD. Activity is holiday style mostly on 20 meters using SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

CUBA, CO. Special event station T48JM will be QRV from May 19 to 23 during the Jose Marti Funeral Route to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the death of national hero Jose Marti. Activity will be on 160 to 2 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via operators' instructions.

BALEARIC ISLANDS, EA6. Rene, DL2JRM is QRV as EA6/DL2JRM until May 18. He will be an entry in the His Majesty King of Spain CW Contest. QSL to home call.

FRENCH GUYANA, FY. Manuel, DL4EA plans to be QRV as FY/DL4EA from May 19 to 21. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands, aswell as Satellites RS-44 and QO-100. QSL to home call.

HONDURAS, HR. Renato, PY8WW is QRV as HR4/PY8WW from Isla del Tigre, IOTA NA-060, until May 17. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

ST, KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Juan, AC6ZM will be QRV as V4/AC6ZM from St. Kitts, IOTA NA-104, from May 18 to 27. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. This includes being an entry as V49K in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, VP8. Gerry, G3WIP is QRV as VP8DPD from Port Stanley, IOTA SA-002, until July 12. Activity is mostly on 20 to 10 meters. QSL via EA5GL.

LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS, VU7. A group of operators will be QRV as VU7T from Agatti Island, IOTA AS-011, from May 22 to 28. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes being active on Satellite QO-100 using FT8, and in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ROMANIA, YO. Members of Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism are QRV with special event callsign YO160ITU until May 31 to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the establishment of the International Telecommunications Union. QSL via bureau.

REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO, Z6. Operators OH2YL and OH2LGW will be QRV as Z68YL and Z68OM, respectively, from May 20 to 30. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via OH2YL.

# Upcoming *Hamfests*



## *Ohio Hamfests*

# 2025

	<b>05/24/2025 - <a href="#">Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Piketon, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club <a href="#">Learn More</a>
<b>06/07/2025 - <a href="#">FCARC Summer Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Delta, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Fulton County Amateur Radio Club <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://k8bxq.org/hamfest">https://k8bxq.org/hamfest</a> <a href="#">Learn More</a>	<b>07/19/2025 - <a href="#">Williams County ARA Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Montpelier, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Williams County ARA <a href="#">Learn More</a>
<b>07/19/2025 - <a href="#">NOARSfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Elyria, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/">https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/</a> <a href="#">Learn More</a>	<b>07/20/2025 - <a href="#">Van Wert Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Van Wert, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Van Wert Amateur Radio Club <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8fy.org">http://w8fy.org</a> <a href="#">Learn More</a>
<b>08/02/2025 - <a href="#">Columbus Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Grove City, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest	<b>08/09/2025 - <a href="#">Cincinnati Hamfest<sup>SM</sup></a></b> <b>Location:</b> Owensville, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest

<b>Sponsor:</b> Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://columbushamfest.com">http://columbushamfest.com</a> <b>Learn More</b>	<b>Sponsor:</b> Milford Amateur Radio Club <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://CincinnatiHamfest.org">https://CincinnatiHamfest.org</a> <b>Learn More</b>
<b>08/16/2025 - <u>Portsmouth Radio Club 2025 Hamfest</u></b> <b>Location:</b> New Boston, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> ARRL, Jett Fire Equipment, Shawnee Computer and More <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthradioclub.com">http://www.portsmouthradioclub.com</a> <b>Learn More</b>	<b>08/17/2025 - <u>Warren Hamfest</u></b> <b>Location:</b> Cortland, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Warren Amateur Radio Association <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8vtd.com/hamfest">http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</a> <b>Learn More</b>
<b>09/07/2025 - <u>Findlay Hamfest</u></b> <b>Location:</b> Findlay, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Findlay Radio Club <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8ft.org">http://w8ft.org</a> <b>Learn More</b>	<b>09/28/2025 - <u>Cleveland Hamfest</u></b> <b>Location:</b> Berea, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Hamfest Association of Cleveland <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.hac.org">https://www.hac.org</a> <b>Learn More</b>
<b>10/04/2025 - <u>Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club (NWOARC) Hamfest</u></b> <b>Location:</b> Lima, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.nwoarc.com">http://www.nwoarc.com</a> <b>Learn More</b>	<b>11/02/2025 - <u>2025 MARC Hamfest at MAPS</u></b> <b>Location:</b> N. Canton, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Massillon ARC <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.w8np.net">http://www.w8np.net</a> <b>Learn More</b>
	<b>08/16/2026 - <u>Warren Hamfest</u></b> <b>Location:</b> Cortland, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Warren Amateur Radio Association <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8vtd.com/hamfest">http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</a> <b>Learn More</b>

# SCIOTO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST



PIKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
PIKETON, OHIO

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 8AM – NOON

\$5 per person entry/Free Tailgating  
Indoor Tables \$10.00 each. Clubs Free!

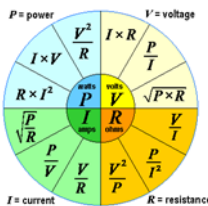


Talk In Frequency: 146.850 PL 74.4

For additional information contact: KD8CHP, Jesse 740-701-8869

KC8WIW, Mike 740-703-7827

Door Prizes throughout the event.



EIN 31-0948059

Laurel VE Test Session at 10 AM.



DX This Week – #332

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



I will start off this week with a bit of international news. DK7DQ, Joachim-Friedrich Martin Josef Merz, was elected chancellor of Germany on May 6. Merz, 69, is long-time head of Germany's Christian Democratic Union. An attorney by training, he has also worked as a judge and corporate board member and has held numerous political and party roles. He succeeds Olaf Scholz as chancellor. Merz joins several well-known licensed amateur radio operators who have become leaders of their countries, including HS1ØA, King Rama X of Thailand; JY1, King Hussein bin Talal of Jordan, and his wife, JY2, Noor al Hussein; LU1SM, Carlos Saúl Menem, former president of Argentina; VU2RG, Rajiv Gandhi, former prime minister of India; IØFCG, Francesco Cossiga, former president of Italy; and YN1AS, General Anastasio Somoza Debayle, former president of Nicaragua. Congratulations to Chancellor Merz!

Each week I try to focus on those entities that will be available in the next 7 days. There is so much data to sift through that I thought a focus on the next week might be helpful. Here is what should find QRV when you tune the bands.

DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH

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

The recent ZS8W DXPedition to Prince Edward and Marion Island by Yuris, YL2GM, is now QRT. Yuris put 31,672 QSOs in the log and OQRS is now operational for that DXPedition. Congratulations to Yuris for a job well done!

To celebrate the 77th anniversary of the State of Israel and the Israel Association of Radio Communication (IARC), special callsign prefixes 4X77 and 4Z77 will be active on the air May 10-30. Don't miss this opportunity to work a special "77" prefix and join the celebration!

C37JPE from Andorra is QRV through this month, from the Unio de Radioaficionats Andorrans club. The special call is for the Games of the Small States of Europe. The games are in Andorra May 26-31. QSL bureau or direct.

From the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin I have the following: In the city of Reims, on May 7, 1945, at 2:41 a.m., the unconditional surrender of the German armed forces was signed, thus ending the Second World War in Europe. For this occasion, a group of OM's from Marne department will use the special callsign TM45END in May from the 7th to the 11th, 14th to the 18th, and from the 21st to the 25th. They will be active on all bands and modes.

A team from India will be operating from Agatti (AS-011), Lakshadweep Islands as VU7T from May 22 to 28, including travel dates and the CQ WPX CW Contest. They plan to be active on all HF bands using simple vertical antennas near the shore. This will be the first time for VU7 to use QO-100. The team did not receive the required permissions until recently, so they are keeping this operation straightforward. Plans include setting up two HF stations, subject to final travel and baggage confirmations. The team will collaborate with local operator VU3FFB, Fahad. Other team members include VU2JXN, Ram; VU3HPF (M0XUU), Gopan; VU2TT (A45TT), San; and VU2YYF, Sid. VU2CPL, Manoj, will provide pilot support from mainland India. It is noted that VU2TT and VU2YYF may not be able to travel due to other commitments, and they have the second rig. The equipment includes an IC705 and Juma 1000 capable of up to 400 watts, as well as an IC-705 and a 10-watt transverter with a 60 cm dish and YATT helical feed. Operations will mainly be on CW on HF and Satellite, SSB on HF and Satellite when not in the contest, and FT8 only on Satellite outside the CQ WPX CW Contest. All QSOs will be uploaded free of charge to LoTW and Club Log. For paper confirmations, Club Log's OQRS will be used, with QSLs expected to be printed in mid-July.

LA9GY (also known as JW9GY, ZK2ZE, 8P9DI, SV9/LA9GY), Morten, will be operating in northwestern Eswatini as 3DA0GY from May 22 to June 2. He



will use an IC-705, a small amplifier, and a DX Commander vertical antenna. His primary focus will be on the 10-, 15-, and 20-meter bands, with possible operations on WARC-79 bands, as well as 80 and 40 meters. Expect to hear him mostly on CW, although he plans to do some SSB. Upon his return to Norway, there may be a delay before he posts the QSOs on LoTW due to potential non-radio related holidays. He aims to respond promptly to direct QSL requests with SAE. Sending letters abroad from Norway is costly, amounting to 4 USD. For more information, please consult the price list here: <https://www.posten.no/en/price-list#send-abroad>

After his 2.5-day operation from ZD8GB from Ascension Island G3WIP, Gerry, will now be working in Stanley, Falkland Islands from May 10 to July 12. In his spare time, he will be QRV as VP8DPD using a FT-857D and Atas 120 mostly on 20 through 10 meters.

PJ4M by PH2M, Frank, will be May 16-29, mostly FT8 and "some" SSB, 80-10. 6M is a possibility also. QSL to his home QTH or use LoTW or Club Log OQRS.

To mark the 2025 Giro d'Italia the 108th three-week Grand Tour cycling stage race, which began in the first three days in Albania special event station ZA25GIA is QRV. The three-week event will end in Rome. The ZA25GIA callsign will be active from Tirana, Elbasani, Kruja and Shkoder from May 9 to 31. Operators will include ZA1F, ZA1EM, ZA1AM, ZA1AK, ZA5G and others. They will be active on CW, SSB and digital modes on 160 through 2 meters. <https://qrz.com/db/za25gia>

After his holiday style operation as FY/DL4EA from French Guyana DL4EA, Antonio, will be in Suriname as PZ5EA from May 22-26. Look for him on QO-100 and some QRP on the HF bands.

D44ZZI - Warren is QRT while D44TWO will continue to operate for another week or so with his dipole from 80-10m and Yagi on 6M. D44ZZI logged over 2,300 QSOs on 40-10m (broad band RFI interfered on 80m). Most Zones and many DXCCs are represented. Calls have been uploaded to ClubLog noting that the official log is with M0OXO for QSL management.

We thank the many OMs and YLs that sought us out during our activation of Santiago Island, Cabo Verde. We enjoyed every QSO! And, because Harald will

continue operating, there will be a few more opportunities, whether you are hunting for a New One or simply an important slot.

The celebrations begin Friday May 16th at 0800Z as the International Amateur Radio Club celebrates the 160th anniversary of the founding on the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) with special event station 4U0ITU expected to be QRV until the end of the year. QO-100 satellite ops will want to listen for ITU Secretary General KD2JTX, Doreen Bogdan-Martin to give a speech at 0800Z. HF activities will also begin at that time. They will also plan to be QRV on 6 meters. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. Direct requests can be sent via QRZ.com address.

The most recent DX Mentor YouTube episode is available this weekend. Jim, WB2REM, was the guest. Jim discussed the upcoming DXPedition to the Faroe Islands the first week of June as well as some of his exploits; some dangerous and some fun. Check it out!

If you are interested in DX Podcasts and YouTube channels, you should check out the DX Mentor Facebook page and subscribe to be kept up to date on all of the DX activities.

DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT DAH

# CONTEST CORNER

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

As I mentioned last week, the contest to get ready for is the 2025 CQ World-Wide WPX Contest. The CW portion will be held the weekend of May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The objective is for amateurs worldwide to contact as many amateurs and prefixes as possible during the contest period.

Only the 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands may be used. Observance of established band plans is strongly encouraged.

The exchange is RST report plus a progressive contact serial number starting with 001 for the first contact. Note: Multi-Two, Multi-Unlimited, and Multi-Distributed entrants use separate serial number sequences on each band.

The final score is the result of the total QSO points multiplied by the number of different prefixes worked.

I have always considered this to be the end of the contest season for me, so I like to hit it hard. Let me know if you are planning to operate this and then how you do.

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
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	5/24/2025	5/25/2025
ARRL International Digital Contest	6/7/2025	6/8/2025
10-10 International PSK Contest	6/7/2025	6/8/2025
Kentucky QSOP	6/7/2025	6/8/2025
ARRL June VHF Contest	6/14/2025	6/15/2025
All Asian DX Contest, CW	6/21/2025	6/22/2025
West Virginia QSOP	6/21/2025	6/22/2025

---

# OHIO'S



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

*John*, W8KIW

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

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

### Ohio Section Cabinet

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



Hey Gang,

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

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

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

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

---

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

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

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



---

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

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

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

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

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



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

---

## ***Chit – Chat, and All That!***

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



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





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

Just go to: <https://ar1l-ohio.org/ohio-section-newsletter/>

---

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