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#### CQCQCQ de WB8LCD

If you haven't seen it already, ARRL will be announcing that 2026 will officially be proclaimed as the Year of the Amateur Radio Club. This is in recognition of the fact that most of the Growth that occurs in our ranks comes from the Local Clubs. Most of the Fun and Activities that occur in Amateur Radio comes from the creativeness of Local Clubs planning the events and activities that will occupy their members over the course of a year. Most of the learning and growth of experience and individual knowledge on an individual basis comes from the members interactions with their Local Clubs programs and the other members of the Club. Amateur Radio Clubs are the core of our hobby, and the reason we will Not Go Away! In fact, our clubs will enable our hobby to grow, prosper and maintain the rich heritage of Amateur Radio in our world.

News Flash: The American Radio Relay League ARRL) does not have some magic elixir or wand that they can wave and make this happen. But, the ARRL can, and needs to be, a motivator, facilitator, and supporter of the Local Clubs that make up our hobby! But it's up to US – Local Clubs, club members and individual Hams – to make it happen. Some of us "old timers" AKA OM's are going to have to wake up, get moving and be an active participant in the hobby, *especially in the Local Club!* Some of you folks in the middle (let's say 30-65) are going to need to help us, and the young folks get to where we need to be (driving- especially after dark!) and possibly with the financial piece of being a successful local club. And you younger folks, you're going to need to spread the gospel of Ham Radio to your friends and get them off their cellphones and on the air! That's a lot, but we can all do it! Especially if we work together.

One of the first things we need to clean up is our public presence. Let's first look at our clubs record with ARRL. I've asked Terry – KI8N, our OH Section Affiliated Clubs Coordinator (ACC) to make contact with all OH Section clubs that are currently listed. This is to confirm your continued existence. If your club no longer exists, I'll be asking that it be removed from the ARRL Club listing, or in some other way notated, that the club is NOT an ACTIVE CLUB!

ARRL is quite possibly the first place where someone outside of the hobby will be directed to find out more about local clubs in a prospective hams area. If they spend too much going down "dead-ends" they'll probably loose interest and move on. And tell everyone that Amateur Radio is DEAD. We can't let that happen. After that is accomplished, your club will need to do the same on all their Social Media sites. Making sure that they are found by those looking and full of useful, accurate and timely information. You'll also want to go back in time and remove any old, unused sites that turn up in a Google search. Again, dead ends are our worst enemy! If they can't find us, they'll give up quickly.

Here's ANOTHER News Flash: The scammers and the spammers already have your email address and phone number. If you want to be found, you have to make it easy to find you! If you screen your calls, texts, or emails, make sure you get back to them, sooner rather than later. That's a lot, and we'll have a lot more, but that's a good start. Make sure your club is ready to go on January 1, 2026 and not scrambling to catch up!

Field Day weekend was Fantastic! I didn't get to as many sites as I would have liked to (it's impossible in Ohio!) but I did see a bunch of really good set-ups with ops who were kickin it! I'm hoping to see a whole bunch of OH Section stations in the "Winners Listings". The folks at ATARA always seem to have a lot going on and they were one of the sites I stopped at. Talking to Diane – KE8HLD – she was telling me about all the things they do with the STEM trailer they obtained in the first found of Club Grants. Apparently you can do a lot with Grants, especially if you look to other areas for grants. From Diane:

#### Rewards of Grant Writing – A Great Resource

Has your club ever come up with a great idea but lacked the resources for it? Have you considered writing a grant to fund your project? Grants are a great resource for amateur radio clubs. My club, ATARA, has received funding from three grants and is working on applying for two more grants. With these funds we have provided STEM education for local youth, radios for training, and a STEM trailer focused on amateur radio. Without grant funds, these projects might not have happened.

How do you find grants? Most radio clubs know about ARRL and ARDC grants, however, there are other grants opportunities. Search online for local community grants such as foundation grants and local businesses. AEP and South Central Power award grants. When finding a grant, check to see if your project aligns with the grant's mission and goals. For example, the grant focus is on STEM education for children. Does the grant only accept non-profit organizations?

Most grants are awarding funds for a specific project and that project should align with the grant's goals. ATARA wrote a grant for Project FOTA, Fair on the Air. The grant provided funding for a Plinko game with STEM related prizes and the materials for the youth to make paper circuits. Your project should have a positive impact on your community. I have found

that STEM education is a focus with many grants. Can your project be multi-focused that includes education? If your club needs radios can you use those radios to educate and inspire youth?

When your club decides to apply for a grant, it is helpful to form a grant writing committee, this way you can share ideas and the work load. Create a detailed budget for your project. How will you evaluate the success of your project? Does the grant want a summary upon completion of your project?

Create an awesome project and write that grant, you might be pleasantly surprised when you receive the award!

Thanks Diane. Some great advice there. There are actually *a lot* of companies and businesses who will offer grants. Just as an example, any business in any industry might offer a grant and present it through a local office / division. From my own experience, many insurance companies and financial services companies offer community grants, and they like to see them come in supported by their local agents. It's a plus for the company, a plus for their local agents, and a plus for the organization applying for the grant. Remember, if you don't ask, the answer is *always NO*.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73.

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## National News (from ARRL and other sources)

#### THE UNIVERSE

### **Star Formation Flex**



To celebrate its third year of revealing stunning scenes of the cosmos in infrared light, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has "clawed" back the thick, dusty layers of a section within the Cat's Paw Nebula (NGC 6334).

"Three years into its mission, Webb continues to deliver on its design—revealing previously hidden aspects of the universe, from the star formation process to some of the earliest galaxies," said Shawn Domagal-Goldman, acting director of the Astrophysics Division at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "As it repeatedly breaks its own records, Webb is also uncovering unknowns for new generations of flagship missions to tackle. Whether it's following up on the mysteries of dark matter with NASA's nearly complete Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope or narrowing our search for life to Earth-like planets with the Habitable Worlds Observatory, the questions Webb has raised are just as exciting as the answers it's giving us."

The progression from a large molecular cloud to massive stars entails multiple steps, some of which are still not well understood by astronomers. Located approximately 4,000 light-years away in the constellation Scorpius, the Cat's Paw Nebula offers scientists the opportunity to study the turbulent cloud-to-star process in great detail.

#### **JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE**

#### **ARRL Files Comments to Protect 70-Centimeter Amateur Band**

07/22/2025

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® has filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to oppose part of an application that would impact the 70-centimeter amateur band for telemetry, tracking and command (TT&C) of satellites. The application, from AST & Science, LLC (AST), requests "unprecedented authorization to 430-440 MHz for a constellation totaling 248 satellites to communicate with five ground stations using up to five channels with up to 256 kHz bandwidth."

#### READ ARRL'S FULL COMMENTS [PDF]

The formal opposition, filed by ARRL's Washington Counsel, asserts that the permission AST seeks to use the 430-440 MHz band "should be denied because AST does not demonstrate need for TT&C spectrum beyond that available within existing allocations."

The filing goes on to highlight just how unprecedented the request is:

#### The Requested Spectrum Is Not Allocated for the Requested Purpose

The 430 – 440 MHz band is not allocated domestically or internationally for the requested space-to-Earth and Earth-to-space satellite TT&C operations. As others already have noted in this proceeding, signals in this band from AST's current 5-satellite constellation have been observed throughout the world, including in the United States, notwithstanding that the satellites are authorized to communicate only with five ground stations well outside the United States. From the operations by the current five satellites, it appears that the satellites at times have transmitted continuously in the 430 – 440 MHz band throughout their orbit, not just when in communication with one of the authorized ground stations. This activity defeats the purpose of preventing interference in the United States by limiting operations in this band to ground stations distant from the United States. Authorizing an additional 243 satellites to use this band, which would result in multiple satellites over the U.S. at all times, would effectively usurp this band's allocated use.

The 70-centimenter band is also used in emergency communications. As recently as early July, ARRL volunteers serving in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) made headlines for providing critical communications in flood-ravaged areas of the Texas Hill Country. Allowing the 70-centimeter band to become overrun with TT&C operations could impact the ability for the Amateur Radio Service to be used in future disasters. "TT&C operations in the 430 – 440 MHz band are capable of causing harmful interference to radio amateur communications, including to amateur satellites operating in the 435-438 MHz subband," the comments state.

The comments go on to outline why the application would be non-compliant with the ITU Radio Regulations Treaty.

Reply comments to the application are due by August 5, 2025. ARRL will continue to promote and protect amateur radio spectrum.

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

#### Take Part in HamSCI's Meteor Scatter QSO Party

The Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSCI) is preparing for a series of upcoming meteor scatter (MS) experiments. Operating will take place during two well-known meteor showers: Perseids, August 11 - 12, 0000 to 2400 UTC, and Geminids, on December 12 - 13.



This is a combination "special event and contest" to generate contact data during meteor scatter events using the 6- and 10-meter bands. Ten meters has been used infrequently for meteor scatter study due to past symbol rate limits. However, with recent changes in Federal Communications Commission rules, WSJT-X/MSK144 protocols may now be used on HF bands.

Data will be collected from both bands during the scheduled times in August and December, and will be analyzed offline, using both PSK Reporter raw data and operator

contact logs from WSJT-X. User data, including both logged contact and received reports, are necessary for valid experimental analysis. The latter can be provided by any receive system reporting on MSK144 through PSK Reporter.

Operators are needed now to be active (i.e., CQ-) on MSK144; or passive, if possible, reporting via PSK Reporter as "monitors." The best times are early morning hours prior to 10 meters opening to F2 propagation. Meteor scatter propagation occurs well below F2 and is supported in or near the E layer where the meteor ionization tracks occur.

Saturday mornings are being used regularly to announce and coordinate 10-meter contacts using <a href="Ping Jockey Central">Ping Jockey Central</a>. Announcements are also made on the Front Range Six Meter <a href="groups.io">groups.io</a> due to the substantial number of meteor scatter operators in that group.

To be successful, both active and passive operators are needed. The upcoming August meteor shower is an excellent time to set up your equipment and join with other operators preparing for the events. At a later date, the HamSCI team will be collecting operator contact information.

Contest rules can be found at <a href="www.hamsci.org/msqp">www.hamsci.org/msqp</a> and a description of the HamSCI Meteor Shower QSO Party - 2025 at <a href="hamsci.org/msqp-poster">hamsci.org/msqp-poster</a>.

HamSCI serves as a means for fostering collaboration between professional researchers and amateur radio operators. For more information about HamSCI and to join the mailing list, visit <a href="www.hamsci.org">www.hamsci.org</a>.

#### 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 will not collect 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 <a href="http://www.ae8fp.net/">www.ae8fp.net/</a>

#### **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, August 16th, 2025 and Saturday, October 25th, 2025.

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

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

More information can be found at <a href="www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/">www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/</a>.

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 <a href="https://hamstudy.org/register">https://hamstudy.org/register</a> 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 <a href="www.2cars.org">www.2cars.org</a> for detailed map of location. Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **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 <a href="mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com">exams.w8bi@gmail.com</a>

#### **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 <a href="hamstudy.org">hamstudy.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:n8jmw2@gmail.ccom">n8jmw2@gmail.ccom</a> or calling at 440-228-2716. More information is available from the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <a href="https://geaugaara.org">https://geaugaara.org</a>

#### **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 <a href="mailto:ab8yk@hotmail.com">ab8yk@hotmail.com</a>

#### The Lake County Amateur Radio Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To register for an exam, Click Here.

Questions: Contact me at ve testing@k8qik.org.

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

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2025 SCHEDULE.

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

**VE TESTING DATES FOR 2025:** 

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

Make sure you have your FRN number from the FCC.

Contact NN8B at nn8b.oh@gmail.com for any further information.

Our Meetings are the 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 <a href="mailto:Exams@mcarcoh.org">Exams@mcarcoh.org</a>.

#### 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. <a href="mailto:Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com">Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com</a> or 216-337-4235.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

#### 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 <a href="https://w8wky.org/license-exams/">https://w8wky.org/license-exams/</a>. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at <a href="https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/">https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/</a>. 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: <a href="https://wc8voa.org/licensing/">https://wc8voa.org/licensing/</a>

#### 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 12/14/25Starting 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

#### [ARESOhio] Paddlefest 2025 - Aug 02 - Operators Needed

Hello All:

Please feel free to share this info with others who may want to help out this year. I know some of you have already started this process; however, please make sure you complete all three steps below...

There are three steps to sign up this year: Register to volunteer for an assignment via Google Form: https://forms.gle/EVekyWhfUN7m3ZUM6

Register with the event coordinators: <a href="https://volunteer.ohioriverpaddlefest.org/">https://volunteer.ohioriverpaddlefest.org/</a>

Select Location: Paddlefest Launch Select Position: Ham Radio Operator

Register with the Groups.io for Paddlefest Radio Volunteers - Info and assignments will be shared via this website: <a href="https://groups.io/g/PaddlefestRadioGroup">https://groups.io/g/PaddlefestRadioGroup</a>

The assignment times are approximately 6:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will give out specific assignments and times next weekend.

Thanks in advance for volunteering.

Email me directly with questions: <a href="https://hoffgroup@gmail.com">hoffgroup@gmail.com</a>

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Bryan Hoffman KC8EGV Hamilton Co EC Ohio Section AEC

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#### Grant Amateur Radio Club – New Release

Subject: Upcoming Hamfest

The Grant Amateur Radio Club is again hosting the Georgetown Hamfest. This one-day event will be November 8, 2025 at 8AM. It will be located at the same location as recent years which is ABCAP Building, 406 West Plum St. Georgetown, Ohio 45121.

Everyone is Welcome. Admission: \$5.00. No Limit on tickets, the more tickets you buy the better chance of winning a prize! Main Door prize is a \$600 gift Certificate from R&L Electronics. Amateur radio license testing will be conducted during the hamfest with assistance from Highland ARA.

The table setup is 6AM day of the event. Talk in frequency is: 146.730 PL 162.2hz For more information you can contact Ken Klosterman at 513-515-6726 / KD8FKU@ gmail.com or check out the club webpage (<a href="https://grantamateurradioclub.yolasite.com">https://grantamateurradioclub.yolasite.com</a>) Hope to see you there. Where amateur radio friends meet!

#### License test section:

Grant Amateur Radio Club will be conducting testing during their Hamfest on November 8, 2025, with assistance from Highland ARA. For more information you can contact Ken Klosterman at 513-515-6726 / KD8FKU@ gmail.com or check out the club webpage (https://grantamateurradioclub.yolasite.com)

#### **ARLD029 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 websites. Thanks to all.

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FIJI, 3D2. Michal, OM2DX, will be QRV as 3D2XD from July 22 to 25. Activity will be on 60 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Maxim, OH7O, is QRV as 8Q7YY until July 25. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

GHANA, 9G. Patrick, HB9HZZ, is QRV as 9G5HZ from Accra. Activity is mostly on 20 meters using VarAC, with some FT8 and Winlink. QSL via LoTW.

SINGAPORE, 9V. Eric, KH6WI, is QRV as 9V1EO for the next two years. Activity is on Satellite QO-100 using FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

PORTUGAL, CT. Special event station CR5Q is QRV until July 20 for the 43rd International Motorcycle Rally in Faro. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL via CT1EHX.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, DA. Members of the local chapters in the Ruhr District of DARC are QRV as DL25WUG until July 27 during the FISU Summer World University Games. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

WALES, GW. Members of the British Army and others will be QRV with special event station GB1RW at the Royal Welsh Showground from July 21 to 24 to promote amateur radio, education, and military outreach. QSL via operators' instructions.

SARDINIA, ISO. Eddy, DM5JBN is QRV as ISO/DM5JBM until July 31. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands. This includes being an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via bureau.

GREENLAND, OX. Bo, OZ1DJJ, is QRV as OX3LX from Nuuk until July 29. Activity will be in his spare time. QSL via OZ0J.

DODECANESE, SV5. Station J45E will be QRV from Kos Island, IOTA EU-001, from July 24 to 29. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. This includes being an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via LoTW.

ICELAND, TF. Michael, VE2XB, is QRV as TF/VE2XB from Olafsvik until July 25. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Pete, G0TLE will be QRV as V47EM from July 19 to August 3. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. This includes being an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest. QSL to home call.

ALBANIA, ZA. Marcin, SQ9ITA, is QRV as ZA/SQ9ITA from Sarande until July 24. Activity is on the HF bands using CW. QSL to home call.

# Upcoming Hamfests



## Ohio Hamfests

*2025* 

08/02/2025 - <u>Columbus Hamfest</u>

**Location:** Grove City, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

08/09/2025 - Cincinnati Hamfest<sup>SM</sup>

**Location:** Owensville, OH **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Milford Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://columbushamfest.com Learn More	Website: https://CincinnatiHamfest.org 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: http://w8vtd.com/hamfest Learn More
08/30/2025 - Athens Trunkfest Location: Athens, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association Website: https://www.ac-ara.org/ Learn More	09/07/2025 - Findlay Hamfest Location: Findlay, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club Website: http://w8ft.org Learn More
09/13/2025 - Swap Meet / Hamfest Location: Toledo , OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Lucas County ARES Website: http://WWW.LUCASARES.ORG Learn More	
09/28/2025 - Cleveland Hamfest Location: Berea, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland Website: https://www.hac.org 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
10/11/2025 - Williams County ARA Hamfest Location: Montpelier, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest	11/02/2025 - 2025 MARC Hamfest at MAPS Location: N. Canton, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Massillon ARC

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DX This Week – #340
Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com / www.aj8b.com)

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 you should find QRV when you tune the bands.



I received an email asking about the "word of the week".

Three years ago, when I was honored to have been asked to join this podcast, I started with a DX word of the week. The email asked that I returned to that, and I will! Thanks Bob, K8CAA, for sending that email to me.

The DX word of the week is Band Slots. DXers are heard to use this term frequently and it certainly is helpful to know what they are referring to. The term band slot is used to indicate how frequently a ham has confirmed a particular entity. Not how many times they have worked an entity, but on how many bands they have confirmed it. For instance, you might confirm Romania (YO) once on 20 meters. That would be one band slot for YO. However, over time, you may also confirm Romania on 10,15,17, and 40 meters. This would be 4 NEW bands slots for Romania for a total of 5.

Many hams use a chart, or their logging program, to indicate whether they need a particular entity on a particular band. In this case, the next time Romania is available on 12 or 160 meters, I will get notified that Romania is available on that band. Totaling all the band slots gives an indication of how much DX an operator has been worked. I would say that 1,500 to 2,000 is typical while 3,000+ is very "rare air" indeed.

Howard, N8HO, sent the 2 QSL cards that he received. Below you can see 3B9DJ from Rodrigues Island and ZS8W from the Marion Islands. Thanks Howard! What did you receive?



#### DAH DIT DIT DAH DAH 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

The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure announces that they plan to participate in a DX adventure to Curacao operating as PJ2Y until July 22. "The Caribbean Contesting Consortium (PJ2T) super contest station is hosting us for the fourth time. We look forward to seeing our host, and friend, Uli Thielke, DL8OBQ. This time, we will be operating as the DX and as a special event station. Operations by the young ops will be about four days and sometimes around the clock! We anticipate several thousand QSOs on most bands. This trip is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, DX Engineering, QCWW Foundation, along with several other clubs and individuals.

NN3RP, Rafael, using his YN2RP callsign from Nicaragua, says that he "will be calling CQ DX" vacation-style again this summer, until August 4, and that "I hope to work as many of you as possible."

HB9HLM, Andre, is QRV casually as CN2NE from Morocco until July 22, on 40-6M. No paper QSLs planned; go through eQSL and QRZ.

OK2WX, Vlad, has the JW0V callsign until July 23 from Longyearbyen, Svalbard. He is using CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10M. QSL direct to I8KHC and LoTW. https://www.mdxc.support/jw0v/

TY5FR is QRV from Benin, until August 6, with DL1BUG, Red, operating. He plans CW and SSB on 80-10. QSL via DL1BUG or go through Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

KI6LT, Larry, is QRV in his spare time as KI6LT/ZD8 until July 22 from Ascension Island. He has an FT-710 and End Fed 40M wire. Activity is mostly SSB. He will also have a WSPR signal on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. The most likely time to catch him on the air will be from July 18-21.

T30TTT is QRV from KIRIBATI on a work detail for about 3 months. This is not a 24/7 expedition. Activity from T30 will be between work and meetings. All small pistols, which is our priority, will have enough time to work us on all bands if propagation allows.

Michael, VE2XB is QRV from Iceland as TF/VE2XB until July 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meters. QSL via VE2XB.

Adrian, G0KOM, is QRV as ZC4MK from the UK Sovereign BASE AREA on CYPRUS during July. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or home call.

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.

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# CORNER LS3LNOO

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!

Please send me an email if you need any details on this topic or anything else that was mentioned.

A major contest this month is the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) Islands on the Air (IOTA) Contest, July 26 at 1200 UTC to July 27 at 1200 UTC.

Created in 1993, this event now attracts thousands of participants, both island activators and chasers. Full details, including the official rules, are on the RSGB website. Known activations appear in this and past issues of The Weekly DX and on the NG3K website. Again, good luck to all participants!

Let me know if you participate and how you do.

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!

Contoct	Start	End
Contest	Date	Date
North American QSO Party - RTTY	7/19/2025	7/20/2025
10-10 Intl. Summer Contest, SSB	8/2/2025	8/3/2025

WAE DX Contest - CW	8/9/2025	8/10/2025
Maryland-DC QSOP	8/9/2025	8/10/2025
North American QSO Party - SSB	8/16/2025	8/17/2025
Hawaii QSOP	8/23/2025	8/24/2025
Ohio QSOP	8/23/2025	8/24/2025
Kansas QSOP	8/30/2025	8/31/2025
Colorado QSOP	8/30/2025	8/31/2025
World Wide Digital DX Contest	8/30/2025	8/31/2025

# OHIO'S



Although **Hamvention**, the **Athens County ARA** and **Scioto Valley ARC**'s hamfests are now just memories, August seems to mark the beginning of hamfest season throughout the nation. August's first three and final Saturdays will see 'fests happening at five locations in our



South 40 coverage area. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the **Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit** Columbus Hamfest will take place at the Columbus Shrine Center at Grove City. Then on the 9<sup>th</sup> the **Tri-State ARA** will have their annual hamfest in Huntington. It's been announced all inside tables have been sold and a waiting list has been started. Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> the annual Cincinnati Hamfest will take place at the Clermont County Fairgrounds at Owensville. **Milford ARC** President Ron Brooks invites all

to attend the event and says this year overnight camping with electric and water hookups will be available and breakfast and lunch items will be available at the Blue Dog BBQ food truck. Ron further states the **Highland ARA** will assist MARC by conducting a VE test session at 10 that morning. Check the MARC Cincinnati Hamfest website (<a href="www.cincinnatihamfest.org">www.cincinnatihamfest.org</a>) for more info. Then on the following Saturday, the **Portsmouth RC** will hold its annual hamfest at the

New Boston Community Building. This event is known not only for its numberous door prizes and rib splitting auction, but mostly for all the friendly people who put it on and/or attend. If the weather cooperates, they hope to expand it into the outside parking area. Then on the final Saturday in August, the action jumps to Athens where the **Athens County ARA** will hold a free trunkfest in the Athens Masonic parking lot in Athens. One thing all of these have in common is urging those attending to come early because things start winding down the closer to noon it gets. Please remember, a number of these clubs rely on funds from these events to pay their yearly operating expenses plus keeping repeaters on the air and other member benefits that vary from club to club. So plan to attend some of them.

Some future South 40 Region hamfests to place on your calendar to support and plan to attend: September 20—Buffalo 10 Meter Net Hamfest—Belpre, OH

September 20—Jackson County Trunkfest—Jackson, OH

October 11—Vinton County W8VCO Hamfest—McArthur, OH

Four Southern Ohio individuals have recently received their first amateur radio license. Let's welcome the following into our ranks: Lisa Harris from Roseville not only got her Technician ticket but went on to master the General. She is now KF8EQL. Technician licenses were issued to Joseph Doonan from Monroe who bears the KF8EOD call sign, to Lebanon's John Garay, Jr. who now is known as KF8EQK. Landrieu Townsend of Hillsboro was issued KF8EPE and his first contact was a check in on the HARA Monday evening 147.21 net where your's truly happened to be the net control. Congrats to all!

The **Hocking Valley ARC**'s Fox was running recently in Hocking County and for Phil Stanley, W8NZB, it took only 38 minutes for him to bag it. The **Highland ARA** has recently acquired a fox hunting set up. So look for some fox hunting news from that part of the region in the future.

The **Athens County ARA** is gearing up for the annual Gravel Challenge bicycle races on July 6 through the hills of Athens County. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, is the communications coordinator for the event and states this year the event has changed some routes and a few additional check points will be needed along the route. Some will be needed to be hiked to. If you have the date available and would like to assist, let Jeff know.

**Scioto Valley ARA** President Jesse Stanley, KD8CHP, reported a good turnout on the 3<sup>rd</sup> for their annual Portsmouth Ribber social gathering. He reports suggestions are to repeat it later in the year.

Jennifer and Michael Bailey (N8JEN and N8MRB) inform us that **Portsmouth RC**'s Gary Caldwell, WX8G, made an outstanding 2,704 contacts during the recent Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air operating event. He placed third and was only exceeded by two operators from Nebraska.

John Myers, WG8X, recently posted the list of the Ohio State Parks that qualify for activation during the upcoming September 6 Ohio State Parks on the Air. This year sees the first activation of Ohio's newest state park, Great Council, which is between Xenia and Yellow Springs. As of

the date of this writing, 23 parks indicate potential OSPOTA activity. However there are many parks within the South 40 Region indicating no activity. So why not go to the list of state parks on the <a href="https://www.ospota.org">www.ospota.org</a> website to find a nearby state park and plan on going to it and make some contacts. Plus



the event this year reintroduces a revised version of the "Rover" type operation as well as CW. But no digital contacts are allowed. With all the interest in POTA and OSPOTA the day offers a great opportunity to put a lot of contacts in the log, make a lot of park chasers happy and spend some quality time in the great outdoors. Then let the world know by listing it on the <a href="https://www.ospota.org">www.ospota.org</a> Planned Activations page. And since the activity is rather low key, it is an excellent opportunity to introduce new hams or those unsure about contest operating the chance to experience being the hunted and not a hunter.

Another operating activity is one that is short in duration but growing in popularity. It is the Ohio QSO Party and it will hit the airwaves on August 23 from noon until midnight. Personally I have participated in this event almost every year since it started. My goal each time is to see how many of Ohio's 88 counties I can work. I believe the best ever done was seventy something. All 88 counties showed 2024 activity compared to 85 counties in 2023. Last year saw the sponsoring Mad River ARC receive 402 logs showing 41,941 contacts made. In 2023 369 logs containing 37,731 contacts were received. It's a known fact most hams do not take the time to submit a log, therefore the actual number of contacts for the event is unknown. It's a fun activity and since many of the counties in the South 40 coverage region have small amateur radio populations, if you happen to live in one of those you might find yourself very popular with the County Hunter hams looking for you. As Mikey says "Try it. You might like it!"

Is your club or group having a hamfest, test session or another type of activity that is not listed and you are wishing for some publicity? Or you have done something that is rather unique? If so please forward the information to the South 40 and we will be glad to share it with this newsletter's several thousand readers.

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

Gohn, W8KIW

#### Ohio Section Traffic Report June 2025

#### Ohio Section Nets June 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BNE	135	26	228	30	N2LC
BNL	53	73	252	26	WB9LBI
OSN	46	9	292	21	N2LC
OSSBN	1105	489	2242	90	K8MDA
Total	1339	597	3014	167	

#### OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – June 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BRTN	105	74	282	13	KD8GXL
COTN	259	42	373	27	KV8Z
NOATTN	133	90	410	17	KE8VJP
ODMR	243	0	202	5	WB8YYS
TATN	286	80	345	30	K8KRA
TCTTN	71	30	240	13	WB8YYS
ToTal	1097	316	1852	105	

#### OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – JUNE 2025

Call	Traffic
WB9LBI	107
KC8PBU	72
KA8BJA	71
KD8GYI	35
WB8PMG	26
KD8MSZ	5
ToTal	316

Ohio Section Station Activity Reports

Call	Orig	Rcvd	Sent	Dlvd	Total
AD8CM	2	175	97	36	310
KB8GUN	18	102	76	41	237
W8MAL	1	5	200	4	210
KD8HB	0	50	71	2	123
N8MRS	0	30	88	0	118
AC8NP	1	67	44	4	116
K8KRA	9	62	31	0	102
WB8SIQ	12	38	37	0	87
KD8UUB	0	56	24	4	84
KL7RF	0	31	40	11	82
N8OD	0	35	43	1	79
WD8SDH	0	40	30	2	72
W8GSR	0	24	38	2	64
N2LC	0	31	13	0	44
N8BV	0	32	6	0	38
K8MDA	0	6	25	5	36
K3RC	0	29	0	0	29
KC8WH	5	13	10	0	28
WB8YYS	0	7	17	1	25
N8SY	5	5	5	0	15
Totals	53	838	895	113	1899

Ohio Section PSHR Reports JUNE 2025

Call	Nets	Traffic	VolPos	PSH	EPSH	PM DS	Total
AC8NP	40	40	30	290	5	30	435
AD8CM	40	40	20	250	0	10	360
WB8YYS	40	25	20	160	0	10	255
N2LC	40	40	30	50	0	20	180
N8SY	40	10	30	20	0	40	140
KD8UUB	40	40	10	20	10	0	120
K8MDA	40	36	20	0	0	20	116
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	15	0	105
WD8SDH	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	10	0	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
KC8PBU	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	100
W8GSR	40	40	10	5	0	0	95
W8MAL	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KC8WH	40	28	20	0	0	0	88
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	80
K3RC	40	29	10	0	0	0	79
KD8MSZ	19	5	0	0	0	0	24
Totals	819	733	300	805	40	150	2847

#### **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	145.230 MHz PL 110.9	KD8GXL
	PM		
COTN	7:15 PM DAILY	146.970 MHz PL 123.0	KV8Z
NWOATT	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat at 07:30 PM	147.375 MHz PL 103.5	KE8VJP
ODMR	Monday 8:30 PM	TG 3139	WB8YYS
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

- BRTN Burning River Traffic Net (serving the Cleveland area and all North Central Ohio)
- COTN Central Ohio Traffic Net (serving Columbus and Central Ohio)
- NWOATT Northwest Ohio ARES Traffic and Training Net (serving Northwest Ohio)
- ODMR Ohio DMR Net (serving Ohio)
- TCTTN Tri-County Traffic and Training Net (serving Northeast Ohio)
- TATN Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net (serving Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana)

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

#### Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your

**Amateur Radio License**(*By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT*)As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.

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

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#### **Ohio Section Cabinet**

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KD8SCL	- Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK	
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#### Hey Gang,

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

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: <a href="mailto:swap@arrlohio.org">swap@arrlohio.org</a>

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

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

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



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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: <a href="webmaster@arrl-ohio.org">webmaster@arrl-ohio.org</a>



#### Chit – Chat, and All That!

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



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



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

You can go back at any time and read them.

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