



“August 22nd, 2025”

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CQCQCQ de WB8LCD

We’ve still got a lot of summer to go – but it’s going to go quick! Get out and get that antenna work done (yeah, I know. I need to practice what I preach...) There’s still a bunch of OHIO Section Hamfests to get out to, operating events, club meetings – if you can’t stay busy with this hobby, you’re not doing it right. This past couple weeks I’ve celebrated with PCARS our 20th anniversary as a club, and also the Mahoning Valley ARA’s 100th anniversary as an ARRL affiliated club! Next up is the Findlay Radio Club’s 100th anniversary – being celebrated on September 7th at their annual Hamfest. It would be nice if you would all come out and help them celebrate! (It’s the day after OSPOTA).

I’ve already mentioned that 2016 will be the ARRL Year of the Club. I don’t know what all activities and events that they may be planning, but I’d suggest we get ahead of them on this! What I mean is, let’s get our Amateur Radio Clubs cranking up the PR. We’ve actually done a pretty good job of that over the past year – let’s kick in the TURBO for the rest of this year and be off to the races for next year! Make a list of the public media outlets in your area with the name of the outlet and some contact information. This can include print media, radio, TV and other organizations that have a newsletter, or magazine. Include EVERY MEDIA OUTLET you can think of. Once you start getting your list made, send a copy of it to both myself, and Liz – our Public Information Coordinator. People change- help us keep those lists up to date. Once you get some contacts on the list, start sending them information, especially on the events and activities you are participating in. Although the Ohio Section is the biggest section in the ARRL, we don’t have Hurricanes, Wild Fires and other disasters on a regular basis. If we’re going to get on the map of “public awareness” we’ll need to do it based on our own local activities! Stay tuned for more on this topic, but start now!

I know the header up there, just north of this paragraph a little ways, says this is August 22nd. No need to check your calendars, I know I'm off by a couple days.... But I'm on VACATION until next Monday! While I'm gone, don't forget to:

Share the Magic of

73,

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Radio.

National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

Celebrating its 26th anniversary, the Route 66 special event will be on the air September 6 - 14, 2025, from 0001Z

September 6 through 2359Z September 14. The event commemorates the history of the "Mother Road," connecting east and west areas of the US from Illinois to California. This year, there will be 22 stations participating with their 1×1 callsigns, W6A - W6V. Each station has its own schedule and is on the air as operators are available and bands allow. Not all stations will be on the air 24/7. A certificate and decal are available but operators must work at least one station before either item can be requested and it may take up to 10 weeks to process. The Route 66 special event is hosted by the [Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club – W6JBT.org](http://W6JBT.org).

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>

The Science of NASA's SpaceX Crew-10



The crew of NASA's SpaceX Crew-10 mission—NASA astronauts Anne McClain and Nichole Ayers, JAXA astronaut Takuya Onishi, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Kirill Peskov—are preparing to return to Earth this August after a long-duration mission aboard the International Space Station.

During their stay, the crew performed numerous investigations to advance our understanding of biology, Earth science, human research, physical sciences, and technology, providing the foundation for continuing human exploration beyond low Earth orbit to the Moon and Mars.

[SPACE STATION RESEARCH](#)

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



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/>>

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

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

Upcoming 2025 Exam Dates are: Saturday, October 25th, 2025.
Watch for 2026 dates coming soon

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

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

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

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

CARS

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

Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)

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

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

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

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

Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club VE Testing

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

Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)

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

The Findlay Radio Club

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

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

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

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 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

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 3rd Thursday of each month. WE HAVE ACTIVITY MEETINGS ON THE ODD MONTHS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS ON THE EVEN MONTHS.

MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

Madison County

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

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

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

<https://milfordhamradio.org/license-exams>

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

Six VE testing sessions in 2025. Register at hamstudy.org. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information. Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com or 216-337-

4235.

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

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

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

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

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

Exam sessions for 2024:

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

Exam sessions for 2025:

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

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

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

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

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

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

All sessions begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information

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

West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA) Exam sessions are held one Saturday each month at 10:00 AM-Noon at the VOA Bethany Relay Museum located at 8070 Tylersville

Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069. For more information and links to register, please see our website: <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

Two Big Events for Ohio in the Next Few Weeks!

Anthony Luscre, K8ZT k8zt@cfarc.org

Let's Support Our State's QSO Party

The [Ohio State QSO Party](#) (OQP) will be held on Saturday, August 23rd this year. It is an excellent opportunity to be an in-demand multiplier station without the trouble and expenses of a DXpedition. You can take multiple tracks to an OQP entry:

- If you have a club station in place, make sure that one or more members have it on the air for OQP. (CFARC does and if there is enough interest we can definitely put the club station on the air.
- You can also operate as a single-operator on your own.

- You can set up portable style, just like FD, with one or more stations
- You can plan a Rover activity. Rovers move from county to county during the OQP. Operating can take place while in motion or at planned stops along the way. A team of driver(s) and operators is preferable for safety.
- You can use existing station(s) of club members to operate
- You can encourage individual club members to get on the air as Single Operators (you might even want to have a friendly interclub competition)



The most important thing is to make plans. Don't just announce it to club members; you must actively plan and schedule operations, follow through, and get on the air for the OQP.

[Links & Downloads – Ohio QSO Party](#)

Let's Have a Statewide POTA Party

[Ohio State Parks On The Air](#) (OSPOTA) is held each September- link. Sponsored by Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS), this groundbreaking event is in its 18th year and undoubtedly was one catalyst to ARRL NPOTA and the whole POTA movement.



This year's event will take place Sept 6, 2025, from 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC (10 am to 6 pm ET).

*This contest as always held on the first Saturday following the Labor Day holiday. The OSPOTA contest was conceived with three main goals in mind: 1. To promote public awareness of amateur radio and Ohio's beautiful state parks system 2. To contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology 3. To promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio Operators Your participation has allowed these goals to be achieved. We agree it is a lot of fun to get out in a natural setting with your radio and see how well you can do at working operators in the beautiful Ohio State Parks. The contest hours will be from 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC (10 am to 6 pm ET). The contest committee has been busy going over the rules and information about the contest, please check the rules and other documents available in the "Files" section. Please be aware **only** Electronic (**Cabrillo files**) will be accepted for entries. No text, pdf, csv, adif, bin, photos of logs, paper, etc. Comparing contest logs is somewhat automated and we need your log file in standard Cabrillo format. At this point,*

there are 76 Ohio State Parks open for 2025, including the new Great Council Ohio State Park located between Xenia and Yellow Springs. As in the past – you can let us know which State Park you plan on activating and we'll keep everyone informed. Send your planned park info to: PlannedParks@ospota.org and please include the call to be used. If you have questions or comments, please email to: INFO@OSPOTA.org 73 from the OSPOTA Contest Committee KB8UUZ, WG8X, W8PT, W8KNO and KB8UHN OSPOTA was established in 2008 and is sponsored by the Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) – K8BF – in Ravenna, Ohio

You can pick from one or more of the 769 Ohio State Parks. This contest places a premium on working stations located in the Ohio State Parks. That means that it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Ohio stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 300-mile range. OSPOTA is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the design and deployment of Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS) antennas. You can find numerous designs online and in various Amateur Radio antenna manuals.

Along with your operating skills, it will also be a chance to showcase your antenna-building skills. Individuals and multiple operators can operate Ohio State Park stations. Non-park stations in Ohio, as well as stations outside of Ohio, can also compete. Contacts can be made on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using SSB. All contacts have the same point values. Make sure you read the Rules, FAQs and get your forms for the contest posted on the

OSPOTA website: www.ospota.org, before the contest.

Ohio State Park	Park ID	Ohio State Park	Park ID
Adams Lake	ADA	Little Miami	LMI
Alum Creek	ALU	Madison Lake	MLK
A. W. Marion	AWM	Malabar Farm	MAL
Barkcamp	BAR	Marblehead Lighthouse	MHD
Beaver Creek	BEA	Mary Jane Thurston	MJT
Blue Rock	BLU	Maumee Bay	MBY
Buck Creek	BCK	Middle Bass Island	MBI
Buckeye Lake	BKL	Mohican	MOH
Burr Oak	BUR	Mosquito Lake	MST
Caesar Creek	CAE	Mt. Gilead	MTG
Catawba Island	CAT	Muskingum River	MUS
Cowan Lake	COW	Nelson Kennedy Ledges	NKL
Deer Creek	DEE	North Bass Island	NBI
Delaware	DEL	Oak Point	OPT
Dillon	DIL	Paint Creek	PTC
East Fork	EFK	Pike Lake	PLK
East Harbor	EHB	Portage Lakes	POR
Findley	FIN	Punderson	PUN
Forked Run	FOR	Pymatuning	PYM
Geneva	GEN	Quail Hollow	QHL
Grand Lake St. Marys	GLM	Rocky Fork	RFK
Great Seal	GSL	Salt Fork	SFK
Guilford Lake	GLK	Scioto Trail	STR
Harrison Lake	HLK	Shawnee	SHA
Headlands Beach	HEA	South Bass Island	SBI
Hocking Hills	HOC	Stonelick	STO
Hueston Woods	HUE	Strouds Run	SRN
Independence Dam	IDM	Sycamore	SYC
Indian Lake	ILK	Tar Hollow	TAR
Jackson Lake	JAC	Tinker's Creek	TCK
Jefferson Lake	JEF	Van Buren	VAN
Jesse Owens	JEO	West Branch	WBR
John Bryan	JOB	Wingfoot Lake	WLK
Kelleys Island	KEL	Wolf Run	WRN
Kiser Lake	KLK		
Lake Alma	LAL		
Lake Hope	LHO		
Lake Logan	LOG		
Lake Loramie	LOR		
Lake Milton	LML		
Lake White	LWT		

Grant Amateur Radio Club – News 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 (<https://grantamateurradioclub.yolasite.com>)

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>)

Free Live Online Class to Get Your Amateur Radio Technician License

The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club (www.cfarc.org) will be conducting live online classes to get your Technician License.

The class will be held via Zoom and run for six weeks from Sunday Oct 5 through Nov 9. Sessions are from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. All ages are welcome. For more information and/or to register visit tiny.cc/beaham.



Sessions will prepare students to take the FCC examination but will also focus on practical aspects of using your new license on-the-air with frequent demonstrations of operating. CFARC will also be working with [M.O.R.E. Project of Sarnoff Radio](#) club to provide free VHF/UHF radios to those that successfully complete the class and pass their FCC Tech exam.

We will also have General Class sessions in January 2026 and Extra in March 2026.

Become An Amateur Radio Operator



Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club

ARLD033 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.

TANZANIA, 5H. Alex, SQ9UM is QRV as 5H1UM until August 24. Activity is holiday style on the HF bands using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

GUYANA, 8R. Aldir, PY1SAD, is QRV as 8R1TM until September 23. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. This includes some Satellite activity as well. QSL to home call.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. In celebration of Malaysia's national holiday, special event stations 9M25MA, 9M25MB, 9M25MC, 9M25MD, 9M25MJ, 9M25MK, 9M25MM, 9M25MN, 9M25MP, 9M25MR, 9M25MT, and 9M25MW are QRV until September 30. QSL via operators' instructions.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. In celebration of Malaysia's national holiday, special event stations 9M25MS and 9M25MQ are QRV from Sabah and Sarawak, respectively. QSL via operators' instructions.

BAHRAIN, A9. Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society celebrate the IARU centenary with special call sign A9100IARU, and the 75th anniversary of IARU Region 1 with special call sign A975IARU. They are active 6 to 10 days each month. QSL via EC6DX.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. Jorge, CE0YHF, is QRV until the end of August. QSL direct.

ANTARCTICA. Alex, DL2ALY, is currently QRV as DP0GVN from the Neumayer III station, IOTA AN-16. QSL via DL4BBH.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Leigh, M0KZT, will be QRV as EA8/M0KZT from August 18 to 25 from Corralejo, POTA ES-0216. QSL to home call.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Chul, 6K2GRX, and Oh, 6K2CFI, are QRV as home calls/4 from Jaeun Island, IOTA AS-060, until August 17. QSL to home call.

WAKE ISLAND, KH9. Jim, K9HEI, is QRV as KH9/K9HEI until August 22. Activity is in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. A group of operators will be QRV as OG0C from August 17 to 24. Activity will be on 160 meters to 70 centimeters using CW, SSB, JT65, MSK144, FT8, and FT4. QSL direct to OH5CW.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Michael, DM6MA, is QRV as OY/DM6MA until August 20. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

DODECANESE, SV5. Darrell, N3JWJ, will be QRV as SV5/N3JWJ from August 17 to 25. Activity is on the HF bands using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

PALAU, T8. Operators JH6GFY and JK6DXD will be QRV as T88GF and T88XD, respectively, from August 18 to 22. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL to home calls.

TURKEY, TA. A group of operators will be QRV as TC88YL on August 16 and 17. QSL via LoTW.

CAMEROON, TJ. Darek, SP3GDH is QRV as TJ1GD while here working on humanitarian missions. He has been active in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using FT8. This includes some activity on Satellite QO-100. QSL via SP3EOL.

BENIN, TY. Antonio, IK7WUL plans to be QRV as TY2AA from August 18 to September 7. Activity will be in his spare time on 20 meters using SSB. QSL via I8KHC.

INDONESIA, YB. A number of stations are QRV with the prefix sets 8A80, 8B80, 8C80, 8D80, 8E80, 8F80, 8G80, 8H80, and 8I80 until August 20 to celebrate Indonesia's 80 years of independence. QSL via operators' instructions.

SOUTH SUDAN, Z8. Diya, YI1DZ is back in Juba and QRV as Z81D mostly during his weekends. Activity is on various HF bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via OM3JW.

SOUTH AFRICA, ZS. Special event stations ZS100SARL, ZS6SRL, and ZS9HQ are QRV until the end of 2025 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the South African Radio League. QSL via bureau.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. ARRL Rookie RTTY Roundup, ARRL EME Contest, ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, North American SSB QSO Party, Keyman's Club of Japan CW Contest, SARTG World Wide RTTY Contest, CVA DX CW Contest, QRP 20-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Russian District Award Contest, SARL Youth 40-Meter SSB QSO Party, Feld Hell Sprint, FISTS Sunday CW Sprint, NJQRP Skeeter Hunt, and the Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC Memorial, RSGB FT4 Contest, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, ZL Sprint, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW, and the Mini-Test 80 CW are on tap for August 18 to 20.

Please see August QST, page 81, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2025

08/30/2025 - [Athens Trunkfest](#)

Location: Athens, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association

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09/07/2025 - [Findlay Hamfest](#)

Location: Findlay, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Website: <http://w8ft.org>

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Location: Toledo , OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lucas County ARES

Website: <http://WWW.LUCASARES.ORG>

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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 Sponsor: Williams County ARA Learn More	11/02/2025 - 2025 MARC Hamfest at MAPS Location: N. Canton, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Massillon ARC Website: http://www.w8np.net Learn More
11/08/2025 - Georgetown Hamfest Location: 406 West Plum Street Georgetown, OH 45121 Sponsor: Grant Amateur Radio Club Type: ARRL Hamfest Website: https://grantamateurradioclub.yolasite.com/home.php	04/11/2026 - Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 70th Hamfest Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Website: https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org Learn More
08/16/2026 - Warren Hamfest Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: http://w8vtd.com/hamfest Learn More	08/16/2026 - Warren Hamfest Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: http://w8vtd.com/hamfest Learn More

DX This Week – #343

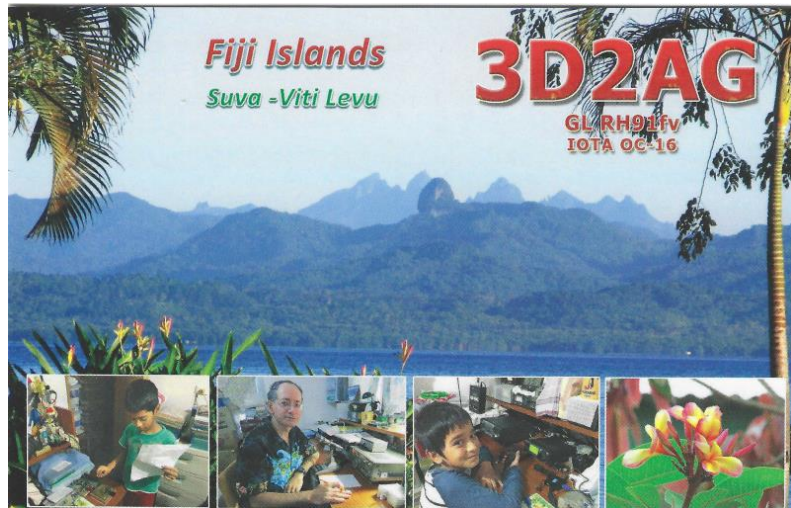
Bill - AJ8B (thedxmentor@gmail.com / www.aj8b.com)

How has your summer been going? I have found 30 Meters wide open most nights and I am having a blast – 200 entities/zones worked on 30 this year. If you haven't checked it out, please do! I have had to focus on 30 since my Hex beam was felled by a very large tree. I have it repaired and hope to have it up in time for the Ohio QSO Party next weekend. That is the start of the contest season for me. Are you going to participate?



Howard, N8HO, shared this QSL card from Fiji. Please send them along to me when you receive them.

The DX word for the week is Logbook of the World, or, LoTW. LoTW is a secure and widely used online system developed by the ARRL to facilitate the electronic confirmation of QSOs. It serves as a digital alternative to traditional QSL cards, allowing ham



radio operators to upload their contact logs and match them with other users' logs to verify QSOs. This system streamlines the process of confirming contacts and applying for awards, making it a valuable tool for both casual operators and serious DXers.

One of LoTW's standout features is its use of **digital certificates** to ensure the authenticity and integrity of submitted logs. Operators must register and obtain a certificate from ARRL, which they use to sign their logs before uploading. This security measure helps prevent fraudulent confirmations and maintains the

credibility of the system. Once logs are uploaded, LoTW automatically checks for matching entries from other users. If a match is found, the contact is confirmed and can be used toward various ARRL awards such as **DX Century Club (DXCC)**, **Worked All States (WAS)**, and others.

LoTW is compatible with many popular logging programs, making it easy to integrate into an operator's existing workflow. It's free to use for submitting logs and confirming contacts, though there may be fees associated with applying for awards. Overall, LoTW has become an essential part of the amateur radio community, offering a fast, reliable, and secure way to manage and verify contacts worldwide.

It's important to remember that you don't need to be a member of the ARRL to upload to LoTW

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.

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

SP9FIH, Janusz, is preparing for his DXPedition to Lord Howe Island, operating under the callsign VK2/SP9FIH. The expedition is scheduled to run from August 27 to September 13, 2025.

PY1SAD, Aldir, is heading back 8R - Guyana where he plans to be QRV in his spare time as 8R1TM from August 14 to September 23. He'll be on CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands. He will start off at Joe Viera Park (8RFF-006 - GJ06vs) between August 15 and 22.

Z81D, op YI1DZ, Diya, is back in Juba, South Sudan now, for a month, and on the air, mostly weekends, on SSB and FT8. He is improving his antennas and then will be QRV on 80-10. QSL via OM3JW. Ops in OM and OK, he says wait and you will get a QSL automatically through the bureau system there.

SQ9UM, Alex, will be QRV from Tanzania as 5H1UM on 80-10 including 30, 17 and 12, mainly FT8 and FT4 and CW, possibly limited SSB, but on holiday with family speaking out loud, SSB, could be limited. He is on Zanzibar Island, IOTA AF-032, scheduled for August 12-24. He says only QSL direct to SQ9UM or use OQRS. Requests through OQRS will be uploaded quickly to LoTW he says.

K4ZW, Ken, and Aaron had some good runs last night from Ethiopia once they resolved an antenna problem. 17 meters was open to the west coast of the US well past 1 AM local (2200Z Tuesday). However, the guys had an issue with the guards last night. Aaron applied for permission for them to operate the entire week, after hours. The approval got lost or didn't make it to the guards. They guys were able to stay last night but that's it for the week. Ken leaves Friday. Aaron is on a semester break until mid-September so hopefully he can spend additional time handing out ET3 before classes start up again.

Malaysia's Independence Day (aka National Day) is August 31. This year marks the 68th anniversary and a special event station 9M1957M will begin operations on August 1 and lasting until September 30, with a special emphasis on August 30 and 31. The station will be located in Bandar Baru Kuala Nerus, Terengganu, West Malaysia (9M2). Activity will be on SSB, CW, FT8 and other digital modes on 80 through 10 meters. QSL via 9M2RDX.

As a reminder IK7WUL, Antonio, is undertaking another humanitarian mission in Africa, focusing on renovating orphanages and supporting community development in four countries. His travel schedule includes operating as 9X0DX in Rwanda from August 10-18, and later in Benin (TY2AA), Togo (5V0DX), and possibly Nigeria (5N4ATM) between August 18 and September 7. He plans to be active on 10 meters SSB during his free time. QSL via IK7WUL directly and check QRZ.com; PayPal is accepted.

E51KEE will be Steve, ZL2KE, from Rarotonga, South Cook Islands, August 3-18, CW and "some SSB," on 40 through 10. QSL direct via IK2DUW. He will also upload to Club Log and LoTW.

DM6MA, Michael, will be operating holiday-style from various locations in OY, the Faroe Islands from August 12 to 20 under the call sign OY/DM6MA. He will operate SSB/FT8. QSL via direct, bureau, LoTW, or QRZ.com. There is no dedicated website, but information can be found on his QRZ.com biography page.

A radio team from Finland will be heading to the Åland Islands (OH0) from August 17 to 24, 2025, for a week-long DXPedition as OG0C. Their goal is to make between 30,000 and 50,000 QSOs. Operations will cover 160 meters up to 70 centimeters, using CW, SSB, FT8, FT4, RTTY, MSK144, and JT65. The team also plans to attempt 50 MHz EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) contacts for the first time.

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. This week, the DX Mentor podcast and Youtube episode is an interview with CQDX Hall of Famer, Cezar, VE3LYC. This was such a great interview that we decided to launch it on both platforms this weekend. Let me know what you think!

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CONTEST CORNER

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

I try to participate in as many contests as I can during the year. I consider the contest season running from the fourth Saturday in August to Memorial Day weekend of the next year. The significance of August to May is that the Ohio QSO party (OQP) (<https://www.ohqp.org/>) is held on the fourth weekend in August and the CQWW WPX CW contest is held during the last weekend in May. Although I do participate in as many state QSO parties (and other contests) as I can, my focus starts with the Ohio QSO Party. The majority of the information presented here is from the Ohio QSO Party website (<https://www.madriverradioclub.org/>) and is used here courtesy of the Mad River Radio Club.

Why the Ohio QSO Party? The objective of the contest is

- For Amateurs inside the state of Ohio to contact as many Amateurs as possible both inside and outside of Ohio.
- For Amateurs outside the state of Ohio to contact as many Ohio stations as possible. Non-Ohio stations may work only Ohio stations, while Ohio stations may contact anyone.
- The Ohio QSO Party is an opportunity for amateur radio operators around the world to celebrate the great state of Ohio.

What does this have to do with DX? Well, chasing DX requires operating skills, patience, and a solid knowledge of your equipment. Contests require all of this for an extended period. In the case of the OQP, this is a 12-hour long contest where one of the biggest factors is BITS. (Butt in the Seat – Thanks Dave, K8DV) In addition, it is really a lot of fun!

Contest	Start Date	End Date
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

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Ohio Section Traffic Nets

- 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)

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



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

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

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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@arrlohio.org

Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

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

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



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Chit – Chat, and All That!

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You can go back at any time and read them.

Just go to: <https://arrrl-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!