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**CQCQCQ de WB8LCD**



Lots going on in Ham Radio right now! First off, I know by now you’ve all heard about the “Petition Drive” the ARRL has going on. This is important! This could be our last, BEST chance at getting past the HOA’s that have blocked so many hams from being able to participate

in their hobby AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, provide the Public Services we are Licensed and Authorized to provide in the Part 97 Rules that establish and define the Amateur Radio Service! We are both authorized *and licensed* by the Federal Government to provide these services to our communities. Go to — <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> - from there all you need to do is enter your callsign then press the RED “SEND MY LETTERS” Button. Everything from there on is done for you. I’m half tempted to say “It’s so easy, a Cave Man could do it” – but if there’s a cave man out there with a Ham ticket, I don’t want to scare him off! The important thing for YOU is Get it done. You don’t need to be an ARRL member. Everyone with an active license needs to do this. As I receive any notice of where we stand with this, I’ll let you know.

Next BIG item that just came out:



### Important VEC Submission Updates – Effective November 1, 2025

Dear ARRL Volunteer Examiner,

To improve efficiency and security in processing exam session results, the ARRL VEC will be implementing the following changes:

#### **Business Reply Mail Account Closure**

Effective **November 1, 2025**, we will be **closing our Business Reply Mail account** with the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will **no longer accept VEC postage-paid return labels or envelopes** associated with this account.

#### **Transition to Secure Digital Uploads**

All exam session results must be submitted via our **secure Session Upload page**.

- If your team already uploads session documents, no further action is needed.

- If your team **has not yet transitioned** to digital uploads, please contact us at [VEC@arrl.org](mailto:VEC@arrl.org) to receive instructions and access to the upload portal.

### **Mailing Exam Fees**

Teams that choose to mail exam fee checks to the VEC may **retain a portion of the collected fees** to help offset postage costs.

Checks should be sent using a **standard business-sized envelope** and must include a reference to the **session date and location**.

### **Reminder: ARRL VEC is Going Digital in 2025**

Beginning in 2025, the ARRL VEC will transition to a fully digital program. Printed booklets and supply shipments will be discontinued as all VE teams shift to using the [ExamTools](#) system for administering amateur radio exams, either online or in print format.

VE teams can go completely electronic by using to conduct online exams for in-person or remote video-supervised sessions. Alternately, teams may print exams for in-person sessions directly from this web-based platform.

Teams that have not yet made the transition can find information on the ARRL website: [www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners](http://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners), or can contact the VEC office at [VEC@arrl.org](mailto:VEC@arrl.org) for support, instructions, and guidance.

These updates are designed to streamline our processes, enhance security, and support teams during the transition.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and dedication to the ARRL VEC exam program.

### **ARRL VEC Team**

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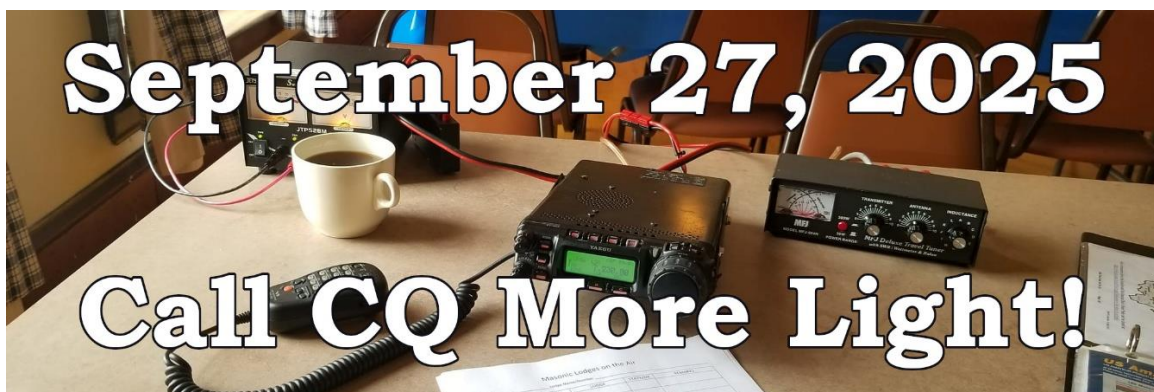
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If you're looking for something just a little different to do this weekend, check out Masonic Lodges on the Air. [Contest Rules](#) | [Masonic Lodges on the Air](#) This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for another Ham Radio activity that was originated in the Ohio Section! This is sponsored by the Fulton County Amateur Radio Club.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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## *National News*

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

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#### **Gear Packed for 3YØK DXpedition to Bouvet in February 2026**

The 3YØK DXpedition to Bouvet Island has packed its shipping container of gear. The team spent the weekend near Oslo, Norway, getting things ready, including generators, tents, tools,

and — most importantly — radios, antennas, and amplifiers. This checks off another large box on the to-do list before they depart in February of next year.

This international team of radio amateurs is aiming to activate the #10 most-wanted DX entity, Bouvet Island, in February 2026. With 24 operators, two camps, and a load of gear, they hope to provide a lot of QSOs to those who need the entity for their DXCC totals. Bouvet is in the South Atlantic Ocean, 1600 miles from Cape Town, South Africa, and 1000 miles north of continental Antarctica.

ARRL Education and Learning Support Specialist Max Freedman, N4ML, is part of the team. At 21 years of age, he will be the youngest person to ever set foot on the island, and is the youngest operator known in a top-10 DXpedition. He is excited for the opportunity. "I have learned a lot being a part of the 3YØK team," said Freedman. "A lot of work goes into a DXpedition, more than most people think. It is an honor to work with these high performing ham radio operators to get everything prepared for February."

You can find out more about the DXpedition at [3y0k.com](https://3y0k.com).



The 3YØK DXpedition team sits atop the packed shipping container that will carry their gear to Bouvet Island for the February 2026 operation. [Kenneth Opskar, LA7GIA, photo]

## 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>

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## More NASA News:

### Potential Sign of Ancient Life



A sample collected by NASA's Perseverance Mars rover from an ancient dry riverbed in Jezero Crater could preserve evidence of ancient microbial life. Taken from a rock named "Cheyava Falls" last year, the sample, called "Sapphire Canyon," contains potential biosignatures—a substance or structure that might have a biological origin—according to a paper published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

"This finding is the direct result of NASA's effort to strategically plan, develop, and execute a mission able to deliver exactly this type of science—the identification of a potential biosignature on Mars," said Nicky Fox, associate administrator, Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "With the publication of this peer-reviewed result, NASA makes this data available to the wider science community for further study to confirm or refute its biological potential."

The rover's science instruments found that the formation's sedimentary rocks are composed of clay and silt, which, on Earth, are excellent preservers of past microbial life. They also are rich in organic carbon, sulfur, oxidized iron (rust), and phosphorous.

### SEEKING SIGNS OF ANCIENT LIFE

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## ***Club Corner***

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

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



**Please! Format as below:**

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

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## **VE Sessions**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Alliance Amateur Radio Club**

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

Our final remaining Date for 2025 is Saturday, October 25th, 2025.

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

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

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

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

### **CARS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

[buzz@baylorhill.com](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

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

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

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

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

### **The Findlay Radio Club**

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

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

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

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

### **Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)**

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra).

Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2024 are Jan 12, March 09, May 18, July 13, Sept 21, and Nov 16, 2025. All sessions are at 2:00PM each month



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers

are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don't have a FRN, Google "New FRN" and follow the fcc.gov link.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2025 SCHEDULE.

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

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2025:

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

Make sure you have your FRN number from the FCC.

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

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

MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

### **Madison County**

The Madison County Amateur Radio Club Laurel testing group offers testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at

the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. There is no Fee for testing. Pre-Registration is not required but preferred. Walk-ins are welcome. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information or to get pre-registered send email to [Exams@mcarch.org](mailto:Exams@mcarch.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, June 7th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)  
Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Smithville Brethren Church (Smithville/Wayne Co.)  
Saturday, October 4th - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)  
Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Center UM Church (Wadsworth/Medina Co.)

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

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

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## **From the Geauga Amateur Radio Association**

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

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

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

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## **Free Live Online Class to Get Your Amateur Radio Technician License**

The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club ([www.cfarc.org](http://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](http://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

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*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>)

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## Ohio Section Traffic Report August 2025

### Ohio Section Nets August 2025

| Net    | QNI  | QTC | QTR  | Sessions | N/M    |
|--------|------|-----|------|----------|--------|
| OSSBN  | 1240 | 322 | 1830 | 93       | K8MDA  |
| ODMR   | 202  | 0   | 136  | 4        | WB8YYS |
| BNE    | 129  | 26  | 228  | 30       | N2LC   |
| BNL    | 54   | 41  | 249  | 31       | WB8LBI |
| OSN    | 42   | 8   | 293  | 21       | N2LC   |
| Totals | 1667 | 397 | 2736 | 179      |        |

### OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – August 2025

| Net  | QNI | QTC | QTR | Sessions | N/M   |
|------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-------|
| TATN | 300 | 69  | 312 | 31       | K8KRA |

|        |     |     |      |     |        |
|--------|-----|-----|------|-----|--------|
| NOATTN | 104 | 71  | 266  | 16  | K38VJP |
| BRTN   | 87  | 21  | 267  | 13  | KD8GXL |
| TCTTN  | 69  | 34  | 248  | 14  | WB8YYS |
| COTN   | 33  | 53  | 454  | 31  | KV8Z   |
| Totals | 593 | 248 | 1547 | 105 |        |

#### OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – AUGUST 2025

| <b>Call</b> | <b>Traffic</b> |
|-------------|----------------|
| KA8BJA      | 80             |
| WB9LBI      | 67             |
| KD8GUI      | 19             |
| Total       | 166            |

Ohio Section Station Activity Reports August 2025

| Call   | Orig | Rcvd | Sent | Dlvd | Total |
|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| AD8CM  | 0    | 207  | 118  | 53   | 378   |
| KB8GUN | 18   | 72   | 60   | 24   | 174   |
| AC8NP  | 3    | 74   | 31   | 1    | 109   |
| N8MRS  | 0    | 33   | 55   | 0    | 88    |
| K8KRA  | 0    | 46   | 32   | 0    | 78    |
| WB8SIQ | 14   | 29   | 25   | 4    | 72    |
| W8GSR  | 0    | 30   | 25   | 15   | 70    |
| N2LC   | 0    | 51   | 13   | 0    | 64    |
| W8MAL  | 0    | 1    | 60   | 0    | 61    |
| WD8SDH | 0    | 38   | 21   | 0    | 59    |
| KE4RS  | 0    | 27   | 27   | 0    | 54    |
| KD8UUB | 0    | 29   | 15   | 2    | 46    |
| K3RC   | 7    | 29   | 8    | 0    | 44    |
| WB8YYS | 5    | 15   | 21   | 2    | 43    |
| KL7RF  | 0    | 15   | 18   | 6    | 39    |
| N8BV   | 0    | 32   | 6    | 0    | 38    |
| KD8HB  | 0    | 9    | 28   | 0    | 37    |
| N8OD   | 0    | 10   | 22   | 3    | 35    |
| K8MDA  | 0    | 5    | 20   | 3    | 28    |
| KC8PBU | 0    | 10   | 8    | 5    | 23    |
| N8SY   | 0    | 20   | 0    | 0    | 20    |
| KC8WH  | 4    | 5    | 6    | 1    | 16    |
| WB8PMG | 1    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 6     |
| Totals | 52   | 789  | 620  | 121  | 1582  |

Ohio Section PSHR Reports AUGUST 2025

| <i>Call</i>              | <i>Nets</i> | <i>Traffic</i> | <i>VolPos</i> | <i>PSH</i>  | <i>EPSH</i> | <i>PM DS</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>AD8CM</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>20</i>     | <i>430</i>  | <i>0</i>    | <i>10</i>    | <i>540</i>   |
| <i>KE8ANW</i>            | <i>40</i>   | <i>12</i>      | <i>0</i>      | <i>430</i>  | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>482</i>   |
| <i>AC8NP</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>30</i>     | <i>200</i>  | <i>0</i>    | <i>30</i>    | <i>340</i>   |
| <i>KC8PBU</i>            | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>30</i>     | <i>90</i>   | <i>5</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>205</i>   |
| <i>N2LC</i>              | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>30</i>     | <i>36</i>   | <i>0</i>    | <i>20</i>    | <i>166</i>   |
| <i>WB8YYS</i>            | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>20</i>     | <i>55</i>   | <i>0</i>    | <i>10</i>    | <i>165</i>   |
| <i>N8SY</i>              | <i>40</i>   | <i>20</i>      | <i>30</i>     | <i>20</i>   | <i>0</i>    | <i>40</i>    | <i>150</i>   |
| <i>KE4RS</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>35</i>   | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>125</i>   |
| <i>K8MDA</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>28</i>      | <i>30</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>20</i>    | <i>118</i>   |
| <i>KD8UUB</i>            | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>20</i>   | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>110</i>   |
| <i>N8MRS</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>10</i>    | <i>100</i>   |
| <i>KB8GUN</i>            | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>10</i>    | <i>100</i>   |
| <i>WB8SIQ</i>            | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>10</i>   | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>100</i>   |
| <i>KL7RF</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>90</i>    |
| <i>K3RC</i>              | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>90</i>    |
| <i>K8KRA</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>90</i>    |
| <i>W8GSR</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>90</i>    |
| <i>W8MAL</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>90</i>    |
| <i>WD8SD</i><br><i>H</i> | <i>29</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>20</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>89</i>    |
| <i>N8OD</i>              | <i>40</i>   | <i>35</i>      | <i>10</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>85</i>    |
| <i>KA8BJA</i>            | <i>40</i>   | <i>40</i>      | <i>0</i>      | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>80</i>    |
| <i>KC8WH</i>             | <i>40</i>   | <i>16</i>      | <i>20</i>     | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>    | <i>0</i>     | <i>76</i>    |
| <i>WB8PM</i><br><i>G</i> | <i>10</i>   | <i>3</i>       | <i>0</i>      | <i>5</i>    | <i>5</i>    | <i>10</i>    | <i>33</i>    |
| <i>Totals</i>            | <i>879</i>  | <i>794</i>     | <i>340</i>    | <i>1331</i> | <i>10</i>   | <i>160</i>   | <i>3514</i>  |

### Ohio Section Nets

If you have traffic you need to move, take it to a VHF net or if it is going out of your area 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 DMR Net

|      |                |         |        |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|
| ODMR | Monday 8:30 PM | TG 3139 | WB8YYS |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|

#### OHIO HF CW TRAFFIC NETS

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

All CW net frequencies plus or minus QRM

#### OHIO LOCAL VHF TRAFFIC NETS

| VHF NETS | NET TIMES                         | FREQUENCY            | NET MANAGERS |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| BRTN     | Monday, Thursday Saturday 9:30 PM | 145.230 MHz PL 110.9 | KD8GXL       |
| COTN     | 7:15 PM DAILY                     | 146.970 MHz PL 123.0 | KV8Z         |
| NWOATT   | Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat at 07:30 PM    | 147.375 MHz PL 103.5 | KE8VJP       |
| 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)

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## ARLD038 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.

**LESOTHO, 7P.** Brandon, ZS6LZ, is QRV as 7P8LZ while here on a hiking expedition in the Drakensberg mountains. He plans to activate various POTA and SOTA references. Activity is mainly on 10 meters using SSB, with some activity on 40 meters. QSL to home call.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS, H4.** Bernhard, DL2GAC, will be QRV as H44MS from Malaita Island, IOTA OC-047, from September 20 to November 25, and then January 25, 2026, to April 10, 2026. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

**DENMARK, OZ.** Frank, DL2SWW, and Gaby, DF9TM, will be QRV as 5Q5W and OV9M, respectively, from Vendsyssel-Thy, IOTA EU-171, in the Scandinavian Activity SSB Contest. QSL via Club Log.

**EAST KIRIBATI, T32.** Darren, VK4MAP, is QRV as T32K from Kiritimati, IOTA OC-024, and is here for two weeks. Activity is holiday style on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12, and 10 meters using SSB. It is possible that he may be active as T32K/p from the smaller islands of Cook, Wood, or Arthur. QSL to home call.

**MALI, TZ.** Jeff, K1MMB, is QRV as TZ4AM until December. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. Look for the TZ4AM/B beacon on 50050.5 kHz. QSL via KX4R.

**MICRONESIA, V6.** A group of operators will be QRV as V6D from Chuuk Island, IOTA OC-011, from September 22 to October 6. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters with five stations using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via DL4SVA.

**MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7.** John, K5GDE, is QRV as V73WW from Kwajalein, IOTA OC-028, until January 2026. He is active on 40 to 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

**NORFOLK ISLAND, VK9N.** Chris, VK3QB, Luke, VK3HJ, and Alan, VK6CQ are QRV as VK9NT until September 27. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using mostly CW and FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND, VK9X.** Janusz, SP9FIH, is QRV as VK9/SP9FIH until October 3. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using FT8 and possibly SSB. QSL to home call.

# Upcoming *Hamfests*



## *Ohio Hamfests*

# 2025

### **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

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### **10/12/2025 - Ashland Trunkfest**

**Location:** Ashland, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Ashland Area Amateur Radio Club

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### **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 - GARC Hamfest**

**Location:** Georgetown, OH

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Grant Amateur Radio Club

**Learn More**

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| <b>12/06/2025 - <u>FCARC Winter Hamfest</u></b><br><b>Location:</b> Delta, OH<br><b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br><b>Sponsor:</b> FCARC<br><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://k8bxq.org/hamfest">https://k8bxq.org/hamfest</a><br><b>Learn More</b>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>04/11/2026 - <u>Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 70th Hamfest</u></b><br><b>Location:</b> Cuyahoga Falls, OH<br><b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br><b>Sponsor:</b> Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.<br><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org">https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org</a><br><b>Learn More</b> | <b>08/15/2026 - <u>Cincinnati Hamfest<sup>SM</sup>, ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention</u></b><br><b>Location:</b> Owensville, OH<br><b>Type:</b> ARRL Convention<br><b>Sponsor:</b> Milford Amateur Radio Club<br><b>Website:</b> <a href="https://cincinnatihamfest.org/">https://cincinnatihamfest.org/</a><br><b>Learn More</b> |
| <b>08/16/2026 - <u>Warren Hamfest</u></b><br><b>Location:</b> Cortland, OH<br><b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest<br><b>Sponsor:</b> Warren Amateur Radio Association<br><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8vtd.com/hamfest">http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</a><br><b>Learn More</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

WIN PRIZES !!

BUY & SELL

COME TO THE  
**KY4ARC**  
PAINTSVILLE KY  
**HAMFEST**

8:00am– 12:00 noon  
September 27, 2025  
Paintsville Recreation Center

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Admission | \$ 5.00 |
| Tables    | \$10.00 |

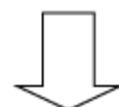
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**POTA**

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meet at nearby Paintsville Lake State Park !!



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...and more !!!

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Please mark your calendars for November 22nd, the 2025 OH ARES conference will be held in Newark this year.

More details fourth coming soon.

73,

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"Prepared Teams, makes for smaller Disasters"

"When the disaster is at its worst, communications should be at its best."

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DX This Week – #348

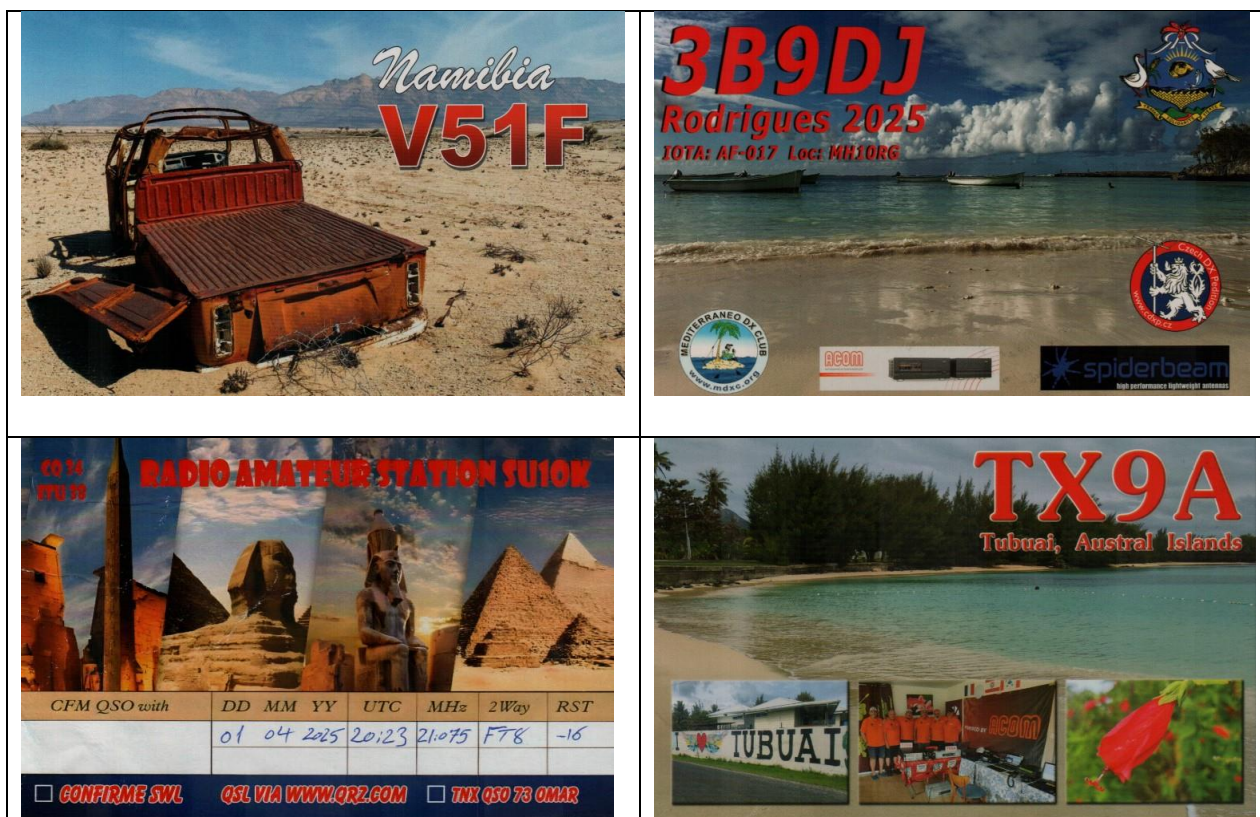
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Welcome to another episode of DX This Week! Now is the time for antenna projects – checking coax, guy wires, radials, and tape jobs. Also, take a look to see if you have room for another dipole, either for a new band, or in another direction. Let me know what you might be up to. I am about to put up my hex beam again. Yes, again. About 2 weeks after a large



tree limb crashed through it and I had repaired it and put it up; it happened again! I need to finish that and get my 2 meter beam up so I can chat with K8ST and W8ASA.

I received the cards below. V51F from Namibia, 3B9DJ from Rodriguez Island, SU1OK from Egypt and TX9A from the Austral Islands. What did you get?



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The DX word for this week is Grayline. I use this term weekly, but I am not sure that everyone knows what it is. The **grayline** (also known as the **terminator** in radio communications) refers to the band around the Earth that separates daylight from darkness—essentially the transition zone between night and day. This region is significant in **HF (high-frequency) radio propagation** because it offers enhanced conditions for long-distance communication.

### Why is the grayline important?

- **Improved signal propagation:** During sunrise and sunset, the ionosphere undergoes rapid changes. The D-layer (which absorbs HF signals) weakens, while the F-layer (which reflects HF signals) remains active, allowing signals to travel farther.
- **DXing (long-distance communication):** Amateur radio operators often take advantage of grayline propagation to make contacts with distant stations that would otherwise be unreachable.

### How it works:

- As the sun rises or sets, the ionospheric layers change in density and composition.
- Signals transmitted along the grayline path can reflect more efficiently off the ionosphere.
- This effect is most pronounced for stations located along the same grayline path.

If you are interested, there is a DX Workshop in Bowling Green, KY on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will cover DX Basics & Overview,, DX Operating Techniques, and RF Propagation. Check out [www.wkdx.org/events](http://www.wkdx.org/events) for more details or contact me at [thedxmentor@gmail.com](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com). I can guarantee that this will be the best \$15 you have spent for a day of DX networking and learning!

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.

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

The CY0S DXpedition team is pleased to announce the official dates for the Sable Island DXpedition. The dates are March 19-30/31, 2026. Our team would like to thank Mathieu D'Astous, the Parks Canada - Sable Island manager for working with our team and approving these dates. In the last few weeks, preparations have ramped up for the DXpedition. The Yagi antennas for 10-20 meters have been

cleaned, assembled and tested. They are now safely stored in their respective ski bags. Work is ongoing with the Spider Poles and the low band antennas. Work should be completed with those antennas in October. As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpedition. We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpedition. Donations of any amount can be made through our website at: CY0S.com

The following update is from the V6D team, who will be QRV from Chuuk, Micronesia from September 22 to October 6.

We are currently in the final stages of distributing luggage to team members throughout Germany. Our well-organized, “light” DXpedition to Micronesia begins in 10 days. Our group is flying from Berlin via Helsinki, Tokyo and Guam to Chuuk. All members have received their ESTA authorization, which is required for entry into Guam.

We are very pleased to have received support for the DXpedition from Elecraft. We will now mainly use the excellent K4 transceivers as our station transceivers. Apart from the support for the DXpedition, several team members have invested heavily in upgrading their equipment. Most of the extensive technical equipment is privately owned by the team members.

This time, we are bringing one of the flexible 18 m long Spiderbeam fiberglass masts for the 80 m and 160 m antennas. We will therefore switch between 80 m and 160 m at night. The remaining low-band antennas will be implemented with robust 12 m and 14 m long fiberglass poles from Spiderbeam for wire loops and verticals. The 6 m antenna will also be mounted on one of these masts.

The high-band antenna (20 m to 10 m) is our full-size 2-element wire antenna LZAW10-5 from LZ ANTENNA. With the LBS Pentaplexer, we can operate 3 to 4 high bands simultaneously with up to 400 watts.

As you know, we always try to provide attractive QSL cards. We aim to print these within four weeks after the expedition. We expect to start QSL traffic sometimes in November. Requests via OQRS are preferred, with paid direct cards being processed first. Free bureau cards can also be requested via OQRS. However, these requests will be processed after the direct applications. Of course, we also use LoTW. Direct LoTW requests will be processed immediately, the complete log

will be uploaded to LOTW 6 months after the DXpedition. Hams who donate 10 USD or € will automatically publish on our homepage and receive their QSL as soon as the cards are printed.

All team members are looking forward to the DXpedition and to bringing you many QSOs on all bands and modes. See you on the bands!

DK3RN, Peter, will be in Kyrgyzstan until September 29, visiting a technical university for a cooperation project. He plans to operate EX/DK3RN mostly CW and possibly SSB on 20m and 15m, not FT8. Split operation will be used to manage pileups. On Friday, September 26, he will operate portable from mountains near Bishkek, weather permitting. Other days, activities depend on local conditions.

The Saudi Amateur Radio Society (SARS) announces in celebration of the 95th observance of Saudi National Day special event stations HZ95ND, 7Z95ND and 8Z95ND is QRV until September 23.

Iraq, YI9WPZ, operated by IZ5WPX will finish, he says, "around the end of November." Tony says he has 500 watts to a wire antenna on HF, SSB. QSL via IZ5WTV, with details on his QRZ.com page. It appears Club Log and LoTW will also work for him.

JA1ZLO/JD1 will be QRV from Ogasawara until 9-24. The stations will be an FT-891, IC-705 and IC-9700, 50 WATTS, to a wire dipole on a "fishing rod" support, covering HF, 2M and 432 MHz, phone, CW and FT8. Confirmation will be through Club Log, and they are working on setting up Logbook of the World. They are a University of Tokyo Amateur Radio Club group.

FP5KE is QRV until September 26 from St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands. They have been very active, appearing all over the bands.

A "holiday style activity" is QRV from T32, Eastern Kiribati, for "roughly two weeks," on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10M, SSB only. T32K/p will mean it's portable from one of the tiny islets, like Cook, Wood, or

Arthur. All are IOTA OC-024. The operator of T32K is VK4MAP, Darren. He says he has his usual QSL policy, direct to VK4MAP, 4 USD and SAE for international; Australians, an SASE will suffice.

WE9G/KH2, Rikk has been QRV from Guam going to September 26, planning to do some SO2R operating, mostly digital, "with some SSB and CW," 160-6. He will be working on a QSL card, which will be direct or bureau to WE9G, or Club Log OQRS. He prefers traditional paper QSL cards. SASEs or USD to cover his cost are appreciated but not required. Likewise, any PayPal donations by email to him. He answers all cards in this priority order: First, cards received with "PSE QSL," next PayPal or OQRS direct requests with donations, and after that the same but without donations. Fourth is bureau requests, fifth bureau cards that say "PSE QSL," and last email requests for a card. He plans to upload all his logs to LoTW, QRZ and Club Log, no charge from him for confirmations. Email him if you need to note a correction in your QSO info.

Recently active as VK2/SP9FIH on Lord Howe, Janusz should be QRV by now, from Christmas Island, VK9/SP9FIH. That stop goes to October 3. He notes that in Australia SSB is permitted on 30M, which is why he has listed that frequency for SSB. On FT8 he will be multi-channel F/H or SuperFox. He will have an online log on Club Log. OQRS direct requests will upload to LoTW within a few days, bureau requests answered in about a year and paper QSLs when he's home in Poland. He is seeking sponsors. <https://vk9.dxpedititions.org/>

The DX Mentor features a new podcast and YouTube episode this weekend – Bob, WB2UBW discussing his journey, the Western KY DXA, and the upcoming DX Workshop. Check it out and let me know what you think!

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.

## 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!

The CQWW RTTY contest is the second contest of the season for me. It is not like the “old days” with ink, paper dust, bits of paper flying around, paper tapes, the smell of oil, and the noise. Boy, do I miss the noise!

In 2024, there were 3,431 logs submitted.

Whether you are a serious contester or just like to get on the air, this is a good contest to do that. I thought I would share a bit of info for your edification. (From [www.cqwwrtty.com/rules.htm](http://www.cqwwrtty.com/rules.htm) )

The contest is held September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 0000Z Saturday (Friday night) through 2400Z on Sunday. (7:59 PM EST)

Only 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters are eligible bands.

The contest exchange is RST plus CQ Zone. Stations in the US and Canada also send QTH as State. For me it will be 599 04 OH.

Hope to see you in the mix!

Let me know if you participate and how you do.

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

| <b>Contest</b>                  | <b>Start<br/>Date</b> | <b>End<br/>Date</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Texas QSOP                      | 9/20/2025             | 9/21/2025           |
| New Jersey QSOP                 | 9/20/2025             | 9/21/2025           |
| CQ WW DX Contest,<br>RTTY       | 9/27/2025             | 9/28/2025           |
| Maine QSOP                      | 9/27/2025             | 9/28/2025           |
| Oceania DX<br>Contest, Phone    | 10/4/2025             | 10/5/2025           |
| California QSOP                 | 10/4/2025             | 10/5/2025           |
| Nevada QSOP                     | 10/11/2025            | 10/12/2025          |
| Arizona QSOP                    | 10/11/2025            | 10/12/2025          |
| Oceania DX<br>Contest, CW       | 10/11/2025            | 10/12/2025          |
| Arizona QSOP                    | 10/12/2025            | 10/13/2025          |
| Pennsylvania QSOP               | 10/12/2025            | 10/13/2025          |
| Nevada QSOP                     | 10/12/2025            | 10/13/2025          |
| South Dakota QSOP               | 10/11/2025            | 10/12/2025          |
| 10-10 Intl. Fall<br>Contest, CW | 10/18/2025            | 10/19/2025          |
| New York QSOP                   | 10/18/2025            | 10/19/2025          |
| Illinois QSOP                   | 10/19/2025            | 10/20/2025          |
| CQ WW DX Contest,<br>SSB        | 10/25/2025            | 10/26/2025          |

**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!**

**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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| Section Manager – Tom Sly, WB8LCD                  | Section Traffic Manager – Dan Rinaman AC8NP                               |
| Asst Section Manager – John Levo, W8KIW            | Asst Section Manager – Alan Andres, KD8ZBS                                |
| Section Emergency Coordinator – Bret Stemen KD8SCL | Section Youth Coordinator and Asst Section Manager – Anthony Luscre, K8ZT |
| Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK         | Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – KI8N Terry Windsor                         |
| State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU      | Public Information Coordinator – Elizabeth Kline - KE8FMJ                 |



Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio

Section webpage yet?? Here's a link that will take you there... <https://arrrl-ohio.org/section-swap-shop/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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: [webmaster@arrrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrrl-ohio.org)

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### ***Chit – Chat, and All That!***

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



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



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

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

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

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