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The 2025 ARES Conference, held 22 November 2025 in Newark at the Ohio State / Central Ohio Technical College, was a very informative and well attended event! There were approximately 90 in attendance from just about all corners of the Ohio Section. The venue was very nice and accommodating. The line-up of speakers was engaging and covered a wide variety of topics.





Overall, it was a day well spent.

These are really exciting times to be involved with Amateur Radio. Yeah, I know we've got issues and concerns, but we've got a lot of really smart people amongst us – I'm confident we'll work it out. It will take some effort, time and compromise. I'm one of those guys I would consider to be a "rugged individualist" but, these are the times where we need to act cooperatively to accomplish what is in the best interests of all of us. That pretty much means it's not all going to be the way I believe it should be. That means the same for you. But, our long-term choices are 1) we make it happen, or, 2) we lose it all! I'm not a fan of option 2.

The times we currently live in could make this one of the most exciting times in the history of Amateur Radio. To be a part of it will be an exciting experience. Technology is changing rapidly, the "radio" is becoming increasingly more of a computer – software is becoming more important than the hardware! We are entering into an age where space communications may become even more prominent than terrestrial communications! Talk about some DX!

We need to everything in our power to make sure that we keep our frequency allocations and justify our reasons for existence as in Part 97 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):

§ 97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.



If we can do all that, our hobby will continue into the future. I don't want to be there without it!



Finally, I announced at the ARES Conference that I would be stepping down as Ohio Section Manager effective January 1, 2026. My personal and business life have both had some major changes in trajectory over the past 5 years. I'm not satisfied with my performance as Ohio SM, and burning the candle at both (sometime 3 or 4) ends is taking a toll.

As of January 1, 2026, Bret Stemen – KD8SDL (currently SEC) will be taking over my responsibilities as Section Manager. Also, as of January 1, 2026 Mat Nickoson – KC8NZJ will be taking over as SEC. All other Ohio Section Cabinet members will remain the same.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as Section Manager for these 5 years. It has been an opportunity to meet many more of you than I would have without this experience, and it is one of many things that have truly made this an outstanding experience for me. These past 5 years have been some interesting times: COVID, controversy within ARRL, a major IT Hack at ARRL, controversy within our country, rapid changes in technology, and the loss of friends, family and important people in my life. Yet, life goes on. I will continue to be an advocate for ARRL and Amateur Radio. I will see you again, in person and on the air!

“Share the Magic of Radio”

73,

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

ARRL Year of the Club Website Contest — Call for Submissions!

A club website can keep members informed of news and upcoming events, keep them interested between meetings and activities, teach them about ham radio skills and technology, or even make them laugh, remember, or set an operating goal — the sky's the limit! As part of ARRL's Year of the Club celebration in 2026, ARRL wants to see *your* club's website.



Enter the Club Website Contest for the chance to have your website honored in *QST*. Here are the rules and requirements:

The Club Website Contest is open to ARRL Affiliated Clubs that maintain a club website.

Submissions must include a completed [Club Website Contest Submission Form](#), which asks for information about your club and its website, as well as a 500-word statement on the purpose or goals of your website, and how the features and configuration of the website fulfill the purpose/goals. Part of the judging process will include a comparison of your statement with the website itself.

Winners will be notified in May 2026, with awards presented at Huntsville Hamfest in August 2026.

Winners will be announced in a 2026 issue of *QST*, as part of ARRL's Year of the Club celebration. The *QST* article may present material from the 500-word statements supplied in the winners' Club Website Contest Submission Form. Please note that winners may be asked to supply high-resolution files of specific website pages.

Submission Deadline: Friday, January 30, 2026, 4 p.m. Eastern time.

NOTE: Once you send your Submission Form, you may update content (text, images, data) on your website as needed, per your club's normal operation, but you may not make significant changes to the site's structure or functionality until April 1, 2026.

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>

SKYWARN Recognition Day 2025 Cancelled

NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) has announced the cancellation of **SKYWARN™ Recognition Day (SRD) 2025**.

The necessary time and resources required to plan a comprehensive national event for SKYWARN™ Recognition Day 2025 are not available this year. Thus, the difficult decision was made to cancel this year's event by the NWS.

The NWS will work with ARRL and SKYWARN™ spotters to brainstorm ideas to redevelop a spotter appreciation event in 2026.

ARRL, which has a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with NWS, emphasized the strength of the long-standing partnership behind the event. "ARRL is proud of the continued partnership with the National Weather Service to promote and recognize SKYWARN and the volunteers around the country. We look forward to working together to revitalize and promote SKYWARN Recognition Day again next year," said Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, ARRL Director of Emergency Management.

Established in 1999 by the National Weather Service and ARRL, SKYWARN Recognition Day celebrates the critical contributions SKYWARN volunteers make in supporting the NWS mission to protect life and property. Amateur radio operators constitute a significant portion of these volunteers, providing essential communication links between NWS and emergency management agencies when traditional communications fail.

The NWS-ARRL SRD National Committee extends its appreciation to all SKYWARN volunteers for their dedication and service to their communities, and offers best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

SKYWARN® Recognition Day History

The National Weather Service and ARRL created SKYWARN Recognition Day in 1999 to recognize the importance that amateur radio provides during severe weather. Many NWS offices acquire real-time weather information from amateur radio operators in the field. These operators, for example, may report the position of a tornado, the height of floodwaters, or damaging wind speeds during hurricanes. All of this information is critical to the mission of the NWS, which is to preserve life and property. The special day celebrates these contributions by amateur radio



operators. You can find more information on the [National Weather Service/amateur radio relationship](#).

Amateur Radio Digital Communications Funding Opportunities

If you or your club are developing projects that advance amateur radio or digital communications, now's a great time to apply for [Amateur Radio Digital Communications](#) (ARDC) grant funding, with the next application deadline on February 1, 2026. The foundation has been awarding grants since 2019, supporting a wide range of initiatives that strengthen and expand the amateur radio and digital communications communities.



ARDC's priority areas for funding reflect the organization's broader vision and strategy for supporting experimentation, education, and open technology within the amateur radio and digital communications communities. They are especially interested in projects that align with these three areas:

- **Research & Development (R&D):** Open hardware and software systems that enable learning and experimentation, such as software defined radios, open codec technologies, and new modulation techniques.
- **Space-Based Communications:** Projects that create or expand access to satellite communications for amateur radio and digital communications, engaging communities in wireless experimentation programs, such as repurposed commercial satellites, and space-based tools for learning.
- **Open Source Education:** Scalable, open educational materials and hands-on projects that make amateur radio and digital communications more accessible, especially for new learners and clubs.

Proposals are welcome across the full range of projects that align with these areas and remain a priority in ARDC grantmaking decisions.

Learn more about these priority areas and ARDC at [ARDC.net](#).

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 Exam Dates for 2026 will be posted once available.

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

The Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC) administers ARRL-VEC testing in the Central Ohio area.

Our test dates for 2026 are as follows: January 17, April 18, July 18, and October 17.

Time and location for these dates is 10:00am at the Westerville Fire Station #111, 400 W. Main St in Westerville, Ohio.

Pre-Registration is required, and open the 1st of each testing month. All information is available at www.ae8fp.net

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

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.

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 can also give tests at our normal LAARA club meetings. Currently our meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Columbiana County EMA at 215 South Market St., Lisbon, OH.

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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 .

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 Jim AC8NT at ac8nt@3solutions.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 12/14/25 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



The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club offers
free live online classes to get your
Amateur (Ham) Radio General Class License.

Classes start on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026.

All sessions are held live via Zoom
and are free.

For information/to register, visit-

tiny.cc/beahamg



OHIO'S



I recently found myself in a Cincinnati hospital to undergo a heart cath. Afterwards I spent several hours in recovery which gave me time to organize what should be shared in this "Ohio's South 40" column. Now that outside ham activities have mostly wrapped up for the year I'm not hearing of many club or individual activities to share with you. I realize it has been a very active year for ham radio's South 40 clubs and you are tired. I also realize elections have been or soon will be held and many will find themselves in new offices or positions. Therefore those who have been responsible for getting the word of upcoming activities shared are still finding their way of whom should be notified beyond the membership. So please place the South 40 on your information sharing list so we can show there is ham radio life below US 40 and Interstate 70 in Ohio. Contact information is at the end of this column. TNX

As indicated, most ham radio activities have ended for the year with the conclusion of the always enjoyable **Grant RC**'s Hamfest in Georgetown. This year marked the 27th year the GRA has held the event. The crowd came early, but left during the late morning. It was good to see the amateur population from neighboring clubs with attendance supporting the event and especially pleasant to see good representations from the **Scioto Valley ARC** and **Portsmouth RC**.

Because of construction at their usual meeting location in Milford, the **Milford ARA** will meet at the East Gate Golden Corral at 6:30 on November 20.

Speaking of the **Milford ARA**, they have re-elected Ron Brooks President. Tim Bastress, KB8DDG, will serve as Vice President; Raleigh Sizemore, AB8KG, will handle the money and Bill Hindenlang, NY2FL is the Secretary. In Athens Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, has been re-elected President of the **Athens County ARA**. He will be assisted by Vice-President Paul Schulz, WD8SCV; Treasurer Drew McDaniel, W8MHV and Linda Clark, KF8DQV, as Secretary. Elections for the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** have re-elected the 2025 officers and directors to serve throughout 2026. The **Highland ARA** recently mailed ballots to their members according to President John Willis, KE8JEM. Willis stated unless there are nominations from the floor on December 9, it appears a contest for a vacant trustee position is the only race as 2025 club officers will be retained. The **Tri-State ARA** have finalized their nominations for club officers and elections are scheduled to take place at the November meeting. The **OH-KY-IN ARS** held nominations at their November with elections to happen at the December meeting. The **Clinton County ARA** and the **Portsmouth RC** are other clubs which will announce their 2026 leadership at their upcoming December meetings.

I understand NORAD is already tuning up it's radar tracking network to track a non-mechanical object known to cross the skies on Christmas Eve. And that calls attention to a number of South 40 area clubs that are already deep into planning their year-end and holiday events. The **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA**, the **Cambridge ARA** and the **Highland ARA** will each be assisting with their communities annual holiday parades. The Lancaster parade is on the morning of November 22 and November 29 will find CARA assisting with the annual parade in Cambridge. After being told by Hillsboro officials in 2024 their services were no longer needed, HARA has been asked to assist with line-up and invited to enter a float.

The **Tri-State ARA** in conjunction with the **Museum of Radio and Technology** will sponsor their annual "*Get on the Air with Santa*" on Saturday, December 13 at the Museum in Huntington, WV. The doors open at 11 AM with the event concluding at 4. Besides talking to Santa via ham radio, there is a variety of other things taking place to entertain the children while the adults inspect the many radio, television and other electronic equipment exhibits. Admission is free. Two years ago N8ZNR and I attended the event and found it a really enjoyable and memorable experience. Check it out!



November marked the final **Hocking Valley ARA** Fox Hunt for the year. The recent event was won by Jared Schoenlaub, KE8WAM. The Fox was found at Rock House.

On December 2 the **Hocking Valley ARC** will hold their annual Christmas dinner and a short meeting at the Chef Moes Restaurant, Main Street in downtown Logan. It starts at 6:30. Also on the 2nd the **OH-KY-IN ARS** will hold their holiday dinner at the Arlington Heights Town Hall at 7:30. The **Clinton County ARA** holds their annual carry-in Christmas Dinner and elections on December 4 at 6:30 PM at the Cancer Center in Wilmington. The Denny's in Cambridge is this year's site for the long standing tradition of the annual **Cambridge ARA** Awards Banquet. This year it will be held at on December 6 at 2 PM. The **Scioto Valley ARC** also will hold their traditional Christmas dinner on December 6 at the Pike County EMA Office at the the county airport near Waverly. It will start at 1PM. The catered menu is already set for the December 9 **Highland ARA**'s Holiday Dinner Party at the Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Almost 100 hams and spouses from many parts of Ohio attended last year's event said to be one of the best radio club holiday gatherings in the country. Then on December 16 the **Athens County ARA** will hold their Christmas gathering at a location yet to be determined. On December 18 the **All Things ARA** will hold their Christmas Party at the Alley Park in Lancaster from 5:30 until 8.

Also in Lancaster, but on December 20, the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** will hold their Christmas gathering at the Pizza Cottage in Lancaster.

Fairfield County's **All Things ARA** will hold a free two day class for those interested in obtaining their General License. Classes will be held at the Bloom Baptist Church in Lithopolis from 8 AM until 4 PM on December 6 and 13. Testing will take place on the 13th. For more information contact training@atara-w8atr.fun. Plans are underway for the start of the annual **Athens County ARA**'s Technician License Class. Starting January 12 classes will be held each Monday evening at 7 PM at the Red Cross in Athens until the VE session on March 26. Contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, for more information.

The January **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA**'s business meeting is cancelled because of it falling on New Year's Day. The **Cambridge ARA** will not hold a December meeting.

A new two meter simplex net has been started in the Western part of the South 40 Region. KF8DFH, Rick in Wilmington, is the net control for this Sunday evening 9:15 gathering on 146.59. A recent session saw contacts of 42 and 38 miles made between a station in Warren County and stations in Brown and Highland Counties.

Not to be outdone by a recent Greenfield Girl Scout merit badge program that saw the **Highland ARA** man a ham radio information table and a demonstration station, members of the **Portsmouth RC** recently demonstrated amateur radio at the Frontier District Boy Scout merit badge program and camporee at Camp Oyo near the Shawnee State Park at Portsmouth. Additionally the Club assisted by providing demonstrations of Fox Hunting techniques used in search and rescues.



2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Already communities across the nation are planning ways and events to celebrate the occasion. Our part of Ohio played an important part in the opening of the frontier to the nation's expansion and its settlement with the Ohio, Scioto and Muskingum Rivers; the National Road, Zane's Trace and US 50; early railroads and canals and the early settlements at Marietta and Manchester. Plus Ohio's first capital at Chillicothe and the second at Zanesville. And look at all the famous people who came from Ohio's South 40. What better way to call attention to the existence of amateur radio and the service it provides than for a group of hams or club to conduct some type of a special event operation during the year that calls attention to something unique or historic about your community?

Here's wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving.

John, W8KIW

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DX This Week – #352

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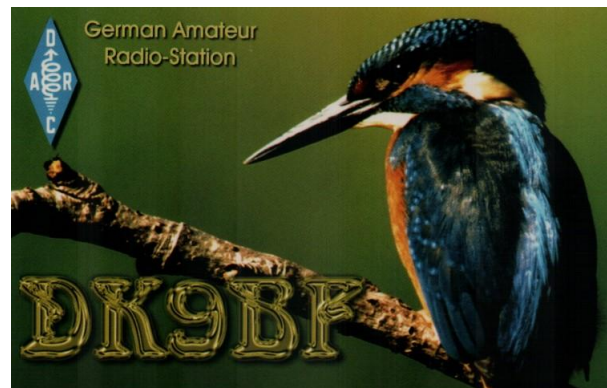
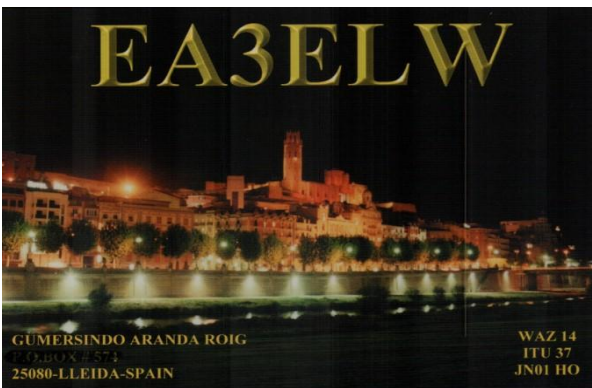
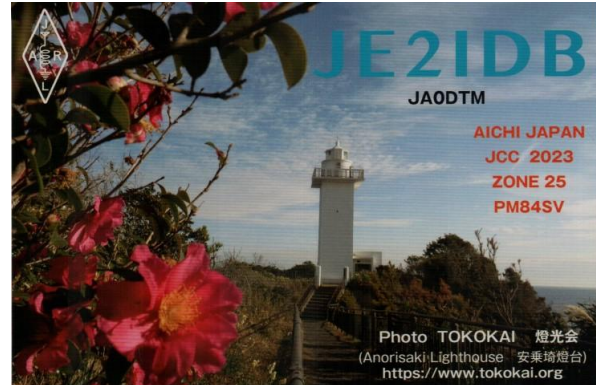
Welcome to another episode of DX This Week. I can't believe that Christmas is only 40 days away. That means the CQWW CW contest is only 2 weeks away. For me, that is the pinnacle of contests for the year! Last year, I added 11 entities to my Marathon listing for 2024. I need that and more this year to keep pace!

Speaking of CQWW CW – remember that the week before and the week after a contest can really yield some great DX, much easier than it might be during the contest.

Wow- was I surprised! I have had 11 readers request the special 160M newsletter that our club put out. Last chance - you can get a copy as well by emailing me at thedxmentor@gmail.com.

I received a couple of great QSL cards. They are featured below. R2DR from European Russia, JE2IDB from Japan, EA3ELW from Spain and DK9BF from Germany. What did you get?





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The word for the week is Antenna Counterpoise. An **antenna counterpoise** is a system of conductors—usually wires or a metal screen—placed near the ground but insulated from it, designed to act as an **artificial ground plane** for an antenna. In simpler terms, it's a substitute for a physical earth ground when a good ground connection is impractical (e.g., rocky soil, rooftop installations).

The Purpose of an antenna counterpoise is that it Completes the RF circuit. Just like a light bulb needs two wires, an antenna needs a return path for RF current. The counterpoise provides that path when the earth cannot.

The benefits are that it improves efficiency. Without a counterpoise, the antenna may radiate poorly and cause stray RF currents on the feedline.

It also Reduces common-mode currents. This helps to prevent interference, and it stabilizes impedance matching.

Typical Designs are Radial wires where Several wires radiate outward from the antenna base, often used for vertical antennas or Horizontal wires or screens, Suspended above ground under the antenna.

In summary, An antenna counterpoise is a deliberate conductor system that replaces or supplements earth ground, ensuring your antenna radiates efficiently and your feedline stays clean.

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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

9U1RU, Burundi

The 9U1RU DXPedition to Burundi has provided frequent, detailed updates, all of which have been shared in The Daily DX. The team, situated on a mountainside at 2,340 meters (7,677 feet) above sea level, has had as many as ten high-power stations on the air at once on 160-6M. They have paid much attention to their antennas, repairing, relocating, and building and rebuilding them as needed. As of November 7, 1200 UTC, 9U1RU had amassed nearly 75,000 QSOs, with over 46,000 on FT8 and over 18,000 on CW.

CE0/Y - East Island

CE0YHF, Jorge, is back on Easter Island to repair some medical equipment at the Hanga Roa Hospital. He expects to be there until at least the end of the month or as long as just before Christmas. He notes strong winds can easily destroy antennas and homemade antennas hold up much better. Late yesterday he was on 6 meters FT8 (50.313 MHz) working into Japan, southern Central America, northern South

America and the southern Caribbean from about 2335 to 0015Z today. Jorge has a small amplifier.

ZF - Cayman Islands

NF3R, Joel, is QRV with his vacation style operation from Grand Cayman as ZF2RJ until November 17. He'll have a 100-watt IC-7300, and an end fed antenna. Activity will be on the FT modes and SSB on 80 through 6 meters. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. QSL via NF3R.

HK0/A - San Andres and Providencia

The Spanish operators EA7BF, EA7FPG, EA7JW, and EA7ATX have been granted licenses and official authorization by the Colombian Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications (MinTIC) to operate from San Andres Island under the call sign 5J0EA. The scheduled dates are November 20th to 30th, 2025. All equipment has been prepared and is ready for shipment. The team, though small, possesses considerable infrastructure. Operations are planned to commence on November 20th, with final updates expected to be communicated several days prior to the start date.

8R - Guyana

PY1SAD, Aldir, is back in Guyana and QRV once again from Georgetown as 8R1TM until December 7. During the week listen for him on CW, SSB and digital modes on 1.8 through 50 MHz between 2300 and 0200Z. Over the weekends watch for him to be on more often. QSL direct to PY1SAD, via LoTW, QRZ or eQSL.

9H - Malta

DF8AN, Mike, will be operating QRP as 9H/DF8AN from Malta until November 16, mainly using digital modes (FT8, FT4, RTTY) and some CW, with QSL via his home call.

S2 - Bangladesh

S21ACP tells us he is excited for the upcoming "Sundarbans DXPedition, Bangladesh 2025." It should currently be QRV until November 17, from what he says is "the world's largest mangrove forest," and a UNESCO World Heritage site, "The Sundarbans," in the Khulna Range, Sundarbans West Forest Division." It is grid NL42sl and POTA ID: BD-0051. The Amateur Radio Club Khulna is organizing with young operators S21SRK, S21ACP, S21CMD and S21AKL. They plan SSB and FT8 with three rigs, one high power, two QRP, to a Yagi, multiband "cobweb" and a fan dipole.

5V7RU, Togo

Togo, 5V7RU, is QRV through November 19, with RA1ZZ, Vasily, and R9LR, Vlad operating. This will be a holiday style operation, on HF CW, SSB, FT8, and the QO-100 satellite, with a focus on 160 and 80M. Direct OQRS requests and all donors will receive a fast LoTW confirmation. Paper QSLs will be via Club Log OQRS with donations of US\$10 or more.

VR2 - Hong Kong

To celebrate Hong Kong's role as a co-host for the 15th National Games of the People's Republic of China, the TIACC Woo Hon Fai Sec School operating a special event amateur radio station, VR2NGC, until November 21st enabling staff and students to engage directly with the event and connect with radio enthusiasts worldwide. The station's call sign, thoughtfully designated by OFCA, merges Hong Kong's "VR2" prefix with the National Games acronym "NGC" to highlight the occasion's significance.

The DX Mentor features a new Podcast episode this coming weekend – a discussion with young op, Pia, DL7PIA. Pia is one of the youngest hams to win the CQ Marathon contest in Europe in 2024. She is also an accomplished contester, POTA operator, Violinist, pianist, Check it out and let me know what you think!

If you want to follow all the latest DX Podcasts and YouTube releases, you should check out the DX Mentor Facebook page and subscribe to be kept up to date on all of the DX activities.

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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!

CQWW CW - At the end of the month, you will be able to participate in the CQWW CW Contest sponsored by CQ. The dates are November 25th and 26th. Details can be found at www.cqww.com. This is my favorite contest by far and I hope to work you in the contest.

The information below is reprinted from a 2022 edition of CQ Magazine, with their permission. Check the website for changes and modifications.

Join nearly 40,000 participants from over 200 DX entities and all 40 CQ Zones in the world’s largest DX contest.

The CQ Worldwide DX Contest (CQWW) offers 48- hours of non-stop DX-chasing fun with activity taking place from virtually every part of the world! Whether you are competing for awards, looking for a few new band- countries, or simply filling up your logbook, the CQWW offers something for everyone. Check out the various Overlay Categories for even more chances to enjoy ham radio’s premier operating event. Regardless of your entry class, the bands

magically light up in the CQWW with activity levels that are unlike any other radio competition.

Working stations is easy. Exchange and log a signal report and your CQ Zone number (e.g., 59 05 on SSB or 599 05 W). If you're not sure which zone you're in, visit the CQWW website for more information. Generally speaking, for U.S. operators, the U.S. west coast is in Zone 3, the east coast is in Zone 5, and the rest of the lower 48 is in Zone 4. Western Europe is mostly Zone 14 and Japan is in Zone 25.

Contacts are valid only on the 1.8-, 3.5-, 7-, 14-, 21-, and 28-MHz amateur bands (No WARC bands or 60 meters).

Your final score is based on QSO points earned for each contact times the number of multipliers worked. Contacts with other continents count three points each. Contacts with the same continent, but different country, count one point (except in North America where they count two points). Same-country contacts earn zero points but do count for multiplier credit.

Multipliers are the number of DXCC entities and Worked All Europe (WAE) countries, plus IG9/IH9, worked on each band plus the number of CQ Zones worked on each band.

Don't worry about calculating your score; the CQWW Contest Committee's contest log checking software will do that for you when you submit a log. Most participants are using readily available contest logging software to help as well (e.g., N1MM+, Win-Test, etc.)

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

Contest	Start Date	End Date
CQ WW DX Contest, CW	11/29/2025	11/30/2025
ARRL 160M contest	12/5/2025	12/7/2025
ARRL 10M Contest	12/13/2025	12/14/2025

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!

ARLD047 DX news

This week's bulletin is made possible with information provided by AA3B, W2GD, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Kazu, M0CFW will be QRV as 3B9/M0CFW from November 23 to December 3. This includes being active as 3B9KW in the upcoming CQ Worldwide DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

UGANDA, 5X. Anders, SM0HPL is QRV as 5X7W until December 8. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters with QRP power, and using CW, FT8, and FT4. QSL via M0OXO.

GUYANA, 8R. Aldir, PY1SAD is QRV as 8R1TM until December 7. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes mostly between 2300 to 0200z. QSL direct to home call.

BHUTAN, A5. Abie, AB1F will be QRV as A52AA from Thimphu from November 25 to December 5. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB, with a possibility of 160 and 80 meters. QSL to home call.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. A group of operators will be QRV as 3G0YR from November 26 to December 3. Activity will be on all bands and all modes with four to five stations active. This includes being active modes with four to five stations active. This includes being active as CE0Y as either a Multi/2 or Multi/Multi entry in the upcoming CQ Worldwide DX CW contest. QSL via RN3RQ.

ANTARCTICA. Lasse, DL9LU is QRV as DP0GVN from Neumayer Station II until December 2026 while here on work assignment. QSL via ClubLog.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, E7. Special event station E7BOSNIA is QRV until November 25 in celebration of Statehood Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Activity is on various bands and modes. QSL via LoTW.

SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA, HK0. A group of operators are QRV as 5J0EA from San Andres Island, IOTA NA-033, until November 30. QSL via operators' instructions.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD will be QRV as P44W from Santa Cruz from November 25 to December 2. Activity will be on all bands using CW, with an emphasis on 30, 17, and 12 meters. This includes being a Single Op/All Band entry in the upcoming CQ Worldwide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

SABA, SINT EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Peter, PA4O and Ad, PA8AD will be QRV as PJ5C from Sint Eustatius, IOTA NA-145, from November 23 to December 1. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using mainly CW with some FT8 and FT4. This includes being an entry in the upcoming CQ Worldwide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Vaclav, OK6RA is QRV as S79/OK6RA until December 2 at various times from Mahe, and Praslin Islands, both IOTA AF-024. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. This includes being a Single Op/Single Band entry in the upcoming CQ Worldwide DX CW contest. QSL direct to home call.

ANTIGUA, V2. Bud, AA3B is QRV as V26K until December 1. Activity is on the HF bands with an emphasis on CW. This includes being a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the upcoming CQ Worldwide DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

NAMIBIA, V5. Gunter, DK2WH is QRV as V51WH from Omaruru until March 24, 2026. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and some CW. He will be active as V55Y in various contests. QSL to home call.

INDIA, VU. Datta, VU2DSI is QRV as AU2JCB until December 15 to celebrate the birthday of Jagadish Chandra Bose. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

CAMBODIA, XU. A team of Russian Robinson Club and Miller-DX-Club members will be QRV as XU7RRC from Koh Ta Kiev Island, IOTA AS-133, from November 25 until December 3. QSL via RZ3EC.

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2025

12/06/2025 - FCARC Winter Hamfest

Location: Delta, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: FCARC

Website: <https://k8bxq.org/hamfest>

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01/18/2026 - SCARF Hamfest

Location: Shade, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: SCARF members

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01/31/2026 - Struthers ROAR Mid-Winter Hamfest

Location: Struthers, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Struthers Regional Operators of Amateur Radio

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580196127715>

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03/15/2026 - Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair

Location: Perrysburg, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association

Website: <http://www.w8hhf.org>

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04/11/2026 - Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 70th Hamfest

Location: Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

07/19/2026 - Van Wert Hamfest

Location: Van Wert, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

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Website: https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org Learn More	
08/15/2026 - <u>Cincinnati HamfestSM, ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention</u> Location: Owensville, OH Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: Milford Amateur Radio Club Website: https://cincinnatihamfest.org/ Learn More	
08/16/2026 - <u>Warren Hamfest</u> Location: Cortland, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association Website: http://w8vtd.com/hamfest Learn More	

Ohio Section Traffic Report October 2025

Ohio Section Nets October 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BNE	135	32	225	31	N2LC
BNL	58	39	237	31	WB9LBI
ODMR	207	0	137	4	WB8YYS
OSN	38	12	340	23	N2LC
OSSBN	1337	398	1978	93	K8MDA
Totals	1775	481	2917	182	

OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS October 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BRTN	126	45	255	16	KD8GXL

COTN	336	40	649	34	KV8Z
NOATTN	148	153	679	17	KE8VJP
TATN	268	66	284	31	K8KRA
TCTTN	60	22	219	12	WB8YYS
Totals	938	326	2086	110	

OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – OCTOBER 2025

Call	Traffic
KA8BJA	73
KD8GYI	24
WB9LBI	78

Ohio Section Station Activity Reports October 2025

Call	Orig	Revd	Sent	Dlvd	UnDlvd	Total
AD8CM	0	188	112	53	0	353
W8MAL	0	38	246	5	0	289
AC8NP	0	94	86	8	0	188
N8MRS	0	54	100	0	0	154
KB8GUN	15	40	27	25	0	107
KL7RF	0	45	43	3	0	91
WB8SIQ	14	38	38	0	0	90
W8GSR	0	35	40	13	0	88
N2LC	0	51	23	0	0	74
KD8HB	0	25	47	0	0	72
K8KRA	0	37	23	0	0	60
KE4RS	0	31	22	0	0	53
KD8UUB	0	34	19	0	0	53
K3RC	7	32	7	1	0	47
WD8SDH	0	21	25	0	0	46
N8OD	0	15	27	1	0	43
WB8YYS	4	11	21	7	0	43
N8BV	0	36	6	0	0	42
K8MDA	0	12	19	3	0	34
KC8WH	5	12	9	0	0	26
N8SY	0	3	15	3	2	23
WB8PMG	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	45	852	955	122	2	1976

Ohio Section PSHR Reports October 2025

Call	Nets	Traffic	VolPos	PSH	EPSH	PM DS	Total
AD8CM	40	40	20	665	5	10	780
AC8NP	40	40	30	120	0	40	270
KE8AN W	40	10	0	150	0	0	200
N8SY	40	15	30	40	0	40	165
K8MDA	40	34	20	30	0	20	144
KE4RS	40	40	10	50	0	0	140
WB8SD H	40	40	20	35	0	0	135
N8MRS	40	40	10	30	0	10	130
W8GSR	40	40	10	40	0	0	130
KD8UU B	40	40	10	35	0	0	125
KL7RF	40	40	10	30	0	0	120
WB8YY S	40	40	20	10	0	10	120
KC8WH	40	26	20	30	0	0	116
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	15	0	115
KB8GU N	40	40	10	10	0	10	110
K3RC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	80
WB8PM G	13	0	0	0	0	10	23
Totals	773	685	260	1285	20	150	3173

Ohio Section Nets

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

OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

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

Ohio DMR Net

ODMR	Monday 8:30 PM	TG 3139	WB8YYS
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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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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://arrrl-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@arrrl-ohio.org

Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal

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

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



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Chit – Chat, and All That!

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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.



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You can go back at any time and read them.

Just go to:

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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!