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### **CQCQCQ de WB8LCD**

I want to wish you ALL a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be of good Cheer and especially safe in all you do this holiday season. I want to hear you all on the air in 2026.

Now, what's your Ham Radio plan for next year?

Ham Radio is an *activity*. It's not just a passive experience you let happen to you – you have to participate in the activity to make it happen. If we want to save our hobby from extinction, one of the best things we can do is become radio active. The more you do, the more you'll learn. The more you learn, the better you'll get. The better you get, the more fun you'll have. When you're having fun, you'll want to share that fun with others. And when they see the fun you're having, they'll be intrigued to learn about what you're doing and want to be a part of it!

Start now by planning out your year. What would you like to accomplish? As an example, let's say you want to learn CW. First you've got to learn all the characters. Next you've got to build up your speed. You'll need to be up to at least 5 wpm if you want to make a QSO! Get on the air, start making QSO's. Yes, you can do it at 5 wpm, but you'll find it *painfully* slow! You've got to build your speed up, and you do that by getting on the air and making Q's. Once you're up to about 10 wpm it starts to be FUN! Keep going, make Q's everyday. At 20 WPM it starts to become “conversational” and you'll be part of a select few that actually make it there.

You've got to plan for all of that, and you've got to commit to working your plan, or it all falls apart. I read once of a QRP op who set his goal at 1 cw QSO every day. One a day, times 365 days a year, practiced diligently for 20 years results in 7300 QSO's! (I find it interesting that it is a multiple of 73 – not some other meaningless number...) Add in the weekly club nets on 2 meters, Field Day and a couple special event stations each year, along with the normal random QSO's you might make on any given day and I'd say you've had a pretty successful 20 years in the hobby! And probably a lot of FUN along the way.

Set some personal goals. Make a plan. Make a commitment to the accomplishment of your plan. It'll be well worth it in retrospect. It'll be something that those around you recognize and appreciate.

I want to ask you all to support the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). It's certainly not perfect and I don't expect it ever will be, BUT, we can work together and make it better! Instead of just being “confrontational” let's see how we can correct the errors that have been made in the past and change the course to something that works for the benefit of all. In the past 5 years I've seen some stalwarts at the League who have been there through the long run and have effectively served YOU the membership of the League. First off let me point out Leona Adams – W1LGA (recently retired). Leona was always there when needed and always had the right answers to your questions. Next up is Steve Ewald – WV1X – another dedicated League employee who has put his Heart and Soul into everything ARRL and Ham Radio for his entire working life! Finally, Maria Somma – AB1FM – who has been an outstanding liaison between individual Hams and the FCC in the area of licensing. All 3 of these League employees have worked tirelessly on YOUR behalf, along with many (most, all other League employees) to make ARRL an organization that truly represents the Ham Radio Community.

I've mentioned before that there's a big difference in being a Ham with 50+ years of experience versus a Ham that's had one year of experience, then repeated that 50 times. It's like saying that the whole ARRL experience is getting a monthly magazine. I always looked forward to getting mine, and I do prefer reading a printed magazine to an online magazine. But, when you add up all the resources, programs and even more importantly the legislative functions both nationally and inter-nationally, I'd rather change my mode of reading the magazine than the potential loss of spectrum and international agreement to the importance of Amateur Radio.

My final plea here is: Join the ARRL and be an active member / Ham operator. While it's a little more expensive, if you've got to have the magazine in the printed format, pay the extra bucks to get it! And speaking about money, there are additional ways you can support the League financially beyond just being a member. The "Spectrum Defense Fund" is certainly worthy of an extra donation.

A lot of what I've mentioned also rings true with your local radio clubs. Be a member, be involved, show up, and do the "heavy lifting" wherever you can to help your club be successful. Make sure you include everyone in the FUN!

On Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, my wife (Mary) and I headed down to Hillsboro, OH to the HARA Christmas Party. We were joined there by Great Lakes Division Director Scott Yonally – N8SY, Great Lakes Division Vice Director Roy Hook – W8REH, and Hamvention "Official Spokesperson" Michael Kalter – W8CI. HARA puts on a good program, and with just shy of 100 in attendance, that evening was no exception. While there it was my pleasure to award the 2025 Alan Seveson – AB8P Memorial Award (previously known as the Ohio Section "Ham of the Year" award) to John Levo – W8KIW. This was a much-deserved recognition for all the time, effort and accomplishment that John has put into serving the Hams not only of his local club, but all the Hams of the Ohio Section. While awarded as the 2025 award, it is the culmination of many years of devoted service to Amateur Radio. Congratulations John!



I want to thank everyone who has served with me these past 5 years that I have had the privilege of being the Ohio Section Manager. Everyone has stepped up and contributed to the success of the Ohio Section, for which I am grateful. Beginning with January 1, 2026, Bret Stemen KD8SCL will be the acting Ohio Section Manager through the end of the term in October. I'm

asking everyone in the Ohio Section to give Bret your support as it was given to me since January of 2021. During that time I feel my greatest satisfaction was the friendships that were created and the realization that the Ohio Section is not only the largest of the ARRL sections, but it is also home to many of the activities, clubs and individual hams who make Amateur Radio the Greatest Hobby in the World!

“Share the Magic of Radio”

73,

Tom Sly - WB8LCD  
Ohio Section Manager  
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## ***National News***

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

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#### **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.*

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## 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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## Up to \$25,000 at Stake in New ARRL Student Coding Competition

Pre-registration is now open for the [ARRL Student Coding Competition](#), a new national challenge designed to engage young radio amateurs in shaping the future of amateur radio through software development. Open to ARRL-member amateur radio operators aged 21 and younger, the competition will invite students to design a mobile app that supports ARRL and the amateur radio community. Cash awards totaling up to \$25,000 will be presented to one or more winning entries.

The competition officially begins on January 1, 2026, when complete rules and application specifications will be released at [coding.arrl.org](https://coding.arrl.org). Participants are reminded not to start coding yet — entries must follow the published requirements. Project submissions will be due by March 31, 2026. Entries will be judged on how well they meet the specifications, user interface design and usability, code quality and stability, and the inclusion of extra features.

Adult ARRL members are encouraged to help spread the word and support the next generation of amateur radio innovators. [ARRL Student Membership](#) is free for full-time students aged 21 and younger, removing a key barrier to participation. Young hams, educators, and mentors are encouraged to pre-register now at [coding.arrl.org](https://coding.arrl.org) to receive updates as additional details become available and to prepare for this exciting opportunity to contribute lasting tools to amateur radio.

## 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](#).

## Get Your Keys and Bugs Ready for ARRL Straight Key Night



ARRL Straight Key Night (SKN) is just 2 weeks away! Every year on January 1, Straight Key Night is on the air from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC.

ARRL Letter Editor John Ross, KD8IDJ, uses his J-38 key, made by Lionel, for SKN.

This 24-hour event is not a contest; rather it is a day dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage. Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSOs. The use of straight keys or bugs to send CW is preferred. There are no points scored and all who participate are winners.

All authorized amateur frequencies may be used, but activity has traditionally been centered on the HF bands. Logbook entries for Straight Key Night must be received by January 31, 2026. Votes for “Best Fist” and “Most Interesting QSO” will be tabulated and included in the results.

The 2025 SKN results indicated that 144 participants reported 945 contacts. While many were seasoned CW operators, some participants noted that they made their first CW contacts in many years during the 2025 event.

All you need is your favorite straight key or bug. Many participants dust off vintage radios and keys and put them back into service each year just for this event! So get your fist ready, grab your key, and enjoy a fun New Year’s Day on the air.



For more information, visit [Straight Key Night](#).

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

Upcoming Exam Dates Will be announced 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/](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)

**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](http://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](mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com)

**The Findlay Radio Club**

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

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

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

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

**Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)**

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra). Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2024 are Jan 12, March 09, May18, July 13, Sept 21, and Nov 16, 2025. All sessions are at 2:00PM each month



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](mailto:nn8b.oh@gmail.com) for any further information.

Our Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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@mcarcoh.org](mailto:Exams@mcarcoh.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 2026 Register at [hamstudy.org](http://hamstudy.org). Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information. [Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:Ewilkinson1951@gmail.com) or 216-337- 4235.

The 2026 Dates are:

Saturday Jan 3, Saturday March 7, Saturday May 2, Saturday September 5, and Saturday November 7.

Sessions are held at 10:00 am 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 Jim AC8NT at [ac8nt@3solutions.com](mailto: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](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.

### **Watch for 2026 dates.**

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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## The America250 WAS Challenge

2026 marks a year of many celebrations. In addition to ARRL's Year of the Club, it is also the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. To honor this milestone, ARRL has introduced a special, yearlong Worked All States (WAS) Award, called the America250-WAS. This for-purchase award will be available throughout 2026 via Logbook of The World (LoTW), and only QSLs made via LoTW count toward the award.

The America250-WAS Award is earned by confirming contact with all 50 states between 0000 UTC January 1, 2026, through 2359 UTC December 31, 2026. Endorsements for this award include:

- W1AW/Portable — Confirm contact with W1AW/portable stations in all 50 states (states will be active during two 7-day periods during the year) on HF, VHF, and above (excluding 60 meters) on all three modes (CW/phone/digital).
- Triple-Play — Confirm contact with stations in all 50 states on all three modes (CW/phone/digital), regardless of band.
- Affiliated Clubs — Confirm contact with Affiliated Club call signs (the call sign must be as shown on the ARRL Affiliated Club web page at [www.arrrl.org/find-a-club](http://www.arrrl.org/find-a-club)). For example, contacts made with the Newington Amateur Radio League, W1OKY, count for Connecticut when contacting all 50 states. Visit [lotw.arrrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started](http://lotw.arrrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started) to get your club call sign set up in LoTW for a call sign certificate. Direct any questions to [lotw-help@arrrl.org](mailto:lotw-help@arrrl.org).

Questions regarding the America250-WAS Award can be directed to ARRL Radiosport Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, [w9jj@arrrl.org](mailto:w9jj@arrrl.org).

## ARRL's Year of the Club Brings Contests and Opportunities for Clubs

As part of the [Year of the Club](#) in 2026, ARRL is sponsoring two contests and seeking club photos for publication.

**Submit Your Club's Newsletter or Website**

The [Year of the Club](#) contests for ARRL Affiliated Clubs include a Club Newsletter Contest and a Club Website Contest.

ARRL wants to see what your club does with the mix of information that can go into a newsletter or onto a website. Enter one or both of our Year of the Club contests for a chance to have your club newsletter or website honored in *QST*.

The Club Newsletter Contest is open to ARRL Affiliated Clubs that have published a newsletter for at least one (1) year.

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

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 submission deadline for both contests is Friday, January 30, 2026, 4 p.m. Eastern time.*

For more information and complete rules for both contests, visit [www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club](http://www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club).

Submit a Club Photo to *QST*

*QST* will feature club photos in every 2026 issue as just one way of honoring various clubs. If your club wants a chance to be highlighted in the pages of *QST*, visit [www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club](http://www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club) for details on how to take photos for publication.



Get your club together like the Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society in Argyle, Texas, did and take a photo to send to *QST*. Each 2026 issue of *QST* will include club group photos. Get all the details at [www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club](http://www.arrl.org/year-of-the-club).

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The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club offers  
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# OHIO'S



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

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DX This Week – #354

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Can you believe that there are only 5 days until Christmas and only 12 days to 2026! The next two editions of “This Week in DX” will be the annual Goal Setting and Contests to Watch. Stay tuned for that.

Here is some news for those of you who send QSL cards internationally and use IRCs.

**IRCs soon to be discontinued.** - The international reply coupon (IRC), introduced in 1907, has enabled global postage payments for over a century, symbolizing universality and cooperation among UPU member countries. At the 28th Universal Postal Congress in September 2025, members decided to discontinue the IRC as of December 31, 2026, reflecting a shift toward digital postal services. In recognition of its legacy, a commemorative product will be released to celebrate the IRC’s historical significance in global philately and postal collaboration.

Bernie, W3UR, notes that most countries have already stopped use of IRCs.

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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](mailto:thedxmentor@gmail.com)

First, the bad news

**S2 – Bangladesh** - S21AM and S21RC say their planned IOTA AS-127 operation has been postponed until sometime next year. Cited are logistical challenges and operational constraints in the region and "adequate resource availability concerns."

Now, the Good News

**U.S. amateurs to receive expanded 60-meter privileges** - The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized expanded use of the 60-meter band for U.S. amateur radio operators, following rules adopted at the World Radiotelecommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15). The new regulations, including a 15-watt effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP) power limit (not effective radiated power, or ERP), will take effect 30 days after they are published in the Federal Register. Use of this band remains on a secondary basis. The full FCC Report and Order is available online, and ARRL provides more details on its website.

**XU - Cambodia –**

DL7BO, Tom, will be on the air as XU7GNY, December 22 to January 18. Tom will be on 160-6 CW, SSB and FT8, concentrating on the lower bands. QSL direct to DJ4WK or use LoTW, Club Log or eQSL.

**4K – Azerbaijan –**

4K/DL4XT, Jan, will on 40 and 20-10M SSB, CW and FT8 December 26 to January 3. He will be on the air casually, aka "holiday style." For a QSL it's LoTW, Club Log OQRS and QRZ.

**A6 - United Arab Emirates –**

A60QATAR will be December 18-22 to join in Qatar's celebration. Some Individual ops in UAE may use that call and add /1, /2, and similar.

**TL - Central African Republic -**

CT1END, Carlos, reminds us CR7BNW, Joao, will be operating as TL8BNW from Bangui, Central African Republic, for six months starting in December 2025. His first activity will take place from December 20-25, 2025, using SSB and FT8 on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, QRZ Logbook, and via the Portuguese QSL bureau.

**FY - French Guiana -**

F4GPK, Peter, will be on as TO2FY December 22 to January 15 from Kourou.

**TG – Guatemala** - TG9/AF4CZ will be on the air "holiday style," December 7 to January 5, mostly digital modes on 40-10. He will upload his log to LoTW, eQSL and Club Log.

**Z8 - South Sudan** - YI1DZ (aka Z81D), Diya's, contract with UN-WFP in South Sudan runs until March 10, 2026, with a possible 11-month extension pending approval. Due to frequent travel and a rotating work schedule that includes leave every six weeks, radio activity is limited to free time, mostly on weekends. The author is currently in Istanbul and will return to Juba on December 15 and could be very active as Z81D the following weekend.

**We have a new prefix from Trinidad and Tobago.** WA3DX, Earl Markey, will be on as 9Y9DX from Arouca December 17-29, 40-10M FT8 and FT4. This is the first known issuance of the 9Y prefix. Earl says to QSL direct only to WA3DX or use LoTW. U.S. stations who want direct QSLs should include a self-addressed stamped envelope. He will also upload his log to Club Log.

**C5YK, The Gambia** – Andre, ON7YK, is QRV from The Gambia until January 25. He is operating as C5YK on SSB, RTTY, PSK, FT8, FT4, and some CW on 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10M. QSL only via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to ON7YK. He posts his logbook on his website.

Here is some information about future DXPeditions.

**S9BV, Sao Tome and Principe** – Borut, S53BV, will operate casually as S9BV February 5-20, with thanks to Bastien, owner of Delicias das Ilhas, who did the

work to get the Sao Tome and Principe license. It is “an amazing, quiet, and open to all directions” location. Borut plans to be on 60, 40, 30 and 15M CW and SSB.

He will use an ICOM IC-7000 with verticals for 60, 40, and 30M and a dipole for 40 and 15M. While he will update Club Log live, he cautions that internet service “may be a little unreliable.”

Manual log upload will be every several days. Borut says to not send cards through the bureau “as they will not find my home.” He will send direct cards once he is home in Slovenia, “via OQRS only.”

**VU7 – Lakshadweep Islands** - VU2RS, Sarath, is team leader for the 12-operator AU7RS operation January 10-22. Because of the high cost of lodging, equipment shipping and import fees, and generator fuel, they seek donations via PayPal to [info@sreteek.com](mailto:info@sreteek.com). QSL via MØOXO or OQRS.

**YU – Serbia** - In celebration of IARU Region 1 Young Radio Operators Month, Serbian amateurs may use the special callsigns YT25YOTA and YU25YOTA throughout December 2025.

**VP8 - South Shetland Islands** - LZ1AAW, Ivo, is heading to the Bulgarian Antarctic Base "St. Kliment Ohridski" on Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands (IOTA AN-010). He plans to operate as LZ0A during his free time from late December 2025 to mid-February 2026. The base, located at 62°38'S, 60°21'W in the eastern part of Livingston Island, has been permanently staffed since December 11, 1993.

**The DX Mentor** features a new podcast episode this coming weekend – a discussion with Carlo, IK1HJS. We discussed the WWA 2026 contest. This is a great event, perhaps the best kept secret in contesting. 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.

## 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 DX Mentor podcast has a new episode that introduces, at least to me, a new contest called the World-Wide Award, or the WWA.

What is WWA? The Worldwide Award is the first international radio project that aims to aggregate the largest number of countries in the world in a single event, excluding the already well-known world contests. Born from the experience of the HamInnovation team during the three years of organizing WRTC 2022, it is now the world's leading radio event in terms of the number of QSOs and activators.

WWA has been growing continuously since its first edition in January 2024, and after its great success, it was decided to organize a faster edition, the "Sprint World Wide Award," in July.

All technology is managed by Hamaward.cloud, the most well-known and powerful platform on the market for organizing large radio events where automating the coordination of activators and providing the most data and information in real time is essential.

When does the WWA take place? The WWA aims to become the most followed radio event in the world over time, with two editions each year. In 2026,



the first session is from January 1 to January 31. Yes, that is one month. The second session will be held from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Not to go into too much detail, there are registered “activators” and the rest of us are hunters. For the entire month of January, you will work as many of the activators as you can. You can work the same activator each day if you choose to, but no more than once a day. The ENTIRE process is handled by the cloud-based contest platform. You can find out instantly how you are doing. There is no log to submit as the activators are streaming their QSOs to the cloud and it is all done in real time. Last January, there were 3.7M QSOs logged. Is this the future of contesting? Perhaps.

Check out the webpage at [hamaward.cloud](http://hamaward.cloud) and the DXMentor podcast

Let me know if you participate in this contest and how you do!

Contest	Start Date	End Date
WWA Contest	1/1/2026	1/31/2026
DX Marathon	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
ARRL RTTY Roundup	1/3/2026	1/4/2026
EUCW 160M Contest	1/3/2026	1/4/2026
North American QSO Party, CW	1/10/2026	1/11/2026
YB DX Contest	1/10/2026	
North American QSO Party, SSB	1/17/2026	1/18/2026
ARRL VHF Contest`	1/17/2026	1/19/2026
CQ 160M CW	1/23/2026	1/25/2026

**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!**

## ARLD051 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.

**JAMAICA, 6Y.** Lester, W8YCM, is QRV as both W8YCM/6Y and 6Y8LV until mid-January 2026. Activity is holiday style on 17, 12, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 9Y.** Earl, WA3DX, is QRV as 9Y9DX from Arouca, Trinidad, IOTA SA-011, until December 29. Activity is on 40 through 10 meters using mainly FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6.** Special event station A60QATAR is QRV until December 22 to join in celebration of Qatar National Day. QSL via operators' instructions.

**THE GAMBIA, C5.** Andre, ON7YK, is QRV as C5YK from Kotu until January 25, 2026. Activity is on 20 through 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, FT4, and some CW. QSL via LoTW.

**CAPE VERDE, D4.** Beni, HB9HNT, is QRV as D4NT until January 1, 2026. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

**FRENCH GUIANA, FY.** Jean Pierre, F4GPK, will be QRV as TO2FY from Kourou from December 22 to 24, December 29 to 31, January 5 to 9, and January 12 to 15. Activity will be mostly on 20, 15, and 10 meter using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

**HONDURAS, HR9.** Alex, K6VHF, will be QRV as K6VHF/HR9 from Roatan Island, IOTA NA-057, from December 13 to 20. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using FT8, FT4, SSB, RTTY, and CW. QSL via K6VHF.

**SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS.** Ivo, LZ1AAW, will be QRV in his spare time as LZ0A from St. Kliment Ohridski on Livingston Island, IOTA AN-010, from late December until mid-February 2026. QSL via LZ1JZ.

**SURINAME, PZ.** Joe, OZ0J, will be QRV as PZ5OZ from December 21 to January 2, 2026. QSL via LoTW.

**CENTRAL AFRICA, TL.** Joao, CR7BNW, is QRV as TL8BNW until June 2026. Activity is on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**GABON, TR.** Roland, F8EN, is QRV as TR8CR until December 25. QSL via F6AJA.

**TURKS AND CAICOS, VP5.** Mark, AA2MA will be QRV as VP5/AA2MA from Caicos Island, IOTA NA-002, during December. Activity will be on his free time on 40, 20, and 10 meters using CW or FT8. QSL via AA2MA.

**CAMBODIA, XU.** Tom, DL7BO, will be QRV as XU7GNY from December 22 to January 18. Activity will be on 160 through 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, and concentrating on the lower bands. QSL direct via DJ4WK.

**SERBIA, YU.** Special call signs YT25YOTA and YU25YOTA are active throughout December in celebration of IARU Region 1 Young Radio Operators Month. QSL via operators' instructions.

**SOUTH SUDAN, Z8.** Diya, YI1DZ is QRV as Z81D from Juba until March 10, 2026. Activity is in his spare time. QSL to home call.

**ALBANIA, ZA.** Tom, OE4EIE, is QRV as ZA/OE4EIE until December 20. QSL to home call.

**ANTARCTICA.** Oleg, ZS1ANF, is QRV as ZS7ANF from Whichaway, IOTA AN-016. Activity is in his spare time on 17, 15, and 10 meters using CW. QSL via RK1PWA.

## Upcoming *Hamfests*



## *Ohio Hamfests*

**2026**

<b>01/18/2026 - <a href="#">SCARF Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Shade, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> SCARF members <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b>	<b>01/31/2026 - <a href="#">Struthers ROAR Mid-Winter Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Struthers, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Struthers Regional Operators of Amateur Radio <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580196127715">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580196127715</a> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b>
<b>03/15/2026 - <a href="#">Toledo Mobile Radio Association Hamfest and Computer Fair</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Perrysburg, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Toledo Mobile Radio Association <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.w8hhf.org">http://www.w8hhf.org</a> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b>	<b>04/11/2026 - <a href="#">Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club 70th Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Cuyahoga Falls, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, Inc. <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org">https://www.cfarc-hamfest.org</a> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b>
<b>07/19/2026 - <a href="#">Van Wert Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Van Wert, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Van Wert Amateur Radio Club <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b>	<b>08/15/2026 - <a href="#">Cincinnati Hamfest<sup>SM</sup>, ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Owensville, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Convention <b>Sponsor:</b> Milford Amateur Radio Club <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://cincinnatihamfest.org/">https://cincinnatihamfest.org/</a> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b>
<b>08/16/2026 - <a href="#">Warren Hamfest</a></b> <b>Location:</b> Cortland, OH <b>Type:</b> ARRL Hamfest <b>Sponsor:</b> Warren Amateur Radio Association <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://w8vtd.com/hamfest">http://w8vtd.com/hamfest</a> <b><a href="#">Learn More</a></b>	

## Ohio Section Traffic Report November 2025

### Ohio Section Nets – November 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
BNL	61	78	305	29	WB9LBI
OSN	35	11	340	20	N2LC
BNE	141	41	217	30	N2LC
OSSBN	1464	450	2095	90	K8MDA
ODMR	206	0	146	4	WB8YYS
Totals	1907	580	3103	173	

### OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – November 2025

Net	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sessions	N/M
NOATTN	116	97	481	15	KE8VJP
TATN	233	85	345	30	K8KRA
COTN	300	42	437	30	KV8Z
TCTTN	64	18	180	13	WB8YYS
BRTN	122	31	177	13	KD8GXL
Totals	835	273	1620	101	

### OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2025

Call	Traffic
KA8BJA	65
KD8GYI	48
WB9LBI	79
Totals	192



Ohio Section Station Activity Reports – November 2025

<b>Call</b>	<b>Orig</b>	<b>Rcvd</b>	<b>Sent</b>	<b>Dlvd</b>	<b>UnDlvd</b>	<b>Total</b>
AD8CM	3	272	176	72	0	523
W8MAL	0	74	279	5	0	358
N8MRS	0	51	102	0	0	153
AC8NP	1	78	42	1	0	122
KD8HB	0	49	65	0	0	114
KB8GUN	5	49	26	24	0	104
W8GSR	0	46	45	13	0	104
KL7RF	0	46	42	0	0	88
K8KRA	0	51	33	0	0	84
KE4RS	0	41	36	1	0	78
N2LC	0	45	28	0	0	73
WB8SIQ	25	21	23	3	0	72
N8OD	0	28	43	0	0	71
KC8WH	6	28	26	1	0	61
K3RC	8	27	8	1	0	44
KD8UUB	0	30	13	0	0	43
N8BV	0	34	7	0	0	41
KC8PBU	0	13	25	3	0	41
WB8YYS	1	15	12	2	0	30
K8MDA	0	8	14	4	0	26
WB8PMG	0	7	0	3	0	10
N8SY	0	10	0	0	0	10
AC8SB	0	0	2	1	0	3
Totals	49	1023	1047	134	0	2253

Ohio Section PSHR Reports – November 2025

<b>Call</b>	<b>Nets</b>	<b>Traffic</b>	<b>VolPos</b>	<b>PSH</b>	<b>EPSH</b>	<b>PM DS</b>	<b>Total</b>
AD8SM	40	40	20	455	10	10	575
AC8NP	40	40	30	65	0	40	215
N2LC	40	40	30	25	0	20	155
KD8UUB	40	40	10	60	0	0	150
KC8PBU	40	40	30	40	0	0	150
KE4RS	40	40	10	55	0	0	145
N8SY	40	10	30	20	0	40	140
WB8YYS	40	30	20	25	0	10	125
K8MDA	40	26	20	0	0	20	106
W8MAL	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
KC8WH	40	40	20	0	0	0	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	100
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K3RC	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N8OD	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	80
WB8PMG	14	7	0	5	0	0	26
Totals	814	753	310	760	10	170	2817

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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