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This is a weekend off, then we're *Full Bore* into Hamfest Season in the Ohio Section. I wish I could attend all of them, but I have to work within the boundaries set by my family and my time. Nevertheless, I will be out there. My “tentative schedule” is:

Saturday July	20	NOARSFEST in Elyria
Saturday August	3	Columbus Hamfest
Saturday August	10	Cincinnati Hamfest
Sunday August	18	Warren Hamfest
Sunday September	8	Findlay Hamfest
Sunday September	22	Cleveland Hamfest
Saturday October	5	Scioto Valley Hamfest
Sunday October	27	MARC Hamfest

That's a lot of miles! If you attend any of these shows, look for the ARRL Ohio Section table, stop by and say HI! (... ..)

Last week I mentioned “Fraternalism” in the ranks of Ham Radio – these local fests are a good place to meet up with friends/hams that you might not have seen in a while. If you know of someone who would like to travel with you, invite them to ride along! Oh, and don't forget to bring along some cash – you just might find something you need, or just can't live without!

Who remembers the Goodyear Hamfest at Wingfoot Lake Park? That was always one of my favorites. How about the one where the beer truck showed up and the ticket included as many “pours” as you needed! (Probably not going to happen in today's environment) Send me an email (wb8lcd@arrrl.org) let me know what your favorite Hamfest experience was.

It's not just Hamfests – I'm seeing a pretty sharp uptick in organized events to get hams together. Lots of them seem to be around POTA activations, but some others are out there too. A little further down the newsletter you'll see a flyer for the NE Ohio Amateur Radio Round-up! I know it's going to be a fun day for those of you who can attend – and I guess it kind of dispels the saying that there's no such thing as a Free Lunch! Get out there if you can. No one can attend everything that's going on, but get yourself out there – you'll meet up with some *really cool*, and smart Hams that are doing some really neat stuff with the hobby. Make Ham Radio FUN Again! (MARFA – I think I'll put that on a red ball cap)

2024 K3Y Special Event – Scheduled for July 26-28

The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure is participating in a 2024 Special Event as K3Y on July 27, 2024. K3LR Contest Group is hosting us at their station for this event. We will participate in the RSGB IOTA contest as a team of youth operators.

This is the second time a Youth DX Adventure event is being hosted in the USA. As K3LR is one of the largest stations in the world this adventure was truly special for the David Kalter kids and their parents. There were housing issues for our anticipated international trip.

The Youth Team of Ian Alkema (KI8NA) and Lily Colon (W8LIL) are joined by alumni/Youth Mentors of Katie Campbell (KE8LQR) and Grace Papay (KE8RJU).

The trip is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, K3LR Contest Superstation and DX Engineering.

Additional information is available on our youthdxa.org website. Look for us on the regular HF bands.

This program is a *Very Big Deal!* Thank you to the sponsors and supporters. Please get on the air and give them a QSO!

Here is the link to the minutes for Executive Committee Meeting, which was held June 6th 2024:

[Executive Committee Meeting June 2024 Minutes \(PDF\)](#)

You may also access meeting agendas and minutes at www.arrl.org/board-meetings.

Share the Magic of Radio.

73,

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National News

(from ARRL and other sources)

ARRL Board and Executive Committee Meetings

Here is the link to the agenda for the Second Meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held July 19 – 20, 2024:

[Second Meeting of Board of Directors July 2024 Agenda \(PDF\)](#)

You may also access meeting agendas and minutes at www.arrl.org/board-meetings.

Club Grant Program



ARRL FOUNDATION

Administering Programs to Support the Amateur Radio Community

ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program

The ARRL Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the Club Grant Program for 2024.

ARRL Club Grant Program at a glance:

·Click [HERE](#) to apply.

The ARRL Club Grant Program will be accepting grant proposals from June 3, 2024 through July 26, 2024.

- Grants will be available up to \$25,000
- Clubs who receive grants will be required to share updates and reports with ARRL
- Clubs do not need to be ARRL-affiliated clubs or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Emphasis is given to projects that are transformative in nature.
- Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: get on the air projects; ham training and skills development through mentoring; STEM and STEAM learning through Amateur Radio;

station resources for use by the ham community; and emergency communications and public service projects that emphasize training

·Grant funds may not be used for commercial or for-profit projects

Follow the links below for Club Grant application templates:

[Project narrative](#)

[Grant milestones](#)

[Grant project budget](#)

The ARRL has long recognized that it is in the best interests of Amateur Radio to encourage and support amateur radio clubs. Clubs historically have recruited, licensed and trained new radio amateurs and have provided the community setting for radio amateurs to continue their education and training.

Check this site and the ARRL newsfeeds for updated information.

Questions about the Club Grant Program can be sent to clubgrants@arrl.org.

Central States VHF Society 2024 Conference Registration is Open!!!

Hello everybody,

The Central States VHF Society Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA on July 25-27, 2024 is open for registration. A great technical program provides time to see operating rovers and microwave dishes, measure low noise amplifiers, measure your antenna gain, and learn through one and a half days of classroom style presentations.

Our family program shows off three historic facilities in the Cedar Rapids area. The National Czech and Slovak Museum showcases our Czech heritage in Cedar Rapids. The Bruce more Mansion tells the stories of two influential families in Cedar Rapids whose legacy still impacts our community. The Amana Colonies visit begins with a bus tour of the colonies including stops at a communal kitchen, a church, and museum. Lunch and shopping are on your own.

The Friday and Saturday luncheons provide an opportunity to dine with your new and old friends and listen to a very interesting speaker. The banquet provides a great meal, award presentations, keynote speaker, and a prize drawing with thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Amateurs and family members leave with something. We are pleased to announce our luncheon and banquet presentations.

Friday Luncheon: “902 MHz EME Roving October 2023 - 27 States in 21 Days + WAS #1”, by Peter Van Horne, K6AU

In September 2023, I decided to make a 902 MHz EME roving trip starting October 1, 2023. The goals included AI, W5LUA, completing WAS #1 on 902 and helping the other active 902 EME operators complete as many states as possible.

Saturday Luncheon: “A DXer’s Gridpedition to EN67. Or What’s a Guy Like YOU doing in a place like this?” by Tom Vinson, NY0V

In this presentation, Tom will take you through his journey from HF DXing until he went on his first solo Gridpedition to EN67 in June 2023. Topics will include how he decided which grid to activate, the equipment and system used, how it turned out, and the lessons he learned.

Saturday Evening Banquet Keynote: "Sights Along the Way or Snorkel and Bounce" by Karen Orzech and Lance Collister, W7GJ

Lance and Karen will share their adventures in visiting exotic locations that Lance activated on 6 meter EME while Karen pursued photography and snorkeling hobbies.

You may wonder what happens at a Central States VHF Society Conference. The following paragraphs describe the highlights of a conference. When you attend, you can experience all of these functions. You also meet many people who enthusiastically embrace activating the higher bands. There are many propagation and communication modes to experience.

Two antenna ranges provide an opportunity for members to measure the gain performance of their antennas. In past years, new designs performed well. Sometimes, a quick adjustment provided improved performance. Antennas ranging from 144 MHz to 10 GHz can be evaluated.

Low noise amplifiers extend range in weak signal environments. For many bands, amateur radio operators homebrew their own low noise amplifiers. The noise figure measurement bench provides an opportunity for the measurement of noise figure on a world class noise figure analyzer.

Since amateur radio operators rarely experience the show and tell of operational stations, many amateur radio operators bring rovers and microwave dishes to Central States VHF conferences to show other enthusiasts how simple or complex these stations can be. Weather permitting, we will be herded down the line of stations. Each owner then discusses the unique features of their stations.

Vendors display and sell their products in our vendor room. Some products are brand new. Some used. Some vendors salvage test equipment and commercial products to provide items that are useful in the VHF and higher bands.

Members share innovations, adventures, technological advancements, and operating practices in a series of presentations on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The hospitality suites provide an informal opportunity to interact with each other.

The registration link is: [56th Annual CSVHFS Society Conference-Annual Conference](#)

The Room Reservation link

is: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9668829>

Note that we have a special conference room rate when you use the link.

Updated information on the convention can be found on our web site

at <https://2024.csvhfs.org/>

We look forward to seeing you in Cedar Rapids.

Thank you,

Bill Caldwell, N0LN0

President

Central States VHF Society

Rod Blocksome, K0DAS

Vice President

Central States VHF Society

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>

ARES Update

I want to let you know that we still do not have a timeline for the Form 2 and Form 4 to come back online. I do know one of the components that must be back online is very close to being restored and hopefully we can get the forms back soon after that. Things are progressing.

I am happy to let you know that one of the things that has happened is that late last week I was able to access all the saved files such as the Task book updates and ARES Plan update. As promised it did not take me long to complete the last touch ups to those and as of today, they are on the website and ready for use. The Task book is available in both fillable PDF and Word. You can find them at: <https://www.arrl.org/ares> We are also now back to working on the Advanced course and will get it out as soon as possible. It is going to take us a while on it, but I would rather it be right than fast.

Reminder that we will have the SEC Meeting Tuesday July 23 at 8:30pm. I will send the actual teams invite next week.

Everyone stay safe and enjoy your weekends as much as your situation allows.

Thanks for all you do!

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Club Corner

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

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



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.

How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

If your amateur radio club is planning to host a convention, hamfest, tailgate, or swapfest, please consider applying for ARRL sanctioned status for your event. To learn what it means to be an ARRL sanctioned event, and to get some ideas on how to prepare for and conduct a hamfest or convention, visit www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events.

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application.

The ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar can be found online at www.arrl.org/hamfests. In addition, the Convention and Hamfest Calendar that runs in *QST* each month also presents information about upcoming events.

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 2024 are as follows: Januray 20, April 27, July 20, and October 19. 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. The address is 470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/prDyEPp6siJun2ibA>).

Upcoming Exam Dates are

Saturday, March 16th, 2024

Saturday, June 15th, 2024

Saturday, August 10th, 2024

Saturday, October 19th, 2024

We begin registration at 8 AM, with 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 10th; Apr 13th; Jun 8th; Aug 10th; Oct 12th; and Dec 14th, 2024. 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

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. This Sunday we are going to install and learn to use Flgigi, Flmsg, and Flamp. In past sessions we have built antennas, fired up new rigs, and generally had a good time!

The next meeting (Feb 15) will cover the same topic. Bring your laptop!

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 14, March 10, May12, July 14, Sept 15, and Nov 17, 2024. 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 Welch, 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. 9:30-11:00 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 **2024** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 3	Saturday, August 3
Saturday, April 6	Saturday, October 5
Saturday, June 1	Saturday, December 7

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

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

the FCC requires you to provide a FRN (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don't have a FRN, Google "New FRN" and follow the fcc.gov link.

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

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

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)

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

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

Questions: Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org.

Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association

LISBON AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (LAARA) 2024 SCHEDULE.

VE TESTING IS AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AT 215 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OH 44432.

SIGN IN AT 1 PM AND TESTING AT 1:30 PM.

VE TESTING DATES FOR 2024

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

WE CAN ALSO GIVE THE TEST AT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS THAT ARE NORMALLY ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. LAARA MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. SEE THE K8GQB.COM WEB SITE FOR UPDATES.
MEETING TIME IS 6:30 PM.

Madison County

The Laurel testing group will offer 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. No fee.

The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.

Please pre-register at www.milfordhamradio.org

Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)

Six VE testing sessions in 2024. Registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Elaine, KC8FOS for more information or to register. ewilkinson1951@gmail.com or 216-337-4235

Saturday, Jan 6. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Sunday, March 10. NOARS Hamfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM.

Saturday, May 4. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Saturday, July 20. NOARSfest. Lorain County Community College. 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria. 9 AM.

Saturday, September 7. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Saturday, November 2. Fairview Park Library. 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park. 10 AM.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

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

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

Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Doors open at 0830 for registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is \$15. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to www.w8zx.net/exam or email VETEAM@N8BAG.NET.

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

Hold six exam sessions per year for all license classes. Pre-registration requested but not required. Exam sessions for 2024:

Saturday, February 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)
Saturday, April 6th - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)
Saturday, June 1st - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)
Saturday, August 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)
Saturday, October 5th - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)
Saturday, December 7th - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

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/>

2024 ARRL Field Day Log Deadline Approaching



The numbers for ARRL 2024 Field Day continue to grow. As of Thursday, July 11, there were nearly 3,500 entries posted. Remember, the deadline for entries is July 23, 2024. It's a good idea to check the [ARRL Field Day website](https://www.arrl.org/field-day) daily for the latest updates and to make sure your entries are completed. If you see "complete" in the status column, your entries are good. If you see 'pending documents,' it means you need to submit additional forms or make corrections.

The Field Day [Soapbox](#) is up and running. You can post your thoughts and experiences on Field Day activities and read what other amateur radio operators were doing.

Your Club news should be listed here!

I know you're out there doing things! Send me a write-up (MSWord please) and some photo's (.jpg please) and we'll get your club hi-listed here for the other OH Section Clubs to see! Send to WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG

Update the “Jamboree On The Air: this fall at Camp Tuscazoar:

First of all, many thanks go to all clubs who have sent members to the camp over the past four years of putting on this operation. I am unaware of any other such event (combining JOTA with a Scouting merit badge) in Ohio, but I'm sure others will copy eventually.

Our 50th wedding anniversary is this October, and our sons have rented a cabin at Salt Fork to treat mom and dad to a nice weekend with our entire family. That will make it impossible for me to conduct a merit badge session inside Hoover Lodge this year. We are looking for a replacement instructor for a new badge in 2024.

Radio badge was on the docket in 2020 and 2022. In 2021 and 2023 it was Signs, Signals & Codes. The camp and I agreed that these two badges needed a rest, as the number of Troops signing up for the weekend is declining. Once a Scout has a specific badge, there's no sense in earning it a second time. By resting a year or two, we'll allow a new wave of Scouts to cycle through the program.

Jeff Voltz of the Tuscarawas ARC has always coordinated the outdoor JOTA component of this weekend, and he has agreed to do so in 2024 (why mess with a good thing?). We are looking for a BSA registered merit badge counselor who can run a technology-related badge for 50-100 Scouts on October 19 (Saturday). If you are a BSA counselor, you don't need to be told how the program works or what badges are authorized. "Technology-related" is not 100% mandatory, but something like Electricity, Electronics, Digital Technology, Engineering, Orienteering, Search & Rescue, and Weather would have some tie-in with ham radio. To get broader appeal to Troops, pick any badge that can be taught by an enthusiastic leader in a day. First Aid? Any firefighters or paramedics reading this?

One goal of this event is to help the camp by making an attractive weekend for Troops so they will sign up to camp. Other goals are to teach young people on a subject that might lead to a career or hobby, help them get closer to Eagle rank (21 badges needed), and (with the JOTA component) show people something about ham radio.

Key to getting upwards of a hundred participants is to make this an exciting weekend. A Troop must choose an activity to do every time they camp out. Troops can go shooting at a range, explore rough terrain at Nelson's Ledges, canoe down the Tuscarawas river, bike on the Towpath Trail, visit the Lake Erie islands, or any number of adventurous things. The fact we've been successful with a nerdy subject like ham radio speaks to the enthusiasm and dedication of the 25-35 volunteers who help with this event every year.

Time is short. People on this email should know who might be able to step up. Contact myself or Nancy if you need more information, and thank you!

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Canton ARC
Crew 1944

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2nd Annual Northeast Ohio Amateur Radio Round Up

A day full of FUN for amateur radio enthusiasts!

Saturday, July 20th

10am - 6pm

Harry Meshel Picnic Area

Lake Milton State Park

590 Milton Ave, Lake Milton, OH 44429



Editor's Note:

Take a serious look at the above invitation! Looks like a very FUN opportunity to just hang out and get to know some fellow OHIO Section Hams who are actually DOING IT! Could be a fun activity for *your* club members to participate in and all you gotta do is show up! (It probably wouldn't be a bad idea to let them know you're coming so they can plan appropriately. Let them know at w8wrarc@gmail.com)

ARLD DX news

ARLD025 DX news

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

PHILIPPINES, DU. Christian, F4EBK is QRV as DU3/F4EBK from Luzon Island, IOTA OC-042, until January 2025. Activity is on 20, 15 and 10 meters typically around 0900 and then after 2100z. QSL via F4EUO.

ESTONIA, ES. Ric, DL2VFR is QRV as ES0/DL2VFR from Hiiumaa, IOTA EU-034, until July 15, and then ES8/DL2VFR from Kihnu, IOTA EU-178, on July 16 and 17. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON, FP. Eric, KV1J is QRV as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island, IOTA NA-032, until July 16. He is active on 80 to 6 meters using primarily SSB and FT8, plus some CW, RTTY, and FT4. This includes being an entry in the IARU HF World Championship. QSL to home call.

HONDURAS, HR. Alex, K6VHF will be QRV as K6VHF/HR9 from Roatan Island, IOTA NA-057, from July 13 to 22. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters using mainly digital modes. QSL to home call.

THAILAND, HS. Special event station HS72KING is QRV until July 29 to celebrate the 72nd birthday of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn, HS10A. QSL via LoTW.

HAWAII, KH6. Jim, N6TJ will be QRV as KH7M from the Big Island in the IARU HF World Championship. Activity will be on all HF bands using only CW. QSL via KH6ZM.

AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. A group of operators are QRV as K8R from Tutuila Island, IOTA OC-045, until July 25. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes an entry in the IARU HF World Championship. QSL via HA7RY.

WAKE ISLAND, KH9. Tom, NL7RR is QRV as NL7RR/KH9 for about two weeks. He is active in his spare time on 20 meters using SSB between 0400 and 0800z. QSL to home call.

NORWAY, LA. Carlos, LA9PJA plans to be QRV as LA9PJA/p from Hadseloya, Vesteralen Islands, IOTA EU-033, from July 15 to 26. QSL via LoTW.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event stations OE2XXM and OE5XXM are QRV during July around the 38th International Amateur Radio meeting in Gosau. QSL via bureau.

DENMARK, OZ. Special event stations OZ60IOTA, 5P60IOTA/0, IOTA EU-030, 5P60IOTA/1, IOTA EU-171, 5P60IOTA/2, IOTA EU-172, 5P60IOTA/5, IOTA EU-125, 5P60IOTA/8, IOTA EU-088, and 5P60IOTA/9, IOTA EU-029, are QRV until the end of August to celebrate the 60th anniversary of IOTA, the Islands On The Air program. QSL via LoTW.

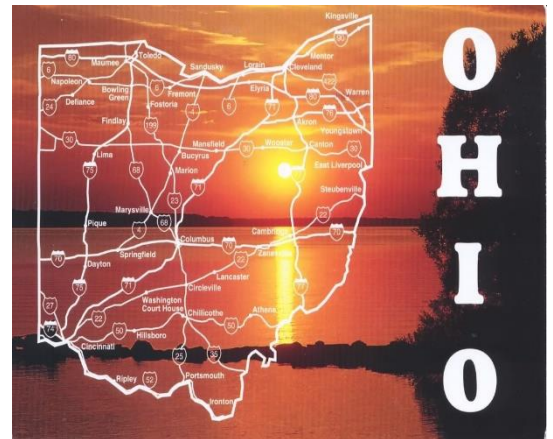
BANGLADESH, S2. Abdullah, S21AF has been active on 17 meters using FT8 around 1930z. QSL via I8KHC.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, VK9L. Jeff, W7BRS is QRV as VK2/W7BRS until August 1. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes being an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via M0URX.

UK SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS ON CYPRUS, ZC4. Adrian, G3KOM is QRV as ZC4MK until July 17. Activity is on the HF bands, with a focus on 6 meters. QSL to home call.

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

Upcoming *Hamfests*



Ohio Hamfests

2024

07/20/2024 - [Ashtabula County Hamfest 2024](#)

Location: Pierpont, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/>

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07/20/2024 - [NOARSFEST](#)

Location: Elyria, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.noars.net>

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07/21/2024 - [Van Wert Hamfest](#)

Location: Van Wert, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8fy.org>

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08/03/2024 - [2024 Columbus Hamfest](#)

Location: Grove City, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

Website: <http://www.columbushamfest.com>

Learn More

08/10/2024 - [Cincinnati Hamfest](#)

Location: Owensville, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Milford ARC

Website: <https://CincinnatiHamfest.org>

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08/17/2024 - [Portsmouth Hamfest](#)

Location: New Boston, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Portsmouth ARC

Website: <https://www.portsmouthradioclub.com>

08/18/2024 - [Warren Hamfest](#)

Location: Cortland, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://www.w8vtd.com/>

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09/08/2024 - [Findlay Hamfest](#)

Location: Findlay, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Website: <http://w8ft.org>

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<p>09/22/2024 - Cleveland Hamfest Location: Berea, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland Website: https://www.hac.org Learn More</p>	<p>10/05/2024 - Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club (NWOARC) Hamfest Location: Lima, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Website: http://www.nwoarc.com Learn More</p>
<p>10/05/2024 - Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Location: Piketon, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Learn More</p>	
<p>10/27/2024 - 2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS Location: N. Canton, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club Website: https://www.w8np.net Learn More</p>	<p>12/07/2024 - Winter Hamfest Location: Archbold, OH Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: FCARC Website: https://k8bxq.org/hamfest Learn More</p>

Plenty of Ohio Section Hamfests on tap for 2024! If you haven't got yours submitted to ARRL as of yet – go back up a couple pages to the top of the “Clubs” section for complete instructions on how to get your fest ARRL Sanctioned!

DX This Week – 07/12/2024

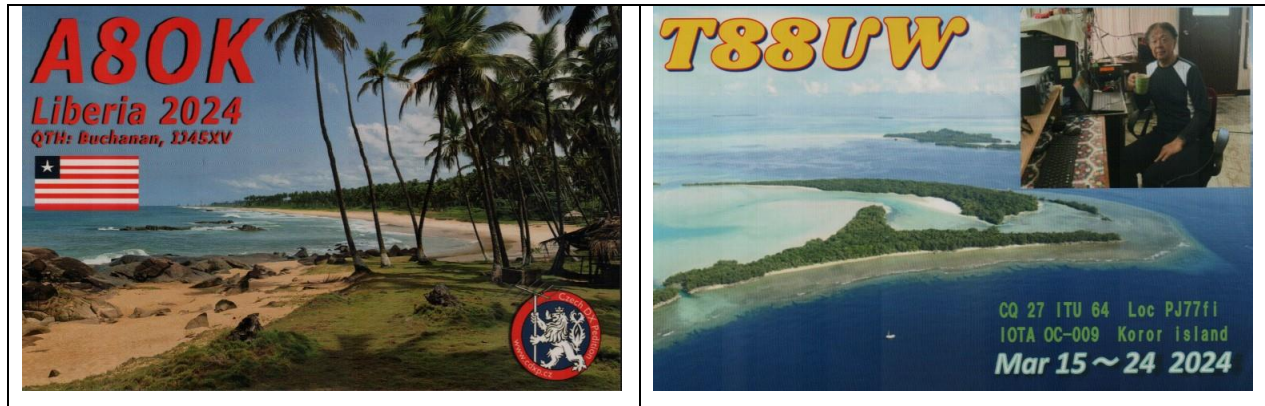
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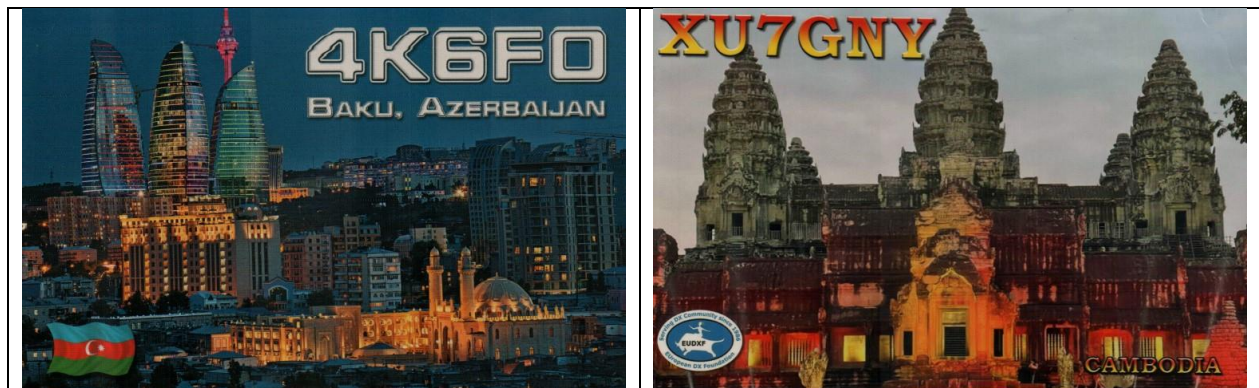


State QSO party season is right around the corner, at least for me. The Ohio QSO party will be held on Saturday, August 24th. I will have more on this later, but the date is getting close. Check <https://www.ohqp.org/> for rules and more information.

Another event to plan for is the Cincinnati Hamfest, (<https://cincinnatihamfest.org/>) sponsored by the Milford Amateur Radio Club. This Hamfest will be held on Saturday, August 10th. The Southwest Ohio DX Association and The DX Mentor will have display tables in the covered area. Please stop by and say “Hello”.

I received several excellent QSL cards in the past week. They included: A8OK, DXpedition to Liberia, T88UW, Ichiro on Palau, 4K6FO, Alim, in Baku, Azerbaijan, and XU7GNY, Thomas, in Cambodia. What did you receive?





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Here is what is happening in the World of DX:

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

The Dateline DX Association (DDXA) will operate as **S9Z** November 11-20 from the small island nation of **Sao Tome and Principe**. This operation will be on 160-6M CW, SSB, and digital modes, using hex beams and tall verticals. They will also be on 432 MHz EME. The team are highly experienced in DXing, DXpeditioning, and contesting. The DXpedition website is under construction, with new information added daily.

Here is an update on E6, Niue Island, which will run from October 22-November 9. SP5EAQ, Jacek, plans a DXpedition to Niue Island, from the same cottage used by E6SP and E6CI, located close to the ocean on a cliff north of Alofi. He will be active during the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB. Jacek has applied for the callsign E6AQ and is waiting for authorization. He will be running an Elecraft K3 and a 600W amplifier. He will be on 80-10M SSB only, using a seven-band GP7 vertical and delta loop or L antenna for 80M. Once he knows that this callsign has been issued, he will launch a website. QSOs will be uploaded daily to Club Log. QSL via SP7DQR and LoTW, a few weeks after the DXpedition.

We have an announcement about **Cocos (Keeling) Island**. Members of RadioKlub KAPA (OM7M) and CDXO will be active as **VK9CV** from Cocos (Keeling) Island November 1-15. They will be active on 160-6M CW, SSB, FT8, RTTY and SAT QO-100. QSL via OK6DJ. More information will be shared in The Daily DX, The Weekly DX, and here as it becomes available. This would be a new one for me, so I will be looking for VK9CV!

The **CY9C, St. Paul** team is grateful to FlexRadio, Inc. for the loan of six complete FlexRadio station set-ups which include a FLEX-6600 transceiver, Maestro™ control head, and a Power Genius (PGXL) amplifier. A seventh FLEX-6700 station will be used for VHF/UHF/EME and satellite. Each station will have its own Honda EU2200i generator. There will be three operating teams whose schedule will slowly rotate through the gray line, so everyone experiences all the propagation. Half of the radios will be used for CW, SSB and digital modes. At any given time, a minimum of three stations will be using the new SuperFox FT8 mode. All antennas will be monobanders, with the exception of 12/17 meters, which will use a duoband beam with a diplexer. Each antenna will have a high-power bandpass filter. The first shipment of equipment will arrive in Dingwall, Nova Scotia, in three weeks and the team will assemble in Dingwall on August 24. Radio operations will start August 26 (weather permitting) and end on September 5 (again, weather permitting). Two helicopters will transport all gear and operators to/from the island, making this the most expensive St. Paul Island operation ever. Visit the CY9C website and follow CY9C on Facebook.

W7BRS, Jeff, expects to be QRV on **Lord Howe Island** by now, and will stay there until August 2, operating as **VK2/W7BRS**. He says, “I’m looking forward to hearing the signals pour in when I drop CQ.” Jeff maintains a blog and will post updates there. QSL via MØURX OQRS. I last worked Lord Howe in 2014 after hearing someone tuning up and asking if the “Frequency is in use?” I answered him and got Lord Howe in the log!

Planning is well underway for the XT2MD DXpedition by the Mediteraneo DX Club, scheduled for October 31- November 11 to **Burkina Faso**. “The only goal, as always, is maximum fun,” reports team leader I8KHC, Ant. The team is seeking input as to bands and modes needed; complete this survey. Survey results will help the team “focus [their] efforts to try to make everyone happy!”

F4BKV, Vincent, plans to be back in **Laos** for several weeks and QRV as XW4KV again. He will be traveling with friends, so his operation may be limited. He plans to get on the QO-100 satellite. After Laos, Vincent will be in Cambodia, where he plans to visit the Ministry of Telecommunications ministry in hopes of being allowed to operate. He says it is very unlikely, but he may be able to lay the groundwork for future visits.

Here is an update from **Lance, W7GJ**, regarding **ZD9, Tristan da Cunha**.

Hello 6m DXers!

I finally received an email this morning that my August berth from Capetown to Tristan da Cunha has been assigned to an electrician that they need to service the electrical system on the island. I have requested to be put on the waiting list for a berth on the MV Lance departing Capetown on September 18 and a berth on the MFV Edinburgh to leave the island on October 27.

Of course, the possibility exists that I will be bumped for a third time if there are higher priority passengers needing the berth. All my equipment is checked, packed and sitting here ready to go with me on the next DXpedition - I just need a confirmation of passage.

In the meantime, I am also investigating the possibility of activating another rare DXCC for the first time on 6m EME, in case the ZD9 trip is canceled again. I was hoping that ZD8 could be a backup location, but research has shown that there currently is no place to operate and only friends and relatives of those already living on the island are issued visas to enter ZD8. I am still investigating the possibility of H40 and D6, but neither of those DXCC currently have good lines of communications, so it is taking longer to move forward on those. In the meantime, fingers are still crossed for ZD9!

Thanks for your patience and understanding! I will provide updates as soon as more information is available!

GL and VY 73, Lance

If you are into the digital modes, this is for you!

SuperFox is now available. WSJT-X and WSJT-X Improved are both available for download. These new versions include SuperFox mode. Says K1JT, Joe Taylor, “SuperFox mode is a powerful new tool that helps DXpeditions to make digital QSOs at very high rates.” Taylor also says that “the first significant uses [of SuperFox) will be by K8R in American Samoa, and N5J in Jarvis Island.”

In the new version, DX stations operating as the SuperFox will need a key, which will be supplied to qualified DXpeditions by the Northern California DX Foundation after September 1, 2024. “In its early phase-in, we are moving slowly and deliberately,” explains Taylor.

SuperFox mode behaves operationally like the old-style Fox and Hound mode, but uses a new constant envelope waveform for Fox transmissions. Messages can be transmitted simultaneously to as many as nine Hounds with no signal- strength penalty, resulting in a system gain of about +10 dB compared to the older Fox-and-Hound operation with five slots. Right-clicking on the FT8 button toggles SuperFox mode on/off for either Fox or Hound, allowing quick transitions between SuperFox and old-style Fox and Hound operation.

Note that Hounds must use either WSJT-X 2.7.0-rc5 or WSJT-X _improved 2.7.1-devel "240701-RC5" (or a later release, when available) to receive SuperFox messages.

All versions of WSJT-X improved now provide high DPI scaling (4K support). This function is enabled by default but can now be switched off via the checkbox at Settings/Advanced. The high DPI scaling feature usually results in a better and proportionally correct display of the control elements on high- resolution monitors (2K, 4K, 8K, etc.). However, this applies primarily to Microsoft Windows. The code should theoretically also work on Linux, but this depends on the distribution. MacOS offers its own 4K support out of the box.

K8R made its first SuperFox QSO with W7YED on July 9 on 15M. The remote operator was N1DG. Further details on SuperFox mode can be found in the SuperFox User Guide and on the Jarvis Island 2024 DXpedition home page. A video is also available.

In addition, AJ8B, W8GEX, and AA7A talk about SuperFox on "The DX Mentor" on YouTube and Spotify.

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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!

By this time the IARU HF DX contest will be well underway. The next contest to prep for is the WAE DX CW contest August 10th. I will have details on that next week. That is a very challenging contest, but a lot of fun.

Another contest that is near and dear to me is the Ohio QSO Party. That will be held on August 24th and I will have details on that soon as well.

Contest	Start Date	End Date
IARU HF World Championship	7/13/2024	7/14/2024
North American QSO Party - CW	8/3/2024	8/4/2024

10-10 Intl. Summer Contest, SSB	8/3/2024	8/4/2024
WAE DX Contest - CW	8/10/2024	8/11/2024
Maryland-DC QSOP	8/10/2024	8/11/2024
North American QSO Party - SSB	8/17/2024	8/18/2024
World Wide Digital DX Contest	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Hawaii QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Ohio QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Kansas QSOP	8/24/2024	8/25/2024
Colorado QSOP	8/31/.2024	9/1/2024
Tennessee QSOP	9/1/2024	9/2/2024
All Asian DX Contest, SSB	9/7/2024	9/8/2024
ARRL September VHF Contest	9/14/2024	9/16/2024
Texas QSOP	9/21/2024	9/22/2024
New Jersey QSOP	9/21/2024	9/22/2024
CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY	9/28/2024	9/29/2024
Maine QSOP	9/28/2024	9/29/2024

OHIO'S



Last week it was reported of the passing of Hillsboro's Tom Archibald, K8TDA. Tom was a graduate of a **Highland ARA** class and was serving as the Club's representative to the Highland County EMA Board. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Hillsboro Church of Christ on Saturday, July 20. Visitation begins at 10 AM with services at Noon. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Lisa, his family and his many friends.

Also last week we announced the **Jackson County ARA** and **Portsmouth RC** are in need of a certified tower climber. Now we can add a third need for such a person. Bob Mathews, K8TQK, is in need of a climber or high lift operator to complete a project for him that another climber abandoned. The JCARA anticipates a new repeater site and they have no member who is a certified climber and the PRC needs an antenna inspection. If you know of someone who has the certification and is insured, please contact Julie Angle, KF8AJK at 304-445-1293 for the JCARA or Gary Miller, KB8SRN for the PRC. Mathews can be contacted at 740-656-4051.

Speaking of Bob Mathews, K8TQK, we offer our congratulations to him for his showing in a recent ARRL VHF/UHF Contest. According to the July *QST*, Bob led the Great Lakes Division in the Single Operator, Analog Only, High Power class.

The July *QST* also acknowledged the participation of the **OH-KY-IN ARS** and the **Athens County ARA** in the December ARRL 10-Meter Contest.

Although there are no hamfests or swap meets during July in Ohio's South 40 Region, there is an antique and classic radio swap meet on July 20 at the **West Virginia Museum of Radio and Technology** in Huntington, WV. It gets underway at 8 AM with an auction beginning after lunch.

Members of the **Athens County ARA** will assist with communications at the Athens Gravel Challenge on July 20. It will be held at the Bailey's Trail location. Contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, at 740-541-0972 for information about how you can assist.

The **Hocking Valley ARA** will hold their next Foxhunt on Saturday, July 20. It gets underway at 9:45 AM. More information may be found on the Club's website.

Pickaway and Fairfield Counties have added new hams to their populations. Let's welcome Teresa Rhodes, Hayden Lansinger and Sean Atwood (all from Lancaster) and Thomas Congrove from Ashville to our ranks. Teresa is now KF8BSJ, Sean is KF8BSR, Hayden is KF8BST and Thomas holds the KF8BSM call sign. WELCOME.

Throughout our area we are fortunate to have several clubs with VE teams who hold license examinations monthly or on a frequent basis. Some others hold sessions whenever the demand is there. Even others hold tests during special events such as during hamfests. The **Highland**

ARA will assist the **Milford ARC** during the upcoming Cincinnati Hamfest by conducting a test session on August 10 event in Owensville. Although walk-ins will be accepted, you may preregister on the Cincinnati Hamfest website.

Although July hamfests in this part of the state are slim pickins and require some travel to find one, we're excited to learn that the outlook for August gives us at least one we can attend almost every weekend. The **Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit** kicks the month off with their annual show at the Shrine Center in Grove City from 8 AM until 1 on August 3. Then on Saturday, August 10, the **Milford ARA** sponsored Cincinnati Hamfest will be held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. Also on August 10 the **Tri-State ARA** will hold its annual hamfest at the New Baptist Church, 610 28th Street in Huntington beginning at 8 AM. On the 17th the **Portsmouth RC** Hamfest takes place in New Boston. It has recently received an ARRL sanction. The **Buffalo 10 Meter Net**'s 4th annual swap meet is Saturday, September 21 and is held in conjunction with the annual Leavitt Funeral Home's Festival and Car Show. The Pike County Fairgrounds at Piketon again hosts the **Scioto Valley ARA**'s hamfest on October 5. A new hamfest entry this year is the W8VCO **Vinton County ARA** swap fest on October 26 at the community building in McArthur. Before COVID forced the **Grant RC** to discontinue the Georgetown hamfest it usually marked the final hamfest in Southern Ohio for the year. But the cry to bring it back has been deafening. It's great to know the Club responded to the request and will attempt to return its days of glory to Georgetown on Saturday, November 9.

Although Saturday, September 7 is still several weeks away, the clock is quickly ticking towards it. You ask what is so special about September 7? Well that is the date when the growing annual **Portage County ARS** sponsored Ohio State Parks on the Air event will happen. This year marks the 17th anniversary for this popular operating event/contest. As of June 30 the www.OSPOTA.org website shows only 27 parks anticipating activity with a good number of parks in the South 40 not showing planned activity. Let's try to change that by activating a park not normally heard from. This means there is a good opportunity for a club or individual to spend some time in one of our state parks and make state park and POTA chasers happy while you enjoy the outdoors. Or why not challenge a neighboring club to a friendly wager?

Bill Garringer, N8SBT, informs us the July 20 **Fayette ARA** breakfast gathering will be held at the Ranchers Restaurant in Washington CH. The location is on Elm Street near Washington High School. Bill also tells us there is thought being given to change the time for their Tuesday evening 147.27 net to 9 PM to make it more convenient for folks to check in.

Please remember that the **Highland ARA**'s Monday Night 147.21 Net has been changed back to the original 9 PM. The new starting time began with the July 1 net and will remain in effect year round.

I recently noted the passing of Jerry Becker, WA8R, of Leesburg. On August 24 there will be a Celebration of Life at the Leesburg Fire Hall from 1 to 5. Jerry was known throughout the region for his ability to fix almost anything electronic. He had been a technician for Yaesu at their old Cincinnati repair facility.

I have noted many clubs around the country are now doing a Parks on the Air activation as an official club activity. In our region, the **Athens County ARA** is going to activate Strouds Run State Park on July 21. I believe the **Southern Ohio ARA** recently did one or is planning for one from a park in their area. These type of activities are great for training new hams on how to operate during an event like the upcoming Ohio State Parks on the Air in September.

Because of the July 4 holiday, the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARA** cancelled their July business meeting. Their next meeting will be on August 1. Additionally the Club reminds members and others interested in ham radio of the monthly breakfast gathering. This month it will be on Saturday, July 20 at the Lancaster Frisch's and gets underway at 9 AM.

On Sunday, August 4 the **Cambridge ARA**'s Waller-McMunn Radio Museum will be open to the public. The Museum honors the establishment of radio station WEBE in 1924 and it serving the Cambridge/Guernsey County area until it was removed to Zanesville and became WHIZ in 1929.

Low power FM broadcast station WIOH-LP is now on the air. The station is the off-spring of the **Clinton County ARA** who created the idea of Clinton County having its own radio station to serve the residents of that county. CCARA members are commended for all the planning, engineering, finding the community support and finances, building it and putting 95.9 on the air. Thus the CCARA becomes only one of a handful of amateur radio clubs in the nation to have its own broadcast station to serve the public good.

According to Harley Maines, K8HM, he recently received a RadioGram from KC1KVY confirming a contact during the recent *Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air* event. To the best of his recollection, this receipt of a radiogram to confirm a contact with the **Highland ARA**'s K8HO was a first. HARA's Facebook moderator Lori Bitzer, KE8JEH, tells of receiving a message from a chap in Warrensburg, MO telling of hearing "Bainbridge Doug Broyles", KE8ORQ, when listening to the ISS on his HT. Kind of makes you wonder how he discovered Doug to be a HARA member?

In a past column I stated I had been an Ohio activator for the *Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air* and followed that by being a chaser in the annual *13 Colonies* operating event. By the way, I did achieve a clean sweep with all 13 states plus the English, French and Philadelphia bonus stations. It was a fun event, even though there were some "bad apples" making it difficult at times. Some take aways.....

As previously stated it's amazing and disappointing how a lot of hams cannot or will not follow instructions. Last time I told of the K2C activator in Rhode Island who took calls by call district. His calls for stations in the "2" district and would be called by stations in 4 land or other non-2 land call signs. The one that got me was a request for 3s and a 5 called him and pleaded for the contact since he was originally from Rhode Island! Or maybe it was the contact where the caller asked afterwards "Who did I just work?" I couldn't do anything but shake my head. Activators would request stations to spread their calls out to stand a better chance of being picked out-only to be met with nothing but chaos and not being able to clearly hear anyone. And then someone would post a comment on the spotter site about the activator being a "lid" or poor operator because of the way he was taking calls. And then those who get their kicks by putting a dead carrier on the frequency. Again I wonder "What is wrong with some of our fellow operators"? Another thing noticed is based upon vanity call signs, you can't put the blame on just the newer hams. Some calls indicate some of them have been around the block many times.

That's it for this week. It's to be **HOT** this week so don't forget to keep cool, hydrated and radio active.

John Levo, W8KIW

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OHIO SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT – JUNE 2024

OHIO SECTION NETS – JUNE 2024

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS	N/M
BN(E)	132	31	275	30	N2LC
BN(L)	68	50	183	30	WB9LBI
OSN	36	19	392	20	N2LC
OSSBN	1223	376	2131	90	KC8WH

OHIO SECTION PSHR REPORTS – JUNE 2024

WA3EZN	40	40	30	250	0	10	TOTAL	370
AD8CM	30	40	10	240	0	10	TOTAL	330
WB8YYS	38	40	10	170	0	10	TOTAL	268
N2LC	40	40	30	120	0	20	TOTAL	250
KE8ANW	40	10	0	150	0	0	TOTAL	200

AC8NP	40	40	10	40	5	20	TOTAL	155
KD8UUB	40	40	10	50	15	0	TOTAL	155
N8SY	40	10	30	20	0	50	TOTAL	150
K8MDA	40	40	30	0	0	20	TOTAL	130
KC8WH	40	40	30	0	0	0	TOTAL	110
KE4RS	40	40	10	10	0	0	TOTAL	100
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	10	TOTAL	100
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	TOTAL	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	TOTAL	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	TOTAL	100
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	10	0	TOTAL	100
KV8Z	18	25	10	30	0	10	TOTAL	93
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
N8OD	40	36	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	86
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	TOTAL	80
KA1G	40	20	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	70

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AC8NP-47	KB8GXL-81	KV8Z-25	WA3EZN-100
AD8CM-236	KC8WH-64	N2LC-67	WB8SIQ-82
K8KRA-70	KD8GYI- 37	N8BV-47	WB8PMG-17
K8MDA-48	KD8HB-46	N8MRS-117	WB8YYS-68
KA1G-20	KD8UUB-77	N8OD-36	WB9LBI-50
KA8BJA-62	KE4RS-90	N8TNV-5	
KB8GUN-219	KL7RF-68	W8GSR-92	
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OHIO SECTION LOCAL NETS – JUNE 2024

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS	N/M
BRTN	106	59	209	13	KD8GXL
COTN	220	51	424	26	KV8Z
TATN	285	81	358	30	WG8Z
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BN(E)	68	50	183	30	N2LC
BN(L)	83	64	296	31	WB8LBI
OSN	36	19	392	20	N2LC
OSSBN	1223	376	2131	90	KC8WH

OHIO SECTION PSHR REPORTS – JUNE 2024

WA3EZN	40	40	30	250	0	10	TOTAL	370
AD8CM	30	40	10	240	0	10	TOTAL	358
WB8YYS	38	40	10	170	0	10	TOTAL	268
N2LC	40	40	30	120	0	20	TOTAL	250
KE8ANW	40	10	0	150	0	0	TOTAL	200
AC8NP	40	40	10	40	5	20	TOTAL	155
KD8UUB	40	40	10	50	15	0	TOTAL	155
N8SY	40	10	30	20	0	50	TOTAL	150
K8MDA	40	40	10	10	0	20	TOTAL	130
KC8WH	40	40	30	0	0	0	TOTAL	110
KE4RS	40	40	10	40	0	0	TOTAL	130
W8GSR	40	40	10	0	0	10	TOTAL	100
KB8GUN	40	40	10	0	0	10	TOTAL	100
WB8SIQ	40	40	10	10	0	0	TOTAL	100
N8MRS	40	40	10	0	0	10	TOTAL	100
KL7RF	40	40	10	0	10	0	TOTAL	100
KV8Z	18	25	10	30	0	10	TOTAL	93
K8KRA	40	40	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	90
N8OD	40	36	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	86
KA8BJA	40	40	0	0	0	0	TOTAL	80
KA1G 40	40	20	10	0	0	0	TOTAL	70

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OHIO HF TRAFFIC NETS

BN(E)	Buckeye Net Early - CW
BN(L)	Buckeye Net Late – CW
OSN	Ohio Slow Net - CW
OSSBN	Ohio Single Sideband Net – Phone

OHIO VHF TRAFFIC NETS

BRTN	Burning River Traffic Net serving Cleveland and North Central Ohio
COTN	Central Ohio Traffic Net serving Columbus and Central Ohio
TATN	Tri-State Amateur Traffic Net
TCTTN	Tri-County Traffic and Training Net serving North East Ohio

Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

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

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



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

Ohio Section Cabinet

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Section Emergency Coordinator – Bret Stemen KD8SCL	Section Youth Coordinator – Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
Technical Coordinator – Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK	Affiliated Clubs Coordinator – Amanda Farone – KC3GFU
State Government Liaison – Bob Winston, W2THU	Public Information Coordinator – Elizabeth Klinc - KE8FMJ



Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here's a link that will take you there... <http://arri-ohio.org/sm/s-s.html>

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@arriohio.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:

<http://arrrl-ohio.org/news/index.html>

Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?

We have a webpage where you can download and read all of the newsletters that I get from around the state and even other sections!

Here's the link to the page.... http://arrrl-ohio.org/club_news/index.html

Please, if you don't see your club newsletter posted, it's because I'm not receiving it. Just have your newsletter editor contact me and I'll get your club's newsletter listed on the site!!



We all learn and steal (I mean, share) from each other's work. So, get me your newsletter!!! Send it to: webmaster@arrrl-ohio.org

Chit – Chat, and All That!

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



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



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

Just go to: <http://arri-ohio.org/news/>

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!