



The Wave Bender

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Officer's Meeting:

July 14, 7:00 P.M. At Eat 'n Park, 8051 Market St.,
Boardman - All members welcome

Regular Meeting:

July 21, 7:00 P.M. at Davidson's, 3636 Canfield Rd.,
Cornersburg

Speaker: Gerry Ricciutti
From WKBN

Join us for Dinner before the meeting 6:00P.M.

<http://www.wrarc.net/>

Hi Everyone,

Field Day weekend is over and we had a good turnout of members and visitors. It was a little soggy for the weekend, but our campers and operators were there with their rigs set up and working on Friday. Saturday morning was a bit rainy and breezy but everything was up and ready to go. Steve KC8SOY, our captain, plus Darrin N8DMC and Chris WF8U had our 5 operators and their frequencies ready at 2:00 P.M. The bands were down and really noisy, but those guys were relentless in their pursuit of contacts. Mother Nature didn't cooperate with us as it was stormy with a few downpours of rain during the early afternoon.

Around 3:00 P.M. the sun broke through and we had a lot of members and visitors sign in and bring food for the dinner. Everything was good and we all had a great dinner and good times with friends and guests. Maureen KD8NXS, along with help from Donna Haren and Nancy Williams, had everything set up and ready to go. I thank them for their hard work, as well as those who pitched in to help clean up. Everyone signed a card thanking White House Fruit Farm for letting us use their property for Field Day. It is a great site for set up with great people. Lastly, I want to thank everyone for their get well wishes last week after my little hospital stay. I'm fine now and getting better every day. Thank you all for your wishes and concerns. It feels great to be among people like you. Thanks again and 73.

P.S. We had a nice visit with Scott Yonally, our section manager. I personally want to thank him for visiting us and bringing items for our dinner. Also, thanks to section manager John Meyers for his visit. My thanks to both of them and please come visit us any time.



73, Roy KD8IJF
President

A WORD FROM OUR VP

I am writing this before our annual national Field Day and hope things turn out well. As of now, it looks as if the weather is not going to cooperate with us, but you never know. Our next big event this summer will be the Panerathon which will be held Sunday, August 30, 2015. The Panerathon is sponsored by Covelli Enterprises, Inc. of Warren, OH, who owns close to 300 Panera Bread franchises throughout the region. Last year they had almost 10,000 participants and raised over \$1,000,000 for the Joni Abdu Breast Care Center. This year they are anticipating up to 18,000 participants which makes this one of the largest community fundraising events in the area.

They will have both a 2-mile walk route and a 10K run route. Therefore, we will need as many volunteers as we can get to be able to do our volunteer communications correctly. As of the last count, we have a pretty good number of volunteers for the event, but can always use more. Panerathon.org/ has listed the Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club as a sponsor. Therefore, we want to make sure we do a good job for them on the day of the event.



If you have not signed up to work the Panerathon yet, we will continue to have our sign-up sheet at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 21, at Davidson's Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Road, Canfield, OH 44406. Dinner is at 6:00pm EDT and our meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Our scheduled guest speaker for the meeting will be Gerry Ricciutti, who is a reporter with WKBN and has been in the business over 30 years. We look forward to a great meeting and would like to see all of you there. Until then . . .

73, Joe, W0JO, VP



THE LARGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT IN THE VALLEY
Sixth Annual Panerathon Sunday August 30th
 10K - 2Mile Walk / Run Covelli Centre Youngstown, OH

all proceeds benefit the
Joanie Abdu
 Comprehensive Breast Care Center



MERCYHEALTH
 Foundation
 Mahoning Valley

VOLUNTEERS STULL NEEDED
CONTACT JOE, W0JO OR AL, AB8AA
PANERATHON.ORG/

The Joanie Abdu Comprehensive Breast Care Center (JACBCC) delivers the most accurate prevention, early detection, diagnosis and support services available in an environment of compassionate and coordinated care. We strive to lessen the anxiety of uncertainty by providing the most rapid screening and diagnostic results possible. We provide the entire spectrum of diagnostic breast care services, including screening and diagnostic 3-D digital mammography, breast specific ultrasound with elastography, breast specific MRI, molecular breast imaging, needle localizations, image-guided biopsies, cyst and fine-needle aspirations.

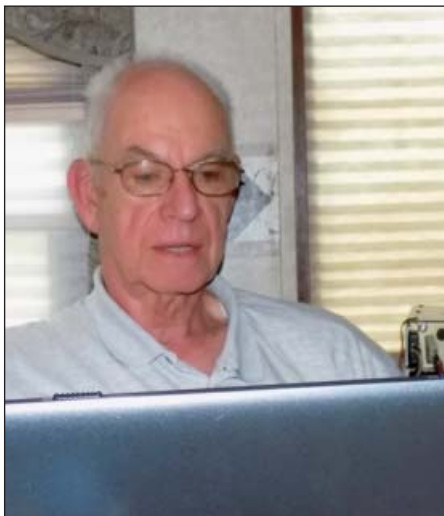


BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

U.S.A. 1776



PAST PRESIDENTS COMMENTS



If you were at Field Day, I hope you had a good time. If you did not come out, WHY did you not come out? I know we have a lot of new Hams. Field Day is the one event that is set up to get us out and operating in not the best of conditions.

If you got into Ham radio to do emergency communications only, then you will spend a lot of time not doing anything.

Working events like Field Day and the events we do for other people is one of the ways to get good at communicating. Being involved with the club and its activities is another way to get experience in Ham radio. Building antennas, working as net control on the Friday night net, working other contests and just talking on the radio is the best way to be sure you are ready for an emergency.

73, AB8AA

WHAT'S COMMING UP?

July 14	Board meeting at Eat 'N Park, Boardman, 6:00 P.M.
July 18	4 th Annual Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference
July 21	Meeting at Davidson's 7:00 P.M.
	Dinner Before the meeting 6:00 P.M.
Aug.11	Board meeting at Eat 'N Park, Boardman, 6:00 P.M.
Aug.18	Meeting at Davidson's 7:00 P.M.
Aug.30	Panerathon, Have you volunteered?
Sept.	Start the election process - run for an office
Sept. ??	Club Picnic Sat. Date TBD
Sept. 8	Board meeting at Eat 'N Park, Boardman, 6:00 P.M.
Sept. 15	Meeting at Davidson's 7:00 P.M.
	Dinner Before the meeting 6:00 P.M.



Amateur Radio Operator "Amateur means we're simply professional volunteers" ARRL reflector

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The happiest and most successful people always find something new to learn.

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Articles from members for the Wave Bender are encouraged. They must be received by the editor one week before the end of the month. Please send your articles to: k8jaa@arrl.net, and put WRARC on the subject line of your email. You may also send your articles to the editor: Jane Avnet, 2050 E. South Range Rd., New Springfield, OH 44443

Join us for the WRARC Friday night Net 9:00 P.M.

145.270, PL -110.9

Upcoming Net Control Operators

July 3 Frank, KD8YZE
July 10 Harry, KD8PQK
July 17 Al, AB8AA
July 24 Jane, K8JAA
July 31 This could be you

Contact Steve, KC8SOY to take a turn at Net Control
330-774-6346



WRARC Simplex Frequency 146.565

Mahoning County ARES® Nets

1st Monday 8.30 PM ET W8QLY Repeater - 146.745 (PL 110.9)

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3rd Monday 8.30 PM ET W8QLY Repeater - 146.745 (PL 110.9)

We thank MVARA for the use of their repeater

W8SGT is facilitating The Ohio HF net every Tuesday - 7:00 PM

The net is run from the State of Ohio EOC on the

Ohio ARES Admin frequency 3875 kHz LSB

moves to 7240 Khz after 20-min.

All are welcome to check in.



**The Ohio ARES/OES Digital Emergency Net held every Tuesday at 8:00PM.
held on 3585 kHz USB.**

Please note all digital communications are Upper Side Band.

<http://www.http://ohden.org/> for net details. Net Manager Gary NJ8BB

COLUMBIANA COUNTY DIGITAL NET

Wednesdays 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

145.510 MHZ SIMPLEX

**NBEMS/FLDIGI is being used training on message handling
capabilities of FLDIGI/FLMSG. Start with BPSK-125 other modes may be used for testing**

**First Wednesday of the Month Mahoning County Skywarn Net
is held on the W8QLY repeater 146.745 (-) at 8:30P.M.**

Thanks & 73

All of our members (and others) look forward (hopefully) to getting this newsletter every month, so keep sending those articles, jokes, and suggestions!

Thanks goes out to this month's contributors; AB8AA, KB8UCZ, W0JO, W8OFB, KC8WY, N8SY, KD8MQ, W5YI, the ARRL and the World-Wide Web.

2015 GREAT LAKES EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages,

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the *Fourth Annual Great Lakes Emergency Communications Conference* on Saturday, July 18th, 2015, at Gilmour Academy Lower School in Gates Mills, Ohio.

We took a year off in 2014 but we're back in full force to bring you one of the best conferences on this side of the Mississippi River ;-) I recruited a veritable pantheon of volunteers to help make this conference a huge success for you. I, for one, am pretty excited for another great conference.

Plans are underway to have training in Broadband Hamnet (formerly called HSMM-Mesh) and Antennas in a Pinch. We're working diligently to bring in professionals in generator power, solar power, and battery power. We're also aiming at have training for the non-ham and new amateur radio operator called Introduction to Communications. This training track will include different types of communications systems such as MURS, GMRS, FRS, and of course amateur radio. We'll go over different types of antennas as well as tips and tricks, do's and don'ts in two-way radio communications.

Our very own volunteer examination team will be staffed and ready for anyone interested in taking their technician license exam.

Go Boxes!!! If you own a go box and would like to show off all your hard work, this conference is definitely the place to make it happen. It's a great opportunity to share ideas and see what others have done. I posted a link on our NEW website www.glecc.net titled 2013 Photos. Check it out to see what I mean.

Emcomm Vehicles!!! Requests have gone out to operators of government owned, privately owned, and club owned communications vehicles and trailers. We've always had a nice turn out. I anticipate the Emcomm Vehicle / Trailer display being better than ever.

My committee and I are dedicated to making this conference the best one yet. But we can't make it a huge success without you. Mark Saturday, July 18.

Dave Foran, WB8APD
dave@hamnet.org

SWAP 'N SHOP



Kenwood TS711 2 Mtr all mode,	\$400
Kenwood TS811 440 All mode,	\$400
Icom IC-271H 2Mtr All mode	\$300
Heathkit HM-102 SWR/Power meter,	\$20
Yaesu FT-411 2 Mtr HH,	\$5
Yaesu FT-208R 2 Mtr HH	\$5
Motorola MH-10	FREE
Astatic D105 Mic	\$10 ea Qty 2
Kantronics PacketCommunicator 3,	\$20
DigiMax, D-500 Freq Counter,	\$10
Electro Voice Model 638 Mic	\$20

If interested make offer. Also I have several towers for sale, contact me for information-

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IN GOD WE TRUST



On June 7 WRARC had a table at the Breezeshooters Hamfest in Butler PA. A few of us met early for breakfast at Kings Restaurant, which is on the way to the Butler, PA fairgrounds where the Hamfest is held. We were inside again this year, which is always a plus. The Hamfest hours were 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., things slowed down around two. Vender participation seemed to be down somewhat from what it was last year. We sold a few things, and NO, we didn't win anything.

Roy, KD8IJF; Russ, NR8W; Al, AB8AA and Jane, K8JAA; Steve, KC8SOY; and Darrin, N8DMC, were first to arrive at our booth to set up. Al brought Radios, Mics, and assorted other Ham related items from various SKs to sell. The setup went quickly with all that help. A number of Members stopped by to give us a hand, or just say HI. Those who signed in: Joe, W0JO; Bob, KD8YYH; Terri, KD8YYE; Devon, KD8SNV; Jo, KD8SNW; Dave, KD8TBB; Warren, KD8WDK. Thanks to all of you for your participation and help.

Friends who stopped by or signed in: Tom, KD8TBB; ACC John Myers, KD8MQ; ASM Anthony Luscre, K8ZT; Mark, K8MSH; EC Wes, W8IC; AEC Frank, WB8LVP; Rich, KB8YHC; Jan, KC8PUO; Don, NN8B; Jen, KB3GXB; Jack, WD8BRJ; Matt, W8DEC; Jackie, N8JMW; Matt, KD8AMG. It was a long day but it was a fun day.



Which is his best side?

WHEN THE GUY STOPS RUNNING, PLACE YOUR CURSOR ABOUT 1 INCH ABOVE HIS HEAD.
NO IDEA HOW THIS IS DONE!!

<http://www.selfcontrolfreak.com/pakken.html>

TEST SESSIONS IN JUNE

June 17 test session.

At our first test session in June we had four people testing either for their Technician License or upgrading. James Dunham II, KE8BOK, and Thomas Madsen, KE8BOL, both passed their Tech. Jason Rister, KD8YYD, successfully upgraded to General. Congratulations to all of you.

Helping AI, AB8AA, with testing were: Dave, KC8WY; Darrin, N8DMC; Bob, AB8OP; Jane, K8JAA; Wes, W8IZC. Thanks for your help.

June 27 Field Day test session

The test session was held under the big white tent the Club rented to use for Saturday night dinner in case of rain. Shortly after testing started a few drops of rain started to fall. Thanks to W0JO and KB3WPD for the coffee and donuts at our test session.

We had three testing for either an upgrade or their first license. We now have one brand-new Extra, Stephen Simon, KD8SPF; a new General, William "Bill" Snyder, KE8ATZ; and a new Tech., William Sheehan Jr. Congratulations to all of you.

William Sheehan came down from North Olmsted. He followed the instructions he found on ARRL's web site. But, ARRL had neglected to update our information, after being notified, so he went to both the Youngstown Municipal Airport and Elser Airport before calling for directions to this year's FD location. Needless to say we waited for him.

We had these eight VEs helping AB8AA with FD testing; Dave, KC8WY; Darrin, N8DMC; Roy, KD8IJF; Jim, KB8QDZ; Joe, W0JO; Stan, KB3WPD; and Jane, K8JAA. We also had Donna and Bill, KD8HCQ, who were there for moral support. Thanks so much for your help.

**William Wolfe, KA8TZX - SK**

June 30, 2015

Please join me and AI in expressing our feelings of sadness at his passing. Losing a friend is never easy!.



LET'S TALK

Hi Gang,
June is HERE!! That means summer is here and all those summer honey-do's are now going to have to be done. Now that it is here and I'm fully retired, I'm finding so many other things that I want to do instead.. You know, like go visit with Ohio's clubs at their club meetings and functions around Ohio. Ah yes, I love to just "pop" in for a visit with all of you.. Don't be surprised, I'm making a very conscience effort to get to as many club functions and meetings as I can. Ohio deserves a full time Section Manager!

CLUB LEADERSHIP.. You need to make sure that your club is involved with youth groups. Make sure that you have a contact with the local Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts as well as a teacher or teachers from the middle schools involved with your club.. Don't forget, the youth of today will be taking over this great "hobby" of ours, but not without your support and willingness to bring them along. These kids are out there, YOU just need to take the first step forward and approach them on it.

CLUB PRESIDENTS.. Are you passing along that vital information that needs to go to your successor?? I'm finding that the reason for a lot of clubs being behind on their club record updates to not only the League, but also to the State of Ohio and the Internal Revenue Service (for those who are 501 (c) (3) organizations) is primarily because the newly elected club president wasn't informed that this was something needed to be done. Let me make a suggestion here.. Put a paragraph or two into your by-laws that state ALL club records are to be reviewed at least once each year, and definitely when a new president takes over. This will help not only the president, but the club members as well. Everyone looking out to see that the club records have been updated is a good thing. You might also want to make sure that it states somewhere who's supposed to be responsible for making sure that the records are completed as well. This way everyone knows who is responsible for what.

FIELD DAY PICTURES.. I want pictures of your Field Day site. I want as many pictures as you can send me. I will have a link on the Ohio Section website that will display them all.. I have a link to the Field Day Locator on the website now.

Are you getting those emails from the Great Lakes Director or Section Manager? Now, for those of you who may not want to go to all the bother of checking your account with the League, or you are just not League members, you still have a chance to get these important emails. All you have to do is to "Opt-In" to receive them. There's a link to do this on the Ohio Section website, it's on the bottom left corner.. For your convenience, here's a direct link to it: <http://arrl-ohio.org/forwarder/forwarding.html>. I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, get signed up for one of these options. You can always "Opt-Out" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting. But, who in their right mind would want to miss out on anything coming out of the Great Lakes Director or the Ohio Section Manager?

The Ohio Section Website.. You can find the Ohio Section Website at: <http://arrl-ohio.org>. If you don't have this website set as your home page, I urge you to do so. This website is one of the exceptions to the rules.. It changes all the time. It's never stagnating, and I would highly recommend that you check into the website at least 3 times per week or more if you can. Yes, it does change that much!

Ohio's Speaker Bureau.. Need a speaker for your club meeting? I'm available. Please, feel free to give me a call. I'll do my very best to be at your function.

There's another NEW one question questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website. I change the question at hand about once every couple of weeks or so. It only asks one question and it will take all of about 5 seconds for you to answer it, and you can see how your answer stacks up with others instantly. Oh, by the way, there's also a one question questionnaire on the Great Lakes Division website as well. Why? Because Dale (you know him don't you?? He just happens to be our Great Lakes Director) would like to know how you feel about the question posted there.



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Are you a member of the ARRL?? If you aren't a League member, this is a great opportunity to become one. Want more information on how to join? Here's the link: <http://www.arrl.org/membership-levels>. There's even a 90 day FREE trial that you can apply for if you've never been a member.. Got questions about being a member or what the League is all about? Send me an email.. n8sy@arrl.org I'll be happy to call or write to you or even call you if you've given me your phone number. We can even have coffee if you'd like.. and I'll buy!!

Ok.. I know that I push the website and website edition of the Ohio Section Journal a lot.. I'm even sure some of you think it's way toooooo much. But, the main reason for pushing this so hard is that it's where all the news is.. Yes, I know that there are some who don't even own a computer and won't own one either, and that makes me very sad. Not that they won't own a computer, but they are missing out on so much that's going on because of it. These a lot of very good and exciting news and happenings on the Ohio Section website..

LAST ITEM..

Division Conference.. The Great Lakes Division will be holding a Division Conference this year in conjunction with the Columbus Hamfest on August 1st. There's going to be lots of great forums that will be of particular interest to ARES / NTS folks, as well as those who are not as involved. These forums are a combined effort of all 3 of the Section Emergency Coordinators and Section Managers in the Division, as well as other experts in their fields from all around the Great Lakes Division. This is the only place that you can get that type of ARRL sanctioned training with that level of expertise. Don't miss out on this opportunity. And, since we know that your time is very valuable to you, we have combined all of this with a Hamfest. FUN, training and a Hamfest all rolled up into one day, and one very exciting event.

OH, BY THE WAY, HERE ARE THE FORUMS.

NTS/OSSBN, ARES, NVISX, DX, Digital Voice, HF Sound Card Modes, and of course there will be the ARRL Forum where a number of awards will be given out as well. And even a special event will happen this year.. YES, there IS a Wouff Hong scheduled this year as well!!

Now if that isn't enough to get you to come, then let me tell ya' this.. we will have a special guest from the League there as well!! Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, who is the Educational Service Manager will be there to answer your questions and let you in on what's happening at the League. WOW.. Lots of things to do and see at the Convention!!

Look for the specific details of this event and the forums on the <http://arrlgreatlakes.org> website. Now you ALL definitely have a stake in the Division Conference!! Your attendance will definitely be even more demanding and exciting. Make sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, August 01 at the Aladdin Shrine Hall (just across the street from Easton Mall) on Seltzer Road in Columbus. Be there, or be square.

73, Scott Yonally, N8SY - Section Manager
n8sy@arrl.org

On landing, the stewardess said, 'Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have. '



Devon, KD8SNV,
son of Dave, KD8SDZ, & Jo ,KD8SNW,
spent Field Day at
2015 Ohio Civil Air Patrol Encampment

FIELD DAY 2015



Field Day 2015 will have to go down as the rainiest most miserable in history. Friday's weather was so nice, but quickly went down hill on Saturday. We had planned on being out in front at Whitehouse Fruit Farm, but with the rain we were set up on top, back by their fields, which turned out to be the better spot. There was a flowing stream out front where we had hoped to set up. Job well done to the Field Day committee: Steve, KC8SOY, our FD Captain, Darrin, N8DMC, and Chris, WF8U. Special thanks to Russ NR8W, for letting us all use his generator, it was appreciated. With no sun, solar wouldn't have worked at all.

We had more operators than usual, which is good and the reason for Field Day. Field Day is part educational event, part operating event, part public relations event – and ALL about FUN! To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands, and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

Did I mention the yummy blueberry donuts we had while finishing set up early Saturday?. Saturday night dinner was as wonderful as always. Our thanks to KD8NXS and her helpers, Donna and Nancy, for making it successful. KD8DWV sent her usual cake, but couldn't make it this year, she had to work! Chris's mom sent her special Field Day cake complete with our logo done in icing. All the food was excellent! We have some very good cooks.

We had nineteen guests which included our Section Manager Scott Yonally, N8SY, and Affiliated Clubs Coordinator John Myers, KD8MQ. A couple of the guests who came, showed an interest in joining WRARC.

Twenty-seven members attended at least once, twelve hardy members were out all three days. Those who came out three days: AB8AA, K8JAA, KB3WPD, KC8SOY, KC8SPF, Donna, KD8IJF, N3DZH, N8DMC, Nancy, NR8W, W0JO, & WF8U.

Other members who came out to operate or help KA8SEI, KD8NXR, KD8NXS, KD8PQK, KD8YML, KD8YMK, KB8UCZ, KB8VRF, KC8WY, KD8IJE, KD8PBW, KD8YZE, KE8ALR, & KD8YMI. Note: These were the members who signed in.

We missed KD8YYE and KD8YYH they planned on being at Field Day, but were called to AZ to attend a funeral for a family member. We are so sorry for your loss!

ye Ed, Jane, K8JAA





FCC CHAIRMAN, LAWMAKERS AGREE TO SCALE BACK FIELD OFFICE SHUTDOWNS

Leaders of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee have reached agreement with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to amend the Commission's plans — announced in March — to close FCC field offices. Under the revised plan, the FCC will keep 15 of its 24 field offices open. The plan would “ensure better rapid response capabilities for the West, provide a mechanism for escalating interference complaints, improve enforcement of the FCC's rules against pirate radio operators, and prevent the Commission from transferring field office jobs to FCC Headquarters,” a Committee media release said. The FCC has been under pressure from lawmakers and others to step back from the its plan to close two-thirds of its field offices.



“We found a good solution that makes sense. These changes will keep field offices open in strategic locations and help ensure that the commission can fulfill its responsibilities to the public and public safety communities,” said Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Greg Walden, W7EQI. “This agreement strikes a balance between the important work of FCC field agents and streamlining field operations to ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Positive outcomes often result from collaborative work. This agreement represents just such an effort.”

As a result of the announced agreement a June 11 hearing of Walden's subcommittee to address the proposed closings was cancelled. ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, was among those prepared to testify at the session.

The closure plans were revealed earlier this year via an apparently leaked internal FCC Enforcement Bureau (EB) memorandum that indicated Bureau planned to ask the full Commission to cut two-thirds of its field offices and eliminate nearly one-half of its field agents. At the same time, the Bureau would develop a so-called “Tiger Team” of field agents as a flexible strike force it could deploy as needed.

After the League learned of the field office closure plans, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, expressed dismay at the proposals, coming “at a time when the Field staff is facing ever-increasing challenges.” Sumner also had expressed concern “that there is already no sense of urgency in the FCC's enforcement activities targeting spectrum polluters, such as utilities with noisy power lines, or the few violators in our own ranks.” The League has been working behind the scenes at the FCC and on Capitol Hill to make a case that more enforcement leads to better compliance in all services.

Under the proposals, initiated last fall, the field office geographic footprint would have been reduced from 24 sites to 8 sites, with the EB set to “pre-position” equipment in several other strategic locations. Offices already slated to remain open are New York City; Columbia, Maryland — the site of the Bureau's HF Direction-Finding Center; Chicago; Atlanta; Miami; Dallas; Los Angeles, and San Francisco. The other offices the FCC plans to keep open were not announced.

“Communities across America will continue to be served, even as the Commission becomes more efficient — it's a win-win,” said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Fred Upton of Michigan. “It also demonstrates how much we can accomplish when we work together to tackle the many tough issues we face

Courage is not the absence of fear...

Courage is taking action in the face of fear !

AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT OF 2015

League Continues Efforts to Secure Senate Sponsorship for Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015

ARRL representatives are continuing efforts on Capitol Hill to secure sponsorship for a Senate companion bill to the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R. 1301. ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, is optimistic that Amateur Radio Parity Act legislation will be active in both the US House and Senate this summer. The proposed legislation, which has bipartisan support, would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions.

"Progress has been made on a US Senate version of the bill," Henderson said this week. "We've had some very positive feedback on the Senate side, and we believe a companion bill will be submitted there soon."

Henderson stressed that when a companion US Senate bill is "dropped" -- submitted, in congressional parlance -- it will have a completely different number than the current House bill, H.R. 1301. Once that happens, ARRL members will be urged to contact their two US senators to encourage them to cosponsor the Senate bill. Until then, he stressed, League members should refrain from contacting any US Senators, because the only active bill is the one in the US House -- H.R. 1301.



"You can't ask US Senators to cosponsor a bill in the US House," Henderson said, "and you can't ask US House members to cosponsor a bill in the US Senate."

Henderson has been sorting through letters from ARRL members for hand-delivery to Capitol Hill. He advised that letter writers must include their name and address on their correspondence, because members of Congress are interested in voters. He said letters that are not signed, that don't include the constituent's address, or that are directed to the wrong Member of Congress cannot be used.

Henderson has spent a lot of his time recently meeting with congressional staffers and occasional US House members, in an effort to gain additional cosponsors for the bill. As of June 25, there were 79 cosponsors of H.R. 1301, and Henderson said he anticipates a few more House members will sign onto the bill soon.

The latest cosponsors of H.R. 1301 are Rep David Rouzer (NC) and Rep Janice Hahn (CA).

ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND.

"The bill is being well received," Henderson said, "and we anticipate a mark-up session in the House Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet after the August recess, and following that, hearings will be scheduled." US Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI, chairs the subcommittee that will consider the bill.

Henderson said the Congress's upcoming August recess would be a good time to meet with lawmakers while they are in their home states and districts. He suggested contacting a House member's local constituent office to arrange a visit. "It is not too early," he added. "Perhaps you could convince the member of Congress to visit your club meeting." He also recommended that those interested in following the trajectory of H.R. 1301 should sign up to receive the ARRL's free Legislative Update Newsletter.

ARRL members are encouraged to contact their member of Congress by writing personalized, signed letters on paper, based on the sample letter available on the ARRL HR 1301 web page. Letters should include the constituent's address. Send letters to ARRL Headquarters for hand delivery to the appropriate House members to: ARRL, ATTN HR 1301 Grassroots Campaign, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111.

OHIO QSO PARTY RULE CHANGES..

From Jim Stahl, K8MR

The Mad River Radio Club and Ohio QSO Party Committee are pleased to announce significant changes in the Ohio QSO Party, effective for the 2015 event which will be held on Saturday, August 22.



We have decided to replace the serial number in the contest exchange with a signal report. While it was fun to watch the competition in real time, we believe the confusion caused with an exchange format different from that used in other concurrent events caused people to avoid participating in the OhQP if they were also involved in one of the other contests. So now, one can just treat the multiple contests as one big one covering several states and work everybody with the same exchange.

Secondarily, keeping track of serial numbers made things difficult for mobiles while in motion, and often caused confusion for multi-operator efforts using several operating positions.

We will be contacting software developers to update their software to the new OhQP exchange. While we hope all will be able to get updated logging software in time for the 2015 OhQP, for now we will still be able to process logs showing a sent serial number; just log the received RS(T) in the received number field.

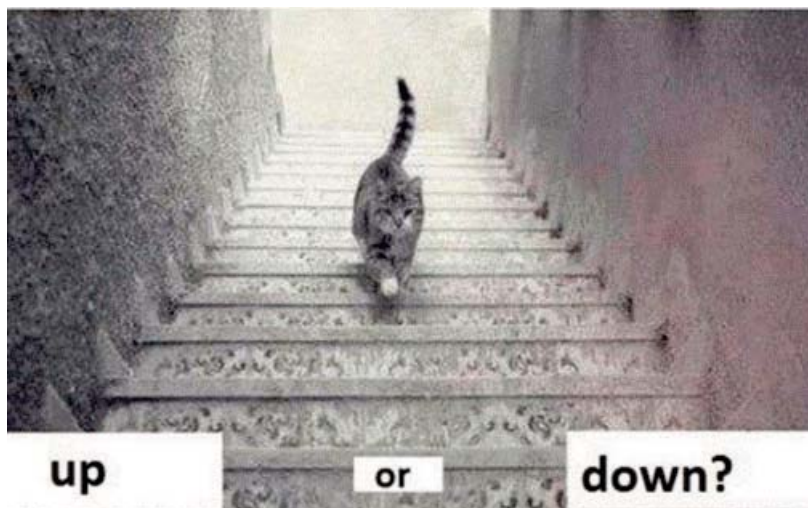
In a second, relatively minor change, the use of CW Skimmer and similar automated spotting tools will be allowed for single operator stations. (Note - the use of the regular spotting networks by single operators has been allowed for many years). We do hope that stations using Skimmers will share their bounties of cool OhQP stations found with the rest of the world via the regular DX Clusters.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of you in the 2015 Ohio QSO Party, Saturday, August 22, 1600Z to 0400Z August 23! <http://www.ohqp.org/>

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS STATIONS IN OHIO

07/11/2015 | Commemorating Alliance, OH as the home of Taylorcraft Aviation

1400Z-2000Z, KD8MQ, Alliance, OH. Alliance Amateur Radio Club. 28.260 21.260 14.260 7.260. Certificate & QSL. John Myers, 910 W Mill St, Alliance, OH 44601. We will be operating SSB, on these frequencies. Other bands, & modes may be attempted. Check our QRZ page for details www.w8lky.org



RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Stroke has a new indicator!

Blood Clots/Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue

STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters..... S. T. R.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently - i.e. Chicken Soup)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue!

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

Jim, W8OFB

4th of July.....

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=KcuDdPo0WZk

Bill Pasternak,

WA6ITF, SK

1942 – 2015

Amateur Radio Newsline

President & Co-Founder

Producer/Writer



Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, became a silent key June 11, 2015

The Amateurs

There's something about them you've got to admire,
They work for the love of the task, not for the hire.
Every one of them's blessed with the heart of a boy!
What's a job to the drudge unto them is a joy.
While we to our regular schedules are keeping,
the amateurs do without eating or sleeping.

They worry their wives since so short is the day -
they don't get to bed when they should, but they stay
sending calls on the air; catching calls from afar -
and I think as I hear them how patient they are!
How much better we'd work here if only we knew it
in that Amateur spirit of wanting to do it.

Professionals weary sometimes and they shirk,
since they're paid to perform they look on it as work.
They begin with reluctance,
they're glad when they're through,
and they measure in money whatever they do.
But the Amateur never begrudges a minute,
he goes to the job for the joy that is in it.

So here's to the Amateurs - brave hearted throng -
though short be their waves, may their lives all be long.
May the wisdom they gain and the joys which they reap
make up for the nights when they go without sleep.
And may we - in their spirit and deep understanding of
work and its joy - keep our Amateur standing!

Edgar A. Guest 1934



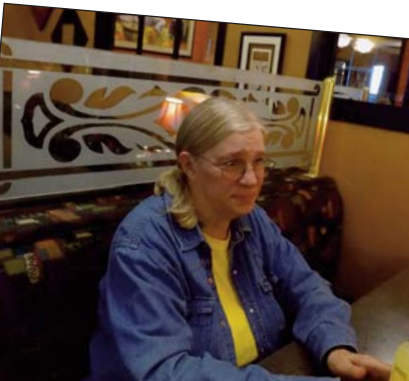
THE RIVERSIDE RAILROAD TRAIN CLUB,
Mahoning Valley's only public large scale Garden Railroad Club, will be
at the Trumbull County Fair July 14 to July 19, 2015
in the Trumbull Career & Technical Center.

Come and see the trains run.

Joan KBUCZ



JUNE MEETING



July 2015

PREPAREDNESS LEADS TO READINESS - MATT W8DEC



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Skywarn Net 8:30 P.M. 146.745	2 I Forgot Day	3 WRARC Net 9:00PM 145.270 Swap n' Shop Ask the Elmers	4 
5	6 ARES Net 8:30 PM 146.745 PL 110.9	7	8	9	10 WRARC Net 9:00PM 145.270 Swap n' Shop Ask the Elmers	11
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