

The Ragchewer



Mount Pleasant overlooking the Fairfield County Fairgrounds in the fall. 2015 Fairfield County Fair will be here October 11-17, 2015. The Budweiser Clydesdales will be here again. Enjoy yourself. Remember this is the last county fair in Ohio.



October 1, 2015





The monthly newsletter of the Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club

Club Meetings :

1st Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse.

Clubhouse Location:

P. O. Box 3
1611 Grandville Pike,
LANCASTER, OH 43130
Near Lancaster on State
Route 37 North (Granville
Pike) next to Beavers Field.
Across from the Ohio
University-Lancaster Branch
campus.

Nets:

Mondays at 9:00 p.m.
147.03 MHz (+.6)
146.70 MHz (-.6) Alt. Freq.

Packet:

BBS 145.53MHz
K8QIK-1 BBS
K8QIK-2: Ohio53

Weather Spotter Net:

146.76 Repeater with 123Hz
tone Tuesday at 7:30 PM
Alt frequency 147.24 MHz

ARRL Membership

When you join the ARRL, or renew your membership through the club, we retain \$15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more), and we retain \$2 for each renewal. Please support our club, it doesn't cost any more. Send or give all paperwork to Treasurer with your money.

VE Test:

VE test sessions on 3rd Thursday at 7 pm. Call Robert Northrup, KC8PSW (614-323-1901). For more details go to www.k8qik.org

Free Swap and Sell

If you have anything ham radio related, you can swap it or sell it here. List your items for free. Give a price and how to contact you. Send the list to Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG or Ragchewer Editor at ragchewer@sbcglobal.net

HAMFESTS

To find a convention or hamfest near you, click [here](#)

Special Event Stations

<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

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October 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m., Paul, KB8CMW called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was one application for first review Zachary Morrison, KE8AFN and one for second review Luke Hamlin, KE8BVC.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the September meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, K9ULO made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John, W8OF. All were in fav

Roll call taken tonight: 20 members in attendance with two guests, Luke Hamlin, KE8BVC and Zack Morrison, KE8AFN.

Adam	KE8AFP	Greg	KD8SSJ
Brent	KD8MGR	Jack	AE8P
Carolyn	KE8AFM	Jeffrey	KE8AME
Charlie	N8KZN	John	K9ULO
Connie	N8LPC	John	W8OF
Dave	KD8MOY	Mary	KD8EEI
Dave	WB9PXH	Paul	KB8CMW
Dennis	KB8WR	Paul	KD8DDD
Ed	WD8PGO	Robert	KC8PSW
Gary	W8GTS	Rodd	KE8AMC

Treasurer's Report: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

ED gave the treasurer's report and Robert, KC8PSW made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Adam, KE8AFP. All were in fav

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

No report

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John reported that he will try to get the website up to date.

Volunteer Exam Coordinator: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert reported 5 tests were administered in September – 3 technicians, 1 general and 1 extra and they all passed. Next testing session will be October 15th at **7:00 p.m.** at the clubhouse 2nd floor.

Monday Night Net

10/5/15 John Dolske, K9ULO
10/12/15 Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
10/19/15 Luke Hamlin, KE8BVC
10/26/15 John Dolske, K9ULO
11/2/15 John Lawson, W8AGS

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

No ARES meeting in October.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that this might be a good time to get a weather net going. Zachary, KE8AFN stated he might be interested in starting weather net. John and Zachary will discuss and report back at next meeting.

Activities Co-Managers: Sandy Snider, KD8FTX and Connie Snoke, N8LPC

No report.

Old Business:

John Dolske, K9ULO made a motion to cast one ballot for the following officers for the 2015 – 2016 year: President, Paul Flautt, KD8CMW; Vice President, David Jackson, KD8MOY; Treasurer, Ed Campbell, WD8PGO; Secretary, Carolyn Spurgeon, KE8AFM and Activity Chairman, Sandy Snider, KD8FTX. Charlie, N8KZN seconded and all were in favor. John, W8OF will install officers at November meeting.

New Business:

Paul asked for a show of hands approving Luke Hamlin, KE8BVC for membership. All were in favor.

Charlie reported that the antenna check will be done on October 24 or 31. John Dolske and John Lawson will do Pickerington; Charlie and Connie will do hospital; Dennis Robertson and Paul Flautt will do Baltimore. Charlie will make calls to people who did the antenna checks last year and get back to volunteers with a date. Also, Greg, KD8SSJ; John, W8OF; and Charlie, N8KZN will set up antenna at Berne Township at their new location on October 19th.

Robert, KC8PSW asked if his title could be changed from Chairman Educational Committee to Volunteer Exam Coordinator. Everyone was in favor of the change. Mary will notify John Dolske to change on the website and Ralph Howes to change on Ragchewer.

Mary asked about radio night since we need to print more tri-folds which states there is radio night every Thursday other than meeting night. It was agreed to remove radio night and just refer to meeting night being the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Mary will advise John Dolske to change on website and Ralph Howes to change on Ragchewer.

Jack, AE8P made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Adam, KE8AFP. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI
Secretary

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Jamboree-on-the-Air

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. Many times the hams will come to you by setting up at a Scout camporee, or perhaps they already have a ham shack at your council's camp. There are many ways to get your Scouts involved in JOTA. For more information go to: <http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx>



TORNADO AWARENESS CLASS-

A Tornado Awareness Class will be held in Columbus on October 16-17. There are 30 seats available each day. Contact is Pam Tickle, 614-794-0213 or pktickle@franklincountyohio.gov.



South Sandwich/South Georgia DXpedition Dates Announced: [The Intrepid DX Group](#) has announced its itinerary and operating schedule for its January 2016 South Sandwich/South Georgia VP8SGI/VP8STI DXpedition. South Sandwich Islands is No 3 on ClubLog's [Most Wanted DXCC List](#); South Georgia is No 8. The Intrepid DX Group's Paul Ewing, N6PSE, said the team expects to arrive at South Sandwich on January 17, depending on weather and sea conditions. The team will spend 10 days on South Sandwich, operating as VP8STI before sailing to South Georgia Island to start operations as VP8SGI about February 1. "Our main priority is to make a great impact to the need for South Sandwich contacts, and we will sacrifice our time at South Georgia to ensure that we make that impact from South Sandwich," Ewing said. -- *Thanks to the Intrepid DX Group*



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Club Tailgate a success (even with the rain)

Even with the rain, early in the morning, and the cool temps, the Club tailgate still went on. There were several people there and some had brought items to sell and/or trade. It was really a nice time to visit with old friends and meet a few new ones. Below is a snapshot of some that were there. *(Photo courtesy of Steve, KD8JLA)*



The Ohio Section News

THE ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

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What do we face if the lights go out?

The most stunning topic on the list of “What if’s” is the loss of the relatively fragile and defenseless North American power grids. Back in 2013, a federal GridEx II exercise envisioned terrorists staging a combination of cyberattacks aimed at the grid. US utilities were even then under constant cyber-attack. And it can happen - in 2010 a piece of malware called Stuxnet destroyed as many as 1,000 centrifuges in an Iranian nuclear plant. In California, attackers disabled a major power transformer merely by shooting into it. Was that a practice run?? That prompted a study by FERC in 2013 about the physical risks of electric plants. The results, published in 2014, were astonishing: disabling 9 of an estimated 55 thousand high voltage transformers could plunge the continent into darkness lasting for as long as 18 months. This is not “Prepper” rhetoric, this is a confirmed possibility.

One of the justifications we like to use at antenna hearings is “This ham in your neighborhood would keep you in touch with the rest of the world.” Well, this might just be the scenario under such conditions. The complete loss of power would bring us into a crisis like no other. The nature of ham radio operators and the resources of ARES would be put to the ultimate test! So we’re jumping into that realm with both feet! Let’s practice! The Ohio Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held October 3. We have set several goals.

First, like last year, we want to practice alerting and activating our volunteers, checking into the county net and deploying to critical spots around the county.

Second, we want to deal with a “grid – down” power outage. Because a loss of power affects ALL walks of life, you can easily see how this would become an “All Hands” operation! EC’s – be encouraged to continue or expand our scenario as it might directly affect your county! We will be preparing a more detailed document with exercise injects and traffic/message requirements. As much as possible we must test and develop our digital capabilities- so get trained up in fldigi!

Think about all the different requests you may receive in such an incident and what it could grow into. We want to generate traffic and messages (inter-agency and those directed at “The Sarge”.) The exercise will be directed by our DEC’s, who will have prepared injects to be fed into your activities. At the hub of our “distributed Sim Cell” is “The Sarge” where the SEC will also be supplying injects. We want lots of message traffic, and lots of people to be involved! If we do this right, it will become a real challenge- hopefully, one that stretches our ability to cope and handle a large situation.

EC Training announced

With 1700 members in Ohio, any organization can be expected to grow and change. Since January, we have had a number of EC’s retire. Most have already recommended replacements, and they have been announced. While there is a well-written “EC Manual” the responsibilities and daily duties of an EC can be demanding. Ohio ARES has reserved OCTOBER 10 at the Franklin County EMA (5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd, Columbus, 43230 – it’s near to the S.R. 161 / I-270 intersection on the northeast side of Columbus) for a day long training session that should be of great interest to new EC’s, DEC’s and AEC’s.

We’re still working on the course sequence, but we’ll begin with “What have I done?” to look at the paperwork and duties associated with this important position. Then, we’ll go into emergency planning and preparation- developing a communications plan, developing your people, and developing exercises. We’ll have some of the top people in Ohio ARES sharing their years of knowledge!

This is NOT another fall conference; it’s aimed specifically at training new members of the management team. If you assumed your position from January forward, you NEED to mark this date and attend. To accommodate travel, the class will be held from 10AM – 4PM on that Saturday. I am truly excited about the value of this class. If you want to attend, please email me at broadways@standi.com.

Congratulations to Hamilton County ARES, for flawlessly carrying out their activation to screen for toxic plumes along feeders to the Ohio River. Their work helped protect Cincinnati's "Riverfest" activities. This, too, was an example of cooperation with Kentucky's ARES section continually in the loop. Well done!

73,
Stan, N8BHL

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ARRL VEC Reminds License Applicants: The FCC is Now Paperless!

The ARRL VEC is reminding Amateur Radio license applicants that the FCC no longer routinely prints or mails license documents. In an effort to streamline its procedures and save money, the FCC went "paperless" in February 2015.

"Customer contact with the VEC has tripled since this change, as many amateurs have not heard of the change or do not understand the FCC procedures for obtaining a license copy," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. She said the most frequently asked question comes from Universal Licensing System users who have applied for renewal or modification, but then think the transaction was not completed because they did not get a new copy of their license in the mail.

"Once we look up the info, our answer is nearly always that the requested transaction actually was completed and appears in the FCC database, but they won't be getting a copy of the updated license in the mail," Somma said. Less frequently, her department hears from exam applicants who ask why they did not receive a copy of their license after they passed the test.

To help clarify things, Somma has created a web page, [How to Obtain an Official FCC License Copy](#), devoted to explaining the various ways a licensee can get an official license document from the FCC. An official license displays the FCC logo and the "Official Copy" watermark across each page. A [printer-friendly version](#) of the instructions is available on the ARRL website. (*Courtesy of ARRL weekly newsletter*)



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A Special Announcement from Club Station Engineer



The winds of repeater change are blowing in the wind again this fall and winter. Recently Steve, KD8JLA supplied to me an application to Yaesu for the purchase of another DR-1X repeater. Along with that he has purchased a new S-COMM 7330 controller that is advertised to be fully compatible to the DR-1X repeater. What does this mean? It means when fully operational this one controller will operate all four repeaters at the main site on water works hill. Each repeater can have the same or different sounding beeps and identifiers using the latest technology in real speech reproduction as well as wav files for announcements and weather nets or ARES events.

The biggest improvement will be the ability to send and receive analog or digital voice and data over the 146.70 MHz repeater. By adding another DR-1X repeater, it will be possible to use the top antennas at water works hill for receive and the top antenna at FMC for transmit, at an rf output of 125 watts.

Previously the 2010 repeater improvements at FMC permitted split site operation (receiver at water works hill, transmitter at FMC) however digital signals cannot run through the same link path. By adding another DR-1X at the receiver site, an analog and digital path is possible between receiver and transmitter sites thus permitting the latest technology the ability to be used all over Fairfield County and other adjacent counties.

Granted most of us do not own any digital equipment however the new repeaters will operate great in the analog mode with non-digital equipment. As operators upgrade, hope is they will pick equipment that is compatible with our Yaesu System Fusion network.

In the interim as I remove equipment and prepare to upgrade the system in steps you will most likely hear changes in all the club system repeaters from time to time.

Do not be alarmed as it will be an on-going process as fall and the winter months progress upon us.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

73's

John, W8OF (Station Engineer)

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Dear Heathkit Insider,

“What I really hope Heathkit will produce,” a Silicon Valley colleague recently told me, “is a new radio kit with a beautiful finish, maybe in rosewood.” Something great to enjoy building and learn from, and also visually stunning, so he could put it in his living room and keep it forever.

Today, my friend gets his wish.

Exciting news. More on that in a moment.

It's been a while since we wrote to our Heath Insiders. We promised not to clutter your email inbox until we had something to say. Here's a quick summary of what we've quietly been doing at Heathkit during the past year: We assembled a terrific team of very talented, hard-working, inventive people. We acquired another company and merged its management, products, assets, and operations gracefully into Heath Company. We ensured we own every last bit of Heathkit intellectual property, to bring you all the manuals, books, vintage designs, and classic logos you love, unencumbered and in perpetuity. We built a company division and acquired a line of vintage add-on designs to sustain the vintage products so important to many Insiders. We developed and integrated our eBay site, so you can buy or bid on auctioned items. We authored and published a helpful Android software app on Heathkit's Google Play site, with more apps to come.



That's a lot, but there's more. We've designed and developed a wide range of entirely new kit products. We authored the manuals for these kits, complete with the beautiful line art you rely on, preserving and respecting our iconic historic Heathkit style. We developed many new inventions and filed patents on them. We relocated Heathkit, and set up a factory, and a warehouse, and offices, in Santa Cruz, California, near Silicon Valley. We built the back office infrastructure, vendor and supply chain relationships, systems, procedures, operations methods, and well-thought-out corporate structure that a manufacturing company needs to support its customers, to

allow us to scale instantly the day we resume major kit sales. All this effort enables us to introduce a fleet of new kits and helps ensure Heathkit can grow, prosper, and continue to bring you great new products for a very long time.

As you can see, we've been busy. It takes a lot to bring Heathkit back into the kit business. And we've done it.

We'll have many product announcements coming, but today I want to tell you about our flagship kit.

It's a simple kit—by intent. We feel an enormous responsibility to respect and maintain the incredible legacy of Heathkit. To us this means, bringing you kits you can build yourself, using our historic renowned Heathkit you-can-do-it “We won't let you fail”™ approach, yielding working useful appliances so beautiful you'll be proud to display and use them daily. It also means creating an educational experience that teaches you how they work, and how you can modify or repair what you own.

Further, we feel a very strong commitment to making this experience available to everyone, from 8 to 88 years old. That's an especially high hurdle. And we've done it. The result is the Explorer Jr.™ It's a simple, beautiful professional-looking little radio. It's a historic design, made new. It comes in several different colors. You build it yourself. Take it anywhere. When you build it and as use it, you'll learn to fall in love with radio, for the first time—or all over again. And it's just the first in a series.

As a Heath Insider, you are special to us. In a few days, we'll connect www.heathkit.com to our new website where our new products are listed. But you stayed with us through this process. And we want to thank you. So we are giving you, as an Insider, personal advance notice of the new products and new website through this email, before we tell the general public. We want you to know we appreciate your enthusiasm and respect for the Heathkit name and history.

We know that as an Insider, you want to own the first major kit we've issued in decades. But please also think about this:

Maybe you have a child, or a granddaughter or grandson, who is ready to start their lifelong love for technology, or who will benefit from the enormous self-esteem that comes from accomplishment. They deserve an Explorer Jr too. (Remember to choose the style they'll want most—we have six colors). And then, please think about gently helping them build it. You might remember the parent-and-child graphics on the front of so many Heathkit manuals: We can't count the number of Insiders who fondly remember an adult helping them build their first Heathkit when they were young. What a great way to spend time with someone you care about.

We do not expect initial stock to last long, so please don't wait to visit our site. Also, please be patient while our new major kit, and new website, go from zero to sixty in two seconds. We might have a few bumps in the road as we scale up, and we appreciate in advance your patience. We'll work with you to get everything we can right.

We anticipate 30-day shipping time for this week's orders, and we'll continue to do everything we can to get all kits ordered this Fall to you in time for the holidays. You can see and order the Explorer Jr. at <https://shop.heathkit.com/> now. Please don't wait to be last: We don't want to disappoint anyone, but most of all, we don't want to disappoint our Insiders. Think about whether there's anyone who would love one of these kits as a holiday present. And thanks for your loyalty and patience as we brought back to you Heathkit's incredible legacy of the world's best kits again.

Sincerely, Andy (President) and the team at Heathkit

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Hurray...Hurray...Hurray

I am pleased to announce that Robb Landon, KE8AMC, contacted me and has requested to be the new “Thursday radio night manager”. Robb comes to us as a newer licensed ham operator and has been involved in the club functions and ARES as well. He has constructed a portable HF/VHF station with antennas and really wants to get others on-board with emergency communications. I think he is a great fit to the hobby and by creating and continuing the “radio night” event I think all members will benefit from the output of the group.

As a backup, I have agreed with Robb to back him up if he is gone on vacation or other family event.

Thanks,

John W8OF, Trustee

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A Note from Highland ARC

John Levo, WA8KIW, (editor of the ‘Monday Morning Memo’) located in Hillsboro, OH and XYL Kathleen, N8ZNR, just returned from a trip to the Finger Lakes and South Central Pennsylvania where the weather was windy, wet, foggy and cold. Some clubs in those regions were conducting SETs under conditions one would expect for those surrounding a weather related disaster. One area had at least two counties using multi clubs to simulate a mass evacuation need.

While on the road John had a pleasant eye-ball QSO with ‘Monday Morning Memo’ reader, Wayne Koehler and his wife and a QSO with a ham in Bedford, PA who is from Wilmington. All in all I think they had a good time. Nice of John to drop a line and let us know.

October 10, W8Y, Zanesville World Famous Y-Bridge, sponsored by the **Cambridge ARA** 7.230-7.240.

November 1, W8BAP, 4th annual EXTRA Hour. Our friends in the **Scioto Valley ARC** in Chillcothe sponsor this event to celebrate the end to Daylight Savings Time on November 1. They will operate from 0000z to 0600z that night. Look for them around 7.250 or 3.860 plus or minus QRM

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Hamvention "Fully Committed" to Hold 2016 Show at Hara Arena

Hamvention^{Â®} General Chairman Jim Tiderman, N8IDS, is downplaying talk arising from an October 2 television [news report](#) and a more extensive and detailed October 3 *Dayton Daily News* [article](#), that Hamvention might move from [Hara Arena](#) as early as next year. Tiderman characterized the reports "all speculation and rumor."

"In light of the Cox Media (Channel 7) television interview and the ensuing *Dayton Daily News* article, I, as General Chairman of the 2015-2016 Dayton Hamvention, want to assure all interested parties that the Dayton Hamvention is fully committed to the 2016 Dayton Hamvention at Hara Arena and Exposition Center," Tiderman stressed in a statement. "We still keep an open mind to alternate plans, in case they become necessary. All successful businesses need to do that, and Hamvention is no different in that respect." The Dayton Amateur Radio Association ([DARA](#)) sponsors Hamvention.



The media reports said Dayton-area officials have been working together to keep Hamvention in the Dayton vicinity, if not at Hara Arena in Trotwood, where it has been held since 1964. Dayton TV station WHIO reported on October 2 that the [Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) has been in discussion with the City of Dayton on a plan to ensure that the world's largest Amateur Radio gathering at least remains in Montgomery County, should Hamvention have to find another venue because of Hara Arena's financial problems. According to Bureau President and CEO Jacquelyn Powell, this isn't the first year that officials have considered "Plan B options," the WHIO and *Dayton Daily News* reports indicated.

According to the media reports, representatives of the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, Dayton Convention Center, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau will meet this month to review options for Hamvention organizers in the event a move from Hara Arena becomes necessary. Various alternative venues in the Dayton area are reported to have been considered, including the Dayton Convention Center and the Dayton Airport Expo Center, and the *Dayton Daily News* report said Tiderman has toured both facilities. Also raised was the possibility of holding the indoor exposition and the outdoor flea market at separate locations in the area, and ferrying visitors back and forth with shuttle buses.

The *Dayton Daily News* account said word of Hamvention's possible move from Hara Arena stemmed from a July e-mail from Karen Wampler, director of Marketing for Hara Arena, which the newspaper obtained through a public records request. The Wampler family owns the 165,000 square foot, six-building complex.

"We have shared the fate of the Trotwood/VenuWorks/Hara acquisition proposal with the [Hamvention] Chairperson and select board members of Hamvention," Wampler wrote in the e-mail, according to the newspaper account. "While we have kept them informed throughout the process, they are reeling. They have much to lose with Hara's closing and, like us, believed we were close to stabilizing Hara for future growth, rather than ending her nearly 60-year run."



At Hamvention 2015 "Sneak Peak" posters in Hara Arena promised "Renovations in 2016."

Since last year, the Wampler family has been working with [VenuWorks](#), which specializes in restoring event venues, to rejuvenate the deteriorating facility. Karen Wampler acknowledged last winter that Hara was facing financial challenges, flagging revenues, and competition from other Dayton area venues and was exploring "a new ownership model." By the time Hamvention 2015 took place last May, "Sneak Peak" posters in Hara Arena were advertising "Renovations in 2016" and portraying conceptual sketches of what a refurbished Hara might look like.

The newspaper account said that VenuWorks had recommended that the City of Trotwood purchase Hara Arena, but the Trotwood officials turned down the idea. That plan was the focus of Wampler's July e-mail, the *Dayton Daily News* article said. Wampler subsequently told the newspaper that Hara Arena is in better condition than it was when she drafted her July e-mail, and that the event complex will not close any time soon.

Hamvention puts millions of dollars into the Dayton-area economy each year. Last May, the show attracted some 25,000 visitors. Hamvention 2016 will take place May 20, 21, and 22.

Tiderman told the *Dayton Daily News* that "something catastrophic" would have to happen to cause Hamvention to move from Hara Arena. (*Courtesy of ARRL weekly newsletter*)



"DX Summit" in Rome to Pair with HV0A Vatican City Special Event:

Francesco Valsecchi, IK0FVC; Martti Laine, OH2BH, and Giordano Giordani, IK0XFD, are organizing a "DX Summit" October 10-11 in Rome. During this event, HV0A will be active both days on several bands, as conditions permit. The activity will include a dinner party on October 10, featuring a presentation by OH2BH that will highlight the challenges of making DXpedition traffic run smoothly. The overall gathering will focus on areas of improvement that would be of interest to DXers and DXpeditioners, and Laine said a centerpiece of the summit would be the unveiling of "a new Q code [signal]." QSL HV0A via IK0FVC and LoTW.



TX3X Chesterfield Island DXpedition Up and Running:



The [TX3X](#) Chesterfield Island DXpedition came on the air on October 1 and has been creating a lot of excitement -- and possibly some exasperation -- on the bands. TX3X will conclude on October 12. Strong winds and heavy rain have caused the team to lose some time in setting up antennas. "While the 80 meter is antenna installed, under these windy conditions we are unable to install the 160 or 6 meter antennas," the team said in an

October 7 update. "Conditions are erratic. Signals have been weak to moderate with some really strong openings." A goal of the TX3X DXpedition is to offer an all-time new one (ATNO) to as many DXers as possible. The 12-member TX3X team was hoping to log 80,000 to 100,000 contacts. Chesterfield Island is #21 on ClubLog's [DXCC Most Wanted List](#). [Visit](#) the TX3X website for further information. The ARRL DXCC Department has approved the 2015 TX3X DXpedition for DXCC credit.



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