

The Ragchewer

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The next regular monthly meeting of the Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 6th., in the Civil Defense Directors office located on the third floor of the Municipal Building (City Hall) in Lancaster, Ohio.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to everyone who helped put on the Lancaster Hamfest. Everyone attending seemed to have a real nice time. Even the weather man was good to us which permitted a record attendance (over 2000). We had lots of nice compliments on the whole show. Grand Prize, a National NC270 Receiver went to Joe Yafchak a technician (K8BOH) of Columbus, Ohio who took his General Class exam at the Lancaster Hamfest. About 2000.00 worth of other prizes made lots of other happy. We are indeed thankful to clubs all over the state for their support and to all who participated on our top flight technical program. Its going to be hard to beat our technical program next year ---- but were going to try ---- So thanks again ---- and get rested up for the 1962 Lancaster Hamfest-- June 16th. and 17th. ---- Best In The Midwest ----

Election of Officers

Club officers will be elected at the July meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor in addition to the slate to be presented by the Nominating Committee. Consent must be obtained of those nominated.

Dues are Due -- Now!

If you haven't paid your dues, bring \$3.00 to the meeting Thursday night. If you can't come, mail your dues to P.O.Box 3, Lancaster, Ohio. If you are not paid up by August you will be dropped from membership.

Dits and Dahs

Man that Bob Goslin K8ZAZ can really cook hamburgers!

Uncle George Webb K8TNE sez his feet are still hurting from working in the food booth.

Heinic (cash) Lybrook K8TTU will give an interesting treasurers report at the meeting Thursday Night.

Pictures of the Lancaster Hamfest will be on display at meeting Thursday night. Orders will be taken for reprints.

See ya Thursday night.

73's

*Bob*  
Bob K8NCY  
Activities Manager

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

**Club Meetings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Fairfield County Job & Family Services on corner of W. Main St. and Memorial Dr., Lancaster, OH. Go to the EMA room.

**Radio Night**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for Radio Contacts, Building workshop, CW practice group, etc. All Ham related things. Red Cross Building.

**Nets:**

**MONDAY**

ARES NET at 8:30 pm  
146.700 MHz (6) 94.8 tone

CLUB NET at 9:00pm  
147.03 MHz (+.6)  
146.70 MHz (-.6) Alt. Freq.

**Packet:**

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

**Weather Spotter Net:**

146.700 Repeater with 94.8 Hz tone Monday at 8:30 Pm

**[www.k8qik.org](http://www.k8qik.org)**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Red Cross building on W. Mulberry St. just off of Broad St. Call Robert Northrup, KC8PSW (614-323-1901). For more details go to [www.k8qik.org](http://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](mailto:Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG) or Ragchewer Editor at [ragchewer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ragchewer@sbcglobal.net)

**HAMFESTS**

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

**Special Event Stations**

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

**2018 Officers**

**President:**

Jeff Payne, KE8AME

**Vice President:**

Gregg Dersarkisian, KD8SSJ

**Secretary:**

Mary Travis, KD8EEI

**Treasurer:**

Paul Kidwell, W8PDK

**Trustee:**

John Hilliard, W8OF

**Station Engineer:**

John Hilliard, W8OF

**Volunteer Examiner:**

Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

**Instructor:**

Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

**Activities Manager:**

Diane Warner, KE8HLD

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# June 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m., Jeff, KE8AME called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff asked for guests – Beverly Holland, and Buddy Justice

There were two applications for second review, Beverly Holland and Arnold (Buddy) R Justice.

## Officer Reports

### **Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI**

Minutes of the May meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Paul, KB8CMW made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Jedidiah, KE8GEB All in favor.

**Roll call taken tonight:** members in attendance 20 with **two guests.**

Brooks	KD8XJ	John	W8OF
David	WB9PXH	Kenneth	KE8HBN
Dennis	KB8WR	Mary	KD8EEI
Diane	KE8HLD	Paul	KB8CMW
Jack	AE8P	Robb	KE8AMC
Jedidiah	KE8GEB	Robert	KC8PSW
Jeff	KE8AME	Samuel	KT8TX
Jim	KB8TRL	Stephen	KT8SW
Jim	KE8IID	Steven	W8SWG
John	W8AGS	Timothy	KE8EGE

### **Treasurer's Report: Paul Kidwell, W8PDK**

Mary gave treasurer's report in Paul's absence. John, W8AGS made motion to approve treasurers report, seconded by Jim, KE8IID. All in favor.

### **VP Report: Greg Desarkisian, KD8SSJ**

Diane reported for Greg and stated he needs volunteers for the following events: July 4<sup>th</sup>; Lancaster Festival July 21, 25 & 28; Millersport Sweet Corn Festival August 31; ARISS event sometime in fall; EMA exhibit at Fairgrounds October 7-13.

### **Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF**

No report.

## Committee Reports:

### **Webmaster: Jon Larabee, KC8RUI**

John Hilliard referred to possible resignation of Jon Larabee as Webmaster. There was discussion and members felt that Jon was doing a great job with the new changes and there is no deadline on when we need to have the new website up and running. Also, members felt that since this is a volunteer job his work has to take priority. Mary Travis mentioned her conversation this evening and basically Jon is willing to continue as long as people do not send requests that are needed immediately and if he can work the updates into his schedule. After discussion, it was agreed that anyone who wishes to have something added or changed to website, please send to Mary Travis, Secretary. Mary will be the point of contact for Jon. Mary will advise Jon of this decision via email.

**Volunteer Examiner & Instruction Coordinator: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW**

Robert reported they had 8 people for testing: 3 passed Technician and 1 Extra and 4 did not pass.

Next testing session is Tuesday, June 12th at 7 p.m. at Red Cross. He already has 3 people who want to test.

***This will be the last session with the old testing criteria.***

Robert stated he purchased a 2- meter hand held antenna from Arrow Antennas, Cheyenne, Wyoming at the Hamvention 2 years ago with the purpose of using it for fox hunting and looking for those who want to abuse our repeaters. This antenna is their model 146-3BP which has a split boom made for back packing and portable use. It works very well and is a joy to use. When the club got involved with the ISS I wondered what it would take to upgrade to a satellite version as it is offered by Arrow Antennas as their model 146/437-10 Low Earth Orbit Satellite Antenna. At this year's Hamvention, I found Tim Chapman, owner of Arrow Antennas and discussed my desire to make this a satellite antenna. He was super busy with customers and said to call him in a week or so after Hamvention. I did call him and he said he had the 7 element in stock for 437 MHz. I asked what the cost was as I didn't find it on their website. He told me he would send them to me as repair parts at no charge. I did want to purchase them but he was firm in his offer. I ordered on a Friday and the parts came last meeting day. He also encouraged me to download this antenna manual to get the element spacing which I found easily and drilled the required holes in the boom. At the moment I have ordered parts for the diplexer that enable both antennas to feed one radio.

**Monday Night Net**

06/11/18	Jeff Payne, KE8AME
06/18/18	Paul Kidwell, W8PDK
06/25/18	Paul Flautt, KB8CMW
07/02/18	Diane Warner, KE8HLD

**Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH**

**No Report**

**Emergency Coordinator: Greg Desarkisian, KD8SSJ**

Diane reported the next ARES meeting Tuesday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. at EMA building.

**Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO**

**No report.**

**Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF**

Yaesu has been offering to replace the DR-X1 fusion repeaters purchased in 2015 to the new Yaesu DR-2X repeater for a few of \$300. Steve, KD8JLA submitted a request to Yaesu to upgrade the two DR-1X repeaters to the new DR-2X repeaters and FMC paid the \$600 for the upgrade.

This upgrade will permit the two machines to transmit with 50 watts continuous duty and to better utilize the fusion system for the club needs. When the new repeaters are installed and completed the WIRES-X node will be removed from the 146.70 and placed in operation of the 443.875 UHF repeater. The fusion repeater on 146.70 will be used as before but it will enable the ARES group complete control of the analog and digital communications for the benefit of the objectives of the local ARES group.

The addition of the DR-2X repeater on UHF will permit the current analog repeaters operating on 443.875 Mhz and the 6 meter repeater on 53.09 to continue and when not in use the Fusion aspect of the operations will permit the WIRES-X connection to the Internet which connects to the "OHIO ROOM". The Fusion repeater will serve as the main hub for all operation on 443.875 Mhz.

Our club has been extremely fortunate to have Fairfield Medical Center as a partner supporting our Club K8QIK and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services in Fairfield County. Thanks to Steve Anderson, KD8JLA for promoting our efforts to the Administration that has so frequently supported our existence! Not sure if the Club has an award that could be issued but Steve certainly deserves all of our grateful thanks for all he has done for the club over the years.

**Activities Manager: Diane Warner, KD8HLD**

June 14 – Morse Code – 7 p.m. Red Cross; June 16<sup>th</sup> Breakfast American Legion 9 a.m.; July 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a combined club and After School Program children float for the parade; Field Day June 23 & 24 at Ken & Lori Edmonds. A motion was made by Ken, KE8HBN to spend \$150.00 to rent a porta john for this event and Jim, KE8IID seconded. All were in favor. Mary, KD8EEI asked if anyone asked about a donation and they had not. Mary will make contact and see if Porta Kleen would donate one for us since we do communications for local events. If not, she will place the order to be delivered on Thurs. June 21<sup>st</sup> and picked up on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Diane mentioned that since we are having field day at one of our members location, we will have the club cookout in August at Lockville Park on our regular meeting night, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details to follow.

**Old Business:**

John, W8OF brought up making a donation to the Red Cross for allowing us to have a radio room and also to hold other meetings at the Red Cross which was to be discussed further at this meeting. It was determined we should wait until later in the year when the checking account is built up before we make a donation.

**New Business:**

Jeff asked for a show of hands approving Beverly Holland as a new member. All in favor.

Jeff asked for a show of hands approving Arnold (Buddy) Justice as a new member. All in favor

Jack, AE8P made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bev, KE8JUR. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

*Mary Travis*, KD8EEI,  
Secretary

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## 6 METER and 10 METER OPENINGS

According to the Monday Morning Memo out of Hillsboro, OH, there has been some openings on 6 and 10 meter bands. Although not like openings in some past years, some six and ten-meter openings have been observed during the past couple of weeks. Mostly the 4 and 5 call districts have been heard on six; however, a Kansas station, one in New Hampshire and one from St. Thomas have been observed. A number of the 10 meter openings have been into the New England area. It appears a number of these stations are participating in the ARRL's grid chase and ones on ten meters are also looking for 10-10 numbers. Additionally, there have been some area hams reporting hearing repeaters, NWS and public service stations plus other stations operating in the VHF/UHF bands they normally do not hear.

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*June 6 was the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day when we pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice at Normandy and honor those who lived to fight another day. Here is the story of one brave Veteran who was there.*

D-Day, June 6, 1944, the largest amphibious invasion in history. Over 150,000 American, British, and Canadian troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, but over 15,000 airborne soldiers dropped in behind enemy lines on D-Day. Most parachuted in, but over a thousand landed in Normandy inside gliders made of plywood.

Ninety-seven-year-old Millcreek, Utah, resident John “Jack” Whipple (pictured above) piloted one of the hundreds of gliders to set down in the fields of France on that June morning.

*“After we landed we became infantry men.”*

Tow planes delivered Jack and hundreds of other fearless flyers to the air over Northern France. Whipple was behind the controls of an Airspeed Horsa the day of the invasion.

“When we came over Utah Beach we received some ground fire,” said Whipple. “Then we flew over the Germans and received a lot more fire.”

### Horsa Glider

Allied forces used two gliders in the invasion: the Waco CG-4A and the Airspeed Horsa. These were not the modern sail planes of today, but cargo and troop carriers. The CG-4 carried a pilot and co-pilot, 13 soldiers and their equipment, or a jeep and two or three soldiers.





Whipple's Horsa carried him and co-pilot, a jeep, an anti-tank gun, four soldiers that morning, but the Horsa could also be configured to carry 30 soldiers and their gear. The total weight of a loaded Horsa hovered around 15,000 pounds.

After the tow planes cut the gliders loose, pilots had just moments to find their landing zone.

"The quicker the better," said Whipple. "They were shooting at us – probably 3 to 4 minutes."

To make matters worse, reconnaissance photos given to pilots were months old.

"The photos had been taken in January or February and the trees had no leaves," Whipple recalled. When we got there, the trees were in full leaves and we missed our main check point."

Losing altitude, Whipple picked a field to land in, but quickly realized it wasn't big enough. He slammed the glider in to the ground, ripping off the landing gear. He then performed an intentional ground loop, digging one wing into the ground, thus slowing the glider and protecting the fuselage. A maneuver, which all these years later, Whipple *Jack Whipple, 1944* points out, was authorized.

"We landed, didn't hurt anybody or the major equipment," he said. At this point, his role shifted.

"Glider pilots did the flying, and right after we landed we became infantry men. Most glider pilots were trained as infantry men, but we couldn't wear the infantry badge because we weren't in their unit. We were still in the air corps." Whipple said. "We landed behind enemy lines. We had about perhaps five or six Horsa gliders. We got together after landing and helped those who were injured. We got attacked that night, but we were able to keep the group together and able to keep the enemy away."

#### Troops aboard a Horsa glider

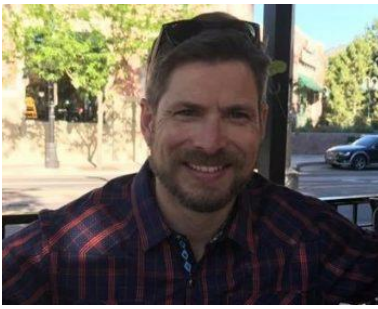
The airborne assault on German forces was a key part of the allied invasion.

"It made it easier because the Germans then had to fight both sides of a squeeze," said Whipple, squeezing his hands together. "The people coming on the beach—and the airborne."

And while hundreds of gliders may not sound like a lot, the gliders provided the airborne units equipment to combat heavy and mechanized infantry and needed supplies to operate behind enemy lines. Whipple flew two additional combat glider missions—one in Holland and the final one as part of the Rhine Crossing.

After returning from the war, he earned his private pilot license, and flew all over the U.S., Canada and Mexico.





*Author: Jeremy Laird is a proud Army Veteran, and loves telling the stories of our Veterans. He joined the communications team at VA Salt Lake City Health Care System in 2015 following a 20-year career in broadcast journalism.*

Editor's note: I was one year old when this invasion took place.

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# NEWS FROM YOUR ARRL



## Need Letter "N" Card Sorter for 8<sup>th</sup> District QSL Bureau

We need a dedicated person to be the sorter the letter "N" for the incoming QSL Bureau. What is a card sorter?

Here's a link to fill you in on all the details. [http://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th\\_bureau.htm](http://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm)

If after you read the description you feel that you'd be a good fit for the job, and you call sign suffix begins with the letter "N", then you need to contact: Bureau Manager - Jack Shirley, N8DX E-Mail: [n8dx@arrl.net](mailto:n8dx@arrl.net)

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## **OHIO EMA UPCOMING TRAINING**

We've had a lot of folks ask about the availability of getting into one of the ICS -300/400 classes. Here's a pretty good look at the upcoming classes throughout the state for the next 3 months. All current trainings are listed on the Ohio EMA training calendar located at: <https://webeoc.ema.state.oh.us/TrainingAndExercise/courselist.aspx>

ICS -300 Intermediate ICS June 11 - 12, 2018 Huron County

ICS -300 Intermediate ICS June 11 - 13, 2018 Allen County

ICS -400 Advanced ICS June 13 - 14, 2018 Huron County

G557 Rapid Needs Assessment Planning June 14, 2018 Franklin County

ICS -400 Advanced ICS June 14 - 15, 2018 Allen County

L-104 Exercise Design June 18 - 19, 2018 Ohio EMA



L-105 Public Information and Warning June 20 – 21, 2018 Ohio EMA  
G358 Evacuation and Re-entry Training June 21 – 22, 2018 Franklin County  
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS July 30, 31 – August 1, 2018 Franklin Co. Sheriff  
ICS-400 Advanced ICS August 1 - 2, 2018 Franklin Co. Sheriff  
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS August 14 – 16, 2018 Fairfield County  
ICS-400 Advanced ICS August 16 – 17, 2018 Fairfield County  
L969 Communications Unit Leader (COML) August 20 - 22, 2018 Lucas County  
L146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation (HSEEP) Program August 22 -24, 2018  
Jackson County  
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS August 24 – 26, 2018 Athens County  
L426 Building a Roadmap to Resilience: Whole Community August 28 - 30, 2018 Ohio  
L967 Logistics Section Chief September 10 - 14, 2018 Franklin County  
G775 EOC Management and Operations September 12 – 13, 2018 Licking County  
ICS-400 Advanced ICS September 15 – 16, 2018 Athens County  
G402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Officials September 18, 2018 Washington  
County  
ICS-300 Intermediate ICS September 18 – 20, 2018 Franklin County  
ICS-400 Advanced ICS September 20 – 21, 2018 Franklin County  
L- 984 Task Force/Strike Team Leader September 24 – 26, 2018 Cuyahoga County  
MGT-347 ICS Forms Review (Morning) September 25, 2018 AM Franklin County  
MGT-347 ICS Forms Review (Afternoon) September 25, 2018 PM Franklin County

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**As most of you know**, Ohio was chosen as one of four test Sections in the country. Why? Well, that's easy. We are a very active Section and Headquarters knows it! If you read the results from the 2017 ARES S.E.T. you already know just how active we are! Now, I'm here to tell ya' that Ohio, like the other three test Sections will be released very soon to start migrating the remaining counties into the new system. Yes, we will kick off the release of the new system before any of the other Sections outside of the Beta testing. Once this has been done, we will be using the new system. We will still use our old system of reporting for a little while yet, but it will disappear in the not so distant future, and we will be on the ARES Connect System completely.

How's your training going? Yes, I know that I've been hammering hard on this, but as a lot of you found out at the ARRL Forum at Dayton last month that things are going to change within ARES very soon. Our Great Lakes Director, Dale Williams, WA8EFK has been heading up this committee to change ARES and its requirements for some time now. Dale gave a really good overview of those proposed changes at that forum.

Yes, for now they are just proposals, as that the Board of Directors have not voted on accepting them yet. That will happen in about a month from now at the July Board of

Directors meeting. Once adopted, it will be the new way of operating in ARES from that point forward. I've been hammering on you for a very long time now so that you would be prepared for when this day comes, and as you can see, it will be coming very soon now! The changes to the NEW ARES program are dramatic, but they are easily obtained. You just have to be willing to LEARN a little.

Why do we need these changes? That's easy, let me break it down this way, 4 years ago (2014) during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ARRL, we told Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in an agreement that we signed with them, that we would help out with communications in disasters. They stated that they would be willing to accept our help, but only if we agreed to training. So, with that knowledge in my pocket, I started on a campaign to make sure that NO ONE in Ohio would be left behind or forgotten about. We started with the E.C. and D.E.C. appointments and required them to have, or quickly obtain, the training as part of their acceptance to their appointment.

In 2016 we were involved with the federal government and many served agencies for the Republican National Convention and the NAACP National Convention. We were told then and there that we HAD TO HAVE this, and even additional NIMS training, in order for us to participate. It wasn't just us as hams either, EVERYONE involved with these projects had to have the training. And that made me see just how important this was to our future with all of our served government agencies. So, at the beginning of 2017 we ramped up that training requirement for individuals that wanted to work inside our government served agencies, feeling that the need to understand Incident Command is absolutely needed. Now, it's not without consideration for how this impacts all of you and your volunteer time. So, let me take a quote from the NIMS Training Guide as to who should have the training.

*“Everyone involved in emergency management (to include emergency operation center personnel in support of the field), regardless of discipline or level of government, should take the NIMS baseline curriculum courses (Independent Study-700 and ICS-100).”*

Scott Yonally, N8SY

Section Manager - Ohio

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30pm 144.252 ssb</b>	<b>Bainbridge</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00pm 144.24</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00pm 52.525</b>	<b>Kentucky 6-Shooters</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00pm 144.22</b>	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00pm 146.925</b>	<b>Scioto Valley ARC</b>

### Daily

Weekday	8-4pm 7.26/ 14.26	Dayton V.A Hospital
Daily	7-9pm 52.525	Daily Ragchew      Kentucky
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of month	10:00am 3.195	NORC Net (N. W. Ohio County EOC)
Daily	3:00pm 3.952	John Steart, N9LBW & Red Frashier, N8ZZZ

**FOR SALE**—John Sebert, N9LBW, sends word he has an excellent Kenwood TS990S for sale at a greatly reduced price. According to the Monday Morning Memo, John has a reputation of selling nothing but quality equipment. John is located near Wilmington and can be contacted at 937-382-3909 or at [n9lbw@arrl.net](mailto:n9lbw@arrl.net).

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**Thanks to the recent mention in the *Ohio Section Journal of the Highland ARA's*** August 18 Lynchburg Covered Bridge special event operation, interest is growing in the activation of other bridges during the day. Recently several clubs and individuals have contacted HARA for more details. This week inquiries were from Union County, a club on the Kentucky/West Virginia border and a club in Paintsville, Kentucky. Organizers hope more clubs participate by putting their local bridges on the air. There are no set rules or guidelines. Each can set their own frequencies, time of operation, QSL policy and such things. Operations do not have to be from a bridge proper. As long as it is in nearby sight is the only requirement. The only other request is to have fun and use it as an opportunity to introduce new or inactive hams to the fun of operating on the HF bands and portable operating. Contact [highlandara@yahoo.com](mailto:highlandara@yahoo.com) for more information.

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### Neat Special Event Station

—On September 15 the *Cambridge ARA* and *Belle Valley ARC* will team up to activate three special event stations to commemorate the September 3, 1925 crash of the airship USS Shenadoah in the hills of Noble County. The airship was hit by violent weather, broke up and fell in three separate pieces in locations near Caldwell. Three special event 1x1 call signs have been assigned to the project and one station will operate from each of the three sites involved in the crash. The Shenadoah was the first rigid airship to use helium and was also the first airship to cross the United States.

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### Hamfest Notice

By way of Pike County's Zack Little, KC8IMB, word about the July 21 *Germantown ARS* hamfest has been received. The hamfest will be at the TriAngle Station and run from 8 am until noon. Although the admission is free, there is a \$5 charge for an outside flea market space. There are hourly prizes awarded with a grand prize drawing at noon. A free VE session is set for 12:30 pm. For more info contact Phil Thomas, W8RMJ, at 937-902-6738 or [w8rmj@arrl.net](mailto:w8rmj@arrl.net).

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Folks interested in HF DX might have an interest in the *Southwestern Ohio DX Association's* website [www.swodxa.org](http://www.swodxa.org). It's a jam-packed website about one of the best-known DX clubs in the nation. They have monthly meetings the second Thursday of each month except July and August. Meetings are at 6:30 pm at the Marion's Pizza location in either Dayton or Mason. You are urged to check the website for which location the current meeting is to be held at. The June 14 meeting is at the Dayton location.

*As always, we want to thank the ARRL, QST, ARRL Ohio Section Manager and their contributors and also the Monday Morning Memo from Hillsboro, OH as well as the Scioto Valley ARC and Hillsdale Michigan Amateur Radio Club.*

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