

The Ragchewer



October 2025



**K8QIK=The "Voice" of Amateur Radio in
Fairfield County**



Lancaster-Fairfield County's Amateur Radio Club since 6-3-1959*

Club Meetings:

1st Thursday of every month
at 7:00 PM. Location: **EMA
building 240 Baldwin Dr,
Lancaster, OH 43130.**

Nets:

MONDAY

NEWSLINE: 8:00pm
CLUB NET at 9:00pm
Monday AM Net at 9:00am
147.03 MHz (+.6)
146.70 MHz (-.6) Alt. Freq.

Packet:

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

Weather

Spotter/ARES Net:

146.700 Repeater with 94.8
Hz tone Monday at 7:00 Pm

GMRS REPEATER

Transmits on 462.70 MHz
Receives on 467.70 MHz
PL code 77Hz

FACEBOOK LINK

[Club Facebook Link](#)

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.

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 ragchewerk8qik@sbcglobal.net

HAMFESTS

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

Special Event Stations

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

2025 Officers

President:

John Hilliard, W8OF

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Eric Fox, KE8BZZ

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Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Treasurer:

Guy Ingram, W8AGI

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John Hilliard, W8OF

Station Engineer:

John Hilliard, W8OF

Volunteer Examiner:

Walt Callahan, W8ALT

Trainer:

Tim Lentz, KD8QCA

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Minutes of October 2, 2025 Meeting



The meeting was called to order by Mark, KC8TUW, as the president elect since John was not present at 7:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. There were 6 members present and 5 on zoom.

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW	Walter Callahan, W8ALT	Guy Ingram, W8AGI
Eric Fox, KE8BZZ	Timothy Lentz, KD8QCA	Paul Bohm, KE8WGZ
Devon Marshall, KE8CVP, Zoom	Ralph Howes, W8BVH, Zoom	Mark Urbine, KC8TUW, Zoom
Steve Anderson, W8JLA, Zoom	Paul Kidwell, W8PDK, Zoom	

There was one application for first review, Larry Larson. The application for Rick Segal was reviewed for the second time. Motion to accept Reck Segal was made by Walter, W8ALT, seconded by Tim KD8QCA. Motion passed.

Secretary's report. Mary was not present so there was no secretary's report. Mark reported she recently had hip surgery and she is at home and recovering well.

Guy provided the treasure's report. There was a motion to approve by Walter, W8ALT, seconded by Tim KD8QCA. The motion passed.

VP report: Eric Fox, KE8BZZ: Nothing to report

Volunteer Trainer, Tim Lentz: Nothing to report

Volunteer Examiner: Walter Callahan: We had four people test at our session last month. Two passed the technician's exam, one passed the general exam, and one passed the extra exam. He advised that the ARRL set a fee of \$15 per person. We can keep up to \$7 for expenses we incur and may incur. Since taking over as lead examiner, I kept back \$5 per applicant to recover the cost of the tablet computers the club bought to do the electronic exams. Once that was recovered a few months ago, I quit holding any back, sending it all to the ARRL. Guy and I had a conversation after the last session about whether we should again keep part of the fee for the eventual replacement of the tablet computers. I ask the executive board consider this for the next meeting.

Trustee's report, John W8OF: not present so there was no report. Mark mentioned the antenna purchased for the remote site at Stoutsville. There as a brief discussion of the status. Walter advised the last he heard was an email Ralph forwarded from John that due to his impending move, he needed to push the installation off until spring.

Walter reported no updates on the website. There have been only five members log into the site since it was implemented 2 ½ months ago. Mark mentioned he had changed the location of one of the breakfast meetings on the site. He also suggested we hold the breakfast in Lancaster at a different location than Scramblers. A couple of possible places were mentioned. Walter suggested we might also consider having the monthly meeting at a restaurant to encourage more people to attend. There was concern we might lose our ability to meet at the EMA if we did that, so it was suggested possibly one a quarter be at a restaurant. Mark offered to contact the local radio station to announce our meeting with what will be presented. The following people volunteered to run the Monday night net: October 6th Guy W8AGI, October 13, no one October 20 Eric KE8BZZ, and October 27 no one, November 3 no one. Mark will contact Kevin, KB8KSX, and Robert, KC8PSW, to try to recruit them. If they are not able to help, he will do the remaining dates.

Ralph: **Rag Chewer** report asked when new officers take office. There was some discussion as to whether we have enough to vote a quorum. Eric added everyone is running uncontested, so do we need to have a quorum to vote. It was decided it takes effect in November. He also mentioned he will be having surgery in the next few days. Plans to have to have the rag chewer done before that and then he can just add in the minutes. Walter made a motion to approve Mark as president, Eric as vice-president, Mary as secretary, and Guy as treasurer. Seconded by Tim. The motion passed.

Mark asked Devon how the ARES weather net is going on Thursday nights. Devon indicated it is going well. It conflicts with some people schedule. Mark asked if we are getting any new people, Devon responded no one new recently.

Activities Manager: Mark has talked to Kevin Steel as possibly becoming Activities Manager. He has emailed back and forth with him. He may be interested; he will give him a call. Mark got an email from the parade committee. He emailed it to John Dolsky to see if he wants to pull the trailer with the banner. He will have information about the parade next month.

Old business: Mark brought in some CW keying devices based on presentation ideas from the last meeting. There was discussion of other CW coding apps and devices.

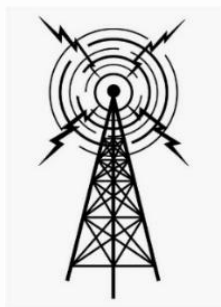
Mark asked about how to set up donations from Kroger's. Guy explained the process.

Walter raised that last month we discussed ideas for presentations, now what do we do with it. If we don't take any other action, it will just be something we discussed and nothing will happen. Mark talked about the change in his contact at the schools and how we had done a presentation to them before. He wants to see if we can do this again. His objective as president is to get new, young blood people to join. Walter stated that is all good to get new, young members. Walter raised that is good, but we need to all get more participation for the over 60 members of all ages. Guy offered we may want to start calling people on the phone to remind them of the meeting and encourage participation.

New Business: Guy discussed paragraph A of the By-laws which state application will only be reviewed at the meeting. He will draft a change to the By-laws to allow sending the applications out by e-mail so everyone in the club can see them before the meeting. He would like us to be able to accept the application by e-mail from the website. Walter stated he should be able to change the website to set up a form to e-mail the application. Walter also suggested we have a complete review of the By-laws to see if any updates are needed as our process for electing officers is not following the By-laws. Mark volunteered to review the By-laws for possible changes for the next meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn by Guy W8AGI, Seconded by Tim KD8QCA

Submitted by *Walter Callahan*, W8ALT
for Mary who had surgery.



Currently the K8QIK Radio Club in Lancaster, Ohio installed a GMRS repeater that transmits on 462.70 MHz and receives on 467.70 using PL code 77Hz. The repeater is located on a 60-foot tower at a ground elevation of 1,100 on the north end of the city. Range has been exceptionally good with hand-held coverage to most of the county. The repeater is open to anyone that has a current GMRS license and uses it to identify themselves every 15 minutes of use.

John, W8OF, Station Engineer

PLEASE NOTE: The Weather Spotters net will now include the ARES group also. The net will now be called The Weather Spotter/ ARES net and will continue on 146.700 Repeater with 94.8 Hz tone Monday at 7:00 Pm. Also note the time is 7:00pm not 7:30.

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**** Monthly Club Breakfast ****



NEW Location: **Scramblers**

1377 Ety Rd, Lancaster, OH 43130 (across from Panera's)

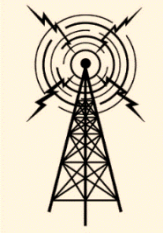
Time: 9-11 am; **3rd Saturday** of each month.

Next breakfast is [9-20-25.] in Lancaster.

- *We will have our club breakfast at Scramblers in Pickerington, OH once per Quarter. (Same time) We will remind you prior to the Pickerington Breakfast. This is to share the driving with some of our members in the Pickerington area.*

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The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)



Exam sessions will be at the Fairfield County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr in Lancaster Ohio, 43130, ***on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am.*** Please visit our website at <http://www.k8qik.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our VE team looks forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio and across our nation. We have an experienced team wich has tested candidates from Alaska, Florida, Texas and points in between!

Contact me at ve_testing@k8qik.org to register.

{ Three simple rules in life }

1. If you do not **GO** after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not **ASK**, the answer will always be **NO**.
3. If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place.



Scott's Stuff

Hi Gang,

It is with sadness that I inform you of the recent passing of our Kentucky Section Manager, Alan Morgan, KY1O. Alan had been experiencing health challenges for an extended period. On behalf of Janie and myself, we extend our deepest condolences to the Morgan family during this difficult time. We trust that his suffering has come to an end.



Ready for fall? Like it or not, the leaves have started their traditional turning and dropping—which means more cleanup for me, yuck! This year, they don't seem to be as bright and beautiful as they have been in the past, likely due to the drought we've been experiencing. They also seem much crunchier, which is actually a good thing since I mulch them for winter cover over our garden. The worms love it, and since I use those worms for fishing, it makes the entire recycling process complete!

Clubs, have you taken the time to write a letter to your Congressperson and Senators to Eliminate HOA Prohibitions on Amateur Radio Antennas!!!? I am strongly encouraging you to do so now. If every club in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky were to write a letter it would be such a monumental drive that Congress and the Senate could no longer ignore. We've made it really simple to write to them with a letter that just needs a few things for you to fill in. Are you with me on this??

Now, before I switch over to another subject, have YOU taken just 1 minute of your time to "Send a Letter"??? It's so easy that even a caveman could do it!! All you have to do is type in your call sign and allow the form to fill in the rest of your information, then hit the big RED button to submit. It's just that easy to do. You don't have to be an ARRL member either. Any licensed ham is able to do this. And we want EVERY Ham in the Great Lakes Division to sign the letter. Here's a link to it... <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> Oh... And not to skip over an even more important part of this effort, I need all the clubs in the Great Lakes Division to write letters too. Yes, it's easy to do and we've even provided a sample letter where you just add in your club information and signatures of your club officer(s) to it and mail it off to our central collection point. Here's a link... https://arrrl-greatlakes.org/hoa_club.html

Now, let's switch gears... On another note, have you participated in my latest survey? If not, it's not too late. I really want to hear from everyone on the topic of term vs. age limits. A number of you have already expressed your views, but I'm hoping to hear from all of you. Your opinion on this topic is important to me and possibly to the future of the ARRL. So, what's your excuse in not spending just 2 minutes of your time to let me know just how you feel on this... Here's the link.... <https://forms.office.com/r/uCg5BSw8Mg>

This past month has been a very busy month for me. I not only went out and visited some very interesting clubs, and I even got to a number of hamfests as well, including one in Kentucky! I had the opportunity to spend time in Newington this past month. As some of you may know, I am honored to be the only presenter at the Section Manager Workshop who is not employed by ARRL. This workshop is a mandatory class for new Section Managers, and there were ten participants in attendance this session. My role was to deliver the presentation on "What does it take to be a successful Section Manager." I thoroughly enjoy discussing the various responsibilities associated with the role, and I was pleased that our newest Section Manager for Michigan, Ralph, participated as well. Overall,

it was an excellent weekend, and I believe several of the new Section Managers left with numerous ideas to implement within their respective Sections. Please stay tuned for future developments.

How many of you view "Club Station" in QST? If you haven't or don't know that this is all about this is a space for clubs to share their practical ideas about what has helped lead them to their success. If your club has developed a creative way to get around common challenges, the ARRL wants to hear from you! They have published author guidelines that are geared toward "Club Station." Want more information on how to submit an article?

Go to: <https://www.arrl.org/gst-club-station-guidelines-and-profile-form> All clubs are welcome to participate. Also, have you noticed in the ARRL ARES E-Newsletter that they are now publishing news from many of the Section Emergency Coordinators from around the country? Got an interesting ARES news story? Send to: k1ce@arrl.net

This weekend is S.E.T. weekend. Are you ready to participate? For all E.C.s, your reporting form is (Form A). Net Managers your reporting form is (Form B) ... This year we have great news for you. You have new on-line forms to complete. They bring this reporting up to the 21st century in that these forms will auto-calculate your raw data. Once submitted, the forms go directly into Headquarters and anyone that you have added with a proper email address. Yes, you can even add as many people to the email as you wish. Each email needs to be separated by a comma only. There is even an additional Form for you to attach your supporting documentation, pictures, etc... which really brings things into today's world. Here's the link to all the forms... <https://ares.arrl.org/aresSET/>

As I hope you can see, we ARE moving in a positive direction! It sometimes takes longer than we'd like, but we are listening to you and are working very hard every day to try to make things better for not only the Field Appointees, but you, the member as well!

Please continue to stay safe and vigilant in all your endeavors. I eagerly anticipate the chance to "Catch You On The Air," perhaps at a forthcoming club meeting, or at an exciting hamfest in the near future!

But above all, regardless of your preferred mode or band, remember the golden rules of our incredible hobby: Have FUN, and most importantly, Get On The Air!

73, Scott...

Scott Yonally, N8SY

Director - Great Lakes Division

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Grant Amateur Radio Club - New Release

Subject: **Upcoming Hamfest**

The Grant Amateur Radio Club is again hosting the Georgetown Hamfest. This one-day event will be November 8, 2025 at 8AM. It will be located at the same location as recent years which is ABCAP Building, 406 West Plum St. Georgetown, Ohio 45121. Everyone is Welcome. Admission: \$5.00. No Limit on tickets, the more tickets you buy the better chance of winning a prize! Main Door prize is a \$600 gift Certificate from R&L Electronics. Amateur radio license testing will be conducted during the hamfest with assistance from Highland ARA.

The table setup is 6AM day of the event. Talk in frequency is: 146.730 PL 162.2hz
For more information you can contact Ken Klosterman at 513-515-6726 / KD8FKU@gmail.com or check out the club webpage (<https://grantamateurradioclub.yolasite.com>)
Hope to see you there. Where amateur radio friends meet!

License test section:

Grant Amateur Radio Club will be conducting testing during their Hamfest on November 8, 2025, with assistance from Highland ARA. For more information you can contact Ken Klosterman at 513-515-6726 / KD8FKU@gmail.com or check out the club webpage (<https://grantamateurradioclub.yolasite.com>)

Hams Needed to Track NASA Moon Mission



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is seeking volunteers to passively track the 2026 Artemis II Orion spacecraft as the crewed mission travels to the Moon and back to Earth.

The Artemis II test flight will send NASA astronauts Reid Wiseman, KF5LKT; Victor Glover, KI5BKC; and Christina Koch, along with Canadian Space Agency (CSA) astronaut Jeremy Hansen, KF5LKU, on an approximately 10-day mission around the Moon.

RADIO WAVES 10 Targeted for no later than April 2026, the mission will rely on NASA's Near Space Network and Deep Space Network for primary communications and tracking support throughout its launch, orbit, and reentry. However, with a growing focus on commercialization, NASA wants to further understand industry's tracking capabilities.

This collaboration opportunity builds upon a previous request released by NASA's Space Communication and Navigation Program (Scan) during the Artemis I mission in 2022. Ten volunteers successfully tracked the uncrewed Orion spacecraft on its journey thousands of miles beyond the Moon and back.

One of those volunteers tracking in 2022 was Scott Chapman, K4KDR, of Montpelier, Virginia.

"Sometimes it's what you don't know that makes this kind activity interesting," said Chapman. "All I had was a small S-band dish and receiver and wasn't sure what I could or couldn't hear...but when I started hearing the signals...it made everything worth it."

There were also other participants during the Artemis I mission, including international space agencies, academic institutions, commercial companies, nonprofits, and private citizens who were also attempting to receive Orion's signals. Chapman added that NASA is also looking for commercial partnerships to share in the process.

If you're interested in volunteering for next year's event, all of the information can be found at SAM.gov. The response deadline is October 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM EDT



Important Links

ARRL Home: www.arrl.org

Find an ARRL Affiliated Club: www.arrl.org/clubs

Find your ARRL Section: www.arrl.org/sections

Find a License Class in your area: www.arrl.org/class

Find a License Exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam

Find a Hamfest or Convention: www.arrl.org/hamfests

Email ARRL Clubs: clubs@arrl.org



DXAC

I'm writing to you today to provide an important update on the ongoing "DXCC 2025" review and to directly seek your input on a particularly nuanced aspect of our rules. As you probably know, the DXAC undertook this comprehensive, top-down review of all current DXCC rules several months ago. It's been an ambitious but necessary endeavor to ensure our foundational award remains clear, consistent, and fair for all amateur radio operators.

I'm pleased to report that we've reached a significant milestone: the initial pass, systematically going through every rule on the list, is now complete. This has allowed us to identify areas for clarification, modernization, and potential improvement across the board.

However, the journey isn't over. Our next several meetings are going to dive deep into an area that often sparks considerable discussion and requires careful consideration: the inactive and deleted country aspect of the current DXCC rules.

This isn't just about current operations; it's about the historical fabric of the DXCC award itself. How we handle entities that are no longer active, or have been deleted due to political or geographical changes, profoundly impacts not only the historical integrity of the award but also the aspirations of DXers around the globe. These rules affect whether an operator can claim a past entity, how we verify contacts, and what constitutes a valid "country" for DXCC credit when its status has changed over time. It requires a specialist's understanding of both history and the operational realities of ham radio.

As we dedicate our next several meetings to this crucial and often complex area, I'm reaching out to our Division membership to seek your valuable input. Do you have specific experiences, concerns, or suggestions regarding how inactive or deleted countries are currently addressed? Perhaps you've encountered ambiguities, or you have ideas for how the rules could be made more efficient, accurate, or easier to interpret.

Your perspective as a dedicated ham radio operator is vital. Clear, consistent, and well-understood rules are essential for the long-term health and credibility of the DXCC program. Your insights help us to "harden" our systems against ambiguity and ensure that the DXCC award remains the pinnacle of amateur radio achievement for generations to come.

Please share your thoughts on the inactive/deleted country aspect of the DXCC rules with me.

Your active participation ensures that the DXCC rules reflect the collective wisdom and experiences of our community. I look forward to hearing from you.

Email me at: dward8@gmail.com



Ohio State Parks on the Air – Indian Lake 2025

(Author: Tom Foy N4HAI)

This past weekend, Karen (K2KAR), Joe (K8MP), and I activated Indian Lake State Park in Logan County for Ohio State Parks on the Air. We used our new club callsign W8HCG - Hilliard Contest Group.



The site worked out great—while RVs were across the road, we had no immediate neighbors, and plenty of trees at the north end of the park for antennas. We put up the DXCommander and laid out the radials, only to discover a few broken radial wires. No problem—we stripped the ends and wrapped them around the wing nuts. Around an hour before sunset, Joe (K8MP) rolled in and quickly shot a line over a tree to hang his 40m bazooka.

Afterward, we drove to a local Mexican restaurant for dinner before turning in—Karen and I slept in her Subaru that night. It felt just like Field Day! Saturday morning started with coffee and setting up a 10'x10' canopy. Two tables became our “shack,” and by 10 AM we were on the air. Joe was back early to finish his antenna, and soon we were calling CQ. It was tough at times to track down other Ohio parks, but we made plenty of Midwest contacts, snagged a few West Coast stations, and even worked some DX.

Karen jumped right in and ran several pileups like a pro. Joe and I tag-teamed between CW and SSB, filling the log all afternoon. The K3 gave us a scare, but we traced it to a flaky MFJ tuner that had been problematic since Field Day. Once we pulled it out, everything ran smoothly. Later, I realized that hammering CQ in Morse Code into an End Fed Half Wave rated at 250 watts wasn't the best idea—the SWR crept up, and when I took it down, the balun was still warm!

Between us, we had three radios on site (K3, K4, and a TenTec Omni VI Plus), three antennas (80m EFHW, 40m bazooka, and an 80m DXCommander), three laptops, and our home 5G Wi-Fi as an easy way to network the laptops, and to look for spots on line. Plenty of gear, plenty of learning, and lots of laughs. We wrapped up the weekend with dinner at Texas Roadhouse in

Marysville. Our server was fantastic, and we even got to share a little about ham radio with her manager. It was the perfect ending to a weekend of radio, camping, and good company.

Lessons Learned-

- 1. Don't worry about your score—just have fun.***
- 2. Bring backups for everything that could fail.***
- 3. Test your equipment before you head out.***
- 4. Use a checklist! (We didn't forget anything this trip!)***



Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License *(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)*

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

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



Need ideas or a place to discover those billions of other things in ham radio? The ARRL has [four online publications](#) (or in some cases print):

- [QST](#) – monthly publication including news, reviews, technical tips, and projects
- [On The Air](#) – for beginners and experts alike covering a wide range of operating interests and topics
- [QEX](#) – bimonthly technical publication featuring experimentation, technical articles, and columns for hams and radio professionals
- [NCJ](#) – bimonthly contesting journal with hints, stats, scores, and QSO parties

Current ARRL members have access to the latest issues online through the links above or can [search past articles](#). Non-members can find these resources on the ARRL Periodical DVD available for the last couple years via the store (under [Station Resources](#)), try the local library, or ask a member to borrow theirs



Greetings!

Relationships matter, and working closely with our state's good neighbors is important for everyone. Indiana public safety communications is a good neighbor with a strong system and great people, and they treat amateur radio and AuxComm properly with appreciation and respect. This is particularly evident with the following Indiana event. I've found an opportunity for expanding Michigan's participation into this Indiana radio exercise, and I hope we can add a LARGE number of Michigan amateur stations to support them. They are particularly interested in having Michigan operators reach out to them ASAP to register to run BONUS STATIONS in advance (see web page below)! In 2 weeks on Saturday October 4th, Indiana is launching their 3rd annual "10-4 Day" public safety radio event that also includes AuxComm and amateur radio. We can easily participate on at least 40 meter and Winlink. This year "10-4 Day" is code named "Project Snoopy".

This is an EXCELLENT AuxComm / amateur opportunity for us. I've recently reached out to Indiana public safety, and they've already impressed me. That's why I'm taking the initiative for supporting "10-4 Day" awareness in southeast Michigan. Every licensed operator statewide is invited. Want even more action? Become a BONUS STATION by registering NOW!

Indiana is offering certificates to participants, so let's all get recognized. We can all proudly represent Michigan, practice our skills, and demonstrate our abilities.

When you get your recognitions, email a copy to me WITH YOUR CALL SIGN before October 31st, and I'll bundle them and send them all to Max Schnieder for his Michigan AuxComm records! If we get enough, perhaps he will make a note about the event on the state website. The event page for Indiana's "10-4 Day" is: <https://www.in.gov/ipsc/Divisions/training/annual-10-4-day/> Near the end of the page is the "AUXCOMM ALL CALL" section with amateur radio details.

Everything below that heading relates to YOU. Let's all join this fun event and support our good friends across Michigan's southwest border!

Thank you,
-Tony Griffin, Michigan PEM



ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program

The ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program, in effect since April 19, 2022, will cover the one-time \$35 application fee for new amateur radio license candidates younger than 18 years old for tests administered under the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) program.

"We are thrilled that we are able to provide this opportunity to our youth candidates," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM.

The \$35 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) application fee will be reimbursed after the ARRL VEC

receives the completed reimbursement form and after the new license has been issued. The reimbursement check will be mailed to the fee payer. Also, candidates younger than 18 years old would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC team at the time of the exam. The \$5 fee is for all candidates under the age of 18, regardless of the exam level taken. Proof of under 18 status is required at the session.

The ARRL Board approved the Youth Licensing Grant Program at its July 2021 meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, expanding on the scope of the original motion proposed by ARRL Southeastern Division Director Mickey Baker, N4MB.

The Board believes the recruitment and training of young amateur radio operators is a necessary and proper mission of the ARRL and subsidization of the \$35 fee will reduce the number of new amateurs that would otherwise be lost from these groups. Initially the new program would serve up to 1,000 new license applicants under 18 years old. The program length is indefinite; it may be renewed or terminated by the Administration and Finance Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Visit the ARRL website for the program instructions and reimbursement form at www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program.



Estate Planning for Hams (What happens to all your stuff?)

August is National Make-a-Will month. Some estimates show that nearly two-thirds of Americans don't have a plan. For some, it's procrastination. Others don't know where to start. "So many times we hear from the family of a Silent Key who are overwhelmed with what to do with a lifetime worth of amateur radio gear," said ARRL Director of Development Kevin Beal, K8EAL. "Simply thinking through what needs to be done ahead of time can prevent the stress on our loved ones after we are gone."

ARRL this week held a webinar, hosted by Beal and Dino Papas, KLØS, to discuss the first steps of planning. "It is something that, unfortunately, doesn't get a lot of attention. The bottom-line up front is, 'what happens to all our beloved ham gear when that inevitable day comes along that we become a Silent Key?'... Unfortunately, that day may arrive unexpectedly – so we need to prepare ahead of time to make it as simple as possible for our families," said Papas.



On the ARRLHQ YouTube channel, you can see a replay of the 52-minute presentation, along with the question-and-answer section at the end. "Your station is an asset, just like anything else you've built and put resources into. Deciding now what happens when you become a Silent Key can help solidify your legacy to ham radio," said Beal. The ARRL Legacy Circle recognizes the generosity of individuals who have planned support for ARRL through wills, trusts, life insurance gifts, and other ways. The ARRL Legacy Circle ensures that ARRL and amateur radio will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Murphy's Law...

Attorneys Operating Principle - Any simple idea must be worded in the most complicated and lengthy way.

Baker's Law - Misery no longer loves company. Nowadays it insists on it.

First Law of Bicycling – No matter which way you ride, it's uphill and against the wind.

Captain Penny's Law - You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool MOM.

Doc's Laws of Automotive Repair –

- 1.If you can reach the faulty part, you don't have the tool to get it off.**
- 2.Quality is inversely proportional to the time left to complete the job.**
- 3.If it jams-force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyhow.**

Laws of Applied Confusion – Truck deliveries that normally take one day will take five when you are waiting for the truck.

All Ohio ARES Conference

Come join us for All Ohio ARES Conference.

November 22nd 9am – 4pm



Newark, 1219 University Dr. Newark, Ohio 43055 (Warner Library Building)

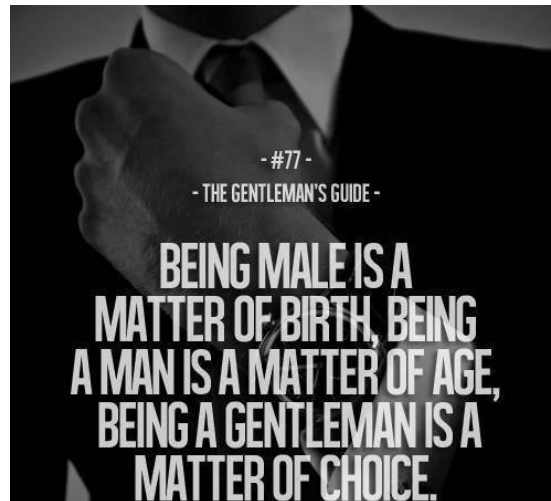
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**Informative presentations -- Door prizes
Bring your Go-Boxes and Comms vehicles to display.**

Doors open at 08:30 - Sign in from 08:30 – 09:00

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