

DECEMBER 2011 CCARA NEWS LETTER

COSHOCTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION ELECTED OFFICERS

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MEETING SITE & ADDRESS:

Coshocton County Services Building
724 South Seventh Street (*lower level*)

MEETING TIME:

First Tuesday of each month @ 7PM

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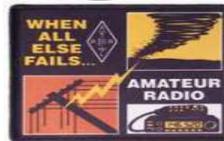
Tom Cordes, KB8HEA

NETS

FRIDAY @ 9PM 28.450 *Johnny Appleseed*

SUNDAY @ 9PM 147.045 *CCARA Club*

MONDAY @ 9PM 145.230 *ARES COCO (pl. open)*, followed by the
NECCo 440 Net on 443.5375+



N8VV - CW Field Day
"Champion" 2011
Way to go Dan!

PREZ SAYS.....

The time has arrived! Yes, the solar cycle is finally coming around to give us some good propagation. Everyone who has privileges on the 10 meter band (that would be all of us) and who has the antenna and equipment can reel in some good DX now. The last few weeks and months has shown a good rise in solar activity. Let's go get'em.

To see an example of what can be done (even with low power) check out the antenna neighbor, Sonny Alfman, W8FHF from Guernsey County working only 5 watts (with a great antenna, to be sure). Take a gander at all the DX he as worked this year; wow! Good going Sonny.

CCARA has had a good year with some good meetings, field day, and other fun events. One of the types of events I did not miss this year was that of having severe weather. With the exception of one tornado warning, Coshocton County fared rather well. Thanks to all the amateurs who kept their equipment ready, and joined in on the ARES nets. It is good to know that you folks are out there and ready to respond if the need should arise in our county.

As we close out this year, it is a good time to reflect on all our blessings, and the good times we have been able to experience in ham radio. Let's keep the gear "fired up" and make some good QSO's whether local or DX. Don't forget to support YOUR club with your dues and your presence at the meetings and events.

73, Randy Fisher KL7RF (CCARA Pres.)

December 6 Club Meeting

The annual CCARA club Christmas get together will be at 7PM at the County Services Building on 7th Ave. in Coshocton. We will be having the election of officers for the new year 2012 as well as having a fellowship time with finger foods and goodies, so please come on down to the meeting and bring something sweet if you can. See you there.

Weather Skywarn Online Training Webinar Planned

The National Weather Service in Pittsburgh will be conducting an online winter Skywarn on 15 December 2011 from 7-8 p.m. EST. Please share this link with interested parties. For folks that are our interested please visit:

http://www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/skywarn_webinar.html where you can register.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASS and EXAM

CCARA, PO Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

ONE DAY Class and Exam offered (if we have sufficient applicants).

Join the ranks of AMATEUR RADIO. *"Ham radio provides the broadest and most powerful wireless communications capacity available to any private citizen anywhere in the world."* ARRL. Providing communications to our served agencies via the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (A.R.E.S.) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications is duty to the public service when disaster strikes.

A challenge Amateur Radio Emergency Service (A.R.E.S.) faces in the number of agencies that demand communications support during a disaster. A local A.R.E.S. unit only has so much to go around, and it can't possibly meet every agencies needs. Keeping this in mind, it would be beneficial for various agencies/companies to have Amateur Radio operators on their staff that would have another communication resource available in time of need.

A potential one day class and exam is being offered if we have enough interested applicants. A class ARRL text is required for a fee and the exam is \$15.00. Upon completion of the one day class, a 35 question multiple choice license exam will be administered. Upon passing, you will receive a FCC Amateur Radio License. Once licensed, one of the advantages of having an Amateur Radio (Ham) license is that you will be able to serve government agencies if called upon or if you are part of a government agency, the department will have an in-house Amateur Radio operator capable of communicating within the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

If interested, please contact the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association at: W8CCA@ARRL.NET or contact Pat at 740-622-7646.

The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Assn, Coshocton County A.R.E.S. and the Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio Volunteer Team will mentor the class and administer the exam.

CCARA CLUB PATCH

Patches are available for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. See the club treasurer to purchase.



HONOR OUR VETERANS



OFFICAL 2012 FLAG-FLYING DAYS

January 1	New Year's Day
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
February 20	Presidents' Day
February 22	Washington's Birthday
May 13	Mother's Day
May 19	Armed Forces Day
May 28	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 17	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
September 11	Patriot Day
October 8	Columbus Day
November 6	Election Day
November 11.....	Veterans' Day
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day
December 25	Christmas Day

CCARA MEETING ATTENDANCE 2011

MARCH 1

KL7RF
KB8CRB
KC8YXY
WN8RGW
N8KRR
WB8SJQ
NF8U
N8VV
KD8HHQ
KB8HEA
AA8BN
KB9JSC

Carolyn Johnson

APRIL 5

KB8CRB
KB8HEA
KD8HHQ
N8VV
NF8U
KE8XM
N8KRR
WN8RGW
WB8SJQ
KC8YXY
KL7RF
KC8ZWR

MAY 3

KL7RF
KB8HEA
KC8YXY
N8VV
NF8U
KC8ZWR
N8KRR

JUNE 7

KL7RF
N8KRR
KB8CRB
KB8HEA
N8VV
K8CAA
WN8RGW
GUEST
NF8U
KC8YXY
N8LPB
KC8NJT
KC8ZWR

JULY 5

KC8YXY
KC8NJT
NF8U
KB8CRB
KB8HEA
N8LPB
K8CAA
GUEST K. WILEY
WN8RGW
N8VV
KE8XM

AUGUST 9

KL7RF
K8CAA
N8KRR
N8LPB
KB8CRB
N8VV
WB8JSQ
NF8U
WN8RGW
KC8YXY

SEPTEMBER 6

KL7RF
KC8YXY
N8LPB
KC8NJT
KB8HEA
WB8SJQ
N8VV
NF8U
WN8RGW
KB8HHO

OCTOBER 11

KL7RF
KC8YXY
KB8CRB
KB8HEA
N8KRR
N8VV
NF8U
WN8RGW

NOVEMBER 1

N8VV
WN8RGW
N8KRR
AA8UA
AA8BN
KC8YXY
KL7RF
KB8CRB
KC8NJT
N8LPB

CHECKINS-SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2011

CLUB NET Sunday 2100 147.045 MHz

September 4

Up time: 2105 Down time: 2125
NCS: KL7RF
WD8SDH* N8KRR WN8RGW NF8U KC8YXY KB8CRB

***NTS TRAFFIC passed fm WD8SDH to KL7RF**

September 11

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2106
NCS: KC8ZWR
N8KRR KB8HEA KB8CRB WN8RGW KL7RF

September 18

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2108
NCS: N8KRR
KB8CRB WN8RGW KL7RF KC8YXY

September 25

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2111
NCS: KB8CRB
N8KRR WN8RGW KL7RF NF8U WB8SJQ KC8YXY

October 2

Up time: 2105 Down time: 2120
NCS: KL7RF
WD8SDH N8KRR WN8RGW WB8SJQ KB8CRB KD8NEO

October 9

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2110
NCS: KC8ZWR
KB8HEA N8KRR NF8U WN8RGW KL7RF

October 16

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2109
NCS: N8KRR
KL7RF KB8CRB K8MLT

October 23

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2113
NCS: KB8CRB
N8KRR KL7RF AB8JH WN8RGW KC8YXY

October 30

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2112
NCS: AA8UA
KL7RF N8KRR WN8RGW KC8YXY KB8CRB K8MLT

November 6

Up time: 2107 Down time: 2125
NCS: KL7RF
KB8CRB WN8RGW WB8SJQ KB8HEA N8KRR
KC8YXY NF8U WD8SDH

November 13

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2114
NCS: KC8ZWR
N8KRR KL7RF KC8YXY WN8RGW WB8SJQ KB8CRB

November 20

Up time: 2100 Down time: 2110
NCS: N8KRR
WB8SJQ AB8JH WN8RGW KC8YXY KB8CRB KL7RF

JOHNNY APPLESEED NET FRIDAY 2100 28.450 MHz

September 2

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2145
NCS: KB8KEU
KB8RAK WN8RGW N8LPB KC8NJT KL7RF NF8U
WD8CHR KC8IXS KE8YL

September 9

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2131
NCS: KB8KEU
N8LPB KL7RF NF8U KC8IXS KC8NJT

September 16

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2139

NCS: WD8CHR
KB8RAK WN8RGW KL7RF KB8KEU NF8U KE8YL

September 23

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2138

NCS: KL7RF
KB8RAK N8LPB KC8NJT KB8KEU NF8U WN8RGW
WD8CHR KC8IXS KE8YL

September 30

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2140

NCS: KL7RF
KB8KEU WN8RGW NF8U

October 7

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2120

NCS: KB8KEU
KB8RAK WD8CHR NF8U KL7RF KE8YL

October 14

Time in: 2105 Time out: 2139

NCS: WD8CHR
K8WFN KC8IXS KB8KEU NF8U WN8RGW KE8YL
KB8YDK

October 21

Time in: 2101 Time out: 2147

NCS: WD8CHR
KB8RAK KC8DEY WN8RGW KE8YL NF8U KC8IXS
KB8KEU KL7RF KB8YDK

October 28

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2128

NCS: KL7RF
KC8DEY WD8CHR KC8IXS KB8KEU WN8RGW NF8U

November 4

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2137

NCS: KB8KEU
KB8RAK KC8IXS WN8RGW
KC8DEY KL7RF

November 11

Time in: 2105 Time out: 2158

NCS: KB8KEU
KB8RAK KC8DEY KL7RF
WD8CHR WN8RGW NF8U
KE8YL KC8IXS WA8YEG
W8TJT

November 18

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2135

NCS: WD8CHR
KB8RAK KC8DEY KL7RF
KB8KEU WN8RGW WA8YEG
KC8IXS KE8YL NF8U

November 25

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2147

NCS: KL7RF
KC8DEY KB8RAK KC8IXS
KB8KEU WD8CHR KD8YPP
KE8YL WA8YEG NF8U

ARES/COCO NET Monday 2100 145.230 MHz

September 5

Time in: 2101 Time out: 2111

NCS: NF8U
K8JSM N8KRR KB8CRB KL7RF WB8SJQ

September 12

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2113

NCS: KB8CRB
WN8RGW N8KRR KB8HEA WB8SJQ NF8U KB9JSC

September 19

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2109

NCS: N8KRR
N8VV NF8U KC8YXY KB8CRB WB8SJQ

September 26

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2113

NCS: N8VV
WN8RGW N8KRR KB8HEA KC8YXY KB8CRB WB8JSQ

October 10

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2114

NCS: KB8CRB
WN8RGW N8KRR N8VV KC8YXY NF8U KD8LNB

October 17

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2110

NCS: N8KRR
K8JSM/m N8VV WB8SJQ KB8CRB KC8YXY NF8U

October 24

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2118

NCS: N8VV
K8FZY N8KRR KD8NEO KB8CRB KB8HEA KC8YXY
KB9JSC KB8HHO

October 31

Time in: 2104 Time out: 2114

NCS: KB8CRB
K8FZY WN8RGW N8KRR N8VV KC8YXY AA8BN

November 14

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2118

NCS: KB8CRB
K8FZY N8KRR N8VV WB8SJQ NF8U
WN8RGW KB9JSC KL7RF AA8BN

November 21

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2113

NCS: N8KRR
KL7RF AA8BN KB8CRB KC8YXY
KB8HEA NF8U WA8MKH via KL7RF

November 28

Time in: 2100 Time out: 2109

NCS: N8VV

WN8RGW AA8BN NF8U KC8YXY

MONDAY-NECCo 440 NET 443.5375+ 2011

September 5

Time in: 2112 Time out: 2127

NCS: NF8U

KL7RF

September 26

Time in: 2113 Time out: 2120

NCS: N8VV

KB8HEA KC8YXY

October 24

Time in: 2118 Time out: 2125

NCS: N8VV

KB8HEA KB9JSC KC8YXY

November 14

Time in: 2136 Time out: 2143

NCS: AA8BN

N8VV KB9JSC NF8U
KC8YXY KL7RF

November 28

Time in: 2110 Time out: 2118

NCS: N8VV

WN8RGW AA8BN NF8U KC8YXY

WEEKLY NET CONTROL OPERATORS

NCOs. We are heading toward a New Year so just a reminder to send a list of your check ins to: n8krr@arrl.net for reports that are used in our newsletters and info sent to ARRL..

TNX

N8KRR/editor

OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET

The OSSBN is a great introduction to the ARRL's National Traffic System. It meets three times a day: 10:30AM, 4:15PM, and currently 6:00PM to handle traffic in, out, and throughout the state of Ohio, and the rest of the country. Check them out, and listen in on 75 meters on 3.9725MHz. This is a very active net and represents some of the best of amateur radio operating, as well as continuing the fine tradition of providing emergency communications in existence since the inception of ham radio itself. This was the foundation of the formation of the Amateur Radio RELAY League. This is where the "Relay" came from in the name.

Check out the OSSBN website at: [Ohio Single Sideband Net](http://www.ohiosideband.net)

FREE SWAP AND SELL

If you have something ham radio related, you can swap it or sell it here. List your item(s) here, free. Give a price and contact info.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS IN OHIO

12/16/2011 | Oglebay Festival of Lights

Dec 16-Dec 18, 2000Z-2100Z, W8ZQ, Blaine, OH.

Northern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.200.

Certificate. Joe T. McCready, PO Box 192, Blaine, OH 43909.

HAMFESTS

01/15/2012 | [SCARF Hamfest](#)

Location: Nelsonville, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation

01/29/2012 | [Tusco ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Strasburg, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tusco ARC

Website: <http://www.tuscoarc.org>

02/05/2012 | [Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Lorain, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

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

CLUB EVENTS

FIELD DAY – 2011 June 26 & 27

NF8U Mike Casey nf8u@arrl.net

For complete info go to the December QST issue page 72

CCARA is in the top 20% of contest.

BUEHLER'S FOOD VAN - 2011 August 19 & 20

WN8RGW Jim Wolff jawolff8125@sbcglobal.net

Fund raiser was a success again this year....

***** FYI CLUB DUES *****

Yearly CCARA Club financial obligations - i.e.:

- Repeater site lease
- Keene repeater maintenance
- Monthly programs
- Activities:
 - Fox hunt
 - Family picnic
 - Buehler's Food Stand
 - Johnny Appleseed net certificates
 - Post office box
 - Bank checking account
 - Cards and stamps
 - Coshocton Public Library Display

Coshocton County Fair and other communications CCARA finances come from dues. Please help your club by joining and attending meetings. Annual dues are \$15.00 per individual or \$20.00 for family membership.

SB QST ARL ARLB024

[ARLB024 FCC Releases New Rules for 60 Meters](#)

On November 18, the FCC released a Report and Order (R&O), defining new rules for the 60 meter (5 MHz) band. These rules are in response to a Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) filed by the ARRL more than five years ago and a June 2010 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). In the R&O, the FCC replaced one of the channels in the band, increased the maximum authorized power amateur stations may transmit in this band and authorized amateur stations to transmit three additional emission designators in the five channels in the 5330.6-5406.4 kHz band (60 meters).

The Amateur Radio Service in the United States has a secondary allocation on 60 meters. Only those amateurs who hold General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class licenses may operate on this band. Amateur stations must not cause harmful interference to -- and must accept interference from -- stations authorized by any administration in the fixed service, as well as mobile (except aeronautical mobile) stations authorized by the administrations of other countries.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE CHANGES HAVE NOT YET TAKEN EFFECT.

These new rules will take effect 30 days after they are published in the Federal Register. The ARRL will announce on its website when the rules are published. Additional information can currently be found on the web at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-releases-new-rules-for-60-meters>.

[WHAT IS HAM RADIO](#)

Ham radios are vehicles for communication. They provide a platform for the exchange of information or data in emergency situations or in disasters. The amateur radio service is founded on a pledge that includes public service, and radio amateurs, the "hams" who use the equipment, are sometimes the only links between zones of destruction and the "outside" world.

The ham radio is also a bridge connecting people and making them friends. Signals from even the smallest equipments can cross national boundaries and hams are resistant "staying in their own back yards" when the atmospheric conditions are right (*and when they aren't!*). The radio amateur mans his ham radio and literally has the world at his fingertips.

A ham radio is an increasingly sophisticated piece of technology, but it calls the user, the ham operator, to learn and improve on his technical knowledge and skill. Ham radio operators are asked to learn about the science behind their hobby, and to study to increase their understanding of the principles on which the humble ham radio works. The ham radio is a tool that a technically equipped individual can use to warn of or report on bad situations, bring people closer together, and open the eyes to a larger world.

CLUB PICNIC – 2011 September 11

KD8HHQ B. J. McDowell kd8hhq@arrl.net

Members, family, and friends of CCARA had a good time at Lake Park this last September. This year KD8HHQ did a great job cooking up some fine chicken as the main course for the meal. There were lots of good covered dishes to supplement the meat. Thanks again to B. J. for a fine picnic.



LIBRARY DISPLAY – 2011 Month of December

N8KRR Ron Carns n8krr@arrl.net

Priority Use of Center of Activity Frequencies for Actual Emergencies [From Nov.16 ARRL Newsletter]

Last month's issue included an item on the IARU Center of Activity Frequencies. It should be emphasized that *any* frequency on which ongoing emergency communications is underway needs to be protected.

In the course of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) consideration of the emergency Center of Activity Frequencies, members in 2008 noted that priority use of the frequencies is limited to times when there is an actual emergency in progress, and that they are available for regular amateur use at all other times. In 2009, the IARU Administrative Council when noting that all three regions

have agreed on the Center of Activity Frequencies in the 15, 17 and 20 meter bands, namely, 21.360 MHz, 18.160 MHz and 14.300 MHz, also noted the [GAREC09](#) Statement, while making no specific reference to the emergency Center of Activity Frequencies, called upon IARU member-societies, among others, "whenever emergency communications are being conducted on frequencies that propagate internationally, to use any available real-time communications channels, including but not limited to e-mail bulletins, web-sites, social networking and DX-clusters to draw the attention of the largest possible number of Amateur Radio operators to on-going emergency communications, in order to avoid interference with emergency traffic."

In short, amateurs should protect any frequency when it's actively being used for emergency communications. Otherwise the same standard applies to the Center of Activity frequencies as to any other amateur frequency: as stated in 97.101(b), "Each station licensee and each control operator must cooperate in selecting transmitting channels and in making the most effective use of the amateur service frequencies. No frequency will be assigned for the exclusive use of any station."

Letters: FEMA Classes [From Nov. 16 ARRL Newsletter]

I manage a large EMA organization. Most of our volunteers do not understand what constitutes "Emergency Management." As a result, we require [IS-230 -- Fundamentals of Emergency Management](#) for any certification level in all of our specialties. I recommend adding this course to your list so ARES operators will more fully understand the environment in which they work.

For an Amateur Radio operator who wants to do more than "hold a mic," I would also suggest trying to get into a [COML III](#) class, which requires IS-300. Keep up the good work. -- Garth Kennedy, W9KJ, Naperville, Illinois EMA

Recommended Training Courses for ARES Members

[From Nov. 16 ARRL Newsletter]

◆ ARRL [Introduction to Emergency Communication](#)-Course #: EC-001. This is a revision of the former Emergency Communications Basic/Level 1 course. This on-line course is designed to provide basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer. Prerequisites: [ICS-100 \(IS-100.b\)](#) (Introduction to the Incident Command System); and [IS-700](#) (National Incident Management System). Also recommended, but not required, are: [IS-250](#), Emergency Support Function 15 (ESF15), External Affairs; and [IS-288](#), The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management. The course covers: The Framework: How You Fit In; The Networks for Messages; Message Handling; What Happens When Called; Operations & Logistics; Safety & Survival; and What to Expect in Large Disasters.

◆ Red Cross or AHA combined course in [Adult CPR/First Aid/AED Basics](#)

◆ [FEMA IS-100 \(Introduction to Incident Command System\)](#)

◆ [FEMA IS-700 \(National Incident Management System\)](#)

STATEHOUSE HAPPENINGS

From Nov 21, OHIOSECTION Letter

On November 16, 2011 a hearing was held in the Ohio Senate State and Local Government and Veteran's Affairs Committee on each of the amateur radio antenna bills, S.B. 93 and H.B. 158. The hearing was scheduled for the presentation of sponsor testimony on both of the bills. State Government Liaison, Nick Pittner, K8NAP and Terri Kovalchik, N8TLK attended the hearing on behalf of the ARRL.

Representative Stebelton, one of the sponsors of H.B. 158 presented the legislation and indicated his understanding that S. B. 93, which is substantially similar to H.B 158, will be withdrawn in order to minimize the number of hearings necessary to pass the legislation. In his testimony, Representative Stebelton emphasized the importance of amateur radio as a communications resource in times of emergency, the federal regulations (PRB-1) intended to protect the amateur radio service and the fact that similar legislation has been passed in numerous other states. He also noted that the Senate passed very similar legislation in the prior term.

There were a few questions from Committee members, including whether Ham Radio is the same as CB radio and some questions about the 75 foot presumptions of reasonableness for antenna support structure height. In general, comments from committee members, including Chairman Kris Jordan, were very favorable toward the public service provided by radio amateurs and supportive of the Bill. At this point, further hearings in the Senate will likely consider H.B. 158 only. You can view the full text of that bill at:

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=129_HB_158.

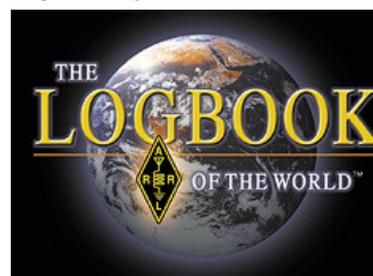
No additional hearings in the Senate have been scheduled at this time.

73,

Nick Pittner, K8NAP

State Government Liaison, Ohio Section

Logbook of The World: Backlog Is Clearing



Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)) is continuing to accept and process logs, including logs from this weekend's ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes Contest. Currently, the processing delay is at 30 hours, down from 45 hours last week. As of November 23, there are approximately 857,000 QSOs in 3335 logs still waiting to be processed. If you have already uploaded a log, please do not upload it again; by doing so, you will only add to the queue. Do not send entire logs that contain previously uploaded QSOs; use the date range option when signing logs, selecting only those QSOs in a specific date range to upload to LoTW. By following these guidelines, you'll help LoTW process the backlog at a faster pace. Thanks again for your patience.

[Public Service: The 13th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day Set for December 3](#)



The 13th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 3, 2011. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS) as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their local participating NWS offices, working as teams to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event. Read more

[ARRL and Amateur Radio Featured on Fox News](#)



In a story published on the Fox News website on November 22, reporter Michelle Macaluso called Amateur Radio the "newest trend in American communication." Macaluso cited numbers provided by the FCC that proclaimed that in October 2011, there were more than 700,000 radio amateurs in the US. Read the story [here](#) on the Fox News website.

This Week on the Radio

- December 2 -- NCCC Sprint
- December 2-4 -- [ARRL 160 Meter Contest](#)
- December 3 -- TARA RTTY Melee; Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
- December 3-4 -- TOPS Activity Contest
- December 4 -- 10 Meter RTTY Contest
- December 6 -- ARS Spartan Sprint

All dates, unless otherwise stated, are UTC. See the [ARRL Contest Branch page](#), the [ARRL Contest Update](#) and the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) for more information. Looking for a Special Event station? Be sure to check out the [ARRL Special Event Stations Web page](#). www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/11/17/radio-days-are-back-ham-radio-licenses-at-all-time-high/?cmpid=cmt_email_Gigya_Radio_Days_Are_Back%3A_Ham_Radio_Licenses_at_an_All-Time_High

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAM SESSIONS 2011

Conducted by the Coshocton Ohio Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Team, sponsored by the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association, W8CCA Walk-in and pre registered sessions are available throughout the year.

Contact us for other dates and times to set up a session for you!

All Exam elements available. **The 2011 exam fee is \$15.00. Exact amount appreciated.** Checks made out to ARRL/VEC are accepted too. A 2nd version of exam is available at VE discretion, time permitting. An additional \$15 is needed.

REQUIRED:

> **PHOTO ID** (driver's license, passport) or, when no photo ID is available, two forms of identification must be presented (birth certificate, report card, library card, Social Security card, utility bill, bank statement, Non-photo ID/driver's license, etc). Students may bring a school ID card, minor's work permit, school report card, library card and/or a written note from a legal guardian. If you don't have ID, then no exam will be administered.

>CURRENT ORIGINAL AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE and COPY, and ORIGINAL valid CSCE(s).

If applicable, bring the original and a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license and any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) you may hold from previous exam sessions. The photocopy(s) will not be returned. If you already have a license, then you need your FRN number on the 605 application.

>Social Security number or FCC issued FRN.

Already licensed, then you need the FRN number. (The FRN is viewable by doing a search for LICENSE at the FCC WTB ULS web page: <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>. Bring your Social Security Number (SSN) or your FCC issued Federal Registration Number (FRN). VEC's are required by FCC to submit either your SSN or your FRN number with your license application form. If you prefer not to give your SSN, then you may use your FCC issued FRN, if you have one. For instructions on how to register your SSN with the FCC and receive a FRN, visit the ARRL web page:

<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/uls101.html>. >Bring cash, exact amount appreciated, check or money order to cover the exam session fee. We have NCVET 605 forms at session. Handicap accessible. Copy machine available.

Contact Person:

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AA8BN, Session Mgr., good luck