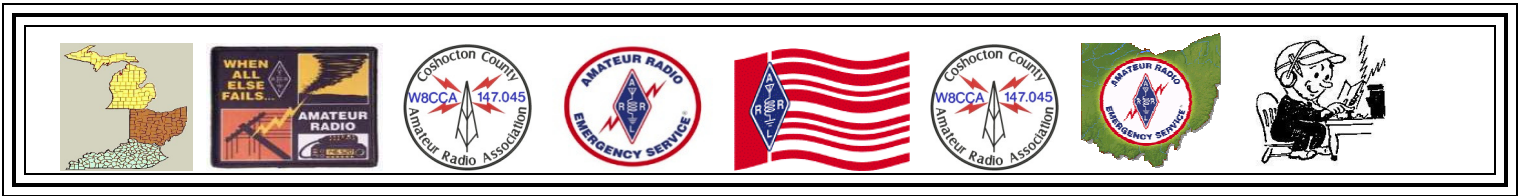


# COSHOCTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

[WWW.W8CCA.ORG](http://WWW.W8CCA.ORG)



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**MEETING TIMES:** First Tuesday of the month @ 7PM

**MEETING SITE ADDRESS:**

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

## NETS:

28.450 MHz – Johnny Appleseed, Friday @ 9PM

147.045 MHz – CCARA Club, Sunday @ 9PM

145.230 MHz – ARES COCO (pl. open), Monday @ 9PM followed by -

443.5375+ MHz – NECCo 440, Monday *after* COCO net

## MAILING ADDRESS:

Coshocton Co. Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 501, Coshocton, OH 43812

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [kl7rf@arrl.net](mailto:kl7rf@arrl.net)

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.w8cca.org>

## March 1, 2011 Club Meeting

We will be having a presentation of the American Red Cross at our meeting. ARES has a national agreement with the Red Cross to facilitate our being able to assist with communications during an emergency. Carolyn Johnson will explain how we will be able to work with our local chapters of the Red Cross.

**PREZ SAYS.....**

Wow! What a winter we have been having in East Central Ohio. We have been fortunate that we have not had many calls for Skywarn during this time. With all the shut-in time we have had, the DX bands have not been cooperating too well. I think this is one of the slowest pick-up times for a solar cycle in recent history. Patience, patience!?!

As we head toward Spring we can start preparing ourselves for the coming storm season. On Monday March 21 at 6:30PM there will be an advanced skywarn training (see other column for information). Each year a test of the tornado sirens takes place. We ask all hams who are available to listen for the tornado sirens in their locale, and to report on the ARES two meter frequency whether or not a siren was heard.

This event will be on Wednesday, March 23 at 9:50AM. The net will be brought up a few minutes early, so please keep this date and time in mind.

Coming on April 16th this year, hams will have an unusual opportunity to demonstrate ham radio to the Scouts. This year's Boy Scout Camporee will be held at the Muskingum camp site and will feature simulated emergency situations. The Boy Scout leadership has asked for volunteers from the ham community to assist in this learning activity. There will be a temporary 440 repeater set up on the grounds, and hams will be asked to report and relay information relative to the various emergency situations. We will also be able to show off the capabilities of ham radio and hopefully increase the boys interest in the hobby. There will be more information forthcoming on our local nets, at the club meetings, and on our web page as we get closer to the April date. Please keep this date open if you can and volunteer to help.

Don't forget to check our web page for current information about the club activities and ham radio events in our area. The URL is: <http://www.w8cca.org>. We even have an indicator on our home page with current updated solar information to guide your HF expectations.

As always, don't be a stranger on the 147.045 MHz repeater. Give a call and let folks know you are there.

73, Randy KL7RF

**CLUB LOGO PATCH**



**Purchase from the club Treasurer \$2.50 each.**

**CCARA MEETING ATTENDANCE 2010**

<b>2-Nov-10</b>	<b>7-Dec-10</b>
KL7RF	KL7RF
KC8YXY	KC8YXY
KB8CRB	KB8CRB
N8VV	KB8HEA
NF8U	KD8HHQ
WB8SJQ	N8VV
KC8NRY	WB8SJQ
KE8XM	KC8ZWR
KB8QVY	KB8QVY
N8LPB	N8KRR
KC8NJT	WN8RGW
N8KRR	KC8NRY & Wife
KC8NJT	AA8BN
	AA8UA

**CCARA MEETING ATTENDANCE 2011**

*First Tuesday Each Month 7PM*

<b>JANUARY 4</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>
KL7RF	KL7RF	
KC8YXY	KC8YXY	
KB8CRB	KB8CRB	
KB8HEA	KB8HEA	
WN8RGW	WN8RGW	
KB8HHO	WB8JSQ	
KD8LNB	NF8U	
KB9JSC	N8VV	
WB8SJQ	N8KRR	
NF8U	AA8BN	
N8VV		

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PITTSBURGH**

**The National Weather Service will be doing an Advanced SkyWarn Presentation at the Coshocton County Emergency Management Agency, County Services Building, Room B-100, 724 South 7th Street-Lower Level, Coshocton, Ohio, on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.**

**\* PRE-REQUISITE: You must have already taken a basic Skywarn class to attend this meeting. For more information or to RSVP, contact your local EMA office at 740-622-1984.**

Contact: Jordan Seib at:

**[JordanSeib@coshoctoncounty.net](mailto:JordanSeib@coshoctoncounty.net)**

Please call with any questions you may have or to reserve a seat for this class.

Please note that **this is an Advanced SkyWarn presentation** and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

**NOTICE:**  
**Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week:**  
**March 20-26, 2011**  
**&**  
**Statewide Tornado Drill:**  
**March 23, 2011 at 9:50 AM**



**"Keep an Eye to the Sky"**

**DURING BAD WX CONDITION'S**

*Amateur Radio Operators are encouraged to check the following available Media:*

INTERNET SITE - [www.w8cca.org](http://www.w8cca.org)

**MONITOR -**

CLUB REPEATER: 147.045MHz

A.R.E.S. REPEATER: 145.230MHz

440MHz REPEATER: 443.5375+

WTNS RADIO: 99.3 FM – for emergency and event updates.

CLUB E-MAIL ALERTS - will be sent to ALL registered recipients as early as possible.

\* FREQUENT CHECKS of the: [www.w8cca.org](http://www.w8cca.org) site is encouraged! \*

**ARES ALERT - January 18, 2011**

**Coshocton County ARES® Activated Due To Water Main Break**

On January 18, 2011 Steve Wheatcraft, AA8BN of Coshocton County ARES® was contacted by the EMA to inform us that the Red Cross was setting up a shelter at the Coshocton Senior Center on Browns Lane due to gas lines to about 600 homes that were affected by a water main break.

The Red Cross requested ARES® to provide backup communications at the shelter.

Randy, KL7RF began contacting ARES® operators while Dan, N8VV met with the Red Cross to determine their requirements.

The Red Cross requested an operator be on standby at the shelter from 6:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in case other communications were interrupted.

Ron, N8KRR and Terry, WB8SJQ volunteered to split the duty while KL7RF and N8VV monitored the 145.23 MHz repeater for any traffic to be relayed or to activate more

operators if necessary.

There was little response from the public and the shelter was shut down at about 10:00 p.m.

Thank you to all who were standing by in case additional resources were required.

**Dan, N8VV**

**Assistant Emergency Coordinator**

**Coshocton County ARES®**

SKYWARN nets are held on the 145.230MHz (ARES) repeater whenever severe WX conditions threaten Coshocton County. There are several PDF files available on [www.w8cca.org](http://www.w8cca.org) that you can download to help you be better prepared to assist the National Weather Service and Coshocton County as an amateur radio SKYWARN spotter. We encourage all ham weather spotters to join the net. You are the eyes and ears "on the ground" in Coshocton, for the weather service.

**OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND Net**

The OSSBN is a great introduction to the ARRL's National Traffic System. It meets three times daily, 365 days per year on 3972.5 kHz at 10:30AM, 4:15PM and 6:45PM to handle traffic in, out, and through 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 in the name. Check out the OSSBN website at:

<http://www.qsl.net/ossbn> or [www.ossbn.net](http://www.ossbn.net)

**OHIO SECTION NEWSLETTER**

To view club newsletters from other Amateur Radio Clubs go to the Ohio Section Page at:

[http://www.arrl-ohio.org/sm/ohio\\_section.htm](http://www.arrl-ohio.org/sm/ohio_section.htm)

**DAYTON HAMVENTION® 2011**

**May 20-22, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ Global Friendship**

When the Dayton Hamvention® opens May 20, 2011, for its sixtieth consecutive year the theme, "Global Friendship," will reflect an important part of ham radio according to Michael Kalter, W8CI, General Chairman for the event. "The theme emphasizes how the technology continues to bond Amateur Radio Operator's from all over the world," Kalter said.

Kalter, who has more than 20 years of experience at the event, selected Joshua Long, KD8BVB, as his Assistant

General Chairman. Kalter noted that Long also has volunteered at Hamvention® for a number of years and served as chairman of the Communication Committee during 2010. "I know that Josh will give me the kind of support needed to build upon the success of last year and to lay a foundation for another great Hamvention®."

Hamvention® would not be possible without the hundreds of volunteers who give their time each year, Kalter said. He thanked all volunteers for their past support and added that many have already committed to working in 2011.

Interested in learning more about the Hamvention® experience?

[Check out this collection of Hamvention® resources on the internet.](#)

#### QUESTIONS ???

Email: [exhibits@hamvention.org](mailto:exhibits@hamvention.org) for exhibits questions.

Email: [fleamarket@hamvention.org](mailto:fleamarket@hamvention.org) for flea market questions.

Email: [forums@hamvention.org](mailto:forums@hamvention.org) for forum questions.

Email: [media@hamvention.org](mailto:media@hamvention.org) for media questions.

Email: [tickets@hamvention.org](mailto:tickets@hamvention.org) for tickets questions.

Email: [info@hamvention.org](mailto:info@hamvention.org) with any other questions!

#### HAMFESTS 2011

12 Mar: MOVARC Hamfest, Gallipolis, OH  
20 Mar: TMRA Hamfest/Computer Fair, Perrysburg, OH - Jim  
9 Apr: 55th Cuyahoga Falls ARC Hamfest, Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
23 Apr: Jackson Co. ARC Swap, Jackson, OH  
1 May: Athens Hamfest, Athens, OH  
18 Jun: Milford Hamfest, Milford, OH - Jim  
17 Jul: Van Wert Hamfest, Van Wert, OH  
31 Jul: Portage Hamfair 11, Randolph, OH - Gary  
6 Aug: Voice of Aladdin Hamfest, Columbus, OH - Jim  
21 Aug: Warren ARC Hamfest, Cortland, OH  
28 Aug: Cambridge ARA Hamfest, Cambridge, OH  
11 Sep: Findlay Hamfest & Great Lakes Division Convention, Findlay, OH  
(QSL Field Checking) - Gary, Jim  
25 Sep: Cleveland Hamfest & Computer Show, Berea, OH - Jim

#### ARRL CLUB 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 retain \$2 for each renewal. Please support your club, it doesn't cost any more. Send or give all paper work to the club Treasurer with your money.

#### COSHOCTON CLUB FIELD DAY 2011

-Will be **June 25-26** same location as last year!  
Committee: N8GXQ, AA8BN, N8VV

#### WHERE:

Canal Louisville United Methodist Church's "Brown Farm". It's located at the top of the hill across from 50166 TR 200. Go up SR. 621 and turn right immediately past Memorial Gardens; follow the narrow blacktop to the top of the hill; and on the right are two garage like buildings set back about 250 feet from the road.

There's a sign indicating it as the "Brown Farm".

Check [www.w8cca.org](http://www.w8cca.org) for up-dates.

#### \*\*\* 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.

#### AMATEUR RADIO INFO WEBSITES

Coshocton County Ohio ARES ® home web site

<http://www.w8cca.org>

<http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/agency/ema/EMA%20Dept.php>

ARRL home page

<http://www.arrl.org>

<http://www.arrl.org/public-service>

<http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/default.htm>

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

<http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org>

OHIO SECTION website

[http://www.arrl-ohio.org/sm/ohio\\_section.htm](http://www.arrl-ohio.org/sm/ohio_section.htm)

National Weather Service

<http://erh.noaa.gov/er/pbz>

<http://spc.noaa.gov>

8<sup>th</sup> AREA Incoming QSL BUREAU

[http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/8th\\_bureau.htm](http://www.arrl-greatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm)

CONTESTING INFO and links to all contest rules, etc

<http://www.contesting.com/>

6000 HAM RADIO LINKS and other info

<http://www.ac6v.com/>

K1IW AMATEUR RADIO REPEATER and BROADCAST TRANSMITTER web search

<http://rptr.amateur-radio.net/arn/rptr/>

DX CENTRAL DOTCOM - DX SPOTS and DX NEWS

<http://www.dx-central.com/>

AA5AU RTTY PAGE - Everything you need to know to get started in RTTY

<http://www.aa5au.com/>

N3FJP'S AMATEUR RADIO SOFTWARE SITE!

General logging and contest software

<http://www.n3fjp.com/>

DAYTON HAMVENTION INFO

<http://www.hamvention.org/>

KB8SSH 2M MAP - OHIO MAP of 2M Repeaters

<http://www.qsl.net/kb8ssh/map.html>

WEBSITE for Repeaters

<http://rptr.amateur-radio.net/arn/rptr>

### **STARK COUNTY VHF QSO PARTY**

Stark County VHF QSO Party

April 2nd, 2011 12 Noon - 6:00 PM

**Mode:** 2 Meter FM Simplex

**Sponsored by:** The Alliance Amateur Radio Club

We are looking forward to warm weather. One of the high points for our year is going to be the Stark County VHF QSO Party, and we'd like to invite you, and your club members to join in the fun. The enclosed file has all the rules, and pertinent information.

This is the Alliance ARC's second running of this event. Last year's contest resulted in a lot of 2 Meter activity, and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. It was a beautiful, warm day, and we are expecting nothing less for this years running.

Please talk this up with your members, and other interested parties.

Included is a flyer for the contest. If you could include this in your newsletter, we would appreciate it.

Thanks & 73,

John Myers, KD8MQ  
President, Alliance ARC  
[www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)  
Cell: 330-936-5021

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## **Stark County VHF QSO Party**



**Make as many contacts as you can on 2 Meter FM Simplex!**

Stark County contacts are worth **2 Pts**,

all others are worth **1 Pt!**

36 Multipliers!

**3 Bonus Stations Will Be On The Air!**

Download Entry forms, Rules, and Information at:

<http://www.w8lky.org/2mcontest/aarc2mtrtest.pdf>,

or

e-mail: [2mcontest@w8lky.org](mailto:2mcontest@w8lky.org)!

Sponsored by:

**The Alliance Amateur Radio Club**

[2mcontest@w8lky.org](mailto:2mcontest@w8lky.org)

[www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)

### **FREE SWAP AND SHOP**

If you have ham related items to sell you can do it here. List your item(s) here; list a price and how to contact you. Send list to: [kl7rf@arrl.net](mailto:kl7rf@arrl.net)

**Also go to: [www.w8cca.org](http://www.w8cca.org) for equipment on sale.**

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

E-mail newsletter articles to [n8krr@arrl.net](mailto:n8krr@arrl.net),

TNX



**SUNDAY CLUB NET - 147.045 MHz**

**January 2**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2123  
NCS: KL7RF      WD8BBE  
N8KRR      WN8RGW  
KD8RDP      WB8SJQ  
KD8LNA      AA8BN  
KC8YXY      KB8HEA  
KB8CRB      KD8NEO

**January 9**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2119  
NCS: KC8ZWR      NF8U  
N8KRR      K8MLT  
KB8CRB      KB9JSC  
KL7RF      KD8NEL  
WN8RGW      KB8HEA  
KC8YXY      WD8BBE  
KD8LNA

**January 16**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2108  
NCS: N8KRR      WN8RGW  
KL7RF      WB8JSQ  
KB8CRB      KC8YXY

**January 23**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2112  
NCS: KB8CRB      KB9JSC  
N8KRR      KL7RF  
WN8RGW      KC8YXY

**January 30**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2125  
NCS: AA8UA      N8KRR  
KD8LNA      WN8RGW  
KB8HEA      KB8CRB  
KC8YXY      KL7RF  
KD8OYL      KC8PIY  
N8TCC      N8TDL  
KD8NEO      AA8BN

**February 6**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2116  
NCS: KL7RF      WB8JSQ  
KC8YXY      N8KRR  
KB8CRB      K8JSM  
WB8JHD      NF8U

**February 13**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2115  
NCS: KC8ZWR      KL7RF  
WN8RGW      WB8SJQ  
KD8LNA      KB8CRB  
N8KRR      KC8JJW  
K8CAA      KC8YXY

**February 20**

Up time: 2100      Down time: 2120  
NCS: N8KRR      KD8RDP  
KL7RF      WN8RGW  
KB8CRB      KC8YXY  
NF8U      WB8SJQ

**February 27**

Up time:      Down time:  
NCS:

**MONDAY COCO (ARES) NET - 145.230 MHz**

**January 3**

Time in: 2100      Time out: 2110

**NCS: NF8U**

N8VV      WN8RGW  
AA8BN      KD8RDP  
WB8SJQ      N8KRR  
KC8YXY      KB8CRB

**January 10**

Time in: 2100      Time out: 2115

**NCS: KB8CRB**

WN8RGW      N8VV  
N8KRR      AA8BN  
WB8SJQ      KB8HEA  
NF8U      KC8YXY  
KB9JSC

**January 17**

Time in: 2100      Time out: 2109

**NCS: N8KRR**

WN8RGW      KB8CRB  
KC8YXY      WB8SJQ

**January 24**

Time in: 2100      Time out: 2110

**NCS: N8VV**

N8KRR      AA8BN  
WB8SJQ      KC8YXY  
NF8U

**January 31** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2116  
NCS: AA8BN  
WN8RGW AB8RR  
N8VV N8KRR  
WB8JSQ KB8CRB  
KC8YXY NF8U  
KB8HEA

**February 7** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2115  
NCS: NF8U  
WN8RGW N8VV  
N8KRR KC8YXY

**February 14** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2114  
NCS: KB8CRB  
WN8RGW N8KRR  
KD8RDP N8VV  
WB8SJQ NF8U  
AA8BN AA8UA

**February 21** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2111  
NCS: N8KRR  
KB8HHO WN8RGW  
KD8RDP AA8BN  
WB8SJQ KB8CRB  
KC8YXY KB8QVY  
KL7RF

**February 28** Time in: Time out:  
NCS:

**MONDAY NECCO 440 NET - 443.5375+ MHz**

**January 3** Time in: 2110 Time out: 2117  
NCS: NF8U  
WB8SJQ N8VV  
AA8BN KC8YXY

**January 10** Time in: 2115 Time out: 2130  
NCS: KB9JSC  
KB8HEA N8VV  
NF8U AA8BN  
KC8YXY WB8SJQ  
KD8LNC KD8LNB

**January 17** Time in: Time out:  
(no net this date)

**January 24** Time in: 2110 Time out: 2120  
NCS: N8VV  
AA8BN WB8JSQ  
KC8YXY NF8U

**January 31** Time in: 2117 Time out: 2124  
NCS: AA8BN  
KB8HEA N8VV  
NF8U KC8YXY

**February 7** Time in: 2115 Time out: 2130  
NCS: NF8U  
N8VV KC8YXY  
KD8LNA

**February 14** Time in: 2109 Time out: 2114  
NCS: KB9JSC

**February 21** Time in: 2115 Time out: 2130  
NCS: KB8QVY  
KL7RF KC8YXY

**February 28** Time in: Time out:  
NCS:  
Call Name Location

**FRIDAY APPLESEED NET - 28.450 MHz**

**January 7** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2148  
KB8KEU NCS KC8DEY  
KB8RAK WD8CHR  
W8TJT NF8U  
KC8IXS KE8NI  
KL7RF KC8IVC  
K8WFN KB8YDK  
KE8YL

**January 14** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2135  
WD8CHR NCS KC8DEY  
WA8NBP KD8RDP  
KC8IXS KL7RF  
NF8U KB8KEU  
WN8RGW KE8YL  
KB8KEV

**January 21** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2138  
WD8CHR NCS NF8U  
KC8IXS KB8KEV  
KC8DEY KE8YL  
W8TJT KL7RF  
KC8IVC

**January 28** Time in: 2100 Time out: 2136  
KL7RF NCS KC8DEY  
WD8CHR WA8NBP  
KC8IXS KB8KEU  
NF8U WN8RGW  
KC8IVC K8NI

**February 4**      Time in: 2100      Time out: 2128  
 KB8KEU NCS      K8WFN  
 KC8IXS            WN8RGW  
 WD8CHR            NF8U  
 KC8IVC            KB8YDK  
 KE8YL

**February 11**      Time in: 2100      Time out:  
 KB8IVC NCS

**February 18**      Time in: 2100      Time out: 2132  
 WD8CHR NCS      KD8RDP  
 KC8IXS            WN8RGW  
 KE8YL            KB8KEU  
 K8WFN            KC8IVC

**February 25**      Time in: 2100      Time out: 2135  
 KL7RF NCS        KB8KEU  
 KB8IXS            WN8RGW  
 WD8CHR            NF8U  
 KC8DEY            KE8YL  
 KE8NI

**AMATEUR MF ALLOCATION MOVES A STEP CLOSER**

(Article from [www.arrl.org/news&features](http://www.arrl.org/news&features))

**TAGS:** [agenda item](#), [amateur](#), [amateur allocation](#), [amateur radio](#), [amateur service](#), [ARRL Chief](#), [ARRL Chief Technology](#), [Inter-American Proposal](#), [Inter-American Telecommunication Commission](#), [international amateur radio union](#), [international telecommunication union](#), [Officer Brennan Price](#), [Officer David Sumner](#), [world radiocommunication conference](#)

02/24/2011

Amateur Radio has moved a step closer to a medium frequency (MF) allocation below the AM broadcast band. During the first week of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), held in Geneva February 14-25, delegates completed the drafting of nine pages of analysis of the technical and regulatory issues related to WRC-12 Agenda Item 1.23: consideration of a possible secondary allocation to the Amateur Service of about 15 kHz somewhere between 415 and 526.5 kHz. Two possible methods of satisfying the agenda item, along with the possibility of there being no change (and therefore no allocation), are set out in the CPM Report, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each.

What is now called Method A envisions an allocation of up to 15 kHz between 472 and 487 kHz. Method B calls for allocations of 461-469 kHz and 471-478 kHz. Another Method that had been developed at earlier meetings of Working Party 5A of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector,

for an allocation of about 15 kHz between 493 and 510 kHz, was dropped from the draft CPM Report because no support for this approach had developed among the administrations participating in the preparatory process. A new digital system centered on 500 kHz is being developed by the maritime radio community, and an amateur allocation, even on a secondary, not-to-interfere basis, was found to be incompatible with the planned system.

“The hard work of a team of radio amateurs led by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) – and with considerable help from friendly administrations – has gotten us to this point,” said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, who attended the first half of the CPM on behalf of the IARU. “While more support will need to be developed among other administrations if we are to achieve an allocation at WRC-12, our prospects are better now than they were a week ago.” He gave particular credit to Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, who has coordinated the IARU effort and gained valuable support from the Canadian administration. “Ken and the IARU team have been working on this issue for three years,” Sumner said.

ARRL Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX attended the CPM as a member of the United States delegation. The US supports what is now called Method B, which also has sufficient support among other administrations in the Americas to have become an Inter-American Proposal of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) [see [this article](#) for more information]. At this stage, what is now called Method A has support from several administrations in Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

WRC-12 will be held in Geneva next year from January 23 to February 17.



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