

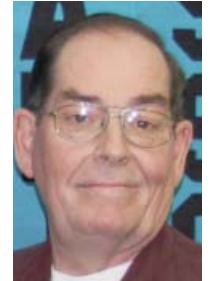


EMAIL FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mark your calendars for: Friday, October 12 from 6:30-9:30am at Salem High School. We have been asked to do radio communications outside the HS for the Columbiana Safety Conference & Expo. Ginger Grilli <gingergrilli@aol.com>

HI ALL



It hardly seems like it's already time for the Canfield Fair to be over. It seems as though the summer has just flown by. I would like to thank everyone that helped out with the Memorial Day Parade and the just past Grande Parade

here in Salem.

Don't forget the Christmas Parade which will be on December 1, which is a Saturday, and will start at 1:00 P.M. and go thru downtown Salem. Please check in if you're around the parade. We will use 146.49 simplex.

The Columbiana County EMA will have a setup at the Columbiana Street Fair on the South side of the circle. Dates are September 6 thru September 8.

An activity coming up is the EMA will have an OPEN HOUSE in Lisbon on September 15 from 11:00 A.M. till 6:00 P.M. There will be a display of equipment that's available in time of need. Hope you will attend.

There will be testing Saturday, September 22 with registration starting at 1:00 P.M. with testing starting at 1:30. Walk-ins will be accepted. Testing will be located at the Columbiana County EMA, 215 S. Market St. in Lisbon.

If there is an interest there will be classes in January with dates and other info to come later.

Ginger was needing some help on October 12 from 6:30 'till about 8:30 A.M. to help the Safety Council with info and directions. Anyone who can help, call Ginger 330.337.7225.

VANITY CALL SIGN FEE INCREASE

Vanity Call Sign Fee to Go Up 80 Cents - 07/20/2012 - On July 20, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from \$14.20 to \$15. The fee will increase 30 days after notice of the increase is published in the Federal Register; no date has yet been set for publication. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In FY 2012, the FCC expects to grant 14,300 vanity call signs, bringing in \$214,500 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$339,844,000 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

Vanity Fee Due for New, Renewal Applications

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal six years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1993 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1996. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

ARRL Processes License Renewals, Including Vanities

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC. Visit the Call Sign Renewals or Changes web page for complete instructions on how to have the ARRL renew your

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**SAARA MEETS THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 P.M.
AT THE SALEM LIBRARY
821 EAST STATE ST., SALEM, OH**

ARES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

ARRL Ohio Section ARES is proud to announce the 1st Annual ARES Membership Drive.

In spirit of National Preparedness Month, all county ARES teams are encouraged to participate in the contest by registering as many new volunteers throughout the month of September. Recruiting should be a team effort. Just like an emergency or disaster, Emergency Coordinators are not expected to do everything by themselves. ARES volunteers should assist the EC in recruiting as it is an integral part of bringing "new blood" into the ARES program.

1. Contest runs from September 1st to September 30th.
2. All registrants must be licensed amateur radio operators verified by the FCC database.
3. All volunteers must register using the ARRL FSD-98 ARES Registration Form.
4. Copies (you keep originals) of completed FSD-98's must be received for verification no later than Wednesday, October 3rd.
5. The county that registers the most volunteers wins!
6. The district with the most new volunteers wins!

The winning county and district will both receive a spectacular award certificate suitable for framing. Both will also be recognized on the Ohio Section Website, Ohio Section News, and in my weekly Ohio SEC Notes & Stuff which goes out to the entire Ohio Section and then some. An announcement will also be sent to the publishers of QST and ARES E-Letter so everyone will know which county and district in the Buckeye State took first place in the 1st Annual Ohio Section ARES Membership Drive.

Copies of completed FSD-98's are to be sent to PIO Jackie Clay KD8DNE via either:

Email: You scan them and email them to kd8dne@gmail.com.

Postal Mail:

Jacqueline Clay KD8DNE

14770 Hillcrest Ave

Middlefield, OH 44062

Fax: 440-585-1024 Attn: Matt Welch

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Good luck to everyone. May the best county and district win the 1st Annual Ohio Section ARES Membership Drive.

Matt
73 de Matt Welch W8DEC
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FROM MY INBOX

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Matt Welch <w8dec@arrl.net>
Subject: [Ohioares] All Ohio ARES Conference Update

All Ohio ARES Conference (AOAC)
Saturday, November 3
Ohio Fire Academy
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Many thanks to those who have registered thus far for the All Ohio ARES Conference. Online registration will remain open until the night before the conference. Click on this link <<http://d10.mediaex.com/aoac-register/>> to register. Walk-In's (a.k.a.: spontaneous volunteers) are authorized however everyone is encouraged to register ahead of time. This is primarily for logistics and accountability. In addition to that, let's just say there are advantages by registering online. Here's one that comes to mind . . . I have been advised that a brand new Wouxun KGUV3D 2M/440 HT has been donated. All registered participants who attend the conference will be entered into the drawing.

Considering we are at the Ohio Fire Academy for a reasonable low cost, the staff and I only felt it was only right to do something for the fire service. There will be a donation jar available for those who would like to donate to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. <http://www.firehero.org/>. According to the website, "The United States Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the tax-exempt, nonprofit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor our fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers. My thinking is, the Ohio Fire Academy is allowing us to use the facility at minimal cost. The least we can do is make a donation for the friends and families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. You're also more than welcome to make a donation via their website. Print a copy of your receipt and bring it with you. We'll add that to the total of our donation to NFFF.

Our new Statewide Digital HF Net Manager, Gary NJ8BB has volunteered to be Staging Officer for the Emcomm Vehicle / Trailer Display at the AOAC. If you have indicated on your registration that you will be bringing a communications vehicle / trailer whether it be government owned or personally owned, I am sure Gary will be in contact with you to get specifics. If you'd like to be proactive, Gary's email is garyhollenbaugh@yahoo.com.

Stan and I are still looking for speakers and presenters. I know we have best of the best or elite of the elite in the Ohio Section. We want to learn from those who are the best in their field of expertise. If you have something you'd like to teach or demonstrate, what better place than the All Ohio ARES Conference.

My staff and I are working diligently to put this conference on for you. Just like the statewide digital HF net, we're either going to do it right, or we're not going to do it all. This is the final conference of the year and we're aiming to make it the best one this Section has ever seen. When everything is all said and done, it will be more like an ARES Expo than it will be a conference. Come join us for education and training, friendship and fellowship, and most of all, have fun with hams who share the same interests in amateur radio. If you have any questions or comments, Contact Stan N8BHL and/or myself.



73 de Matt W8DEC

In an earlier publication we noted the passage an Ohio law prohibiting drivers from texting behind the wheel. Since then, a number of additional questions have been raised and the following is offered in an attempt to answer those questions.

(The following discussion is offered as an information service of the Ohio Section. It is not intended as, and should not be construed as legal advice.)

What's Prohibited.

Ohio's "texting" law, H.B. 99 (the Bill) became effective on August 31, 2012. The Bill prohibits driving a motor vehicle while using a handheld electronic wireless communication device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. The use of cell-phones for voice communication is not prohibited by the Bill. The term "text-based communication" is not defined, but there a number of exceptions in the Bill to tell us what it is not. For example, the act of "reading, selecting, or entering a name or telephone number in a handheld electronic wireless communication device for the purpose of making or receiving a telephone call is not prohibited. Other exceptions include the receipt (but not the reading) of wireless messages via radio waves, the use of a wireless navigation device and commercial truck mobile data transmission. If convicted, the texting prohibition for adults is classified as a minor misdemeanor." R.C. 4511.204(D).

Secondary Offense.

The texting prohibition is designated as a "secondary offense" meaning that the act of texting cannot, by itself become the basis for a traffic citation without the commission of some other, primary offense. Specifically, the Bill provides, "[n]o law enforcement officer shall cause an operator of an automobile being operated on any street or highway to stop the automobile for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of division (A) of this section has been or is being committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons for a violation of that nature or causing the arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation of that nature, and no law enforcement officer shall view the interior or visually inspect any automobile being operated on any street or highway for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation of that nature has been or is being committed." R.C. 4511.93.

Six Month Pass.

In addition, for the first six months the Bill is in effect, no traffic citation may be issued for the violation of the texting prohibition of the Bill. Instead, law enforcement officers are required to issue a written warning informing the operator of the motor vehicle of the existence of the new texting law. H.B. 99, Section 3.

Kids Beware.

Additional prohibitions apply to juveniles. Specifically, no holder of a temporary instruction permit who has not attained age 18 and no holder of a probationary driver's license shall operate a motor vehicle while using "in any manner" a wireless communications device. This cell-phone prohibition, like the texting prohibition, is subject to a number of exceptions including emergency contact with law enforcement, hospital, fire department or similar emergency agency. The use of a cell-phone by minors is permitted if the motor vehicle is in a stationary position, outside the lane of travel. Interestingly, the "secondary offense" limitation on law enforcement for texting violations does not appear in Section 4111.205, which is applicable to juveniles holding a temporary operating permit and holders of a probationary license. Additionally, the penalty for those individuals is much greater.

Municipal Cell Phone Rules Not Affected.

In Ohio, certain municipalities have the power to adopt local traffic and other kinds of laws that regulate conduct within the territorial limits of the municipality. In the exercise of that power, a number of Ohio cities have already prohibited driving while "texting" and in some cases, cell phone use altogether while driving. The Bill makes it clear that the state law prohibition on texting is not intended to supersede local ordinances prohibiting the same conduct. R.C. 4511.024(E). As a result, a cell-phone conversation or mobile QSO lawfully commenced on one side of the city line may become unlawful

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once the municipal boundary is crossed.

Mobile Amateur Radio Communications.

For most of us, the Bill has very little application to amateur communications. Voice communication via mobile amateur radio is not prohibited. Text-based communication via amateur radio, however, is likely prohibited subject to the same exceptions as applied to cell phone based texting. The Bill's definition of "electronic communications device" does not specifically address amateur radio equipment, but does include "any other substantially similar wireless device that is designed or use to communicate text." This would appear to include mobile PSK and RTTY communications. APRS transmissions would, arguably, fall within the "navigation purposes" exception to the prohibition on texting. (See Note-1 Below) There may be other mobile amateur applications that would be subject to the Bill as well, if they involve communications by text-based messaging.

However, it is likely that the cell-phone use prohibition on juveniles under the age of 18 and those with probationary driver licenses will include the use of mobile amateur radio. The term "electronic wireless communications device" as used in that section includes, any "[w]ireless device that is designed or used to communicate via voice, image or written word." That broad definition would likely be interpreted to include mobile amateur radio, but subject to the exceptions noted in the Bill.

(Note-1) - The statute does not specifically address that issue, and the assumption is based on my reading of the Bill.

73

Nick Pittner, K8NAP
Ohio State Government Liaison

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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By Earth Gauge

In 2011, the United States saw a record 14 weather and climate disasters that caused one billion dollars or more in damages - from flooding in the Upper Midwest to tornadoes in the Southeast and wildfires in the West. And 2012 has been no stranger to extreme weather and climate conditions either, with massive wildfires, extreme heat, drought and recent flooding impacts from Hurricane Isaac.

Viewer Tip: September is National Preparedness Month - the perfect time to make sure you have the supplies and information you need to stay safe if a natural disaster or other emergency occurs in your area.

•Know Your Stuff. Find out what kinds of natural and man-made disasters may occur in your area. Know how you will be notified of an emergency in your community (TV or radio broadcasts, sirens, telephone calls, etc.), and learn about emergency plans established by your state or local government. Get state-by-state information about famous natural disasters and preparedness tips at www.ready.gov/today.

•Have a Plan. All family members should know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in different emergency situations. Find out if workplaces, daycares and schools have emergency plans. Download a family emergency plan at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.

•Build a Kit. Keep an emergency supply kit at home that will

cover the basics of survival: food, fresh water, clean air and warmth. Find a list of suggested emergency supply kit items at www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit.

•Consider Special Needs. Remember that additional planning and supplies may be required for:

- Infants and young children: www.ready.gov/infants-young-children
- Seniors: www.ready.gov/seniors
- People with disabilities or special needs: www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs
- Pets: www.ready.gov/animals

(Sources: NOAA.. "Extreme Weather 2011."; FEMA Ready. Image courtesy of FEMA Ready.)

Read more: <http://www.motherearthnews.com/healthy-people-healthy-planet/earth-gauge-tip-of-the-week--september-is-national-preparedness-month.aspx#ixzz26BEFPgU6>

Swap & Shop

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| 1. ICOM IC-706 MKIIG, with HM-103 mic | \$400.00 |
| 2. LDG-IT-100 100 watt Automatic Tuner for ICOM | \$100.00 |
| 3. ICOM HB118 TN/YA DTMF hand microphone | \$ 75.00 |
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| V2L HF/VHF/UHF Multiband Antenna | |
| 6. M383 Moble Mounting Bracket | |
| 7. MB72 carrying handle | \$ 25.00 |
| (Separation cables) not yet | |
| No box. Printed copy of manual | |

All the above (1 thru 7) \$600.00

Call Jim Jickess (330-757-9675) for more information

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license for you or for how to do it yourself. License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the ARRL Amateur Radio License Renewal web page. The FCC's forms page also offers the required forms.

from the internet

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@ ITT, 9:00 A.M.

PREREQUISITE:
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Columbiana County NETS

Sunday	9:00 P.M. East Liverpool	146.700	Triangle ARC NET
Monday	8:00 P.M. Columbiana County		Columbiana County Emergency Training NET (ARES)
This NET alternates (lowest to highest) between 146.700, 146.775, 146.805, 147.255 and 147.285 repeaters in Columbiana County.			
	8:30 P.M. Bible Study on the Air	147.285	KB8MNE
Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Salem	147.510 Simplex	Homeland Security Net (last Tuesday of every month)
	9:00 P.M. Salem	K8BTP 147.255	Northern Columbiana County SAARA NET
	9:30 P.M. Salem	KB8MNE 28.310 SSB	SAARA Rag Chew Net
Thursday	8:30 P.M. Alliance	28.400 SSB	Alliance ARC NET
	9:00 P.M. Alliance	145.370	Alliance ARC NET
Saturday	8:00 P.M.	146.805- PL162.2	Skywarn net