The Crooked River Amateur Radio Club

Inaugural Newsletter

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And

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Greetings fellow hams!

This is our first Newsletter in our nascent and vigorous club! We've had so much growth and activity in recent months, that we absolutely must chronicle our exploits and get the word out that we have had so much fun, with far more in the years to come.

We are an ARRL affiliated club, and a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with ARES and SKYWARN capabilities in service of our area communities and government, among a myriad of other offerings. Please, don't let the serious nature of our affiliations detract from our primarily promoted objectives – which is to HAVE FUN!

I am both honoured and privileged to be the editor for our club, and could hardly wait to see what comes in our collective future. Being that this is our first in a series of hundreds of future newsletters to come, the content might be a bit sparse in total, but no worries – so much more is coming!

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President's Message for June 2024



…3…2…1…It's Field Day!!! Hard to believe it's almost that time again but Field Day 2024 is almost upon us so bring your curiosity and come and learn about how we make Field Day 2024 happen. Planning is under way, the site is chosen, and layout for the site is being mapped out! What do we need now? YOU! Information and address is in the following paragraph. *Please try to make it to Field Day 2024!*

Field Day Preparations Continue... As of this writing, there are 24 days left before this year's Field Day event. Preparations are stepping into high gear and things appear to be on schedule. I'm sure you've heard this a hundred times, but let me say it one more time! Please plan to take some time on Field Day weekend, even if it's just an hour or two in the evening, to come out and support CRARC! We need your help! This is a 24 hour event and we need operators, loggers, and people to help set up and tear down, most importantly though, we need people to come out and join in the fun of this Amateur Radio Weekend! If you're a new Ham, this is definitely a "bucket list event!" It's an opportunity to learn about the many facets of how the Ham radio community comes together to work and have fun together. Whether you've participated in field day before or are a newbie, please consider coming out and supporting this club event. So, where is CRARC doing Field Day this year? 1115 Eastwood Ave in Tallmadge. Setup will start at 4:00pm on Friday (6/21) and Field Day Starts at 2:00pm on Saturday. *Hope to see you there! It's No Fun Without You!*

Coming to a Radio Club Near You. *This has been a pretty good year so far for CRARC and we need to continue the momentum. Your* continued support helps us accomplish great things and your attendance helps promote our club and amateur radio in general. There is so much more in the works though, After Field day we're planning a summer of fun! Upcoming is our first Fox Hunt, Forming a VE Team and doing a testing session, maybe a POTA event or two, Public Service events of the summer, and whatever else you want to be part of. This is your club and you're in the driver's seat. The world is at our feet! Let's do some Fun Ham Radio Stuff! Let the club know what you'd like to do and *Thank-You So Much for your continued help and support.*

Benefits of Being a Non Profit Club! As some of you may know, we've applied for and have been accepted as a Non-Profit status by Google. This has many benefits in management tools as well as benefits for individual members of CRARC. Several of these are being instituted as we speak. Coming in the near future will be chat rooms for members to communicate in and your own CRARC email address. We also have use of

google classrooms for any online training we want to do. This is going to be great for the members to communicate and keep everyone informed! *Stay tuned!*

Let Me Leave You With This Parting Thought. Or… My 3.14159265359 cents or welcome to *a slice of my pie*... Since February 1st, when we started our membership year, this has been a fast moving spring! We've had some major accomplishments in that time, we've found a home at the church, had some major presentations, did a Yagi Antenna build, Winter Field Day, did a public service event for the IHM 5k race (and really impressed them with our performance) and now we're approaching Field Day 2024 with the kind of vigor that I'd always imagined a club like this should be like. Do we just sit back and rest on our laurels? Hell No! You ladies and gentlemen are a driving force. There's still tons for me and the management team to accomplish and there is a reason for this! *We want to be the best club in the Akron area just by doing what Hams Do*! We need you with us! ***Thank you for your support and all you do!***

I'm going to close simply by saying something I've said many times before. CRARC is more than a club, its people and amateur radio in action at its finest. I love being part of CRARC and it and the membership will always have a place in my heart.

See you at the June 5th Meeting and the June 19th meeting as we wrap up getting ready for the big day!

Come And Join Us And Let's Have Some Fun! 73 de N8OQ



OHIO SECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS, PER THE ARRL

2024 K3Y Special Event – Scheduled for July 26-28

The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure plans to participate in a 2024 Special Event as K3Y on July 27, 2024. K3LR Contest Group is hosting us at their station for this event. They will participate in the RSGB IOTA contest as a team of youth operators. This is the second time a Youth DX Adventure event is being hosted in the USA. As K3LR is one of the largest stations in the world this adventure was truly special for the David Kalter kids and their parents. There were housing issues for our anticipated international trip. The trip is sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, K3LR Contest Superstation and DX Engineering. This program is a Very Big Deal! Thank you to the sponsors and supporters. Please get on the air and give them a QSO!



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators play a vital role in emergency communications preparedness plans for the United States, the state of Ohio and many other local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has more than 28,000 licensed amateur radio operators, many of whom have provided valuable public assistance through emergency radio communication on a local, statewide, national and international basis in times of need; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators donate the time, equipment and expertise to help provide the public with free emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, June 22-23, 2024 have been set aside in Ohio and nationally as amateur radio field day for emergency communications preparedness exercises.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize June 22-23, 2024 as

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS' APPRECIATION DAYS

On this 22nd day of June 2024.

Mike DeWine
Governor

Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor

The 13 Colonies Special Event will take place July 1-7, 2024. Operating times are July 1,1300 UTC to July 8, 0400 UTC. Thirteen special call signs will be on the air, each one representing one of the original 13 British colonies that were established in 1607. Three additional bonus call signs will be on the air representing Great Britain, France, and Philadelphia. All HF bands can be used, including the WARC bands, with the exception of 60 meters. Simplex on 2 meters and 6 meters is encouraged. The southeastern stations on the east coast are very close to each other. It will be harder for these states to contact each other so, use of 40-160 meters is encouraged. All modes of operation may be used, including SSB, CW, RTTY, and digital. The mode of operation is up to the individual colony state station. More information about logs, call signs, and QSL certifications can be found at The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event.

Club Grant Program to Return

The ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program is returning for 2024. After receiving additional funding from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), the next round of grants will be available later this year. More than $500,000 in grants have been awarded to clubs across the country. This program centers around club projects that are transformational in nature (i.e., projects that have the greatest impact on the local community). Previously successful grants concentrated on the recruitment and training of new hams, STEM programs, emergency preparedness, and amateur radio technology development. ARRL Director of Development Kevin Beal, K8EAL, said, "ARRL is proud to partner with ARDC to administer the Club Grant Program. These grants offer an opportunity to have a significant impact on amateur radio's future."

More information will be announced on all ARRL news outlets in the coming weeks. Now is the time for your club to consider if you have a project that could qualify for a grant. Start thinking just how your club can impact amateur radio, today and in the future. Grants will be available for up to $25,000 and will include reporting and media requirements. Stay tuned for additional information, and get ready for the next round of the Club Grant Program.

UPCOMING REGIONAL VE SESSIONS

The FCC requires applicants have an FCC FRN, a good phone number and a readily accessible e-mail address before taking exams. Please bring your FCC FRN, your original license – if any, a copy of your license (if a licensed ham), a state legal and valid photo ID and $15.00 cash.

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a $35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club holds quarterly VE testing, at the Christ United Methodist Church in Alliance. The address is 470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH

(https://maps.app.goo.gl/prDyEPp6siJun2ibA).

Upcoming Exam Dates are

Saturday, March 16th, 2024

Saturday, June 15th, 2024

Saturday, August 10th, 2024

Saturday, October 19th, 2024

We begin registration at 8 AM, with testing at 9am. More information can be found at www.w8lky.org/licensing/ve-exams/.

CARS

VE testing from CARS - Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society - at Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Wisnieski Parkway in Independence, Ohio 44131 Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Always the 2nd Sunday of the odd month. Go to CARS www.2cars.org for detailed map of location. Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details.

Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)

The first Saturday of every even numbered month -10 am – at the PCARS club site in Ravenna. Please visit the PCARS web site and check out the information about VE testing in the latest newsletter at www.portcars.org

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at KB8UUZ@gmail.com

Silvercreek ARA (SARA)

SARA holds six exam sessions per year for all license classes. Pre-registration requested but not required. Exam sessions for 2024:

Saturday, February 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

Saturday, April 6th - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, June 1st - Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, August 3rd - Wayne County Justice Center (Wooster)

Saturday, October 5th -Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

Saturday, December 7th -Sharon Center UMC (Wadsworth/Medina)

All sessions begin at 10:00am. For directions and test information visit https://w8wky.org/license-exams/. Pre-Registration to expedite paperwork is requested, but not required at https://w8wky.org/sara-ve-registration-form/. Sign up and if you aren't ready or can't make it, just notify the VE team lead.