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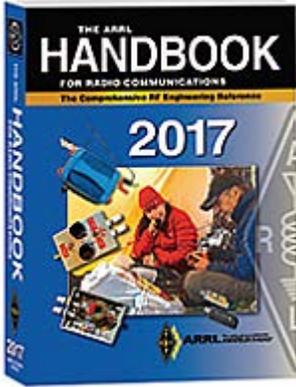
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Handbook Give Away

Hey Gang..

Just wanted to remind you all that time is running out on this month's drawing for the 2017 ARRL Handbook. You have until midnight on August 31st to get signed up for a chance to win!! That's just a couple of days away!

If you haven't entered yet, why not? What have you got to lose? It's FREE and you can't get anything better than that!!

What's the catch? There isn't any. If you live in Ohio, all you have to do to be entered is to fill out the form.

You'll even be emailed a copy of the completed form back to you as your confirmation that you're entered. It won't cost you anything!! And no, you don't have to be an ARRL member to participate! A new drawing is held each month, and in order to be eligible, you do have to enter each month. You can't win if you don't enter. So what have you got to loose!!

Please only hit the submit button once. It will take the server several seconds to process the form. Once completed and accepted you'll be directed back to the main page of the website.

Here's a link to help you... <http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html>

73, and good luck to all..

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One Question Questionnaire

Hey Gang, there's another NEW – one question – questionnaire on the Ohio Section Website! This question ties in with the previous two questions about Hamfests. I really do want to know how you feel.

It will only take about 2 seconds for you to answer it, and you can see how your answer stacks up with others instantly. If you haven't done it yet, please do. I really want to hear from you.

Got a question that you'd like to see on our questionnaire, please send it to me! I have had several of you already do that and I would love to see more!! <http://arrl-ohio.org>

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BLACK SWAN 17
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The BLACK SWAN 17 exercise (intended to be usable as SET for IA, IL, IN, MI, and OH) is out.

<https://sites.google.com/view/blackswan/2017/faq>

Here we answer some of the more frequently asked questions.

1. What is BLACK SWAN 17? A communications exercise that tests the ability for radio services to operate in emergencies where normal infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed. The area of operations is Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.
2. What are the goals of BLACK SWAN 17? A formal set of goals will be published in the information packet to be released on Labor Day, Monday 4 September. Roughly, we are looking to test how responders, emergency management agencies, and non-government organizations (NGOs) activate, operate, and complete communications missions. We are looking specifically to measure volume, accuracy, and speed of radio traffic. ARRL Field Organizations should be able to use this activity as their annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET).
3. When is BLACK SWAN 17? The main event ("intense activity") is the 48-hour window of 7-8 October, though the scenario will be active 1-15 October. Organizations that want to participate but cannot during intense activity will be able to run their own exercises in any 48-hour window during the scenario.
4. How can I prepare for BLACK SWAN 17? Several things will help you get going.
 1. Identify the group that's participating. We are interested in government agencies, NGOs involved in preparation for, response to, and recovery from emergencies like those brought on by severe weather. If you are associated with an NWS office, hospital system, state or local EMA, CERT, RACES organization, ARRL Field Organization, independent radio traffic net, please contact us.
 2. Articulate your goals as an organization. Hospital systems will likely want to exercise their ability to get timely and valuable information; ARES groups likely want to test how they can activate amateur radio circuits at their served agencies; traffic nets will likely want to see how much traffic they can move, how quickly they can move it, and how accurately they can move it. Each organization's mission will define what they need out of, or how they can provide, emergency mode communications when Internet, phone, and standard trunked radio services are compromised or unavailable.
 3. Assign responsible people to critical roles for your organization. You will need the following:
 1. Liaison: This is one person (and ideally an alternate) who will work with the Exercise Director to ensure that the master exercise plan includes elements that the organization needs to benefit from the exercise, and to receive bulletins from the exercise director that need to be distributed to the rest of the participating organization.

2. **Controllers:** A small number of people who do not play in the exercise, but have oversight for it, ensuring that players do not run out of things to do because the pace is too slow, or that things unrealistically stack up. Controllers are also responsible for safety of the players and the operation.
 3. For example, if a real-world event requires that players respond to the real event, controllers must modify or even call a halt to play to ensure that critical assets are available. Controllers in participating organizations will have real-world telephone communication with the exercise director to help coordinate among participating groups.
 4. **Players:** These are the people who will be activating the teams, conducting operations, and participating in the Hot Wash that follows right after end of exercise.
 5. **Evaluators:** At least one person should be designated to assess the performance of the organization against the goals articulated in the local exercise plan. In smaller organizations, a controller may also perform the role of evaluator.
 6. **Observers:** Optionally, your organization might want to have others observe the exercise. These could be members of your served agency, liaisons to other agencies, members of the press, or anyone else with an interest, or who would represent someone with an interest in the organization's success in emergency communication.
4. **Publicize the event.** Even without knowing all of the details, you can locally set the date and time of the operation. We hope that you are able to participate in the entire 48-hour period of 7-8 October, but in any case, set the date and time that you begin and end your activity, and publicize it. Use #BLACKSWAN17 tag on social media, send email to your members, publish in newsletters, and undertake any other awareness that prepares people to participate.
 5. **Register your organization!** The exercise director will need to work with liaisons of participating organizations to develop and distribute details of the exercise that will not be published publicly ahead of the event to ensure realistic play. Have your designated liaison register online at <https://sites.google.com/view/blackswan/2017/register-to-participate>.
 6. **Be ready to use the Labor Day information packet** to have your controllers, evaluators, and liaison (but not players!) complete the exercise plan template so you will have your own detailed plan, timeline, and materials needed to undertake play.
5. **Where can I find more information?** The current Concept of Operations, News, and other information is available from the BLACK SWAN 17 web site at <https://sites.google.com/view/blackswan/>.

Bottom line: if you've got an EMCOMM group in or around the area, we want to coordinate SET activity with you to ensure the most realistic play across the five-state area. If you're outside of the area but want to play we'd love to have you working as friends and family of those affected so we've got addressees for long-haul welfare traffic.

Thanks!

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Fun Things To Do

(from various newsletters)



09/08/2017 | Centennial of Lorain, Ohio Lighthouse

Sep 8-Sep 10, 1800Z-1200Z, W8HN, Lorain, OH. Medina 2 Meter Group. 14.275 all freqs. + or - qrm contacts phone only 7.210 3.810 146.520. QSL. EQSL, send e-mail to kkoyan@ncwcom.com, Lorain, OH 44052. 100 years of the Lorain Ohio Lighthouse, sponsored by The Lorain Lighthouse Foundation Inc. We are encouraging boaters to dock & stop in for a small donation in support of lighthouse maintenance. Event runs from Friday 09/08/2017 6 pm EST ending Sunday 09/10/2017 12 pm EST. www.qrz.com/w8hn

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) announces the 10th annual Ohio State Parks On The Air contest.

When: **Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC (10 am to 6 pm Eastern Time)**. There are 74 Ohio State Parks, so there's plenty of parks to make a day of it, and join us in the FUN!

Rules? Entry Forms? Log Sheets? Ohio State Park Information? Check out all the details at: www.OSPOTA.org

***NOTE: LAKE WHITE CLOSED** — it was recently announced that Lake White would not be considered "Open" for the 2017 Ohio State Parks on the Air operating event. Construction is not due to be completed until sometime late this month. The Park should be back as active for the 2018 edition of the contest.*

10/07/2017 | Great Lakes Hamcon at The Michigan International Speedway

Oct 7-Oct 8, 1300Z-1800Z, K8MIS, Brooklyn, MI. Great Lakes Amateur Radio Association. 21.300 14.266 7.185 3.850. QSL. South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club, 429 Lyon Court, South Lyon, MI 48178. k8mis@glhamcon.org or glhamcon.org

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Website Stats:

Summary					
Reported period	Month Jul 2017				
First visit	01 Jul 2017 - 00:08				
Last visit	31 Jul 2017 - 23:44				
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Viewed traffic *	6,223	10,483 (1.68 visits/visitor)	367,479 (35.05 Pages/Visit)	1,453,741 (138.67 Hits/Visit)	12.47 GB (1247.13 KB/Visit)

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Director, Vice Director Elections Set in Three ARRL Divisions

(from ARRL Bulletins)

(EDITORS NOTE) Congratulations to Dale and Tom for winning another 3 year term as our Great Lakes Director and Vice Director!!!



<http://arrrl-greatlakes.org>

ARRL members will choose between two candidates for the Vice Director's seat in the Atlantic Division, now headed by Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, who qualified for re-election. Running for Atlantic Division Vice Director are Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Lloyd Roach, K3QNT, of Bedford, Pennsylvania. Hollingsworth served as FCC special counsel overseeing Amateur Radio enforcement.

There's also a two-way race to fill the Dakota Division Director's chair being vacated by Kent Olson, KA0LDG, who has decided not to run for another term. Running to succeed Olson are Matt Holden, K0BBC, of Bloomington, Minnesota — the current Vice Director — and Dean Summers, N0ND, of Dickinson, North Dakota. Holden was appointed as Vice Director in February 2016 after former Director Greg Widin, K0GW, became ARRL First Vice President.

A four-way race exists for the Vice Director's chair that Holden is vacating. The candidates are Tom Karnauskas, N0UW, of Owatonna, Minnesota; Jay Maynard, K5ZC, of Fairmont, Minnesota; Lynn Nelson, W0ND, of Minot, North Dakota, and Chris Stallkamp, KI0D, of Selby, South Dakota. Nelson is North Dakota Section Manager, while Stallkamp is South Dakota Section Manager.

Midwest Division Director Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, is being challenged for re-election by Cecil Miller, WB0RIW, of Wichita, Kansas. Vice Director Art Zygielbaum, K0AIZ, is unopposed for re-election. Blocksome was appointed Midwest Division Vice Director in 2010. He will be filling the vacancy after then-Midwest Division Director Bruce Frahm, K0BJ, was elected as ARRL Second Vice President, and Blocksome, the Vice Director at the time, moved into the Director's seat.

Running unopposed for new terms are Delta Division Director David Norris, K5UZ; Vice Director Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ; **Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK, and Vice Director Tom Delaney, W8WTD.**

The Ethics and Elections Committee established the eligibility of all candidates and declared all unopposed candidates elected for 3-year terms starting January 1, 2018.

Ballots and candidates' statements for contested elections will be mailed to members of the respective divisions who are in good standing as of September 10. Completed ballots must be received by noon Eastern Time on November 17. Votes will be tallied at ARRL Headquarters, and the election results announced later that day.

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Final Final..



Hey Gang,

I really hope that everyone is enjoying this fantastic weather we've had this past week. It's been great, but I'm sure that we'll pay the price for it somewhere later this year or early next year.

ARRL Memberships -- Are you aware that the Ohio Section, like so many other Sections in the country are losing ARRL Memberships at an alarming rate? We are, and it's very concerning! Some of the reason could be cost, as dues were raised a couple of years ago, and it hurt – I do understand that. It made me think long and hard too!!



But, I feel that a lot of you are just forgetting to renew!

Please, don't let your membership lapse. Remember, the ARRL is STILL the only organization that is out there fighting for YOUR rights! No other magazine or organization is willing to fight for us. You may not always agree with what the ARRL management does, or doesn't do and that's ok. But, if you're not a member, what gives you the right to complain at all?

The Ohio Section is still the largest Section in the country. So, let's keep that statistic going strong. It's easy to do, just renew! You can even do it on-line using a credit card. Need help? Just give me a call and I'll be glad to help you renew OR become a NEW member, if you're not already.

Know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "Opt-In" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send me an email n8sy@n8sy.com and I'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list. I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, gets signed up to receive these Newsletters. You can always "Opt-Out" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting.

Got questions, concerns or would just like to sit and chat awhile? Heck, I'll even buy the coffee!! Give me a call at (419) 512-4445 or email me at: n8sy@n8sy.com

73,

Scott, N8SY..

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