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## Caribbean Telecommunications Union Head Calls for “New Generation” of Hams

(from the ARRL Bulletins)

In remarks made on International Disaster Reduction Day, Friday, October 13, Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) Secretary-General Bernadette Lewis described Amateur Radio as a “bedrock of sustained communications” during emergencies, and strongly suggested cultivating a new and younger generation of radio amateurs to carry this role forward. She spoke as [part of a panel](#) on emergency telecommunications during the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 ([WTDC-17](#)), now under way in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The CTU, she said, has been considering the role of Amateur Radio in light of this “very, very, violent hurricane season.”

“Amateur Radio has been a staple, and it is because of...the Amateur Radio operators in the region that we get a lot of the information that we need,” she told her audience. Her presentation defined Amateur Radio as one component of the coordination of preparedness, response, and recovery efforts on the part of national emergency management agencies.

Moderator Vanessa Gray later asked Lewis what “one concrete step” could be taken to make better use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for disaster management.

“We really have to cultivate a new generation of Amateur Radio operators,” Lewis replied without hesitation. “We found that they are all on the northern side of 50.”



CTU Secretary-General Bernadette Lewis.

“Amateur Radio has been the bedrock of sustained communications during such emergencies,” she continued, “and one of the things we’re looking at is actually facilitating this process of having a network of disaster-resistant centers that that, in times when you *don’t* have a disaster, could be used for training new operators and generating that interest across the region.”

Lewis, of Trinidad and Tobago, reiterated her remarks in condensed form during a subsequent [interview](#), in which she called hurricanes “a fact of life” for Caribbean countries, and suggested that hurricane-devastated countries need to think carefully about how to rebuild their infrastructure to make it less prone to storm damage.

WTDC-17, which continues through October 20, considers topics, projects and programs relevant to telecommunication development. The conference theme this year is “ICT for Sustainable Development Goals.”

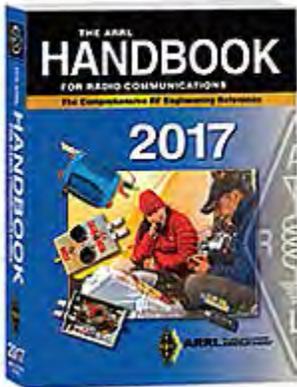
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## Handbook Give Away

Hey Gang..



Just wanted to remind you all that time is running out on this month's drawing for the ARRL Handbook. You have until midnight on October 31st (Halloween) to get signed up for a chance to win!! That's just around the corner!

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!

Go to: <http://arrl-ohio.org/handbook.html> and get signed up before it's too late!

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, whatcha' got to lose??

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.

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! <http://arrloho.org> I was very pleased to see that a little over 62% of you stated on the last poll that you do backups on your computer. That's really great, but that still leaves more than a third of you that have no way of recovering your valuable information if something really goes wrong. You might want to rethink that!!



Now... There's a new question up there, and I would once again like you hear from you. I was reflecting back on my motorcycle accident recently and thinking about the very nice woman that came to my aid. She had a First Aid Kit in her car and knew how to use it. So, with this thought in mind, the question this time around is...

**Do you have a First Aid Kit in your car?**

The survey will only take 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. Hey.. If you've got a question that you'd like to see on our questionnaire, please send it to me!

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## Fun Things To Do

(from various newsletters and sources)

**11/01/2017 | 100th Anniversary of Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio**  
**Nov 1-Nov 16, 0000Z-0000Z, K8R**, Athens, OH. Athens County Red Cross Amateur Radio Service. 21.275 14.215 7.215 3.800. QSL. Samuel J (Jeff) Slattery, 45 Carol Lane, Athens, OH 45701. SASE please.

[www.ac-ara.org/wordpress/k8r](http://www.ac-ara.org/wordpress/k8r)

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## Ham Radio Class Now Forming November 4 and 18

The Toledo Mobile Radio Association will be holding a 2-day course where you will learn everything you need to earn your entry level FCC Amateur Radio license, and begin to talk on the radio with other hams in the area. .

Text books are \$25 (available on 1st day or prior to the class) - ARRL *Ham Radio License Manual* 3rd Ed. The test is \$15 due at time of test on the second day. TMRA does not charge for the class. **Class Dates: November 4 & 18, 2017 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)**

Lucas County EMS Training Center - 2127 Jefferson St Toledo OH 43624 Registration is required. For more information please contact: Steve Stalker KC8TVW 419-467-3734 [kc8tvw@arrl.net](mailto:kc8tvw@arrl.net)

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## ARRL November Sweepstakes



Objective: For stations in the United States and Canada (including territories and possessions) to exchange QSO information with as many other US and Canadian stations as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands.

[Operating Guide \(PDF\) - Including Full Rules](#)

[For Contest Club Updates Go Here](#)

Reminder: the Canadian province of Ontario now consists four RAC sections: Ontario North (ONN), Ontario South (ONS), Ontario East (ONE) and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Make sure your contest logging software and "country" (CTY) files have been updated so that those abbreviations are recognized and

credited properly. View a [map of the VE3 sections](#).

Log Submission Deadline - Logs are due within FIVE (5) days after the event is over. Paper logs are still accepted, but electronic Cabrillo logs are preferred. Contest clubs are encouraged to help their club members submit their log electronically. Logs that have been *submitted electronically* are listed on the [Log Received](#) page.

Click the year and contest to see a list of submitted logs sorted by call sign.

[Dates](#)- **CW**: First full weekend in November (**November 4-6, 2017**) - **Phone**: Third full weekend in November (**November 18-20, 2017**) **Contest Period**: Begins 2100 UTC Saturday and runs through 0259 UTC Monday.



**Final.. Final..**

Hey Gang,

This past week was a very busy one for me. I had a lot going on, not only with visits to clubs and such, but also adding some new items to the Ohio Section website.

Just to name a couple of those items recently added... I uploaded Andy Crowl, K4AWC's newest code plug for the TYT MD-380's. There are some changes since last time, so you'll want to check it out for sure.

I also added the Amateur Code of Conduct to the website as well. Did you know that there was a "Code of Conduct?" Well, there is, and it's actually very informative and right on-target for today's hams. Please, not only go and read it, but try to really soak in what is it all about, and why it exists in the first place.

Here's a link to it: <http://arrl-ohio.org/ARRL%20watermarked%20Amateur%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

There was the School Roundup and JOTA events over this past weekend that had me involved as well. I didn't get to work either of them much, as that I also part of a V.E. Testing Session this past weekend too.



Stan, N8BHL

Bob, W8ERD

This past Wednesday, I went down to the Delaware Club meeting and visited with them. My visit was somewhat two-fold. I wanted to hear the guest speaker, George Reidel, N1EZZ who had just come back from the Virgin Islands where he was stationed to help with the Disaster Relief efforts, and I also had a little duty to perform for our Great Lakes Director in personally presenting the Great Lakes Technical Achievement and Great Lakes Amateur of the Year Awards to 2 very wonderful, and well deserving Amateurs that just happen to be members of DELARA.

Stan and Bob were both were unable to be at the Great Lakes Division Convention several weeks ago, so I got to do the honors and present them both with their plaques. It's really an honor to know them both as I do.

Technical Achievement went to Bob Dixon, W8ERD and the Amateur of the Year went to Stan Broadway, N8BHL. Congratulations!!

The Ohio Section is really blessed to have so many fine and wonderful folks within it, and with so much talent to share with all of us!

If you didn't read about all the awards that were given out, you'll definitely want to. It's a great list of folks that I'm sure you'll all know! Just go to: <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/awards.htm> to see the entire list.

C.Q. C.Q.. 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](mailto: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 coffee!! Give me a call at (419) 512-4445 or email me at: [n8sy@n8sy.com](mailto:n8sy@n8sy.com)

73, for now.. I will catch you on down the log for sure.

Scott, N8SY..

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