



DIAL RADIO CLUB

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the prez sez...Hi to All!

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I've had a little time to install a 20-15-10 wire antenna on the south side of my house. Its not quite done, but it does tuneup all three bands. I also finally got over a cold I had. I try not to get around people if I'm not feeling good. I don't want to get anyone else sick!

Christmas celebration at my QTH was very good. The only downside was the oldest, Tim was not able to be there as he is in the state of CT until March 2.

I hope all club members and your families & extended families also had a good holiday. The birth of our Savior is the greatest celebration always.

There are a lot of contest events along with the standard 'rag-chew' stuff on all of the bands. I have noticed that 15 and 10 meters have been very good lately. An awful lot of FT4/FT8, RTTY & SSB . You all have radios, so spend some time on the bands. Tim

Murphy sent an email to all about the CW training on line. Check it out! The next meeting is Jan 19 at the 'Broken Barrel'. This has been quite successful for us so far. I am enjoying it. Hope to see you there.

73 to All!

Dave, KD8W

The membership meeting is **January 19th at Broken Barrel**. Dinner at 6pm...meeting at 7 (Arrival at 5:30 is fine!) Given the dinner location, no donations...just pay your tab at the restaurant! :) <https://brokenbarrel.net/menu>

Next meeting **January 19th @ Broken Barrel**

Minutes of Dial Meeting December 15th, 2025 at Broken Barrel

Attendance: W8EH, W8RJK, KE8UAT, KC8TXA, W8SMH, N8LRN, W8ISZ, KB8UBT, N8VYD, KE8OIR, N8HP, KD8W, N8QF, NN8M. (14)

Call to Order: By KD8W

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the November minutes as published, by W8RJK, seconded by KD8OIR, approved.

Treasurer's Report: KC8TXA reported our checking balance \$2183.83. End of 2025 we have 78 members of 55 families. So far for 2026 we have 32 renewals

Exams: N8QF reported the next exam is January 24th at the Fairfield Township offices. Congratulations to Steve, W8SMH, who upgraded to Extra at our last session.

Newsletter: OK

Website: WA8YXY has the new website up and running. He is building out the pages.

Repeater/Station Report: Everything working

Activities Report: None

Old Business: Nominating committee reported all current officers agreed to serve again. Nominations were open to the floor. N8QF moved to close nominations and reelect the current officers, seconded by W8ISZ, approved.

New Business: W8EH said it's time to purchase our Hamvention spaces and passes. NN8M moved to approve up to \$550 to purchase the spaces and passes, seconded W8SMH, approved.

W8ISZ asked if the club or anyone is doing anything with the scouts about the radio badges since the presentation last meeting.

K8CM has some Motorola equipment to get rid of.

KD8W says he has a Yaesu FT-890 HF radio for loan, if you know someone who wants to get on the air.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn KE8OIR, seconded by N8LRN, approved.

Amateur Radio License Exam

Exams are free... No test fees will be collected.

The Butler County Amateur Radio Association & Dial Radio Club will offer amateur radio operator's license examinations, at 9:00 am, on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the Fairfield Township Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Hamilton, OH 45011

Original of any certificates of successful completion of examination (CSCE) they may hold positive (photo) identification.

Please note, before accessing CORES, users must establish an FCC username account in the FCC User Registration System by providing a valid e-mail address and creating a password. Go <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration>

If you are applying for your first license, please go to <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration> to obtain an FRN number. This website is self-explanatory and the FRN registration is free.

Pre-registration is Strongly suggested, walk ins are welcome, go to <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/dial> follow the instructions to pre-register, at least 24 hours prior to the exam.

Additional information may be obtained from Thurl Golden, KD8VLU,
or Ron Spaulding, N8QF,

Talk-in will be available on W8WRK/R 146.700-123Hz PL46.700 –
123Hz PL

The FCC fee for new licenses is \$35.00, upgrades are free!!!

January 2025 newsletter

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OHKYIN Q-FIVER: Ryan AC8UJ

ARRL Ohio Section Journal: Antony

AB4WS Radio Show: Jack Prindle

QCEN Spark: Tom Delaney W8WTD

CFMC Spark Ken W8LTT

Ham Radio Consolidated Calendar: Mark Landis KD8ZLD

Results:

KF8ECP site: Joe Vaughn

<https://kf8ecp.site/announcements>

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OHKYIN Q-FIVER: Ryan AC8UJ

<http://ohkyin.org/docs/qfiver/2026/2026-01.pdf>

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Scouting and Amateur radio ready for 2026!

The new Radio Scouting Committee has officially launched within the Dan Beard Council, bringing together Scout leaders and amateur radio operators to strengthen youth engagement with the amateur radio hobby. The committee held its first meeting virtually on December 16, 2025, drawing a diverse group of volunteers from local troops

and clubs, many of whom are long-time hams and former scouts. The shared objective was clear: build a sustainable program that introduces Scouts to ham radio, supports merit badge advancement, and connects the Scouting and amateur radio communities in meaningful, long-term partnership.

Attendees included hams involved in emergency communications, Jamboree-on-the-Air operations, Radio Merit Badge instruction, ARISS contact events, youth nets, and large council events such as Peterloon and Summer Camp, and Camporees. Amateur radio clubs represented included QCEN, BCARA, WC8VOA, W8BLV, OHKYIN, CFMC, DeForest ARC, and K7JEP(?).

The committee discussed its initial work plan, which includes mapping out a calendar of possible events, continuing outreach to local radio clubs, and beginning direct outreach to districts, troops, and packs. Early ideas included supporting Merit Badge Challenge events, Winter Field Day, AdventureCon, council summer camps, Peterloon, Jamboree-on-the-Air, and other annual opportunities where Scouts can get on the air and learn radio skills. The group also highlighted the need to improve communication tools—exploring options such as forums, email groups, and social media—to coordinate volunteers, share resources, and keep leaders informed about upcoming activities and new requirements for the Radio Merit Badge starting in 2026.

Looking ahead, the Radio Scouting Committee plans to meet monthly, mostly virtually, with periodic in-person meetings. Volunteers are now being sought from both the Scouting and amateur radio communities to help with planning, event staffing, on-the-air activities, instruction, and behind-the-scenes coordination.

Anyone interested in supporting youth, sharing a love of radio, or helping build this new program from the ground up is invited to join the committee. The next meeting will be virtual on January 14th at 7pm.

Follow this link to register, <https://tinyurl.com/37pdcfnf>

Dec Newsletter article

The Dan Beard Council of Scouting America has launched a new initiative to establish a Radio Scouting Committee. Organizers are currently reaching out to the Scouting and ham radio communities for volunteers to help bring this vision to life. This is an open invitation for anyone excited about connecting scouts and radio to get involved from the very beginning.

Organizers are looking for Scouts, leaders, parents, and amateur radio operators willing to share their passion, technical expertise, and community spirit. Whether you have years of experience as a ham, are interested in helping Scouts earn the Radio Merit Badge, or simply want to assist with planning and outreach, your support is needed to shape the future of this new group.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for both the Scouting and ham radio communities to work together and build something meaningful for our youth,” shared a leader helping organize the effort. “We hope to gather a core group of enthusiastic volunteers who can guide the committee’s early planning, create engaging first events, and offer mentorship as things get started.” By coming together at this formative stage, volunteers will play a foundational role in bringing radio adventures to Scouts in the area.

Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to reach out and express their interest, whether you're a Scout, a ham radio enthusiast, or someone who values youth education and hands-on learning opportunities. With enough community support and enthusiasm, the Radio Scouting Committee can become a thriving part of local Scouting—and it all begins with the volunteers who answer the call.

Follow this link to register for the team: <https://tinyurl.com/37pdcfnf>



Volunteer sign up form

edit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gfTXhizVLevOxWqH11qe0OHMo7buHI8vNKZVOv0xWtg/edit>

Share:

<https://forms.gle/FpeDytjUJZz6QKdL7>

<https://tinyurl.com/37pdcfnf>

Results:

Jack Pringle AB4WS - for promotion in his radio show

<https://youtu.be/xin6-YIGdwk?si=pg5TFamOuZfGMort&t=179>

OHKYIN Q-FIVER: Ryan AC8UJ

<http://ohkyin.org/docs/qfiver/2025/2025-12.pdf>

Ohio Section Journal: webmaster@arrl-ohio.org Antony

<https://arrl-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/OSJ-December-2025.pdf> (page 24)

QCEN Spark: Tom Delaney W8WTD