



# DIAL RADIO CLUB

Middletown, Ohio

APRS Digipeater: W8BLV 144.39

Repeaters: 146.01/146.61, 147.915/147.315, 449.825/444.825

DMR 449.3625/444.3625

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*the prez sez...Hi to All!*

President:

Dave Williamson, KD8W

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David Tritch, N8YFQ

Secretary:

Ernie Howard, W8EH

Treasurer:

Evan Dobrozsi, KC8TXA

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Tim Murphy, WA8YXY

Well, I did both the cq160 and WFD event from home. Managed to get some decent contacts on both. Nothing to really brag about. The weather was very bad as you all know. We spent two days getting our drive cleared. 12in of snow along with the drifts and the very cold temps made it pretty hard.

January is a cold month with early Feb being more of the same. Be safe if you are outside... keep it short . If you start feeling cold, then come in and warm up. Don't push yourself. We do not need anyone getting pneumonia!!

Plenty of activity on the bands. Looking forward to Feb and, hopefully, will start getting warmer. Next meeting is Feb 16. Turnouts have been good and it is nice to see a substantial number of members coming out for fellowship and short

meetings.

73 to All!

*Dave, KD8W*

The membership meeting is **February 16th 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>

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## **Minutes of Dial Meeting January 19th, 2026 at Broken Barrel**

**Attendance:** W8EH, KC8WOF, N8LRN, N8YFQ, W8SMH, Janice, N8VYD, KB8UBT, KC8TXA, K8WWS, Sue, KF8CCQ, N8HP, N8QF, W8RES, KD8W, AA8HD, W8RJK, KE8UAT. (19)

**Call to Order:** Called to order by KD8W at 7:02 pm

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by W8RJK to approve the December minutes as published, seconded by W8RES, approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** KC8TXA reported that we have \$2,472.41 in checking. He gave the annual totals in savings and our CD's. We had 78 members of 55 families at the end of December. W8RJK reported that the audit committee reviewed the 2025 book and everything was in order. Motion to approve the report by N8YFQ, second by N8LRN, approved.

**Exams:** N8QF said the next exam is Saturday.

**Newsletter:** It's in print.

**Website:** KD8W said that Tim is about done with the new DialRadioClub.org web site.

**Repeater/Station Report:** W8EH said repeaters are working.

**Activities Report:** None

**Old Business:** Waiting for adjustments in our 'club price' for Hamvention.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by W8RJK, seconded by W8RES, 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, March 28, 2026, at the Fairfield Township Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Hamilton, OH 45011

Applicants must furnish the original and one photocopy of their current license (if any), original of any certificates of successful completion of examination (CSCE) they may hold and 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!!!**

*Editor's Note:* If you haven't seen it yet, I'm highlighting Brian Alcorn's (KE8OIR) webpage this month. Drop in for a peek at <https://ke8oir.com/2025/12/29/one-year-as-primary-net-control-for-dial-radio-club/> Stop in and share a few words, contribute with him or just to enjoy another ham on their journey! Cheers!

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