



DIAL RADIO CLUB

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Hopefully, the worst of this winter is behind us! At my QTH it seems we have been dealing with snow/ice, etc., off and on for weeks. I don't know about the groundhog, but I am ready for SPRING!! As always, I check to see what's on <https://contestcalendar.com>. There seems to be a lot more activity on most modes of late, so I do encourage you to operate some when you can. My antennas have survived the winter so far, with only one minor issue which I was able to repair quickly. My trap dipoles have worked out pretty well. I currently have three of them up and operating. On a future note, it is time to get your stuff together for the 2026 **Hamvention** activities. I am looking forward to it! Our club meetings have seen very good turnout so far at the Broken-Barrel. I would like some opinion on if the membership would be interested in an after dinner 'tech-topic' (maybe about 30min or less) at the restaurant or do it at John

23rd?? Something to think about. Just pop me an email with a comment if you are inclined.

73 to All!

Dave, KD8W

The membership meeting is **March 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>

Next meeting **March 16th @ Broken Barrel**

Minutes of Dial Meeting February 16th, 2026 at Broken Barrel

Attendance: W8RES, N8QF, NN8M, N8LRN, W8ISZ, N8YFQ, N8HRA, N8EH, KC8TXA, N8DHW & Jenn, KE8ZDP, NR8R & Barbara, KD8W, N8HP, W8SMH, KE8VUJ & Lindy, N8VYD, KB8UBT, KE8UAT, W8RJK, KE8AIQ, KE8AIR

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:00pm by KD8W at Broken Barrel

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the Secretary's Report as published. Accepted, 1st W8RJK, 2nd N8YFQ, All Approved

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance for Feb was \$948.30. We have 76 members representing 54 families. Accepted , 1st N8QF, 2nd N8HP, All Approved.

Exams: N8QF stated they have an exam Wednesday 2/18/26 at 6am at St. John XXIII.

Newsletter: None

Website: Several comments on the great job Tim did on the videos.

Repeater/Station Report: None

Activities Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: N8YFQ will have Hamvention Tickets at next meeting for purchase.

Announcements: N8YFQ has some radios he is looking to sell and donate money to club reach out to him if interested.

Adjournment: @ 7:07pm, 1st N8YFQ , 2nd KE8UAT

Evan, KC8TXA

Editor's Note: Ron (N8QF) has one additional flyer now added to this newsletter for an April exam. (See below)

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

Amateur Radio License Exams

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The Dial Radio Club & Butler County Amateur Radio Association will offer amateur radio operator's license examinations, at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at St. John XXIII School, 3806 Manchester Road, Middletown, OH 45042

Applicants must furnish if any, original of any certificates of successful completion of examination (CSCE) they may hold and positive (photo) identification.

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Pre-registration is STRONGLY Suggested, walk ins are welcome go to <https://HamStudy.org/sessions/dial> at least 24 hours prior to the exam, it is quick & easy.

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Additional information may be obtained from Ron Spaulding, N8QF,
Williamson, (KD8W) , Dave

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