



DIAL RADIO CLUB

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Hi All! It is July. Check out the July contest calendar, lots of interesting activity in all modes. Our next meeting is at the Broken Barrel again. We have been discussing about alternating this fall between there and our John 23rd location. At John 23rd, we are able to have some tech topics to present as the A/V equipment is available.

Give us your thoughts at the next meeting on the 20th. If you have an interest in a specific topic bring it up at the meeting. I hear a lot of POTA,VOTA stations during the week. I am surprised at how many I have heard. I try to contact a few of them during the week. There is a lot of satisfaction making a contact far away on low power. If you are interested in Sat communication, contact Jerry(W8LR). He is our resident 'expert' in that mode! Also, the MST(medium speed test), CWOPS are also quite busy if you are into CW.

73 to All!

Dave, KD8W

The membership meeting is **July 20th 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 **July 20th @ Broken Barrel**

Minutes of Dial Meeting June 15th, 2026 at Broken Barrel Restaurant

Attendance: W8EH, KC8WOF, W8SMH, Janice, N8QF, W8RES, W8JBL, W5WJJ, NN8M, N8YFQ, W8ISZ, N8HP, KE8AIR, KE8AIQ, NR8R, Barb, N8DHW, Jenn, W8RJK, KE8UAT, KB8UBT, N8VYD. (22)

Call to Order: Called to order by VP Dave, N8YFQ at 7:03 pm. First order of business was introductions of those present.

Secretary's Report: Marie said her call, KE8UAT, was wrong in the May minutes. Motion to approve as published, with correction, by W8EH, second W8JBL, passed.

Treasurer's Report: KC8TXA gave the report. May checking balance was \$2,952.87. There are 71 members of 50 families. Evan said we were in the black from Hamvention. Donations and income exceeded expenses. Motion to approve by W8RJK, second W8RES, approved.

Classes & Exams: N8QF said our next exam is Wednesday. Next Butler Co exam is July 18th.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Website: Hamvention pics posted

Repeater/Station Report: Everything is working

Activities Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussed Field Day details. Setup Friday 26th, operating 27th and 28th. Club picnic is at 6 pm on Saturday 27th.

KE8UAT brought up discussion on other meeting options, including Armco Park for July.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by N8QF, seconded by W8RES, approved.

Ernie, W8EH

Editor's Note - Take time to visit the DIAL website (link on the 1st page). Tim (WA8YXY) has posted some photo videos of a few events...Hamvention, Field Day 2026.

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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, July 18, 2026 at 9:00 am the Fairfield Township Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Hamilton, OH 45011

Applicants must furnish (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, it is quick & easy.

Additional information may be obtained from Thur 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 - A big congratulations to Ernie (W8EH) for receiving the following award from the December ARRL 160 meter CW contest for being first in Ohio, in the Single Operator Unlimited, High Power class! Nice job!



Field Day is up next! Ernie shared that DIAL's Field Day operation had more contacts and more points than 2025. Kudos to all who were there and participated! He shared the details of the submitted report and the ARRL confirmation of the submission. I decided to include the entirety of the report **(below)** to showcase the work that goes into formatting that for the ARRL. (Thank you for your work, W8EH!)

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[DIAL2026 submitted Field Day Report]

Congratulations! You've successfully submitted your Field Day entry, as well as uploaded all required documentation. A summary of your submission is provided below for your review. If you have any questions about your log, please contact the Contest section at contests@arrl.org.

Summary:

Entry received at: 2026-07-04 01:51:28

Call Used: K8PI GOTA Station Call: W8BLV ARRL/RAC Section: OH Class: 3A

Participants: 19 Club/Group Name: Dial Radio Club

Power Source(s): Generator, Battery, Solar

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 6,949

Bonus Points:

100% emergency power	300
Public location	100
Public information table	100
W1AW Field Day message	100 - Documented by W1AW-2026-MFSK-16.txt
Natural power QSOs completed	100 - Documented by SolarPower6meters-K8PI.txt
Site visit by invited served agency	100
Youth participation (4 x 20, max of 100)	80
Safety officer	100 - Documented by safety.pdf
Social media	100
Satellite QSO	100
GOTA Station	925
GOTA Coach	100
Entry submitted via web	50
Total bonus points	2,255

Score Summary: (Cabrillo log/dupe sheet file: K8PI.dup)

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	488	547	277	
Total Points	976	1094	277	2347

Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = 4,694

Submitted by: Ernest Howard, W8EH

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	89	100	43	100		
40m	265	100	63	100	219	100
20m			73	100		
15m	134	100	138	100		
10m						
6m			101	100		
2m						
222						
432						
Other						
Satellite					2	100
GOTA			129	100	56	100
TOTAL	488		547		277	

GOTA Bonus: GOTA Coach - 100 Bonus Points

Name/Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
David Williams, N8DHW	106	530
Steve Howard, KD8CPV	50	250
Jenn, (NONE)	21	105
Levi, (NONE)	6	30
Kaiya, (NONE)	1	5
Sarah, (NONE)	1	5

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Editor's Note - Ernie (W8EH) shared with me Bob Holmes' (NN8M) adventure in POTA. I dropped Bob an email and he sent the following note of his travels to all 50 states to activate one to multiple parks in some states! Without further ado, here's the entirety of Bob's story. (Note that he accomplished all 50 in three years...that's a lot of travel! Thanks for sharing your story, Bob!)

POTA (Parks On The Air) by Bob Holmes (NN8M)

For the non-addicted, an activation is 10 contacts in a UTC day. Anywhere in a designated park. There is no shortage of designated parks.

My adventure with parks on the air. - Ernie W8EH and Bob W8RES first got me interested when at a DIAL meeting they brought their portable set-ups and demonstrated them. (By the way, Ernie has more than twice the QSOs I have. My claim to fame is the 50 states.)

My first activation 11-04-2022 at Hueston Woods SP. It's only about 5 miles from my house (Oxford). I also did all my testing of different equipment that I might use. I ended up using an FT-891, Wolf River coil and a 17' whip. I started out using radials but soon went to Faraday cloth. It travels better and doesn't get tangled. My Faraday cloth is 9' X 3'. I switched back and forth and didn't notice any difference. I didn't do any calculations.

The more I did POTA the more I got addicted. I was soon taking my equipment everywhere I went and would do a park or 2 (or 5). I have kids and grandkids on both coasts and Alberta, so I have a reason to travel. Most of my POTA trips were part of another other trip. I got all New England on a trip to NY. I dropped Jan off with our family on Long Island. I drove home by myself and activated parks NJ, DE, RI, DC and WV and a couple of parks in OH for good measure. I got the west and northwest on just a POTA trip. I am also addicted to birding. I incorporated trips for both birding and POTA.

In November of last year, I got my 49th state. I only lacked HI. Pota allows 49 states and DC as a wild card. But that wouldn't do so off to HI we went. A wedding to attend, birds I hadn't seen and my 50th state.

Having completed my adventure, I feel a little lost.

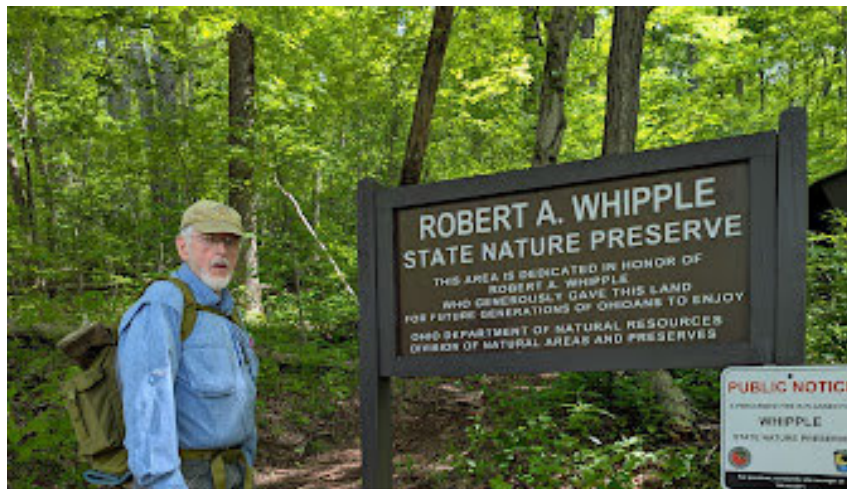
I have done 491 activations in the states. That's not different parks. I have done Hueston Woods over 100 times. In addition to 50 states, I have also done activations in 4 Canadian provinces and Yukon Territory. My total qso's is just over 10k.

The pictures **below** show how I "suffered."

Bob

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[Bob Holmes, NN8M]



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