DIAL RADIO CLUB

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Hello All!
I have downloaded the POTACAT app that Ernie sent out the information for previously. There is a learning curve to go through, and I have not read all the info yet. I am interested in the remote operation mode. I have a new end-fed antenna that appears to work 40m thru 10m. Some bands need the rig tuner and some do not. I think [the app] is worth looking at since it handles several different modes and rigs, so at your convenience, you should check it out. Again on the bands, there is a lot of activity in different modes you may be interested in. Check the contestcalender.com website.

Next month we will need to select a committee for audit and offices, so please volunteer. As you have probably heard, Ron is giving up the Exam VE position after the Dec 2 session at John 23rd. If anyone is interested in taking that over, please contact him about it. He is willing to train a replacement. That's all folks!

Dave, KD8W

The membership meeting is **November 16th, 2026 @ Cancun Mexican Restaurant**. Dinner at 6pm…meeting at 7pm. Given the dinner location, no donations…just pay your tab at the restaurant! :)

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Minutes of Dial Meeting, October 19th, 2026 @ Cancun Mexican Restaurant

Attendance: W8RES, N8QF, NN8M, N8LRN, W8ISZ, N8HRA, N8EH, KC8TXA, KD8W, W8JBL, KE8UAT, W8RJK, KD8GXD, KC8GMR (14)

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

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance for September was $2,267.21. We have 71 members representing 50 families.

Accepted - 1st W8RJK, 2nd N8QF, All Approved.

Classes & Exams: N8QF stated they have an exam Wednesday 12/2/26 at 6pm at St. John XXIII.

Newsletter: None

Website: None

Repeater/Station Report: None

Activities Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: N8QF will be giving up leading ham exams after 6 years. Will need someone with an Extra license to take over if Dial wants to host exams. Number of tests given has decreased over the years due to online options.

KC8TXA reminded those in attendance that it is **time to renew membership for 2027** forms are available at meetings and on the Dial website. [Ed. - The form is also in this email]

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn - 1st N8QF, 2nd W8RES, adjourned @ 7:06pm

Evan (KC8TXA) & Richard (W8RJK)

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Amateur Radio License Exams

Exams are free…..No Test Fees will be collected!!!

The Dial Radio Club & Butler County Amateur Radio Association will offer amateur radio operator's license examinations, at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, December 2, 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.

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 a FRN. This website is self-explanatory and the FRN registration is free.

Pre-registration is Required. Go to Https://HamStudy.org/sessions/dial at least 24 hours prior to the exam, it is quick & easy.

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

Additional information may be obtained from Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or, N8QF@SpauldingFuneralHome.com Dave Williamson, (KD8W) (513) 513-424-5819, KD8W@Gmail.com

Talk-in will be available on W8BLV/R
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