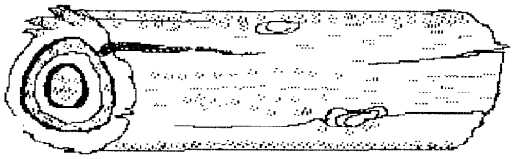
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WEST PARK RADIOPS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

WEST PARK NEWS *

Monday night nets are on the NODXA's repeater at 8 p.m. Listen or check in. Join the fun. We thank the Northern Ohio DX Association for our use of their repeater, W8DXA, 147.36+ (PL 107.2). Our meeting schedule varies.
Pay attention to our opportunities to announce meeting changes.

UPCOMING CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES*...

(sourced from WA7BNM and ARRL information)

* Subject to Change, Including order of events, locations and times.

Oct 3 German Telegraphy Contest
Oct 10 Pennsylvania QSO Party
Oct 17 Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Oct 24 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB
Nov 1 North American SSB Sprint Contest
Nov 7 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW
Nov 14 WAE DX Contest, RTTY
Nov 21 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
Nov 28 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

LOOK FOR 6M OPENINGS

Thursday Evenings FT4 Contest

*Subject to change

WEST PARK RADIOPS MEETINGS & PROGRAMS FOR 2026*

October 20 } Canary's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.*
November 17 } Lunch and short business meeting

FIND YOUR FCC LICENSE "FRN" NUMBER…

These instructions assume you know how to log into QRZ.COM first!
OR ELSE go to "BYPASS" below.

LOGIN to QRZ.COM: https://www.qrz.com/

In the upper left corner enter YOUR CALL in the box "by Callsign" as the one to search for. Click "Search" .

On the next screen, showing your data, click on the "Detail" tab.

With the details showing, mouse down to the VIEW FCC RECORD box.
Click it.

In the FCC data presentation you can find your FRN number.

BYPASS: If you want to go directly to the FCC presentation for your call sign, use this URL which leads to two or more ways to try to find your FRN by call sign:

https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp

ARRL CAN HELP YOU RENEW YOU LICENSE…

FROM:
https://arrl-greatlakes.org/glnews/2026/09-15-26-radio_waves.pdf

ARRL Membership Benefit
ARRL Members: License modifications/changes and renewals will be processed to the FCC for FREE for current ARRL members as part of your membership services. An FCC fee may apply to your license transaction which must be paid directly to the FCC. ARRL VEC can help you make the FCC payment. As soon as the application and payment is pending in the FCC system, call our office and have a credit card ready. We can login to the CORES payment system and effortlessly pay the $35 FCC fee using your credit card. See the FCC Fee section on the next page.

Non-Members: Licensees that are not ARRL members will be charged a $25 ARRL processing fee to submit license renewals and changes to the FCC. Additionally, an FCC fee may apply to your license transaction which must be paid directly to the FCC. See the FCC Fee section below.

FCC Fee: The FCC charges an application fee for certain filings including license renewals and vanity call sign requests. There is no FCC application fee for license changes (address, name, email, etc.). The FCC fee must be paid online directly to the FCC not to the organization processing the application form. View the application fee filing guide and instructions on the FCC Application Fee webpage.

Application Form: Please complete the NCVEC 605 Form and email, mail, or FAX it to the ARRL VEC. A valid email address and an answer to the basic qualification question are mandatory.

If you file via ARRL, the process may take only a few days in order to change or renew your license, once ARRL receives it. An email with a link to your official license copy will be sent directly from the FCC. If you have any questions, contact the ARRL VEC. Address: ARRL VEC 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 USA Phone: 1-860-594-0300 Email: VEC@arrl.org . Applicants will receive an email directly from the FCC with a link to the official electronic copy of their license whenever a license is issued or changed. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email should use the email address of a family member or friend. Licensees will be able to log in to the ULS License Manager system using their FRN and password to download the latest version of their license at any time.

http://www.arrl.org/obtain-license-copy

The FCC no longer provides paper license documents.

CORES page:
https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do
ULS PAGE:
https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/universal-licensing-system

FCC RULES…
LEGACY CORES USERS MUST REGISTER IN THE NEW CORES SYSTEM

1. Updated FCC CORES System-

   Legacy CORES (COmission REgistration System) users must register in the new CORES System. The FCC retired the legacy version of CORES on July 15, 2022. The updated version of CORES Registration has been available since 2016, but most amateurs do not know it is available.

   The FCC is advising all users to transition to the updated CORES system as soon as possible to take advantage of the new features and security enhancements. Additionally, licensees must be registered in the new system to be able to pay the $35 FCC application fee required for license renewals, vanity call sign requests, and new licenses.

HOW TO REGISTER IN THE NEW CORES SYSTEM

1. Updated FCC CORES System+

2. Individuals-

   CORES INSTRUCTIONS
   1. Licensees who haven't already created a CORES account must register a unique username (your email address) and a password. Visit the FCC CORES website to set up your account. If you don't know your FRN, you may search for it on that web page. You will need your FRN for the next step.
   2. Log into your new account and click the first option, ASSOCIATE USERNAME TO FRN.
   3. Enter your FRN and comment. An example of a comment is "Associating FRN."

4. Click CONTINUE.
5. If you know your password to your FRN, enter it now. This password will likely be different from the one used for your username account. If you do not know your FRN password, choose the "Forgot FRN Password" option. Please refrain from guessing the password more than twice, as repeated failed attempts may result in being locked out of the account. You can also call the FCC at 877-480-3201 to have them reset your password for you.
6. Once you have completed these steps and your FRN has been associated with your username, the site should bring you back to the main menu. Log out.

You can view these instructions on the FCC Registration Help page. Your FRN can also be found in the system by searching for your call sign on the FCC's License Search page.

The FCC also offers helpful CORES Tutorial Videos. Specifically, view the videos "Getting Started With the New CORES" which explains how to register for a CORES Username account and "Associating an FRN to a Username" which instructs legacy CORES users on how to link an existing FRN to a username. The FCC also has a license renewal instructions page. Visit the ARRL website for further information about the FCC application fee.

For assistance, call the FCC Licensing Support Center at 877-480-3201 (Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. ET), or submit a help request on the FCC's Wireless Licensing Help Center website.

RECENT COUNTRY NAME CHANGES…

Several countries have officially changed their names in recent years, reflecting shifts in identity, political changes, or cultural significance. Below are some notable examples:

Current Name	Former Name	Year of Change
Eswatini	Swaziland	2018
Czechia	Czech Republic	2016
Cabo Verde	Cape Verde	2013
North Macedonia	Republic of Macedonia	2018
Timor-Leste	East Timor	2002

Reasons for Name Changes

Eswatini: The name change was announced to celebrate the 50th anniversary of independence and to reflect the country's traditional identity.

Czechia: Adopted as a shorter form of the Czech Republic for everyday use, while the formal name remains unchanged for legal purposes.

Cabo Verde: The change aimed to honor the country's Portuguese heritage and establish a consistent global identity.

North Macedonia: The name change followed a long-standing dispute with Greece, resolved through the Prespa Accord.

Timor-Leste: The name reflects the country's Portuguese heritage and was adopted after gaining independence from Indonesia.

PC USERS - CHECK YOUR BATTERY HEALTH…

https://batteryinfoview.com/

WILL RADE BE THE NEXT SSB…

(from ARRL News 09/25/2026)

It's been a half century since single sideband (SSB) supplanted amplitude modulation (AM) as the most popular voice mode on HF, due largely to its spectrum efficiency, occupying roughly half the bandwidth of an AM signal. Now, there's a new digital voice mode from FreeDV called Radio Autoencoder, or RADE, that occupies half the bandwidth of an SSB signal and reportedly provides more natural-sounding speech.

According to Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), which funded research that advanced RADE's development, "FreeDV RADE combines machine learning with classical digital signal processing (DSP) and can operate at signal-to-noise ratios (SNRs) as low as -2 dB. Its design also addresses spectrum use, speech quality, and power efficiency, all important considerations for voice communications over HF."

Most significantly, ARDC reports that manufacturers are beginning to integrate the mode directly into their radios, starting with a module that can be downloaded and installed on certain FlexRadio models. Users of other transceivers may run the mode through computers connected to their radios.

More details are available from FreeDV and on the ARDC website.

EARLIEST SOLAR INTERFERENCE TO TELEGRAPY?…

(from SPACEWEATHER.COM)

https://spaceweather.com/ Friday, October 2, 2026

reports that on Oct. 18, 1848, eleven years before the Carrington Event in September, 1859, a solar storm caused 16 minutes of interference to the telegraphers controlling a departure of a train in Exeter, England. The train was late in leaving the station.

FINALLY, SOMETHING FOR UNHAPPY FT8/FT4 USERS..

The authors of WSJT-X modes, led by Joseph Taylor, K1JT, have released WSJT-X version 3.2.0-rc1 which contains a working radioteletype mode "JTTY". JTTY can be used in RTTY contesting and random TTY QSOs and ragchews pretty much the old fashioned way. Being "rtty", the mode is NOT subject to keeping the computer clock time accurate. The major requirement is that your computer and radio interfaces must work together exactly as if you are going to work QSOs with FT8. You will no longer need MMTTY or other old RTTY imitating software. JTTY works with N1MM+.

https://wsjtx.github.io/wsjtx/downloads.html

THE DX SCENE…

(Courtesy of the NG3K website https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html)

Call, Start Date End Date, DXCC Entity
V51WH,2026 Aug25,2026 Oct10,Namibia
D4SAL,2026 Sep19,2026 Oct02,Cape Verde Is
8Q7JH,2026 Sep20,2026 Oct10,Maldives
5W0AF,2026 Sep21,2026 Oct12,Samoa
C21DA,2026 Sep23,2026 Oct05,Naoero
OX3LX,2026 Sep24,2026 Oct04,Greenland
JD1,2026 Sep24,2026 Oct06,Ogasawara
FW1P,2026 Sep26,2026 Oct17,Wallis & Futuna
ZC4OL,2026 Sep27,2026 Oct02,Cyprus SBA
9T0MD,2026 Sep30,2026 Oct11,Dem Rep Congo
V61GSE,2026 Oct01,2026 Oct07,Micronesia
7P8,2026 Oct01,2026 Oct11,Lesotho
XR0Z,2026 Oct01,2026 Oct31,Juan Fernandez Is
C5R,2026 Oct01,2026 Nov04,Gambia
H44MS,2026 Oct03,2026 Nov20,Solomon Is
6O2M,2026 Oct05,2026 Oct25,Somalia
JW5X,2026 Oct07,2026 Oct12,Svalbard
TF,2026 Oct07,2026 Oct17,Iceland
H49A,2026 Oct07,2026 Oct21,Solomon Is
TF,2026 Oct08,2026 Oct12,Iceland
ZA,2026 Oct08,2026 Oct30,Albania
9H6C,2026 Oct10,2026 Oct12,Malta
YJ1JXZ,2026 Oct11,2026 Oct16,Vanuatu
3DA0GY,2026 Oct15,2026 Nov02,eSwatini
S21HRG,2026 Oct16,2026 Oct20,Bangladesh
7P8GE,2026 Oct16,2026 Oct29,Lesotho
VP9,2026 Oct17,2026 Oct20,Bermuda
S9R,2026 Oct17,2026 Oct31,Sao Tome & Principe Is
JD1BQP,2026 Oct17,2026 Nov02,Ogasawara
5H3MB,2026 Oct19,2026 Nov19,Tanzania
V63SC,2026 Oct22,2026 Oct26,Micronesia
9N7XT,2026 Oct23,2026 Oct31,Nepal
7P9EA,2026 Oct26,2026 Nov25,Lesotho
V47JA,2026 Oct28,2026 Nov06,St Kitts & Nevis
6W,2026 Oct28,2026 Nov09,Senegal
V26JJ,2026 Oct30,2026 Nov06,Antigua
KH8A,2026 Oct30,2026 Nov12,American Samoa
FW3GT,2026 Oct31,2026 Nov14,Wallis & Futuna
D44PX,2026 Nov04,2026 Nov11,Cape Verde Is
C8K,2026 Nov09,2026 Nov20,Mozambique
3X4U,2026 Nov10,2026 Nov24,Guinea
EG9MM,2026 Nov13,2026 Nov15,Ceuta & Melilla
D44JB,2026 Nov13,2026 Nov20,Cape Verde Is
E51A,2026 Nov14,2026 Nov22,South Cook Is
HD4W,2026 Nov15,2026 Nov22,Ecuador
VK9XY,2026 Nov16,2026 Dec04,Christmas Is
HR5,2026 Nov23,2026 Nov30,Honduras
PJ7WW,2026 Nov23,2026 Nov30,Sint Maartin
HR9,2026 Nov25,2026 Dec05,Honduras
A35TV,2026 Nov28,2026 Dec04,Tonga

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T88SM,2027 Jan08,2027 Jan14,Palau
VP8TOG,2027 Jan10,2027 Oct17,Falkland Is
V6XG,2027 Jan14,2027 Jan22,Micronesia
XT2MAX,2027 Jan17,2027 Jan24,Burkina Faso
3Y0L,2027 Feb01,2027 Feb28,Peter Is
V4,2027 Feb03,2027 Mar03,St Kitts & Nevis
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J6,2027 Mar09,2027 Mar15,St Lucia
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T8,2027 Apr08,2027 Apr14,Palau
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