

Amateur Radio Volunteer Exam Session

Sponsored by the Fulton County Amateur Radio Club (www.k8bxq.org)

Who: We are a team of ARRL accredited Volunteer Examiners
Where: Fulton County Administration Building, 152 S Fulton St, Wauseon, OH 43567 (2nd floor, handicap accessible)
When: The last Saturday of the month at 9:00 am
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Test Session Information

When coming to the test session:

Bring a test fee of \$15.00
Calculators are allowed with cleared memory
Bring some form of identification
A copy of your current license if upgrading

During the test session:

If upgrading, use your FCC ID, not your SSN
No restroom breaks during exam sessions
No forms or notepads are allowed
Only write on the answer sheet
Cellphones and pagers must be set to silent
Maintain a quiet environment

Afterwards:

If upgrading, privileges may be used immediately
New licenses will take 3-4 days to process
FCC ULS database <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>

Regional VHF/UHF Repeaters

Trustee	Output	PL	S	Location	IRLP
K8BXQ	147.195	103.5	+	Wauseon	
K8LI	147.285	103.5	+	Delta	
W8TQE	145.370	85.4	-	Adrian	
WD8IEJ	145.410		-	Archbold	
W8RZM	146.940	103.5	-	Toledo	
W8HHF	147.270	103.5	+	Toledo	
K8TIH	147.180	103.5	+	BG	
KA8OFE	146.820		-	Bryan	
K8TII	147.315		+	Napoleon	
K8VON	147.090		+	Defiance	
W8FT	147.150	88.5	+	Findlay	
KB8GOM	442.075	103.5	+	Wauseon	

About the Club

General meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the County Administration Building in Wauseon.

The Club repeater is located on a frequency of 147.195+ (103.5PL).

Week night informal nets are held on the K8BXQ repeater at 10:30pm on 147.197+ Mon-Fri. Club nets are held on Wednesday at 8:00pm on the same frequency.

A 6m Simplex net is held on Wednesday evenings at 9:00pm on a frequency of 52.525.

The club HamFest is usually the first Saturday in June, and the first Saturday in December, check the website for details.

The club also hosts an ARRL Field Day event the last full weekend in June.

Other club activities include Fox Hunts, community event assistance, and other social outings.

Membership is \$15/year for individuals, \$7 for students and \$30 for families. See website for details.

About the ARRL

One of several VECs in the US National voice and advocacy group for Amateur Radio Membership includes QST magazine subscription.
<http://www.arrl.org>



Free Online Practice tests: <http://aa9pw.com/> and <http://www.eham.net/exams/>

So you're a newly licensed Ham Radio Operator, now what?

- **Join a club!** Amateur radio clubs are the best way to learn about the hobby. They are filled with other members who are eager to help you with the hobby. The Fulton County Club meets monthly and has many on-line resources for Hams. Find more information at www.k8bxq.org and join our E-mail list (details at the website).
- **Join the ARRL** The American Radio and Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA. The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in the ham radio world. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special operating events, all sorts of continuing education classes and other benefits for its members. Membership includes a subscription to the monthly QST magazine, the publication of the ARRL, which contains many good articles and reviews for Hams. More information can be found at www.arrl.org.
- **Get on the Air** Our club page contains links to regional FM repeaters and regularly scheduled nets. A radio net can serve many purposes like relaying messages, discussing common interest topics or gathering of hobbyists for conversation. The club holds regular nets on the KB8XQ repeater in Wauseon, open to all Amateur operators. Getting a 2 meter capable radio with a modest and simple antenna will get you tied into local repeaters where you can converse with other local hobbyists. Some repeaters even have IRLP and Echolink allowing you to talk to many places around the world.
- **Attend a Hamfest** Pretty much an electronics and radio flea market, Hamfests are held routinely throughout the area. Many are sponsored annually by area radio clubs and are a great place to find gently used equipment and radios to get you started. Hamfest lists can be found at our website and the ARRL who maintains an excellent search-able database of upcoming Hamfests. Remember to mark your calendar for mid-May which is the weekend of the Dayton Area Hamfest, considered by many to be the largest Hamfest in the world.
- **Setup your QRZ.com Account** This particular site (usually overheard in conversation as Q R Zed) is used by many Hams to find out more information on call signs they hear on the air. Besides call sign look ups, the site also offers radio related news, equipment for sale from other Hams, and forums related to the hobby. Once you have your FCC call sign, signing up for a free account allows you to customize the landing page associated with your call sign.
- **Browse many of the Radio Related Sites** The Internet has provided Ham Radio enthusiasts a great resource for providing information on not only the latest equipment and technology, but many vintage and older radio equipment as well. Besides the ARRL and QRZ, a couple of the other high profile sites include: eham.net (a great site for equipment reviews and opinions) and ac6v.com (the main page says it all, over 6,000 links and 133 pages for more than 700 amateur radio topics).