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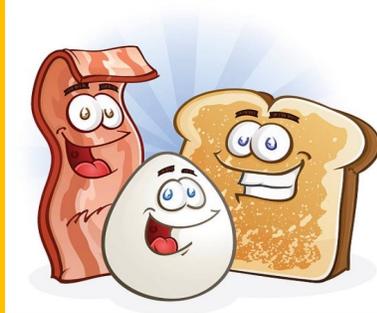
Join Us For Our Monday Night ATARA Off-Grid Radio Team Net at 8:00 PM on
Simplex 146.400!!

All Amateur Operators Invited. You Do Not Have To Be a Member to Participate.

ATARA Club Breakfast

When: Sat, July 8th 2023
8am – 9am

Where: Scramblers,
1377 Ety Road
Lancaster, OH 43130, USA



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Ohio HamFest's



Meeting Schedule

2nd Tuesday Exams

3rd Tuesday is ATARA OFF-GRID
Meeting

4th Tuesday Club Meeting

[Mansfield Trunk HamFest 7-8-2023 Mansfield, Ohio](#)

[NOARSFEST 7-15-23 Elyria, Ohio](#)

[Van Wert Hamfest 7-16-2023 Van Wert, Ohio](#)

[Ashtabula County Hamfest 7-22-2023 Pierpont, Ohio](#)

[Columbus HamFest Shriners Temple 8-05-2023 Grove City, Ohio](#)

[Cincinnati HamfestSM 8-12-2023 Owensville, Ohio](#)

[Findlay HamFest 9-10-2023 Findlay, Ohio](#)

Remember Our Thursday ATARA Night Net

8:00 PM on 145.210 Repeater



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“A Candid Interview with James Carroll, “KE8MPL” of ATARA

Hello my name is Jim Carroll I live in Lancaster Ohio. I went to my first ham meeting in 2019 and shortly after that I went to the Ohio Ham Fest and I was really hooked. While there I bought my first ham radio, the Yaesu 991A an all-band radio and my antenna. I knew that I wanted to be a Ham operator so I got my technician License in the same year with my call sign being (KE8MPL).

I joined a local club ATARA and tried to learn as much as I could. I put up my first 6BTV antenna and added extra to it. Now it has 10,12,15,20,30,40,80 meters with 60 ground radials that are 30 ft. long in 360 degrees. Several months later I also put up a 38 ft. mast that has a KIO Hex Beam that does 10,12,15,17.20,40 meters, this is my main antenna now and I also put up a 40-meter vertical on the mast and a 2-meter 70-centimeter antenna on the mast also.

The 38 ft. mast has a tilt over base and a tilt over mount for the KIO Hex Beam so I can lay the mast down in my yard to make any changes needed. I also put a FTM400 in my 86 Chevy C10 truck. I went on to get my General License during COVID. I really enjoy Ham radio and being around other Ham operators and listening to them talking about their shack and setup. I am always amazed by the new things that come out that I want to buy , I think it is a conspiracy for me to buy more LOL. I truly have to say the ATARA Ham group that I belong to is very helpful in many ways.

We also have a STEM Trailer that we received a grant for and it was fun helping to put Ham equipment in it for the general public to see. I want to grow as a Ham operator and talk to people in other countries. I hope to talk to you soon on the air. KE8MPL 73



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“A Candid Interview with a NEW Member”

Keith Schwickerath, “KE8VYD” of ATARA

Keith Schwickerath, KE8VYD, obtained his Tech License in early November of 2022 and his General in March 2023. Keith retired from the United States Postal Service in November 2020 after 25 years of service as a Mail Carrier in South Columbus and Lancaster. His wife encouraged him to get a hobby, and a good friend steered him into ham radio. (His wife to Diane Warner, KE8HLD to whom I am extremely grateful)

He attended off-grid training and the Baltimore Holiday Market in 2022. He helped with the STEM trailer on a couple of occasions and has thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie with ATARA members at club meetings and various training opportunities. He is especially impressed with how every ATARA member is so willing to help him. As a newbie, he recognizes that he has a lot to learn and is very thankful for the members who have come alongside to help him and to teach him, whether it be the best radio to purchase, how to put up his antenna, or how to program his radio. One member even lent him a radio and antenna to use indoors because he was unable to transmit very far with his handheld radio. He could then participate in the Off-Grid Radio Team Simplex Net and ATARA club net.

Keith really enjoyed HamVention in Dayton! He was able to find a new radio and an antenna. He said it was a bit overwhelming, but he was impressed with the variety of products available. It turned out to be his very favorite flea market.



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Communicating Issues

Safety Officer: Kevin Frank, K8KDF_safety@atara-w8atr.fun

Communicating Issues

Communicating Issues Safety Talk



Effective communication is critical to every aspect of a successful job. Being able to work safely especially relies on effective communication between everyone involved in a work task or on a jobsite. Effective communication requires having honest conversations, which includes bringing up and discussing issues as they arise.

Examples of Scenarios When You Should Speak Up

There are an endless amount of possible scenarios of when you should speak up and have an honest conversation to address an issue. Below are some general examples of when you need to stop and communicate an issue to get it resolved prior to continuing on.



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Communicating Issues

Examples of Scenarios When You Should Speak Up

- When you see someone working unsafely.
- When you do not have the proper training or knowledge to do the task at hand.
- When you do not have the right tools or personnel to complete the task correctly.
- When a **safeguard is not implemented.**
- When a hazard is present that could injure you or others.

How to Go About Communicating Issues

- Take the time to have the conversations that need to be had to correct the situation.
- Involve **the right personnel in discussions.**
- If someone is working unsafe, stop and have a respectful conversation about it. If you do not feel comfortable approaching them, approach a supervisor.
- Follow-up conversations, if necessary, to ensure the situation was resolved and measures are being taken, so it does not occur again.

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Check out the message at the bottom of the
Calendar. Never miss a meeting again. It ZOOM Time.

July 2023 Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	3 8:00 OGRT Simplex Net	4	5	6 8:00 ATARA Club Net	7	8 8:00 ATARA Breakfast & OGRT Event: Hank 5k Walk/Run	
9	10 8:00 OGRT Simplex Net	11 7:00 VE Test Session	12	13 8:00 ATARA Club Net	14	15 10:00 OGRT LZ Training	
16	17 8:00 OGRT Simplex Net	18 7:00 Off-Grid Radio Team Mtg.	19	20 8:00 ATARA Club Net	21	22 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Cooking & More	
23/30	24/31 8:00 OGRT Simplex Net 6:00 OGRT Simplex Net	25 7:00 ATARA Club Mtg.	26	27 8:00 ATARA Club Net	28	29 OGRT Field Training	



**Zoom Meeting Link will be sent out
before our regular monthly meeting.**





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EXAM SESSION

07/11/2023
Sponsor: ATARA
Date: July 11th, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jarrod K. Combs
Email: ke8mbl@outlook.com
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Grace Comm Church and Fellowship
904 E Main St
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EXAM SESSION

08/15/2023
Sponsor: ATARA
Date: August 15th, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jarrod K. Combs
Email: ke8mbl@outlook.com
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Grace Comm Church and Fellowship
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EXAM SESSION

09/12/2023
Sponsor: ATARA
Date: September 12th, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jarrod K. Combs
Email: ke8mbl@outlook.com
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Grace Comm Church and Fellowship
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10/10/2023
Sponsor: ATARA
Date: October 12th, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jarrod K. Combs
Email: ke8mbl@outlook.com
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Grace Comm Church and Fellowship
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EXAM SESSION

11/14/2023
Sponsor: ATARA
Date: November 14th, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jarrod K. Combs
Email: ke8mbl@outlook.com
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Grace Comm Church and Fellowship
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EXAM SESSION

12/12/2023
Sponsor: ATARA
Date: December 12th, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Jarrod K. Combs
Email: ke8mbl@outlook.com
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: Grace Comm Church and Fellowship
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65 Great Things About Ham Radio

- 1. It works when nothing else does**
- 2. It makes you part of a worldwide community**
- 3. The opportunity to help neighbors by providing public service and emergency communications**
- 4. Some of the nicest people you'll ever meet**
- 5. Some of the smartest people you'll ever meet**
- 6. Some of the most interesting people you'll ever meet**
- 7. Some of the most generous people you'll ever meet (along with some of the cheapest!)**
- 8. Lifelong friendships**
- 9. Friends around the world (including those you haven't met yet)**
- 10. The opportunity to go interesting places you might not otherwise go to**
- 11. The opportunity to do interesting things you might not otherwise get to do**
- 12. The opportunity to expand your knowledge of geography**
- 13. The opportunity to expand your knowledge of earth and space science**
- 14. Practical uses for high school math**
- 15. Practical uses for high school physics**



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16. A good way to practice a foreign language
17. A good way to keep in touch with faraway friends and relatives
18. A good way to get driving directions when visiting someplace new (with or without GPS)
19. A good way to find the best places to eat when visiting someplace new (with or without GPS)
20. Finding "non-touristy" off-the-beaten-path places to stay, eat, visit, etc.
21. A good way to learn about virtually any topic
22. A good way to bridge the generation gap
23. A good way to keep tabs on elderly/infirm people
24. People named Joe (Walsh, Rudi, Taylor)
25. How many of your non-ham friends have actually talked to someone in some remote place such as Cape Verde or the Seychelles?
26. How many of your non-ham friends might have talked to an astronaut aboard the space station?
27. How many of your non-ham neighbors might have a satellite uplink station in their basements—or in the palms of their hands?
28. How many of your non-ham neighbors might have a TV studio in their garage?
29. What other hobby group has designed, built, and had launched its own fleet of communication satellites?
30. Where else can you play with meteors?



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- 31. Moonbounce**
- 32. Informal way to improve technical skills**
- 33. Informal way to improve communication skills**
- 34. Introduces a variety of career paths**
- 35. Offers unparalleled opportunities for career networking**
- 36. Opportunities for competition in contesting and foxhunting**
- 37. A good way to collect really cool postcards from around the world (despite the growth of electronic confirmations)**
- 38. Nearly endless variety of different things to do, on and off the air**
- 39. Hamfests**
- 40. Dayton**
- 41. Field Day**
- 42. Working DX**
- 43. Being DX**
- 44. DXpeditions**
- 45. Contesting**
- 46. Award-chasing**
- 47. Double-hop sporadic-E**



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65 Great Things About Ham Radio

48. Worldwide DX on 6 meters (once or twice every 11 years)

[The current extended sunspot minimum has shown that mechanisms

other than F2 propagation can offer intercontinental DX on the "magic band" at any point in the solar cycle.]

49. Tropospheric ducting

50. Gray-line propagation

51. TEP, chordal hops, etc.

52. Getting through on CW when nothing else will

53. Unexpected band openings

54. Building your own gear

55. Using gear you've built yourself

56. Operating QRP from some remote location

57. Experimenting with antennas

58. Working DX while mobile or while hiking

59. Experimenting with new modes and new technology

60. The opportunity to help build an internet that doesn't rely on the internet

61. DXing on your HT via IRLP and Echolink

62. Contributing to scientific knowledge about propagation

63. Keeping track of other people's GPS units via APRS



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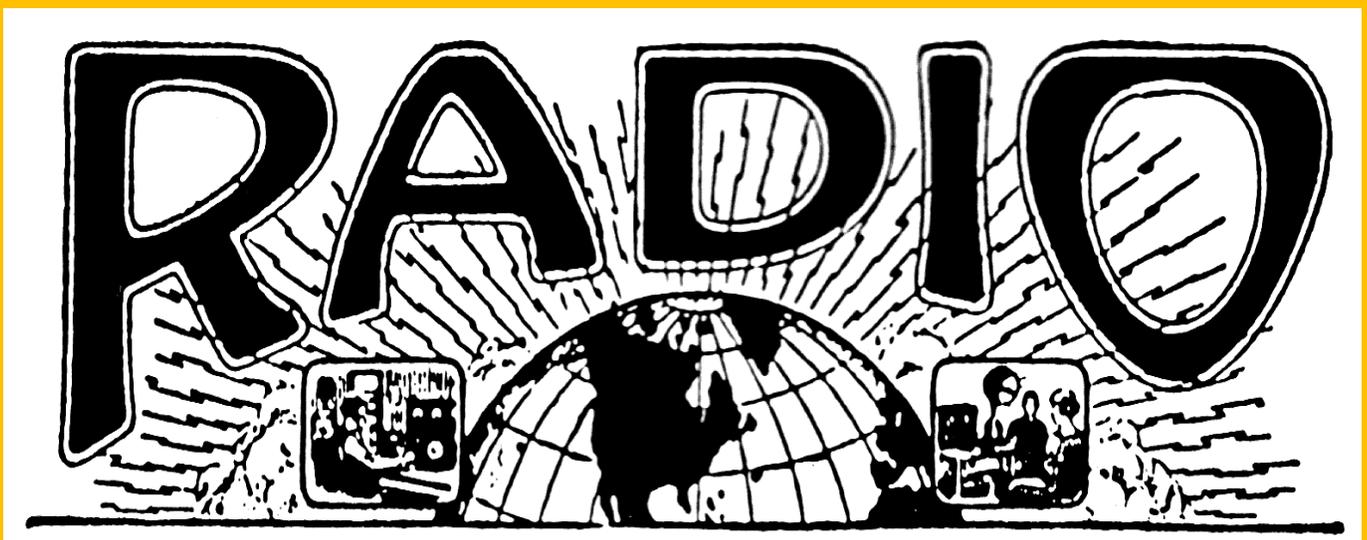
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64. Ham radio balloon launches to the edge of space, and as always...

65. Reading CQ!

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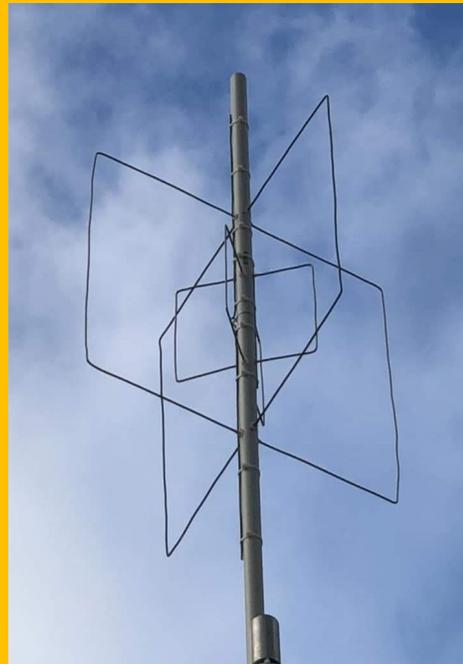
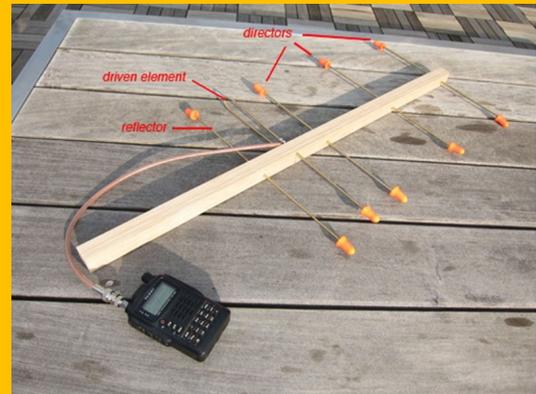


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What Was the Most Unique Homebrew Antenna You Have Ever Built??





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Mobile operations collection

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Looking for New Members!!!



**Your Editor
KE8SWY "Jim"**



**Please encourage all that you
connect with on Ham Radio to join our Club.**

**We are looking for Women & Men Young & Old to be a
part of**

All Things Amateur Radio Association

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Share with them how much fun we have !!



Have News??? Send all your news to

Jim Breibach KE8SWY at

**KE8SWY-ATARA@outlook.com. Please send before the 1st of
each month to have it added to the newsletter. Tell us what you
are working on, new members, items that you are trying to sell or
trade, and any news that is new and exciting. Or you may call me
at 614-296-7987.**



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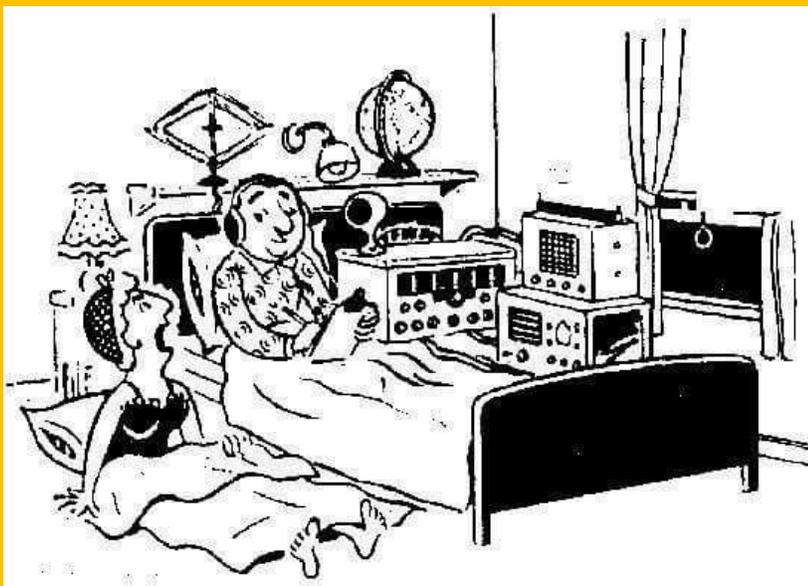


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**INVITE OTHER HAM OPERATORS
AROUND YOU TO JOIN ATARA!!!!!!
TAKE A LOOK AND REACH OUT.**

Want to know who is a Ham around you????

**Click the Link. [Ham Radio Information with map](#)
All you need to do is insert your call sign in place of
mine and have fun getting to know all those
Ham Radio
Operators right in your neighborhood.**



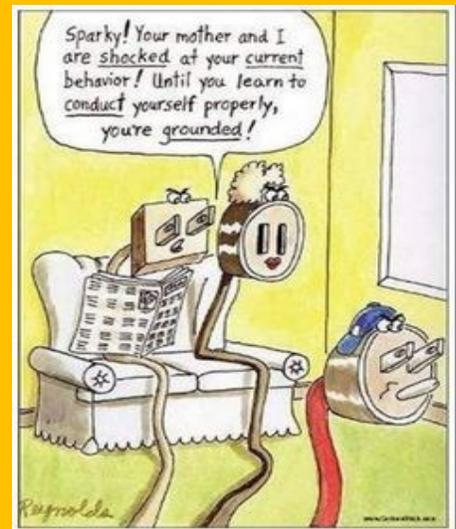


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"Sorry OM, I can only work QRP at the moment!"



WHAT MY FRIENDS THINK I DO

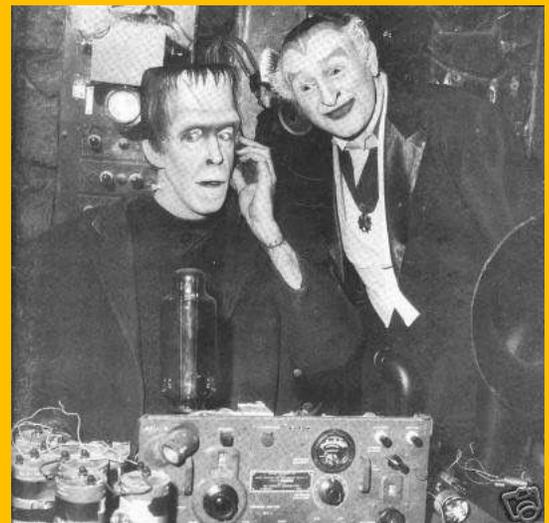
WHAT MY WIFE THINKS I DO

WHAT SOCIETY THINKS I DO

WHAT MY KIDS THINK I DO

WHAT I THINK I DO

WHAT I ACTUALLY DO





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