

Committee has Danny Bailey KB8STK, Bill Reese W8WER, & Rob Ruth
KD8AZQ - Send These members your nominations for 2010

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May 14 - 16 - Dayton Hamvention - Visit [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org)

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June 4 - IARC Meeting - Plans for Field Day and other summer events
Election of the open Board position - Last meeting till September

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June 13 - Miss Ohio Parade - Meet at the Key Bank at Maple St & Marion  
Ave at 11AM

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June 19 & 20 - Mohican 100 Mile Run - Wooster ARC asks for our help
Contact Duane Hart at wd8bvv@aol.com or Stan Kinney at
n8rnk@sssnet.com

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June 26 & 27 - Field Day Weekend - Details TBA

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August - Lighthouse on the air - with Huron County ARC
at Marblehead Lighthouse -- Details TBA

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September 10 - IARC Meeting/Picnic - Details TBA

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October 1 - IARC Meeting - "Old Timers Night"

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November 5 - IARC Meeting - Details TBA

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November 7 - Daylight savings time ends

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December 3 - IARC Meeting - Peel-n-Stick & Coney Night



# ARRL VE Test Sessions

Information is from the ARRL website

Test sessions are all within 100 miles of Mansfield.

Sessions in **RED** require pre-registration and will **not** accept walk-ins.

Sessions in **BLUE** request pre-registration but will accept walk-ins.

Sessions in **GREEN** are open to all and no pre-registration needed with walk-ins welcome.

Although these open sessions do not require you to pre-register it is still a good idea to call

ahead so they know to expect you or they can let you know if there is any changes. This

Information is from the ARRL web site and if you need more information visit the new revised

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

**13-Mar-2010 == CENTRAL OHIO ARES/W8LT == 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**Contact: LAWRENCE L FETH = (614)292-1643 = [LARRY.FETH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LARRY.FETH@GMAIL.COM)**

**Location: OHIO STATE UNIV WEST CAMPUS = PRESSEY HALL, ROOM 35  
1070 CARMACK RD = COLUMBUS, OH 43210 = *PARK IN SMALL LOT WEST OF HALL***

**13-Mar-2010 == TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOC == 8:15 AM (No walk-ins)**

**Contact: STEVEN L STALKER = (419)467-3734 = [KC8TVW@ARRL.NET](mailto:KC8TVW@ARRL.NET)**

**Location: MAUMEE FIRE STATION #2 = 450 W DUSSEL DR  
MAUMEE, OH 43537**

**14-Mar-2010 == CUYAHOGA ARS == 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**Contact: GARY S DEWEY == (216)642-8705 == [GDEWEY@EN.COM](mailto:GDEWEY@EN.COM)**

**Location: TOWN HALL = 6652 BRECKSVILLE RD = STATE ROUTE 21  
INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131**

**15-Mar-2010 == ATHENS COUNTY ARA == 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**Contact: SAMUEL J SLATTERY == (740)592-6124 = [N8SUZ@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8SUZ@ARRL.NET)**

**CELL: 740-541-0972 == Location: ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL ROOM G118  
1 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD = THE PLAINS, OH 45780**

**16-Mar-2010 == SANDUSKY RADIO EXP LEAGUE INC == 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)**

**Contact: LUTHER T GANTZ == (419)684-7864 == [N8HC@ARRL.NET](mailto:N8HC@ARRL.NET)**

**Location: SANDUSKY RADIO EXP LEAGUE INC == 2909 W PERKINS AVE  
SANDUSKY, OH 44870**

**20-Mar-2010 == ZARC == 1:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**Contact: KATHLEEN M FREDERICO == (484)459-3309 = [KB3RDR@KB3RDR.COM](mailto:KB3RDR@KB3RDR.COM)**

**Location: MUSKINGUM COUNTY EMA = 2215 ADAMSVILLE RD  
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701**

**20-Mar-2010 == LISBON AREA AMATEUR ACCS == 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**

**Contact: ALBERT J BEAL == (330)222-1450 = [N8RAK@YAHOO.COM](mailto:N8RAK@YAHOO.COM)  
REGISTRATION AT 1:00PM == Location: COLUMBIANA CTY EMER MGT  
215 S MARKET ST == LISBON, OH 44432**

**21-Mar-2010 == LORAIN COUNTY ARA RED CROSS = 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: CHARLES HALL == (216)453-3700 == [VE@W8HF.COM](mailto:VE@W8HF.COM)  
WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE) == Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS  
2929 W RIVER RD N == ELYRIA, OH 44035**

**28-Mar-2010 == WARREN ARA == 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) REGISTRATION AT  
6:30 PM! == Contact: WILLIAM H SHOWERS == (330)872-1929  
Location: NEWTON FALLS COMMUNITY CENTER == 52 E QUARRY ST  
NEWTON FALLS, OH 44444**

**03-Apr-2010 == LAKE COUNTY ARA == 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: SCOTT FARNHAM == (440)256-0320  
Email: [SCOTTFARNHAM@ROADRUNNER.COM](mailto:SCOTTFARNHAM@ROADRUNNER.COM)  
Location: KIRTLAND LIBRARY == 9267 CHILLICOTHE RD ROUTE 306  
1.7 MI S OF I-90 == KIRTLAND, OH 44094**

**03-Apr-2010 == PORTAGE COUNTY ARS, INC = 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD == (330)297-7979 = [AYLWARDJIM@AOL.COM](mailto:AYLWARDJIM@AOL.COM)  
Location: CENTER OF HOPE == 1034 W MAIN ST  
RAVENNA, OH 44266**

**10-Apr-2010 == TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOC = 8:15 AM (No walk-ins)  
Contact: STEVEN L STALKER = (419)467-3734 = [KC8TVW@ARRL.NET](mailto:KC8TVW@ARRL.NET)  
Location: MAUMEE FIRE STATION #2 == 450 W DUSSEL DR  
MAUMEE, OH 43537**

**10-Apr-2010 == CLARA == 11:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: KEITH H MARSHALL = (937)964-8383 = [KEITH.MARSHALL@LORD.COM](mailto:KEITH.MARSHALL@LORD.COM)  
Location: CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM  
201 S FOUNTAIN AVE == SPRINGFIELD, OH 45506**

**10-Apr-2010 == CUYAHOGA FALLS ARC == 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: BRUCE M FERRY == (330)929-2766 = [HTTP://WWW.AK8B.US/VE](http://WWW.AK8B.US/VE)  
Location: STOW-MUNROE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3512 DARROW RD == STOW, OH 44224**

**10-Apr-2010 == HUBER HEIGHTS ARC = 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: JOHN W MARTINDILL = (937)307-0793 = [AB8NV@ARRL.NET](mailto:AB8NV@ARRL.NET)  
Location: HUBER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
6160 CHAMBERSBURG RD = HUBER HEIGHTS, OH 45424**

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# *DX & IOTA Update*

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NC1L, OH2BH, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, Contest Corral from  
QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar, ARRL DX Bulletin and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

**BAHRAIN, A9.** Dave, EI3IO is QRV as A92IO from Sar until August 2011. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

**HUNGARY, HA.** Special event station HA15COOP is QRV until the end of 2010. QSL via bureau.

**BULGARIA, LZ.** Members of the Balkan Contest Club will be QRV with special event call sign LZ132GO from March 1 to 31 to commemorate the 132nd anniversary of the liberation of Bulgaria from the Ottoman empire. QSL via LZ1ZF.

**SURINAME, PZ.** Peter, PA1LP is QRV as PZ5LP from Nieuw Nickeriebe [IOTA SA-092](#) until March 26. QSL via operator's instructions.

**RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9.** John, G3LZQ is QRV as 3B9WR from Cotton Bay, [IOTA AF-017](#), until April 2. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using mainly CW. This includes an entry in the upcoming RSGB Commonwealth Contest. QSL direct to home call.

**LESOTHO, 7P.** Pista, HA5AO will be QRV as 7P8AO from March 8 to 22. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

**LEBANON, OD.** Fred, DL6SN is QRV as OD5/DL6SN until the end of 2010. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. QSL via DO8LA.

**OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT.** The following operations are approved for DXCC Credit: Tunisia, 3V3S, 2009 operation; Angola, D2CQ, current operation.

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## **NEW D.E.C & ADECs NAMED FOR DISTRICT 6 COUNTIES**

Hi Gang,

As the very first District Emergency Coordinator for District 6, it is my pleasure to announce that we now have a new District Emergency Coordinator for District 6. His name is Lee Haefer, KC8PFC. Lee is an Extra Class and is obviously very active in ARES activities around the area.

Lee was formally appointed by the Section Emergency Coordinator, Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ on February 13<sup>th</sup> after Jay had “retired” some months earlier. Jay, as you know served our area as the D.E.C. for District 6 for many, many years, and we thank him for those years of service.

Now this isn’t the end of the announcement. It’s also my pleasure and privilege to announce that Lee has appointed two Assistant District Emergency Coordinators who we all know very well. Phil Ackerman, N8PA and Jay Bookwalter, KC8GNL. Jay agreed to continue to help out when he could, but has re-assumed the responsibilities for Skywarn in Richland County as his primary duties.

For those who may not be that familiar with Phil, N8PA, let me fill you in a little. He is the former Emergency Coordinator for Richland County. He was also the President and a Board Member for IARC for many years as well. He is very active in Amateur Radio and with his past experience as Chief of Madison Fire Department and Chief Radio Officer for RACES, LEPC member, as well as many, many other rolls within the club and the community makes him a very good choice for his new roll as Assistant District Emergency Coordinator for District 6.

It’s not often that I get to announce appointments like this, but it sure is a great honor to me personally when I do.

Sincerely,

Scott Yonally, N8SY

Assistant Section Manager - Webmaster

Ohio Section

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# **From Times Past**

## **A look back at some past IARG newsletters**

**By original editor Edwin Fensch W8SOU**  
**& current editor Jay Bookwalter KG8GNL**

This month we will cover the issues from September thru November 1972. This time frame had the club called Inter-City Radio Club or IRC for short. The club President at the time was Oscar Frederickson K8ADX. The Vice President was Lacey Shawver WA8FMW. Secretary was Harry M Frietchen III K8JPF, and the Treasurer was J Pyles WB8CEI. (*The December 1972 issue is missing so I can only review thru Nov. 72*)

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September 1972

The Club had a corn roast to start the 72/73 year and held it at the Thermo-Disc picnic grounds next to the factory on rt 13. It started at 6PM and was followed by a business meeting and installation of the new officers. They also held a special program for the XYLs. The members were asked to bring two covered dishes and the club would furnish the corn.

A review of the field day 1972 stated that in spite of cold and bad weather a staunch few attended the event which was held at the Ralph Keil farm on touby road. Chuck Bookwalter W8QJF and his XYL managed the food service "as usual". Dr Richard Schrilla WB8HTM and his son Tom, along with Dave Hanning WB8BYG were in charge of the program that year. John Lehman WA8MHO, the "staunch IRC member" returned to the area from Medina to help with Field Day.

Lacey Shawver WA8FMW who had been in charge of the CIRCE net in 72, announced changes in the requirements for members to earn the awards that were presented at the end of the year. Beginning in September members were granted certificates based on participation on the weekly nets and the amount of traffic they handled. (*might be something to do again?*)

Kenneth Portz WA8QNP purchases a new two meter rig that summer. He had plans to have it on the air in the fall. The rig was obtained thru Eldon Heck W8PO.

Eldon Heck W8PO was said to becoming a local "two meter father" and that he would make a free check on any two meter rig brought to his QTH by IRC members. He also suggested that those who had Heath rigs should install a large speaker so that voices would be better reproduced. Those interested were told to bring an open circuit jack of the two-pole variety that Eldon would install for the members.

Cliff Odson W8YGX and his XYL were back from a trip to the Carribean which was said to have been interesting.

Eldon Heck W8PO had attended the hamfest in Rochester N.Y. During the summer of 72

During the summer of 72 the move to the Community Services building was completed. This building had been the home of Sears & Robuck which had been converted to a community services facility. Milton Reed W8NP had applied for the change of address for the club station.

New FM activity on two-meters was becoming of interest to IRC members and discussion on a possible meeting devoted to FM operations and how it would affect two-meter operations. No details were released at the time.

October 1972

A slate of programs for the club meetings was released after a board meeting at Lacey Shawver's home. October was to have Syd Emmons of Galion speaking about the repeater station in the Galion area for two-meter transmissions. November was to have John Lehman WA8MHO then of Medina, to speak on his experiences in ham radio, related to FM transmission and reception. December was to have ARRL official to meet with the club and discuss ARRL plans and problems. Eldon Heck was to make the guest arrangements. January was to have a representative from Neutronics Corp makers of Hustler Antennas to speak on antenna design, construction, & propagation. February was the month for the annual Auction (*pre-hamfest*) on Feb 2nd (*note it was the first weekend of the month back then*) at the Naval Armory as in past years. The event was on the calendar for so many years it had become an accepted event. Details for the rest of the year were to be announced later.

The report for the September meeting stated they had over 50 members present. Thanks were given to Chuck Bookwalter W8QJF & Dick Fisher WA8MXQ for setting up the location and corn roast.

A club directory was being planned as it had been a number of years since the last one had been issued. The club was seeking volunteers to work on this project.

Plans were under way for the new Novice class to be held at the Red Cross rooms in the fall and winter. The club annually supported this program to help teach fundamentals of code and theory in preparation for the novice exam.

The new EC for the local area was Bob Ortasic WB8CSH. Eldon Heck was to assume the Net Manager duties for the CIRCE net.

Terry Welsh K8ZBI, the former club secretary had been transferred to Tennessee by his company he worked for.

Ken Portz WA8QNP reported the Mansfield General Hospital antenna was down and inoperable. Volunteers who could climb steep roofs were being sought to fix this problem.

Lacey Shawver WA8FMW was appointed by Oscar Frederickson K8ADX IRC club president to head the February Auction and to be in charge of the Field Day program in June.

Harry Warne WA8MLL replaced Ken White as the person in charge of food at the monthly

meetings.

Merle McCullough W8MNO was listed as becoming a silent key.

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## **November 1972**

John Lehman WA8MHO was slated to speak at the November meeting about his QRP work. John had become interested in low power transmitters and was to describe his experiences and operations in this field of amateur radio.

At the conclusion of the meeting a "light lunch" was to be held as usual by Harry Warne WA8MLL.

Lacey Shawver WB8FMW asked that all members of the IRC bring one of their own QSL cards to be filed at the club station. On the back he wanted the members to put the date of their first license, a list of any previous call signs, and their present license class.

Harry Frietchen K8JPF said that membership dues had reached their "annual muddled state". He said that some had paid dues, some had not, and some have owed for a considerable time, and a few were paid well in advance. If the dues date appeared in red on the mail label of the newsletter a members dues were wanted and if they were in blue they had been paid up to date.

The club announced that Hy Kennicott WN8MRR was to be the new Publicity Chairman for IRC. He was replacing Lacey Shawver who was the club V.P.

An announcement from Bob Ortasic WB8CSH that a SET exercise was scheduled for January 1973. He needed volunteers to assist in mobile and fixed station operations for the event.

The club recieved a thank you note from Mrs Ed Shaw and her daughter Mrs Janice Collins for the flowers and attention from the club at the passing of Ed Shaw W8FQY

The treasurer's books had been audited by Harry Warne WA8MLL, Dick Fisher WA8MXQ, & Ken Portz WA8QNP. The books were reported as in good balance and condition.

Bob Ortasic WB8CHS reported the antenna at Mansfield General Hospital had been repaired. It was needed for the upcoming SET.

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Unfortunately the December issue is missing so that is it for this round. Next month we will revisit the year 1973. I ask again that if anyone has old past issues of either the IRC News Bulletins or the IARC Airwaves Journals that they would like to donate to the archives please let me know at any of the club meetings or email me at kc8gnl@gmail.com

IARC General Meeting Notes

March 5, 2010

Before the meeting was called to order, Dick Fletcher, N8CJS asked that all present stand and sing Happy Birthday to Danny, KB8STK who was celebrating his 50th birthday today. Once we had finished with this, we also recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasure's report: Dean, KB8MG said that as of this meeting we have in Savings: \$1018.50. Dues: \$138.18. Repeaters: \$1431.86. Dean said that if anyone has any questions they can come on up and he will do the best he can to answer them.

Tech Committee: Dave, N8DPW said that a work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 6 at the .94 repeater site. He said that they are going to install a new multi-coupler for the coax cable on the remote receiver which will allow them to add additional receiver sites to the .94 repeater and use a higher elevated 450 MHZ antenna on the remote receiver. John, KD8KEK said that he is making slow but positive progress forward in figuring out what is causing it to act up.

Education: John, WB9JBR said that there will be no classes during the summer. However, he does want to get together with the educational committee. He said that it will most likely not be until the fall when they begin teaching classes again. If anyone knows of anyone interested in the Technician class, please let either Henry, WD8Q or himself know so that they can keep them interested and on the next list for Technician classes.

ARES: Kris, KD8JBF said that Ashland County Skywarn Training will be held on March 10th at 6:30 PM at the Ashland County Sheriff's office Annex on Main St. in Ashland. If anyone needs info on the training they should get in touch with Kris. Richland County's Skywarn training classes will be held on the next day, March 11th. The first class for Richland County will be held on Thursday, March 11th at 1:00 PM at The Med Central Wellness Center located on West Fourth Street. The second training session will be held at Med Central Shelby Hospital starting at 6:30pm. Danny, KB8STK said that on March 18, we are going to have a drill at the EMA. This drill will be an 8-county drill which will simulate a blizzard, a semi role over and a HAZMAT spill. Steve, KD8GRM said that the Knox County Skywarn training session will be April 12th at the Knox County Sheriff's office at 6:30 PM and that everyone is welcome.

Special Events: Don, KB8RYA said that we have a bicycle race which is to take place on April 17th at 1:30 PM. This race is to begin and end at the Mohican State Park Lodge. He would like to have all those there working the special event by 12:45 PM and he said you should be finished by 4:00 PM.

Ham Fest: At this time Harry gave a very detailed report on the Ham Fest. If anyone would like any of this info, they can contact Harry, K8HF and he would be glad to answer any

questions anyone has.

By-law Committee: At this time in the meeting, a lengthy discussion was held regarding new changes to the IARC by-laws. These new changes can be reviewed by visiting the club website at: <http://www.iarc.ws> will vote on these proposed changes at the upcoming April meeting. At this time, Scot, N8SY made a motion to eliminate the Membership committee position within these new by-laws. This would make membership related tasks be completed by Dean, KB8MG our Treasurer. This motion was seconded by Dean, KB8MG. Motion passed.

New Business: At this time Danny said that we got a certificate with 1881 points for last year's Ohio State Parks On The Air Special Event activities which were held at Malabar Farm. Danny, KB8STK asked that this certificate be placed in our club scrap book for future reference. No further business was brought forward to be discussed. Dave, N8DPW made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Myron, N8YOA seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Dailey
KC8MKL

Skywarn® **By Jay Bookwalter KC8GNL**

Well we hope warm weather will soon be here. Getting quite tired of all the snow this year. A few things to review this month will include Unwanted traffic. First though I want to let all of you know that yes I am now the Assistant DEC for the ARES® District 6 area and that I will continue as the Richland County Skywarn® coordinator regardless. The ADEC appointment should not interfere with the local program.

Since last year was extra slow as far as storms alot of us may have forgotten this information . The following topics are what is considered to be “Unwanted Reports” by the NWS. It never fails that someone out there will give some of these which really, unless specifically asked for, just tie up the net from possibly vital information & reports. Some of you are new and this is something that you may not know. For those who have been involved over the years this is just a reminder. So here they are, and these are listed by the NWS SOP Manual, not just local ops.

- 1) Lightning – Happens in ALL thunderstorms. The only time we need this is when it causes damage or injury (**deaths are not mentioned on the air!!**)
- 2) *Estimated* not Measured rain or snow. If you are guessing it really does not need reported!
- 3) Gust front arrival – This comes from up and down drafts caused by rainfall. Only if it causes damage is this phenomena to be reported.
- 4) Winds BELOW 40 mph. Not severe and not worth mention.

- 5) Sunshine - Kind of obvious why it is not worth the time to mention. So unless specifically asked for the conditions at your area do not report it
- 6) Darkness – Same as above except if its so dark you can't see anything, then why even mention it with the exception as with sunshine.
- 7) Discussion of the radar- Ties up the frequency way to much. **Leave this to the net operator only**
- 8) Idle chatter – This is an obvious one as again it ties up the frequency for those who have real traffic to pass.
- 9) False or misleading information – Not only is this a violation of FCC rules you could cause mass panic where somebody could get hurt. Remember the public listens to us all the time in severe weather conditions. Besides who needs a liar.
- 10) Discourteous or unprofessional communications. Again why would you do this??
- 11) long-winded communications – Can happen easy so try not to. Remember the word KISS. “Keep it simple stupid” meaning keep reports easy to understand by straight simple information needed by the net control station.

These mistakes happen all the time. Please try to remember the fact that many people listen to our nets including the hospitals and really appreciate what “important” traffic gets passed over our nets. The info in the above list is actually part of the backbone sop manual. The added extras with each one helps drive home the reasons and is not meant to ridicule anyone as some of these reports again seem to always happen.

As far as lightning this always gets mentioned and as mentioned is NOT a severe weather criteria. Thunderstorms always have lightning as that is what makes thunder!! The only time we really need to hear about this item is when a structure fire has resulted from lightning strikes or if someone has been stuck by lightning. (Again do NOT pass info about any deaths as we do not do this over the air. - Call the net directly via phone not by radio)

Measured or estimated amounts of rain. Why is estimated not acceptable? According to the NWS only a measured amount in a measured amount of time is accepted by the home office of the NWS and then only if it is 1 inch or more an hour. So those with rain guages make sure the total you give is not a day's total but only the actual storm's total. There can be a big difference! And as mentioned above a guess is not accurate.

Winds below 40 mph. Again winds are present in most storms from the downdrafts. Under 40 is not considered severe and in most cases does not cause any damages. Another note here is that **when giving a wind report be careful not to overestimate.** This always happens and if you look at the back of your spotters card you will see what is expected at different wind speeds. If you have a wind guage make sure you calibrate it. We had one station report 90+ mph winds only a block from our bike shop where we had the net control station. Our winds never passed 35 mph and there was no damage which would have been guaranteed to have occurred at 90+. So again calibrate the wind guages.

The Net control operator will give updates on radar. Other stations unless asked should **NOT** discuss radar during the nets. Some of us know how to read them and some do not and radar

can be a tool that if not understood could be misinterpreted. Let the radar discussion up to the net operator only. Also again the public is listening!!

Darkness – This is kind of self explanatory but we did get one of these a few years ago. Hey if you can not see after nightfall it is apparently dark and does not need reported as darkness happens every night storming or not!! hihi.

Of course false or misleading reports, Discourteous or unprofessional actions, or long winded reports again are self explanatory.

I actually got to hear a long-winded report first hand during a GOBA event years ago during a tornado warning. The GOBA officials wanted to know where the storm was at so we could get the evacuations going but could not get into the net due to a “Bozo” telling a very detailed account of his wife coming out of the house, down the steps, into the yard, looking up, thinking out loud to herself, then verifying what she saw with her husband. Yes it timed out their repeater not only once but twice!! All this and we had 3000 people camping in tents! We found out the next morning the storm had actually touched down a little less than 1 mile from camp. To close for comfort. Anyways I think you can see why short to the point reports are all we want. Just remember to give complete info and stay available in case further info is needed. Just don't get long-winded. Give breaks if needed.

One thing I have been asked about is power outages and if it is reportable or not. While not really needed for the NWS the net control can use this information as it may effect reporting stations being able to call in from base stations using commercial power. Knowing if an area is out of power will allow us to understand why some staions fail to answer so again even though it is not something that is wanted by the NWS our local program can still use that information so let the NCS know if power fails.

One goal this year is to get the local program back in a better working order. I hope all of you will try and work to achieve this goal with me. The last few years saw the program fall apart so to speak. If anyone wishes a copy of the local Skywarn SOP manual via email please let me know. It is a fairly large document (34pages) so if you have a slow computer it will take time to download. Contact me either at my bike shop at 419-522-3696 or email me at kc8gnl@embarqmail.com

SKYWARN® NET OPERATORS

Once again we will be looking for people who would like to work as Skywarn® net operators at the EMA office. This duty may require some time as we do cover a 5 county district for the 6-meter backbone net which means we stand by till storms clear those counties.

A few requirements will be as follows;

- 1) Clearance approval by the EMA office.
- 2) A minimum of 1 year as an active spotter.
- 3) Must live in Richland County
- 4) Have the ability to keep neat, accurate logs and records of events & check-ins
- 5) Willingness to stand by for other district counties of Knox, Morrow, Crawford, & Marion.

The list on record has the following as our net operators from last year. They are as follows:

Danny Baker --- AB8SI --- *need* phone number
Joy Baker --- KC8RHD --- *need* phone number
Byron Nelson ---KD8HQC --- *need* phone number
Tom Miller --- N8TWM --- *need* phone number
Patty Earnest --- KD8FNQ --- *need* phone number
Don Forshaw --- KB8RYA --- have phone number
Dave Weigold --- N8DPW --- have phone number
Kyle Crawford --- KD8GEI --- *need* phone number
Danny Bailey --- KB8STK --- have phone number

So if you are interested please let me know so we can schedule some training on the net operations. For those on the list let me know if you wish to continue this year and if shown please include a phone number which is for the SOP manual list in case we need to contact you. Contact me at kc8gnl@embarqmail.com or kc8gnl@gmail.com

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AMATEUR RADIO DIRECTION FINDING: FOXES, FITNESS AND FUN IN 2010

By ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, KOOV

"Geeks in the woods!" That's how Jay Hennigan, WB6RDV, of Goleta, California, describes Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF). Several times a year, Jay gets together with friends for a session of this international Amateur Radio sport -- also called foxtailing and radio-orienting. As they set out, five 2 meter "foxes" are somewhere in the woods, transmitting for one minute each in sequence. Armed with a special ARDF set or just a handheld transceiver with a measuring-tape Yagi and attenuator, they see how fast they can run or walk from the

start to each transmitter in optimum order and then back to the start, or perhaps to a separate finish point. To help them navigate, they carry compasses and special orienteering maps, but they aren't allowed to have GPS displays or other high-tech navigation aids. Standardized ARDF courses provide a good test of equipment performance and hunter skill. It's friendly competition combined with great exercise. It attracts "techies" and "jocks" of all ages who don't need a ham license to get started. And for some, it leads to medals at national and international competitions. Read more here: <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2010/02/24/11358/?nc=1>

For local foxhunts for this year contact Danny Bailey KB8STK for details at kb8stk@hotmail.com Next local event planned for April.

HAM OF THE YEAR 2010

Yep its that time for your nominations for Ham-of-the-Year. Know someone who has put lots of effort and dedication in behalf of the club? Then please let one of the committee members know who they are. A short letter about the person and why you feel they deserve the honor is all that is needed. These are kept confidential to the committee members. One note is that they can *not* have had this award before as it is a once in a lifetime honor.

The location and date of the dinner will be announced soon.

Nominations are needed by April 2,2010

The committee members this year are as follows:

Danny Bailey KB8STK – kb8stk@hotmail.com

Rob Ruth KD8AZQ – kd8azq@iarc.ws

Bill Reese W8WER – brees@embarqmail.com

Past Ham-of-the-Year award winners

1968 - Egon Loeckel --- W8TAJ/N8EL - sk

1969 - Chuck Bookwalter --- W8QJF - sk

1970 - John Lehman --- WA8MHO

1971 - Dick DeLong --- W8EMK - sk

1972 - Eldon Heck --- W8PO - sk

1973 - Ed Fensch --- W8SOU - sk

1974 - Gordon Sponseller --- W8BZR/W8BZ

1975 - Walt Kowalchick --- K8SWR/W8KK - sk

1976 - Jack Weeks --- WB8RTY/K8RT

1977 - Harry Frietchen --- K8HF

1978 - Bob Miller --- WB8GGR/K8RFM

1979 - I.G. "Matt" Mattes --- WB8SSR - sk
1980 - Chuck Wood --- WA8KKN
1981 - Dean Wrasse --- KB8MG
1982 - Lloyd Nelson --- N8BAZ
1983 - Scott Yonally --- KC8SS/N8SY
1984 - Duane Meadows --- AJ8T
1985 - Bob Swope --- KD8NQ/NQ8W - sk
1986 - Henry Koenig --- KA8KXE/WD8Q
1987 - Tom Dorsey --- NQ8K -sk
1988 - John Young --- WB8RHV/N8JY
1989 - Jerry First --- NR8W - sk
1990 - Pat Harris --- N8EBK
1991 - Henry "Mike" Bailey --- NQ8S/W8HB
1992 - Loren "Larry" Rain --- WD8IHP - sk
1993 - Glenn Markley --- W8VLB - sk
1994 - Jim Smith --- KA8WSE
1995 - Phillip "Phil" Ackerman --- N8ICH/N8PA
1996 - Braden Wert --- N8MEA
1997 - David Weigold --- N8DPW
1998 - John Ness --- WB8SFV/K8NJ
1999 - Pat Robertson --- N8JOZ
1999 - Pat Ackerman --- N8YOB/W8PAA
2000 - Jay Bookwalter --- KC8GNL
2001 - Dick Fletcher --- N8CJS
2002 - Dick Hensel --- N8WLC
2003 - John Hudson --- KC8GNO
2004 - Jenny Taylor --- N8QKE
2005 - Don Green --- KC8STK/K8ANC
2006 - Mark Dailey & Ike --- KC8MKL
2007 - Rob Ruth --- KD8AZQ
2008 - Bill Reese --- W8WER
2009 - Danny Bailey --- KB8STK

Record Snowfall in February

If you thought it seemed like a whole lot of snow in February you guessed right. This is from the NWS in Cleveland.

AT MANSFIELD LAHM AIRPORT...THE MONTHLY SNOWFALL TOTAL WAS **49.2** INCHES. THIS RANKS NUMBER 1 IN THE TOP 10 SNOWFALL AMOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY...AND REPLACES THE PREVIOUS NUMBER 1 RECORD OF 25.8 INCHES FROM 2007.

Now you know why you are tired of the snow!!



SECURITY ALERT: U. S. Census Scam

Here are some tips to help you recognize fraudulent activity or unofficial data collections. **If you are contacted for any of the following reasons Do Not Participate.**

It is NOT the U.S. Census Bureau.

Phishing:

'Phishing' is the criminally fraudulent process of attempting to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, social security numbers, bank account or credit card details by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication. Phishing is typically carried out by email and it often directs users to enter sensitive information at a fake web site whose look and feel are almost identical to the legitimate one.

Other Scams:

- **The Census Bureau does NOT conduct the 2010 Census via the Internet**
- **The Census Bureau does NOT send emails about participating in the 2010 Census**
- **The Census Bureau NEVER:**
 - Asks for your full social security number
 - Asks for money or a donation

- Sends requests on behalf of a political party
- Requests PIN codes, passwords or similar access information for credit cards,
- banks or other financial accounts.

How to report scams and bogus Census web sites

If you believe you have been contacted as part of bogus or fraudulent activity falsely representing the Census Bureau:

- **In Person Scam**

- Check for a valid Census ID badge
- **Ask for a SECOND form of ID**
- Census workers should NEVER ask to enter your home
- Call your [regional office](#) to verify you are in a survey

- **Email Scams**

- If you think it is a bogus email, do not reply or click on any links within the email.
- Do not open any attachments. Attachments may contain code that could infect your computer
- Forward the email or web site URL to the Census Bureau at ITSO.Fraud.Reporting@census.gov.
- After you forward the email to us, delete the message. You will not receive a confirmation email after forwarding the information to us. However, the
- Census Bureau will investigate the information and notify you of its findings.

- **Mail Scams**

- **Contact the [United States Postal Inspection Service](#)**

Is your survey legitimate?

You may further verify if a collection activity is legitimate by calling your [regional census office](#) regarding mail surveys, and our [National Processing Center](#) for phone surveys. Other questions may be answered through our [Are You In a Survey?](#) page. From the U. S. Census Bureau- Fraudulent Activity and Scams

The Census Bureau uses a workforce of trained federal employees to conduct a variety of household and business surveys by telephone, in-person interviews, through the mail, and in limited cases through the Internet. We understand your personal information is sensitive, and go to great lengths to protect the data we collect. Although we cannot stop or warn against all bogus or false collections of data.

By-Law Proposals

*As required by the current By-Laws the following is the **Proposed** changes and updates to the IARC INC By-Laws which last revised and approved on December 1, 2006. These new changes and updates will be presented at the April Meeting for a vote of approval by the membership of the IARC. Please try and attend the meeting if you wish to vote on these proposed changes.*

~ IARC Proposed BY-LAWS ~

Revision 7 - March 05, 2010

(Reviewed by the membership present at the monthly IARC meeting March 5th)

1. Membership may include anyone interested in Amateur Radio. A voting member shall be defined as, a member whose dues are currently paid.
2. The "BOARD of DIRECTORS" shall consist of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, one (1) member to be elected each year at the June meeting. The Club License Trustee, the Repeater License Trustees, and the Corporate Agent, will be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and be placed on the "Board of Directors" as an addition to the three (3) elected directors.

The Club License Trustee must hold a valid Amateur Extra Class license.

3. The EXECUTIVE OFFICERS shall consist of the following: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
4. Nominations for Officers and elected Board members will be held at the April meeting. The election of the Executive Officers and elected Board members will be held at the June meeting. The newly elected Officers and Board members will take office immediately following that meeting. Executive Officers will serve for a two (2) year term and no more than three (3) consecutive terms to be served before they must vacate their office for a minimum of one (1) year.
 - Any member of the "Board of Directors", or the Executive Officers, shall only have one (1) vote at any organizational meeting.
 - Any and all nominations for elections will be publicized in all of the following methods: the newsletter, local nets and on the web site no less than 30 days prior to the election.
5. The duties of the Officers, and the conduct of all meetings, shall follow the By-Laws and "ROBERTS RULES of ORDER", with the By-Laws being the governing instrument .
6. Anyone being nominated for an Officer or Board Position, elected or appointed must be a current paid member of IARC in good standing at the time of their nomination. If elected, they must maintain their paid membership during the entire term of office.

7. Officers and Directors may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the proposed removal, and after notification of the person proposed for removal.

- A motion for removal can only be made if evidence is found that any Officer or Director is believed to be guilty of malfeasance. This evidence must be presented to the membership at the first membership meeting after the evidence is discovered.

- When a proposal for removal is made, the person proposed to be removed will be notified within seven (7) days of the proposal by certified mail. This written notification will be done by the Secretary, at the direction of the Board.

- Vacancies occurring among the Officers and Directors between regular elections will be filled by a special ballot at the first regularly scheduled meeting after the vacancy exists.

- If a vacancy occurs with the Presidents position, the Vice President will fill that vacancy and the special election will be for the newly opened Vice President's position.

- No person can hold more than one elected office at a time.

8. Regular membership meetings shall be conducted between September and June of the following year with the date and time to be determined by the Officers and Directors.

- Special membership meetings can be called by the President, or any Board member with at least five (5) days prior notification to the voting members. The club newsletter, weekly net, repeater announcement, web page and/or a special e-mail mailing can be used for this notification.

9. All matters of business, between regular meetings, shall be conducted by a majority the Officers and Directors jointly.

10. General Fund expenditures, the Board is authorized to spend up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00), per activity without prior approval of the membership, as long as it is a critical or emergency situation where a meeting with the regular membership is not an option available at the time.

- Repeater Fund expenditures are to be used for the exclusive use of repeater operation (i.e. telephone line (s) and insurance) for the repeater (s), replacement, maintenance, or expansion to the repeater system. Because of the nature of expenses that can be incurred in maintaining a repeater, the Board is authorized to spend what monies that it deems necessary to maintain the repeater system.

- Equipment Fund is to be funded from the General Fund at an amount determined by the Board and reviewed on a regular basis.

- All fund raising for IARC, Inc will be divided equally between the General Fund and the Repeater Fund unless specifically stated for the exclusive use for one or the other of these two (2) funds. Any donation of funds coming into the treasury of IARC, Inc. must be used only

for IARC, Inc. activities, and must follow all of the charitable contribution laws of the county, state and federal governments.

- There can be no purchase of untested, used equipment through online actions or other sales, unless the seller has a solid written guarantee as to its working condition. If found not to be working as advertised, the seller will offer a full refund of funds invested.
- All equipment purchased by the InterCity Amateur Radio Club, Inc shall be registered to the InterCity Amateur Radio Club, Inc. This includes, but is not limited to any and all warranties for equipment, rebates or gift certificates earned on the purchase of equipment or on titles / registrations for licensed equipment.

11. There shall be an organizational meeting with the Executive Officers and the Board of Directors called at least once each year, or more if necessary.

12. A quorum consists of at least ten (10) members or ten percent (10%) of the paid membership, whichever is greater, and provided that there are at least two (2) elected Officers in attendance at the meeting. For the purpose of conducting a Board of Director meeting, a quorum shall consist of at least three (3) members of the Board and two (2) elected Officers.

13. Dues for Membership of IARC Inc, are due on the first (01) of September and shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00) per member, payable in advance to the Treasurer.

- Any person, not already a member of IARC, Inc., taking an IARC, Inc sponsored V.E. test and passing will receive a one (1) year membership for free.
- Any member defaulting in his membership dues for more than ninety (90) days will be dropped from the membership rolls as an active member. Dues payments that are made through electronic money transfers will be of the same amount as payments made in person. Handling fees for electronic money transfers are not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per transaction.

14. The President of IARC Incorporated will, at the June meeting, appoint at least two (2) paid members of IARC, non-related to any persons currently serving on the Board, to meet and audit the Treasurer's books, and to report back to the club, at the September meeting, their findings.

- This auditing committee will also review at this same time all checks written from the clubs account and sign-off as that they were expenses authorized with the knowledge of the Board of Directors.

15. IARC Inc. shall not attempt to govern the action of its' membership in the legal operation of their Amateur Radio stations.

16. It will be the duty of the Secretary to record the minutes of any and all organizational meetings. Any pertinent changes to the corporate structure will be entered into the corporate record book by the Secretary.

- It will also be the duty of the Secretary to keep and maintain a list of all the

duties of the Officers and distribute this list to all of the newly elected Officers when they take office. This list will be part of the Corporate Record book and open for inspection by anyone wishing to see it.

17. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors of IARC Inc, to review the appointment of the Corporate Agent; Club License Trustee and the Repeater License Trustees at least once every five (5) years, and at that time either Corporate Agent papers or Continuation of Corporation papers will be filed with the Secretary of State, of the State of Ohio, beginning in September, 2003, by the Corporate Agent.

18. All proposed changes to the ARTICLES of INCORPORATION, or the BY-LAWS of IARC Inc. must be submitted in writing to voting members five (5) days prior to the vote, the club newsletter, web page and/or special e-mailing may be used for submitting proposed changes.

19. The Communications trailer owned by the IARC, Inc. is to be used for IARC club functions such as special events, field day, or promotional displays. It also may be used by the Richland County's Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) during communications emergencies, special events, or promotional displays.

- The person(s) allowed to haul the trailer must provide proof of full insurance; a valid driver's license; a vehicle capable of safely hauling the trailer. They also must demonstrate that they can safely maneuver (i.e. backing up, cornering, parking) the trailer prior to transporting it.
- The trailer can only be used by either the IARC Inc. or Richland Co. ARES®. If the need arises for out of county use, the trailer must be accompanied by an IARC or Richland Co. ARES® member who is participating with the event. Use by non-amateur groups is prohibited unless the IARC Inc or Richland Co ARES® is participating with the event where the trailer is needed.
- Equipment for the trailer will be funded from the equipment fund portion of the general fund, and at an amount not to exceed five (\$500.00) hundred dollars per year, unless approved through the membership of the IARC, Inc.

Again these are the proposed changes that are to be voted upon at the April 2, 2010 meeting. If you have any concerns please contact any one of the following who are on the By-Law Committee; Jay Bookwalter kc8gnl – kc8gnl@embarqmail.com ---



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