



AIRWAVES JOURNAL

APRIL, 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

**No Events for the remainder of April
No regular monthly meeting in May**

- May 8th ----- Ham of the Year Dinner – Red Lobster at 6PM
Please let Rob know by May 1st [-kd8azq@yahoo.com](mailto:kd8azq@yahoo.com)**
- May 31st ----- Mohican 100 Mile Mountain Bike Race – contact Danny
kb8stk at kb8stk@hotmail.com**
- June 6th ----- IARC Meeting – Election of 1 Trustee position**
- June 14th ----- Safe Boating & Fishing contact Rob at above address.**
- June 15th ----- Miss Ohio Parade – 11AM – 3PM -- contact Rob – ***Note 2 events on this date.*****
- June 15th ----- GOBA – 7AM – 5PM – Contact Danny – ***Note 2 events on this date*****
- June 16th ----- GOBA – 7AM – 2PM +/- -- Contact Danny**
- June 17 – 21 – GOBA – other counties may need help so if interested
contact Jay KC8GNL at kc8gnl@embarqmail.com**
- June 21-22 – Mohican 100 mile run – Help is requested from the Wayne
County group – contact Duane Hart WD8BVV at
wd8bvv@aol.com – Long event and even a few hours is
a big help with this race.**

June 28 – 29 – Field day – at Thermo-disc park like last year. Contact
Danny --- Note 2 events for this date

June 28 ----- Mansfield Bicentennial Parade – 11AM – 3PM? -- Contact
Rob – Note 2 events for this date

July 5 ----- Ontario 4th of July Festival – contact Rob

July 5 ----- Help with Ashland's Balloon Fest – contact Danny

Aug 23 – 24 – Mid Eastern Regional Fly In (MERFI) contact Rob

**SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR WANTED
CONTACT ROB RUTH KD8AZQ
PERSON SHOULD HAVE TIME SO AS TO ATTEND ANY
PLANNING SESSIONS THE EVENTS MAY HAVE PLUS BE
ABLE TO ATTEND THE EVENTS.**

VE TEST DATES

As always these are within 100 miles of Mansfield. Sessions in RED require pre-registration and do NOT allow walk-ins. Sessions in GREEN are open and do not require pre-registration although it is still recommended. Sessions in BLUE ask that you pre-register but do not require it and do allow walk-ins.

**12-Apr-2008 Sponsor: HUBER HEIGHTS ARC Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: JOHN W MARTINDILL (937)307-0793
Email: AB8NV@ARRL.NET
Location: HUBER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY 6160 CHAMBERSBURG RD
HUBER HEIGHTS, OH 45424**

**12-Apr-2008 Sponsor: TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOC Time: 8:30 AM (No walk-ins) Contact: STEVEN L STALKER (419)467-3734
Email: SSTALKER@AMERITECH.NET
Location: MAUMEE FIRE STATION #2 450 W DUSSEL DR MAUMEE, OH
43537**

12-Apr-2008 Sponsor: SUMMIT CO AMERICAN RED CROSS Time: 12 NOON
(Walk-ins allowed) Contact: BRUCE M FERRY (330)929-2766
<http://www.ak8b.us/ve>

Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS 501 W MARKET ST AKRON, OH 44303

13-Apr-2008 Sponsor: SENECA RADIO CLUB-W8ID Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
Contact: KARL S ERBLAND (419)447-0266 Email: K8ARL@YAHOO.COM

Location: SENECA CTY PUB SAFETY BLDG @ FAIRGROUNDS
126 HOPEWELL AVE-1ST FLOOR TIFFIN, OH 44883

VE-TEAM@W8ID.NET

WWW.W8ID.COM

15-Apr-2008 Sponsor: SANDUSKY RADIO EXP LEAGUE INC Time: 7:00 PM
(Walk-ins allowed) Contact: LUTHER T GANTZ (419)684-7864

Email: N8HC@ARRL.NET

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

19-Apr-2008 Sponsor: INTER-CITY ARC Time: 1:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: PATRICIA A HARRIS Email: PHARRIS9@NEO.RR.COM

Location: RICHLAND HEALTH DEPT (LOWER LEVEL)

555 LEXINGTON AVE MANSFIELD, OH 44907

20-Apr-2008 Sponsor: LORAIN COUNTY ARA RED CROSS Time: 1:00 PM
(Walk-ins allowed) Contact: CHARLES S HALL (216)433-3036 Email:

VE@W8HF.COM

Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS 2929 W RIVER RD N ELYRIA, OH 44035

20-Apr-2008 Sponsor: LANCASTER & FAIRFIELD CTY ARC Time: 10:00AM
(Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ALLEN P SELLERS (740)654-8167

Email: ASELLERS1081@ATT.NET

Location: CLUBHOUSE-GRANVILLE ROAD 1611 ROUTE 37 NORTH
LANCASTER, OH 43130

NEXT TO BEAVERS' FIELD ACROSS FROM OH UNIV @LANCASTER

26-Apr-2008 Sponsor: WRECS Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT C GAUSS (330)562-3328 Email: N8ZB@YAHOO.COM

Location: BASEMENT - BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL/CHAGRIN FALLS
6253 CHAGRIN RIVER RD BENTLEYVILLE, OH 44022

CORNER SOLON RD & RIVER RD

30-Apr-2008 Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS, INC Time: 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD (330)297-7979

Email: KC8PD@PORTCARS.ORG

Location: CENTER OF HOPE 1034 W MAIN ST RAVENNA, OH 44266

03-May-2008 Sponsor: MIAMI COUNTY ARC Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: EUGENE W WADE (937)667-3462
Location: TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY 419 W MAIN ST TROY, OH 45373

03-May-2008 Sponsor: RARA Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: WALTER C VOGEL (419)394-2976 Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET
Location: NOBLE COMMUNITY CENTER 16493 RIVER ROAD
SAINT MARYS, OH 45885

04-May-2008 Sponsor: MARION ARC Time: 2:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: RICHARD W CAREY (740)528-2296 Email: RWCAREY@GTE.NET
Location: TV 39 1282 N MAIN ST MARION, OH 43302

06-May-2008 Sponsor: PIONEER AR FELLOWSHIP Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact: RONALD D LIEVING (330)724-5981**
Location: AKRON BAPTIST TEMPLE 2324 MANCHESTER RD AKRON, OH 44314
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

06-May-2008 Sponsor: PORTAGE COUNTY ARS Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact: JAMES J AYLWARD (330)297-7979 Email: KC8PD@PORTCARS.ORG**
Location: MAPLEWOOD CAREER OP CENTER 7075 STATE ROUTE 88
RAVENNA, OH 44266

10-May-2008 Sponsor: TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOC Time: 8:30 AM (No walk-ins) **Contact: STEVEN L STALKER (419)467-3734**
Email: SSTALKER@AMERITECH.NET
Location: MAUMEE FIRE STATION #2 450 W DUSSEL DR MAUMEE, OH 43537

10-May-2008 Sponsor: CANTON ARC/MASSILLON ARC Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) **Contact: GARY L KLINE (330)837-2927**
Email: WC8W@SSSNET.COM
Location: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CENTER
STARK CNTY SHERIFF OFFICE/ EOC 4500 ATLANTIC BLVD NE CANTON, OH 44705 US RT 62E-1/2 MI E OF HARMONT

DX & IOTA

This bulletin was made possible with information provided by K4QD, NC1L, ON4CJK, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. [IOTA](#) info from the WWW.RSGBIOTA.ORG website Thanks to all.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Rodrigo, CT1BXT is QRV as C91R from Maputo until August 1. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters, with an emphasis on the lower bands. QSL to home call.

GUAM, KH2. [IOTA OC-026](#) Rick, AI5P will be QRV as AI5P/KH2 from March 15 to April 16. QSL to home call.

LIBERIA, EL. Bruno, HB9BEI and Chris, HB9AUZ are QRV as EL8BK and EL8CB, respectively, until the end of April. They will use CW and digital modes in their spare time. QSL via operators' instructions.

SVALBARD, JW. Operators PE1L and PA0ZH are QRV as JW/homecalls until June 15. Activity is on 6 meters. QSL via operators' instructions.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. [IOTA AF-013](#) Franck, F4DBJ will be QRV as 5R8HT from March 30 to April 15. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters in his spare time while on holiday. QSL to home call.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 9Q. Thor, SM7RME is QRV as 9Q/homecall for a few months. He is active in his spare time. QSL via SM7EHU.

PHILIPPINES, DU. In commemoration of the 75th Founding Anniversary of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association, callsigns 4D75A through 4D75Z are active until the end of October 2008.

ITALY, I. Members of the Vecio Piave Team and ARI Treviso are QRV as I13PIAV until August 31 in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the end of World War One. QSL via IK3GES.

CAMBODIA, XU. Retu, XU7MDY will be QRV from Sihanoukville from April 3 to 14. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL direct to OH4MDY.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. [IOTA AF-017](#) After his Mauritius operation, Slavo, SP2JMB will be QRV as 3B9/homecall from April 9 to 24. Activity will be on all bands using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

CROATIA, 9A. Members from the Varazdin Radioclub are QRV as 9A60A until December 2008 in celebration of the club's 60 years. Activity is on all bands. This includes entries in several upcoming contests. QSL via 9A7A.

NEPAL, 9N. Stig, LA7JO is QRV as 9N7JO until June 30. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL direct to his Thailand address.

QATAR, A7. [IOTA AS-088](#) Bill, NM7H is QRV as A7/G0MKT until the middle of June. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using mostly CW with some SSB and PSK. QSL to home call.

THAILAND, HS. Jorg, DL1MJF will be QRV as HS0ZGQ from April 5 to 26. This includes one week on Koh Samui Island, IOTA AS-101. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

WAKE ISLAND, KH9. [IOTA OC-053](#) Colin, WA2YUN is QRV as WA2YUN/KH9 and is here probably until the end of 2009. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters. QSL via K2PF.

CAMBODIA, XU. Wim, ON6NP will be QRV as XU7ADV from April 9 to 28. Activity will be on all bands using SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

CALLSIGN CORRECTION. As reported in DX new bulletin ARLD014, Juan, TG9AJR was QRV as TG0WPX in the CQ WPX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Wake Island, G4GIR/KH9, 2007 operation.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Western Sahara, S05A, 2007 operation.

APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. TX5C, Clipperton Island. [IOTA NA-011](#) VP6DX, Ducie Island [IOTA OC-182](#). Both are 2008 operations.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Equatorial Guinea, 3C7Y, 2007 operation.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation has been approved for DXCC credit: Kermadec Island [IOTA OC-039](#), ZL1GO/8, 2007 operation.

CALLSIGN UPDATE. As reported in DX news bulletin ARLD011 for Iceland, operators Alex, RA3MR, Artem, RD3MA, Dmitry, RA3MF, Helen, RV3ACA, Valery, RZ6AU and Serge, UA1ANA are QRV as homecalls/TF, TF/OH2DZ and RK3MWL/TF until March 18. They will also use the special call TF4Y in the Russian DX contest. Activity is on all bands with an emphasis on the newer and low bands. QSL TF4Y for the Russian DX contest via RV3ACA. QSL RK3MWL/TF via RD3MA and all others via home calls.

SKYWARN TRAINING

STILL A FEW SESSIONS UPCOMING!!!

4/15 --- MT GILEAD AT THE HEALTH DEPT – CONTACT
GARY SANDERS AT gws@columbus.rr.com

4/16 --- NORWALK AT THE JOB & FAMILY SERVICES BLDG.
ON SHADY LANE BEHIND THE HOSPITAL- CONTACT
DANNY BAILEY AT kb8stk@hotmail.com

4/23 --- WOOSTER AT THE EMA – CONTACT DUANE HART AT
wd8bv@aol.com

April Meeting OOOPSSSS

KD8AZQ/Rob

At the April meeting I made a mistake, We were not supposed to Vote on the Board Opening Nominations. I was going by the Nominations Chairpersons rules under number 5. that reads: *If no offices are contested, the Nominations Chairperson will turn in a unanimous ballot to the Secretary of IARC, Inc., at the April meeting. A vote will then be taken to accept the slate as proposed.*

Tom N8TWM did a good job of trying to correct me, sorry I did not heed your warning.

FROM THE EDITOR / ARES DEC

Welcome to spring or at least we hope it is. A few things both as the editor and as the DEC. Starting off this month is a reminder that it is Severe Weather time and I hope most of you had the chance to attend a training session. If not, the article just before this one lists a few of the sessions yet to come. There are some changes and if you have not been to a session over the last 3 or more years you have missed them. One change is the measure for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hail. We no longer compare it to a dime as a dime is less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (*someone actually measured this and complained of the inaccuracy!*) so instead a penny is now considered the official comparison for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hail which is figured as the minimum for severe status.

The second which was last year is the change from the old “F-scale” to the new “EF-scale” for tornado ratings. This change allows for a more accurate rating as it takes into consideration all damages and then averages them into the final rating. More on this at www.spc.noaa.gov/efscale/ Take a look if you can.

The next change which took place in October last fall is called “Storm Based Warnings”. This was designed to cut back on the size of warning area so people do not get the false alarm feelings. An example would be as follows;

A warning used to be issued county wide when a storm was effecting the very north end of the county around Shelby or Shiloh for example. People in Bellville or Lexington may have sunshine but the old warning was including them. With the new “Storm Based” system only the areas to be possibly effected will have warnings issued. This means we have to LISTEN very carefully to warnings when they are issued so you will know who and where the warning affects. More on this is at www.nws.noaa.gov/sbwarnings again please look this over.

Moving on I hope you all noticed the list of upcoming events. Boy are we loaded up in June. Some of our weekends have multiple events taking place. Please try to help both the Club and ARES if possible as all of these events count on amateur radio for communications. Miss Ohio as we all know relies on us to make their parade the success it is and it is our longest running annual event the IARC handles. This year though we have GOBA in our county on the same day! This bike tour is the largest of it's kind that relies exclusively on amateur radio for it's communication needs. For those not familiar communications cover all imaginable things from getting rider counts to dispatching medical units to the needed locations. More on this event and it's operations can be found at www.gobahams.org and info on the actual ride at www.goba.com

So in closing as both a member of IARC and as DEC for ARES I ask all of you that are reading this, if you can help with ANY of these events PLEASE let the coordinator listed know. This is one of the best ways we can promote our hobby and also a great way to get practice for remote operations in the field all while having fun. Again please this year our club & ARES is loaded up and needs YOUR help.

73 Jay Bookwalter kc8gnl
Editor Airwaves Journal
DEC Ohio District 6 ARES

FROM GARY GARNET KC8TJI THE WCM AT NWS CLEVELAND SEVERE WEATHER TERMINOLOGY

WITH SEVERE WEATHER SEASON RAPIDLY APPROACHING...IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY IN REGARD TO SEVERE WEATHER TERMINOLOGY. IN OHIO...THE PEAK TORNADO SEASON RUNS FROM APRIL THROUGH MID JULY WITH MOST TORNADOES OCCURRING BETWEEN 2 PM AND 10 PM. JUNE HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY THE MOST ACTIVE MONTH FOR TORNADOES. HOWEVER...MANY OF OHIO'S MOST DEVASTATING TORNADO OUTBREAKS HAVE OCCURRED IN APRIL AND MAY. TORNADOES AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS HAVE OCCURRED IN ALL MONTHS.

THE TERM...**WATCH**...WHEN USED WITH TORNADO OR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM MEANS THAT TORNADOES OR SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS ARE POSSIBLE. WATCHES USUALLY ARE IN EFFECT FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND INDICATE THAT ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR SEVERE STORMS TO DEVELOP. WHEN A WATCH IS IN EFFECT...YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR EYE TO THE SKY AND MAKE PLANS FOR WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IF SEVERE WEATHER OCCURS.

THE TERM...**WARNING**...MEANS THAT EITHER A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO IS EMINENT OR IS ALREADY OCCURRING. WARNINGS ARE USUALLY IN EFFECT FOR 1 HOUR OR LESS. IF A WARNING IS ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA...TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY.

A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM...IS ANY THUNDERSTORM THAT PRODUCES WINDS OF **58 MPH** OR MORE AND/OR HAIL OF **3/4 INCH** IN DIAMETER OR MORE.

A TORNADO...IS A VIOLENTLY ROTATING COLUMN OF AIR IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND. THE FUNNEL USUALLY DESCENDS FROM THE BASE OF A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM. THEY ARE USUALLY WEDGE SHAPED WITH THE NARROWEST END AT THE GROUND. TORNADO WITNESSES HAVE HEARD A "ROARING" SOUND SIMILAR TO A FREIGHT TRAIN.

A FUNNEL CLOUD...IS A VIOLENTLY ROTATING COLUMN OF AIR THAT DESCENDS FROM THE RAIN FREE BASE OF A THUNDERSTORM...BUT IT DOES **NOT** MAKE CONTACT WITH THE GROUND. A TORNADO USUALLY PASSES THROUGH THE FUNNEL CLOUD STAGE DURING ITS DEVELOPMENT AND DISSIPATION. NOT ALL FUNNEL CLOUDS BECOME TORNADOES...BUT YOU SHOULD STILL TAKE COVER IF ONE APPROACHES.

EACH YEAR A DEDICATED GROUP OF VOLUNTEER WEATHER SPOTTERS...CALLED SKYWARN...PROVIDE WEATHER SERVICE OFFICES ACROSS OHIO WITH IMPORTANT EYEWITNESS INFORMATION ABOUT

TORNADOES...FLASH FLOODS AND DAMAGING THUNDERSTORMS.
SKYWARN SPOTTERS ARE PEOPLE WITH AN INTEREST IN THE WEATHER
AND AN INTEREST IN HELPING OTHERS.

**BY FAR THE LARGEST NUMBER OF SKYWARN SPOTTERS IN OUR PART
OF THE STATE ARE HAM RADIO OPERATORS. AMATEUR RADIO
EMERGENCY GROUPS AND AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS RELAY
IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE
WEATHER SERVICE BY RADIO.** THE CLEVELAND OHIO WEATHER OFFICE
OPERATES A SKYWARN HAM RADIO STATION WHENEVER TORNADO
WATCHES OR WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT ACROSS NORTHWEST PA.
VOLUNTEERS AT THE CLEVELAND OFFICE BROADCAST RADAR
INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATION OF POSSIBLE TORNADOES AND
SOLICIT REPORTS FROM SKYWARN HAMS IN THE AREA OF CONCERN.

NEW DOPPLER WEATHER RADARS CAN IDENTIFY ROTATING
THUNDERSTORMS... SOMETIMES...EVEN BEFORE A TORNADO TOUCHES
GROUND. STILL...SKYWARN SPOTTERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO CONFIRM THAT
TORNADOES HAVE TOUCHED DOWN...TO REPORT ON THE EXTENT OF
DAMAGE...AND TO PROVIDE ADDED DETAILS OF A THREAT TO A
COMMUNITY.

AGAIN AS A PART OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS...THE OHIO
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, COUNTY EMERGENCY
MANAGERS...AND THOSE OF US AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT THE FINE HELP THAT HAM RADIO AND
OTHER VOLUNTEER SKYWARN SPOTTERS PROVIDE TO THE STATE.

**TO OUR MANY FRIENDS IN THE SKYWARN PROGRAM...WE AT THE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAY...THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT HELP.**

IARC MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2008

Before the meeting began Dick, n8cjs told a quick story which led to those in attendance to stand and recite The Pledge of Allegiance. After which, attendance was taken of those present.

Treasurers Report: Dean, kb8mg said that the General Fund stands at \$4,815.49. Repeater funds: \$5,393.03. Dues: 173.87. We have Cd's at: Richland Trust, of \$8071.85 and \$4,000.00 and Mechanics Savings Bank, \$1,228.53. First Merit Bank: \$1,803.08 and \$2,065.12. Dean said that if anyone would like to look at these records, they simply need to ask. He brings them to each meeting.

Ham Fest: Harry, k8hf read the financial information available for last months Ham Fest. Over all, we made \$100 over last years show.

Website: Philip, kd8fgv said that in the month of February our website had a total of: 357,598 hits, in the first 10 days of February we had 1600 hits to the Ham Fest portion of our site. During the month of February we moved just under 3.2 Gigabytes of information and the Airwaves newsletter was downloaded 852 times.

Membership: Mike w8emt was out of town as of this meeting. Rob, kd8azq said that we have 86 paid members. Rob said that the new club's directory is moving along but is still a work in progress. It should be ready in several months.

VE Testing: Pat, n8ebk said that we had 2 technicians, 6 generals and 4 extras pass there exams at our February Ham Fest. Dick, n8cjs added that there is a new VE Testing manual available for download from the Internet.

Education: Henry, wd8q said that we have 4 students signed up for the Cram Session which will take place over the last weekend of March. He said that once this is finished, they may offer a General course sometime in April. If they can get 5 or more students, they may even consider doing an Extra class later this year!

Tech Committee: Bill, w8wer was not present. Rob, kd8azq said that there was a cable problem with the 147.360 repeater which was quickly repaired. They are still working with the static problem on the 146.940. It seems to be worst when it is windy. Vasu has agreed to sweep the cables to try and find the problems. The tech committee asks if someone could keep track of time, weather conditions and temperature. This would help to possibly diagnose the problem. Rob asked if someone within the club has a concern with our repeaters, they should please not talk about their concerns over the air. Please send them by e-mail to one of the tech committee members and they will try there best to resolve the issue. Keith, w8now suggested that we put together an on-line form that people can fill out which will then e-mail those on the technical committee when something does come up with one of the repeaters. Rob then brought up some of the concerns we have with the Lexington repeater, 443.225. We do not have access to it, which violates the part 97 regulations. Our club plans to put together several people to meet with the owners of the building where it is kept about getting us access to it. If this will not work, Bob Miller, k8rfm may be able to help us relocate it to a water tower on Fox Road. We also had a request to shorten the courtesy tones for the 444.700 repeater. Currently they are a bit long. Rob, kd8azq said that the Tech committee would look into it once the weather warmed up.

ARES and Skywarn: Danny, kb8stk talked about being activated to help Med Central hospital the morning of our Ham Fest. Their telephone system went down; we were

called to provide communications between the Shelby and Mansfield hospitals. Danny said that we will be having an ARES meeting at Med Central so that everyone knows where the radio equipment is located. Next Danny talked about the Skywarn classes which were held on March 6 at the Wellness Center in Mansfield and at the Crestview high school. We gained 26 new spotters and a total of 70 participants through both programs. Danny then talked about us being called up to transport a total of 47 nurses and 911 dispatchers to and from work during the big snow storm. Red Cross no longer will do this. Danny gave a large thank you to everyone who took part in this operation which occurred during the blizzard of March, 8th and 9th. Danny asks those who drove to try and estimate your mileage because the hospital would like to reimburse them for their gas. Jay, kc8gnl said that we have a number of people who need to update their weather spotters training. Information regarding who has had the training and when, was included in February's edition of the Airwaves. He asks if someone goes through the Skywarn training outside of Richland county to please notify him so he can update the proper records.

Special Events: Rob, kd8azq said that on March 22nd we will have another Fox Hunt with Rick, kk8o. It will be held at the Richland County Cinema at 10:00 AM. Next we talked about our very busy month of June. We will have our first event, the mountain bike race on May 31st which will be held in Mohican. We will need around 10 or 12 Hams to ensure this event will go off without a hitch. June 14, will be the Safe Fishing and Boating show located at Pleasant Hill. We will need approximately 6 volunteers for this event. June 15th will be the Ms. Ohio parade in downtown Mansfield. June 22nd and 23rd will be the Greater Ohio Bicycle Adventure. The riders will stay over night in Crestline and head south the next morning. Beginning on June 20th and running through July 4th will be Mansfield's Bicentennial celebration. We have been included in this event as it will also be the Intercity Amateur Radio Club's 75th anniversary. June 28th will be a celebratory parade through Mansfield as part of the celebration. We have also been asked to provide the communications for this parade. June 28th and 29th will be Field Day located at Therm O. Disc park in Mansfield. Patty, kd8fnq said that our assistance has been requested to help with the communications for the Balloon fest celebration on July 5th in Ashland. We have also been asked to help with Ontario's 4th of July activities on July 5th. We have been asked to provide the communications for their parade which kicks off at 4:00 PM. As if this is not enough, we will be taking part in this year's Mid Eastern Regional Fly in on August 23rd and 24th at the Mansfield Lahm Airport. Rob announced that September 6th the IARC will have its own celebration and barbecue meeting. This was such a success last year that we wanted to do it again. Rob suggested that we have it at Burton park. At this time the exact information such as time has not yet been finalized. Dean, kb8mg asked if we could go back out to Therm O. Disk park? He thought it was a bit of a tight squeeze when we were at Burton Park. Rob said he would ask and get back to us. Danny, kb8stk suggested we have a special event station set up as one final celebration of the club's 75th anniversary. Finally, we have been asked to assist in the Arnold Schwarzenegger fitness seminar in Columbus Ohio which is set to take place in March of 2009. More information regarding this event will be released at a later time.

Ham of Year banquet: Mark, kc8mkl said that the Ham of the Year banquet will be held this year on May 8th at the Red Lobster located in Ontario at 6:00 PM. Reservations are requested to be in to Rob, kd8azq by May 1st. His mailing address for reservations can be found on our club's web site. There is no reservation cost; it is order from the menu.

Old business: Nothing.

New business: Rob, kd8azq said that Henry, wd8q's term is set to expire at the end of June's meeting. Rob then asked Henry if he would be our nominations chair person for this position, he accepted. Rob said that we are taking nominations for the opening on our board. We will take nominations to fill the opening at April's meeting; it would be for a 3-year term.

Rob also announced that we are looking for a Special Event Coordinator; he's being stretched a bit thin.

Rob said that he has been in contact with Icom regarding the repair of one of our IC-718's. He asked for \$200 to be set aside for the needed repairs. Henry, wd8q made the motion to set this money aside, and Jeannine, kd8cwf seconded, motion passed.

Next Rob said he would like the club to consider the purchase of a new trailer. It would be used for the storage of radio equipment and somewhere to run nets from at special events. This would be a 6 by 12-Ft. trailer. At this time, a long discussion was held with those who had questions. Dick, n8wlc made a motion to go ahead with the trailer's purchase and Harry, k8hf seconded. The motion passed with one abstaining vote, motion passed.

Dean, kb8mg said he would like to make a motion to use the two Cd's at First Merit Bank which should not exceed \$3,862 to assist with these purchases. This motion was seconded by Bill, n8tq, Motion passed.

Other: Keith, w8now introduced himself to the club as a grant writer for the Ohio State Patrol. He is offering his services to us to assist in the writing of grants to help us afford improvements to our club. He gave a couple of names of businesses who are supportive of Non Profit organizations.

Danny, kb8stk asked if we could give Rob Meisse, w8rem \$100 for all of the things he does for our club. Mark, kc8mkl asked if we could make him and his brother Gunther, k8gsm honorary life members. Danny, kb8stk made a motion to make Rob and Gunther Meisse honorary club members. Jeannine, kd8cwi seconded, motion passed.

Rob, kd8azq said that there will be new club shirts available for anyone to purchase. They are \$14.00 for smaller sizes, \$15.00 for a XXL and \$16.00 for XXXL. They are available in your choice of colors. Please see Dean, kb8mg to place your order.

Kd8azq made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Gino, ka8ypz seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Dailey Kc8mkl

Hamvention road construction

As many people know, the orange barrel is the unofficial state flower of Ohio. Dayton Hamvention(R) Robert Lunsford, KB8UEY has given notice that several routes to HARA in the Dayton area may prove slow due to reconstruction. Robert is Talk-In Chairman for the Hamvention and has posted clear instructions on avoiding most of the slow spots on the Hamvention web site. These instructions can be found at www.hamvention.org

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*IARC MEETS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE
RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPT AT 7:30PM FROM SEPTEMBER THRU
JUNE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN THIS PUBLICATION.*

No Electronics Magazines? Think Again.

Many old-time ham radio operators grew up with magazines such as Popular Electronics, Electronics Illustrated, and Radio-Electronics. Sadly, these magazines are gone now, but there are still electronics magazines out there that can help you keep up with what's going on in electronics. These magazines are written for practicing electronics engineers, so many of the articles will not be relevant to amateur radio or written in such a way to be nearly incomprehensible to electronics hobbyists, but you can't beat the price. They're free!

The magazines I'm referring to are electronics engineering trade magazines. These magazines are sent out free to electronics engineers and others working in the industry, and are supported by the advertisers. You're not an electronics engineer? Don't worry. If you e-mail me, I'll tell you how you can qualify.

Let me give you an example of the good stuff you can find in these trade magazines. In the December 2007 issue of High Frequency Electronics (www.highfrequencyelectronics.com), there is an article titled, "Quartz Crystal Basics." Written by an engineer for a manufacturer of crystals, crystal oscillators, and crystal filters, this article describes how crystals are made and gives some tips on designing your own crystal oscillators.

Also in this issue is the article, "Power Combiners, Impedance Transformers, and Directional Couplers." This is the first of a series of articles to discuss these circuits. Amateurs frequently use transmission line impedance transformers (think baluns) to match an antenna system to the 50-ohm output of a transceiver.

The new products section includes items on RF parts and test equipment, as well as book reviews. You probably will not be purchasing the new Boonton 9103 7.5 GHz Portable Spectrum Analyzer (\$11,000 and up), but you might be interested in the book RF Circuit Design (\$41 at Amazon).

As you can see, there's plenty of useful and interesting information in these trade magazines. In addition to High Frequency Electronics, you may also want to check out:

- RF Design (www.rfdesign.com)
- Microwaves and RF (www.mwrf.com)
- EE Times (www.eetimes.com)
- EDN (www.edn.com)
- Test&Measurement World (www.tmworld.com, I used to write for this magazine)

If you don't care to sign up for the print version of the magazine, you can always

visit their websites and sign up for their e-mail newsletters. These newsletters will keep you informed of new articles and product information on the websites. You can then choose which ones you want to read.

When he's not trying to get free subscriptions to electronics magazines, Dan blogs about ham radio (www.kb6nu.com), teach others about ham radio, and is working to set up an amateur radio station at the Hands-On Museum (www.aahom.org) in Ann Arbor, MI. You can e-mail him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

73, Dan KB6NU

Who's This



Well hope you all figures out who was in last month's photo. Again it was from the 1976 SET exercise. Those in the picture from left to right were Robert Ortasic WB8CSH, Former Shelby Mayor Henry Cline, & Robert Miller then WB8GGR and now K8RFM.

Anyone remember this exercise when the drill had the Clearfork Dam fail which was to have flooded Lexington?? From a few that were involved this was said to have been one of our best exercises over the years. Bob Miller was the EC at the time

Now for this month's photo. There are a few that are still with us but there are also a few who are now silent keys. A few are some of our early founding members of IARC..



More from the Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver K8JE Elmering newbies -- more

Several members wrote concerning my comments on nurturing newbies in the March issue of Weavers' Words. Included in these was a reminder by Phil DeRuiter, K5PDR of a golden oldie article named Your Novice Accent. Phil went so far as to trace it down -- to KB6NU's web page. KB6NU happens to be none other than Dan Romanchik, Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC).

The article was written many years ago when Morse code proficiency was required for licensing. Even so, a little judicious mental editing makes it just as appropriate for phone operating as it is for code operating. Dan had updated the article some time in the past. It could probably stand further updating to become Your Technician Accent.

I encourage clubs, licensing class teachers and individuals who are interested in developing quality new hams to review the article, add items related to phone operating and include relevant portions of it in club activities, newsletters and as supplemental material to license training classes.

Your Novice Accent can be found at
<http://kb6nu.com/your-novice-accent/> Thanks to Dan for posting it.

73,

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From the Editor.

*I heard a few comments last month which thought last months comments from Jim were out of line. If you read it you would see that he was NOT ridiculing anyone and in fact even said some of **our long time operators make mistakes**. I especially heard comments about the term "73" in which Jim is correct regardless of what some may have thought. Anyways that was not the point of the article. What Jim was trying to impart was that nobody should complain about how some others operate when we have nobody "elmering" the new licencees. In seeing that article and the fact I have heard comments on both sides I felt it had real merit as we do lack the "elmers" to help give guidance. Sorry if it upset some of you but Jim's article was & is truthfull. Now here is another topic which fits right with the above. Again it does not fault anyone but does mention what we should be doing.*

One-day licensing courses

I have nothing against making it possible for wannabe hams to become licensed through 1-day intensive courses. I have a concern that too many of these courses are being unfair to the student as well as to Amateur Radio. Why?

My guess is that many cram courses do not include meaningful discussion of good operating practices. For this matter, few longer-term license courses contain such discussion. It is ignorance of good operating practices that is one of the biggest problems Amateur Radio faces today.

I suggest that **one objective** of any licensing course should be to help instill awareness of good operating practice as well as to get people licensed.

73
Jim

Once again Jim does not say he is against the cram sessions. What he imparts is once again our overlooking teaching good practices. How can anyone claim someone is a poor operator or is not following proper procedures if we don't "ELMER" them. Again this is just food for thought and perhaps we should have a session for new students once they pass an exam to review operations.

NWS Statistics for March

..MANSFIELD..
8TH COLDEST MARCH ON RECORD AT 33.6 DEGREES. THE COLDEST MARCH
ON
RECORD IS 23.9 DEGREES IN 1960.

4TH WETTEST MARCH ON RECORD WITH 5.70 INCHES. THE WETTEST
MARCH ON
RECORD IS 7.04 INCHES IN 1964.

SNOWIEST MARCH ON RECORD WITH 21.4 INCHES.

You Might be a Ham Operator if...

A friend remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, and it turns into an hour-long rant on how ham radio is not CB.

Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.

You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.

The local city council doesn't like you.

You actually think towers look good.

Your HF amplifier puts out more power than the local AM radio station.

You refer to your children as your "harmonics".

You have pictures of your radio equipment as wallpaper on your computer's desktop.

Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.

The first question you ask the new car dealer is: "What is the alternator's current output"?

You buy a brand new car based on the radio mounting locations and antenna mounting possibilities.

You have tapped out Morse code on your car's horn.

You always park on the top floor of the parking deck, just in case you might have to wait in the car later.

When house hunting, you look for the best room for a radio shack, scan the property for possible tower placement and check for CCRs.

The real estate agent scratches his head when you ask if the soil conductivity is high, medium, or low.

You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.

You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.

You really start to miss people that you've never met.

You walk through the plumbing section at the hardware store and see antenna parts.

-- Author unknown

"TIDBITS FROM THE IRC SCRAPBOOK", by David Spain (KC8GNU)

I thought I would put together some tidbits of information that are fun to read during our radio club's 75th anniversary year. Most of this came out of our big scrapbook, which will be available for browsing at the monthly club meetings. So here we go:

For a reason not mentioned in the announcement, IRC club member Edward Ryan (W8CRR) was the "Hamvention" award winner at the 1956 Dayton Hamvention, and he received a really nice 2-3 foot tall trophy. The award could have been something like an amateur radio "operator of the year" award, or so I would guess. Edward would have been the third operator to get the award, the first being in 1954, and from what I found on the internet, the prestigious award is still given each year. Good for Edward!

In 1933, local operator Ed Shaw (W8FQY) had a really nice "radio shack" on his

property. It was on his lawn near his house. Somewhere I read that the words “radio shack” evolved from the radio rooms on board ocean going cargo vessels that were actually, because of space constraints, in wooden shacks on the decks of the ships. Anybody know if that’s right or not? A group picture at the IRC May 3, 1935, meeting in Shelby shows 66 members and guests present, and the May 22, 1936, meeting in Shelby shows 52 members and guests present. Now those are impressive turnouts.

The original 1933 Constitution and By-Laws of the IRC was amended on December 12, 1928, and again on February 5, 1954. The 1954 Constitution had five articles, and the By-Laws had eight articles. There were three officers, a President, Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, plus an Executive Committee. The dues were \$4.50 per year with the “QST” magazine, or \$1.00 without it. A Section IV says, “The following offenses will be sufficient to reject membership to the organization”, and it lists “fighting, theft, or any violation of any rules or laws of the Federal Communications Commission”. All right, “break it up you guys”.

The purpose of the IRC in the 1933 and 1954 documents was to “serve as a means of social contact among its members, to promote the good will, and extend knowledge of the radio art”. I’d say, over the years, the club has pretty much accomplished those admirable goals.

According to information in the IRC scrapbook, in 1954, there were 40 ham radio operators in Mansfield, 14 in Shelby, 1 in Lucas, and “no” it was not Henry Koenig, 2 in Crestline, 8 in Galion, 1 in Plymouth, and 1 in Shiloh, and Ill bet yeah a large majority of them were IRC members. Two of the Mansfield call signs were K8FAL, which was a radio station at the Ohio Air National Guard Base at the then-Mansfield Muni Airport, and K8NRQ at the then-Naval Armory on Ashland Road.

This isn’t exactly radio club related, but it is interesting none-the-less. Here in Mansfield, back when AM was the mode of communication for commercial and ham radio, a group of guys, or so I was told, used to get together in a residence out on Lida Street in the north end, and listen to radio station WNYF on “skip nights”. The station was the actual AM radio broadcasts between the dispatchers and fire trucks in the New York City fire department, with the “NYF” in the call sign being “New York Fire”. How often they got together I don’t know. I’m guessing this getting together possibly took place in the 30's or 40's. The monthly newsletter for the New York City Fire Department is titled “WNYF”, in memory of the old radio call sign. Now we can listen to the NYFD 24/7 on an internet feed. Unbelievable!

The 1959 IRC amateur radio class had some 57 students in it, and their class picture looks like classes were held in the old Red Cross Chapter house on Park Avenue West, near the corner with Benton Street. There were guys and gals, young kids and older folks. They were really crammed into the classroom. It looks like, after the available chairs were taken, it was “standing room only”. Maybe there were several “sessions” of the class, with each one meeting on a different night. I thought it was kind of interesting how many of the guys were wearing ties with their shirts. (One of the 1950's radio class pictures shows two nuns from St. Peter’s Catholic Church, both wearing there starched “habits”, attending the class. I doubt that there was any “cutting up” going in there).

In 1968, our own John Lehman (WA8MHO) was a featured speaker at the Dayton Hamvention. His topic was “How I do It”, and he talked about his adventures in the process of obtaining newspaper coverage of amateur radio activities. Good for John!

At one time, oh, around 1971 or so, Richland County had a chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, whose members had at least 25 years as ham radio operators. Cliff Odsen (W8YGX), who got his “ticket” on June 13, 1946 (I had just turned four years old) got the petitions and started the local chapter. Part of the process was getting the signatures of ten licensed operators with the twenty-five or more years in amateur radio. The organization was headquartered in Chicago, and had chapters all over the world. Local chapter charter members included Cliff, Charlie Bookwalter (W8QJF), Dick DeLong (W8EMK), and Don Green (K8ANC). Hey, just kidding about Don!

Here’s another one of those interesting pre-IRC tidbits from the scrapbook. On February 14, 1923, 21-year old Eldon L. Heck (8AYQ at the time, and later W8PO), who lived at 151 East Main Street in Shelby, did solemnly swear before a Mr. Shambaugh, a notary public, that he could receive and write messages, and other intelligence, in “Continental Code”, later known as the “International Morse Code”, a form of Morse Code more suitable for radio, as opposed to land line/cable transmission, at a rate of 15 words per minute. Good for Eldon!

In one of the IRC memorabilia folders, there’s a souvenir booklet, which only cost ten cents, from the April, 1939, North Central Amateur Radio Convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Apparently, this was quite an event back in the day. The list of attendee’s shows one person from Mansfield, a “B-o-o-k-w-a-l-D-e-r”, with the “D”, and no first name or call sign mentioned. I think this was Charlie BookwalTer, with the “T”. Anyway, another point of interest is in the list of events. On Saturday evening, April 29th, and mind you know, this was in 1939, is the banquet at 6 PM, with a speaker, a Mr. Seely from the “R.C.A. License Laboratories”, and his topic was “A Ham Looks at Television”. Hey folks, “TV” WAS ON THE HORIZON!. “Bah humbug, just a fad that’ll come and go”. Wow!

I can’t help it, man, I was going to stop writing this back at #9, but I keep finding these really cool tidbits that I want to share with yeah. This is THE last one. In that souvenir book for the Fort Wayne event, is this add for the “Washington Garage”, and it reads, “While in town, park your car at Washington Garage, rate-----50 cents for 24 hours, free pick up and delivery service from any hotel”. Just makes yeah sick, doesn’t it?

Well, if you get a chance, take a look at the scrapbook. I’ll tell yeah, it’s a real nostalgia trip, and a lot of fun too. Hope you enjoyed the little jaunt we just took through it. “7-3” from David Spain (KC8GNU)

GET READY FOR WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY ON APRIL 18 ***

Each year on the anniversary of its founding, April 18, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) marks World Amateur Radio Day. On this 83rd anniversary of its inaugural meeting in Paris, the IARU dedicates World Amateur Radio Day to the future of Amateur Radio with its theme, "**Amateur Radio: A Foundation for Technical Knowledge.**"

It is no secret that many professionals in the field of radio, TV, communications and electronics have started their technical education as young radio amateurs. Although Amateur Radio has a different face nowadays -- Digital Communications, Voice over Internet Protocol, Satellite up- and downlinks and more -- it is even of greater value as a foundation for technical knowledge for youngsters. And much more -- it is and should be used as a unique attraction for future young radio amateurs.

World Amateur Radio Day provides an occasion to promote and publicize Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio clubs are encouraged to find suitable ways of celebrating World Amateur Radio Day. Many ways can be considered -- inviting youngsters to visit radio clubs, showing up on the air with a special call sign, organizing a station in a public area with media coverage or publicly honoring amateurs who have made significant contributions. Whatever method is chosen, clubs should think about publishing a press release for the media, giving the background to World Amateur Radio Day and promoting the value of Amateur Radio as a foundation for a technical career.

The ARRL will be very pleased to hear how Amateur Radio clubs chose to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day. Share your stories and photos with us, so that they may be shared with the Amateur Radio community. E-mail your submissions to ARRL Affiliated Club/Mentor Program Supervisor Norm Fusaro, W3IZ <clubs@arrl.org>. Please be sure to put "World Amateur Radio Day" in the subject line. -- Information provided by IARU
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Trailer Update

Kd8azq/Rob

Our trailer was ordered on Saturday March 15th. I talked to Shawn at Hill Equipment on April 2nd, he faxed the engineer's prints to us for final approval and the Trailer should be delivered around the last week of April if all goes well. We have checked with several local companies to get our graphics created and put on the trailer with any luck it will be unveiled at the Ham of the Year banquet.

FROM THE ARES EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

It looks like Spring is about here. I want to thank everyone that showed up to have fun with the fox hunt by looking for those two Sly Foxes Rick KK8O and Bill N8TQ. I know it was a cold time but we never know when we will have to fox hunt for real. This is a great training exercise. The word is getting around and more counties are wanting to come and compete with us. So I am working on setting this up for sometime this summer or fall.

Well March was a busy time with the snowfall of around 16 to 20 inches which got us to bring out our "Angels" in the 4WD's as we got that nickname from a Nurse. I want to thank Rocky KD8AWE, Kyle KD8GEI, Tom N8TWM, Brett N8TG, Brandon KD8BOR, Tom N8JLE, Ron,KB8QDA, & Mike Hildreth KC8NSH for all the time they spent picking up nurses for MedCentral Hospital, Oak Grove Manor, & 911 operators.

Our first summer event will be the 100mile mountain bike race on May 31st in Mohican forest. Will need at least 10 operators but will take all that want to help.

73

Danny Bailey KB8STK
Richland County Emergency Coordinator

XYL Speak Out

" April Madness"

I'm sorry but each month it gets harder and harder to schedule my time effectively so I'm not writing this at the very last minute. I'll be lucky this month if it gets to "Airwaves" on time due to trying to get my taxes done. (Have you got yours done?)

BIG NEWS!! The photos have arrived. Believe it or not it has been longer than 6 months and the African Violet still lives. In fact, it is even blooming. I'm including the proof. (I hope you are all able to view the photos. I had great trouble trying to get them in the proper format to include.)

This is how it looked when Melody Hensel won it at the September picnic:



This is how it looks today. CONGRATULATIONS, MELODY (KB8UTU)!!!

We need to start making some plans for the upcoming busy summer schedule. For the Field Day Event and the Mansfield Bicentennial Event which are on the same weekend (June 28 & 29) we will be needing some food. Below is a chart of some items needed and how much. Please fill in with your **commitment** as I will be trying to be sure everybody gets fed in **both** locations. I have broken the list down into categories and estimated that if 5 or 6 people in each category bring a dish which will feed 10-12 people then we should have plenty. Please insert your name in column one and the number of people your dish will feed under the appropriate category, hopefully this will prevent having 500 desserts and no salads. As always, the meat will be provided by the Club. You do not have to bring something from every category, just one. (Unless you really LOVE cooking, that is.)

Please note – to make it easier for you to print the chart I moved it to the last page of this newsletter. (editor)

What kind of subjects would you like to hear about? Are you interested in personal experiences of other Ham spouses? Do you have a pet peeve you would like to get off your chest? Do you like the recipes? Have you tried any of them? Please let us know.

Email submissions or comments to: jsbestact@aol.com (**KD8CWF**) or luckyemt@hotmail.com (**KD8CWI**).

PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THIS COLUMN. IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GROW AND IMPROVE.

Jeannine Stickler (**KD8CWF**) and Melody Ruth (**KD8CWI**)

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2008 IARC General Meeting Notes: Before the meeting was called to order, Dick, n8cjs read a patriotic story which led to all in attendance reciting the pledge of allegiance. This led to President Rob Ruth, kd8azq calling the meeting to order with those present giving their name and call sign.

Treasurers Report: Dean, kb8mg said that as of this meeting we had a total of \$7,680 in regular savings. Dues: \$203. Repeater Savings: \$5,397. Checking: \$1,456.

Website: Philip, kd8fgv was not in attendance at this meeting. President Rob, kd8azq said that in the month of March we had a total of 4446 sessions resulting in 210155 hits to our website. This is down about 137433 hits from the month of February. We had an average of 143.4 sessions each day. The average amount of time spent on our site was 1 minute and 55 seconds. We still have an average number of hits each day to the site of 6779. We now have a total of 51 e-mail addresses through the website.

Membership: Mike, w8emt was not in attendance. Rob, kd8azq said that as of last count we had a total of 86 paid members.

Tech Committee: Bill, w8wer said that now that the weather is getting warmer it will be more favorable to begin some work on the repeaters at Scenic Drive. He would also like to begin working on the Lexington repeater

PIO: Bill, w8wer said that he had the chance to record a Bicentennial minute which will be aired on the radio between now and the fourth of July. He played this recording for the club to hear as it advertised our club celebrating our 75th anniversary as well as Mansfield's Bicentennial.

Education: At this time, Rob, kd8azq introduced us to one of our newest hams Peter, kd8ift who graduated from the Cram Session which was held over the weekend of March 28, 29 and 30. Henry, wd8q then said that during the Cram session we had a total of 5 students with 3 of them passing. He said that there will be another Tech Cram session again in this coming fall with a General Cram session scheduled as soon as a date can be finalized with the other VE's. The General Cram class may possibly be held over two weekends as it covers considerably more information. Rob, kd8azq said that he has recently been approached by someone from The Tri-State K-9 Rescue Unit. This is an agency which trains many types of service dogs such as search and rescue. This person has been looking for local Ham Radio operators because they realize that they need better communications between themselves and other agencies. Some of these people may be attending one of our Tech Cram Sessions in the near future to get their licenses.

ARES: Danny, kb8stk talked about the Fox Hunt which took place on March 22nd. He said that another one may be scheduled to take place during warmer weather. He has been approached by several other clubs who want to take part in our Fox Hunts as we become better with them.

Special Events: Rob, kd8azq said that we are still looking for a special Events Coordinator to take over for him. We begin our fun filled summer on **May 31st** at Mohican with the 100 Mile Mountain Bike Race from 7:00 am until approximately 6:00 PM. They wanted everyone to know that no one is expected to stay the entire length of any event. If you can only give a couple of hours that will be much appreciated. If you have a special request such as needing somewhere to sit, they will accommodate the best they can. **June 14** from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM we will be at The Safe Boating and Fishing show at Pleasant Hill lake. We will need about 5 operators. **June 15** from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM will be the Miss Ohio parade in downtown Mansfield. GOBA (Greater Ohio Bike Adventure) will be in the Richland County area on **June 15-16**. We will need Hams for this event as well. **June 23rd until July 4th** our club will be running a HF. Special Event station commemorating both Mansfield's bicentennial and the IARC's 75th anniversary. **June 28 and 29th** will be Field Day which will be taking place at Therm O. Disc recreational park in Mansfield. This years Field Day activities will be run by Danny, kb8stk. We will also be taking part in the celebration of Mansfield's bicentennial on the square in downtown Mansfield. Our special event station will be run during this weekend by Rob, kd8azq. Along with this, we have been asked to help provide communications for the bicentennial parade which will take place on **June 28**. Dave, n8dpw will be heading all parade related communications for the bicentennial celebrations. **July 5th** will be the Ontario 4th of July celebration. We have been asked to help with communications during this event. We have also been asked to help with Ashland's Balloon Fest which will also be held on **July 5th**. Next, we have **August 23rd and 24th** at Mansfield Lahm Airport for MERFI (Mid Eastern Regional Fly In). We will need at least 20 Hams to help with this event as it covers two days. There will be a wide variety of positions available. Saturday **September 6th** will be our own 75th birthday party. Several members asked if we could have it at Therm O. Disc Recreational park again in Mansfield. This is to be our final celebration of our club's birthday. We will run a special event station on HF from this location. It was emphasized that food and cold beverages will be available at most of our special events we will be participating in this summer. **October** will have the Fall-N-Leaf Bike Tour

VE Testing: Dick, n8cjs said that we will have VE test sessions on April 19, and July 19. Both of them will be held at the Health Department located on Lexington Ave. at 1:00 PM. Preregistration is required by e-mailing him through the e-mail address given on our site under the link entitled: Special Events.

Ham of the Year: Mark, kc8mkl said that nominations for The Ham of the Year award have now closed, but you still need to make a reservation with Rob, kd8azq by May 1st if you plan to attend the banquet. His contact information can also be found on our club's website. The awards ceremony will be held at Red Lobster in Ontario on May 8th 2008 at 6:00 PM. There is no reservation cost for this event, they only need to know how many to expect for seating purposes. The Ham of the Year committee made it clear that they are trying to jazz up the activities which should make it a fun filled evening for everyone! This celebration will take the place of our May 2nd meeting.

Update on trailer: Rob, kd8azq said that Hill Equipment gave final approval of our trailer's construction and should be finished in roughly three weeks. Derrick, w8now talked at length of the businesses where he has visited trying to get them to donate the

graphics which will be printed on the side of our trailer. Unfortunately, it does not appear that they will be donated though. He said that most of the printing companies will use the same process to create the graphics but the difference will be in how they are applied to our trailer. This could determine how long they stand up to the sun and other outdoor elements. Dave, n8dpw said that some of the extras ordered with the trailer are: Screened in front door, braced and powered roof vent, treated decking on floor, 30 Amp. Circuit breaker, two 4-Ft. fluorescent lights, various electrical outlets, GFI and other options.

Old Business: Dean, kb8mg said that he enjoys seeing the club moving forward. Rob, kd8azq said that the thank yous go to the membership. It is the members that allow us to move forward and grow.

New Business: Henry, wd8q said that Don, k8anc and Kathy, kc8snp were notified of an estate of Ham Radio gear that is for sale. They had a partial list which was read at the meeting. The list of equipment will be given to Philip, kd8fgv for placement on our website. Next we talked about the up coming opening on our club's board of directors for a three "3" year term. At this time, we opened the nominations to the general membership. No additional nominees were made. Bill, w8wer made a motion to close nominations and Bill, n8tq seconded this motion. We then held an election between the previously nominated members who are Steve Barr, kd8grm and Philip Nichols, kd8fgv. At this time, a discussion was held as to the proper procedure of election according to our club's Articles of Incorporation. Once this discussion had concluded, the election was held. While results were being counted, we stepped away from our meeting to enjoy a video about Harry, k8hf's trip to Three Gorges Dam in China which he and his family took in 2002. After our video and questions about the trip, Henry, wd8q announced that Steve, kd8grm had won the election for the seat on The IARC's board of directors.

Please note the election will be re held in June as designated in the club by-laws due to a misinterpretation. See article labeled "April Meeting Oops" at beginning of this newsletter. (ed)

Rob, kd8azq said that it would be nice to get some of the older members of our club together sometime in October to go over scrap book photos and other articles of interest. The club would like to put together a DVD version of our scrap book.

At this time, Rob, kd8azq made a motion to adjourn and everyone seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Dailey Kc8mkl

