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Upcoming Scheduled Meetings / Dates

March 2nd – IARC - Membership Meeting - Wrap-up of the Hamfest - Guest speakers John Hildreth of Richland County Soil and Conservation talking about his Pilot program “Hams with Rain Gauges.” Also speaking is Keith Markley Richland County EMA Director on the “Importance of Ham Radio in Richland County.”

March 8th – SKYWARN TRAINING – See page 4 for details

March 11th – Time change – Sping ahead 1 hour.

March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day..

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Ohio ARRL *Approved Hamfests for 2007..

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Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
18 Mar 2007	+	Hamfest and Computer Fair Toledo Mobile Radio Association http://www.tmrahamradio.org Talk-In: 147.27+ (will be in net mode - no tone needed) Contact: Brian Harrington, WD8MXR 4463 Holly Hill Drive Toledo, OH 43614 Phone: 419-385-5624 Email: bharrington@meduohio.edu	Maumee, OH Lucas County Recreation Center 2901 Key Street Div: Great Lakes Sect: Ohio
14 Apr 2007	+	Jackson County Hamfest and Computer Show Jackson County ARC Talk-In: 146.790 Contact: Edgar Dempsey, KD8XL 110 Morton Street Jackson, OH 45640-1335 Phone: 740-286-3239 Email: kd8xl@verizon.net	Coalton, OH James A. Rhodes Community Center State Route 93 Div: Great Lakes Sect: Ohio

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Ohio ARRL V.E. Testing Locations..

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Date	Contact Person	Telephone	City
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**Membership Information**

Interested in joining? Here's How...

You now can pay your dues on-line.. The IARC utilizes PayPal services which allow you to pay your dues instantly with any major credit card.. Membership is open to anyone that is interested. Membership for the upcoming year is now just \$12.00 per member, this includes repeater privileges, member web pages, web based email boxes, email forwarding and a monthly newsletter (sent to your email).

Belonging to IARC is fun for the entire family, whether you're a ham or not.

For more information contact:

John Hudson, KC8GNO

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MANSFIELD OH 44905

There is a small handling fee to use PayPal.

Club Email..

Interested in obtaining one of those fancy xxxx@iarc.ws emails? Interested in a way of not having to change your email address with a million people when you change ISP's??

As a member of IARC you have that privilege if you wish. We have obtained enough email boxes for every member. These emails aren't like the Yahoo's and so forth. They are a real web based email address and you can receive up to 1 gigabyte. No foolin', a whopping GIGABYTE of space for each box!! That ain't hay, that's a lot of space. What makes these mailboxes so special is that you can access them from anywhere in the world. You don't have to have any special access to an ISP. You can access your mail from anywhere you can get on the internet from, even the library!

Now if that doesn't rock your boat, then maybe this will. We now have an unlimited forwarding capability. This means that you can have your emails forwarded to your regular email address without having to give your address out to everyone. This is the same type of feature that the ARRL is offering for their membership as well. The forwarding has a definite advantage for you. It keeps your real email address a secret to all. You also get the prestige of having an email address with the xxxx@iarc.ws..

Now here is another member service being offered. Simply put, the club is offering space on their web server to allow you your own personal web page. There are a just a few simple rules that need to be understood before you start. That's it.. It's painless and a lot of fun. If you are interested contact: n8sy@iarc.ws

Remember, these services are what your dues are helping pay for!!! Please, if you aren't a member of IARC, now is the perfect time to become one.

*SKYWARN TRAINING..*

Our annual Skywarn Training will be on March 8th this year. There will be 2 training sessions, the first (session 1) will begin at 1pm in the John Hartz Building on the Richland County Fairgrounds. The second (session 2) will begin at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bellville (corner of Markey Street and Route 97).

The people listed in **RED** will need training this year (2007).

Dan Baker	AB8SI	Mar-04	Gunther Meisse Sr	W8GSM	Mar-04
Joy Baker	KC8RHD	Mar-04	Larry Thompson	N8DOT	Mar-04
Myron Baughman	N8YOA	Mar-04	Bill Waits	N8OGX	Mar-04
Mike McKee	KC8QFA	Mar-04	Jack Weeks	K8RT	Mar-04
Richard Clark	KC8QFD	Mar-04	Richie Mauk	KC8ZAC	Mar-04
Harry Fritchen	K8HF	Mar-04	John Young	N8JY	Mar-04
Bob Harlan	W8NDB	Mar-04	Paul Picking	WD8OJL	Mar-04
Sylvia Hudson	KC8QFE	Mar-04	Dan Moore	KC8MJG	Mar-04
John Hudson	KC8GNO	Mar-04	Cathy Swank	KC8SNP	Mar-04
John Lehman	WA8MHO	Mar-04	Mike Johnson	N8MBZ	Mar-04
Mary Lehman	WB8ZQL	Mar-04	Bruce VanHesteren	N8KJS	Mar-04
Gino Mollica	KA8YPZ	Mar-04			

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The people listed below are still considered trained,
but are still welcome to come to the training session to be re-trained

Ken Allen	KC8TDW	Mar-06	Ron Burgess	K8RKB	Mar-05
Danny Bailey	KB8STK	Mar-06	Don Forshaw	KB8RYA	Mar-06
Jay Bookwalter	KC8GNL	Mar-06	Burley Stapley	KC8ZAD	Mar-05
Mark Dailey	KC8MKL	Mar-06	Rob Gibson	KC8YKU	Mar-06
Jack Ewers	KB8TLN	Mar-05	Rocky Shiffel	KD8AWE	Mar-05
Dick Fletcher	N8CJS	Mar-06	Rob Ruth	KD8AZQ	Mar-06
Don Green	K8ANC	Mar-06	Melody Ruth	KD8CWI	Mar-06
William Hovorka	N8BCR	Mar-06	Bill Reese	W8WER	Mar-06
Henry Koenig	WD8Q	Mar-06	Brett Close	KD8BWM	Mar-06
Bill Martin	N8TQ	Mar-06	Jay Ferguson	KD8ALJ	Mar-06
Jerry Miller	N8GJ	Mar-05	Dave Weigold	N8DPW	Mar-06
John Ness	K8NJ	Mar-06	Jeannine Stickler	KD8CWF	Mar-06
Jim Smith	KA8WSE	Mar-06	Karl Pfaff	K8QB	Mar-06
Gunther Meisse Jr	KC8GSM	Mar-05	Jeff Brown	KD8AWD	Mar-06
Rob Meisse	W8REM	Mar-05	George Paul	KD8BKF	Mar-06
Ken Tharp	K8KMT	Mar-06	Dan Blasberg	KA8YQG	Mar-06
Vaughn Yates	W8VON	Mar-05			

I. A. R. C. MINUTES..**February 2, 2007**

The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. by President Phil Ackerman. 27 members and visitors were introduced. No minutes of the previous meeting were on file for approval. Dean Wrasse gave the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Education: John Lehman, Bill Reese and Rob Ruth to be on WMAN regarding upcoming schools.

V.E. Testing, Pat Harris - 2 PM at Hamfest, 1 PM at Madison Training Center on 3/3/07.

ARRL – None

Membership, John Hudson – 75 current paid members

ARES, Jay Bookwalter – District 6 changes – Medina County added, Hancock County deleted.

March Meeting – Mr. Hildreth from Richland County Soil Conservation will discuss rain gauges for the County and Keith Markley, Richland County E.M.A. will be in attendance.

March 8th – 1 PM – Fairgrounds – Skywarn training 6:30 PM at St. Pauls Church in Bellville.

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Special Events: Located on web site – June events include Miss Ohio, Fishing & Boating at Pleasant Hill and Mohican Mountain Bike Race.

Health & Welfare – Harry Freitchen is starting rehab following knee replacement surgery. Don Green is confined to home following serious procedures.

Repeaters – Bill Reese reported problems with the controller operator interface. The Madison remote is down.

Old Business – None

New Business – Ham of the Year Committee is Mark Daily, Jenny Taylor & Don Green.

Hamfest – Mr. President endeavored to fill the vacancies on the committees for same – more volunteers are needed.

Our newest ham was present – Beau Nolen – KD8FBC

Motion to adjourn by Jim Smith, second by Bill Reese

Secretary Pro-Tem, Bonnie Rain, N8XLU

Notice for Elections of Officers and Directors..

As required by the By-Laws of the InterCity Amateur Radio Club, Inc, notice of elections for Officers and Directors is to be published in the club newsletter no later than 30 days prior to the nominations for those offices.

A Nominations Chairperson will be appointed by the President in the very near future. Nominations will be taken from the Nominations Chairperson, as well as the floor at the April IARC meeting.

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- “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 the newsletter, nets, repeater announcements and on the web site no less than 30 days.”*

ARRL MARKS TRANSITION TO NEW AMATEUR SERVICE RULES..

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A new Amateur Radio Service regime now is in place. The requirement to demonstrate Morse code proficiency to gain HF privileges officially disappeared from the FCC's Part 97 rules February 23 at one minute past midnight Eastern Time. At the same time, some 200,000 Technician licensees without Morse code exam credit acquired HF privileges equivalent to those available to Novice licensees. The League is marking the occasion with a W1AW special event aimed at welcoming newcomers to the HF bands. The "W1AW HF Open House" has included exam sessions under both old and new rules. ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, points to the still-growing number of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (ARRL VEC) test sessions now on the schedule across the US as evidence that the rule changes will provide a shot in the arm to Amateur Radio.

"ARRL VEC has been extremely busy scheduling new exam sessions," Kramer said. "We normally coordinate about 5500 sessions per year, but we've already scheduled close to 5000 sessions and it's only the end of February." ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reports some 175 ARRL VEC test sessions are on the schedule through the February 23-25 period, "and these are just the ones that have registered with us," she added. Two dozen applicants showed up at League Headquarters, either to sit for an exam or apply for license upgrades. "I was surprised at the number of people who wanted to take the test at 12:01 AM," Somma remarked. All but two test applicants took their exams under the new rules. "After people took their exams, some went over to W1AW to use their new privileges," she added.

First out of the gate at the League's 12:01 AM test session was Joshua Rozovsky, N3YAR, of Bloomfield, Connecticut. He upgraded from Tech to Amateur Extra.

Despite snowy New England weather, a few applicants traveled some distance to take their exams. "A nice young couple that drove in from Rhode Island joined ARRL while here," said ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB.

"They thought this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take their upgrades here at HQ." Breen, who upgraded to General at the February 23 exam session, has been tracking W1AW Open House events in near-real time on an ARRL Web site blog <<http://www.arrl.org/blog/W1AW%20HF%20Open%20House>>. She's also posted some videos to [YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com).

Somma says her department now is bracing for an anticipated application avalanche as paperwork from initial sessions shows up. She and Kramer predict test demand will surge even further in the days and weeks ahead. Not only has the number of test sessions increased dramatically, Kramer pointed out, the number of applicants at each session is up as well. To keep up with demand, ARRL VEC has hired additional help. Staffers from other HQ departments also have been lending a hand.

March QST includes an eight-page "tearout" section "Now, New Opportunities for Every Ham!" between pages 48 and 49. <<http://www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/Welcome.pdf>>. It focuses on various topics of interest to those gaining new HF privileges through upgrading or owing to the new rules as well as to veteran licensees. Among other things, it covers mentoring -- or Elmering -- newcomers, "The Top 10 Reasons to Try Morse Code," earning ham radio operating awards by using Logbook of the World (LoTW) and a "Welcome to the fascinating world of high frequency (HF) radio!" by ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ.

"The FCC's decision to eliminate the Morse code examination as a licensing requirement opens the door to HF for all amateur licensees," Sumner points out in his remarks. Sumner also addresses the topic in his "It Seems to Us" editorial in March QST (page 9).

"As these new HF operators join us on our favorite bands, we old timers need to set a good example and to be patient, welcoming and positive," he writes. "Let's all remember how little we knew when we got started, and honor those who helped us along the way by doing the same for others."

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The March QST special section includes a new ARRL band chart <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html>>. (See "Revised ARRL Band Chart available" below.) The new rules seem to be driving greater enthusiasm for ham radio in general. There's been an uptick in ARRL publication sales, particularly in licensing manuals and licensing guides, and enrollment in the online ARRL Ham Radio License Course (EC-010) <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/Tech.html>> is at an all-time high. Additionally, Kramer notes, DXCC applications are up by 350 from last year, while LoTW has exceeded 121 million QSO records.

"W1AW HF Open House" operation continues through the February 24-25 weekend, with primary activity from 10 AM until 5 PM Eastern Time (1500 until 2200 UTC) or later, depending on interest, propagation and participation. ARRL Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY, will compete in the North American RTTY QSO Party from W1AW. Primary operation will be on both SSB and CW. W1AW will concentrate activity on the Technician and General class HF subbands, using its normal frequencies on most bands.

On SSB: 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390 and 28.480 MHz.

On CW: 1.8175, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675 and 28.0675 MHz.

On RTTY: 3597.5, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095 and 28.095 MHz.

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