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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 25th --- Christmas Day

January 1st ----- New Years Day

January 4th ----- IARC Meeting --

February 1st ----- IARC Meeting – Finalize Hamfest details

February 10th ----- IARC's Mid-Winter Hamfest



Happy Holidays From the IARC Board
Rob Ruth kd8azq, Dave Weigold n8dpw,
Mark Dailey kc8mkl, Dean Wrasse kb8mg,
Henry Koenig wd8q, John Hudson kc8gno,
Harry Frietchen k8hf, Danny Bailey kb8stk,
Jack Weeks k8rt, Dick Hensel n8wlc

VE TEST SESSIONS

15-Dec-2007

As always I have these color coded with the sessions in **RED** requiring pre-registration with NO walk-ins allowed, in **GREEN** for open sessions, & in **ORANGE** where pre-registration is preferred but not really required. It is still best to call and let these people know you are coming so if any changes occur you will be advised of them.

Sponsor: CLARA
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: KEITH H MARSHALL
(937)964-8383
Email: AB8BD@ARRL.NET
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY
CONFERENCE ROOM
201 S FOUNTAIN AVE
SPRINGFIELD, OH 45506

16-Dec-2007
Sponsor: LORAIN COUNTY ARA RED CROSS
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: CHARLES S HALL
(216)433-3036
Email: VE@W8HF.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS
2929 W RIVER RD N
WWW.W8HF.COM (HOME PAGE)
ELYRIA, OH 44035

16-Dec-2007
Sponsor: LANCASTER & FAIRFIELD CTY ARC
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ALLEN P SELLERS
(740)654-8167
Email: ASELLERS@GREENAPPLE.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: CLUBHOUSE
1611 ROUTE 37 NORTH
NEXT TO BEAVERS' FIELD
ACROSS FROM OH UNIV @LANCASTER
LANCASTER, OH 43130

18-Dec-2007

Sponsor: SANDUSKY RADIO EXP LEAGUE INC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LUTHER T GANTZ

(419)684-7864

Email: N8HC@ARRL.NET

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: SANDUSKY RADIO EXP LEAGUE INC

2909 W PERKINS AVE

SANDUSKY, OH 44870

DX & IOTA UPDATES

ROTUMA ISLAND, 3D2. [IOTA OC-060](#) Tony, 3D2AG expects to be QRV from December 3 to January 20. QSL to home call.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Jean, ON5JV and Georgette, ON6AK will be QRV as EA8/homecalls from Tenerife, [IOTA AF-004](#), from December 1 to January 31. Activity will be mainly on 40 and 20 meters during their evenings. QSL to home calls.

FINLAND, OH. Operators OH3BHL, OH9KL, OH9MDV, OH9MM, and OH9RJ are QRV using special event station OH9SCL until the end of December. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via OH9UV.

BURKINA FASO, XT. Michael, F1IQH will be QRV as XT2WC from Bobo Dioulasso from December 5 through early January 2008. QSL to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. Juergen, DJ3KR is QRV as YB1AQB until December 15. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL to home call.

ITU HQ, 4U ITU. Seppo, OH1VR will be QRV as 4U1ITU from the ITU Geneva station from December 10 to 12. Activity will generally be around 1600 and 1700z daily. QSL via operator's instructions.

OMAN, A4. To commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society, all Omani stations will sign callsigns/35 from December 12 to 14. The ROARS HQ station A47RS will also be QRV as A47RS/35. QSL HQ station via bureau.

PAKISTAN, AP. Tariq has been QRV using CW on 40 meters from around 1600 to 1900z. QSL via DJ9ZB.

ANTARCTICA. A group of 11 team members are QRV as OJ1ABOA from the Aboa Scientific Base for about three months. Activity is on various HF bands. QSL to OH2FFP.

BONAIRE, CURACAO, PJ2. Larry, WO0Z will be QRV as PJ4/WO0Z from Bonaire, [IOTA SA-006](#), from December 8 to 15. He will be active holiday style on various HF bands using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL to home call.

BRAZIL, PY. Bone, PP5VX is QRV from Sao Francisco do Sul, [IOTA SA-027](#), in the Santa Catarina State North Group, until December 31, 2010. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL to home call.

BANGLADESH, S2. Stig is QRV as S21ZDX and has been active on 80 meters using CW around 1440 and 1630z. QSL via HS0ZGD.

GABON, TR. Roland, F8EN is QRV as TR8CR from Libreville until January 12. Activity is mostly on 20 meters. [He may try to take a short trip to an island in the AF-043 IOTA group.](#) QSL via F6AJA.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4. Eric, W0XG is QRV as V4/W0XG from Nevis on December 10 to 13. Activity is on all bands operating holiday style. QSL to home call.

BRUNEI, V8. Burk is QRV as V8FZA has been active on 17 meters between 1000 and 1200z. QSL via DL3KZA.

FROM THE EDITOR

Jay Bookwalter kc8gnl

Boy has time been flying this year. Only a few weeks and it becomes 2008! Hope everyone is ready for a fun year ahead. Looks to be quite a busy one especially in June. One big piece of news is that the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure is passing thru Richland County twice on this years tour. Some of us are familiar with this event while others are not. The bicycle tour we call GOBA has up to 3000 riders in which amateur radio plays the major role of communications. We keep the EMS, Staff, Sag Vehicles in touch with one another plus we also help with rider counts at break stops, and keep watch along the route so riders can get help if needed. All in all this is a fun event and you can meet people from all over the USA and sometimes even from overseas.

Also in June as always we will see the Miss Ohio parade, The MTB100 Mountain bike race, Field day, & The safe boating and fishing program. To add to June there is supposed to be a parade for Mansfield's Bicentennial (On field day weekend no less!)

Plus our club's 75th anniversary. This should keep us quite busy this summer and I hope as many of you can help with some or all of these events. So keep these in mind as we will need all the help we can get this year and have some fun too!

I want to thank all that gave toys for the Toy Time drive. We ended up with 3 boxes and 2 bags full of toys which are greatly appreciated. Perhaps we can do this again next season, so keep this in mind.

Lastly a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!!



ARRL CONTEST CALENDAR FOR 2008

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|------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| January | 1 | Straight Key Night | Rules |
| | 5 - 6 | ARRL RTTY Round-Up | Rules |
| | 19 - 20 | ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes | Rules |
| February | 16 - 17 | ARRL International DX Contest (CW) | |
| March | 1 - 2 | ARRL International DX Contest (Phone) | |
| June | 14 - 16 | ARRL June VHF QSO Party | |
| | 28 - 29 | ARRL Field Day | |
| July | 12 - 13 | IARU HF World Championships | |
| August | 2 - 3 | ARRL UHF Contest | |
| | 16 - 17 | ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest | |
| September | 13 - 15 | ARRL September VHF QSO Party | |
| | 20 - 21 | ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest | |
| November | 1 - 3 | ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW) | |
| | 15 - 17 | ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone) | |
| December | 5 - 7 | ARRL 160 Meter Contest | |
| | 13 - 14 | ARRL 10 Meter Contest | |

WHO'S THIS???

Well I hope all of you figured out who the 2 operators were in last months photo. This was taken from the 1976 SET exercise and the operators were Jack Weeks K8RT and Lacey Shawver WB8FMW The station is Lacey's and if you look you will find his call sign and name in a few places.



Now for this month's try. This operator has been part of our club for some time and was one of our club's presidents. Remember this is 1976!! He's 33 years younger in this photo.



"FUN, FUN, FUN TILL MY DADDY TOOK THE T-BIRD AWAY"

by David Spain (KC8GNU)

I think in ham radio, as well as life in general, fun is where you find it. A couple of months ago, I was on HF "voice", 20 meters, and working off of my G5RV dipole, and I made a contact out in Montana or someplace in that neighborhood. "Lo and behold", the guy was also working off of a "wire" antenna. Well, we chatted for a while, he signed off, and I "CQ'd" again, got another operator, and he was working off a wire. Now, you have to understand that the propagation wasn't all that good to start with, but readable, no "5&9" signal reports that's for sure.

Anyway, I thought "what the heck", so, when that second QSO ended, I "CQ'd" for "anyone working off a wire", got another guy, and then another one, and the fun was on, "QRZet, QRZet for anyone working off a wire". You wouldn't have believed it. After a while, it was almost, well, a little ways from "almost", a pile up. Guys were coming out of the ionosphere with dipoles, inverted "V's", long wires, short wires, wires in the attic, loops, you name it. It got to the point where all we could allow was call sign, location, signal report and type of antenna. It was fun, and I was in the driver's seat.

I actually tried to keep a log of who was signing on, but that wasn't going to happen. The whole "QRZet" thing lasted about thirty-five minutes or so, and it could have gone on for another twenty-five I suppose. It was a hoot! It reminded me of the fun we all had working the Special Event station a few years back for "ELECTRO" the robot, the one that Jack Weeks co-ordinated for W8WE.

Anyway, and needless to say, when I "7-3'd and cleared", my adrenalin was really flowing.

I did note the day, time and frequency on a piece of scratch paper, and thought that a week later I might try the format again. You know, "fun begets fun". Don't hold your breath though, cause I didn't do it.

Wish I had, but I didn't. Hey, it sure makes for a nice memory.

"7-3" from David Spain KC8GNU

p.s. Anybody know where the title to this piece is from? If yeah do, mention it on the next weekly .940 machine "net".



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During a recent trip my wife and I were on we drove around the backwoods of East Texas. On one back road I saw a sign in front of a broken down shanty style house: "Talking Dog for Sale." Well I needed a break so I stopped to see what the deal was. I went into the backyard and see a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" I asked.

"Yep," the Lab replies.

Well after I got over the shock of hearing a dog talk, I asked "So, what's your story?"

"Ah shucks there ain't much to tell. Is that a VUU screwdriver antenna on your truck out there?"

"How did you know that," I asked?

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I'm a ham radio operator. I got my Ticket when I was a young pup and in no time at all I had my 5 band DXCC in Phone and CW. The CIA heard about me and asked me to do some spy work for them. I would hang around the communications centers and with my keen hearing I could copy the transmissions. Because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping, I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years." Copying high speed CW all day really tired me out and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down. I retired from the CIA (8 dog years is 56 CIA years) and joined a ham radio club. In fact I won first place in the Oklahoma QSO Party two years in a row. Then I had a mess of puppies and got away from Ham Radio for a while. I sure miss my radio. Why don't you buy me and I'll be your CW operator in the Texas QSO Party.

I said "let me see what I can do." I went back in and asked the owner what he wanted for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff. He's just a No Code Technician."

FROM OUR VEC

Hi Everyone,
Merry Cristmas to you all.

We will be having a test session on **Jan.19th 2008**. To be held at the Madison Township Hall, on 817 Expressview Dr. Testing will start at 1:00pm and as for the fee, not sure if it will be the same as this year. will let you know asap.

Contact person is Dick Fletcher, N8CJS ph. no. is [419-886-2463](tel:419-886-2463)
e-mail is ykafletch@aol.com.

Would appreciate it if everyone who is taking a test to please pre-register first. Thank you.

God Bless all and have a safe and wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Pat Harris N8EBK



TOY TIME DELIVERY



A BIG THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE!!!

PRESS RELEASE

November 15, 2007

The InterCity Amateur Radio Club is normally prepared to respond to a communications emergency due to a natural or man made disaster, but when member Jay Bookwalter saw the devastation at Toy Time on North Diamond Street caused by the August 21st flood, he knew that a child without a toy at Christmas would be a bigger disaster than any we had prepared for. When Jay proposed the club help Toy Time, members responded by bringing donations to the October and November meetings, filling several boxes and plastic bags. Representatives of the IARC will deliver the collected toys to Ken Cole of Toy Time on Wednesday, November 21st at 11AM at the Toy Time office located at 280 North Diamond Street. The media is invited.

The Intercity Amateur Radio Club, Inc. was founded in 1933 as a service and social club made up of amateur radio operators from 7 counties. Our 60 members provide communications for local agencies such as the Red Cross, Richland County Emergency Management Agency, and the National Weather Service in times of disaster. We also volunteer our services for local functions such as the Miss Ohio parade and the Mohican Mountain Bike Race. IARC, Inc. is an IRS 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation.

For more information, contact Bill Reese, Public Information Officer at 419-884-1899 or w8wer@arrl.net.

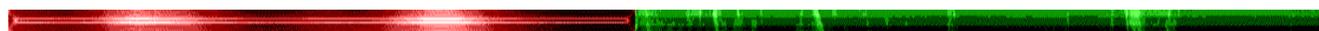
CONTINUED POOR PROPAGATION FORCES MINOR OSSBN CHANGES FOR EVENING SESSION ONLY

The Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN), these past few months, have had to make frequency and time adjustments for the evening session due to poor propagation on 75 meters. Assistant Section Manager and OSSBN Net Manager, Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta, today has announced additional changes due to that and to also avoid interference with Connecticut traffic nets.

The OSSBN (evening session only) is now starting the net on **3977.5 kHz at 6:00 PM EST on Monday thru Saturday. Sunday's net time and frequency do not change.** The Monday through Saturday changes allows Ohio to keep from interfering with the Connecticut Net that meets .5 up from our normal frequency of 3972.5 kHz.

OSSBN morning and afternoon sessions continues as normal - with the 10:30 AM and 4:15 PM nets on the normal frequency of 3972.5 kHz.

The evening net will return to the regular time of 6:45 PM on 3972.5 kHz when sun spots return and the propagation holds, Mrs. Hamilton said.



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:

[Mike Stevens \(W8EMT \)](mailto:w8emt@iarc.ws)

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Amateur Radio

On November 9TH thru 11th a group of IARC members participated in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. On Friday night eight members gathered at the Peoples Community Center to learn about Disaster Preparedness, CERT Organization, First Aid, Disaster Medical Operations, and Search and Rescue. Danny KB8STK, Mark KC8MKL, Patty KD8FNQ, Tom N8TWM, Don KB8RYA, Dick N8CJS, Rocky KD8AWE, and Dave N8DPW joined other members from the community for a weekend of formal instruction and hands on activity.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept was developed by the city of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Accordingly LAFD decided that some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills would improve the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance could arrive.

Local CERT officials felt that amateur radio could be an important addition to the CERT organization. Currently when CERT teams are deployed, the primary means of communication is cell phones and some local 2-way radios. Past practice has taught us that cell phone communication can become overloaded or lost altogether, and there are not enough radios to go around. This is where amateur radio will shine; we can provide communications for the field teams to incident command, shelter to supply chain management, Triage area to hospital, and a host of others. On Sunday afternoon the training class participated in a simulated search and rescue in the basement of the Peoples Community Center. We were looking for victims, structural damage and potential hazards. In the course of our search we discovered two victims needing immediate medical treatment. One of the team members had to leave the search effort to go back outside and get additional resources. With amateur radio, assistance would have been just a voice call away, not tying up valuable rescuer time running back and forth. The training class is 20 hours spread over three days. There is no cost to you and all meals and snacks are provided. Kathy Cutlip, Richard Schuller and Scott Zartman provided us the tools and education to assist the community in times of need. Instead of standing on the sidelines and watching the drama as it unfolds, we will be a part of that drama helping others.

Happy Holidays
Dave Weigold
N8DPW AEC

What's Happening in the IARC

KD8AZQ/ROB

The first weekend in November was our Tech Cram Session at the Health Dept. Although we did not have a big class, it was a great success on many fronts. Of the 3 students we had, 2 of the three passed their Technician exam given on Sunday. Welcome aboard Tom Hampton, KD8HEW and Ron Emery, KD8HEV, and a very special **Thank You** to, Dick/N8WLC, Henry/WD8Q, Bill/W8WER, and our newest instructor wanna-bes. Jon Reise/WA9JBR and myself KD8AZQ, I also want to thank the VE team for coming out on Sunday to administer the Tests.

TECH WEEKEND A SUCCESS

BY KD8AZQ/ROB

First let me apologize, I'm sorry there has not been a lot from me, I have been very busy at work. October we were in our 3rd annual Halloween parade, we didn't have a big turnout but we made a huge showing, as the truck was decorated to the hilt in the spirit of the holiday, we had the "When all else fails" banners flying high, and we looked good, if I say so myself. Thank you to all who contributed either by donating candy or coming out with us to hand it out, to the hundreds if not better than a thousand kids both big and little, The few shouts of praise for the amateur were greatly received, the seed has been planted. The community is beginning to see what we have to offer them in the way of Emergency communications.

New Tech Session Dates

KD8AZQ/ROB

With the last session a success we have scheduled another session:

When: March 28,29 and 30, 2008

Where: Richland county Health Dept

555 Lexington Ave

Times: 6-9pm on Friday

8-5 on Saturday

8-12 on Sunday with Testing at 2pm

Please if you know of anyone wanting there Technician License tell them about the Class.

Ham Fest 2008

KD8AZQ/ROB

It's time to get excited! HAMFEST 2008 is just around the corner. Last Friday was the peel and stick, we had a very good turn out and got those labels on in record time. Well I don't really know if it was record time but it sure sounded good. First I want to thank the Coney Committee KA8WSE / Jim, KC8SNP / Kathy for the great job getting the coney together, and I did notice they had an official observer and I believe quality control, Jay KC8GNL. Thank you to all of you for everything.

Thank you to Pioneer Career Center for the Printing and folding of the Flyers.

If you were not there you missed out on a lot, not only the fellowship but the unofficial Coney eating contest, and what a contest it was. I tell you the coney were going like hotcakes they (the Coney staff) could hardly keep up with demand. Speaking of demand, we found out what was going on . . . It came to our attention that the contest was a one man contest, and the winner is . . . Mark KC8MKL with 6 or maybe 7, we lost count. But without a doubt he was the winner. Way to Go Mark! Thanks for another successful peel and stick.

As far as I can tell everything is on track with the Hamfest. We need volunteers for setup on Saturday February 9th at 11am at the fairgrounds. We have a lot of tables, radios, and antennas to get set up. We will also need your help on Sunday for tear down. Please I ask of you to come out and give us a hand the more we have the less everyone has to do. This will make the ham fest much more enjoyable for all of us.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
WISHING
EVERYONE A
HAPPY
AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR**

(DON'T FORGET THE REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON)
GOD BLESS

From our IARC Secretary

So, how were those Coneys? How many did you really have? I know that this year was no exception for me as to the number I put away. That is just one of the things I look forward to at each years peel and Stick. But, I think that this years edition was just a little more special than most. I am referring to the absence of their creator, Jack Ewers, kb8tln. I believe that having the Coneys at Peel and Stick was originally his idea. I hope that those of us who knew him were able to take the time between sandwiches to reflect on the tradition which is so rich within the IARC. I believe that he was looking over our club Friday night from high above with a smile knowing he was responsible for one of the many traditions within our club.

I hope each and every one of us takes the time over this holiday season to appreciate the things we have. Let's also hope that Santa brings us all of the Ham gear we could ever dream of having!

Merry Christmas to all!

Mark and Ike

Meeting Minutes

Dec. 7, 2007. Before the meeting began Dick n8cjs read a poem commemorating Pearl Harbor Day. After he had finished, the members in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After a round of self introductions was finished President Rob, kd8azq introduced us to our newest member, Tom kd8hew. He was one of the students who participated in our Cram Session which was held in November. President Rob, kd8azq then stated there would be no official meeting as it was Peal and Stick. It was at this time the instructions were given as to how the peeling and sticking was to happen. Once these were given, Dean pulled Steve kd8grm out of the hat for the evening's fifty-fifty drawing winner. Jim Smith ka8wse, Cathy Swank kc8snp, & Jay Bookwalter kc8gnl, Served the coneys after the sticking was done.

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Dailey

XYL SPEAK OUT

"HOLIDAYS!"

- This month is going to be short and sweet since I know how busy everyone is during the holidays. Well, I gotta say I was a little disappointed that I didn't get ANY feedback on our initial column. We would appreciate knowing if there are people out there who think this column is a good idea and would like to see it continue. If you are not comfortable with using computer technology we still would love to hear from you by mail or phone. Just let us know if you like what we're trying.

- **My Favorite Sugar Cookie Recipe.**

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| ¾ c. shortening | 2 ½ c. flour |
| 1 c. sugar | 1 t. baking powder |
| 2 eggs | 1 t. salt |
| 1 t. vanilla extract or ½ t. lemon flavoring | |

Mix shortening, sugar, eggs, and flavoring thoroughly. Stir flour, baking powder, and salt together; blend in. Chill at least one hour.

Heat oven to 400° F. Roll dough to 1/8" thick on lightly floured board. Cut with 3" cookie cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until delicate golden color.

Ice with your favorite icing recipe or sprinkle colored sugars on dough before baking.

For a fun and unexpected treat for your special ham operator, how about cutting rectangles and decorating with piped icing to look like an HT.

- **Eggnog Ring.** (This recipe is delicious and looks so pretty.)

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| 1 pkg. (3 oz.) Lemon Flavor Jello sections | 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin orange sections |
| 1 c. boiling water | 1 can (8 oz.) pear halves* |
| ¼ c. cold water | 1 pkg. (3 oz.) Cherry or Raspberry Jello |
| ¼ t. rum extract (optional) | 1 c. boiling water |
| ¾ c. canned eggnog | 1 ½ c pecans (optional) |

*or use ½ c. seeded halved green grapes.

Dissolve lemon flavor jello in 1 c. boiling water. Add ¼ c. cold water and extract. Measure ¾ c. jello, add eggnog. Pour into a 6 cup ring mold. Chill until set but not firm, about 25 minutes. Drain fruits, measuring syrup. Add water to syrup to make ¾ cup. Dice the pears. Dissolve red jello in 1 cup boiling water. Add measured liquid and the remaining lemon jello. Chill until thickened. Add pears and spoon into mold over eggnog-jello mixture. Arrange oranges in gelatin near

edge of mold, pressing down lightly. Chill until firm, about 4 hours. Unmold. (To unmold, dip mold just to rim in warm water. Loosen jello at edge of mold with fingertips. Shake gently, place moistened plate over mold and invert. Lift off mold.) Garnish with maraschino cherries, if desired. For an attractive addition fill the center with the pecans. Makes 5 ½ cups or 10 servings.

- **Theme.** Don't forget to submit those theme ideas! How about *January Beat The Blahs?*
- 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.

Happy Holidays to All!
Jeannine Stickler and Melody Ruth

FROM THE ARES EC

Well another year is about over. Old Man Winter is here. also Santa is around the Corner hope you get everything you want. So **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY 2008 TO ALL FROM MYSELF AND THE RICHLAND COUNTY ARES GROUP.** I want to say Welcome and Thanks to all Members of ARES. We now have 130 Members in the Richland County ARES. Dont forget to checkin on Wednesday nights at 8pm on 146.940.

I participated in the Skywarn Special Event last saturday it was a busy time but 95% of the contacts were on IRLP/Echolink and thanks to IRLP on 147.360 for help with making contacts i made 41 national weather services.

I want to give a **BIG THANKS** to all that helped with all the events we had in 2007. But get ready 2008 is going to be a busy one too. June is the busy month again every weekend is taken.

I am still taking orders for the direction finder doppler system we have 7 orders and need 5 more to get them at a discount. reg. \$179 discount \$145. If interested contact me at kb8stk@hotmail.com or rcares@embarqmail.com.

73

Danny Bailey KB8STK
Richland County Emergency Coordinator

HAPPY NEW YEAR

