



AIRWAVES JOURNAL

The Newsletter of the InterCity Amateur Radio Club ~ Established 1933
~~75th anniversary~~
June, 2008

Upcoming Events

June 14th ----- Safe Boating & Fishing contact Rob at kd8azq@yahoo.com

June 15th ----- Miss Ohio Parade – 11AM – 3PM -- contact Rob or Dave – *Note 2 events on this date.*

June 15th ----- GOBA – 7AM – 5PM – Contact Danny at kb8stk@hotmail.com –
Note 2 events on this date

June 16th ----- GOBA – 7AM – 3PM +/- -- Contact Danny ASAP!!!!

June 17 – 21 – GOBA – other counties do need help so if interested
contact Jay KC8GNL at kc8gnl@embarqmail.com
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Knox Co for GOBA.

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 23 – July 4 - Special event station commorating the bicentennial of Mansfield.
Contact Rob – *Note 3 events this weekend*

June 28 – 29 – Field day & picnic– at Thermo-disc park like last year. Contact
Danny --- *Note 3 events for this weekend*

June 28 ----- Mansfield Bicentennial Parade – 11AM – 3PM? -- Contact
Dave Weigold at n8dpw@iarc.ws – *Note 3 events for this weekend*
visit www.mansfieldohio2008.com for all the bicentennial dates

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

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

Aug 23 – 24 – Mid Eastern Regional Fly In (MERFI) ***CANCELLED by the CITY***

Oct 12 ----- Fall-N-Leaf Bike Tour – Contact Danny.

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.

V.E. Test Sessions

As always the sessions are color coded as follows:

Sessions in **RED** require pre-registration and do not allow walk-ins

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

Sessions in **GREEN** are open and do not require pre-registration and walk-ins are welcome.

All sessions are within 100 miles of Mansfield.

Visit www.arrl.org for more dates upcoming.

14-Jun-2008 Sponsor: GOBA HAMS Time: 2:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: SAMUEL J SLATTERY (740)592-6124 Email: N8SUZ@ARRL.NET
Location: LORAIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING 22
2300 FAIRGROUNDS RD WELLINGTON, OH 44090

14-Jun-2008 Sponsor: CENTRAL OH ARES & OSU ARC,W8LT Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: SCOTT A RYAN (614)451-0113 Email: AB8KN@COLUMBUS.RR.COM
Location: PRESSEY HALL - ROOM 35 1070 CARMACK RD COLUMBUS, OH 43210
PARK @ BEEKMAN PARK WC SPACES

14-Jun-2008 Sponsor: TOLEDO MOBILE RADIO ASSOC Time: 8:30AM (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

14-Jun-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

15-Jun-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

15-Jun-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

17-Jun-2008 Sponsor: SANDUSKY RADIO EXPL LEAGUE INC Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: LUTHER T GANTZ (419)684-7864 Email: N8HC@ARRL.NET Location: SANDUSKY RADIO EXPL LEAGUE INC 2909 W PERKINS AVE SANDUSKY, OH 44870

21-Jun-2008 Sponsor: CLARA Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: KEITH H MARSHALL (937)964-8383 Email: AB8BD@ARRL.NET Location: CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM 201 S FOUNTAIN AVE SPRINGFIELD, OH 45506

28-Jun-2008 Sponsor: 20 OVER 9 ARC Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ALLAN AVNET (330)549-3051 Email: AB8AA@ARRL.NET Location: 20 OVER 9 ARC FIELD DAY SITE 13308 MAHONING AVE NORTH JACKSON, OH 44451

12-Jul-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-Jul-2008 Sponsor: INTER-CITY ARC Time: 1:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: RICHARD E FLETCHER (419)886-2463 Email: VKAFLETCH@AOL.COM Location: RICHLAND HEALTH DEPT (LOWER LEVEL) 555 LEXINGTON AVE MANSFIELD, OH 44907

12-Jul-2008 Sponsor: SUMMIT CO AMERICAN RED CROSS Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: BRUCE M FERRY (330)929-2766 Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS 501 W MARKET ST AKRON, OH 44303

13-Jul-2008 Sponsor: CUYAHOGA ARS Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: GARY S DEWEY (216)642-8705 Email: GDEWEY@EN.COM Location: TOWN HALL 6652 BRECKSVILLE RD STATE ROUTE 21 INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131

DX & IOTA UPDATES

This update bulletin was made possible with information provided by G3VOF, NC1L, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar, ARRL DX Bulletin, and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Lee, DS4NMJ is QRV as 9M6/KE5CNK from Kota Kinabalu, [IOTA OC-088](#), for three months while on a short business trip. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters during his spare time. QSL to home call.

UGANDA, 5X. Franz, DJ5MR is QRV as 5X7FN until the end of June while teaching at the technical school near Masaka. Activity is mainly on 40 and 20 meters using SSB in his spare time. QSL via DC7NF.

JAN MAYEN, JX. Svein, LA9JKA is QRV as JX9JKA and is here until October 8. He has been active on 17 meters around 1240 to 1400z and 15 meters from 1215 to 1230z. QSL to home call.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event station 4U1WED will be QRV from the Vienna International ARC from June 1 to 30 in celebration of World Environment Day. QSL via 4U1VIC.

TIMOR-LESTE, 4W. A group of operators will be QRV as 4W6R from June 10 to 24. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA4URE.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Roland, HB9DPO will be QRV as EA8/homecall from La Palma Island, [IOTA AF-004](#), from June 7 to 14. QSL to home call.

MAYOTTE, FH. Georg, DK7LX will be QRV as FH/DK7LX from June 11 to 23. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using mainly CW. QSL to home call.

ITALY, I. Special event stations II9LR, II1GA and II0MM are QRV until June 14 in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Premuda Venture. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via operators' instructions.

BULGARIA, LZ. Special event station LZ17EXPO will be QRV from Kazanlak from June 7 to 30 to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the Hobby Radio Expo. QSL via LZ1YE.

ICELAND, TF. Ric, DL2VFR will be QRV as TF1/TF5/TF6/homecall from June 10 to 19. In addition, he also plans to be QRV as TF5/DL2VFR from Hrisey Island, [IOTA EU-168](#). QSL all calls to home call.

MONTSERRAT, VP2M. Graham, M0AEP will be QRV as VP2MDD from June 7 to 19. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters. QSL to home call.

SOUTH AFRICA, ZS. Phillip, ZS6PVT has been active on 40 meters around 2000z. QSL to home call.

OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Cocos Island, TI9KK, 2008 operation.

From The Editor

Well the long awaited month of June is here. Lots and lots of events to help with this year. **Please try and help with at least a few of these as we will need lots of help.** Summer also means it is time to get out and do lots of things with family and friends. Keep in mind that it is still storm season and with the heat of the day these storms pop up with little advance notice.

One thing you can do before heading out is to check the Cleveland NWS website at www.erh.noaa.gov/cle The complete forecast is available as is other good updates such as the hazardous weather outlook and the forecast discussions. Both of these can let you know what to expect. The other website worth a look is at www.spc.noaa.gov which is the Severe Storm Prediction Center. They have what is called the Convective outlooks which also outline areas of possible severe weather up to 3 days and an experimental outlook up to 8 days in advance. Nice stuff to know before you set up a picnic some place only to get rained out!

I mention this as with skywarn a few concerns lately have been discussions about the radar and what people see or think they see. Remember lots of people listen in on our repeater and what we discuss is being heard by many. If someone misreads what they see on radar you can get some people into a panic mode. I know as I have had people mention this to me at various stores & restaurants. So PLEASE be careful when discussing the radar returns. As training has stated just because you see a red spot on the radar it does NOT mean it is severe. It could be just heavy rain!! Another thing with weather is with all the special events it can effect activities so we need to be ready if something does come up. Again be careful what is mentioned as again many listen in (*especially if they happen to be standing next to you,*) and at events a panic is not something we want blamed on our group!

"MORE INTERESTING TIDBITS FOR OUR RADIO CLUB'S 75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR"

by Harry Frietchen (K8HF) & David Spain (KC8GNU)

I took the Novice test from Cliff Odson (W8YGX) in January of 1958, and received my Novice ticket (KN8JPF) on March 26th, two days after my 15th birthday. I had taken the Red Cross Radio Course in the fall of 1957 from Ed Ryan (W8LRR), winner of the 1956 Dayton Hamvention Ham of the Year award, and Ed Smith (W8JYY). Noel Moony (K8LRN), Pat O'Brien (K8LEN), Larry O'Brien (K8KRH), Pat's father, and my father (WB8VDJ, then N8CIU) were also in the class. My father had just started our screw machine shop, so he didn't take the Novice test until the mid 70's, as the Novice in 1958 was a one year, not renewable, license.

I took, and passed, the General test in September 1958. Later, Tom Lamb (K8ERV), introduced me at the IRC meeting at North Lake Park to Ben Bissman (W8HXT), who was a Tech, and he couldn't believe 'that little kid' had a General license. My General test included forty-five multiple-choice questions, and five circuit diagrams that I had to draw.

My first Dayton Hamvention was in 1959. I rode with Tom Lamb, and we were mobile with my 2 meter AM Club Saver built from the December 1957 QST article. It was an IRC club project, mine was built by George York (K8MFZ) with the help of Dick Delong (W8EMK). We hooked up a vibrator power supply and a 19" whip on Tom's car.

The Hamvention was in the Biltmore Hotel in those days. I was a Sophomore in high school at the time. After the Hamvention Tom took me to Mendelson's Surplus Warehouse, and I bought a WW II Army ARC-5 Transmitter for \$5 or \$7 to match my BC-455 Receiver. Tom was the Micro Wave Oven Engineer at the Tappan company. (The ARC-5, BC-455, and junk TV parts power supply was my first college 40 mtr CW rig that I had about \$20 invested in!)

In the early 1960's we had the CIRCES net on 145.35 Mhz AM. From 1963 to 1970, I had a Heathkit 'Sixer' in my 1962 VW, with a 6 meter "Halo" antenna. It was 5 watts AM, and a Super Regen Receiver. I ran 6 Mtr AM mobile in Lafayette, Indiana, and later in Athens, Ohio.

In September 1971, after spending 10 months in Vietnam, I moved to Ontario where I currently live. After I came home I built a Heathkit SB-102 tube type 200 watt SSB Xcvr and later a Heathkit SB-220 KW amplifier. I worked about 195 countries with this radio combination.

My first Mansfield Hamfest was in 1972 at the Naval Armory at 5th St and Ashland Road. It was a Friday night event, and for a \$1 you got into the hamfest, a ham sandwich, a cup of coffee, and a free auction. We borrowed 20 tables from Thermo Disc Rec Center (where we had Field Day last year) and some chairs. Pete, from AES Cleveland, would come down with equipment to sell. In 1976 Jack Weeks and I moved the Mansfield Hamfest from the Naval Armory to the Richland Co. Fairgrounds. The first year Jack and I counted the proceeds at 11 AM, and decided we had enough to buy a Door Prize. We found a 'basement' dealer with a new Regency HR-2B 15 watt 2 meter FM radio and that was 1st Prize. If I remember right the cost was \$219 or \$229. That is what I had paid for mine.

In 1974 (I think) we put 146.94- on the air with a callsign of WR8ACQ. Two years later, six of us bought the original 147.36+ repeater, and put it on the air at WVNO, co-located it with 94. We used to have round table QSO's on 146.52 before the repeaters were on the air, and in the mid- 70's. I had four call signs, and one night I checked into the round table with all four at different times and had a few people going for a while!

When packet came along in the '80's, I put the W8WE PBBS on the air at the Red Cross. John Young, then WB8RHV, and now N8JY, helped with the hardware configuration and I kept the software updated. The computer was running IBM DOS 3.0 and with a Quaterdeck's windows type program, we could run multiple copies of the BBS. We had a 220 link radio to get to Dennis Homerick's (W8NW) house to access the 450 Mhz packet 'backbone' system, and two 2 meter local inputs. With a remote telephone control program called "PC Anywhere", I would update the software from home and could even reboot the computer and it would come up running the new software version, if I didn't make any configuration mistakes. Otherwise, I had to go to the Red Cross and correct the configuration mistake.

I am also a Life Member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, and I would like to get our Johnny Appleseed Chapter 117 going again.

73, Harry (K8HF)

Editor's Note: Thanks Harry for a nice article. Anyone else who wants to add more "tidbits", please feel free to do so. Don't worry about spelling or grammar etc., we'll take care of it. Drop your article off at the bike shop at the corner of Lexington Avenue and Mendota Street, or email it to Dave Spain (KC8GNU) at "YOBI589@aol.com". David has been doing the history articles and as I had mentioned at the June meeting these articles can be from any time frame including new members and their stories.

"A REALLY INTERESTING AND EXCITING POSSIBILITY" by David A. Spain (KC8GNU)

Field Day 2008 is fast approaching, and I hope I can get there this year to help out. In the meantime, what you are about to read might spawn some more excitement in this, our radio club's 75th anniversary year.

In our radio club's scrapbook, there are pictures and descriptions of what were called "outings" by our early predecessors in amateur radio. It appears as though it consisted of going to a park, someone's house, or maybe just an open field or meadow, setting up battery operated transmitters and receivers, and leisurely engaging in what we call "QSO's". Well, kinda sounds like Field Day, I'd say.

The "outings" may not have had the serious underlying purpose of practicing for something we all hope doesn't occur, but the camaraderie and enjoyment of the event appears, from the photos anyway, to be a shared blessing between past and present Mansfield area "hams".

The earliest photos in the scrapbook are from an "outing" at Sugar Grove Lake, which is over near Caledonia in Crawford County, possibly in 1933, with all participants, some fourteen of them in a group picture, dressed for warm weather. The radios are set up in an open air, pitched roofed, picnic shelter, with nice sized rectangular sign at the peak on one end that has the large letters "IRC" in the center, with the word "Intercity" across the letters, and the two words "Radio Club" under them.

In the background, you can see some really old, at least from our perspective, wooden encased radios on a picnic table, and then there's a closeup of them in yet another picture. Visible in the first picture is Ed Shaw (W8FQY), Tony Miller (W8WPF), and George Riehl (W8DQY). Even more interesting, is a picture that shows Eldon Heck (W8PO) working a second setup out and away by himself. Actually, he could have only been a few feet from the picnic shelter.

There are actually photos from two events, the outing and an IRC display at a business, shown together glued to a piece of black poster-like paper, with the display dated "1933". The descriptions of each are in the same colored ink, from the same fine-line pen, like one dipped into an ink well, and obviously written by the same person.

What makes this page of pictures even more exciting for the viewer is the following brief article taken from the December, 1999, issue of QST. It tells about the first year of "Field Day", which was also in "1933". Here is the article:

(1933: Field Day #1 QSO Leader Uses 1x4 Call Sign to Save Time

Great ideas often have humble beginnings, and Field Day is no exception. A one-column announcement in the June 1933 QST states that, for 27 hours starting the second Saturday in June at 4PM local time (no daylight savings yet!), there would be an opportunity for "portables" to go into the field to contact as many stations as possible. The article says, "The real object of this contest is to test 'portables' wherever they may be available.... If successful, we want to make it an annual affair." To score the event, each QSO with fixed stations will count 1 point, contacts with other portables count 2 points, and DX contacts count 3 points. Multiply QSO points by the total number of ARRL sections, plus countries worked. No mention is made of a required exchange, which clearly must include an ARRL section! The September 1933 QST announces that the winner of the First Annual Field Day is a non-club group signing W4PAW. Club members made 62 QSOs and had a multiplier of 28

sections/countries for a grand total of 1876 points. The Central Illinois Radio Club, W9ZZAL, tops the QSO totals with 98! What's the "ZZ" all about? Until 1933 it had been necessary to get a special license to operate portable, and these licenses all had suffixes starting with ZZ. In 1933 the FCC allowed portable operation under a home call sign. Why did the CIRC use their old call sign? Well, operating portable under the new rule called for an even longer station ID—your call sign followed by the break sign (double dash) three times, followed by the call area (1 through 9!)")

Okay, having read the article, I say the pictures in our scrapbook of the Sugar Grove Lake outing could be our radio club participating in the first ever "Field Day", and that is an interesting and exciting possibility.

I telephoned the ARRL, and I talked to a fellow named "Dan", who said that he was "a bureau of one person", and he didn't have the time to do the research to determine if what I am surmising is true. Well, that's okay, I'll call up there a second time one of these days. The answer could be in the September, 1933, issue of "QST", where the Field Day results were posted.

As far as I am concerned, the evidence shows that chances are good our radio club did participate in that first ever "Field Day" event, and they did it at Sugar Grove Lake. If I'm right, that is sure something to add to our many accomplishments.

"7-3" David Spain (KC8GNU)

"REMINISCING ABOUT FIELD DAY" by David Spain (KC8GNU) and a cast of seven.

Since this is the "Field Day" month of our radio club's 75th anniversary year, I took the liberty of contacting some of our fellow ham radio operators, and asked them what they could recall about their first, or a later, "Field Day", and I am proud to share their responses with you:

JOHN LEHMAN (WA8MHO) - "I have been to about forty of them, starting back in 1963 or '64, when I was living in Marion. I was a Novice (W8NHO) at the time, and there were special stations for just our ticket, and it was CW only for us. At my first one, I set up the station, a crystal controlled radio, as the fellow who was helping me was studying for his Novice ticket. When it came time to start making calls on 40-meters, I sent out a couple of "CQ's", and I was listening very intently for weak signals, when a really solid and loud reply came back to me, "W8NHO de W1AW". My first contact on a Field Day was ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut".

RICK SWAIN (KK8O) - "I got my Novice ticket (KN8AIT) back in 1961. I have been to some forty or more Field Days. The one I remember the most was in the woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula while I was stationed at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. It was in the '74-'75 time frame. A fellow ham operator had a cabin up in there, and seven of us went up just for the event. We strung dipole antennas up in the tall trees, and worked with tube type radios. The place was primitive, but there was a 5-kw generator, a water pump, and an outhouse, so we took ten gallons of gasoline. We had three stations, and we worked 75-meter SSB phone, 40-meter and 20-meter CW. During one particular period in the day, we couldn't handle all the calls we were getting. The key was that we had absolutely no man-made interference for the signals. We were easily working stateside, overseas, Alaska and Hawaii. We each worked our way down through the stations, then we would take a break. It was great! All the guy who owned the cabin asked was that we leave the dipoles up for him to use, and that's what we did".

JOHN HUDSON (KC8GNO) - "My first Field Day was in 1997 at the Madison Township Fire Station on Expressview Drive. I was a Tech-Plus at the time, and I was there from set up to tear down, and I really liked it. Saturday night, I had the late night shift with Mike Stevens (W8EMT), and we worked 10-meters voice, with a lot of contacts. The weather was no problem, but, a couple of years later, I worked a Field Day out at the Mifflin Township Fire Station, and the weather got so bad that the ARES operators with us were trying to work the weather net while we kept on trying to get our contacts for the Field Day. Now that was a night to remember".

JACK WEEKS (K8RT) - "I got my first ham license in 1953 (W3NKI), and I don't remember my first Field Day, but one I really liked was in 1974-75 down on Touby Road, where Chuck Wood (W8KKN), a fellow with the last name "Subich", and several others and I worked the Oscar 6 & 7 satellites, which are long gone now. We worked out of the back of a Bing Furniture truck, and we had four sections of tower up, plus the satellite antennas, with elevation and azimuth mounts on them. We had a 2-meter uplink, and a 10-meter downlink. We got credit for 100 points off of five or six contacts, and we had a good time that weekend. My call sign at that time was WB8RTY".

PHIL ACKERMAN (N8PA) - "My first Field Day was in 1985, and there was fifteen of us, including Dave Wolf (WD8CZZ), Steve Kocial (N8CJT) and Pat Robertson (N8JOZ), at the old Wolf Plumbing and Heating building on Expressview Drive. Jay Becker (KC8ZU) was there and he had a great ear for call signs. We would "CQ" and get a pile up back at us, and somehow he would get all of their call signs down right away, and we would work them one after another. All of us literally worked the

station 24 straight hours, stopping only to use the restroom or get something to eat. It was a great learning experience for how to work a contest. We had a Field Day once at the Warren Rupp Observatory, and then later at the Madison Township Fire Station. At that one, Randy McMillan (N8CJR) was up on the fire department's aerial ladder truck setting up an antenna or something, and when he looked up at the sky a tornado was dropping down from the clouds. It eventually touched down in Ashland County. A year later, at the Mifflin Township Fire Station, the wind and weather got so bad that we could barely put our tents up. As the evening wore on, some of us worked the Field Day station, while others worked the ARES weather net. We could see tornados off towards Ashland County. It was quite a night!”.

DAVID SPAIN (KC8GNU) - “My first experience with a “Field Day”, so to speak, was in the Spring of 1953 or 1954 down in Mt. Vernon, where our family was living at the time. A devastating fire had destroyed the telephone company’s exchange, including the switching center, on East Gambier Street. The city was literally without telephone service. My dad was contacted and asked if my brother and I would help as “runners” for ham radio operators who were setting up emergency communication services at key locations in Mt. Vernon. My dad said “sure”, and I was assigned to an operator working a radio out of his car at Mercy Hospital. I “ran” messages from the car to various destinations off and on for several days. It was the ham radio operators, who came from all over Ohio, including Mansfield, who played a key role in keeping Mt. Vernon alive during the aftermath of that fire. I also got a chance to learn a little about amateur radio”.

CLIFF ODSON (W8YGX) - “I’m 88 years old, and my first “Field Day” was back in the 40's, and it was down at Mifflin Lake. One of the things I remember is that Tony Miller (W8WPF) had a motorcycle, and he took a ride down a nearby dirt road with his wife on there with him. He hit a mud puddle, she fell off, but he didn’t know it, and he kept right on going down the road. My favorite “Field Day” was at Ralph Keil’s house on Touby Road. He is now a “SK”, and he was blind, but in his mind he knew the sound of Morse Code. He could shout it out real fast. We did have some portable radio equipment there, no 2-meters then, and we worked them. The event was more of an outing, but we considered it a Field Day. It was well attended, families were there, and we had a picnic. I really enjoyed it”.

HENRY KOENIG (W8DQ) - “My first Field Day was in 1981, and it was an eye opener for me. I got my Novice ticket in August of 1980, and by the next Field Day I had my “General” (May of ‘81), but I never made a radio contact as a Novice. Field Day ‘81 was at Madison’s Ram Field in the south end. Dwayne Meadows (AJ8T) had a Heathkit transceiver in a little camping trailer, and I ended up spending the entire night helping to work CW, and made one or two contacts. I was so new at actually doing it, so I would listen real hard to a call sign, but it took me six or seven times until I got it down. That 1981 event set the mold, and it really got me hooked on Field Day, and I have loved every one of them I have attended. I have only missed one or two of them since 1981. I am still very active on the airwaves in the CW mode, and for the last three years, Mike Hartge (WO8R) and I have kept CW alive at Field Day. Last year, Mike stayed all night, and we had 300 contacts by shutdown”.

Well, I hope you enjoyed this reminiscing about “Field Day”. Kinda makes you feel good inside, doesn’t it? I sure enjoyed writing them down for yeah. If anyone else wants to share a Field Day experience, just give me a landline at [419-589-7391](tel:419-589-7391). I'll get them into next month's "Airwaves".

“7-3” David A. Spain (KC8GNU)

XYL Speak Out

June – Let's Have a Picnic

For the Field Day Event and the Mansfield Bicentennial Event which are on the same weekend (June 28 & 29) we will need some volunteers to bring food. I am "guess-timating" there may be 50 people at Field Day and about 10 at the Bicentennial. The dinner is planned for 6:00 pm at Therm-O-Disc park located on Logan Road. The meat (hamburgers, brats and hot dogs) will be provided by the Club.

Here is the food we have coming so far:

Patty (KD8FNQ)	Entrée (hamburger/rice)	Feeds 30-40
Bryan (K8BLN)	Entrée	Feeds 20
Jeannine (KD8CWF)	7 Layer Salad	Feeds 10-15
Meli (KD8CWI)	Party Potatoes	Feeds 10
Susie (AB8QB)	Salad or Vegetable	Feeds 20
George (KD8BKF)	Salad or Vegetable	Feeds 10
Myra Reese	Salad or Vegetable	Feeds 15 <u>and</u>
"	Dessert (Cake)	Feeds 20
Steve (KD8GRM)	Dessert	Feeds 20
Henry (WD8Q)	To Be Announced	?
Danny (KB8STK)	To Be Announced	?

Bring your dish(es) to the Field Day location (Therm-O-Disc pavilion) and I will distribute from there. As usual, Field Day setup will be on Friday evening and we will be providing some type of food for those who come to help set up.

We hope to see lots of people at the both events that weekend. Let's all pray the weather cooperates and we have some clear skies and pleasant temperatures. If you have any questions or need directions, etc. you may call me on my cell at 419-610-9379.

Meli and I have been doing this column for several months now and it occurred to me that we never really properly introduced ourselves. So, for those of you just dying to know, here is my story:

In September, 2005 I began studying and attending Technician classes at the Bike Shop downtown in Mansfield, led by two very interesting and enthusiastic instructors, Henry Koenig (WD8Q) and Dick Hensel (W8WLC). Despite their excellent source of knowledge, it was very difficult for me to comprehend all the technical aspects of radio and although I did not feel I was ready yet to tackle the exam, at the Mansfield Hamfest in February, 2006 I made the attempt. And made the attempt again. And made the attempt again. Finally, after the 3rd try and with the help of the good Lord above and my good friend Meli who instilled some confidence and serenity in me, I PASSED. I received my Technician's license (KD8CWF) on February 17, 2006.

I'm not sure I can explain how excited this made my life partner, Dave (N8DPW). He was so thrilled to have someone who shared his interest (if not exactly his knowledge) of this most precious hobby of his. Not to mention that I actually allowed him to pursue his hobby both with his time and money and even helped him string up his dipole antenna when we moved into our home. Evidently in his eyes, I am a rarity among spouses (or at least his previous spouse).

Anyway, since I received my license you could probably count on two hands the number of times I have jumped into a conversation on the repeater. I am not really a talker or conversationalist. I don't do well with spontaneous conversation. I prefer the written version as I can edit and re-edit until I think it's just right. This is not to say that I haven't participated in ham radio events. I thoroughly enjoy going to outings and listening to the net control and other operators as we assist at various events throughout our community. There is always a good time to be had when ham operators get together and work for a common cause. I think it comes from the satisfaction of knowing you are helping others and doing so in a way that you can also enjoy. And for those of us who are on the shy side, we can participate too without having to be highly visible. I wish more people would give these events a try as it is really not hard work (even Mark (KC8MKL) and Ike with his "disability" participate in almost all events – if a blind person can do it, so can you). And it would help me to get to know people's faces that go with the call signs. It doesn't require a lot of time, sometimes just volunteering for an hour or two can provide others with a break and is certainly appreciated.

So, that's the "short" version of my story. I'll see if I can get Meli to tell you her story next. Thanks to everyone for reading this column and please send in your suggestions, comments, stories, recipes, observations, anecdotes, or whatever. We really would like to hear from you.

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

Jeannine Stickler (KD8CWF) and
Melody Ruth (KD8CWI)

From The ARES EC

Hello Gang

Wow, the Heat is on!!!! But I know we love it.

I just wanted to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to Keith Markley Richland County EMA Director for Letting Skywarn be part of the Nascar Craftmans Truck Race weekend. We have been invited back next year to make sure the Weather Shield Works Again(HiHi). Also I know it was real nice to Meet the President of Nascar Jim Heston. You would not have any Idea how much work and preapareness just to put on a Nascar event. Security is Really tight for this you dont have the right ID Badge you dont go there.

Well I hope everyone is ready for a Busy June but here it is and lets have fun. So lets kick it off with the Pleasant Hill SafeBoating and Fishing Expo June 14th . Then GOBA on June 15th & 16th and Miss Ohio on June 15th . So Pick your event you want to work and lets have fun and like I say Let make Amateur Radio Shine and show We can help with anything that comes along. All these events are great for helping us train for that real time of need. **We still need help on Monday June 16th for GOBA. Sign up on the net Wednesday night if you are available!!!!**

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE WAVES??? FIELD DAY JUNE 28TH AND 29TH AT THERM-0-DISC REC.PARK ON LOGAN ROAD STARTS AT 2PM THE 28TH AND ENDS JUNE 29TH AT 2PM. FRIDAY JUNE 27TH IS FIELD DAY SETUP BEGINS AT 2P. ON JUNE 28TH SUPPER OF PICNIC STYLE SETTING PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH. MEAT AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED **SORRY NO ALCOHOL!!!!** We will have a fire ring for the big Marshmallow roast later that night. This year the contest is on between the CW Operators Henry WD8Q & Mike WO8R VS SSB Operators Tom N8TWM & Kyle KD8GEI. So which Mode you like to Operate come on out and help raise that score and remember have fun. Last Year CW Operators Took Home the Win Can They make Two In A Row. Jack Weeks K8RT will be doing the digital station too.

Also don't forget on Field day we have been asked to help with the Mansfield Birthday Parade need to have parade help they by 9am. So lets do the parade and then get it on with making the contacts for Field Day or up on the square at the Special Event Station. Remember the Callsigns for Field Day is W8WE and GOTA Callsign is KB8STK. The Special Event Callsign is W8WER.

SEE EVERYONE AT AN EVENT
DANNY BAILEY KB8STK
RICHLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

IARC Meeting Minutes

These will be repeated in the August Airwaves for the September meeting.

June 6, 2008 IARC General Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order with all in attendance giving their names and call signs. Kathy Miller, a representative from Ms. Ohio talked to us briefly about the parade which is one of our special events coming in the month of June. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th 2008. Next Cathi, kc8snp gave us an update on Don, k8anc. She said that he is now in Med Central and is hoping to hear from some of us soon.

Treasurers Report: Dean kb8mg said that as of this meeting, we had in general savings: \$1,820.58. Dues: \$203.22. Repeater Savings: \$5,397. Checking: \$1,557. He did not have a report on CD's, He apologized.

Rob, kd8azq asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the April 4th general meeting as posted in the May edition of the Airwaves. John, wa8mho made the motion to accept and Harry, k8hf seconded, motion passed.

PIO: Bill, w8wer said that we did get some publicity from The Mansfield News Journal, Tribune and Currier regarding our Ham of the Year banquet which took place in May. He said that we have an appointment with county commissioners regarding our second annual Proclamation of Amateur Radio week. This will be on Thursday June, 19th. He also said that he is still waiting for some photos which were taken by Danny, kb8stk at the truck race which took place in May at the Mansfield Raceway. He is hoping to get more photos of special events along with an article regarding our club's 75th anniversary. He would like to send this to the ARRL for maybe a write up on our club in QST.

Tech Committee: Bill, w8wer said that we have some interference at the remote receive site. There appears to be a noise issue within our own cabinet from our own equipment. He has moved the remote receiver out of the cabinet for now, this is only temporary. He said that we are having a problem with the .94 main site. It appears to have acted up Wednesday evening after the net. It looks to be sporadic. He said that when we put in the new remote receiver, we got enough parts combined with what we already have that we could reinstall the Madison receiver if there are still dead spots within Richland County. He said that if someone feels we need to do this, they should contact him. At this time, he was recognized as being our 2008 Ham of the Year.

Website: Philip, kd8fgv said that during the month of May, we had a total of 161,206 hits to our site averaging 5200 hits each day. We moved 1,300 MB of information. The May edition of The Airwaves was downloaded 370 times and we have a total of 52 e-mail addresses.

VE Testing: There will be a test session on Saturday July 19th at 1:00 PM. This will be held at the Richland County, Mansfield city Health Department located on Lexington AVU. Reservations should be made by contacting Dick, n8cjs whose information can be found on the website. Henry, wd8q said that they are planning a General class sometime near the end of August or the beginning of September. Once this is completed another Tech class will be given. Henry said that he really needs to be replaced as he is getting nothing done. Rob, kd8azq said that if anyone would like to help the VE committee, they should get hold of them, the help will be appreciated.

ARES: Danny, kb8stk thanked Brian, k8bln and Tom, n8twm for helping at the Mass Car Truck race which took place at the Mansfield Motor Raceway. The rest of what he had to say would be talked about in the Special Events section of the meeting.

At this time Rob, kd8azq asked if there was any old business which needed brought up? Cathi, kc8snp said that she has had no one lately needing Health and Welfare services such as get well cards. If anyone needs a card to be sent out, please contact her. Her e-mail address is: cswank@neo.rr.com or call and leave a message at home whose number is: (419)-589-3889. Jay, kc8gnl said that he would put a reminder of this in the newsletter. Henry, wd8q said that he talked to Jim Smith, ka8wse who had to have eye surgery on a retina. He also has a 40 Ft. tower that he would like to take down. If anyone is interested, they should contact him. Jay, kc8gnl said that if anyone has anything relating to our club's 75th anniversary for our newsletter, they should contact him. Dave, kc8gnu wants to put together small bits of memories that anyone has. These can be old ones right up to ones of very recent, it does not matter. If anyone has something they would like to put in the newsletter, they should contact Jay, drop them off at the bike shop or contact David whose information will be in the newsletter. (*see articles by kc8gnu*) Rob, kd8azq thanked the members of the club for allowing us to go through with the purchase of the new communications trailer which was being displayed at this meeting. Rob, kd8azq said that Derrick, w8now will take a look at some grants for us which will let us purchase additional equipment for the trailer.

At this time, we took nominations from the floor to fill our opening on the board of directors, none were given. Bill, w8wer made a motion to close nominations and Philip kd8fgv seconded, motion passed. Rob, kd8azq welcomed Steve, kd8grm to the board of directors and sincerely thanked Henry, wd8q for the many years of service he has given to our club. Henry, wd8q said that Al Fisher, k8cw will make his 5 hundred thousandth contacts on HF in the coming weeks.

New Business: Rob, kd8azq said that Derrick Martin w8now had a Yaesu FT-8800, 25 Amp switching power supply, 19 Ft. separation cable and programming software for sale for \$350. The club purchased this for our new trailer. Next Rob, kd8azq presented a metal storage unit which Brian, k8bln made. This will carry mobile radio and power supply together. He donated it to the club.

Special Events: We have our first special event on Saturday June 14th at the Safe Fishing and boating show located at Pleasant Hill. Stations wishing to help with this event will need to arrive at roughly 9:00 AM. The event will run until 6:00 PM. We will need at least 8 operators.

Sunday June 15th is the Ms. Ohio parade in downtown Mansfield. We will need between 15 and 18 Hams to help with this event. Various positions are going to be open. If anyone has a special request such as needing to sit or be near a rest room, please let the coordinator know of this request and they will do whatever they can to accommodate your need. We will be needed from roughly 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Sunday June 15th is also: Greater Ohio Bike Adventure (GOBA). We will need between 8 and 12 Hams to help with this event. We will be working GOBA from 7:00 AMN until around 5:00 PM. The riders will come through the northern part of Richland County where they will be staying in Galion over night. This is a rain or shine event.

Monday June 16th is our second day of GOBA in Richland County. They will be going from Galion into Knox County by way of our bicycle trail. This event is expected to last from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Saturday June 28th is Field Day. This will be located at Therm O. Disc Park in Mansfield. Setup will begin on Friday evening the 27th. There will be a camp fire and camping available for anyone who wishes to help set up. The same services will also be available for Saturday night. Our traditional pot luck dinner will be held on Saturday June 28th at 6:00 PM. The club will provide ham burgers, hot dogs and bratwursts. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish. Remember, this is a family event. Danny, kb8stk emphasized the need for better coordination this year. Stations should not be on the same bands using different modes. He suggested a dry erase board with a listing of who is on what band and using what mode. Danny, kb8stk read the proclamation that June 28th has been designated as Amateur Radio Awareness Day from Governor Strickland.

Saturday June 28th is also the Mansfield Bicentennial parade. It is expected to run from 9:00 AM until

3:00 PM. Jay, kc8gnl suggested that we set up Amateur Radio TV and broadcast to and from Field Day to the Parade to demonstrate yet another mode available to Amateur Radio. Danny, kb8stk made a motion to give \$100 to George, kd8bkf who will be doing the cooking at Field Day, \$100 to himself for running Field Day and \$200 to Rob, kd8azq who will be operating the trailer from the down town location during the cities Bicentennial celebration. Myron seconded this motion, motion passed. Saturday, July 5th is the 4th of July parade in Ontario and Balloon Glow in Ashland. We are asked to be in Ashland for Balloon Glow around 7:00 PM to help put everything in place.

Miscellaneous: Danny, kb8stk said that if he gets enough interest, he can schedule another Fox Hunt sometime in mid or late July. Jennine, kd8cwf said that she still has 3 shirts which have not been picked up by their orderers. These people are: Paul, wd8ojl, Bill, n8bcr and Peter, kd8ift. These people need to contact her to get them. Rob, kd8azq said that the Mid Eastern Regional Fly in (MERFI) has been canceled for late August. There were irreconcilable differences between the city of Mansfield and the MERFI group. Our next meeting will be a picnic at Therm O. Disc Park on Saturday Sept 6th. More information on this will appear in the newsletter over the summer. Jay also said that during the summer, if anything comes up regarding any of the special events this information will be in the newsletter and on the website. Please watch these sources for more info. At this time, there was no further new business. Melody, kd8cwi made a motion to adjourn and Jennine, kd8cwf seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Dailey
Kc8mkl

Notes from the President

KD8AZQ

Good Search

Derrick W8NOW has been so kind as to sign the club up on GoodSearch.com. What GoodSearch was set up for non-profit organizations as a way of raising funds. How it works: Go to www.GoodSearch.com. It's a search engine powered by Yahoo. The first window is your search window just like Google. The second window is highlighted in gray say: Who do you GoodSearch for put in InterCity Amateur Radio Club.

You're all set now every time you use this to search the web it puts .01 in an account for us. Let's do the math: if 40 of our members did 10 searches a day that equals \$4.00. Now multiply that times 365 and you come up with \$1460.00 in an account for us to use. They would cut us a check once a year.

This is a win-win situation for us. Please try to help out the club by visiting the site OFTEN.

New Board Member

Our newest 3 year board member is Steve Barr/KD8GRM. Congratulations on your election to the board. You are a welcomed asset to the team. We are looking forward to working with you.

On a sadder note, we must bid farewell to Henry/WD8Q. We cannot thank you enough for all your help and support over the years. I cannot say your going to be missed just yet. You are still a repeater trustee so you will still be with the board.



Trailer is Here

Well after almost 9 weeks of our 4 week wait time the trailer is finally here. After several hard days of hard labor by both Dave N8DPW and myself it now has two new operating positions and long with cabinets below and above. If you not familiar our new mobile operating platform is a 12x6 v-nose trailer that we purchased at Hill Equipment in Marengo Oh. We had

installed at the factory 4 ladder racks, a vent in the roof wired and reinforced for air conditioner, back door that doubles as a heavy duty ramp, an rv door with window and a screen door. On the front of the nose there is an access panel for external lines to come in from. We also ordered it with 3 110 v receptacles and 2 110 v florescent lights, there is also a circuit panel with a 30ft pigtail that drops out the bottom to plug into shore power or generator. It is currently UHF/VHF ready we have installed a Yaesu FT-8800 with cross band and have mounted a 2m/440 J-pole antenna, Antenna donated by Paul/WD8OJL, and we have had donated by K8BLN a Portable communications center he built to hold radio and power supply for out in the field. There is still a lot to do and we are looking for donations for the trailer. Things like telescoping masts, a good mobile HF radio like an ICOM 706 or similar radio, fire extinguisher Tables, metal folding chairs there is just a big list that we need to outfit it right.

That trailer has also been graphed out by SASCO The club logo is 36in Dia. is on 3 sides of the trailer along with our web site listed as W8WE.ORG, on the front nose on the right side is club logo and on the left side is ARES logo. If you have not seen it, It looks Sharp. SASCO donated the time and installed for graphics as a donation. If you ever go into there store make sure you thank them.

Mostly I want to thank all of you members that made the trailer possible by voting for it. We now have a mobile command center, and a teaching platform like no other to begin to recruit new Ham Radio Operators. We plan on putting the Trailer in all the parades that we are not providing communications for.