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## Upcoming Scheduled Meetings / Important Dates..

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Time Change.. Spring ahead 1 hour

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - **Breakfast Club** - This month they are meeting at Denny's on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Ontario.. 9am meet time.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** - *St. Patrick's Day..*

**\*\*April 13<sup>th</sup>** - **IARC Membership Meeting** - Please note that this meeting is NOT the first Friday of the month!! This meeting is very important to attend. It is nominations night. Please see page 7 for details..

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Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
18 Mar 2007	+	Hamfest and Computer Fair Toledo Mobile Radio Association <a href="http://www.tmrahamradio.org">http://www.tmrahamradio.org</a> 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: <a href="mailto:bharrington@meduohio.edu">bharrington@meduohio.edu</a>	Maumee, OH Lucas County Recreation Center <a href="#">2901 Key Street</a> 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: <a href="mailto:kd8xl@verizon.net">kd8xl@verizon.net</a>	Coalton, OH James A. Rhodes Community Center <a href="#">State Route 93</a> Div: Great Lakes Sect: Ohio

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\* Denotes repeater trustee

**Ohio ARRL V.E. Testing Locations..***Reprinted with permission from the ARRL*

Date	Contact Person	Telephone	City
11-Mar	GARY S DEWEY	(216)642-8705	INDEPENDENCE
12-Mar	SAMUEL J SLATTERY	(740)592-6124	THE PLAINS
15-Mar	JAMES T VIELE	(330)534-1394	YOUNGSTOWN
17-Mar	HOWARD W FULLER	(419)654-4044	ARCHBOLD
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24-Mar	CAROLYN I DONNER	(937)379-2517	GEORGETOWN
25-Mar	KARL S ERBLAND	(419)447-0266	TIFFIN
25-Mar	WILLIAM H SHOWERS	(330)872-1929	NEWTON FALLS
31-Mar	MARLIN L ALBERTY	(419)468-2971	BUCYRUS
1-Apr	MARLIN L ALBERTY	(419)468-2971	BUCYRUS
7-Apr	DALE W PRITCHETT	(513)769-0789	CINCINNATI
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7-Apr	SCOTT FARNHAM	(440)256-0320	KIRTLAND
7-Apr	SANDRA M MACKEY	(740)362-6283	DELAWARE
10-Apr	SCOTT W VARNEY	(937)783-9551	BATAVIA
14-Apr	STEVEN L STALKER	(419)467-3734	MAUMEE
14-Apr	BRUCE M FERRY	(330)929-2766	AKRON
14-Apr	JOHN W MARTINDILL	(937)307-0793	HUBER HEIGHTS
15-Apr	CHARLES S HALL	(216)433-3036	ELYRIA
15-Apr	ALLEN P SELLERS	(740)654-8167	LANCASTER
15-Apr	KARL S ERBLAND	(419)447-0266	TIFFIN
17-Apr	LUTHER T GANTZ	(419)684-7864	SANDUSKY
18-Apr	JOHN M DOUGLASS	(330)799-4250	YOUNGSTOWN
19-Apr	STEVEN A LEWIS	(513)985-9844	CINCINNATI
21-Apr	HOWARD W FULLER	(419)654-4044	ARCHBOLD
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22-Apr	ROBERT E HIGH	(419)795-5763	VAN WERT
25-Apr	DAVID L WILLIAMSON	(513)424-5819	MIDDLETOWN
28-Apr	EUGENE W WADE	(937)667-3462	TROY
28-Apr	JAMES T VIELE	(330)534-1394	HUBBARD

***Murphy's Law.. As it pertains to computer programs***

1. Any given program, when running, is obsolete.
  2. Any given program costs more and takes longer each time it is run.
  3. If a program is useful, it will have to be changed.
  4. If a program is useless, it will have to be documented.
  5. Any given program will expand to fill all the available memory.
  6. The value of a program is inversely proportional to the weight of its output.
  7. Program complexity grows until it exceeds the capability of the programmer who must maintain it.
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IARC Web Site Stats..



Report: Summary - iarc.ws	
Date Range: 02/01/2007 - 02/28/2007	
Total Sessions	58.00
Total Pageviews	230.00
Total Hits	1,080.00
Total Bytes Transferred	8.83 MB
Average Sessions Per Day	2.07
Average Pageviews Per Day	8.21
Average Hits Per Day	38.57
Average Bytes Transferred Per Day	323.01 KB
Average Pageviews Per Session	3.97
Average Hits Per Session	18.62
Average Bytes Per Session	155.94 KB
Average Length of Session	00:14:22

Help Information

Summary

The Summary shows totals and averages for Sessions, Pageviews, Hits, and Bytes for the currently selected Date Range. Visitors information is not shown here because it is only available when UTM visitor tracking is employed.

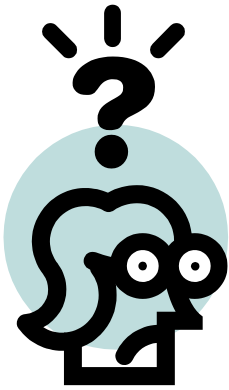
Calculation Methodology

- Session: A series of Hits to your site over a specific period of time by one visitor.
- Pageview: A request to the web server by a visitor's browser for any web page; this excludes images, javascript, and other generally embedded file types.
- Hit: Any successful request to a webserver from a visitor's browser.
- Bytes: The quantity of network bandwidth used by the files requested during the selected Date Range.

Note

Because Bytes numbers can be very large, abbreviations are used as appropriate, such as MB for megabytes (~millions of bytes). The average length of Session is displayed as hours:minutes:seconds.





*How's about a little trivia..  
From Pat Robertson, N8JOZ*

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BUT PROBABLY DON'T

1. The "spot" on &UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino.
2. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents, daily.
3. Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.
4. Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces will kill a small sized dog.
5. Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.
6. Most lipstick contains fish scales (ewww).
7. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.



InterCity Amateur Radio Club Minutes

→ January 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Ackerman N8PA. A round of self-introductions was made.

Motion to accept the December 2006 minutes as printed in the newsletter with addition that it be noted that the revised by-laws were accepted unanimously by the club body present at the meeting was made by Jim KA8WSE and seconded by Dick N8CJS.

The treasurer's report was read by Dean KB8MG. Motion to accept was made by Bill W8WER and seconded by Bruce N8KJS.

Education – Henry WD8Q reported that nothing will be happening until after the Hamfest.

VE Testing – Dick N8CJS reported that the next testing is Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. There are 4 or 5 people pre-registered at this point.

Health and Welfare – cards sent to John Lehman WA8MHO and Jack Ewers KB8TLN.

Membership – John KC8GNO reported that 70 people have paid their dues.

ARRL – John WA8MHO reported that the league is trying to organize a voluntary Band plan. PIO needs to advertise the meetings a week before the meeting date. Rob will call them in.

ARES – Rob KD8AZQ said that the Wednesday night nets are cancelled until after ARES meets.

Special Events – Rob KD8AZQ asked for any suggestions of other activities that we may help with. If you know of any contact Rob.

Tech Committee – The committee was reactivated. Its members are Bill W8WER, Henry WD8Q, Dick N8WLC, and Rob KD8AZQ.

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Old Business - Hamfest- the Boy scouts are lined up for setting up and tearing down the tables. The tables are ordered. John Ness K8NJ reported that the date on the tickets were printed wrong. Cathy KC8SNP reported that the Hobby letters were sent before Christmas.

New Business – Dean KB8MG made a motion to donate \$100 to the Fire Dept. Memorial Fund for Education for the use of the Township Hall. Seconded by Henry WD8Q. Motion carried.

The Board meeting will be January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dan AB8SI reported that the ARRL site has updated the text files with the new testing for licensing.

One of our members Sue AB8QB home was damaged by fire this last month. A donation was collected to help her family get back on its feet. The motion was made by Jim KA8WSE and seconded by Cathy KC8SNP.

The meeting was adjourned. The program was on antennas presented by John WA8MHO and Henry WD8Q.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Swank KC8SNP

***It's time for a Banquet!!***

When was the last time you have been to the Dutch Heritage for a mouth watering meal?

Why not join us on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 6:00 PM for the InterCity Amateur Radio Club's Ham of the Year award banquet!

Each meal only costs \$14.75 per meal. This includes meal, drink, tip and tax. Food selections include: salad, chicken and roast beef, dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverage.

We look forward to your participation in this IARC tradition.

Send your check to:  
Dean Wrasse, KB8MG  
1094 Beal Rd.  
Mansfield Oh. 44905.

Cash arrangements may be made by calling Dean before hand.

All reservations must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

The Ham of the Year Committee.

## Want To Nominate Someone for the "Ham of the Year" Award..



Do you know someone who deserves the InterCity Amateur Radio Club's Ham of the Year award? If so please send your nomination to any one of the Ham of the Year committee members.

Jenny Taylor, N8QKE: 419-462-5127, [jtaylor6\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:jtaylor6_us@yahoo.com)  
 Don Green, K8ANC: 419-564-3473, [k8anc@neo.rr.com](mailto:k8anc@neo.rr.com)  
 Mark Dailey, KC8MKL: 419-884-3215, [kc8mkl@arri.net](mailto:kc8mkl@arri.net)

All nominations must be received by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.



## Notice for Elections of Officers and Directors for IARC..

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.

The Nominations Chairperson was appointed by the President and is Dave Weigold, N8DPW. If you are interested in any of the positions coming up for election you may contact him at the following telephone number: 419-756-8379 or you can email him at: [n8dpw@aol.com](mailto:n8dpw@aol.com)

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April 13th IARC meeting as well.

Reprinted from the By-Laws as accepted by the membership on December 01, 2006.

"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."

## *Lets Talk..*

*From Phil Ackerman, N8PA*



First, I would like to thank the program committee, for the program for this month's meeting. Second I would like to thank the membership for a very good turn out. The meeting ran a little longer than most, partly because of the hamfest mop up.

The IARC Board is already working on the hamfest for 2008. The goal is to improve it. Not only for dealers but also for those who attend it. The Board spent a good amount of time at its last meeting putting forth their individual ideas attempting to come up with something that would attract new people. The next Board meeting we will start nailing those ideas down, and figuring out the best way to make them happen. The main goal is to make it more fun, and to increase the numbers of those attending.

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The Board also wants everyone to have a reason to stay longer. I believe the Board is on the right track and will make it happen. No, the Board will not be able to do it by themselves. It will take a lot of help from the members of the club as well. Keep this in the back of your mind and when the time comes. Step up to the plate. Once the plan for the 2008 hamfest is put together, the board will share it with you and ask for your input.

The IARC is also seeking a new Corporate Agent. Scott Yonally N8SY, has served for approximately 27 years. He wishes to step down starting in June of this year. If you are interested in this position, look at the IARC web page ([www.iarc.ws](http://www.iarc.ws)). Click on the club logo and then click on the link for "Duties of the Officers and Directors". Read it carefully, and then submit your resume to any of the IARC Board members, which are listed on the web site. The Board will make a decision sometime in April. Scott will help the new Agent get up and running so that there will be a smooth transition.

I've been working a lot more CW than normal for me lately; one thing I have notice is that there seems to be more operators running at the lower speeds. From 5 to 15 wpm, 15 are about all I can handle for very long. So, if rusty like I am, or new to the key, get in there and go for it. There is someone out there that will answer you and give a FB QSO.

Phil Ackerman N8PA

*From Me..*

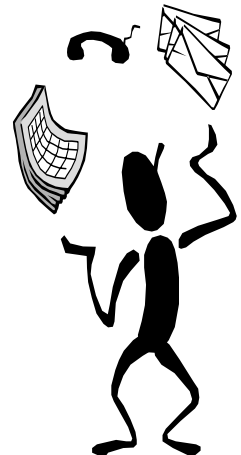
Hi Gang,

Wow.. what a busy month March has turned out to be!! My customers (the Navy and Air Force) have really been on the move lately. It seems my company can't supply them with enough product to keep them happy lately.

My church too is literally on the move. If you haven't seen the signs around town, we will be having our grand opening in our new digs at the end of the month. We are "Phar-Mor" than a remolded building. Actually that's kind of a slogan that's going around the church (and town) lately. You see, we purchased the old "Phar-Mor" Drug Store building and completely gutted it and remodeled it from the ground up to be our new church home. It will be the most modern and up-to-date church in the Richland County area. If you get a chance, come out and visit us. Grand opening will be March 31<sup>st</sup> / April 1<sup>st</sup> ..

As I'm sure that you've already read in Phil's article, I'm retiring as the Corporate Agent for IARC. I've been the Corporate Agent for this organization for just about 4 years now. But don't let that statistic fool you. I was the Corporate Agent for the now dissolved MASER for more than twenty-five consecutive years. In fact, I hold the distinct honor to have been the only person to retain the Corporate Agent position for both clubs simultaneously. I also hold the distinct honor of being the Corporate Agent that dissolved MASER.. As Corporate Agent for MASER and acting Agent Pro Tem for InterCity, I changed both organizations permanently by making them both 501 (c) (3) organizations back in the early 1980's, which InterCity still enjoys to this day I might add.

My long history with both organizations started back in the late 1970's when I was first licensed. I was elected and held the Presidency of MASER for more than 15 consecutive years as well as being an elected Board member for InterCity at the same time. I even held the office of Secretary under several InterCity president's too.



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As you can see, I've held many different jobs over my years with the clubs in Mansfield. It's time that I step down. It's time that new blood step up and take over the responsibilities. I mentioned just some of the positions that I have held, not as bragging rights, but to give you some insight as to my long and proud history with these organizations.

As Corporate Agent there is a huge responsibility to not only the club and the membership, but also to the federal, state and local government and banking agencies as well. As the legal representative to this great organization you have a lot of forms, tax statements and documents that you'll be responsible to make sure that are filled out and sent in to the appropriate places. These documents need to be filled out correctly and sent in on time. You have to be a responsible person. You have to be someone that can keep their word and get the job done correctly the first time.

Are you interested?? You need to submit your resume to the Board by April.. I would imagine the sooner the better as that the way Phil, N8PA has expressed it in his notes listed in this newsletter the Board will be reviewing all applicants in April.



Would you like to discuss what I have experienced over my 25 plus years?? I would be willing to sit down with anyone for coffee or a sandwich and have a chat about the full range of expectations (and there are many of them) if you feel it would help you make a better decision about whether you'd want the job or not.. This is a big step in anyone's life. It does take some time and it does take some thought. This is not just a title. There is work to do and you'll be expected to work. My intent in strongly wording this article this month is so that no one feels that anything was hidden or intentionally exaggerated. I haven't sugar coated anything. I realize that when you've been doing a job for as long as I've been doing it, it seems to those on the outside as though there's really not much to it.. But there is.

I do want to get a replacement quickly.. But it has to be the right person. And for the right reasons, or it will be all for not..

I know that we do have a lot of talented younger folks within our club. As was brought to the forefront some months ago, these younger folks need the opportunity to apply themselves within the club. Well "newbees.." Here's your opportunity.. Let's see what you can do..

Scott..

***V.E. TESTING RESULTS FROM THE HAMFEST..***

*From Pat Harris, N8EBK*

Hi All,

For most part everything turned out all right. We had a total of 23 applicants, Nine passed their Technician Licenses. Three passed their Generals and walked from the session with a C.S.C.E. in hand. We did had a couple small mistakes that was easy to take care of. So all in all it was a good session.

I will say A Very Big THANK YOU to our team, who has done an exceptional job. Gee guys thanks so very much for all the help.

73..

***Pictures from the last V.E. Test Session..***

Pictures provided by John Hudson, KC8GNO



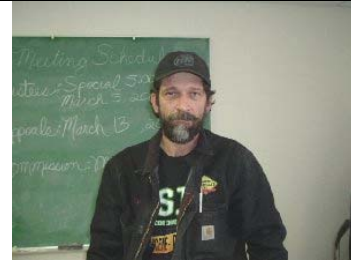
Jim Smith, KA8WSE on clean up



Bret Close, KD8BWM and Rob Ruth, KD8AZQ



Joseph McHenry, K8ORJ – Upgrading to General



Tomas Miller, KD8FGS



Rhet Butler with son Josh and Henry Koenig, WD8Q



George Paul, KD8BFK upgrades to General



Willie Hilson, W8ONE upgrades to General

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