

Contact Duane Hart at wd8bvv@aol.com or Stan Kinney at n8rnk@sssnet.com

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June 26 & 27 - Field Day Weekend - Details TBA

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July 3 - Fly-In at Lahm Airport 8AM-4PM

Contact Don kb8rya@yahoo.com

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July 2 & 3 - Help Ashland with Balloon Fest Balloon Glow  
7:30PM at Ashland Fairgrounds - Contact Kris Maki KD8JBF at  
[kd8jbf@gmail.com](mailto:kd8jbf@gmail.com) or Don at [kb8rya@yahoo.com](mailto:kb8rya@yahoo.com)

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August - Lighthouse on the air - with Huron County ARC
at Marblehead Lighthouse -- Details TBA

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September 10 - IARC Meeting - Details TBA - If you would like the picnic  
this year contact Danny at [kb8stk@hotmail.com](mailto:kb8stk@hotmail.com)

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October 1 - IARC Meeting - "Old Timers Night"

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November 5 - IARC Meeting - Details TBA

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November 7 - Daylight savings time ends

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December 3 - IARC Meeting - Peel-n-Stick & Coney Night

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## **ARRL VE Test Sessions**

This column will no longer be available in this newsletter

visit [www.arrl.org/finding-an-exam-session](http://www.arrl.org/finding-an-exam-session)

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## **DX & IOTA Updates**

**POLAND, SP.** Piotr, SP2QCW is QRV as HF2010WECK until June 30 to celebrate the "World Enduro Championship" in Kwidzyn. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL to home call.

**VENEZUELA, YV.** In celebration of Venezuela's 200 years of independence, special event stations 4M200AJ, YV200D, YW200A, YW200ER, YW200L and YW200T are QRV until December 31. QSL via operators' instructions.

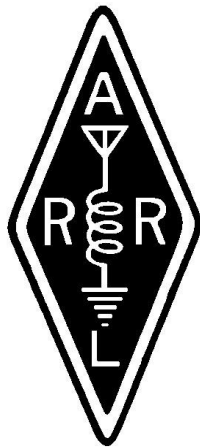
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### ARRL's New Website Is Up And Running

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

The ARRL has finally gotten their new revised website up and running. So far from what I have found they changed a few things which will result in no longer listing the VE sessions column in this newsletters. The VE sessions are available online on the new website by zipcodes or states but it does not make it possible to cut and paste these to our newsletter. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Beyond that the new site does look cleaner and the links are easy to read and find. It will take a bit of time to get used to this site but from what I have seen so far it is a big improvement. Most information is easy to find and if you can not locate a topic just use the search function.



## **Ohio Section Manager Elections Coming up in August, 2010**

**If you are a member of the ARRL please take time to review these articles so you will have a better idea of who they are and where they stand on amateur radio issues here in Ohio**

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### **FRANK J. PIPER, K18GW THE ARRL OHIO SECTION MANAGER WITH EXPERIENCE!**

As your ARRL Section Manager for Ohio since July of 2009, I have worked hard to make sure all the Amateur Radio Operators of Ohio, regardless of ARRL membership, are represented to the ARRL, as well as our State legislation. Amateur Radio Operators are a rare type of volunteer, taking their love for the technology of Amateur Radio to the public in times of public service, and emergency need.

I work with a great staff of Assistant Section Managers and ARRL Field Organization leaders in the Ohio Section to make sure all of our programs are running in top order. Every question and concern from Amateur Radio operators is given consideration and attention by me and my staff.

Please allow for me to continue the work I have started for YOU, by electing me for another 2-year term as YOUR ARRL SECTION MANAGER!

About Me..

I was born at the young age of zero in Lancaster, Ohio. I attended school in the Lancaster city school systems, and graduated from Lancaster High in 1981. During my school years, I was active in the Audio-Visual departments of the school libraries (is that surprising to you?), where I could thread a 16mm projector like no ones' business (if you don't know what a 16mm projector is... just nod your head and keep reading...) I majored in Drafting and Design technology at the local vocational school.

In 1980, I was introduced to computers by my friend, who was “computer-sitting” a TRS-80. I was hooked, and found my other true love, computer programming.

Moving forward, I work for Diamond Power International, located in Lancaster. I have worked as a Draftsman, Designer (Mechanical and Electrical), Drafting Department Supervisor, and currently the Systems Programmer and CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) System Administrator.

My Amateur Radio career started in 1995 when I finally got the Ham Radio fever after attending Dayton Hamvention for many years’ prior (before interested in radios, I was buying computer parts). I earned my Technicians license in May of 1995, and was granted the station call sign of KB8ZUF. In the next 4 years I earned by Tech Plus, General, Advanced (and was granted the upgrade call of KI8GW), and finally earned Amateur Extra Class in June of 1999, after passing my 20-word per minute Morse Code exam in Lancaster, Ohio.

I became interested in Public Service communications when I was invited to help with the Columbus Marathon in late 1995. Since that event I became very active with the Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service, becoming an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Franklin County, and was then appointed Emergency Coordinator in 2002. During those years I was mentored by Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, who taught me leadership and how to motivate volunteers. I held positions of Newsletter Editor, Public Service Events Coordinator (organizing over 80 public service events per year for the group), and Net Manager.

In Winter of 2003, I was appointed District Emergency Coordinator, overseeing Ohio ARES® District 7 (10 counties in Central Ohio), and in 2006, I was appointed Section Emergency Coordinator for the entire state of Ohio. I retired in August of 2008, and called “back into duty” as Section Manager in July of 2009, to fulfill the remainder of term left vacant by the death of then Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE the month prior.

I live in Pickerington, Ohio (Fairfield County) with my Wife of 23 years, Jackie (who is licensed as KC8ESO), and our 10 year-old Daughter, Hanna (who is still not sure about all of this radio stuff).

My other activities are Church (Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Pastoral Council Member for Seton Parish in Pickerington), Knight of Columbus (Past Grand Knight, Council 11187, and Fourth Degree Sir Knight, Assembly 2900), and am also a First Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Shuri-Ryu Karate, having competed for many years from 1982 to 1994. I trained under Roger Monk of Logan, Bill Smith of Newark, and Woodrow Fairbanks of Cincinnati.

The Road Ahead...

The question I have been getting, while making visits to clubs, is “Where do you see taking the Ohio Section in the next two years as Section Manager, if you win the election?”

Talk about one tough question. To help answer this, I ask that you come with me, and take a look back at the last ten years in Amateur Radio (Feel free to imagine one of those “Scooby-Doo” wavy flashback effects here..)

Ten years ago at this time, we began seeing some of the most dramatic changes in Amateur Radio licensing. The FCC reduced the number of Amateur Radio license classes from five (Novice, Technician, General, Advanced, and Amateur Extra) to only three (our current classes of Technician, General and Amateur Extra), and began the elimination of Morse Code proficiency testing. For the first

time, we started seeing people joining the ranks of Amateur Radio operators, due to the elimination of licensing “hurdles”. We then found it more important to mentor these new Hams after they received their operating license, then before they took their tests.

Then our country got a 1-2 punch in the gut in a few short years with September 11th, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina. Our entire focus of Amateur Radio operators drastically changed from routine public service to learning about FEMA standards, Incident Command Systems, EMA procedures, etc. We were being involved in state and local government meetings as the communication resource that would be available “when all else fails”. At this time, even more people were obtaining their Amateur Radio licenses, to be prepared in the event of natural and man-made disasters, as well as providing the public with the security of dependable auxiliary communications for their communities.

As these people join our ranks, we MUST be there for them, with open arms, clubs, and Emergency Communication groups, be it ARES, MARS, SATERN, SKYWARN or RACES, to take these people and share our knowledge and experience. Without continuing to build our foundations of people and skills, our beloved hobby will surely suffer, and our effectiveness as being the communications “when all else fails” will be reflected as well.

Clubs are the basic bricks in our foundation, be it either the club with hundreds of members, or the small town group who meets at the public library. I see clubs receiving support from an expanded Ohio Section Cabinet, with people whose leadership and skills will be valuable aid in helping clubs be those mentors for our upcoming Amateur Radio operators, who at this time are not even aware of the adventure they about to begin.

And in accomplishing this, I would call my next two-year term a success.

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## **A Word From Candidate Tom Sly WB8LCD**



In August 2010, the Ohio Section of the ARRL will elect a new Section Manager. I have been nominated for and am actively running to be your next Ohio Section Manager. My name is Tom Sly – WB8LCD.

There are three things you should know before casting your vote for me:

- 1) Who am I?
- 2) What is my vision for the Ohio Section?
- 3) Why am I qualified for the position?

I'm a lifelong resident of Ohio and have been a ham for 43 of my 57 years. I'm married with three adult children, our first grandchild is due right about the time I'll be at the Dayton Hamvention. I graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Finance. Since graduation I've been self-employed as an Independent Insurance Agent.

First licensed in 1967, I've always been an active ham. My current ham radio activities include QRP, contesting and Dxing. I'm active in my local club and have been an instructor in the club's Technician and General upgrade classes as well as a member of the VE team.

As Ohio Section Manager my goal will be to make the Ohio Section the premier section in the ARRL. I believe this can be accomplished by increasing the number of hams in our Section who are members of the ARRL and by making the Ohio Section stand out as the place where the most new hams are being licensed. I will promote ham radio in Ohio to the general public so they will know that Ham Radio is one of the greatest hobbies in the world! With positive community actions, the public in general will hold us in high regard. In the changing world of Emergency Communications there is much to be done to update and better organize the ham radio emcomm response – incorporating ARES, RACES and MARS into a coordinated effort. I think that the Ohio Section should become a “best practices” leader in demonstrating how this can be accomplished.

I've had a successful business career since I started my insurance agency in 1975. I'm an Eagle Scout and on the board of a regional non-profit organization based in Portage county. I was a founding member and the first president of the Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) - [www.portcars.org](http://www.portcars.org) . In just a few short years PCARS has gone from zero to over 150 active members. PCARS has been recognized for its accomplishments by League headquarters staff and others in the ham radio community. I've had the experience to prove that I can organize and accomplish what I set out to do.

More information is available on my website – [www.wb8lcd.org](http://www.wb8lcd.org) – and I invite you to email me directly at [wb8lcd@arrl.net](mailto:wb8lcd@arrl.net) if you have any specific questions or concerns. Please let me know what *you* think are the important issues we'll face in the Ohio Section in the immediate future.

I hope you will agree, and elect me as your section manager this coming August. In the meantime, get on the air and enjoy the greatest hobby in the world!

73, Tom WB8LCD

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## **From Times Past**

### **A look back at some past IARG newsletters**

**By original editor Edwin Fensch W8SOU**  
**& current editor Jay Bookwalter KG8GNL**

This month we will cover the issues from January, February, & March, 1973. This time frame had the club called Inter-City Radio Club or IRC for short. The club President at the time was

Oscar Frederickson K8ADX . The Vice President was Lacey Shawver W8FMW. Secretary was Harry Frietchen then K8JPF, and the Treasurer was J Pyles WB8CEL.

### **January 1973**

The January meeting had a representative from Neutronics Corporation which was the makers of Hustler Antennas to speak on the “Care and Feeding of the Verticle Antenna”. The meeting was to be held at the North Lake Park Pavillion (*Back when it was safe hihi*)

A motion had been made to move the monthly meetings to the Community Services Building (*Red Cross Bldg*) of which a paper Ballot was to be sent with the January Newsletter since only 35 of the more than 100 members of the club were present. The results were to be given at the January meeting. There were some interesting arguments both for and against the move. One of the ones in favor of the move mentioned that the “pot belly stove at the North Lake Pavillion made the location unattractive”. The biggest argument in favor was the fact that we had our club station at the location and the meeting room was capable of holding up to 100 people.

Egon Loeckel W8TAJ presented a talk on the uses in ham radio of Ohm's Law. Loeckel also engaged the members in some applications of the law as it applied to ham radio asking them to work out various problems. Each member was given a copy of the law as it pertained to the different applications.

Members were asked to interest local scouts in amateur radio licenses so that when they attended the World Wide Boy Scout Jamboree in the summer of 74, or if they stayed home that they could contact fellow scouts during the Jamboree. This would make Mansfield and the area of the IRC adequately covered for those wanting to contact each other.

Walter Kowalcik W8WSR reported that Jeff Gabor WB8JZQ, Dick Delong W8EMK, Bob Ellis W8NO, and himself would be starting Novice classes in late January.

### **February 1973**

The club was gearing up for the “14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of the annual gear auction” (*predecessor of the hamfest*) which was again to be held in the Mansfield Naval Training Station on Ashland Rd on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** . The event was under the chairmanship of Lacey Shawver WA8FMW. Doors were to open at 6:00PM with a \$1.00 donation to be paid at the entrance. Members could display and sell their gear privately from 6PM till 7PM. The auction would then begin at 7:30PM and continue till 11PM or till all the gear was sold. At the conclusion the club was to have a lunch for the entrance ticket holders. A donation table was set up so members could put donated items that were to be sold with the proceeds going to the club treasury.

All those with Novice licenses that were interested in upgrades to General class were invited to a study session beginning on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Egon Loeckel W8TAJ was the instructor for this class. The novices were asked to bring their manual and a notebook. The class was not going to study code and was to deal with theory only.



Members were asked to write State legislature representatives to halt the increase of the amateur radio license plate fees. The old fee was \$5.00 and the increase was to go to \$25.00.

The members that knew Bob Frye K4HNU had been invited to listen for him on 14.330 at 11:00AM on Friday mornings. Bob wanted to keep in contact with our local hams since he moved to Florida. He also gave 14.260 for most afternoons and 7245 for Wednesday afternoon.

Lacey Shawver WA8FMW was still asking members to bring a QSL card of their own so they could be put in a display at the Red Cross radiator room.

Milt Reed W8NJ of Crestline reported he finally completed phone contacts in all of the then 40 zones in the world! His last contact was in Mongolia. His efforts to get confirmation of this asian contact gave him lots of troubles. His cards and letters to Mongolia were ignored. He finally got his asian confirmation thru the W3KT bureau in Pennsylvania.

The January meeting was one of the best turnouts in a long time with the speaker discussing antennas. Well over 50 members were present. It was also mentioned that the results of the vote to move meeting places would be held off till March due to the Auction being held in February.

Egon Loeckel and Ken Portz were checking on availability of equipment for the new radiator room. Inquiries to Heath, Drake, and others were made in hopes of getting great deals so a "fine" station could be built.

### **March, 1973**

Harry Frietchen K8PJF was to give a talk about his time in Vietnam in Communications and show some slides of the areas in which he had worked. Harry reported that he had a large number of color slides that he took while in Vietnam and would use these slides to aid in describing the type of communications systems he worked on. *(Still have these Harry? Might make for an interesting session yet again)*

A reminder was given that the March meeting would have the vote results for the move of meeting places. *(the newsletter came out before the meetings in these days)* The March meeting was still set for the North Lake Park pavillion

The 1973 auction was said to have been the best ever with 213 admissions counted. The auction was all over by 9:00PM and the attendees devoured a lunch provided by the club. The lunch committee was Chuck Bookwalter W8QJF, John Lehman WA8MHO, Dick Fisher WA8MXQ, and Gordon Sponseller W8BZR. Egon Loeckel W8TAJ, Cliff Odson W8ygyx, & Walt Kowalchik W8WSR served as door keepers. Lacey Shawver WA8FMW gave a special thanks to Leonard Ridenour from Mansfield Structural Steel Co for the use of their truck to haul tables and chairs to and from the event and to Bob Miller WB8GGR (now K8RFM) for use of his public address system.

The auctioneer was late arriving for the event and luck had it that there was another auctioneer on hand who got thing underway. This was Bob Ingalls K8COT from Cuyahoga Falls. The regular auctioneer Earl Carrier K8WLP of Sandusky arrived and took over with out any problems. The weather could not be blamed as it was reported to be mild and free of precipitation for once. One visitor who at the time was working in Heath, Ohio actually lives in California. This was a Jack Walker WA6BDY

**Thats it for this month. Next month we will visit the months of April, May, & September 1973.**

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## **Thank you! Communications Support for the EarthDay Challenge Mararthon**

Folks,

I want to thank everyone who came and assisted with the EDC Marathon Sunday. I received a very flattering email from the race directors, which I have shared below.

The following people gave up their Sunday morning and afternoon to assist with the communications for this event, KC8YLD myself, KC87NMS, Austin Godber, KD8GRM Steve Barr, N8DPW Dave Weigold, KD8JBF Kris Maki, KB8STK Danny Bailey, KD8GEI Kyle Crawford, KD8LPP Brandon Hunt, KD8HSA Tom Evans, KD8UT Jim Jennessee, W8PEN Don Russell, AC8FV Mark Bisenius, KD8NGT Mat Sturgeon, KD8NGW ReaAnn Bradford, KD8EVR Arlin Bradford, KD8LFH Ann Bradford, KC8YLE Zach McCardel, N8TWM Tom Miller, and KD8FMQ Patty Ernest. Whereas this is an official support function of the Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, in all, these people represented membership from 4 different Radio Clubs, and we put in over 200 collective person hours in preparation and race day participation. *(the IARC club was involved with this weekend..also rob KD8AZQ helped with the transportation of the IARC trailer).*

This event had its special challenges with weather and disabled runners, which the radio operators handled admirably. the professionalism, courtesy and skill of each of them have been recounted by race officials, participants and other volunteers.

Thank you to all of these fine women and men for representing Amateur Radio in the best light!

E. Mike McCardel, KC8YLD,  
Communications Director for the Earth Day Challenge Marathon.

### **Email from Emily Dave and Chris, EDC Race Directors**

"Mike,

Dave and I wanted to thank you again for the work of your team- and please forward this on to them if you have a distribution list!

The radio team is absolutely great- we love having you all there. You provide the information we need efficiently and effectively, and always pleasantly! It makes the day so much easier on our end. I have to say that the radio team was my favorite part of the day- hearing your detailed weather reports whenever I stopped at aid stations between cycling stints was THE BEST. Being a weather junkie, I was really impressed with the detail, accuracy, and clarity of the information flow in both directions.

We really can't say enough how much we enjoy having you there. We will probably tell you some more the next time we see you.

All the best,  
Emily, Dave and Chris"

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## 2010 Ham of the Year Steve Barr KD8GRM



## FROM THE IARC PRESIDENT

Well congrats to Steve Barr KD8GRM for his Ham Of The Year Award for 2010. Steve was very deserving of the award. Keep up the good work. I was glad to pass the torch to Steve. Now in 2011 who will he pass it on too stay tuned as next May will tell us.

Well summer is around the corner and that means lots of Amateur Radio Events coming in June. Like Miss Ohio, Fishing and Boating Expo, Field Day. In July Ashland Ballonfest the 2nd and 3rd. July 3rd Airport FlyIn At 8am to 4pm Mansfield Lahm Airport Need lot of help for this one.

Dayton's Hamvention is May 14th, 15th, 16th 2010 in Dayton Ohio. Hope you can attend It is a great place to find that bargain equipment you want or anything amateur radio you want to see. New and used at the flea market. Also the new Radio's coming out for us to drool over. (HiHi). I will be attending Saturday morning will be monitoring 147.480 simplex.

May is National Fox Hunt Month and on Sunday May 23rd we are hosting one of these events at the old Richland Mall Cinama parking lot meet at 10am. Hopefully more hunters can come on Sundays to enjoy a good hunt. If you have never participated in or want to see how this works come and join us.

Field Day 2010 will be at Thermo-disc Recreation Park on Logan road just west of Thermodysc. Look for signs. Setup will Be Friday June 25th. Field Day begins on Saturday June 26th at 2pm thru Sunday June 27th at 2pm. On Saturday night will be the Field Day feast at 6pm. Please bring a covered dish for everyone to enjoy. Also enjoy the fellowship and good time. Thanks again to our master chef Rob Ruth KD8AZQ.

Please contact any one of these fine ladies Jeanine KD8CWF, Patty KD8FNQ, Mel KD8CWI, or Linda and let them know what you are bringing to Field Day.

Linda in care of [kb8stk@hotmail.com](mailto:kb8stk@hotmail.com)

Jeanine at [jsbestact@aol.com](mailto:jsbestact@aol.com)

Meli at [kd8cwi@iarc.ws](mailto:kd8cwi@iarc.ws)

Patty at ?????

Intercity Amateur Radio Club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst and refreshments.

I would like to let everyone also know I just completed the ARRL ECOMM Level 1 course. A very informative course learn a lot. So now to get that extra license by 2012.

73 See You At The Upcoming Events

Danny Bailey KB8STK

I.A.R.C. President

Richland County Emergency Coordinator