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Upcoming Meetings & Events

February 2nd – IARC Meeting – 7:30pm (details inside)

February 15th – IARC Breakfast at Bob Evans – 9:am (details inside)

February 17th – Setup for the Hamfest – Contact Danny, W8DLB

February 18th – Mansfield Mid*Winter Hamfest!!!

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Wednesday Night Nets

Check-in on the nets on our
146.940 repeater at 8pm local as
well as our statewide net on our
DMR repeater on 444.700 –
TG 3139

Who knows, you might just
hookup with an old friend or
two.

This Newsletter is for everyone!

Please feel free to pass along to anyone that
might have an interest!!

Have them send me their email and they'll get
it direct!



SKYWARN

Ohio

National News

ARRL Hudson Division Director Promotes Amateur Radio Parity Act Before Senate Committee

(from arrl bulletins)

ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, [testified](#) Thursday (January 25) before a session of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation regarding Amateur Radio's readiness to respond in an emergency. The session, "This is not a Drill: An Examination of Emergency Alert Systems," was called in the wake of an incoming missile warning erroneously released in Hawaii earlier this month.

Lisenco said Amateur Radio played a role not only in responding to the warning but in disseminating word that the missile alert had been issued by mistake.

Lisenco said the Hawaii Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) activated on UHF and via a VHF inter-island repeater network, and amateur stations monitored the alert and cancellation activity, which came less than 1 day after RACES had completed an Amateur Radio communication exercise at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). In his written testimony, Lisenco recounted that the situation after the missile warning in Hawaii was chaotic.

"The phone lines into the State EOC were soon overwhelmed and congested, and the website was overwhelmed with public inquiries," he said. Lisenco said that in such situations, Amateur Radio volunteers typically are present at state or county EOCs and at the State Warning Point, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. He pointed out that the cancellation of the false warning circulated on various information outlets 13 minutes after the missile warning went out.

"That was picked up and relayed through the Amateur Radio networks," he told the Committee in written testimony. "The cellphone alert system could not be used for the cancellation notice until prior FEMA approval was obtained. Once that was obtained, the cancellation alert went out to the cellphone network after 38 minutes from the initial alert."

"Many people had received the warning first on their cell phones through the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system, but a cancellation on that same system was substantially delayed," Lisenco said. "The result was that Amateur Radio networks disseminated validated cancellation information long before the cellular networks were able to do so."

Lisenco took the opportunity to address how private land-use regulations can preclude Amateur Radio disaster response capabilities.

"There is no substitute for the ready availability of a residential Amateur Radio station in daily operation from a licensee's residence," he said. "The licensee cannot be expected to have the ability to communicate into or from a disaster site unless he or she has a station with an effective outdoor antenna capable of operation on multiple frequency bands at once, which is ready to be pressed into service from the licensee's residence at a moment's notice."



Lisenco reminded the panel members that the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017 is now pending before the Committee. “[Senate Bill 1534] is a balanced, completely bipartisan bill that would fully protect both the entitlement of Amateur Radio volunteers to...provide emergency, disaster relief and public service communications, while...protecting the aesthetic concerns and the jurisdiction of homeowners’ associations,” Lisenco said in his written remarks, noting that the bill is unopposed. “We are in desperate need of this legislation, and without it, the volunteer emergency communications services provided by Amateur Radio will be precluded. We urge the Committee in the strongest terms to please approve and send this legislation forward without delay,” Lisenco said.

Mississippi Senator Roger Wicker, a co-sponsor with Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal, of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, attended the hearing. Responding to a question from Wicker at the hearing, Lisenco pointed out that an early US Coast Guard warning cancellation notice was relayed to Amateur Radio networks and disseminated quickly, while the State Warning Point waited to obtain FEMA authorization to rescind the warning via cellular phones. As a result, Amateur Radio networks were able to disseminate validated cancellation information long before the cellular networks were able to do so. Wicker issued a [statement](#) noting Lisenco’s testimony and posted a video clip of his exchange with Lisenco.

South Dakota Senator John Thune, who chairs the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, convened the hearing, called to “examine policy concerns surrounding the use and effectiveness of Emergency Alert Systems including Wireless Emergency Alerts, as well as recent system failures, including but not limited to the mistaken missile alert in Hawaii.”

IARC Meeting Minutes

InterCity Radio Club
Monthly Meeting
January 5, 2017

President Duane Meadows, K8MDA, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes – Jane Yonally, KB8YPW read the minutes of December meeting. Henry Koenig, WD8Q moved to accept minutes as read, second by Scott Yonally, N8SY. Motion carried.

Financial Report - presented by Harry Mains, N8XMI. There are currently 57 paid members. The club donated \$50 to Oasis in memory of Dave Pesec, KA8UPR. Harry has the door prizes for the Hamfest. Dave Weigold, N8DPW moved to accept the financial report, second by John Ness, K8NJ. Motion carried.

Health and Wellness –

Tech Committee – Dave Weigold, N8DPW reported the power pole package has been received and the remote server on Scenic Drive is repaired.

ARES – Danny Bailey, W8DLB reminded everyone you will to have completed ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 and have submitted your certificate of completion to be registered in the state data base and participate during emergency operations. If you have not completed these courses you will only be able to help with races, parades, community based events only (Tier II). Scott Yonally, N8SY, reported there are currently over 625 ARES members statewide who have completed courses and registered.

Education – Duane, K8MDA will schedule a tech class scheduled before the Hamfest. Check the website for date and information.

ARRL – Scott Yonally, N8SY informed group that changes are coming for ARRL headquarters. The first step is that all members are required to register for a unique ID# (other than their call sign).

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Old Business

HAMFEST – Danny Bailey, W8DLB and Scott Yonally, N8SY reminded everyone the form to reserve tables is on the website. A completed form and money is required to reserve tables. Payment may be made on-line using PayPal. Tables will be assigned in early February. Volunteers are needed for set-up and to sell tickets at the gate. Vendors will be set-up in Fairhaven Hall and the Arts and Crafts building, forums will be in the Youth Hall. VE testing will be done during the Hamfest, Sunday at noon. There will be no food sold at the Hamfest this year. The group who did this is no longer able to.

New Business

Danny Bailey, W8DLB announced there will be SKYWARN training on March 8 at 6:30 pm at the Lutheran Church in Bellville. Danny also requested that those interested in the Angels in 4 Wheel Drive group to get with him.

Duane Meadows, K8MDA updated members on status of life time members and also that the fusion repeater has been sold for \$400 to the Mt. Vernon radio club.

Danny Bailey, W8DLB moved to adjourn meeting, seconded John Ness, K8NJ.. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Yonally, KB8YPW
Secretary InterCity Radio Club

IARC Breakfast

Hey Gang,

Did you know that IARC has a Breakfast gathering every 3rd Thursday of the month? It's true and very well attended. If you have the time we'd love to see ya' at the next breakfast. The next Breakfast will be Thursday – **February 15th @ 9am** – at the Bob Evans on Hanley Road.

We sure hope to see ya' then!!



Secured Area on the IARC.Club Website

Hey Gang,

There is a “secured” area on the club website, have you visited it yet? This is for members only. You do have to complete a registration form first. Once completed and approved, you will be allowed access into this “secured” area. This particular area is for members only. The rest of the website is open to anyone and we hope that you do share all of the information that is on the open portions of the website with you friends.

Here’s a link to get you signed up for the “Members Only” pages: <http://iarc.club/registration.html>

Oh, by the way, you can no longer access the IARC website via <http://iarc.ws> . The club decided at the September meeting not to renew that particular domain name so it has been dropped altogether. You still can access the IARC website via w8we.org or iarc.club as always. I would strongly suggest that you visit the club website often to get the latest information about our club meetings, VE Testing and all sorts of other Ham Radio news.

NOTE: for those of you that had your yourcall@iarc.ws please take note that this email address is no longer available.

IARC Board

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Club History

Did you know where the club call actually came from? You can find that information, along with a lot of other interesting facts about InterCity on the website. I am still going through a lot of old information and getting it all posted on the website.

Did you know that next year InterCity will be celebrating 85 years of Affiliation to the ARRL? It's true, we were formed and Affiliated back in 1933. Here's a link for you: http://iarc.club/about_the_club.html

For Sales



Got something that you want to sell? Send you list of items to me at n8sy@n8sy.com and I'll get it posted in the next edition of Airwaves..

Oh, by the way, you can also find these items listed on the Swap & Shop portion of the website. Just go to: <http://iarc.club/s-s.html> for the latest listings

For Sale: Ham Gear

- MFJ (Bencher) Electronic Keyer Paddle \$50 (\$100 New)
- Radio Shack 20-2000w SWR/Power Meter \$10
- Kenwood TS-50 Radio & Auto Tuner \$450
- Heathkit SB-201 \$325
- Ten-Tek Model 229 Tuner \$250
- 3 Cushcraft A144-11 2m Yagis \$50/each
- Cushcraft A-3S Triband Yagi \$175 (\$600 New)
- Diamond Antennas MX-62M Duplexer \$35 (\$70 New)
- Icom IC-720 HF and Power Supply \$200
(It's a little rough around the edges.)



Contact Tom Bence, WB8CQW at: 419-756-8079 or email him at: bencetobe@neo.rr.com

For Sale: Clegg Apollo Six - 6-meter linear amplifier. \$325.00 or best offer



Contact Tom Bence, WB8CQW at: 419-756-8079 or email him at: bencetobe@neo.rr.com

For Sale: TailTwister series rotator with controller. Asking \$330, or best offer.

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Next IARC V.E. Test Session

February 18 - Mansfield Mid*Winter Hamfest - 12 noon

Upcoming Test Sessions for 2018

- **April 21 – 1pm**
- **July 21 – 1pm**
- **October 20 – 1pm**

For more details or other V.E. Test Sessions, visit: <http://iarc.club/ve-testing.html>



Interested in Joining IARC

If you've not joined IARC, or just haven't renewed yet, we want to encourage you to do so now.



Dues are still just \$12

It's just a lot of fun and great ham talk!
There's always something of interest at the meetings.

Please send your dues to:
Harry Mains, N8XMI
593 Woodcrest Drive
Mansfield, OH 44905

Or, better yet, bring them to the next club meeting!! We meet every 1st Friday of the month (except July & August) at 7:30, at:

People's Community Center
Community Room
597 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, OH.

For your convenience, you can also pay by credit card or PayPal.. http://iarc.club/mem_page.html