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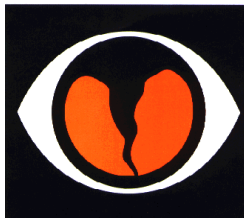
Upcoming Meetings & Events

February 2nd – Groundhog Day

February 7th – IARC Club meeting 7:30pm (details inside – NEW LOCATION)
Hamfest details and preparation

February 15th – Hamfest setup – Details to be announced at the February meeting

February 16th – Mansfield Mid*Winter Hamfest 7am to 2pm



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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!

National News

State QSO Party Challenge Announced



The [State QSO Party Challenge](#) is a competition comprised of other contests, namely state and provincial QSO parties. As explained on the website, the annual cumulative score program is open to any radio amateur who participates in any approved state QSO parties (SQPs).

Participants just need to submit their QSO party scores to 3830scores.com to enter the challenge. Participants' cumulative scores will be calculated by totaling up the number of reported contacts and multiplying by the number of SQPs entered in the year to date. Periodic standings will be posted to 3830scores.com, the [QSOParty Groups.io forum](http://QSOPartyGroups.io), and the [StateQSOParty.com website](http://StateQSOParty.com).

“Using the number of QSO parties entered as a multiplier is expected to encourage radio amateurs to enter more state/province QSO parties,” the program’s organizers said. “The first SQPs in 2020 are the Vermont, Minnesota, and British Columbia QSO Parties in the first weekend of February.”

Entrants must make at least two contacts in a QSO party for it to count as a multiplier. [Full details](#) are available on the State QSO Party Challenge website. Challenge sponsors expressed appreciation to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, for developing the [SQP Activity Tracker](#) on 3830scores.com.

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New Amateur Extra Question Pool Released

The new Amateur Extra-class license examination question pool, effective from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024, has been released and is available at the National Conference of Volunteer Coordinators ([NCVEC](http://NCVEC.org)) website.



The [2020 – 2024 Extra-class pool](#) incorporates significant changes compared to the current 2016 – 2020 question pool, which expires on June 30. The number of questions in the pool was reduced from 712 to 622. The result was 239 modified questions, 49 new questions, and 139 questions removed due to changes in what was felt to be an abundance of outdated questions, while areas of new technology and subjects were added. In addition, an effort was made to balance the difficulty level, removing or replacing some questions deemed too easy or too difficult compared to the rest of the pool. The 2020 pool has 10 diagrams, which have been renumbered because the new question pool has two fewer than the 2016 question pool.

IARC Board**President**Duane Meadows, [K8MDA](#)**Vice President**Danny Bailey, [W8DLB](#)**Secretary**Kyle Crawford, [KD8GEI](#)**Treasurer**Harry Maines, [N8XMI](#)**Board for 1 year**John Ness, [K8NJ](#)**Board for 2 year**David Weigold, [N8DPW](#)**Board for 3 year**Karen Danielson, [KD8MGB](#)**Corporate Agent**Harry Frietchen, [K8HF](#)**Repeater Trustees**

W8WE 146.940 (-) Analog

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K8HF/R 147.360 (+) Analog

Harry Frietchen, [K8HF](#)

W8WE 444.700 (+) DMR

W8WE License TrusteeHarry Frietchen, [K8HF](#)**District 6 Meeting / Get Together**

Every month Danny, W8DLB our District Emergency Coordinator has a meeting / get together at Denny's in Ontario to go over the latest news, concerns and techniques in ARES. The meeting starts at **6pm** in the back meeting room. The next get together is scheduled for **Saturday March 21st**. How's about joining us for some great food and camaraderie. Who knows, you just might pick-up some interesting news about what's happening around the state with ARES!

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 – **February 20th @ 9am – at the Bob Evans on Hanley Road.**



We sure hope to see ya' then!!



Wednesday Night Nets

Come join us each Wednesday evening at 8p for the Richland County ARES Net on the Mansfield 146.94 Repeater, W8WE/R.

Also, come join us on the DMR Net each week too. That Net is on the Ohio Talkgroup 3139 at 8:30p Wednesday's

ARES Connect

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Instructions to Register

Enter ARES Connect

Have you registered in the new ARES Connect yet? You'll want to for sure. It's the new reporting system for everyone in the country. Yes, it has already replaced our current system, so you'll want to make sure that you get registered now and start using the system so that you'll be used to what all the features.

It's really easy to get registered. All you have to do is click on this [link](#) to get you started. Answer a few questions and it's all done, you'll be registered. Then you will want to get yourself registered for all the various events that are there. It's really easy to do and that's it, your hours for participation will be automatically recorded! How much easier than that can it be.

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

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For Sale:

Barker and Williamson BWD-65 - folded dipole antenna

Model: BWD-65 Length: 65 Feet full extended. Great for city lots where there isn't a lot of room.

SWR <2:1 - 4 - 30 Mhz, 75 - 10 Mtrs

SWR <3:1 - 30 - 54 Mhz, 6 meters

Brand new never taken out of the box. \$400

Contact Scott, N8SY at n8sy@n8sy.com



For Sale:

J-pole antenna 20.00

Kenwood TS130SE HF rig with Electro Voice 638 microphone \$300

Microphone and boom kit with wiring for Kenwood HF rig \$100

ADI AR-147 2 meter mobile \$50

JPS Communications NIR-10 DPS unit \$70

They can contact me Tom, N8TWM by email at Tmill604@aol.com for more info.



FOR SALE

ICOM IC-746 PRO.... 100w 160 thru 2m + PS125 power supply. Rig is 100%, not a lot of use. Seriously interested folks can contact me, W8NW at: DHomerick@neo.rr.com



Next IARC V.E. Test Session

Upcoming Test Sessions for 2020. All test sessions will start at 1pm unless otherwise noted and will be at:

Hamfest - February 16th, testing starts at noon, Richland County Fair Administration Office

April 18th - testing starts at 1pm **New location, Sheriff's office on the Richland County Fairgrounds

July 18th - testing starts at 1pm **New location, Sheriff's office on the Richland County Fairgrounds

October 17th - testing starts at 1pm **New location, Sheriff's office on the Richland County Fairgrounds

Richland County Fairgrounds is located at:
750 North Home Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44906



For more details or other V.E. Test Sessions contact: **Rob Ruth** 419-566-1530 Kd8azq@yahoo.com.

Interested in Joining IARC

Dues are NOW Past Due

They 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

We meet every 1st Friday of the month (except July & August) at 7:30, at:

***NEW Location → Richland County Fairgrounds
Administration Building
750 N Home Rd
Mansfield, OH.***

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