

February 4 - IARC Meeting - Finish Hamfest details

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February 12 - League Night Dinner - Details TBA

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February 13 - Hamfest

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March 4 - IARC Meeting - Details TBA

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March ?? - Skywarn Training - Details TBA

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April 2 - IARC Meeting - Details TBA

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## DX & IOTA Updates

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sites. Thanks to all.

**DJIBOUTI, J2.** Vincent, F5MJV is QRV as J28JV. His length of stay is unknown at this time. Activity is on all HF bands using mainly CW and digital modes with some SSB. He also plans to activate the IOTA Gulf of Tadjoura Group, [IOTA AF-053](#). QSL via F5NQL.

**MONGOLIA, JT.** Sank, JT1AS is QRV as JT70AS until the end of 2010 in celebration of his 70th birthday. Activity is on all HF bands using RTTY and PSK. QSL direct to home call.

**MONTENEGRO, 4O.** Acim, YU1YV will be QRV from 4O3A for the month of July. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

**ZAMBIA, 9J.** Katsumi, JF1OKX will be QRV as 9J2KK from Lusaka beginning July 1. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters, and possibly 160 meters, using mostly digital modes, with WSJT

and SSTV, with some CW and SSB as well. He will be active mainly on weekends and on national holidays. QSL via JK1NSR.

**RWANDA, 9X.** Fraser, MM0EFI is QRV as 9X0CX. His length of stay is unknown. He is active on HF using mainly PSK31 with some SSB. QSL via operator's instructions.

**NETHERLANDS, PA.** Special event station PD80TT is QRV from Assen until July 20 during the 80th Dutch TT Motor Grand Prix. QSL via PD7BZ.

**ZAMBIA, 9J.** Katsumi, JF1OKX, will be active as 9J2KK from Lusaka until the end of September 2011. Activity will be on 80 through 6 meters, concentrating on the digital modes (PSK31 or 62, RTTY, WSJT and SSTV), with some SSB and CW. QSL via JK1NSR.

**SARDINIA, IS0.** Flaviano, I2MOV, will be active as IS0/I2MOV until the end of September. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters using mainly CW. QSL via his home call sign, by the Bureau or direct.

**OGASAWARA, JD1.** Koji, JI1LET, will be active as JI1LET/JD1 from Chichijima Island ([IOTA AS-031](#)) from July 24 to 30. Activity will be on 40 through 6 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JI1LET by the JARL Bureau or direct.

**PUERTO RICO, KP4.** Members of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL) will activate special event station K4C until August 1 to celebrate the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games that will take place in Mayaguez. QSL direct to KP4ES.

**BAHAMAS, C6.** Alan, K5AB (C6AAB), Renee, N5BW (C6AMR), Carlyne, W5ETY (C6ATY), Mark, NA6M (C6AMS), and Scott, K2CK (C6ASH), will activate Eleuthera Island ([IOTA NA-001](#)) from July 9 to 25. They will use three stations running in CW, SSB and digital modes on 160 through 6 meters. QSL via their home calls.

**DJIBOUTI, J2.** Freddy, F5IRO, will sign J28RO in CW, SSB and digital modes mostly on his weekends (Friday/Saturday) around 1200-1300 UTC and the evening hours during the week for the next two years. His QSL manager is F8DFP, who confirms via bureau or direct.

**CHAGOS ISLAND, VQ9.** Jim, ND9M/VQ9JC, will be QRV as VQ90JC from July 10 to 25, including the RSGB IOTA Contest. Listen for him on all bands, including the satellites, outside of his working hours, typically 1200 to 1730Z. QSL via ND9M.

**APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: FT5WO - Crozet Island, between December 1, 2008 and November 30, 2009.**

**OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC CREDIT. The following operations are approved for DXCC credit. Palestine, E4X, 2010 operation and E4/7K1REG, 2000 operation.**

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## **FROM THE NWS CLEVELAND**

The NWS in Cleveland has officially determined that on June 5<sup>th</sup> Richland County did have an EF0 tornado touchdown near Lucas. This occurred at the intersection of Mt Zion Rd and Crimson Rd about 2 miles NNW of Lucas. There were 3 structures damaged with one totally destroyed. Winds in this storm were estimated at 65 to 85 Mph with a path 20 yards wide and 4/10 mile long. Debris from this storm were found up to 3 miles away.

There were 3 other tornadoes on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Holmes county from 2 miles NW of Berlin moving SE to Sugarcreek in Tuscarawas County which damaged around 12 structures. It was rated an EF1 and had winds of 86 to 110 Mph and a path 100 yards wide by 9 miles long.

Western Lucas County had an EF1 touchdown just west of Whitehouse on St Rt 64. Damage was mostly to roofs and a few outbuildings. This storm had winds 68 to 110 Mph and was 100 yards wide and 4 miles long

The last one on the 5<sup>th</sup> was the deadly one in Northern Wood and into Ottawa County. This storm was rated an EF4 which had winds of 170 to 175 Mph. The path was 300 to 400 yards wide and was on the ground for 8 to 10 miles. Heavy damage and many homes and structures were destroyed and sadly 5 deaths and many injuries.

More information on this storm can be viewed at [www.erh.noaa.gov/cle/wx\\_events/2010/June/Jun5-6/toledo.php](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/cle/wx_events/2010/June/Jun5-6/toledo.php)

### ***On The Local Area Skywarn® Program***

Fortunately we were quite lucky here in Richland County. Kris Maki KD8JBH did a good job with our net since I was busy at work that day and Danny was out of town. I do want to remind everyone that we know you all would like to check in during Tornado warnings but please don't do it. In times such as a tornado warning keeping the frequency clear for vital traffic is more important than knowing you are home and available someplace other than where the storm is located. You might be giving the NCS your call and such while someone else is trying to get thru with life or death information. Not a good thing to happen. That is why we hold off from taking non-tornadic reports. If we can get a second net up on the 36 repeater then that is where check-ins and non tornadic reports will be taken.

Another reminder to all is that with a lot of new members please when you do give your status or location while checking in, please say where you are. Many members do not know where your home or work place is located. For example if I said at "home", how many actually know where my home is? If I said "at home on west side of Mansfield near Park Ave". it helps give a better idea of where I happen to be. Give this a shot next time (*just not during a tornado warning*) and it will help the net control op a whole bunch.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> we had a few more nets which fortunately did not amount to much in our county. However a couple things did occur which need mentioned. First reports we may hear over the scanners from law enforcement or fire services are not needed on our nets. These will be reported thru the 911 system to the NWS by those agencies. If it involves a weather condition that can be used to verify a wall cloud, rotation, funnels, tornadoes, and such then yes report it! Just forget damages heard via scanners.

Next concerns wall clouds. These occur at the end of a storm and not the front. What was seen was a "Roll" cloud which does rotate but not the same way as wall clouds do. Kind of like a pencil rolling off a desk.. These roll clouds are usually at the front of a storm and associated with the gust front. Also I do have to mention that on RARE occasions you might find a tornado or funnel at the front of a storm as occurred in Michigan on Saturday June 26.

Next please remember we use info from the NWS in Cleveland and not a TV station. Someone gave a report that the warning had been extended for an additional half hour and it was heard over the Weather Channel. Sorry but the Weather channel is not the ones who make the warnings they just repeat stuff the NWS sends them which has been mixed up many times in the past. Some Cleveland station weather staff have been warned about issuing warnings that the NWS had nothing to do with. So again remember don't worry about us getting the information as it will come to us via the NWS via the backbone, weather radio, or computer.

Lastly I heard a lot of lightning and rain reports. In regards to heavy rain report it ONLY if it is a measured amount over a measured amount of time, or if it is causing flooding. It rains in most storms so it just ties up a repeater with unwanted info. Lightning is also not wanted unless it has caused injury or death\* (*\*not to be mentioned over the air*) or damage to a structure. Lightning occurs in any thunderstorm.

Anyways good job to everyone and your reports are important it's just there are times where things will get put on hold due to emergency situations. And remember **a whole lot more than our own members listen to our nets so that is why we try to be as professional as possible.**

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## IARC Club Historian - Who is it?

This is something I believe our club needs to look into. I do not know who was or might even be considered our club's historian. I know I have the club scrapbook, photos, some past issues of the IRC & IARC newsletters (used as the source of the "times past" articles) and some of the

old club minutes from 1944 to the 60's, at the bike shop. The historian should be someone who has a sincere interest in keeping these documents safe and available for club members to use.

I can maintain these for now but would really like to see someone who has spare time to organize things, to take over these items. I have a series of containers for them so if interested in doing this let Danny or myself know at the September meeting.

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## **From Times Past** **A look back at some past IARG newsletters**

**By original editor Edwin Fensch W8SSOU**  
**& current editor Jay Bookwalter KG8GNL**

## **And now including highlights from past meeting minutes dating back to 1944!!**

With the finding of the past meeting minutes I thought these might have some good interesting topics. Our clubs newsletters did not really start until the early 60's so the meeting minutes are the only way to see what our clubs history includes. Also in the late 50's I found copies of a IRC Bulletin that predated the newsletters. These were mailed just before meetings and start out with "Dear O.M.". So for the fun of it I will cover a few of these "Bulletins" this month. They are dated from April 1958 thru February 1960.

### **April 28, 1958**

The meeting for May of 1958 was set for the "South Boulevards Park" (*on Sunset Blvd*) for 20:00 hours EST. Members were invited to bring used equipment they had for sale or trade. Some items listed in this bulletin included A "2-meter Tecraft 7-11 Mic" for \$25, a "SP-400" receiver for \$125, to name a few. Numerous tubes were listed too from a whopping 50¢ to as much as \$10!! Also slated for the meeting was a discussion of the then "new" Civil Defense Warning System in which some Ham frequencies were to be used to set off bells or sirens denoting air attacks or other emergency situations. A2 emission picked up by the receiver would set the siren or bells off. They were also asking for those members who had 2 meter rigs to help with the Armed Forces Day parade. It asked that "if you have your 2-meter rig completed it would be a good place to try them out as a portable radio and help promote amateur radio.

### **September 23, 1958**

The October meeting was scheduled for Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Johns Park at 1930 hours EST.

W8IJL "Dick" from Tiffin was to be the guest speaker. "Dick had bought out what was mentioned as "Radcliff's antenna business". He was to have brought all of his displays of materials, that had been shown for the first time at the Findley Hamfest. The topic was antenna materials and construction. Said to be a meeting you did not want to miss as a large attendance

was expected. Dick W8IJL was also going to “outline his entire stock, including kits, various casting materials, fasteners, and a lot of other stuff”

The club also ran a questionnaire for the members to fill out and bring to the meeting. Some things asked included types of equipment, what was your favorite band, your favorite air times, if you were mobile, if you like friday nights for meetings or if not what night, if the dues of 1.00 per year and 50¢ per meeting were to much. (*guess it was quite a bit of money in 1958 hihi*) It also asked if you liked to do homebrewing of equipment. (*Might have to try this one again someday*)

## **December 1, 1958**

This bulletin mentione the meeting was to be held at the AMF plant (former Shelby Bicycle Plant) on High School Ave. They planned on a tour and movie about the pin setter machines. A reminder about the QST subscriptions the club collected for were coming due at \$4.50. )what a bargain!) and the club dues of \$1.00 were also due. Members were told to wear their name tags to the meeting or they would be fined 3¢ !!!

## **December 29, 1958**

Yep 2 bulletins in one month!! This one had the January meeting set for North Lake Park Pavillion at 7:30PM on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> . It mentioned that the questionnaires had a decent return and that those who had not done so to bring them to any club officer. A club directory was available for 25¢ which was 5 pages of names addresses and call signs. Also the IRC letterhead stationary was still available for those who wanted some. Its cost was a whole 1¢ each.

W8TAJ Egon Loekel advised members that they needed their RACES info finished and in by Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at latest. A reminder that classes were starting and would cost \$10 which included the textbooks and manuals. The teachers at this time were called the “two Eds” W8LRR & W8JYY The course took 5 months and ran from 7PM to 9PM every Friday.

## **January 30, 1959**

The February 1959 meeting was to be held at the Liberty Park Pavillion at 7:30PM. A guest speaker was to give a “fine talk about VHF” His name was given as R.M.Planck and was the Vice President of R.M.E. (Radio Mfg Engineers Inc.) and he drove here from Washington Illinois to give a slide show and discuss the value of VHF. The bulletin also mentioned a FCC NPRM that was listed as follows; “*The Federal Communications Commission has issued a notice of proposed rule making, Docket 12728, to permit Technician class operation in the amateur 144mc band. Reasons cited are more occupancy, possible contributions to technical knowledge, and more participation in civil defense activities. The final comment date for this proposal is March 31<sup>st</sup>.*” The treasurers report showed the club had a whopping \$49.86 in the bank!! *We definately have come a long way*

**Thats it for this month. More archives next month.**

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## **From The IARC President**

Happy Summer Vacation To All I.A.R.C./A.R.E.S.® Members hope your summer is going well. Wow it has been a busy Skywarn® season this year we have had more tornado warnings this season than usual for Richland County.

So keep a eye to the sky when we get a Severe Thunderstorm Warnings or Tornado Warnings and keep radio tuned to 146.940/pl.71.9. I want to thank the members that have been taking the Skywarn nets you dont know how much I welcome the help and that we can work together.

Myself and Jay KC8GNL are going to be working on a new skywarn preamble making it shorter and to the point to make it simple to understand what the net control operator wants and what NWS wants.

I want to thank everyone that helped out over the 4th of July weekend. I know the Ashland Amateur Radio Club wants to thank all that helped with the Balloonfest Balloon Glow on Friday and Saturday nights. I also received a big thank you email for our help with the Airport Day/old freedom festival. Also John Bowen wanted to say thanks to Steve KD8GRM and Dick N8WLC for all there hard work on helping the ground crews with communications from the tower to ground crew for getting the aircraft all parked also thank all that helped promote Amateur Radio and assist in making the event a Success. We are invited to return in 2011.

Do not forget to sign up to work the Richland County Fair August 8-14 and Lexington Blueberry Festival August 18th-22th. you can sign up by contacting Don KB8RYA or Danny KB8STK.

One last thing some of you know my email kb8stk@hotmail.com was hacked and my trip to spain was short lived. Hih My new Email is kb8stk1@hotmail.com. If you want on my email contact list plz send me your email address.

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Richland County Emergency Coordinator  
I.A.R.C. President

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## **QUICK NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Sorry for the delay in getting this issue out to you all. My part time help at the bike shop quit so I have been extra busy the last few weeks. I have an article from A.Crowl which will get posted in the next issue as I have had a problem downloading it in docx. Will copy it and place it next month. Thanks.