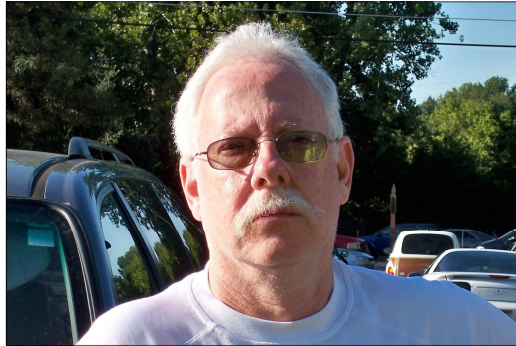


Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
**Bulletin**



**EC NOTES**  
**Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC**  
**ARRL EC—Franklin County**



It looks like the snow is finally melting away (but some of the piles in parking lots will still be around in June) as spring approaches. This means that our event schedule is getting more active. This is another good time to check out your equipment and make sure that your batteries are charged and ready to go. It is always a good idea to do monthly checks of your "go kits" and make sure they are in good shape (such as replacing any snack items with new ones).

As the time now comes closer, we can start planning for the OSU Spring Football game, TOSRV, Shrine Circus, and other events as they appear on the schedule. Please watch the schedule on the web site ([http://www.coares.org/events/events\\_home.html](http://www.coares.org/events/events_home.html)) to see events as they are added.

At in person meeting last month, stickers were handed out, to those present, to give a 2010 expiration date for our ID cards. We will continue to do this at future meetings. If you are unable to make an in person meeting, drop me an email, and I'll send you one in the mail. Of course this means that you have updated your information with us in the last year by filling out one of the survey forms.

We have four new members to welcome; W9MDC, Matt Corlett; K5ETH, Seth Corlett; KD8IOV, Kyle Blaine; and KD8HVX, James Birk. I also have the sad duty to report that KD8KLC, Angel Tilford, is a SK. Our thoughts go out to Ken, KC8ZKS.

The next COARES meeting will be held

on Wednesday, March 17th at the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m.

Kal, KA8RLC

**Amateur Radio Operators  
Wrap Up Communications  
Support in Haiti**  
**The ARRL Letter, 3/4/2010**



After the 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the island nation of Haiti on January 12, many Amateur Radio operators asked how they could volunteer their time and service to assist with communications support. When Project Medishare -- a partnership between the University of Miami Medical School (UM) and physicians and health officials in Haiti -- needed help with their communications, Amateur Radio operators were quick to respond. According to Jack Satterfield, W4GRJ/AFA4DG, Medishare has constructed several health clinics in Haiti over the years -- all of which were destroyed in the earthquake. "Medishare was able to rapidly deploy medical teams and assets to begin the overwhelming task facing the post earthquake medical needs," he told the ARRL.

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## Calling Tree Leaders July - December

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## Ohio Section Update *Frank Piper, K18GW* Ohio Section Manager

From the Section Manager's Desk  
**OHIO SECTION NEWS FOR  
MARCH, 2010**

**OHIO SECTION CONFERENCE WILL BE  
HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16,  
2010 -WILL INCLUDE OHIO SECTION  
EMCOM CONFERENCE**

In the past, the Ohio Section has held 2 conferences each year, the Ohio Section ARES conference in the spring, and the General Ohio Section Conference in the fall. At the Ohio Section Conference last year we discussed the idea of combining the conferences into one major conference. This year we're going to give it a try. The Ohio Section and ARES Conference will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010. The Conference venue will be the Educational Services Center for Central Ohio (ESCCO), which is located on 2080 Citygate Drive in Columbus.

Those who attended the conference last fall

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94.8 Hz CTCSS

UHF: WB8INY/R  
444.275 +5.00  
94.8 Hz CTCSS

## Nets & Meetings

The COARES net meets Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm local time on the 147.06+ repeater, except for the third Wednesday of each month which is reserved for our General Meeting, held at the office of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

can tell you what a great facility we had to work with, and I'm glad to say we will be there again.

The Conference is being coordinated by a great committee, headed by Scott Yonally, N8SY. They are working hard to line up speakers, programs, and refreshments for the attendees. It proves to be a great time, and you'll start to see announcements coming out for speakers in a few days. So, mark your calendars and pass the word!

## PRB-1 FOR OHIO STILL IN THE STATEHOUSE

House Bill 212 and Senate Bill 218 are still in committees, and we hope to get 3rd readings soon and get these bills moved to the House Floor. Stay tuned, and please keep in contact with your State Representatives to look for these Bills when they leave their committees.

RON GRIFFIN, N8AEH RETIRES FROM THE OHIO SECTION CABINET  
Ron Griffin, N8AEH of Findlay, Assistant Section Manager for NW Ohio, has announced his retirement from the Ohio Section Cabinet, so he may give more time to his Mother. Ron has worked under 4 Section Managers,

and has been the publisher of the Ohio Section Journal for many years. We hate to see Ron retire, but fully understand the reasons why this decision has come about.

The Spring issue of the OSJ will be published on schedule with the help of the Ohio Section Cabinet. A new publisher will be announced before the Summer issue is sent out.

## SEVERE WEATHER MONTH IS COMING UP IN MARCH

Ohio ARES groups, Skywarn, and Ham Clubs - one of your major public service and public relations events is coming up in March - The Ohio Statewide Tornado Drill will be conducted on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 9:50am. Please support the drill by checking into your local Skywarn or ARES nets that day.

That's all from my desk for now... 73 de Frank, K18GW / Ohio Section Manager

OHIO SECTION NOTES FROM INTERIM AFFILIATED CLUB COORDINATOR, SCOTT YONALLY, N8SY (for ACC Joanne Solak, KJ3O):

Hi All,  
February was just a blur, starting off with the groundhog seeing / not seeing his shadow. I say it that way because one of them did and

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***Our Mission: To provide emergency communications to central Ohio public safety, emergency, health, government and relief agencies in times of disaster. To keep our skills sharp, we provide communication support for many public service events.***

***A Reminder***  
***Always check the COARES primary repeater (147.060 MHz) whenever a situation arises that might result in an emergency activation of COARES. This includes, but is not limited to, tornado, flood, blizzard, hazardous materials spill, terrorist attack, fire, search and rescue (missing person), aircraft/mass casualty, setting up emergency shelters, or declared state of emergency.***

***When All Else Fails - Amateur Radio Works!***

**Next Meeting**  
**7:30 pm, Wednesday,**  
**March 17, 2010**  
**St. Patrick's Day!**  
  
 Franklin County Emergency  
 Management and Homeland Security  
  
 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd  
 Columbus, OH 43230

**LOCAL  
NETS**

<b>Net</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time (local)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Amateur Radio Club at Ohio State University	Sunday	8:00 pm	442.6(+) (114.8PL)
CRES ARC Sunday Night Net	Sunday	9—10 pm	146.67(-) (131.8 PL)
Central Ohio ARES	Wednesday	8:00 pm	147.060 (+) (94.8 PL)
Central Ohio Traffic Net	Daily	7:15 pm	147.240 (+)
Central Ohio Severe Weather Net	Tuesday (Mar ~ Oct)	7:30 pm	146.760 (-) (123.0 PL)
Delaware County Net	Monday	8:00 pm	145.170 (-)
Hocking Valley ARC Net	Wednesday	9:00 pm	147.345 (+)
Lancaster / Fairfield County ARC Net	Monday	9:00 pm	147.030 (+)
Madison County "Get Together" Net	Tuesday	8:00 pm	147.285 (+)
Newark ARA Net	Tuesday	9:00 pm	146.880 (-)
Southwest Columbus Ham Radio Club Net (Echolink connected)	Friday	8:00 pm	145.23 (-)

**LOCAL  
NETS**

***New MOU with Red Cross Offers Much  
James Weaver, K8JE  
Great Lakes Divison Director***

The new MOU between Red Cross and ARRL does much more than include an agreement to support RC and to acknowledge the appropriateness of criminal background checks for its ham supporters. When it is signed by both organizations it will provide a clear distinction between amateurs as official Red Cross volunteers and amateurs as partners but not RC volunteers. This should be a very helpful distinction. Basically it means that amateurs can provide volunteer communications support to the community through RC without becoming RC volunteers if this is what they choose.

**Why is this potentially an important distinction?**

It has been my personal experience that RC chapter officials typically conclude anyone who provides support to them is a RC volunteer. This conclusion may be justifiable for "the man on the street" who walks in to a chapter house and says he wants to help. On the other hand, the conclusion may or may not be accurate regarding individual members of an ARES(TM) unit that also offers to help. The ARES member may, in fact, be volunteering to support ARES in its assistance to RC, but not be interested in being a RC volunteer.

One important feature of the new MOU is that it clearly distinguishes between ARES members and RC volunteers. ARRL and ARES are referred to as partners and in similar terms, not as RC volunteers. The MOU solidifies this distinction even further when it agrees that ARES amateurs should be encouraged to become RC volunteers and that RC amateurs who do not belong to ARRL/ARES should be encouraged to join these organizations.

**Again, why is this distinction important?**

As a RC volunteer, an individual may be required to sign certain agreements that are not required if the individual is not a RC volunteer. One agreement is the Intellectual Property Agreement that basically gives the RC first rights to ideas, inventions, developments, and other property developed by the individual even though these were not developed for Red Cross or as a direct result of being a RC volunteer. Those of you who work for major corporations may have signed a similar agreement with your employer to get a job and earn a living.

I am aware of at least one local Chapter for which the Intellectual Property Agreement is a big issue. Many ARES members in its service area are very reluctant to sign the agreement, but are equally interested in providing valuable service to the community through the RC. They view the situation as being one of lose-lose.

Because the new MOU recognizes that ARES members do not need to become Red Cross volunteers, it should not be necessary for amateurs who choose not to be RC volunteers to sign the agreement. This same philosophy will apply to other requirements of RC volunteers.

Unfortunately, it may be necessary to wait until the new MOU is published to convince many RC chapter managers that radio operators are not required to become RC volunteers and, therefore, are not required to sign these agreements.

One final thought. Becoming an official RC volunteer may not be one-sided. This may depend on the specific chapter, but some chapters reimburse their volunteers (including amateurs) for certain expenses while performing RC duties. It would be justifiable for these reimbursements not to be offered to hams who choose not to be RC volunteers.

**Memo from FCEM&HS**  
Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security



## **JOIN IN THE STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL MARCH 24**

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March 21-27 is Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio. Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security urges you to exercise your tornado safety plan during the **Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 24**. Remember, tornadoes can strike anytime — there have been 26 tornadoes in Franklin County since 1950. Designing and exercising a tornado safety plan for your establishment will help you respond appropriately in a real event.

Also new this year, we invite you to tell us of your drill participation and provide us your email address in an online survey. We will email you a certificate of participation in return. Beginning next year, this memo, survey and certificate will all be sent electronically. Providing your email address in the survey will help ensure you receive our future emails about the Statewide Tornado Drill.

**Here's how to participate in the 2010 Tornado Drill:**

- Listen for the outdoor sirens at 9:50 a.m. March 24.
- Practice your safety plan — go to your designated tornado shelter.
- Tell us about your participation and provide us your email address in the online survey at [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm).

### **General Preparedness Tips**

#### ***Get Informed***

- Get a weather alert radio. They're available from most electronics retailers. To learn more, go to [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/).
- Learn about the hazards we face in Franklin County at the FCEM&HS Web site: [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs).
- Take a class like Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Visit our Web site and click "Training."

#### ***Get a Plan***

- Know a safe place to shelter during tornadoes at work, home or school.
- Keep extra emergency supplies on hand (battery-operated radio, food, water, medication)

#### ***Get Involved***

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**One of the 172 outdoor warning sirens in Franklin County**



**One type of weather alert radio with backup battery**

## **FCC Seeks Comments for Blanket Waiver to Allow Amateur Radio in Hospital Emergency Drills (From The ARRL Letter, 3/4/2010)**

In February 2010, the American Hospital Association (AHA) filed a request with the FCC for a blanket waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules "to permit hospitals seeking accreditation to use Amateur Radio operators who are hospital employees to transmit communications on behalf of the hospital as part of emergency preparedness drills." On March 3, the FCC issued a Public Notice --WP Docket 10-54 -- seeking comments if the Commission "should grant AHA's request for a blanket waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3) to permit amateur operators who are hospital employees to participate in emergency drills that are conducted by hospitals for accreditation purposes and that are not government-sponsored." Section 97.113(a)(3) specifically prohibits amateur stations from transmitting communications "in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer."



Given the public interest in facilitating government-sponsored emergency preparedness and disaster drills, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau have provided a process for requesting a waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3) to permit named Amateur Radio operators to participate in specified government-sponsored drills by transmitting messages on behalf of identified employers. The waiver must be requested prior to the drill, and employees may not transmit amateur communications on their employer's behalf unless the waiver request has been granted by the FCC.

According to AHA, waiver relief should be available for these non-government-sponsored exercises "because it is in the public interest to ensure that hospital communications operate effectively during emergencies." The FCC noted that in its blanket waiver request, the AHA also stated that requiring separate waiver requests would be administratively burdensome on hospitals and the Commission. "AHA thus requests a blanket waiver for hospitals seeking Joint Commission accreditation, until such time as the Commission adopts a final order in response to a forthcoming Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will seek comment on potential changes to Section 97.113(a)(3)," the FCC said.

"AHA states that hospitals seeking accreditation from the Joint Commission (formerly the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) must prepare an emergency operations plan setting forth how the hospital will communicate during emergencies, and establish back-up communications links (which, among other means of communications, may include amateur radio stations) to communicate essential information if primary communications systems fail," the FCC pointed out in its Public Notice. "AHA states that hospitals seeking accreditation also are required to test their emergency operations plans twice annually."

As such, the FCC has opened up the matter for public comment. Not only are comments in favor of or against the issue of amateur operators -- who are hospital employees -- to participate in emergency drills conducted by hospitals for accreditation purposes that are not government-sponsored welcomed, the Commission is also seeking comments addressing "whether, if blanket relief were to be granted, there would be some benefit from requiring hospitals to provide notice to the Commission concerning emergency drills they perform, and what such notice should entail."

Comments are due by Friday, April 2; reply comments are due no later than Monday, April 19. All filings should reference the docket number of this proceeding, WP Docket No 10-54. In the Public Notice, the FCC noted that this proceeding has been designated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules: "Parties making oral ex parte presentations in this proceeding are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain the presentation's substance and not merely list the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required."

**Disaster Prep Tips**  
**From the ARES E-Letter, Feb. 24, 2010**

As we start a new decade, let's review some of the basics of Amateur Radio disaster preparedness. The following are tips from John Covington, W4CC, of Dallas, North Carolina.

You must make sure you're personally prepared for a disaster before you can even consider helping with Amateur Radio. If you are preoccupied with personal matters, you won't be able to help ARES®. To be ready for disaster communications, do the following: Train regularly with your local ARES® group.

Think about how you might best be able to help during a disaster. Some of us are good at installing antennas and equipment, others of us are better at operating on the air. Not everyone is suited to doing every job. Sometimes just having helping hands, spare equipment or supplies can be helpful even if you cannot operate the radios yourself. Generators need fuel, operators need coffee, and stations need to be set up. Figure out where you best fit in. Decide how you can help out if you stay home: Can you deploy at a shelter or EOC for a few hours? Operate from home?

If you must evacuate, can you deploy from where you have evacuated to, such as a shelter?

Have all resource materials you need in printed form. Don't depend on computers, PDAs and so forth as they may not work in a disaster, require electricity and are relatively fragile.

If you use a computer regularly in your on-the-air operations, make sure you practice doing things such as calling nets and handling traffic the pencil-and-paper way once in a while. Remember, you may not be able to spare the amp-hours or the table space to run a computer.

Have an Amateur Radio ready-kit to supplement your personal ready kit. Some items to include:

- \*Portable radio, antenna and power supply or batteries (2 sets)
  - \*Headset or earphones (you may be operating in a noisy area)
  - \*Any cables you could possibly need
  - \*Pencils and Paper
  - \*Clipboard (firm writing surface, you may not have one otherwise)
  - \*Radiogram forms (helpful but not absolutely required)
  - \*Operating aids (pink card, Field Resources Manual, list of ARRL numbered radiograms, and anything appropriate for your local area)
  - \*Small tools (multi-tip screwdriver, multitools, etc.)
  - \*ARES® Identification Card, if appropriate
  - \*Important phone numbers and frequencies
  - \*Map of the area
  - \*Flashlight
  - \*Poncho - very small to store, only around \$2 and can be useful when you least expect
- If carried in lieu of a personal ready kit, a few other items may be helpful:
- \*For a short deployment, a bottle of water plus some crackers or something to eat requiring no preparation could make things much more bearable for you
  - \*Medicine
  - \*Toilet paper - small packets from MRE kits are very handy and don't take up much room
  - \*Moist towelettes

Here are a few other suggestions from your E-Letter editor based on his perspective as a Registered Nurse:

- \*Know CPR.
- \*Know the location of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and how to use it.
- \*Know the signs/symptoms of a heart attack and stroke.

Also, be prepared physically, mentally and emotionally for the sometimes overwhelming demands of a disaster or emergency environment. Hope for the best, but expect the worst. You are at risk for witnessing horrific scenes. Protect your self and especially young hams; participate in psychological and grief counseling, if necessary. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

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"UM Vice President for Facilities and Operations Ron Bogue was the Director in Charge of the Haiti operations. His concern about the unreliable communications caused him to contact Julio Ripoll, WD4R, with whom he has worked for years as the architect for UM Medical facilities. Ron knew that Julio is a ham radio operator and very involved with the National Hurricane Center in Miami and its Amateur Radio station, WX4NHC. Ripoll then contacted ARRL to request help in soliciting volunteers. ARRL immediately sent down an HF Go Kit -- through the ARRL's Ham Aid Program -- and put Ripoll in touch with ARRL West Central Florida Section Emergency Coordinator and Navy MARS Florida State Deputy Director Neil Lauritsen, W4NHL/NNN0TFH.

"Julio explained to Neil the mission profile and told him that he only had two WX4NHC operators ready to go to Haiti at that time, but that he had requested operators to go to Haiti to support two or three weeks of backup communications until such time the UoM is able to stabilize their permanent satellite system," Satterfield told the ARRL. "WX4NHC Coordinator John McHugh, K4AG, assembled the list of equipment and UM/Medishare provided an emergency purchase order and the equipment for both stations -- one in Haiti and one in Miami -- and we received the equipment the very next day."



**Amateur Radio operators -- some affiliated with WX4NHC, some with MARS -- helped to provide communications support in Haiti.**

Simultaneous to the first Haiti Team being deployed, the WX4NHC Club built a complete station at the Haiti Command Center Building at UoM Medical Campus -- even erecting antennas on the roof in two days. Members of the UM's IT Department -- Dale Botwin, KR4OR, and Ivan Menendez, KB4RMB -- configured the HF radio for remote control, Skype and Winlink e-mail. "We later added EchoLink as an internal coordination system between UMH Haiti and the principal coordinators stateside, with the help from Rob Macedo, KD1CY, and Tony Langdon, VK3JED."

### **Operations in Haiti**

The original mission profile was to set up a HF station capable of providing back up voice via phone patch and back-up e-mail capability via Winlink. According to Satterfield, both of these objectives could be met using normal Amateur Radio frequencies, but with limitations due to propagation and stations available when needed for phone patch traffic, the team decided to increase their flexibility and overall capability by using MARS assets "to extend the Winlink stations available and the Air Force MARS dedicated phone patch circuit that is available 24/7," Satterfield said. "The volunteer teams were arranged in teams of two operators, with at least one being a MARS operator. Since I was on Team 1, I had the opportunity to set the station up and establish basic operating procedures.

"The selection of equipment was based on anticipated requirements according to the original mission profile," Satterfield told the ARRL. "We got the station operational for Winlink and phone patch traffic. The VHF was set on 146.52 for communications with Ron Tomo, KE2UK/AAT2BC, at the Nassau medical clinic, approximately 5 miles from our location. States Navy."

*(Editor's Note: the remainder of this article is on the ARRL Web)*

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the other didn't see their shadow this year. I guess you have to use your own judgment as to whether we will have 6 more weeks of winter or not. (Hint.. Hint.. Just look out your window for the answer..!!)

News of Larry and Joanne.. I have spoken to both of them and they are doing just fine. Larry told me that they just need the weather to get better before the contractor will start the de-construction/re-construction project on their house. The home that burnt was an old Post and Beam style house that was built back in the 1830's, and they want to try to save as much of the old lumber from that house as they can. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers.

Joanne has asked me to keep reminding the new Club Officers, and those who remained in office, to make sure you file the ANNUAL REPORT FORM as soon after your first meeting of the year as possible. There are many times that Joanne and/or the League Headquarters would need to notify your club of some information pertaining to your membership. Without the club updates this is next to impossible. In this day and age of the internet, and the many ARRL forms available online, there's just no excuse not to file this particular form.

I made mention last month that I had noticed reading through a great deal of newsletters that were already making plans for Field Day. Please remember to personally invite your government representatives to this event. This is not only a contest between clubs for points,

but it is a very big PR event for the general public as well. This year Field Day will be held on June 26th and 27th. A lot of clubs make this weekend a fun, family event with a picnic or two for all. Field Day is designed to be just that, fun, but don't forget it has a serious side too. It's not just the picnics or the points, its main function is to show the general public what we are all about, communications. No ifs, ands or buts about it. We are a service that provides communications when all else fails!

Now onto a similar event, the OSPOTA, you know 'Ohio State Parks on the Air Event. This year it will be September 11th.

The Mansfield Mid\*Winter Hamfest has come and gone with great success. Everyone that attended the League night dinner the night before had good food and fun for all. Sunday brought on two very good forums, ARRL and the OSSBN. Everyone there was a part of the forum. A number of great ideas sprang out of these forums and the Section Cabinet is working hard to get them actively in place.

The Delaware County (DELARA) club had a nice article in their newsletter about the FT-102 Yaesu radio. It brought back some memories I had with mine. That also brings to mind something, do you want to easily remember how to spell Yaesu? Just remember that it has AES in the middle of it. AES -- Amateur Electronics Supply!

The Lake Erie (LEARA) club had a guest speaker Bill Fraedrich, WB9LBI give a talk on the "Entire History of Morse Code -- That I could steal off the Internet." Now there's some originality for ya'.

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club's Zero Beat is reporting this month that you can now follow the club on Facebook. They turned it on just a few weeks ago and already have over 20 members logged on and following all the neat stuff that the club is doing. They also have a Fox Hunt coming up very soon.

The TMRA (Toledo Mobile Radio Association) reported in their latest newsletter that the Bennett Venture Academy got to talk with ISS Crew. They made contact via ham radio with Flight Engineer Robert Thrisk. ARISS Mentor and control operator Steve, KB9UPS and members of TMRA set up ham equipment on Saturday at the school. The twin high gain antennas proved to be a challenge to set up on the school's hipped roof. Also set up were the back up antennas and a UHF link beam used to connect to Chris's IRLP node at his home and linked with the discovery reflector on the web via the IRLP 9010 node. Audio was sent into the AMSAT conference node "Echolink" via a SkyPe connection to Graham Layton G7EVY in the United Kingdom. Attendance on Friday totaled nearly 800 students, staff, parents and media. Media on hand included Toledo's WTOL TV 11, and TV 24. Both stations aired very good spots showing how ham radio can influence students in science, math and technology on the 5 o'clock news Friday night.

Remember to volunteer to help out wherever you can in your Club. Club leaders need volunteers to achieve the ultimate goals set for their club. And don't forget to pay your membership dues. Support your Club. AND, while you're at it, pay your ARRL dues through your club!



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- Exercise your tornado plan on March 24 at 9:50 a.m. during the statewide drill and share your results at [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/survey.htm).
- If you can't drill on March 24, choose another date in March or April and share your results with us online.
- Volunteer for five minutes each week monitoring the Franklin County Outdoor Warning Siren System during weekly siren tests. Sign up at [www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/Volunteers.cfm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/Volunteers.cfm).

# COARES ACTIVITIES

March				
03-03-10	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Jeff Matthew, KD8EEU
03-05-10	Arnold Sports Festival	8:00 am-10:00 pm	Columbus Convention Center	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
03-06-10	Arnold Sports Festival	8:00 am-10:00 pm	Columbus Convention Center	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
03-07-10	Arnold Sports Festival	8:00 am- 6:00 pm	Columbus Convention Center	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
03-07-10	Arnold 5K, & 5K Pump and Run	9:30 am	Columbus Convention Center	Jeff Gould, N8HFP
03-10-10	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Bruce Lerner, KC8VEB
03-17-10	In-person Meeting	7:30 pm	Franklin Co. EM & Homeland Security	Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC
03-24-10	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
03-25 to 28	Aladdin Shrine Circus	Various	Celeste Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds	Jim Leonard—WD8MRT
03-31-10	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Paul Flautt, KB8CMW
April				
04-03-10	Tin Man 10K & 5K Run	9:00 am	Prairie Oaks Metro Park	Kris Smith, N8SCU
04-07-10	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	John Fick, KD8EEK
TBA	OSU Spring Football Game	1:00 pm	Ohio Stadium	Jeff Gould, N8HFP
04-14-10	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Josh Stevens, KB8YQS
04-18-10	Hoover Hustle 10K & 5K Run	9:00 am	Hoover Reservoir Dam	TBA
04-21-10	In-person Meeting	7:30 pm	Franklin Co. EM & Homeland Security	Kal Dworkin, KA8RLC
04-28-10	Wednesday Night Net	8:00 pm	147.060(+) (94.8 Hz PL)	Gail Adams, KD8KWG

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