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A new Special Service Club

That logo is no joke, folks. The Alliance Amateur Radio Club is now a Special Service Club. SSC status brings with it, many extras, over regular affiliation. Most visible so far is that we now receive the ARRL letter, which is a bi-weekly newsletter from the league, which includes late breaking amateur radio news. This status, is the result of all the club members working together. To receive SSC status, we had to show programs established in each of five areas. Special thanks to KE8KH, KB8CDA, N8HHV, and the league field organization, for their help.

Ham of the month

Ham of the month- This month's ham of the month, is someone who has given her time and energy to this club for the last year as Program chairperson, newsletter editor, and most recently, as club secretary. As her husband, I can attest to the fact that it is for the most part, a thankless job. There are all the frustrations, that one could expect, as well as some that couldn't even be imagined. She deals with these every month, while keeping in mind that this is a CLUB newsletter, for, and by the members. maybe I'm biased, but I guess that's my right. This months "Ham of the Month" is Pam Myers, N8IAK. Way to go, Pam!

NOVICE CLASSES

The club novice classes wound down this month, and when the smoke had cleared, five people had passed their novice test. They are, Paul Lattavo, Anthony Lattavo, Dr. Carl Busch, Thomas Miller, and Kitty Buckwalter. Instructors for the class were Jim Ferguson(N8DZA), and John Myers(KD8MQ). Good job to all the students. See you on the air soon.

Speaking of classes , for all you novices, and technicians out there, we are starting a Tech/General class. It will be taught by Jim Ferguson, N8DZA. All students should have a novice license or a passing grade on the novice test. According to N8DZA, he expects to concentrate on theory, but will add code practice if needed. The classes run twelve weeks and will begin on January 13'th. They will be held from 7-9:30 PM in conference room B at Alliance Community Hospital. To get to room B, take the elevator to the second floor, and turn right as you leave the elevator. The room is the first one on the left. If you're interested, or know someone who is, PLEASE contact John(KD8MQ), or Jim(N8DZA), so we know how many to expect.

Did you know? That Tama Starr supervises the lowering of the ball on on New York's Time square, on New Years Eve. Tama is a Ham radio operator(call unknown), and gets the time signal from the National Bureau of standards atomic clock. How about that?

From the editor - Christmas is almost here, and I am taking a break from editing for December. Christmas is a time for family and friends and I want to thank each one of you, who has contributed to the newsletter and the nice responses to questions and ideas. I feel like all of you are my family. Happy holidays and the very best to everyone in the new year. 73's, Pam

Speaking for Pam and myself, we hope you've enjoyed the newsletter as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. Ours is a true partnership, with Pam doing most of the writing, and me doing the printouts, and mailing labels. With Thanksgiving behind us and a new year about to start, it seems like a good time to reflect on the past year, and look forward to the year ahead.

This newsletter is officially a year old, next month. Our first newsletter was composed on Patti & Larry's computer. Our first "Ham of the month" was Debbie Bradley(N8IBN). Foremost in the first newsletter was the Raffle of the Yaesu FT-209, and plans for the mall show.

Our club meetings were being held in a small room at the Alliance Community Hospital, until we moved to larger quarters at the First American Savings Bank, on West State st. Thanks to our program chairpersons we've had programs on such subjects as, Traffic handling(N8DZA), VHF Communications(KC3CL), Field Day(KD8MQ), Dayton(KC8VG), Antenna Rotators(W8WEN), and QSL'ing(KD8JN). We have become affilliated with the ARRL, and just recently Special Service Club status.

Our ARES program has been fairly busy, with one mock disaster, and three public service events being handled, as well as good participation in our net. Thanks to Dave Beltz, our Stark County EC, photo ID's are also available

This club has not been slacking in the social department, either. We've had four fox hunts, three picnics, and three parties. There are two local repeaters serving this area, keeping our members in touch with one another.

Our members are involved in just about every facet of the ham radio fraternity(phone, CW, RTTY, contesting, repeaters, computers, packet, builders, DX'ers, ETC.). I feel that it's

this kind of diversity that keeps the excitement in ham radio.

Getting back to the newsletter, We've tried, during the last year, to start up a "Trading Post" to give local hams a forum to sell their unused equipment. Pam has circulated questionnaires to find out what you want in a newsletter, and from those, came the ideas for guest editorials. Throughout the year, some of the local printers provided free printing for the Zero Beat. When the free printing ran out, an unknown(still) donor stepped in to handle our printing.

As the year draws to a close, Thanks are in order to all of you for your help, encouragement, and hard work, without which, this club wouldn't have grown as it has.

Looking to the future, we see great things ahead, also. The club has Tech/Gen. upgrade classes starting soon, and Novice classes confirmed for next fall at the hospital. The second annual AARC mall show is coming together under the capable leadership of Jim Ferguson(N8DZA). A fox hunt is being put together for soon afterwards, which promises to be a fox hunt to end all fox hunts.

There's also some improvements in store for the Zero Beat in the year ahead, starting with improved letter quality in this issue.

So in closing, here's a symbolic toast to the year ahead. May the new year hold joy and happiness for you all. 73's, John Myers(KDSMQ)

Elections-The results are in for Director and vice-director elections. Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC, edged out incumbent George S. Wilson, W4OYI, by only 20 votes. Allan L. Severson, AB8P, ran unopposed. Congratulations and good luck to our Director, and Vice-director. (from the ARRL letter.)

callsigns-Here is the callsigns as of November 1, 1987:

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Latest call</u> | <u># issued in-</u> | <u>Oct.</u> | <u>1987</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Novice | KB8DHW | 41 | | 1847 |
| Tech/Gen | N8IXH | 50 | | 828 |
| Advanced | KE8OM | 12 | | 143 |
| Extra | NZ8A | 10 | | 115 |

For you extras, it looks like the present series of 2x1 calls(NZ8-) will last till February first.

AARC Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 4, 1988, at the First American Savings Bank on West State St, in Alliance.

Mall Show

The second annual mall show is in the works. Our show last year really went well, and we've heard nothing but good things about it. Jim Ferguson, N8DZA, volunteered to head the committee to put on this years show. he will be needing lots of help, so lets all give our support to this project.

Fox Hunt

Dave, (KCSWY), and Allen, (KASCIY), were the fox for the hunt on December 5'th. They put 80 watts into a quagi, and hid

in a driveway on Ohio ave. The first team of John & Pam (KD8MQ & N8IAK) arrived 45 minutes into the hunt, with Larry & Patti (N8EWV & KE8KH) 10 minutes behind. Rich & Janey (WB8TPG & WB8TPF) came in a bit later thus completing the hunt, so that all could go to McDonalds for food and drink. It was a cold and snowy day, but fun was had by all, anyways. The date for the next fox hunt will be announced later. (KA8CIY)

Trading Post

Lots of ham equipment for sale. For list, contact John, KD8MQ ph. 821-5513

Your non-business ad could be here. contact Pam, N8IAK

We have a couple of roster changes to announce this month. First, we have a new member to the club. She is Kitty Buuckwalter, XYL of KC3CL, she recently passed her novice exam. Welcome to the club, Kitty

Next, we have two address changes to announce. Due to a job change, Larry Mittman, N9AUG, has moved south. His new address is, 8675 Taylor Way, Westerville, OH, 43081. Also, Paul Papulias, WB8MEK, has moved to canton. The new address is, 1442 Elwood S.W., Canton, OH, 44710. well, that's about it for this month. Next month, we return to quality writing, when our normal(?) editor returns. 73's, John

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