

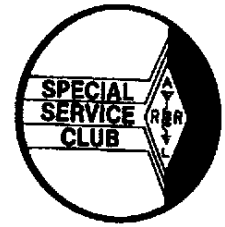
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## Columbiana Co. picnic to draw at least 5 clubs

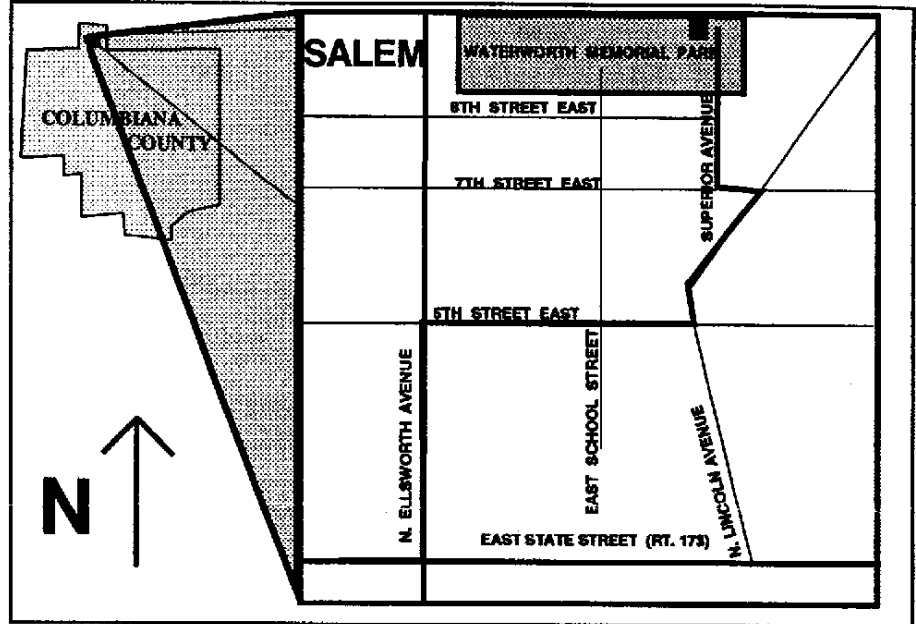
The Columbiana County Area Ham Radio clubs picnic will feature at least 5 clubs this year.

Dave Sprouse, president of the Salem Area Amateur Radio Association, said the picnic party-goers list includes: E. Liverpool, E. Palestine, Lisbon and Salem clubs.

Our membership voted to go to Salem this year for the official club picnic so our club will be added to the list.

Dave said the picnic will be Sat., Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. at Waterworth Memorial Park on the north side of Salem (see map). Talk-in on 146.865.

This is a covered dish dinner and you need to bring your own table service. Coffee and punch will be provided.



## Fox finally bagged and skinned by K8OMO, NW8C

Don Whitaker K8OMO and Paul Beane NW8C finally skinned that ol' fox. It still took them 95 minutes and 26.7 driving miles to do it but they were the only one of four teams to find Dan N8LVO and Bill W8ZZS.

Don used an 8-element beam (used to be 16 'til it got busted in a storm) and rode shotgun on the trip that started at Rodman Park in Alliance and ended just south of Minerva on a hill overlooking Pekin.

Who would have thought that wily ol' fox would be southeast of Alliance? I mean, he was southeast last time.

Guess his "stragety" (yes, that's what

he calls it) worked. All four fox hunters started off to the west and that error put three of the teams right out of the race.

Don, however, took another reading about a mile out to the west and that pointed due south. "(The fox) was DFing right into Louisville. We all headed out that way, but luckily I took another reading that pointed south or we would have been way off, too!"

The fox was perched 100 feet on top of a hill overlooking the south forty of Minerva. He would transmit in cycles: 10 minutes each for 50, 13 and 3 watts. One minute on and two minutes off. The catch?

The fox transmitted white noise for about the first 90 minutes of the race. If all you heard was an elevated noise level and a few bars on your meter, that was the fox!

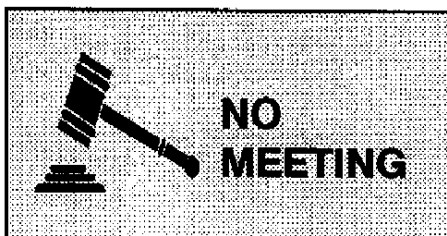
Second place went to John Bray

KF8ZG; in third place was John and Pam Myers and David and Mildred Hostetler; and fourth was Tom and Deb Bert.

*ZERO BEAT: The art of all parties being on the same frequency.*

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**THANK YOU ALL!****THE ZERO BEAT -- A SNAPSHOT**

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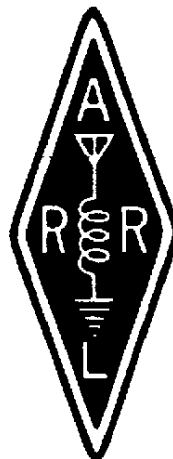
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The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets the first Thursday of every month at the Alliance Community Hospital at 7:30 p.m., employee's cafeteria. For more information on directions, try the 145.37 repeater.

**TRI-COUNTY NET**

The Tri-County News and Information Net meets every Thursday but the first Thursday of the month on the N8DZA repeater, 145.37 MHz at 9 p.m. Your net manager is Dan Mutigli N8LVO. For more information on conducting a net, call Dan at 868-6610.

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WHERE'S DX?

By Jack Bennett WSWEN

All times are in UTC. Most contacts are CW. \*Asterisk indicates phone contact.

<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>ASIA</b>
7-8 KM7N/VE3 14.028 0135	7-17 UT4JWC 14.214 0214	7-17 9K2ZZ* 14.1968 0110
	EY5WZ* 14.2357 0133	9K2DI* 14.2265 0050
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	OM5SNP* 14.218 0128	7-16 UA9FAR 14.030 0203
7-17 5K1S* 14.187 0225	9A2RA* 14.215 0123	UV9LL 14038 0146
7-6 XQ0X 21.025 0151	7-14 UB5EC 14.011 0405	UNTYA 14.016 0127
HJ4SAN 21.036 0137	7-1 HX1B 21.027 2030	7-14 EX8F 14.025 0344
7-3 PY2VA 14.010 0414		
	<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>OCEANIA</b>
	7-1 ZD8Z 21.034 2027	7-1 VK4XA 21.024 0118

# Triathlon meeting is Aug. 8

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club is once again helping the city with its Triathlon.

The following radio operators have agreed to assist: Gene N8JKZ, Dan N8LVO, Mike N8XER, Mark N8RNG, Jim N8XTJ, Deron N8XTH and Steve KB8NDM. We still need lots of help! If you are not going to the Warren Hamfest, please help us out.

Final meeting for assignments and shirts will be Sun., Aug. 8 at the Hoover Price Center at 7:30 p.m., at Mount Union College. All radio operators must attend for assignments.

The Triathlon will be held Sun., Aug. 15. Radio operators must be at the lake by 7:30 a.m. We will hold a short briefing at Glamorgan Castle at 6:30 a.m. All other radio operators must be at Glamorgan Castle by 9 a.m. This event will last until about 2 p.m.

## BRIEFS

### WILSONS RECUPERATING

Jim and Gladys Wilson are recuperating from injuries received in an auto accident from a few weeks ago.

Cards and letters can be sent to Jim and Gladys at: 6974 Rolling Ridge NE, North Canton, OH 44721.

### RANDOLPH HAMFEST

The Portage Amateur Radio Club Hamfest will be Sunday, Aug. 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portage County Fairgrounds. The hamfest is located 3 miles south of Rt. 76 on Rt. 44. Admission is \$5 at the gate. Mobile check-in on 145.39 or 223.5 MHz.

### WARREN HAMFEST

The Warren Amateur Radio Club Hamfest will be Sun., Aug. 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trumbull Branch of Kent State Univ. at Champion. Take the Warren Bypass at Rts. 5 and 82; then Mahoning Ave. North to Educational Highway. Mobile check-in is on 146.97.

### ANTENNA PARTY

The antenna party for the Mall

Show will be Sat., Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. We will be setting up antennas and coax. If you would like to donate antenna or coax, contact John at 821-5513. We will probably need what we needed last year which was: 3 HF verticals, 3 J-poles, 2 mag mounts, 16 barrel connectors and 1350 feet of RG8.

### ICOM 28H PROBLEM

If you operate an Icom IC-28A or 28H model 2-meter rig you may be at risk of burning out the final power module with prolonged transmissions.

Check your rig periodically to see if the top cover, at the back near the heat sink, is getting excessively hot. If the heat sink seems cool, by comparison, then the power module is at risk of burning out with extended transmitting.

The problem is that heat from the module is not being adequately transferred to the heat sink fins to allow for heat dissipation into the air.

The fix? Add silicone heat transfer paste to the module on the back of the unit and say, Hasta Lavista, Baby!

NICIR

Latest FCC call signs as of July 1, 1993:

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	AREA 6	AREA 7	AREA 8	AREA 9	AREA 0
EXTRA	AA1GY	AA20Q	AA3FD	AD4GZ	AB5OK	AB6UR	AA7XE	AA8LT	AA9HR	AA0OE
ADVANCED	KB1PZ	KF2QE	KE3JF	KQ4YF	KJ5NZ	KN6OB	KI7OU	KG8CL	KF9QI	KG0HD
TECH/GEN	N1PRM	N2VRQ	N3PQT	*	*	*	*	N8ZPJ	N9UFS	NOXRK
NOVICE	KB1AZO	KB2QKK	KR3AWR	KE4DMW	KC5BPS	KD6YUR	KB7WCK	KB8PCH	KB9ISZ	KB0LJZ

## Moved and Seconded: the July 1 meeting

All officers and trustees were present except for Larry Ashburn KE8VE and Allen Dicks WI8T.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Pam Myers N8IAK with 15 members and 2 guests. Guests for the evening were: Chuck Henley N8LIV and Tom Streb N8KZZ.

The speaker for the evening was Chuck N8LIV who gave a 45-minute slide show on the FBI Training Academy at Quantico, VA.

After a 5-minute break, the business meeting began at 8:27 p.m.

John Myers WX8G gave the treasurer's report for Allen WI8T. John reported a total balance of \$3,789.31. This is a net decrease of \$47.46 for the month.

Checking stands at \$625.75; savings are \$622.11; CD's \$2,528.83; and petty cash is \$12.62. Repeater fund stands at \$1,677.40.

Expenses for the month totalled \$113.57 and income totalled \$66.11. Breakdown on income: 50-50 \$12.00; refreshments \$7.11; Dues \$47.00. Breakdown on expenses: Doughnuts \$13.58. Two other listings of \$47.43 and \$52.56 were not detailed.

The minutes of the June 3, 1993 meeting were approved without corrections as published in the July newsletter.

### COMMITTEES

**MALL SHOW** - Dan Mutigli N8LVO reported that Andre Bernier is unavailable for the September Mall Show. He asked for suggestions of other possible celebrities. Members will soon meet to discuss antenna setup. We will be inviting Canton, Salem, Alliance Y

and MARS again this year.

**PROGRAM** -- Don Whitaker K8OMO, Jack Bennett W8WEN and Jim Ferguson N8DZA have agreed to do the key show at Mount Union College in August.

The two-hour presentation of Morse code keys and sounders will start at 7 p.m. in Room 219 of the



Wilson Science Hall on Thursday, Aug. 5. There will be no August AARC meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**FIELD DAY** - Pam N8IAK said few people attended either the evening meal or breakfast. Dave Hostetler N8NLZ received a round of applause for his work as cook. John WX8G said:

\* There were some problems with the NA computer log. He would like to circulate copies next year ahead of time.

\* There should be a list of macros beside each computer.

\* There should be a printed list of multipliers.

\* We did "a lot more with less."

\* SSB edged CW on contacts: 398

\* CW edged SSB on points: 504

\* Larry Ashburn KE8VE (75 phone) was the top station: 259 contacts

\* Score without bonus points: 1,804

Jim Ferguson N8DZA said he would like to see a more serious effort the the 2-meter CW, SSB station. Jack W8WEN will offer his 11-over-11 for Field Day '94.

### NEW BUSINESS

**CLUB PICNIC** -- The club will attend the Columbiana County Area Hams Picnic on Sat., Aug. 7 at Salem Park as its official picnic.

**DUES** -- New Members: Al Orwick KF8LZ and Bill Moretta N8TLY. Total membership now 46 with 45 Full or Sustaining and 1 Associate. Last year we had 45 Full or Sustaining and 4 Associate members.

Winner of the 50-50 drawing was Matt Thomas N8EAD who donated the \$6.50 split back to the club.

On a motion from Dave N8NLZ, seconded by John WX8G, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. for after-meeting socializing.

"Every time mankind thinks he's something special, Mother Nature comes along and shows him who's boss."

N8LVO commenting on the Miss. flood

### NEXT V.E. EXAM

DATE: Aug. 28

WHERE: Canton

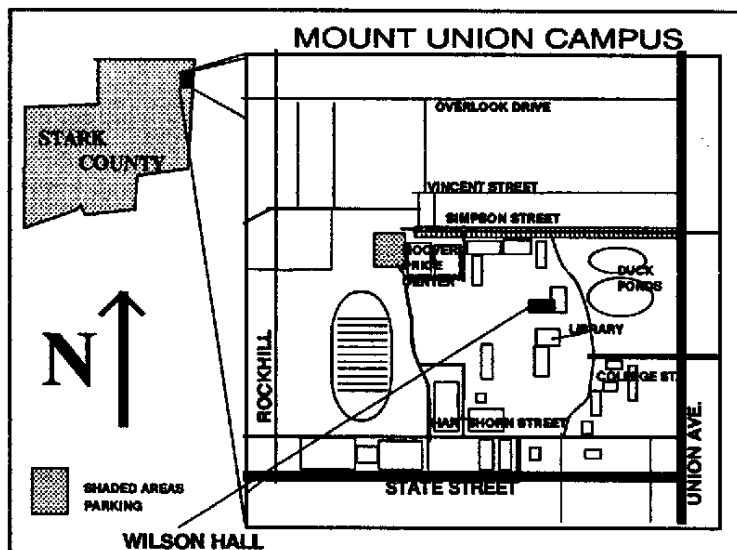
TIME: 9 a.m.

CONTACT: Dick

PHONE: 453-5896

# *PRESENTING KEYS, KEYS, KEYS '93!*

SEE THE FINEST  
COLLECTION OF  
ANTIQUA KEYS  
AND SOUNDERS  
IN THE COUNTY.



**BE AMAZED ABOUT THE HISTORY AND DRAMA OF  
MORSE CODE KEYS THROUGH THE AGES**

***Thursday, Aug. 5, 1993 at Wilson  
Hall at Mount Union College  
7 to 9 p.m. in Room 219***

This absolutely free show is presented courtesy of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club and its expert key collectors: Don Whitaker K8OMO, Jack Bennett W8WEN and Jim Ferguson N8DZA.  
For more information on directions, call Pam Myers N8IAK at 821-5513.

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
1993-94 ROSTER  
(TOTAL: 46; 1 ASSOCIATE, 45 MEMBERS)  
(31 ARRL or 69 PERCENT)

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W-1111 11 III-2X2  
K-11  
KB-III III  
KA-1  
WA-1  
WB-1

MEMSHP-CALL	PHONE	ARRL	CLASS	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
A-none	821-9808			Dianna Ashburn	1080 W. Beech St.	ALL	44601
f-N8YMQ	875-4344	N T		Brian Dicks	8870 Alberta Beach St.	LOU	44641
F-W8ACP	823-9603	Y A		Bob Hobbs	2305 Belleflower Ave.	ALL	44601
F-N8BGJ	894-2825	Y G		Larry B. Newton	23550 Sandy Creek Rd.	MIN	44657
S-K8DEN	823-2304	Y T		Ray Scoville	14096 Bandy Rd. R4	ALL	44601
S-N8DZA	823-3925	Y G		Jim Ferguson	115 E. Cambridge	ALL	44601
F-N8EAD	823-3067	Y A		Matt Thomas	8439 Schubert Ave.NE	ALL	44601
f-KB8ETH	762-6057	Y T		Jeff Bennett	105 Price Place	AKR	44308
F-N8EWW	938-6744	Y A		Larry Hillier	18334 Rt. 62	BEL	44609
f-WX8G	821-5513	N E		John Myers	510 W. Harrison	ALL	44601
F-KB8GAG	823-4613	N T		Bob Rickard	12446 Rockhill NE	ALL	44601
F-KB8GHZ	492-3754	Y A		Jim Wilson	6974 Rolling Ridge NE	NCA	44721
f-KB8GIA	492-3754	Y T		Gladys Wilson	6974 Rolling Ridge NE	NCA	44721
F-AA8GY	823-7816	Y E		Jerry Shore	1201 N. Walnut St.	ALL	44601
F-KB8HKX		Y T		Robert Mutigli	864 Phillips Rd. NE	MAS	44646
S-N8IAK	821-5513	N A		Pam Myers	510 W. Harrison	ALL	44601
S-N8IGZ	821-7269	Y G		Peter B. Lucke	425 E. Milton	ALL	44601
F-KE8II	938-9135	Y E		Hal Kelley	505 W. Ohio Ave.	SEB	44672
F-KB8IQZ	821-3138	N T		Chuck Bench	12574 Greenbower St. NE	ALL	44601
F-KB8IVS	492-0703	Y T		Mary Ann Royer	6255 Sandalwood NE	CAN	44721
S-KB8JBG	525-5248	Y T		Tom Scoville	725 Westville Lake Rd.	BEL	44609
F-N8JKZ	821-8469	N T		Gene Smythe	22590 Hartley Rd.	ALL	44601
f-KE8KH	938-6744	Y A		Patti Hillier	18334 Rt. 62	BEL	44609
S-KA8LKQ	821-0931	Y G		Dick Bontrager	1658 Burt, Apt. B	ALL	44601
F-N8LVO	868-6610	Y E		Dan Mutigli	925 E. First St.	MIN	44657
F-N8MAA	875-2629	Y T		Jim Miller	413 Woodard Ave.	LOU	44641
S-KB8NIQ	875-1922	Y T		Larry R. Beaver	1210 E. Main St.	LOU	44641
F-KF8LZ	875-8525	Y E		Al Orwick	7750 Georgetown Rd.	LOU	44641
F-N8NLZ	821-8423	Y T		Rev. Dave Hostetler	2230 Clark Ave.	ALL	44601
S-K8OMO	935-2443	N E		Donovan Whitaker	8775 Edison St. NE	LOU	44641
F-N8RNG	823-4761	N T		Mark Hanna	2067 Center Ave.	ALL	44601
F-N8PLA	821-7427	T		John Molesky	11240 Aebi Ave.	ALL	44601
F-N8SYF	821-0549	N T		George Ziga	2425 Crestview	ALL	44601
S-WI8T	875-4344	N E		Allen Dicks	8870 Alberta Beach St.	LOU	44641
F-N8TLY	875-1402	Y E		Bill Moretta	7700 Georgetown Rd.	LOU	44641
F-W8UKQ	823-4855	Y T		Dave Glass	217 W. Simpson St.	ALL	44601
S-KE8VE	821-9808	Y A		Larry Ashburn	1080 W. Beech St.	ALL	44601
f-N8VPA	938-9135	Y T		Grant Kelley	505 N. Ohio Ave.	SEB	44672
F-W8WEN	821-9779	Y E		Jack Bennett	3591 Mountview Ave.	ALL	44601
F-WA8WHP	894-2186	Y E		Frank Sanor	24462 SR 172	MIN	44657
F-N8XER	823-6873	N T		Mike Duke	2161 S. Center	ALL	44601
S-KE0XS	821-8487	N A		Rev. Brad Steadman	2073 Blenheim Ave.	ALL	44601
F-N8XTJ	821-1308	N T		James Lilley	67 E. Columbia St.	ALL	44601
F-KF8ZG	823-4404	Y A		John Bray	1624 Denwood St.	ALL	44601
F-WB8ZQX	799-8464	Y G		Sam Simon	2834 Rexford Rd.	YOU	44511
F-W8ZZS	627-3600	Y E		Bill Bennett	2246 Scroll Rd.	CAR	44615

4-W  
2-K  
18-N

BREAKDOWN: EXTRA-11 24%; ADVANCED-9 20%; GENERAL-5 12%;  
TECH-20 44%; NOVICE-0 0%.

1-WA  
1-WB  
9-KB  
1-KA

2-2X1  
7-2X2  
1-0/46

## The Great DXpedition

By Dan Mutigli N8LVO

On Wed., June 16, 1993, Jim Miller N8MAA and Bill Moretta N8TLY journeyed to eastern Pennsylvania for a vacation. The resulting "mini-DXpedition" grew out of that experience.

This is a conversation with the pair and Dan Mutigli N8LVO one day last month while they were putting up a tower at N8TLY's.

**N8MAA:** Have you written about our DXpedition to Pennsylvania, yet Dan?

**N8LVO:** No...but let me get out a piece of paper and you can give me the details.

**N8MAA:** Oh, so you actually use facts in those stories you write?

**N8LVO:** Well, I start with the facts, and it kinda explodes from there.

**N8MAA:** O.K. Now write this down. Me and Bill N8TLY drove 6 and 1/2 hours over to Pennsylvania for a mini-DXpedition.

**N8LVO:** You and Bill made a 6 and 1/2 hour excursion over to Pennsylvania.

**N8MAA:** Dan, that's not what I said. We drove 300-miles-even on a mini DXpedition. Now, write that down.

**N8LVO:** What was the name of the town?

**N8MAA:** It was near Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Actually 14 miles south of there. We swung in the last 3 miles on a grapevine...

**N8TLY:**...and backpacked the first 10, he said with a chuckle. Then we got unloaded...

**N8MAA:** ...And took off on a jeep ride to ride log roads in the mountains. We didn't even get out of second gear when we crossed a dry creek bed and a tire caught a spur on a tree and BAM! Blowout.



**N8LVO:** Flat tire?

**N8MAA:** It was a blow-out! Write that down.

**N8TLY:** Of course, you know, Jim did not change it, he said grinning.

**N8MAA:** Bill, if you had done it, it would have taken 30 minutes. If I had done it, we would'a been there 2 hours.

**N8LVO:** Did the 160-meter loaner antenna work?

**N8MAA:** Dan, we put up an 80-Meter inverted-vee over an apple tree before the jeep drive. The one we got off of the editor

wouldn't work...

**N8LVO:** (cough, cough)

**N8TLY:** It worked on 40, but not on 80. And it wasn't that good on 40, either.

**N8MAA:** ...So we put up another. We worked our asses off. The first night on 80 Meters, we talked to everybody. Diz was there and we talked to OMO and Dan. (3.992.5 MHz)

**N8LVO:** Where were you the second day on 40?

**N8TLY:** The second day, we were on the wrong frequency.

**N8MAA:** We were on the right frequency. Everybody else was on the wrong frequency.

**N8TLY:** And then we finally got our eggs in the basket and talked to everybody the next day.

**N8MAA:** Except Diz.

**N8TLY:** That night, we went down on 3.992.5 and that was the truckers' frequency so they took a vote and let us have it for a few minutes. Then we QSY'ed.

**N8MAA:** In the mean time, Bill was scarfing plenty of Hi-Hos, Teaberry ice cream and Birch Beer.

And they all lived happily ever after.

# ALLIANCE ARC

## AUGUST 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 COLUMBIANA CO. TRAFFIC NET 8 P.M. 146.805  GOOD NEWS & INFO NET 9 P.M. 147.315	3 STARK CO. ARES NET 147.12 7 P.M.  SWAP & SHOP NET 147.015 7:30  N. COLUMBIANA CO. ARES NET 8 P.M. 146.865	4 COLUMBIANA CO. Q & A NET 146.805 9 P.M.	5 NBIGZ BIRTHDAY  KEY AND SOUNDER SHOW MOUNT UNION 7 P.M.  NO MEETING	6	7 COLUMBIANA CO. HAM PICNIC WATERNORTH MEMORIAL PARK SALEN 6 P.M.
8 PORTAGE ARC HAMFEST 145.39 CHECK-IN	9 COLUMBIANA CO. TRAFFIC NET 8 P.M. 146.865  GOOD NEWS & INFO NET 9 P.M.	10 STARK CO. ARES NET  SWAP & SHOP NET 7:30 P.M.  N. COLUMBIANA CO. ARES NET 8 P.M.	11 COLUMBIANA CO. Q & A NET 9 P.M.	12 SAARA MEETING 7 P.M. SALEN RED CROSS  TRI-COUNTY NET 9 P.M.	13	14
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29	30 COLUMBIANA CO. TRAFFIC NET 8 P.M. 146.805  GOOD NEWS & INFO NET 9 P.M.	31 STARK CO. ARES NET  SWAP & SHOP NET 7:30 P.M.  N. COLUMBIANA CO. ARES NET 8 P.M.				

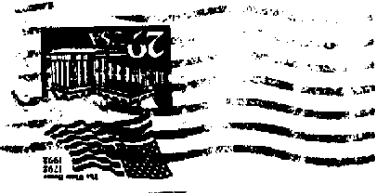


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AUGUST 1993

## Postscript

By Dan Mutigli N8LVQ

There's a lot of stuff going on this month. Let's see:

We have a Morse Code Key Show coming up on Aug. 5; then there is the club picnic on Saturday, Aug. 7 and the Portage Hamfest on Aug. 8. Wow! What a fun-filled week that oughta be!

A week later, there is the Warren Hamfest and also the Alliance Triathlon.

I'd like to thank everybody for their prompt payment of their dues and also to our sustaining members who gave \$15 or more for that honor.

Now, on to more irritating matters. I would like to encourage everyone to do their work as early as possible. Why? Because I am very late on lining up a speaker for the Mall Show and I can tell you from experience, it only gets harder the longer you wait.

Part of my problem is that famous people in the media want all their invitations faxed to them. I don't have a fax machine so I need the Mall to do this. That adds one more step to the process and several more weeks of waiting.

It wasn't like that a few years ago. You could call up your favorite famous person and occasionally talk to him or at least somebody. Now it's very impersonal. That sucks.



## Prez Says

By Pam Myers N8IAK

Don't forget the special program that will be held for our regular meeting date, Aug. 5. Directions and all details are located in the insert in this issue.

Special hello and get better soon to Jim & Gladys Wilson KB8GHZ and KB8GIA. They were involved in a very serious accident on Sat., July 10, and are recuperating at home.

Don't forget about the September Mall Show! We will be discussing the ins and outs at the September meeting. We also have elections in October!

Tell your friends about the key show -- or better yet -- make a few copies of your insert and give them one! We'll see you then.

A reminder to all Board Members -- there will be no pre-meeting dinner in August, since there is no meeting!