



ARRL Field Day

Well, it's almost here! Field Day is either an emergency preparedness exercise, a contest, of a weekend long party, depending on your outlook.

This year, as in the past several years, we'll be setting up behind Marlinton Middle School (see map below).

The object is to set up stations, and, using emergency power, exchange information with as many stations in North America as possible, during a 24 hour period. 27 hours, if you don't set up early.

We'll start setting up bright & early on Saturday, June 24th. The action con-

tinues until around noon, on Sunday, when the operators usually decide to close down, and start packing up.

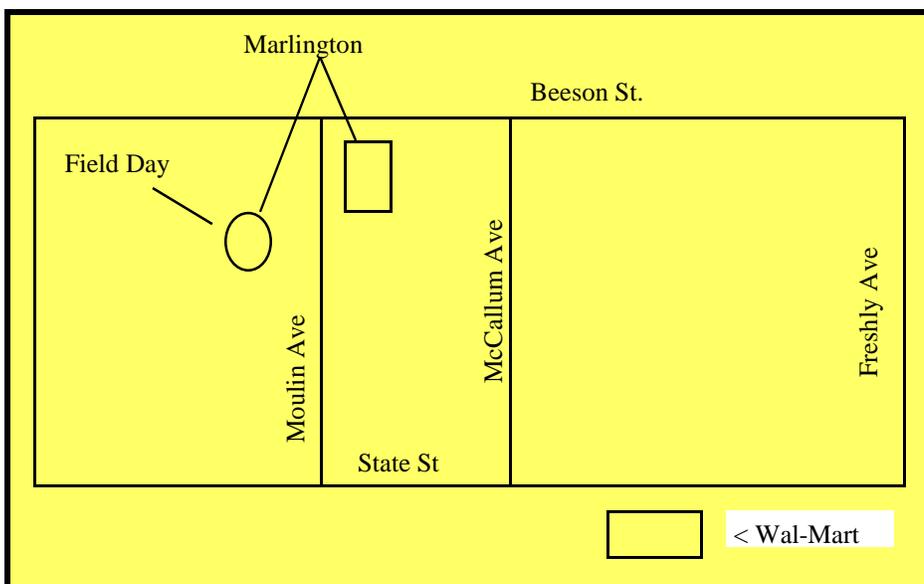
This years Field Day is the last for the Novice/Tech station. Next year, it'll be replaced by something else.

This years changes were outlined in last months Zero Beat. The complete rules are in QST, or can be found on line, at arrrl.org.

So, make plans come out and socialize. We'll look forward to seeing you.



Here's an aerial view of our Field Day Site



Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 6th, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in on the K8LTG repeater on 145.37 MHz.

This month, we will be finalizing plans for Field Day.

See you there

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Editorial

Well, here we are, again. As I write this, it is the weekend before the Mall Show. Dayton Weekend for some of us. I just finished a couple big projects this week, so this morning, I'm just sitting back, and taking things easy.

Well, this begins my second year back as editor of the ZB. Boy, does time fly, or what?

Since You're probably reading this just before the Mall Show, I'd like to remind you to come out and spend some time at the show. It's a holiday weekend, with lots to do, but if we can each contribute a little bit of our time, it'll make it that much easier on everybody.

On a personal note, next year, can we please pick a date that's not on a holiday weekend? 'nuff said.

After this, Next thing on the club agenda is Field Day. It'll be at it's usual place behind Marlinton Middle School (see the story, elsewhere in this issue).

After checking with friends & family, I've pretty well been assured that no one even remotely close to me is getting married on Field Day weekend. So, I guess you'll get to put up with me at Field Day, this year. But please, come anyway.

See you there, and 73, DE
KD8MQ

Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in is on 145.37 ®. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets on tap:

Ten meters

CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz
SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

2 meters

9 PM on 145.37 MHz

Internet

If you'd like to check us out on the web, our E-mail address is:

W8lky@qsl.net

Our club home page is:

Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky

Newsletter Information

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You can submit material to the Zero Beat either electronically, to kd8mq@qsl.net . I can read most word processor formats, but prefer your files to be in straight text, or Microsoft Word format.

We also accept handwritten copy. My address is to the left.

May Minutes

May 2, 2001

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on May 2, 2001, at 7:37 P. M., with Jerry Wheeler KG8RN, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 20 members present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. The report was approved.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances.

Two Silent Keys were reported: our member, Steve Been KB8RJA, and a friend, Joe Braund K8JCV.

Old business:

- Stark County directories are available for \$3 each.
- Mall Show: Tables and chairs will be ordered. The antenna party will be May 12 at 9 to 10 AM.
- John KD8MQ will have extra newsletters available for distribution.
- Field Day: John KD8MQ will send an order for Field Day T-shirts, \$9.95, and/or pins, \$5 each.
- Don K8OMO reported no new information regarding a van.
- Dave W8UKQ reported that the club's incorporation has been renewed, and a certificate is on file. The endorsement for the insurance policy was received. A copy was issued to the Mall authorities.

New business:

- It was moved by Don K8OMO, seconded by Frank WA8WHP, to make a donation of \$25 to K3TJK for use of QSL.net. Motion approved.
- Jack W8WEN has some reservations about e-QSLs. He reported that K8IHQ has had an article published in 73 Magazine about a remote antenna switch.
- John KD8MQ called attention to the Triathlon on August 12.
- Dave W8UKQ suggested that our editor and historian, John KD8MQ, write about our club's history and send the story to the editor of the Stark County Directory. It appears that few people west of route 44 know that Alliance is in Stark County.
- Jim K8LTG has 150 feet of TV hardline available FREE.
- David N8NLZ reported that his son-in-law passed all exams up through Extra at the recent hamfest.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Sam KC8ETZ.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM, upon motion by Jim K8LTG, seconded by Larry KE8VE.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

June 2001

Recollections, photos, and anecdotes sought for Colvins book

From the ARRL Letter, vol 20, no. 19, Rick Lindquist, N1RL, editor

A book now in the works will highlight the adventures of the late husband-and-wife DXpedition team of Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL. Author Jim Cain, K1TN, is seeking the assistance of radio amateurs and others around the world to share reminiscences, anecdotes, photos and other relevant information for possible inclusion.

Commissioned by the Yasme Foundation, the soon-to-be-published book will include a history of the Foundation and a biography of the Colvins. Anyone with information to share may contact Jim Cain at yasmebook@mybizz.net.

Iris Colvin died in 1998, and

Lloyd Colvin died in 1993. Between the 1960s and the early 1990s, the Colvins took ham



radio to some 200 countries--including nearly every member-nation of the United Nations. They racked up more than a million contacts over the years and amassed one of the largest QSL collections in

the world--more than a half million cards at last count.

Yasme Foundation President Wayne Mills, N7NG, said the Foundation was extremely pleased to have retained Cain, a former ARRL Headquarters staff member and a ham since 1961, to research and write the Colvins' and the Yasme Foundation's story.

The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific and educational projects related to Amateur Radio, including DXing and the introduction and promotion of Amateur Radio in underdeveloped countries. Visit the Yasme site at <http://www.yasme.org>.

Alinco shifts North American distribution service to Ohio firm

Amateur Radio manufacturer Alinco has closed its US branch in Torrance, California, and shifted its North American distribution to an Ohio firm. Alinco product distribution and customer service now are being handled by Atoc Amateur Distributing LLC in Covington, Ohio. The change was effective May 1.

A news release posted on the Alinco Web site says that Alinco will continue to be "a very committed, viable player in the Amateur Radio market-

place" and that all Alinco warranties "will remain in force and continue to be honored through their term." Alinco will exhibit at Dayton Hamvention next week and will sponsor the W8BI special event station in the outdoor exhibits area as it has in past years.

In addition to dealer distribution, the Atoc facility in Ohio is taking over customer support and out-of-warranty service of Alinco products and sales of Alinco parts. Parts sales have been temporarily suspended during the change-

over, and service could be disrupted for a time as well.

The announcement said Alinco will concentrate on designing and manufacturing products from its Japan headquarters in Osaka and factory in Toyama.

For more information, visit the Alinco Web site, <http://www.alinco.com>, or contact Atoc Distributing LLC, 23 S High St, Covington, OH 45318; 937-473-2840.

A Bit of History

Green Valley Radio Club W8SHZ Circa 1950-1965

The Green Valley Radio Club, organized in the early 1950's, was affiliated with the 3rd area state Civil Defense operations.

According to Jim Ferguson, K8LTG, the 3rd area CD covered most of northern Ohio. In the early days, They met at a house owned by John Derby, a non-Ham, who worked at Babcox & Wilcox, as a lab technician. Later on, they met at the Civil Defense shack at the armory.



According to Argus Barker, W8QMD, dues for junior ops were 50¢ a month. They also sold bonds for \$20.00, which went towards the purchase of a Johnson Viking Kit for the club. Someone had already donated a BC-348 receiver to the club.

The club moved out of the building in the mid 60's, when the state disbanded active area-wide CD operations. After that, the club existed only on paper. In fact, W8SHZ was still listed in the callbook, as late as 1976.

The first callsign trustee was Bob Sell, W8EK, followed by Charley Floyd, W8WJ.

We don't know a lot about the members, or officers of the club, since records are scarce. Bob Hoiermann, W8FBM was president in 1953, when Argus first attended meetings in the house on W. State St.

Our thanks go out to everyone who helped in this project.

Especially, Argus Barker, W8QMD,

Jim Ferguson, K8LTG

Bob Ballantine, W8SU,

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A Bit of History

Tri-County Radio Club 1950 - 1977



Not much is known about the early days of the Tri-County Radio Association. We know that the club was affiliated on May 9th, 1950, with John Hess, W8AT, as President, and Bob Hoiermann, W8FBM, as Secretary. The club callsign, W8LKY, was issued about the same time.

On July 29, 1950, they held a charter party at the YMCA. The guest speaker was John Brabb, W8SPF, who was the Great Lakes Division Director. He cited Amateur Radio as being an effective curb on juvenile delinquency, saying "any youngster interested in Ham Radio, doesn't have time to get into trouble".

Club meetings were held on the last Thursday of each month. The club met in the basement of Chapman Hall, at Mount Union College, (This was the headquarters for Civil Defense). Dues were 25¢ per month, per member.

The callsign was not re-issued in 1960. We didn't see W8LKY in the callbook again until about 1967- 68. By that time, the club listed it's address as the State Armory grounds, on west Vine St (later changed to 1175 ½ W. Vine St). This was the former headquarters of the Green Valley Radio Club.

Sometime in 1970, the Tri-County Radio Club was re-affiliated with the ARRL. The club continued on, until sometime around 1977-78.

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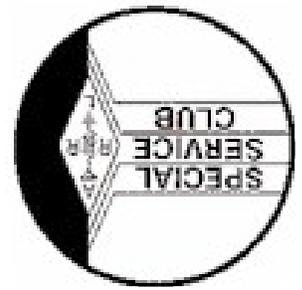
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Excerpts from other clubs newsletters

From the May, 2001 issue of the QRM, official journal of the Tusco Amateur Radio Club, Dave Lomady, WD8CKK, editor.

- Traffic Cameras have been installed on Mercy Medical Center. Four webcams have been installed, and are refreshed every 60 seconds. They cover a 2 1/2 mile stretch of I-77, through the construction zone. The URL is www.i77webcam.com
- LED Museum online– For everything you ever wanted to know about LED's, check out <http://ledmuseum.home.att.net/museum.htm>

From the May, 2001 issue of the Feedpoint, newsletter of the Carroll Amateur Radio Society, Dan Mutigli, N8LVO, editor,

- The missing radio that was reported in last months column, has been returned.
- The Carroll ARS will not be participating in Field Day this year, instead, holding a Simulated Emergency test. No date was mentioned.
- Mention is made of the Macedonia Fathers Day Hamfest. More information can be found at www.cars.org

From the Editor

I had originally planned to have a larger version of the Zero Beat this month, but circumstances prevented me from pulling everything together in time to get into your hands by the Mall Show. There's no five, or ten years ago column, either. Look for it's return next month.

John, KD8MQ