



5, 10, and 15 Years Ago in the AARC

by Larry Ashburn, KE8VE

Five Years Ago, at the May meeting preparations were being made for Field Day and the Mall Show. Jack, W8WEN brought some QSL cards and an old mica condenser microphone for display. The Club's QSL card was selected from a group of ten and John, N8PLA was to place the order. Mary Ann, KB8IVS won the 50/50 drawing and after adjournment, Don, K8OMO showed videos on lightning and asteroids.

Jerry, N8SH got an 80-pound camera at the Canfield Hamfest for \$20. Now if you're buying cameras by the pound, that sounds like a really good deal to me. None of my cameras, and I do have a variety, from video to 4x5 plate, weigh anywhere near that much and I didn't get any of them

that cheep! Wonder if Jerry ever used that behemoth.

According to an article in the May '97 Zero Beat, the first commercial broadcast station wasn't KDKA, although that was the first to receive a license from the government. It was a station that began operating ten years earlier using a spark gap transmitter to broadcast a regular schedule of voice and phonograph music. I can only imagine how wonderful that must have sounded. The station was in San Jose, CA and its first call sign was 6XE. Later it became KQW and now it is licensed as KCBS in San Francisco. Its founder, a Dr. Charles Herrold, ran a school to teach radiotelegraphy and he began the station to advertise his school. And get this: he stole the power from the local trolley line! That's what I call a real pirate station. The trolley company eventually installed a permanent line and an electric meter.

Also mentioned was (and is)

the fact that it's time to renew your membership. If you haven't paid up yet please remember to bring your money to the meeting or send it to Mary Ann.

Ten Years Ago, our meeting was held at the Alliance YMCA. I can remember attending that meeting, but can't remember why we had it there. I think maybe our usual meeting place at the hospital was unavailable. Dave, KC3CL, the Zero Beat editor, didn't mention why in the newsletter. That

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Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, May 1st, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Our meetings begin at 7:30 PM, and are an excellent opportunity for eyeball QSO's. Directions can be found on the K8LTG Repeater (145.370)

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Editorial

How time flies. Two months have passed since my first attempt at putting the newsletter together, and I'm farther behind the 8 ball than I was last time. Thought I had the software all figured out and had solved all the problems I ran into last time, but I've discovered a few new ones and will have to fudge a few things once again. Hopefully, most of you will get this before the meeting on Wednesday. My main reason for doing it is so you can get to look over the minutes and the event calendar before the meeting and also get a meeting reminder.

Last month I completely forgot about the archival column, and never gave it a thought until I started to do it this month. Sorry about that.

From the minutes published in the May '97 ZB, we find the club discussing just about the same topics in April that they were in May, namely Field Day, Mall Show and QSL cards. There was an interesting article about W8UKQ and K8LTG did a dissertation on the origin of the term "zero beat". He pretty much 'beat' that topic to death.

In April '92 there wasn't any newsletter, but April '87 found Larry, N8EWV ham of the month for all his work in organizing the first Mall Show. Also, a fox hunt was being planned, which is something we need to do soon. Novice Enhancement was being discussed. I'll bring copies of the old newsletters to the meeting. 73 de ke8ve

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:

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Our club home page is:

Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky

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April Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 3, 2002

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on April 3, 2002, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 22 members and five guests 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 upon motion by Jerry K8CAT, seconded by Frank WA8WHP.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by George K3GP, seconded by Matt KC8RYG.

Old business: Don K8OMO discussed the Weather Net Test on March 20th. Our mission should be determined to identify what is needed when that net is needed.

There were 13 members at the Skywarn meeting on March 20th..

Dues are due.

There were 14 members at the "Super Meeting" of area clubs on March 27th.

May, 2002

Don K8OMO is checking the UHF repeater. New crystals and tuning may be all that is needed to be able to use it as a backup or portable unit.

The Mile Branch Grange Fair booth availability has been set up. Other planning may include ATV demonstration.

Massillon ARC has invited us to help with their hamfest. Further discussion is needed.

Dave W8UKQ suggested starting a net on the 70 cm. band. Upon discussion, Jim K8LTG approved the use of the 442.35 MHz repeater, and Don K8OMO approved use of W8LKY. The net will be on Thursdays at 2130 L and after the conclusion of the 2 meter net. Dave will begin as NCS for a trial period during April.

Securing name tags was discussed. A vendor at the Super Meeting will make them for \$9. They can be made here at the Hospital for \$10. A public authority should be included on the badge to have an official status. David N8NLZ will check with the Hospital.

Jim K8LTG reported that he is working on the 2 meter repeater. The April 4 net may be on Simplex.

A copy of a thank you letter to the Washington Township Trustees was made available for inspection.

New business: The premium for the liability policy is due May 6. Don K8OMO moved that the premium be paid. The motion was seconded by Larry AA8NV, and approved upon vote.

ARES applications are available. A brochure from the Canton ARC was displayed.

Conditions for the Breezeshooters contest were marginal.

Gladys KB8GIA suggested having Joe Warther, an accordionist, for the Christmas party. Gladys moved to make the reservation with him. The motion was seconded by Ray K8DEN, and approved upon vote.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Matt KC8RYG.

A drawing for a repeater directory was won by Mary Ann KB8IVS.

Thank you to Gladys KB8GIA for cookies tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P. M., upon motion by Matt KC8RYG, seconded by Larry KE8VE.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

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was Dave's last edition of the Zero Beat. Dan Mutigli, N8LVO, took over as editor the next month.

Dave mentioned Field Day, which was to be held at Lexington Elementary School that year, and an upcoming Mall Show, so I assume we were making plans for those events at the meeting, although the minutes were not yet being published in the newsletter. I remember that Field day site vividly. I had my usual dipole antenna attached to the top of my extension ladder which was standing straight up, not too far from the road. Passing motorists were doing double takes all weekend long when they saw that ladder. It was just a little too far to see the guy wires or the antenna.

An article in the Zero Beat indicated the FCC was cracking down on "freebanders". Quite a few were caught operating in the band space between the CB band and 10 meters, including an Extra class ham who was also a VE. Offenders were expected to be fined about \$2000, although, fines could go as high as \$20,000. Another article mentioned an FCC sting operation to catch people involved in VE testing fraud.

Call signs being issued 10 years ago included AA8GW, KF8TO, N8SVW, and KB8NSU.

Fifteen Years Ago, Ron Gwynne, KC8VG, AKA WC8F was Ham of the Month. Don had done a fine presentation on the Dayton Hamvention at the previous meeting.

Several people upgraded their licenses including Larry, N8EWV who passed his Advanced exam and Matt, N8EAD who passed both his Advanced and Extra written tests. Also Barbara Gwynne passed her Technician exam.

Pam, N8IAK, the Zero Beat editor, wasn't happy about the snow we had in April of '87 so she decided to have a contest to see who could answer the question "What makes Summer special to you?" in the most creative manner. The winner was to receive a prize. She didn't say what that might be.

The 220 band was being threatened and members were being urged to file comments with the FCC and write their congressman.

The newsletter contained a pledge form for the repeater

fund. The club was trying to raise money to purchase the repeater which Larry, N8EWV put on the hospital. The club was also trying to get ARES ID cards with a picture on it for club members. John, KD8MQ was working on that.

The latest call signs 15 years ago were: NV8W, KE8KK, N8ICR, and KB8BKJ.

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