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Section News, & Contest line scores are leaving QST!

==>"SECTION NEWS," CONTEST LINE SCORES MOVING FROM QST TO WEB Starting next January, "Section News" and contest line score results will appear on the ARRL Web site rather than in QST. Meeting July 19-20 in Windsor, Connecticut, the ARRL Board of Directors voted 9-6 to approve a resolution formally relocating "Section News" to the ARRL Web site. "Section News" has appeared in the

League's official journal at least since 1919. The "Section News" Web sites--already in place--will provide the officials of each ARRL section "the capability of an up-to-date information resource that can be tailored to the needs of their section," the resolution said. The space freed up by relocating "Section News" will allow more in-depth coverage of general news, public service activities and "how-to" articles. Members un-

able to use the Web can request their section's reports in hard-copy format. The Board first considered the issue at its January meeting but postponed action until July to give members the opportunity to better understand the reasons for relocating "Section News," to discuss alternatives and to better understand and see the advantages of the expanded content available on the Web site. Voting for the change were Directors Dick Isely, W9GIG (Central); Jay Bellows, K0QB (Dakota); Frank Fallon,

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George Race - WB8BGY, calls it quits

George Race, WB8BGY, of Albion, Michigan, who has served in elective leadership for 12 years, has resigned July 20 as American Radio Relay League Division Director of the Great Lakes Division - the Division which includes ARRL members from Michigan and Kentucky as well as Ohio.

Mr. Race has been Michigan Section Manager, and has held both the Directors chair and that of the vice-Director in this division since 1990.

Gary Johnston, KI4LA, of Edgewood, Kentucky, who had been vice-Director was named Great Lakes Division Director immediately by the ARRL in accordance to the standard practice when a Director resigns. Mr. Johnston has named Dick Mondro,

W8FQT, of Dearborn Heights Michigan and current Michigan Section Manager, as Vice Director.

Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, said, "George Race has been a tireless worker in this Division. He has worn out two automobiles representing us.

George was the most traveled Director I knew in representing the ARRL. You could get five hams in a phone booth and George would be there representing the League. His 12 years as Section Manager, Vice Director, and Director, deserve high praise. Hard work still counts for something in this world."

Phillips also said Director Gary Johnson has earned the respect of all the leadership in this Division and he'll lead with distinc-

Triathlon Time

Well, here we are, it's August, and your help is again needed for the Carnation Triathlon. This years event will be run on Sunday morning, August 18th. We will need operators for this years event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next club meeting, or you can contact John, KD8MQ at 330-821-5513.

Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club will be on Wednesday, August 7th, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Visitors are always welcome. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM

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EDITORIAL

Hi,
welcome to a
slightly **different**
issue of the Zero Beat. In
the month since I did the
last issue, things went from
bad to worse. Finally, I lost
my hard drive. I had enough
time to save most of my
data, but the Zero Beat files
were not among those that I
was able to save. I man-
aged to save all my music,
Guess what is most impor-
tant to me.

Anyway, thanks to Dave,
& Mary Ann, & Larry, I was
able to resurrect enough
info to handle this months
snail mailing. Scott, Larry,
& Bob were kind enough to
resend their stuff for the ZB.

The masters for the Zero
Beat are slowly being rewrit-
ten. It'll be a few issues fe-
fore I can call them finished.
This month, I'm throwing
out some of my normal
rules, and having a bit of
fun.

Well, I just came back
from the Mile Branch Fair.
The club booth was up &
running. Luckily, we had
enough people on hand to
allow me to duck out to
work on the newsletter.

Don't forget the Triathlon
coming up on the 18th.
Look for the official map in
this issue. There'll be a
signup sheet at the next
meeting.

Till next month, 73 all!
De KD8MQ

Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club
meets on the first Wednesday of the
month in the cafeteria at 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 @ 8 PM on 28.400 MHz
SSB @ 8:30 PM on 28.400 MHz

2 Meters

9 PM on 145.37 MHz

440 MHz

10:00 PM on 442.350 MHz (+)

Internet

Please check us out on the web. Our
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JULY MINUTES

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

July 10, 2002

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on July 10, 2002, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 16 members and one guest 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 as published.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances, receipts, and expenditures.

Old business: Field Day: First, thank you to Gladys KB8GIA for providing delicious food for the event. It was reported that the K8DX team had 5,058 contacts. There has not been a report made of our score. A note was received from Councilman Brant Luther KB8ULB that he was unable to attend Field Day, but he wishes to be kept informed of club events.

Mile Branch Grange Fair: It will be July 25-27. Operators are needed. The nets on that Thursday may not be in session.

Bob K8RLS presented a brochure describing the club's activities. It can be printed for 11 cents each tri-folded. Don K8OMO moved, seconded by Jerry KG8RN, to have the brochures printed. Motion approved.

Bob K8RLS presented a Basic Radio Reference Card which would be an additional handout. Upon discussion it was determined that Larry KE8VE can do the printing for 3.5 cents each. Dave W8UKQ moved, seconded by Frank WA8WHP, to have Larry KE8VE print the cards a cost of no more than \$25. Motion approved.

New business: Frank WA8WHP has been asked about the Mall Show. His answer was that there is not enough traffic for it there.

It was reported that the Salem club had their meeting Saturday, July 6, and that the speaker was Brenda Krukowski KB8IUP, Ohio Affiliated Club Coordinator.

In mid-June the Alliance Community Hospital asked repeater owner, Jim K8LTG, for a letter of intent. The letter was sent and included call-up sheets of personnel. Although new hospital building is underway, the repeater will not have to be moved until 2005 - 2007. Relocation will be up to the owner, Jim K8LTG.

Regarding having volunteers for sites for emergency communications, it was determined that the emergency coordinator or NCS at a command center will decide where operators would be needed.

Don K8OMO reported that a great amount of old equipment is being discarded by Mount Union College in preparation for the move to their new building. He has pictures and is a contact person if anyone is interested in any items.

There is a Hamfest in Findlay September 8 and in Columbus August 3. Ohio QSO party is August 24.

Jack W8WEN reported that Marc's has bamboo poles suitable for making 2 meter and 440 Quads.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P. M., upon motion by Frank WA8WHP, seconded by Matt KC8RYG.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary



BIKE ROUTE

- EXIT W. Branch parking lot to Alliance Rd
- R - Alliance Rd to County 18
- R - County 18 to Rock Springs
- L - Rock Springs to Rt 183/14
- 183/14 to Rt. 224
- R - 224 to Industry Rd.
- L - Industry Industry/Waterloo
- Industry to Price St.

- R - Price to Reeder.
- L - Reeder to Rt. 619
- L - 619 to Abel
- R - Abel to Vine St.
- L - Vine to Sawburg Ave.
- R - Sawburg
- L - Main to Rockhill
- R - Rockhill to Glamorgan
- L - Glamorgan to Bike Run Transition

SEE MAP # 2

STARK 3

COLUMBIANA 7

Da Beat!

Section News—cont.

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N2FF (Hudson); Wade Walstrom, W0EJ (Midwest); Tom Frenaye, K1KI (New England); Dennis Bodson, W4PWF (Roanoke); Walt Stinson, W0CP (Rocky Mountain), Art Goddard, W6XD (Southwestern); and Coy Day, N5OK (West Gulf). Directors Bernie Fuller, N3EFN (Atlantic); Rick Roderick, K5UR (Delta); George Race, WB8BGY (Great Lakes); Greg Milnes, W7OZ (Northwestern); Jim Maxwell, W6CF (Pacific); and Frank Butler, W4RH (Southeastern), voted against the change. In a separate resolution approved by voice vote, the Board agreed that the ARRL Web site now provides a better medium to report the results of ARRL-sponsored contests. As a result, contest line scores no longer will appear in QST. The

change does not affect ARRL Field Day results, which will continue to be published in the magazine. QST coverage of ARRL-sponsored contests will continue with expanded writeups, photos and soapbox submissions. QST also plans to carry more feature articles about contesting. A contest Web site established earlier this year now includes, among other features, a searchable database of line scores for members and the ability to easily analyze individual and club scores. There's also an on-line Soapbox to post comments and photos immediately after a contest, as well as an expanded narrative for each event. The ARRL also now offers members the free Contest Rate Sheet newsletter <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rate-sheet>>, which focuses specifically on contesting.

The minutes of the July 19-20 ARRL Board of Directors meeting have been posted on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/board-0207/>>.

For Sale

Rich, KB8ATH has a set of Drake Twins for sale. They are in good shape, and come with the matching speaker/power supply. He is asking \$275.00.

I had some great pictures to go with this ad, but I stored them on my hard drive, and you can guess the rest.

Anyway, I have Rich's number written down at work. In the interest of finishing this month's newsletter quickly, just call me at 330-821-5513, and I'll be glad to give you Rich's number.

Field Day News

Well, we had a new Field Day station in town this year. In order to test his contest station, He & some friends operated from his nice air conditioned shack. Here's the figures direct from Scott:

K8DX 2002 FIELD DAY

	CW	SSB
10M	6	104
15M	354	635
20M	354	1226
40M	842	868
80M	12	657

TOTAL Q'S 5,058

Operators: K3GP, KB8DST, K8DX, K8LN, ND8DX, ND8L, N8JN, N8PW, W3IQ, W8KEN, W8WEN

This was an operation with good food, and three high-power stations

operating from the comforts of the basement in air-conditioning.

Didn't hear anyone say that they wish we were outside in tents :-)

Now, for the group that was roughing it.

W8LKY 2002 Field Day

	CW	SSB
10M	0	44
15M	—	—
20M	60	163
40M	115	—
80M	—	186

TOTAL Q'S 568

All told, we had the same numbers; the comma's just in a different place.

Seriously, That was an Impressive score that Scott's station racked up. Somehow I think they'll be tough to beat.

August 2002

Happy Birthday to N8IGZ and N8NLZ

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Before criticizing someone, walk a mile in his shoes. That way, if he gets angry, he'll be a mile away and barefoot.

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Bob-K8RLS, Joe- KC8TAC, Jerry, KG8RN, & Jack-W8WEN at our second appearance at the Mile Branch Grange Fair. While Jack was amazing the visitors with his CW expertise, The rest of us sat ready to pick up the slack. :-)