



Alliance Amateur Radio Club Zero Beat

Volume XXII, no 10

<http://www.w8lky.org>

October 2008

Serving the Tri-County area since 1986

AARC Picnic this weekend

Mark your calendars. This weekend is our club picnic. We'll be Grilling hot dogs, hamburgers, and possibly some brauts. Who knows what may wind up on the grill? Meat, and table service are covered, so we're asking everyone to bring a covered dish to share.

This year, we were not able to get the Silver Park cabin, so we reserved the Jaycee pavilion instead. To get to the pavilion, enter the park off of Union Ave (Rt. 183) and veer to the left, just past the lake. The pavilion is at the top of the hill, just past the ball fields.

There's talk that someone is bringing a corn hole game this year, so limber up those throwing arms. We'll light the grill around 1 PM,



and start cooking soon afterwards.

VP KD8MQ will be manning the grill. One of the few times you'll get some work out of the boy! We hope to see everyone there.

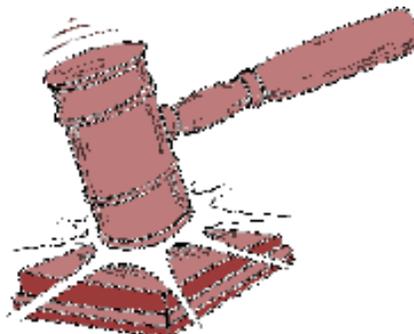
Club Elections Are Coming!

Well, election time is coming up again. No, not McCain vs. Obama, I mean the club elections!. According to our club by-Laws, the terms of all officers, and one trustee expire on the first Wednesday in October (A copy of the bylaws are included in this issue of the Zero Beat). This years outgoing trustee is Jim Lilley, N8XTJ.

The trustees, Jim, N8XTJ, George, K3GP, and Frank, WA8WHP are charged with producing a slate of candidates willing to accept nomination for club office; Not an easy job! This year, how about making their job a bit easier, by volunteering to run?

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting, but you can also contact one of the trustees, to express your interest in running for office. Their contact info is printed on the left hand column on page two.

Even if you come to only one meeting a year, we urge you to make this the one.



Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1st, at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the cafeteria conference room.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

This will be our annual meeting for the election of officers. Please make plans to attend.

Before the meeting, some of us get together at 6 PM, for food, & fellowship, at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex Café (2105 W. State St.).

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Officers

President

K8LTG
Jim Ferguson
14515 Bandy Rd.
Alliance, OH 44601
330-823-3925
kaltg@alliancelink.com

Vice-President

KD8MQ
John Myers
510 West Harrison St.
Alliance, OH 44601
kd8mq@neo.rr.com
330-936-5021

Secretary

AB8KV
Donald R Kingan
446 West High St.
Alliance, OH 44601
dkingan@neo.rr.com
330-821-5819

Treasurer

KB8IVS
Mary Ann Royer
6255 Sandalwood NE
Canton, OH 44721
kb8ivs@aol.com
330-492-0703

Trustees

N8XTJ
James Lilley
67 E. Columbia St.
Alliance, OH 44601
330-821-1308

K3GP
George Proudfoot
P.O. Box 343
Louisville, OH 44641
k3gp@arrl.net
330-829-9504

WA8WHP
Frank Sanor
24462 St. Rt. 172
Minerva, OH 44657
wa8whp@verizon.net
330-894-2186

Editor

John Myers, KD8MQ
(See above)

Ramblings

By John, KD8MQ

This is the third version I've written of this column. I didn't like the first one, so I re-wrote it, then along came Ike! With hurricane force winds, we quickly lost power all over the county. A couple of us from our department spent the night putting our traffic signals back in operation. About 1/4 of them didn't come back until the power was restored, a couple days later. As I write this, some areas, are still without power.

OMO tells me he rode out the storm under a car, while replacing a fuel pump. Here at the home QTH, we got off lucky. Just some small twigs, and branches to pick up before running the mower. Thursday, the neighbor's phone line was hanging low, and got snagged by a passing garbage truck. It also yanked mine loose from the house. But, we don't use the twisted pair anymore, so no biggie.

I'd like to take a moment here to thank the club officers, and trustees for a job well done. I can speak from experience that being in a leadership position is not always fun, but it is challenging. If you believe in this club, and would like to be an officer, please contact a trustee, and let your wishes be known.

That's it for this month.

73 de KD8MQ

Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month. Check the meeting announcement on page 1, for the location.

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

The Homeland security Net meets on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 PM, on 147.51 simplex

Internet

Web: www.w8lky.org

E-mail: W8lky@w8lky.org

Newsletter Information

The Zero Beat is a publication of the **Alliance Amateur Radio Club**
P.O. Box 3344
Alliance, OH 44601

Unless otherwise noted, permission is granted to reprint portions of the Zero Beat, as long as credit is given to the author & source.

You can submit material to the Zero Beat via e-mail to kd8mq@neo.rr.com

September Minutes

September 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on September 3, 2008 at 7:30 PM with club Vice-President John Myers, KD8MQ presiding. The meeting was held in the second floor conference room instead of the usual conference room 1A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 18 members present, along with Miriam Sanor, past member Jerry Shore and guests Dave Sprouse, N8GOB and Bill McClaren, KB8MNE.

The Secretary's report was given by club Secretary Don, AB8KV. Noting that the August minutes were in the newsletter, he reported that the club picnic date will be on September 27, held at Silver Park in the Jaycee shelter, as the cabin was booked up through December. He then mentioned that thank-you letters had been sent to the local Subway restaurant which provided the subs for Field Day, along with the local Subway office in North Canton. With no other items to report, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion from Howard, K8DXR and seconded by Rick, KC8SUI.

Club Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS then gave the Treasurer's report, noting that all bills had been paid to that date. The report was approved on a motion by Howard, K8DXR and seconded by Jerry, KG8RN.

Old business:

- VP John inquired of Don, K8OMO as to how the nets had been going. He reported that the Homeland Security net had been kept going by N8GOB and KB8MNE but that the Thursday

evening 10-meter net had not usually been running due to everyone's being too busy with summer and family activities. The 2-meter net has mostly been run by Smitty, KC8TJQ.

- Larry, KE8VE reported that introduction to ham radio classes would begin September 16, with classes then held weekly on Tuesday, from 7-9 PM. The meeting location is to be at the local Red Cross building at the corner of Arch and Broadway

- K8OMO reported that the club received some good PR at the Castle Run, held September 1, for helping provide communications.

- VP John noted that the newsletter would henceforth be sent out directly via email, except for those who request to continue using the link or who ask for a paper copy via regular mail.

- John then reported on the special events station, which ran during the last day of Carnation Days in the Park, August 16. Bands used included 40, 20, 10, and 2 meters, with a total of 59 contacts. CW contacts totaled 26 with 33 SSB contacts. Seven operators participated.

- K8OMO reported that the Triathlon event ran ok. He noted that the event finished in shorter time than usual. Along with himself, he reported that others involved included Dick, KA8LKQ; Sam, KC8ETZ; and Richard, KD6MPN.

- John then asked Don, AB8KV to comment on the club picnic. He repeated the date and location then noted those who had volunteered to supply some of the main staples:

- Larry, KE8VE & Dianna, hamburgers & buns, along with table service;
- John, KD8MQ, hot dogs & buns;
- Don himself would bring drinks;

- President Jim, K8LTG would bring beans;

- Don, K8OMO, potato salad;
- Miriam may bring goulash. Cooking is to begin about 1 PM

- John then reported that he had found out that the Canton ARC was already planning to be the 7-ranges Scout camp the same day (October 19) our club was intending to go. He stated that upon contacting the Scout rep Alan, he was told that approval from the board was needed for our participation, and the fact that Canton was attending was probably why Alan had not heard from the board. John then noted that we would consequently probably not be participating this year in that event. However, he also said that information on the classes the club will be having was passed on to the Scouts and perhaps next year will be an opportunity to involve more with the Scouts.

- John then addressed the issue to the Knox Safety Day coming up on September 13. Jerry, KG8RN reported that what was needed was a table set up with some radios along with some amateur radio and club information. The event is to run from 9 AM to 4 PM. After the closing time, there is to be a family dinner at the Mile Branch Grange. John offered to supply flyers and class information to K8OMO, who is intending to attend and who will also obtain the club banner from KD8BBK.

- K8OMO then reported that concerning the club Christmas dinner, Pancho's was ok with our plans. A final date is to be set, being either December 6 or 13.

New business:

- VP John requested that he be able to borrow the club's FT1000 transceiver for use during the Pennsylvania QSO party. Approval

(Continued on page 4)

September minutes - cont.

(Continued from page 3)

was given by voice vote on a motion from Dave, N8NLZ and seconded by Rick, KC8SUI

• Smitty, KC8TJQ asked if a get well card could be sent to President Jim from the club, considering he had just undergone surgery. Secretary Don started around a sheet for everyone to sign and which would be included with a card. It was also noted that Ron, WC8F was ill and currently in Aultman hospital. It was decided to send a card to him as well.

• Frank, WA8WHP announced that he was offering the club a tour of the new digital TV station in Akron. After discussion, it was decided to accept the offer. A projected date of November 5 was set, with the intent of having the monthly club meeting at the station. The initial plan is to meet at the hospital parking lot at 6 PM and car pool from there. Frank will confirm

that date with his management.

• Rick, KC8SUI noted that on September 12, the Brecksville ARC is having an open house.

• VP John reminded the club that the next meeting on October 1 will be held in the usual location, conference room 1A on the first floor.

• John then noted that there would be a fox hunt practice run on September 28 from 1-3 PM. This one would be conducted on 446.0 MHz. The next actual hunt is scheduled for October 19, with the exact time to be announced.

With no further new business to be addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM on a motion from Joe, KC8TAC and seconded by Smitty, KC8TJQ.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

Quote o' the Month

Ninety percent of the politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation.

Henry Kissinger

73 DE W4NTI

Recently, Dan, W4NTI sent me an e-mail letting me know that he was again able to receive the PDF version of the Zero Beat.. I'm reprinting it here.

"I got the stick of memory installed and downloaded the PDF 9. So I can now decode the bulletin just fine. Take me off the mail list and save some pennies.

Thanks a lot, really enjoy hearing about what the boys and girls of W8LKY are doing.

When I was up there I wish I had more time to socialize. With mom being so ill, babysitting while wife was at work, and feeling rotten to be honest...cut into my time a lot.

Did have the chance to meet most everyone and that was nice.

Wife and I are planning a run up to Canada this summer, we may be able to stop by Alliance and see what is left of the Jeswald family. Who knows... hi.

Pass along my best to the club. You guys are doing it right. This bunch down here could use some lessons.

Dan/W4NTI"

ARRL sponsors State QSO Party Award

The ARRL has introduced the "Year of the State QSO Party" award. The intent being to recognize those organizations who sponsor the state QSO Parties. This award is available to any amateur that makes a contact with stations participating in their own State or Regional QSO Party during 2009.

Similar to collecting US state quarters, the downloadable, 8-1/2" x 11" certificate has blanks for state flag stickers from all fifty states. The stickers are available as a page of graphic images that can be printed on a



sheet of standard labels, Avery label type 5160. As you make QSOs in each state, the appropriate flag is attached to the certificate, until all of the states have been worked.

Details can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/awards/yqsos/>.

Fox Hunt Practice!

This months Fox hunt Practice run will be on Sunday, September 28th at 1 pm. The fox box will be on 446.000 MHz, and run for 2 hours.



Fox Hunt!

October's fox hunt will be on Sunday, October 19th. The frequency for this hunt will be 446.000 MHz.

Start line will be the parking lot of Glamorgan Castle. Glamorgan castle is in the center of town, at the intersections of Union Ave (S.R. 183), and Glamorgan St..

The hunt will begin at 2:15 PM. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early, so we can log you in.

ARRL Auction

The 3rd annual ARRL auction begins on October 23rd, running until November 1st. The preview begins on October 16th.

It sounds like anything Ham related is liable to show up, including the transceivers which have been reviewed in the pages of QST. Details can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/auction>

Ohio State Parks on the Air de W8LKY

On September 6th, the AARC banner was carried far a field, to Salt Fork State Park. Tony, KD8BBK operated portable, using the club call, handing out multipliers in the first annual "Ohio State Parks on the air contest". He had originally intended to operate from Quail Hollow, as was reported here last month, but that QTH turned out to be rather crowded. According to Tony, there were already a couple other stations setting up there.

Tony made 56 contacts, with 25 being from other state parks, for an unofficial score of 1400 points.

The contest was sponsored by the Portage County Amateur Radio Service, who has been quite active. Check out their website at <http://www.portcars.org/>.

Maybe next year, we can make this a club project. We can try setting up from multiple state parks, using W8LKY? Think about it!



Photos from Tony, KD8BBK's portable operation at Salt Fork State Park.

November Meeting! Field Trip!

Mark your calendars for November 5th. That's the night of the November club meeting. Thanks to the generosity of Frank, WA8WHP, there will be a change of venue.

Frank has arranged for a tour of his work site, WDLI, in Barberton. We'll meet at the Alliance Community hospital at 6 PM, and car pool from there.

WDLI broadcasts Christian programming on Channel 17. Hope you can attend. This promises to be an exciting event.

Interesting Web Sites

Here are a couple of websites that I found of interest this month, and thought I'd pass them along.

- The first is a tutorial on Fox Hunting. <http://www.qsl.net/nz0i/equipment/equipment.htm>.
- Next is a Morse to MIDI ringtone generator. Yes, nothing says Ham radio quite like a Morse code ringtone! <http://www.planetofnoise.com/midi/morse2mid.php>

AARC Christmas Party December 6, 2008 @ 6 PM



Don Pancho's
Tex-Mex café
2105 W. State St,
Alliance

We will be ordering from Don Pancho's regular menu. Meals will be at regular prices plus \$4.00.
No reservations required!

Ham of The Year



Now's the time to cast your vote for the 2008 Ham of the Year. Don't wait till the last minute!

Get your ballot to the club, K8DXR ASAP! His contact info is at the bottom of this page.

PREVIOUS HAMS OF THE YEAR

1989	Jim Ferguson	N8DZA
1990	Dave Buckwalter	KC3CL
1991	Jack Bennett	W8WEN
1992	John Myers	WX8G
1993	Pam Myers	N8IAK
1994	Larry Ashburn	KE8VE
1995	Gladys Wilson	KB8GIA
1996	Don Whitaker	K8OMO
1997	James W. Wilson	KB8GHZ
1998	Mary Ann Royer	KB8IVS
1999	David Glass	W8UKQ
2000	Jerry Wheeler	KG8RN
2001	Robert L.Steele	K8RLS
2002	Samuel Eberling	KC8ETZ
2003	Joe Young	KC8TAC
2004	George Proudfoot	K3GP
2005	David Glass	W8UKQ
2006	Franklin A.Sanor	WA8WHP
2007	Howard Miller	K8DXR
2008	??????	

My vote for Ham of the Year is: _____

Comments (optional) _____

Please submit your ballots to Howard Miller, K8DXR at

E-mail:

Phone:

Snail-Mail:

Castle Run!

This year marked the 3rd running of the Rotary Clubs Castle Run. This Labor Day race consists of a short run for the kids, then a 2 Mile run, & winding up with a 10 K run.

This event requires fewer operators than the triathlon, which is run 2 weeks previous. We had four operators this year, and everything ran pretty well. KD6MPN followed the pack through the 10 K course, while K8OMO floated from intersection to intersection. KC8ETZ, and KD8MQ manned the finish line, calling out the runners numbers as they approached.

We got some public recognition from the announcer on race day, as well as a nice thank you letter from Randy Crawford, the race director.

According to the-review.com, there were 413 runners this year, not counting the youth division.

Newsletter Contest Winners Announced

It had scored second place in 2007, so the newsletter of the Grant ARC of Georgetown stepped up one place to win the newsletter contest in 2008, announced by Ohio Public Information Coordinator Emily Wells, KC8RAL.

PIC Wells made the

announcement and awarded certificates to all three winners during the Ohio Section Conference at the State Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg. During the presentation ceremony, John Harrell, KD8DFV, the winning editor, described putting the Grant ARC newsletter together. Mrs. Wells also announced the 8th Newsletter contest began immediately. The winners announced were:

First Place - News Unwired, Grant Amateur Radio Club from Georgetown, OH: John Harrell, KD8DFV, editor - 79 points.

Second Place - Feedback, Massillon Amateur Radio Club from Massillon, OH: Gary Kline, WC8W, editor - 78 points.

Third Place - Cleveland Chapter One Newsletter, Cleveland Chapter One QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Assoc., Inc.) in Lakewood, OH, D. E. (Dee) Logan, W1HEO, editor - 76 points.

PIC Wells also announced three newsletters tied for honorable mention with 75 points each - these were: RF Carrier, Dayton Amateur Radio Assoc., Jerry Miler, WD8QAI, editor; Radiogram of Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Tom Parkinson, KB8UUZ, editor; and Watts Happenin', Wayne Amateur Radio Club, Russell McQuate, K8RMC, editor.

The Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter contest, originated in 1992, is administered by the Public Information Coordinator, is not only conducted to reward excellence in our newsletters but to reward growth and improvement among all participants. Both printed and electronic based newsletters participate. This is the only such regular section newsletter contest among the 71 sections nationally in the ARRL.

Any newsletters received by either the PIC or SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE (snail mail or electronically) are automatically entered. Newsletters must be published regularly - monthly, semi-

(Continued on page 8)

Triathlon!

This years running of the Carnation Triathlon was on Sunday, August 17th. It looks like only 4 operators showed up, but they got-r-done Thanks to K8OMO, KC8ETZ, KD6MPN, and KA8LKQ for their dedication.



Though not on the "Official" list of operators, We're sure that Alex made a valuable contribution to the effort.

Licensing Classes Underway!

After a long hiatus, the Alliance ARC is again holding licensing classes. Licensing classes focusing on the rules & regs required to pass the Technician class exam are being held on Tuesday nights at the Alliance chapter of the American Red Cross, which is located at Arch & Broadway, in Alliance. Larry, KE8VE, and Rick, KC8SUI, are instructing.



From l-r: Duane Zorger, Larry, KE8VE, Tom Steele, Dallas Underwood, and Rick, KC8SUI

Special Event Station!

Saturday, August 16th dawned bright & clear; A perfect day for the AARC special event operation. Seven operators mounted a portable operation from the Jaycee Pavilion in Silver Park.

Sorry, we don't have pictures this year. Blame it on the blanket-blank editor, who showed up for 5 minutes, had the camera with, and neglected to take any pictures! We oughta fire that guy!

Anyhow, from the info provided by K8OMO, it looks like we had a great turnout. Seven operators arrived throughout the day to keep W8LKY available to all who wanted a prized certificate.

They worked 59 stations (33 SSB/26 CW), on 20 & 10 meters. The operators were: WA8WHP, K8LTG, KC8SUI, KC8TJQ, K8OMO, K3JJT, & K8DXR.

As of September 19th, 10 certificates had been mailed by Bob, K8RLS. Special thanks should go to Bob, for designing, printing, and mailing the certificates again this year. Also, to be thanked are the Alliance Park Dep't, who let us have the pavilion free of charge.

Newsletter test - cont.

(Continued from page 7)

monthly or quarterly - and must be distributed to members of the club the newsletter serves. All entries must be in the hands of the PIC by July 15, 2009 and the results will be made during the 2009 Ohio Section Conference, September 12, 2009 in the Columbus area.

Points are awarded in categories with the intent to reward service and value to readers over attractiveness of display and editing.

PA QSO Party !

Well, fall arrived this weekend, and football started a few weeks ago, so that can only mean one thing. Contest season is approaching.

October 11th & 12th marks the 51st running of the PA QSO Party, one of, if not the best of the state QSO Parties.

The contest period runs from Noon, on October 11th, to 6 PM on October 12th, with an 8 hour break between 1AM & 9 AM on Sunday morning.

The rules are simple, but a reading of the rules are advised. They can be found online at http://www.nittany-arc.net/Paqso_pdfs/paqso07rules.pdf.

Here's the summary: The exchange for out of state stations are a serial number, and your state (ex. 001 OH). PA stations send a serial number and county abbreviation. County abbreviations can be found at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/qsoabb.html>.

If you're not operating from PA, then your multipliers are the 67 PA counties.

If you are operating from within PA, then your multipliers are the 67 Pa counties, plus all ARRL sections plus all RAC sections.

There are 4 ways to work the QSO Party; From a home station. As a mobile, Portable, or a rover. The first 1 is self-explanatory. The difference between Mobile, portable, and Rover, are as follows:

Mobile - You are able to operate while in motion.

Portable - You are set up

in a location other than a home QTH. The intent is that you will operate only from there for the entire weekend.

Rover - This is a combination of both portable, and Mobile. You drive to a location, park, and make some contacts before moving on to the next stop. You can set up antennas at each stop, or set them up in advance. The rules allow for a 500 point bonus for each county operated from as a rover, as long as the rover travels at least 5 miles between operating locations.

The Pa QSO Party home page is at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.htm>

For those who are planning rover, mobile, or portable operations, and want to concentrate on those counties which have been rare, in the past, that information can be found on my PQP website at <http://www.kd8mq.info/pqp/>.

Also, there is a Pa QSO Party Reflector where a lot of operators post their plans for the party. Bud, AA3B compiles a the plans and posts them to the reflector every week. To add yourself to the PAQP reflector, go to: <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/paqso> and follow the instructions.

As I said before, this is one of the best of the state QSO Parties. If you are pursuing your Worked all Counties, it's a great way to polish off an entire state, in one weekend.

We hope to hear you on the 2nd weekend in October.

October 2008

Happy Birthday to: WA8WHP, KD8MQ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
<p>September</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					<p>November</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30								<p>1</p> <p>AARC Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 meter NRA-UActivity Contest (NAC)</p> <p>AARC Nets 8:00, 8:30, 9:00</p> <p>SARL 80 m QSO Party</p>	<p>3</p> <p>German Telegraphy Contest</p> <p>YL Anniversary Party</p>	<p>4</p> <p>California QSO Party (CQP) DARC HF-HELL Contest (80 m)</p> <p>LAKE COUNTY ARA VE, KIRKLAND LoTW Contest</p> <p>OCEANIA DX Contest</p> <p>PORTAGE COUNTY ARS, INC VE, RAVENNA PRO-CW Contest</p> <p>The PSK31 Rumble</p>
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
1	2	3	4	5	6																																																																																												
7	8	9	10	11	12	13																																																																																											
14	15	16	17	18	19	20																																																																																											
21	22	23	24	25	26	27																																																																																											
28	29	30																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
						1																																																																																											
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																											
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																											
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																											
23	24	25	26	27	28	29																																																																																											
30																																																																																																	
<p>5</p> <p>Classic Exchange DARC HF-HELL Contest (40 m)</p> <p>KD8AMX Carroll Cty. Nets 8pm & 9pm</p> <p>ON Contest 6 m</p> <p>PRO-CW Contest</p> <p>RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Classic Exchange</p> <p>Columbiana Cty. Train. Net 8pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>AARC Class ARS Spartan SprintARS Spartan Sprint</p> <p>Canton ARES Net 7pm 147.12</p> <p>N. Col. Cty Net 9pm 147.255</p> <p>SAARAA Net - 146.805, pl 162.2@ 9pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>AARC Nets 8:00, 8:30, 9:00</p> <p>Massilon Net 147.18 8pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10-10 International Day Sprint</p> <p>YL Anniversary Party</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bill Windle QSO Party</p> <p>FISTS Fall Sprint</p> <p>LoTW Contest</p> <p>Pennsylvania QSO Party</p> <p>SUMMIT CO AMERICAN RED CROSS VE, AKRON</p> <p>The Makrothen Contest</p>																																																																																											
<p>12</p> <p>Columbiana Cty. Train. Net 8pm</p> <p>KD8AMX Carroll Cty. Nets 8pm & 9pm</p> <p>North American Sprint Contest</p> <p>ON Contest 80 m</p> <p>Pennsylvania QSO Party</p> <p>SKCC Weekend Sprintathon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Columbiana Cty. Train. Net 8pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>AARC Class Canton ARES Net 7pm 147.12</p> <p>N. Col. Cty Net 9pm 147.255</p> <p>SAARAA Net - 146.805, pl 162.2@ 9pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>20 OVER 9 ARC VE, YOUNGSTOWN</p> <p>MOON Contest</p> <p>NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint</p>	<p>16</p> <p>AARC Nets 8:00, 8:30, 9:00</p> <p>Massilon Net 147.18 8pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>50 MHz Fall Sprint</p> <p>Feld-Hell Club Sprint</p> <p>Great Pumpkin Sprint</p> <p>JARTS WW RTTY Contest</p> <p>QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party</p>																																																																																											
<p>19</p> <p>50 MHz Fall Sprint</p> <p>Great Pumpkin Sprint</p> <p>Illinois QSO Party</p> <p>JARTS WW RTTY Contest</p> <p>KD8AMX Carroll Cty. Nets 8pm & 9pm</p> <p>QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Columbiana Cty. Train. Net 8pm</p> <p>Illinois QSO Party</p> <p>Run For The Bacon QRP Contest</p> <p>School Club Roundup</p>	<p>21</p> <p>AARC Class Canton ARES Net 7pm 147.12</p> <p>N. Col. Cty Net 9pm 147.255</p> <p>PIONEER AR FELLOWSHIP VE, AKRON</p> <p>SAARAA Net - 146.805, pl 162.2@ 9pm</p> <p>School Club Roundup</p>	<p>22</p> <p>School Club Roundup</p> <p>SKCC Sprint</p>	<p>23</p> <p>AARC Nets 8:00, 8:30, 9:00</p> <p>Massilon Net 147.18 8pm</p> <p>School Club Roundup</p>	<p>24</p> <p>School Club Roundup</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10-10 International Fall QSO Party</p> <p>ARRL International EME Competition</p> <p>CQ WW DX Contest</p> <p>The eXtreme CW World-Wide Challenge</p> <p>WRECS VE, BENTLEYVILLE</p>																																																																																											
<p>26</p> <p>10-10 International Fall QSO Party</p> <p>CO WW DX Contest</p> <p>KD8AMX Carroll Cty. Nets 8pm & 9pm</p> <p>MASSILLON HAMFEST and VE, MASSILLON</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Columbiana Cty. Train. Net 8pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>AARC Class Canton ARES Net 7pm 147.12</p> <p>Homeland Security Net 8pm 147.51</p> <p>SIMPLEX</p> <p>N. Col. Cty Net 9pm 147.255</p> <p>SAARAA Net - 146.805, pl 162.2@ 9pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>WA8WHP</p>	<p>30</p> <p>AARC Nets 8:00, 8:30, 9:00</p> <p>Massilon Net 147.18 8pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>KD8MQ</p>																																																																																												

Amateur Radio... When all else fails.

Alliance Amateur Radio Club
 P.O. Box 3344
 Alliance, OH 44601

The AARC Wayback Machine

Here again are some of the highlights from the last 20 years of the Zero Beat. you can read them at <http://www.w8lky.org/newsltrs/>.

September, 1988, (editor N8IAK)

- This was a short 4 page newsletter, due to the editor being ill. No spotlitter column.
- The upcoming meeting announcement promised a meeting on Navy MARS, presented by Jack Hubbard, N18N.
- SAARA had just purchased a communications trailer.
- President, KC3CL was telling everyone to bring one of their QSL's to the next club meeting.
- We had just begun our largest novice class to date, with 23 students. Jim, N8DZA (K8LTG), and John, KD8MQ were instructing.
- The winning team for the September 1988 fox hunt was Rich, WB8TPG, and Janie, WB8TPF, who found the fox cowering at early hill park, on the north end of Alliance. The hunt was followed by a club picnic at Butler-Rodman park.

September, 1993, (editor N8LVO)

- The October issue proved to be the last Zero Beat for Dan, N8LVO. He also stepped down as net

manager, and club secretary.

- In the it's never too early department, the Christmas party reservation form was included in this issue. The 1988 party was planned for Saturday, Dec. 18th at Roadhouse Charlies. On the same page was the Ham of the Year ballot.
- Pam, N8IAK, was planning to not seek re-election as club president.

September, 1998, (editor K8LTG)

- K8OMO was not seeking re-election as club president.
- The club assisted the Red Cross in a mock disaster near Malvern.
- N8PLA was invited to the SAARA meeting to speak on Safety Breaks.

September, 2003, (editor KE8VE)

- The time for the 2003 annual meeting was upon us once again. Larry was asking that everyone attend.
- KE8VE was trying to drum up support for a fox hunt.

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB, INC.

BYLAWS

AS ADOPTED BY THE
MEMBERSHIP

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

We, the membership, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves, the: **ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** and enact these by-laws for government. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

ARTICLE I

Meetings of Membership

- A. The annual meeting of this club shall be held in the month of October for election of officers and trustees and immediately following the regular meeting in October.
- B. Regular meetings shall be held monthly as determined by the membership.
- C. The affairs of the AARC shall be managed by a Board of Directors: consisting of seven members elected in accordance with Article 11 and VIII of the Bylaws.
- D. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings

ARTICLE II

Officers

- A. The officers of this club shall number four (4). They are to consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of members present at the annual meeting. New officers will take over their duties at the next regular meeting.
- C. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following withdrawal or resignation.
- D. Officers may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of full and sustaining membership.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of this club and conduct them according to Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall be responsible to ensure positions are filled and to conduct the business of the club. Examples of these positions are: Newsletter Editor, Equipment Chairman, Program Chairman, etc.
- B. The Vice President shall assume all duties of the president in his/her absence. He/She shall also organize club activities and programs not otherwise designated to a committee, or other member.
- C. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, keep a roll of members and receive applications for membership.
- D. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, pay no bills without a majority vote at a regular meeting by the club, and shall make a brief financial report at each regular meeting.
- E. All officers shall, within ten (10) days after the expiration of their terms, turn over to their successors all records and property of the club, that is in their possession, that is pertinent to the office vacated.

ARTICLE IV

Club Funds

- A. All money received shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors..
- B. All money received shall be deposited within twenty (20) days of receipt, except not more than \$20.00 may be held in a petty cash fund for the purpose of making change, or for the payment of small bills.
- C. A majority ruling by the Board of Directors may approve expenditures of normal club business up to a limit of \$50.00 without the vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V

Dues and Membership

A, A current valid Amateur Radio license issued by the FCC must be held to hold Full or Sustaining membership. Only Full and Sustaining members will have voting privileges and be eligible to hold office.

B. Each member shall pay dues annually. All dues shall be due and payable upon acceptance into membership and must be paid in full before the annual meeting.

C. Membership Dues and Classes:

1. SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP - Any licensed Radio Amateur, contributing \$15.00 or more annually to the club will be placed on the Sustaining Membership Honor Roll. for their generous contribution to the club treasury. The Sustaining member has full club privileges which include: voting rights, receiving a newsletter and holding an elective office.

2. FULL MEMBERSHIP - Any licensed Radio Amateur contributing \$10.00 annual dues, is entitled to all privileges as above except Honor Roll status.

3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - Any person, with an interest in Amateur Radio, who does not hold a valid U.S. Amateur Radio license, but who pays \$5.00 annual dues, will be entitled to receive the newsletter, may attend meetings and other club functions, but cannot vote.

4. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - Any family member, who holds a valid Amateur Radio license, who lives in the same household as the Full or Sustaining member, for the payment of \$1.00 dues will have the same privileges, except that only one newsletter will be mailed to the household.

5. INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP - Any person who receives his first Amateur Radio license as a result of completing an AARC-sponsored license course, is eligible for and shall receive a dues-free introductory membership provided that the following procedure is followed: when the course participant receives his license, he will inform the Board of his callsign, license class and effective date. Introductory members have the same privileges as Associate members. If an introductory member wishes to continue as a member of the AARC, he must apply for a new membership as

specified in Article V prior to the next annual meeting. An introductory member who is eligible for full membership may upgrade to Full membership at any time by applying for a new membership as specified in Article V.

6. DUES -- Dues are to be pro-rated quarterly, as follows for new members (any one who has not been on the roster for at least one year):

Sustaining	-	1. \$15.00	2. \$11.25	3. \$7.50	4. \$3.75
Full	-	1. \$10.00	2. \$ 7.50	3. \$5.00	4. \$2.50
Associate	-	1. \$ 5.00	2. \$ 3.75	3. \$2.50	4. \$1.25
Family	-	1. \$ 1.00	2. \$.75	3. \$.50	4. \$.25

The fiscal year begins on 1 April. Quarters are: (1) April - June; (2) July -September; (3) October - December; (4) January - March.

D. No member shall be free to make a commitment in the name of the club without a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Intoxicants

A. No intoxicants shall be consumed at any regular or special meetings of the membership.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

A. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership.

B. All proposals for amendments shall be signed by three Full and/or Sustaining members, presented in writing at a regular meeting, and not discussed or voted on until the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Trustees

- A. There shall be three (3) elected trustees, to be decided on by a vote of the membership.
- B. Trustees terms will be for three years. One trustee is to be elected annually to replace the out-going trustee.
- C. The trustees shall have the control and management of the property of the club, subject only to the action of the membership, audit the books of the corporation, conduct the annual meeting, and further duties as may be required of them by the members.
- D. The election of the trustees shall be held at the annual meeting, except that if the office of trustee shall become vacant for any reason at any other time, nominations and election shall be held at the next regular meeting following the vacancy.
- E. Trustees may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of full and sustaining membership.

ARTICLE IX

Assets

- A. Should this organization ever dissolve for any reason, the material assets of the club must be sold within ninety (90) days and the monies collected from sale is to be added to the common treasury. The Board of Directors shall satisfy all debts incurred by the organization with funds from the treasury. Remaining funds shall be equally divided among the paid-up full and sustaining membership at the time of dissolution.
- B. Such action upon the monies and assets of the club will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors at the time of dissolution.

First printed 1986. Reprinted Oct.28. 1992. Second printing by N8LVO.