



# Alliance Amateur Radio Club Zero Beat

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## Field Day Is This Weekend!

Well, the time is upon us. Field Day 2009 is this weekend. Here's the run-down.

Sponsored each year by the ARRL, Field Day is part Emergency preparedness exercise, part radio contest, and part social event. We set up stations under field conditions, using emergency power, to hone skills which may be called upon in an emergency. We then endeavor to remain on the air for 24 hours straight.

The location for Field Day has remained the same; We'll be setting up at Marlinton Middle School (see map below), on Moulin Ave.



**Howard, K8DXR running stations at FD 2007**

Setup begins at 10 AM on Saturday morning

Don, K8OMO has again offered the use of his boom truck, for the hanging of antennas.

The complete rules are posted on the ARRL website.

We're again running

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**K8QOE**

**Joe Phillips**

**OH SM**

**SK!**

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**First Annual  
Greater Stark  
County Fox Hunt  
Is Set For July  
11th!**

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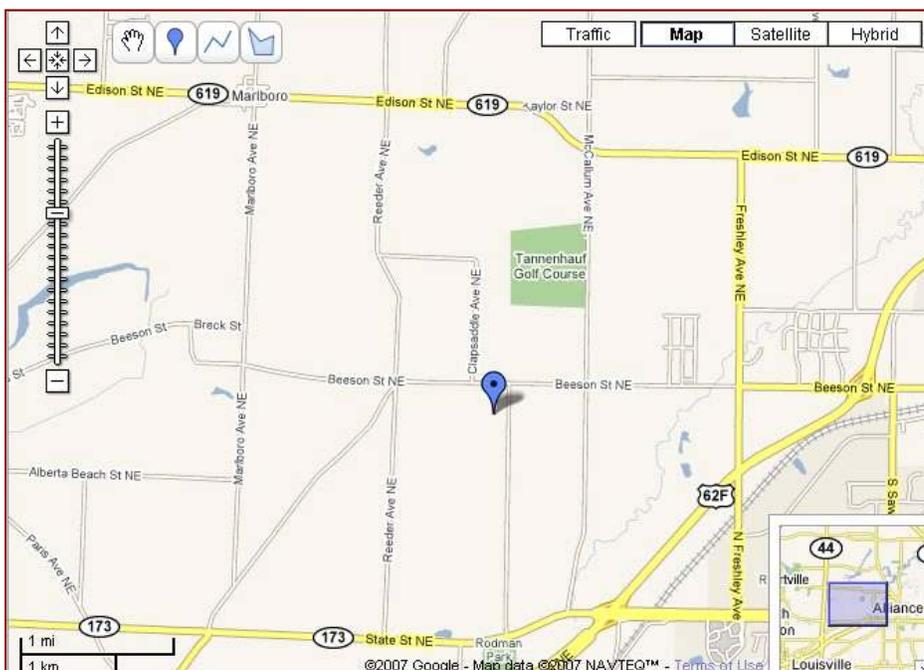
## Meeting Announcement

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

No meeting this month. Ample time will be provided to swap Field Day stories.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

Before the meeting, you're welcome to join us at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex Café (2105 W. State St.). We meet there at 6 PM, for food, & fellowship



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## Ramblings

By John, KD8MQ

By now, you might have heard of the passing of Our Section Manager, K8QOE (See page 8). This morning, I went through my usual routine, which included checking my e-mail. The first thing in my in-box had the subject of K8QOE SK. It was so unbelievable, that I didn't open it till last, and then I still didn't believe it.

I first met Joe several years ago, when he stopped in Alliance to hand deliver an award that the Zero Beat had won in the section newsletter contest. Knowing that Joe lived in the Cincinnati area, this was impressive. He insisted that I accompany him to the Alliance Review where he would talk to the city editor, and get us some recognition.

When we walked into the review, he had to make a stop into the press room, and admire the new presses. He also took a moment to speak to one of the press operators. Joe had newsprint running in his blood.

That, however was not my most memorable contact with Joe. I'll never forget the Saturday afternoon in September, when Joe sent the following e-mail:

John, Give me a call. I'll make it worth your while. Joe"

This was to tell us that the Zero Beat had won the newsletter contest.

In the following years, as editors changed, Joe could

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## 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 held:

### 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 8:00 PM, on 147.51 simplex

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## May Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on May 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM with club President Frank Sanor, WA8WHP presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 19 members present along with Miriam Sanor and special guest Terry Russ (N8ATZ) from the Stark County ARES.

The first part of the meeting was turned over to Terry who then gave a presentation about ARES, focusing on the local organization. Following Terry's presentation, the club's regular business meeting was held.

For the Secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the minutes from both March and April were in the latest newsletter. With nothing further to report, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion by Tom, KD8JRK and seconded by Sam, KC8ETZ.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS. She again reminded the club that annual dues time was here. The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Dave, N8NLZ and seconded by Jim, N8XTJ.

### **Old business:**

- President Frank began the business meeting by observing a moment of silence for Larry Ashburn (KE8VE) who had become a silent key on April 19.

- Since Larry was working with Howard, K8DXR on Field Day preparations, Frank appointed Jim Ferguson, K8LTG to assist Howard with that task.

- Concerning Field Day, several issues were addressed. Don, K8OMO stated that he felt he could not safely get his boom truck into position at the proposed site at Butler-Rodman park. As a result, Tom, KD8JRK moved that this year's FD activities return to the Marlington Middle School site. This was seconded by Don and approved on a voice vote.

- VP John, KD8MQ stated he will handle ordering the port-a-pot.

- As for food, after some discussion, it was decided to go with pot luck, with the members encouraged to bring donations.

- It was then noted that the hospital conference room was not available for the June meeting but that the cabin in Silver Park was available the first Thursday of the month. After discussion, it was decided to hold the club's June meeting there, possibly having a picnic before the meeting.

- The question was raised as to whether the club again wanted to man a special events station on the last Saturday of Carnation Days. Jim, K8LTG moved that the club do so at the same location as previous years (the Jaycee pavilion).

Tom, KD8JRK seconded the motion, which was then approved on a voice vote.

- VP John then reminded the club that although the Canton ARC's request for assistance with a Boy Scout venture group had been voted down by the club, individuals could still assist if desired.

### **New business:**

- President Frank noted that the Columbiana County VE session would be held on May 9. He then stated that club's insurance was up for renewal and a motion was needed to initiate that process. Don, K8OMO so moved, with Joe, KC8TAC providing the second. The motion was carried on a voice vote.

- Tom, KD8JRK stated that his father Bob, K8RLS was tentatively being released from the hospital Community Care facility the following Tuesday.

- VP John announced that the planned inter-club fox hunt had been tentatively scheduled for July 11. He further noted that there would be a drawing for an offset attenuator. Money for the prize (\$25 to \$50) was approved following a motion by Don, K8OMO and seconded by Joe, KC8TAC.

- It was noted that a HTX-202 for mobile use had been donated to the club. The question was raised about any interest in purchasing the radio, but there

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## June Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on June 4, 2009 at approximately 7:30 PM following a picnic at the cabin in Silver Park. Club President Frank Sanor, WA8WHP presided. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 17 members present along with Miriam Sanor and guests Dana N8DA, Jerry K8CAT, and Chris Eglie plus several other wives of members.

For the Secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the minutes for May were sent too late for the current newsletter. He then read the highlights from those minutes for the members. He also reported that in answer to a question raised at the last meeting, the club is indeed incorporated as a non-profit corporation in Ohio. The original incorporation date was July 24, 1986, with renewal due every five years. The last renewal was in December of 2005, with the expiration date for that particular renewal of February 9, 2006. Vice President John, KD8MQ pointed out that this incorporation is strictly for the state, and not for the IRS. Don then passed on to Mary Ann what was apparently another notice and bill for the club's insurance. With nothing further to report, the

Secretary's report was approved on a motion by Howard, K8DXR and seconded by Tom, KD8JRK.

Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS then gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion by, again, Howard and seconded by Tom.

### **Old business:**

- Regarding Field Day, Howard stated that George, K3GP did not know whether he could participate or not, but that his beam was available for use. Howard reiterated that what is really needed are operators to man the stations.

- Don, K8OMO confirmed that he would be bringing his boom truck.

- VP John noted that he normally worked 40 meters until about midnight or 1 AM, then turned it over to Larry, KE8VE to work 80 meters during the night. Since Larry is a SK, someone would be needed to work 80 meters over night.

- Howard then noted that Joe, KC8TAC would be bringing 2m and 6m equipment, and that help was needed for over-all setup, which would start at about 10 AM on Saturday.

- Don, K8OMO then stated that upon looking at the insurance form just turned into Mary Ann, it appeared the company was charging the club an additional amount beyond the original renewal notice. President Frank then asked that the situation be

looked into before taking any further action. Don stated that he would.

- Don then further reported that he had given Mary Ann \$55 for the HTX-202 radio that had been recently sold.

- Mary Ann then announced that she had canceled the club's bank accounts and opened new ones, due to the bank's imposition of maintenance fees on the old ones.

- VP John then asked that anyone who might have document files for the club's old pamphlet, to please contact him, as he would like to update and re-print the pamphlet. He also noted that the Park Board needs funds for renting the JC pavilion for the special event station and the cabin or pavilion for the club picnic.

### **New business:**

- VP John reported that he had attended a meeting for the Triathlon, with further details to be given and discussed at the next meeting.

- President Frank stated that if anyone was still interested in participating in communications for the HOF parade, to contact W8MIE for details and to sign up. Tom, KD8JRK noted that he had already signed up for the event.

- Don, K8OMO reported that he had already made arrangements with Pancho's for the club Christmas party, slated for the second Satur-

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was no response from club members.

- President Frank stated that he had attended a seminar on the legalities of ham radio clubs. The question was raised about whether AARC was incorporated or not, with no one being certain. Frank asked the Secretary to look into the club files he had to see if any information was there. If the club was incorporated, the issue of a possible requirement for periodic renewal was raised by Dave, N8NLZ.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion by Tom, KD8JRK and seconded by Joe, KC8TAC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

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be counted on to comment on something that appeared in the latest issue of the ZB. The Last I heard from him was a few months ago, in the form of a rebuttal to a piece which we had ran in the previous issue.

That is all I have room for this month. I hope to see you at Field Day.

73,

De KD8MQ

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day in December.

- Frank reported that he and VP John had put on a presentation about ham radio for the Alliance Lion's Club.

- Frank announced that the local Red Cross chapter is in dire need of additional funding due to cuts from some of its usual sources. It was stated that they estimated that they would need about \$60,000 additional at the start of their new fiscal year in July. They were hoping to get 6000 individual gifts of \$10 each to help them out. John then moved that further discussion be held about this topic at the July meeting. Tom, KD8JRK seconded the motion which was approved on a voice vote.

- Frank noted that he had a number of items of used equipment from channel 17 available to anyone who might want to sell them at a hamfest or whatever.

- Don, K8OMO then raised a question about what class of operation and bands the club would use for Field Day.

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the N3FJP network software package for logging. All station captains should plan on bringing a computer which can log on to a wireless network. Either that, or bring a long Cat 5 cable.

According to my memory, we are doing a pot

After some brief discussion, it was decided to again use the 3A classification with 80, 40 and 20 meters as primary bands, using others as needed and as band openings allowed.

- VP John then asked about food for FD. It was decided that in addition to whatever pot luck items members might bring, the club would contact Subway about again donating a couple trays of subs if possible. This was left up to Secretary Don and Tom.

- VP John then noted that he could present fox-hunting / direction finding techniques and possibly demonstrate the fox box, at FD, for additional educational points.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Howard, K8DXR and seconded by Tom, KD8JRK.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

luck dinner on Saturday, and someone is checking with Subway for a discount/donation of some party trays.

In 2008, we ran class 3A, generating 914 QSOs, for a final score of 3,340 pts.

So, come on out and get on the air. All are welcome.

## First Annual Greater Stark County Fox Hunt Is Set For July 11th!

The First Annual Greater Stark County fox hunt is scheduled for July 11th. Sponsored jointly by the Alliance, Canton, and Massillon ARC's, this two Meter hunt boasts not one, but two foxes!

The fun begins at 10 AM, on Saturday, July 11th, from the parking lot at Hog Heaven (directions are at the end of this story) and runs until 1 PM. The hunt area is detailed below. Full size maps will be passed out at the starting line.

Both foxes will come on the air at 10 AM, or very soon after. The frequency for the first fox will be announced at

the starting line. You want the frequency for the second fox? You'll have to work for it. It will be printed on numbered tags which are attached to the first fox. That's right, you have to find the first one before you can look for the second.

There will be two classes; Doppler, and non-Doppler. The winners in each class will receive a certificate. The winner will be the first team to locate both foxes, and return to the finish line (Same as the starting line). In case no one finds the both foxes, that the winner will be the first one

to find the first fox.

Each participant will be entered in a drawing to be held at Hog Heaven, after the hunt. First prize is a KØOV offset attenuator board. Second prize is a "experienced" copy of KØOV's book, "Transmitter Hunting: Radio Direction Finding Simplified". The winner must be present to win either of these prizes.

We have reserved a room at Hog Heaven, for after the hunt, for lunch & the swapping of tall tales. That, along with the prize drawing makes this one fox hunt you really shouldn't miss.

### Directions to Hog Heaven

(GPS: 40.82922, -81.3861)

Hog Heaven is located in Canton, at 2730 Cleveland Ave, NW. It is on the East side of Cleveland Ave, just south of 30th St, NW.

**From I-77**, take exit 107, then the Cleveland Ave exit from Rt. 62. Turn Right at the end of the ramp, then right again into the parking lot at Hog Heaven.

**From Rt 62 Westbound**, take the Cleveland Ave Exit. Turn left at the end of the ramp, Left again onto Cleveland Ave, then Left into the parking lot.

We hope to see you there!



Hunt area for the Greater Stark County Fox Hunt  
(Maps will be provided at the start line)

## Fox Hunt News

### Fox Hunt Practice Run to be held at Field Day

With some exceptions, we've been able to hold to the 4th Saturday of the month routine for the FHPR's. For June, the 4th Saturday falls on Field Day Weekend, so we are going to run the FHPR as an educational activity.

Not only do you get a demonstration of the offset attenuator in action, the club gets a 100 point bonus. How's that for a win-win?

### AARC Summer Fox Hunt

The AARC Summer fox hunt will be coming up on July 25th. The starting point will be at Glamorgan castle. The fox will come on the air at 1 PM, and run for two hours. The first team to find the fox will be declared the winner.

### No FHPR in August

Due to a conflict with the Ohio QSO Party, there will be no FHPR in August.

If someone would like to run a FHPR on that, or the following weekend, let me know, and I'll make arrangements to loan you the foxbox.

## Field Day Electrical Safety

Field Day is just around the corner. (June 27-28) With your help we can ensure it is a safe and fun weekend for everyone by reminding all participants about the importance of electrical safety. Please take a moment to share these safety tips from Southern California Edison:

- Outdoor Field Day sites often place hams in spots where they're unfamiliar with the location of overhead power lines. Before anyone sets up the antennas and equipment all of the operators and assistants need to walk the site together, assess the safety of the location and discuss the following safety pointers:

- Your first step is to locate the overhead power lines. Point them out to everyone and discuss how you will all approach the set up and breakdown of the antennas, towers, guy wires, awnings and tents. Ask yourself... "At any time can arms, legs, head, the antenna, wires or tools come in contact with power lines?"

- Assume all overhead power lines are energized and dangerous. Remember, these wires are not covered. This includes the service drops, which typically run from a power pole to a home or business.

- Look closely for power lines hidden by trees and buildings.

- Use a safety spotter. Nobody can do the work alone and assess safety distances. A safety spotter's only job is to keep people and equipment safely away from power lines.

- Remember the 10-foot rule. Locate your antenna as far as possible away from power lines -- and never closer than 10 feet.

- Never use metal ladders or long-handled metal tools when working near power lines.

- Make sure your antenna cannot be rotated into power lines. Or that it cannot fall into a power line if the guy wires fail and the tower falls.

- Never set up an antenna in the dark. But if you feel you must do so, first use a high powered spotlight to locate overhead power lines. They are not reflective so take your time. Look for where the power lines are, as well as where they are not.

- Never throw an antenna wire, guy wire or rope into a tree which is located near a power line. And if a power line is touching a tree, stay away. The tree could be energized and deadly.

- If you encounter a downed power line, stay away and keep others away. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

Have fun and good luck.

73,

Charles Basham, N6DZW  
Manager of Public Safety  
Southern California Edison

Editor's note: Don't forget fire extinguishers and first-aid kits for your Field day site.

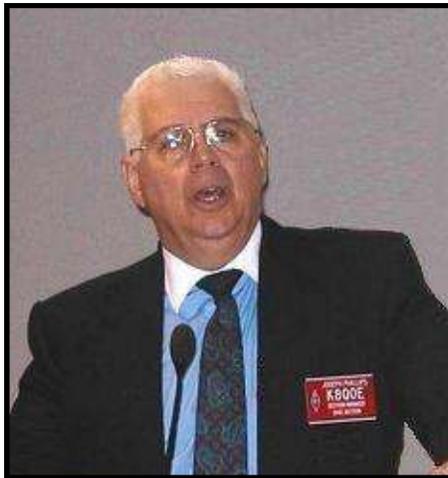
*From the ARRL Club news, June 209 edition, Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, Editor*

## Joe Phillips, K8QOE SK!

Joe Phillips, K8QOE, who served as ARRL Ohio Section Manager since 1998, passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday, June 20. He was 68. Licensed in 1959 as KN9SYL, Phillips first joined the ARRL Field Organization as an Official Emergency Station (OES) in 1986. He became a Public Information Officer in 1989 and has served as an Official Observer (OO) since 1997. He was elected Ohio Section Manager in 1998.

A graduate of Youngstown University, Phillips had a career as a journalist and a teacher. He edited six separate ham radio newsletters in Cincinnati before becoming Newsletter Editor for the Ohio Area Repeater Council in 1984, a position he held for five years. In 1986, Phillips organized the first *Ohio Repeater Directory* and in 1992, organized the Ohio Section Ham Radio Newsletter Contest. He authored a weekly ham radio newspaper column in the Sunday edition of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* called "Ham Call" and hosted a similarly named program for cable television in the Cincinnati area.

In 1994, Phillips was elected to the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, and in 1995, he was the recipient of the ARRL's McGan Silver Antenna Award. This award is given annually to a League member who demonstrates outstanding public relations success on



Joe Phillips, K8QOE

behalf Amateur Radio at the local, state or national level. Phillips was excited about having his photo on the cover of the May 2009 issue of *QST* featuring the annual Dayton Hamvention.

"Throughout a 40-year



Joe, with Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention©

friendship, Joe and I worked closely together on many occasions," said ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE. "From his early days of supporting the county ARES/RACES unit and the Ohio Repeater Council, Joe has always provided energetic and effective leadership with a friendly, personal

touch. The magnetism of his style of leadership drew the best from others who soon became solid friends, not mere associates."

ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, remembered Phillips fondly: "If you have been to Dayton you have met and laughed with Joe. He was the master of the Wouff Hong ceremony. His red jacket is the stuff of legend in Ohio. Joe was more than a Section Manager -- he really gave all of himself to ARRL for 20-plus years. With him dies the last paper newsletter sent to section membership. When I answered his phone calls, he announced his call with 'Here's your Ohio Nightmare.' He loved baseball, maybe more than I did. He was a good man, and he is really going to be missed."

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The above was copied from the ARRL Website [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). More on Joe's passing can be found on page two.



## Military Convoy passes through Area



### Military Convoy and Ham Radio

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - The Military Vehicle Preservation Association convoy of over 100 military vehicles come through the Tri-County area on June 15, 2009.

At around 2:00 people were wondering where the convoy was. Tom Steele (KD8JRK) called Tom Bert (KB8MFV) in Salem to find out. KB8MFV had only knew it was supposed to come through East Palestine. Through KD8JRK's and KB8MFV's efforts a Repeater Link was established so that Salem and Alliance could connect to the convoys Ham Operator David (K8PKN).



Don (K8OMO) was attempting to contact the Convoy finding them in a "Black Hole" in Washingtonville. Soon because of the Repeater link communications with the convoy was made.

Richard (KD6MPN) was East of Sebring doing his best to let everyone know what was going on. Along with Rick (KC8SUI) help letting everyone know that the convoy hadn't passed his place yet.

The Convoy was delayed for over 2 hours in East Palestine due to the over-whelming amount of hospitality shown to them. Soon the convoy was on its way West to its destination.

A tip of the Hat to Tom (KD8JRK), Tom (KB8MFV), Don (K8OMO) and Richard (KD6MPN) for their efforts to guide the convoy through Salem, Sebring and Alliance. Another tip of the Hat goes to David (K8PKN) for contacting local hams and staying in constant communications.

Don (K8OMO) went to Alliance's Wal-Mart to assist David (K8PKN) in programming his radio for the Massillon Repeater. (Tom Steele, KD8JRK) (Photo courtesy Frank Sanor, WA8WHP)

### From the MVPA Website

In 1919, the US Army's Military Transportation Corps (MTC) undertook a transcontinental Convoy to demonstrate the need for a mechanized Army. This "hooves to wheels" plan to modernize America's fighting force needed an attention-getting event to energize Congress and the citizenry, and parading the Army's military might from coast-to-coast along the new Lincoln Highway was a great way to get demonstrate new vehicles.

As part of its mission to honor our country's military vehicle history, the MVPA has decided to recreate the famous 1919 Convoy in 2009 as a 90th Anniversary celebration of the achievement and in conjunction with the nation's President Lincoln Bicentennial celebration. (The above text & map was reprinted from the [www.mvpa.org](http://www.mvpa.org).)

## How's your CW?

After returning home from Dayton, I heard that I had missed seeing a new piece of software which sounds invaluable to anyone wishing to increase their CW speed. The program is called R u f z X P (<http://www.rufzxp.net/>), and is a free download.

The designers of RufzXP describe this software as

“an excellent training software for improving code speed and CW practice, particularly (ultra) high speed memory copying of true amateur radio calls. Focusing on improvement of CW proficiency, it is no contest simulator and does not provide

for QRM. It provides additional tools for keeping track of training progress and comparing with other operators via International RufzXP Toplist”.

So far, I have installed this on three computers (XP Pro, XP Home, and Win2000). I won't say that the install was a “piece of cake”, but it should cause no trouble for most of us. The most important pre-requisite is to have ALL your updates done before attempting to install RufzXP. Specifically, You need MS .net 2.0/3.0, and direct 9.0C installed. Once all that was done, the installs were a snap.

RufzXP sends a chosen

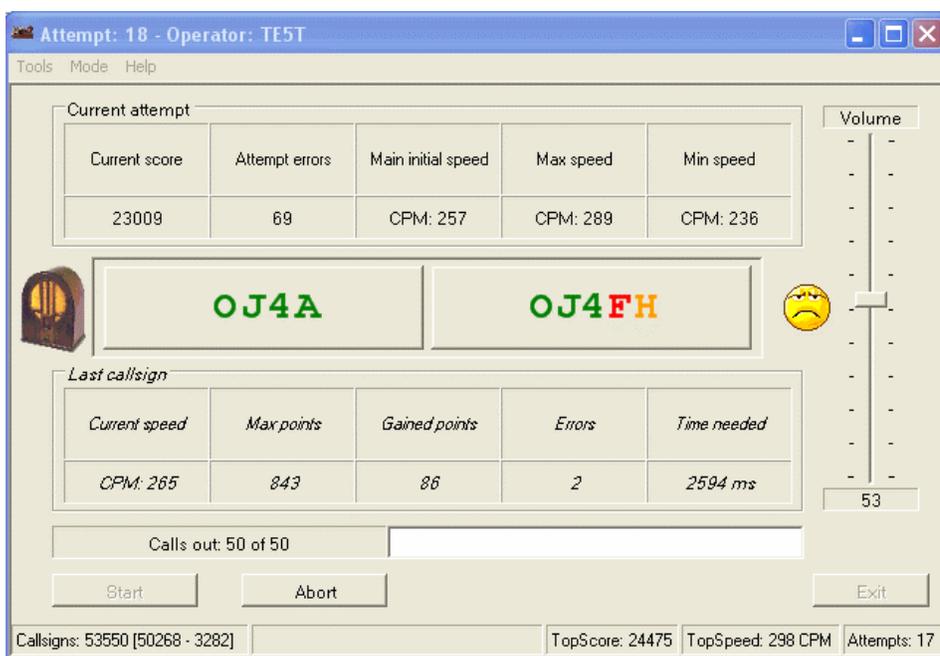
number of random selected true amateur radio calls (50 by default) to be typed into the keyboard. After <ENT> key has been pressed, the computer gives its next call.

If the call has been copied correctly, the transmitting speed increases, if not, it decreases. In this way software automatically adapts transmitting speed to user's maximum performance. Every last call can be heard once again by pressing F6-key (50% penalty).

The number of points for each call is primarily related to the CW-speed sent, the number of errors and the length of the call. In addition typing time exerts a minor influence. But it is helpful to think about whether the heard call is useful or not.

The initial speed is variable, from 8 to 803 (not a typo) WPM. As you run the program, you will notice that the pitch changes from one callsign to another.

My CW speed was never great to begin with, but with the help of this program, I hope to make a stab at 40 CW at this years Field Day. I highly recommend this program, and hope to demo it at the July club meeting. (KD8MQ)



Here's a screenshot from the RufzXP site.

# July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## 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/newsletters/>.

### July, 1989, (editors KB8GCE & KB8GCF)

- Dennis was reminiscing on his first Field Day experience. In 1989, the club field day was held at Hillier's Hill, in Beloit.
- It must have been a rainy June that year, as the editors make several references to Monsoon season, and operating from arks.
- A technical article on testing diodes & transistors was shared.
- Paul Beane, NW8C was recognized for becoming a million miler. As a driver for Consolidated Freightways, he drove 1,000,000 miles without a preventable accident.
- The club had provided communications for the Aerobatic competition at Great lakes.

### July, 1994, (editor WX8G)

- The headline promised "NO MORE ZERO BEAT! Unless you've paid your dues".
- A move was afoot to reduce the 13 WPM requirement to 10 WPM. Reportedly, this was be-

ing promoted by equipment manufacturers, and magazine publishers.

- The club was setting up behind Marlinton Middle school. That year, we were planning to raise antennas with the help of a advertising balloon donated by K8BTQ. Bill Moretta, N8TLY was providing dinner compliments of his restaurant (Padulah's, in Massillon). For Breakfast, David, N8NLZ was cooking.
- Jerry Kirkendal, KA8YEB had passed away. Jerry was the owner of Electronic Circuit & Design.
- Jim, N8DZA (now K8LTG) used his knowledge of thermals to take first place in the a RC fly-in in Barberton.
- Operators were being recruited for the Carnation Triathlon.

### July, 2004, (editor KE8VE)

- The July, 2004 issue had a wrap up of Field Day 2004. Thanks to some generous food donations, there was enough to feed an army. Results were to be printed in the August issue.