



It's Picnic Time!

Mark your calendars. September 26th is our club picnic. We'll light the grill around 1 PM, and start cooking soon after.

This year, we were able to get the Silver Park cabin. To get to the cabin, turn into the park from Union Ave (SR 183), then take the 2nd drive to the left, and you're there.

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.

We also need volunteers to bring:

- Drinks
- Plates & utensils
- Buns
- Chips



If anyone has a cornhole game, or other activity, feel free to bring it.

We'll be monitoring 5.37, in case anyone needs directions.

KD8MQ will be manning the grill. One of the few times during the year when you actually see him do some work!

We hope to see everyone there.

AARC to Hold Homebrew night in November!

Here's a head-up for you. We are having a homebrew night at the November meeting. Bring your favorite homebrew project, or restoration, for show & tell.

We'll give everyone 5-10 minutes to show off their pride & Joy.

Watch next months ZB for more information.

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2nd, at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the Cafe conference room.

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

Ham Radio Saves the Day

On August 16th, eight local Hams assisted in the 24th running of the Carnation Triathlon. The event went off smoothly for the most part, but not without a couple of hitches.

First, despite everything being set up in ad-

vance, the Portage County Sheriff deputies failed to show up for traffic control at some critical intersections.

Word was relayed to the Alliance PD through Sam, KC8ETZ. Detective Yarian made a phone call to the Portage Sheriffs Dep't, and

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Ramblings

By John, KD8MQ

Hi everyone, How was your August? I know, it was a busy month, club-wise. There was the special event station, & the Carnation Triathlon, not to mention the motorcycle cruise-in that a few of you attended.

Here at our QTH, I also did the festival thing. Participated in the HOF 2 mile run (See pix). I wasn't dead last, but close to it. HI HI.

The next weekend, KD8JRK & I participated in the PCARS VHF Sprint. We ran mobile through the southern, and central parts of Portage County.

I'm looking forward to relaxing a bit in September.

I've also been having a blast attending some of the fox-hunts sponsored by the Cuyahoga Falls, and Parma clubs (*Their schedules are on page 5*).

I'm not real familiar with the hunt areas, but sometimes that can be a good thing. It forces me to rely more on my equipment, and less on supposition.

BTW, If anyone happens to hear of any new fox hunts in the area, please drop me a line, so I can add it to the fox hunt calendar.

We'll need help to cover the Rotary Castle Run on Labor Day. I'll be out of town, and unable to assist. More info elsewhere in this issue.



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 R.

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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MFJ purchases Cushcraft

(Aug 7, 2009) -- On August 7, [MFJ Enterprises](#) announced they had purchased the Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas product line from Missouri-based [Laird Technologies](#) effective July 31.

According to MFJ, Cushcraft -- makers of HF/VHF/UHF vertical, beam and Yagi antennas for the Amateur Radio community -- will continue to be manufactured in Manchester, New Hampshire. "We are excited to have the Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antennas product line alongside our other five companies," said Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises, Inc. "This product line increases our ability to offer our customers a wide range of antenna options at different prices. Customers will be able to choose from Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas, Hy-gain and MFJ antennas through one source."

MFJ purchased Hy-gain in 2000 the company also

owns Ameritron, Mirage and Vectronics. Jue said that the Cushcraft line will bring more than 50 new products to MFJ's Amateur Radio product line. "We will add more new products to this antenna line and will continue the Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas name long into the future. Cushcraft Amateur Radio antenna product customers will appreciate the continued and expected top-quality manufacturing of this product in New Hampshire and the MFJ commitment to superb after-the-sale service and tech support in Mississippi," said Jue.

The 120 page 2010 MFJ catalog will include the entire Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas product line. MFJ has set up a special customer support line -- 662-323-5803 -- to handle Cushcraft antenna product technical support, parts requests and customer services. (*From ARRL.org*)

FCC Hikes Vanity license fees

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase \$1.10, from \$12.30 to \$13.40.

Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 10, 2009.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 11, 2009 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009," includes regulatory fees. These fees are expected to recover a total of \$341,875,000 during FY2009, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

For more information, see the recent ARRLWeb article, "FCC Looks to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees for Second Consecutive Year" at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/18/10825/?nc=1>.

Rambling—cont

I'm thinking of doing a weeknight fox hunt on a regular basis, copying the format used by the Cuyahoga Falls Group. The hunt area would be stark county.

I hope I didn't spoil anyone with last months oversize issue of the ZB.

This months issue isn't finished as I write this, but it looks like an eight pager this time.

Don't forget the OSPOTA contest on the 12th!

That's about it for this month. 73, John, KD8MQ

Upcoming Fox Hunts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Hunt/Talk-in Freq</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Start Line</u>
September 2nd	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
September 13th	2pm	146.475	Woodchuck ARC	Kmart Parking Lot 7701 Broadview Road Parma, Ohio 44131
September 16th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
September 19th	1 PM	446.00	Alliance ARC	200 Glamorgan Alliance
September 30th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio

For changes, or additions, e-mail kd8mq@arrl.net

Club to hold Fox Hunt on 440 MHz

Get those antennas re-tuned, cause we're gonna have some 440MHz excitement! With apologies to Bob Dylan, "the frequencies they are a changing" .

The September & October fox hunt frequency will be 446.000 MHz.

The hunts will be on September 19th @ 1 PM, and on October 24th @ 1 PM. Watch the Zero Beat for more info.

Weeknight AARC Foxhunts?

I was thinking of starting a weeknight fox hunt on a regular basis, similar to the format used by the Cuyahoga Falls Group.

The hunt area could encompass all of Stark County, and end near a local eatery, where we could grab a bite, and swap stories.

Your thoughts please?
(KD8MQ)

Hunter Wins Foxhunt Before it Begins!

How's this for a great fox hunter? At the August 5th Cuyahoga Falls fox hunt, Gay, WB8VNO chose the PCARS Amateur Radio Cruise -in in Ravenna as a hiding place. kind of a hiding in plain site thing. When she pulled into the lot, who should already be their, but Eddie, KD8FTS? (pix below) This was before Gay even keyed the mic!

Way to go Eddie! Now, that's one great fox hunter!

Parma Foxhunt Report

Lyn & I made the trip to Parma recently for their hunt. Sponsored by the Woodchuck ARC, hunts are held at 2 PM, on the second Sunday of each month, from May—October.

The fox was Eddie, KD8FTS, and he was hiding in the parking lot of a strip club named "The Foxes Den", which was somewhat ironic.

All told, it was a good hunt.



Ham Radio saves the day—cont.

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30 minutes later the Portage Sheriffs deputies were on scene. Jenny, the race director was extremely appreciative, telling us "You guys saved the day".

The only other hitch involved a couple bikers who got off course. All told it was a great race day.

The operators who helped were KD8MQ, KC8ETZ, K8OMO, KC8SUI, K8DXR, KD6MPN, and K8CAT, who was on standby.

Club wins trophy!

According to 'OMO, the club won T-shirts, & a trophy for having the best represented support crew at the Freedom Community Fellowship church Motorcycle cruise-in on August 2nd. Congrats!



KC8SUI Gets Hitched!

Congratulations to Rick, KC8SUI, who got married recently.

Rick is the son of Smitty, KC8TJQ.

Sorry, no pictures, or further info were forwarded to the Zero Beat,

Wayback - cont.

- We had just had our summer corn roast, at the home of Bob Rickard, KB8GAG.

Operators Needed For Castle Run

The 4th annual running of the Rotary Castle Run will be held on Labor Day. The Castle Run is actually 3 separate runs. First, a kids fun run, followed by a 2 Mile run, then a 10 K immediately afterwards.

The fun begins with the Kids fun run at 8:30 AM. Then at 9 AM the 2 Mile run begins, followed shortly after by the 10K start.

Communicators are needed mainly for the 10 K run. Our duties will include manning of critical intersections, and assisting with the relaying of runner numbers to the finish line.

If you can spare 2-3 hours from your holiday morning, it will be appreciated. Please plan on being at the castle by 8:30 AM.

Last years results show 385 runners participated with an almost 50/50 split between the two races.



September, 1999, (editor K8LTG)

- Not wanting to wait till the last minute, the menu for the clubs Christmas party were posted. The party was to be held at Roadhouse Charleys
- The South African Sunsat satellite had been launched and was being tested.

Ohio's Ham of the year award was being renamed to honor former ARRL Great Lakes Director Allan Severson, AB8P. The award now will be known as the "Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award."

September, 2004, (editor K8SVE)

- We had once again provided communications for the Carnation Triathlon.
- There was a very interesting story by David, N8NLZ, about his early interest in radio.
- John Bray, K8JDB(ex KF8ZG) moved to Ashburn, VA to be closer to family.

Special Event Station

On Saturday, August 15th, members of the Alliance ARC activated W8LKY, to commemorate the birthplace of the Scarlet Carnation, right here in Alliance.

As usual, certificates were promised. The QSL's have already begun arriving.

Thanks to all who participated!

Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest September 12th

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) announces the **2nd Annual "Ohio State Parks On the Air"** (OSPOTA) contest to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. EDT (1600 UTC to 2400 UTC).

For hams throughout the State of Ohio, this is your opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the 73 beautiful State Parks here in Ohio. Don't just make a day of it, spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts, you will find that the parks are one of Ohio's greatest assets.

Find out more about the parks at: <http://www.dnr.state.oh/parks>.

Complete information about OSPOTA can be found at: <http://parks.portcars.org>.



Are the hot dogs done yet?



The ragchewers net was in full swing!



Was that a ZC6 calling me?



Yes, KD8MQ forgot his hot dog tongs



Tony & Smitty plugging away on 40



Some free PR at the entrance to Silver Park

September 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/>.

September, 1989, (editors KB8GCE & KB8GCF)

- We were teaching Novice classes at the Hospital. The instructors were John, KD8MQ, and Jim, N8DZA (Now K8LTG)
- We had unconfirmed reports that the ARRL Board had voted 9-6 to recommend a "Communicator" class license which would be code-free, and offer privileges on 220MHz & up.
- The FCC question pools were due to be upgraded on November 1, 1989. The League was scrambling to get the new licenses manuals to market in time.
- We had just held our club picnic, which involved an annual volleyball game.

September, 1994, (editor WX8G/KD8MQ)

- The numbers were released for the 1994 Field Day Effort. We made 966 QSO's; That's 492 CW, and 474 SSB. Bill, N8TLY catered dinner

from his restaurant. Breakfast was prepared by Dave, N8NLZ.

- A growing number of Hams posting on packet bulletin boards were calling for the re-assignment of 11 Meters to Amateur Service. 11 Meters was, at that time, being described as "a wasteland even the government can't use".
- Your editor had just joined Compuserve, and got one of those new-fangled "e-mail addresses". My address was 75027,1342@compuserve.com.
- The 1994 Mall Show was coming up on September 17th, 18th. Members of SAARA were bringing "The Worlds Largest Working Code Key".
- The winners of the latest fox hunt were John & Pam, KD8MQ, & N8IAK, with K8OMO coming in second by a hair. The foxes, John, KF8ZG, and Bill, W8ZZS, were hiding in the Mill creek Recreation area at Berlin Lake.
- We had two new Hams on the air; Gordon, KB8UIV, and Dana, KB8SWV (Now N8DA).

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