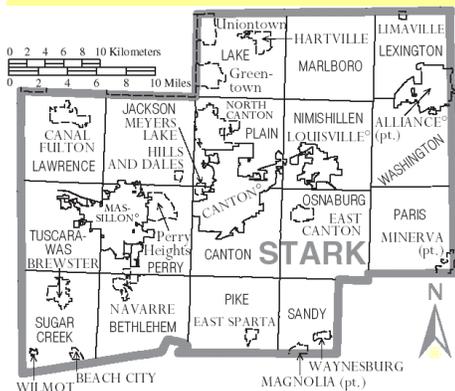




Stark County VHF QSO Party a Success!



The Alliance ARC's first running of the Stark County VHF QSO Party is now in the history books, and I think we can call it a success.

The bands were crowded, the weather was fantastic, It was a perfect day for a Stark county road trip.

There were three bonus stations on the air, and it sounds like they were kept busy throughout the afternoon.

It's unclear yet, how many stations participated, but we do know that there was a lot of activity. John, KD8MQ & the K8BF team which consisted of Robert, N8RLG, and Errol, KC8RJR, followed each other all afternoon, activating most of the county in the process. worked their own section.

One of the goals of the QSO Party was **"To provide an opportunity for local Amateurs to enhance their station and operating skills"**

We've already heard from a couple of operators who are planning to upgrade their VHF simplex capabilities, so that goal has been achieved. In time of emergency, this will be an advantage.

At this time, the logs are still being received. Remember, that the deadline is May 10th. Get those logs in to us.

Cross checking of the logs will commence shortly after the 10th.

We'll post full results in the next issue of the Zero Beat.

We are planning to do this again next year, so if you see something we can do better in next years contest, by all means please let us know.

You can e-mail me at kd8mq@arrl.net. Or call me at 330-936-5021.

Vintage Field Day Video to be shown at May Meeting

This month, we have secured a copy of Field Day 1971, which was originally produced by the Palisades Amateur Radio Club, in California. The club is gone, but the video lives on.

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the Cafe conference room.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

This months program will be a video of Field Day 1971, produced by the Palisades ARC, in California. (See accompanying story)

Before the meeting, you're invited to join us at 6pm for dinner at

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John Myers, KD8MQ
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Rambling

By John, KD8MQ

Is ragchewing on 2 Meter simplex your idea of a relaxing time on the bands? If so, then please accept our apologies for April 10th. That was the first running of the Stark County VHF QSO Party. I was overwhelmed with the amount of activity which was present. At times, the simplex section of the 2 Meter band was pure bedlam.

I set out to activate all multipliers within the 6 hour time span of the contest. While this goal was not achieved, I still had a lot of fun trying. At this writing, I still haven't finished my entry paperwork. But I intend to finish by the May 10th deadline.

Speaking of which, don't forget to get your entries in before the deadline. Even if you are not interested in formally entering, please send your logs. We can always use check logs.

The program for this months meeting will be on Field Day, 1972, and comes courtesy of Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF. There is a story behind this video, and I hope to share it with you in this issue of the Zero Beat.

By the time you're reading this, you've missed the deadline for ordering a safety vest. But don't fret, we will likely place additional orders in the fall, and again in the springtime.

At the next club meet-

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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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April Minutes

April 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on April 7, 2010 at 7:30 PM at Alliance Community Hospital, with President John Myers, KD8MQ presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 17 members present along with guest Bob Winston (W2THU) and Miriam Sanor. The club also acknowledged a new member, Tomas St. George, KC8ZEH.

President John announced club birthdays for April including K8LTG and KC8TAC. He also made note of a newspaper article honoring Dave, N8NLZ and his wife Mildred for their volunteer work at the hospital.

For the Secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the March minutes were in the newsletter. He then reported that he had sent letters to the following: A thank-you on behalf of the club to Mike Zawaski and Westmont Inc., for their donation to the club in memory of Jim, N8XTJ; An acknowledgment of the donation to Jim's family; A thank-you to Bill Fraedrich for his presentation at the March meeting on the history of Morse code; A letter of condolence to Glenn Houchen (N8GGC) concerning the recent passing of his wife, Nancy (N8QXN). With nothing further, the Secre-

tary's report was approved on a motion by Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Tom, KD8JRK.

Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion by Smitty, KC8TJQ and seconded by Vice President Howard, K8DXR.

Committee reports:

- Concerning Field Day, President John announced that Marlinton Middle School has been reserved and that the parking lot has been paved. He also stated that there will be a Field Day networking software clinic for club members on April 29 at the Hospital at 7 PM. The exact room was not yet known although it would probably be in conference room 1. John then reminded the club that he was still hoping that someone would volunteer to work one or more satellite QSO's, or at least help out with doing it.

- John noted that the club's Facebook site was now up to 28 fans, and is generating good PR.

- Don, K8OMO reported that the latest Hospital Homeland Security net operation yielded 17 check-ins from 5 counties. He also commented that the club's 10-meter net has been quite slow lately.

- Smitty reported that the 2-meter net has been running well and that Tomas had volunteered to help out

with that net.

Old business:

- John reminded the club about the ARRL approved safety vests that are available, and that he needed three requests to place an order.

- He then noted that the first Stark County VHF QSO party was coming up April 10 and that he had with him some copies of the rules. He stated that after the contest, he was willing to listen to any legitimate concerns or suggestions for improvement.

New business:

- President John raised the issue of whether the club wanted to again hold a special event station on the last Saturday of Carnation Days, at Silver Park. The idea seemed generally popular, and a motion was made to do so by Tom and seconded by Frank. The motion was approved on a voice vote. John then asked Secretary Don to call the Park Board about reserving the Jaycee pavilion for that purpose on August 14, and about any cost involved.

- Frank then reported that his house was again broken into and most of his ham gear stolen. John offered to put a list of the stolen items in the newsletter so that people could watch for them.

- John reminded the club that the Cuyahoga Falls ham-

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Minutes-cont.

fest was coming up on April 18.

- He also noted that Jim Lilley's family was taking his tools to the Marlboro auction but were not yet taking his ham equipment. John said he was going to consult with the family to help them organize the ham items and would probably post a list in the newsletter when that was done.

- John then reminded the club about the Pioneer ARC bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention. They require at least 20 riders to register by April 23.

- John noted that the Massillon club is sponsoring an IOTA Dxpedition to North Bass island on Lake Erie in July. The issue of our club making a monetary donation to help them with the costs was raised. John proposed donating \$25; a motion to do so was made by Tom and seconded by Tomas. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

After the break, Bob Winston, W2THU, an attorney from Cleveland, presented a program on "Amateur Radio and the Law."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on a motion by Tom and seconded by Tomas.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

Field Day Video - cont.

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The club boasted several members who worked in the film industry. The sound track was originally recorded on a cassette tape to be played simultaneously with the film. It has since been transferred to tape, and finally to DVD.

Last week, Bill Paster-nack, WA6ITF made 6 copies available for loan. We were one of six clubs in the country who were chosen to pre-view the DVD.

It is interesting to note that even after almost 40 years, some things about Field Day remain the same.

The film runs around 30 minutes, and we plan to show it after the next club meeting. We hope you'll be able to join us.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Don Michael, AB8ZF, of Alliance, on his recent upgrade to Extra class.

- Congratulations to David (N8NLZ), and Mildred Hostetler on being honored in the local paper for their volunteer work at Alliance Community Hospital.

Rambling - cont.

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ing, I'll have info on a unique deal for Alliance ARC members. It'll be something that we can all use. This is still in the planning stages, so I'll leave it at that for now.

The planning for the Alliance ARC August special event operation has hit a snag, and we need your help. It turns out that someone beat us to the punch, and reserved the Jaycee Pavilion in Silver park for the exact day that we need it.

We need to do some brainstorming at the next meeting, and come up with some kind of reasonable alternative. So, if you have an idea for a public place somewhere in the Alliance area, where we can set up, please let us know.

One last thing; This is the last issue of the Zero Beat before my annual trip to the Dayton Hamvention. If you want a Field Day shirt, Hat, or pin, please get me the money by May 11th. You won't get a discount, but you won't need to pay the retched shipping & handling charges either!

With that, I'll say 73, and see you at the Field Day software clinic, and/or the club meeting.

Till then, de KD8MQ

So What Does BNC Stand For? And Other Bits of Connector Trivia

I was wondering the other day about BNC connectors. What does BNC stand for, anyway? Why is it used in higher frequency applications than the PL-259, which is called a UHF connector? The more I considered it, the more it seemed like it made little, or no sense. So, with the help of the internet, I performed exhaustive minutes of research to find the answer.

BNC- If you are thinking to your self that BNC is an acronym for "British Naval Connector", then read on. That is only one of the Backronyms applied to BNC over the years. The BNC connector actually stands for "Bayonet - Neill - Concelman". Bayonet is actually the base style. While Paul Neill worked for Bell Labs, and was the inventor of the N connector. Carl Concelman was an engineer at Amphenol, who is the inventor of the C connector.

It was copied in the USSR, and wound up with slightly different dimensions, due to the conversion between the imperial & metric systems.

The **TNC** connector is so named for "Threaded Neill - Concelman". While similar, it is much better at microwave frequencies than BNCs.

The BNC also spawned **Twinax**, and **Triax** connectors, which carry 2 & 3 conductors in addition to the outer shield.

UHF- This is also called the Amphenol Coaxial Connector. It is the threaded coax connector that we know & love for HF/VHF use. It gets the name "UHF Connector" from the practice during the 1940's of referring to any frequency over 30 MHz as UHF. It is rarely used these days for UHF, as it does not perform well at frequencies over 300 MHz

Banana Plug - The Banana plug was invented in 1924 by Richard Hirschmann. It is a single conductor plug which is use in Test equipment. According to Wikipedia, the plug consists of a 25mm metal pin which is 4 mm in diameter. It has one or more lengthwise springs which bulge outward slightly, allowing it to grip the inside of a mating connector.

Speaking of a mating connector to the banana plug, I would most often see it used with the "**5 Way Binding Post**". The binding post was referred to as 5 way, because, besides the banana plug, it could also be used with

- Pin Connectors inserted through the metal post, and clamped by tightening the plastic shield.
- Bare wire inserted through the same hole, and clamped
- Bare wire wrapped around the barrel of the binding post, and clamped.
- A lug terminal inserted around the binding post & clamped.

The Pin plug use to be commonly used for headphones. They were just as the name implies. A pin probably around 1 mm diameter (I'm guessing here), which would insert into a mating plugged, or used with a binding post.

These are a few types of connectors that that are common to Ham Radio, and only a fraction of the number that is available.



BNC



TNC



UHF



Banana Plug



Binding Post



Pin Plug

SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER

CW IS Alive And Well in Ohio

John W. Tipka, W8UL

CW is alive and well in the Ohio Section. In spite of the fact that passage of a CW test is no longer a requirement for an amateur radio license in many developed countries of the world, including the United States of America, CW is going strong here in the Ohio Section.

Just listen during any one of the many CW contests or peruse the contest results on the Internet or in one of the amateur radio monthly magazines, and you will see what I am saying.

But, but if you want to be part of that group and your code speed is slow and you have been unable to increase it, or if you haven't been on the air for a while using CW, or just want to participate in a CW net, then continue to read.

There are three CW nets daily in the Ohio Section:

- two Buckeye Nets (BN); Early, meets at 6:45 PM (2345 UTC) and Late meets at 10:00PM (0300 UTC) on 3577 KHz.

- the Ohio Slow Net (OSN) meets at 6:00PM (2300 UTC) on 3535.5 KHz. (*The UTC net times are one hour earlier during Daylight Saving Time which begins on March 15, 2010*).

Each net is an ARRL affiliated traffic net. The Buckeye Nets operate with speeds of 18 to 20 words per minute (wpm) while the OSN slows down to 10-12 wpm and , being flexible, will slow down even more for participants who need it. The

Buckeye Nets are for those who already have CW skills. The OSN is the net where you learn how to become a CW operator and traffic handler.

Whether you are a traffic handler, contester, rag chewer, or a CW wannabe, there is a place for you in each of the CW communities.

For the CW wannabe, if you are just learning the Morse Code, tune in the OSN and just listen for a while; also listen to the code practice sessions broadcast nightly by ARRL's W1AW. Free computer software is also available on the Internet to help you learn the code character-by-character and it will help will you increase your code speed. Once you have learned all 40 or so characters by their sound, and have some degree of code speed, then that's the time to put a toe into the water of the OSN. This is an opportunity to reach your goal and satisfy your dream.

Then, once you achieve your CW prowess. you will be able to find a new niche that fits your CW fist, or can go back to the CW community you favor, but you need to remember how you got where you at that time. That's where the OSN comes in.

What you'll find on the OSN is a slow speed traffic net whose sole purpose is to practice and to hone CW skills. The OSN net manager is Henry Koenig, WD8Q, who lives in Lucas, Ohio. Henry uses every opportunity to pass formal traffic

on the net but also gives training and direction for those who want it.

The Maryland Slow Net (MSN) has received national acclaim as the best training net to learn how to handle ARRL formatted messages, proper procedure to check into and out of a traffic net, operation as a liaison to a higher or lower level net, and if wanted, how to become a CW net control station (NCS). (Yes, this course is where you learn everything about that ARRL FSD-218 pink-colored card.)

The course consists of five different groups: Basic, Advanced, Liaison, Instructor, and NCS.

The course is formed around 188 messages that give experience in handling messages while at the same time improving code speed. Depending upon one's diligence, the course can be completed in three to four months.

Basic net procedures are covered in the Basic course with added depth when one advances to the Advanced course.

The Liaison course teaches all you need to know about being a liaison between nets.

The Instructor course teaches you how to be an "Elmer" and how to train others as your instructors trained you. The final course in the series is the NCS course which trains you to become a Net Control Sta-

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KD8MQ vs. Low-Hanging Bridge! Bridge Wins!



Mike N8ZUA (r) consoles KD8MQ on the destruction of his fox-hunting beam

A funny thing happened on the way to the finish line a few weeks ago. It seems that the RR bridge on Seasons Rd (SW of Streetsboro). Was just a few inches low. Unfortunately, my 2 Meter beam may have been just a couple inches too high.

For fox hunting, I normally mount the beam on a mast, which extends out through my sunroof. For our first hunt of the year, Don, K8OMO & I were homing in on the fox, and all was going well, until the moment we hit the bridge.

As we approached the bridge, it looked like we might clear. In fact, we did clear the leading edge of the bridge. The trailing edge, however, was another story. We heard two bangs, followed by the sound of the reflector, and director bouncing off of the top of the Jeep.

I guess I just needed motivation to get my Doppler finished. HI HI (*kd8mq*)

CW Alive & Well—cont

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tion.

Henry is a graduate of the Maryland course, and has secured permission from the MSN to implement the same course in the Ohio Section with some very minor changes. The key point I want to make is that the course is in operation today in the Ohio Section. Your training program can be started immediately without any time limits on completing the course.

Upon check-in to the OSN indicate that you wish to take the course and you will be paired up with an instructor. Using a one-on-one technique, the two of you will move off the net frequency for your personalized instruction. On each subsequent net check-in, you are able to request additional training messages from the NCS. You set your own pace. The end result is up to you.

Granted I have been talking CW traffic handling and nets, but that's the business I am in. But you can take whatever skills you have learned on the OSN and use them in any of the other CW themes in the amateur radio world.

If you will be checking into the OSN, here is some information you will need to know beforehand.:

- The OSN is a directed net. This means that the NCS is in charge. The NCS will call the net, send the net preamble, and then call for check-ins. Listen

PARF Dayton Bus Trip is Cancelled!

The Dayton Hamvention[®] bus trip sponsored by the Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship has been cancelled for this year.

PARF was only able to get about half the minimum number of reservations by the deadline. As a result, all moneys collected have been refunded, and the trip cancelled. They promise to try again in 2011.

The Cuyahoga ARS is also running a bus, but that deadline may have already passed. Check their club website for details.

for a minute or two to what is happening, then when the NCS sends QNI, send a single letter.

When the NCS repeats the letter you sent, sign in by sending your full call sign and whether you have traffic. If you hear a different letter than the letter you sent, wait for that station to check in and then try again when you hear the next QNI.

Example:

NCS: CQ OSN DE WD8Q OSN QNI

YOU: A

NCS: A

YOU: DE AA8AAA QRU (QRU means I have nothing for you)

NCS: AA8AAA DE WD8Q GE PSE AS (Letters AS sent a one character means standby or wait)

Z e r o B e a t

John, KD8MQ will stop at the ARRL Booth at Dayton. If you'd like to save shipping on any any of this stuff, get the money to him by May 11th.

Here's some of the available items:

(Source: <http://www.arrl.org/shop/Field-Day-Supplies>)



Soft, high quality cotton t-shirts. Deep Marine (unisex sizes). Front side features the 2010 ARRL Field Day logo. The back is imprinted with the message "**Amateur Radio...Goodwill, Service, Fun!**" (\$12.95)



Show off your support for ARRL Field Day with this stylish gray cap and contrasting black visor. Front of cap embroidered with **ARRL Field Day**, backside with **Explore the World!**. Velcro strap closure. One size fits most. (\$9.95)



Show off your support for ARRL Field Day with the official 2010 Field Day pin. Size 1-1/8" round. (\$5.00)



Use these pins to recognize GOTA (GET ON THE AIR) operators participating in ARRL Field Day. Size 1" x 1". (\$5.00)



U.S. Freshwater Island On The Air

Grid EN81



Lat: 41.716715
Long: 82.816576

Massillon Amateur Radio Club - Massillon, OH

BANDS / FREQUENCIES

PHONE:

7.250 mhz
14.250 mhz — 14.260 mhz
28.450 mhz

Note: 14.260 be reserved for and given way to IOTA operations.

CW:

3.530 mhz
7.025 mhz (may need to scan the band to find the frequency in use.)
14.040 mhz
18.098 mhz
21.040 mhz

On July 23, 2010 the Massillon Amateur Radio Club will depart on their first expedition that will take them to North Bass Island. MARC will setup world wide radio communications and attempt to qualify this island for U.S. Islands Award Program. This expedition will coincide with I.O.T.A. (Saltwater Islands). North Bass Island will be the home for some 15 amateur operators who will on July 24, 2010 begin on-the-air operations commencing at 1200 UTC until July 25, 2010 1600 UTC. During this period they will attempt to make as many world wide contacts on many frequencies and modes.

North Bass Island is located on Lake Erie, north of Port Clinton, OH and 8 nautical miles from the Canadian border. Without the generosity and hospitality of the islanders this event would not be possible.

If you would like to make a donation to help defray costs, please make checks payable to 'M.A.R.C.' or Massillon Amateur Radio Club. Mail to: WD8MBE (Tom) 235 Leonard Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Thank You

Upcoming Fox Hunts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Hunt/Talk-in Freq</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Start Line</u>
May 9th	2:00 PM	146.475	Woodchuck ARC	Kmart Parking Lot 7701 Broadview Road Parma, Ohio 44131
May 5 th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
May 19 th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
May 21st-23rd	10th USA National ARDF Championships - Cincinnati		http://www.usardf2010.com/	
May 22nd	2:00 pm	147.525	Alliance ARC	200 Glamorgan Alliance

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

N8PXW Wins April AARC foxhunt

The April 24th AARC Fox Hunt went off without incident. The weather, while threatened to be nasty, turned out to be OK. Temps were in the low 60's, under an overcast sky.

Having exhausted some of the local hiding locations, we decided to extend the range a bit, and kicked up the power in the foxbox to a robust 45 Watts.

The hiding place was at Highland Memorial Park; a bit over 5 miles away, as the crow flies.

The hunters consisted of Jim, N8PXW using a Doppler; Don, K8OMO, also using a Doppler, and Jason, KC8LIN and Jen, using a Yagi.

We started the fox box promptly at 2 PM.

The first hunter to ar-

rive was Jim, N8PXW, who showed up at 2:15. He reports having overshot the location by about a 1/4 mile.

Following was Don, K8OMO who had some issues. The engine computer on his vehicle was putting out a strong birdie on an adjacent frequency. But, he made his way in at 2:21.

Lastly, Jason & Jen arrived at 2:47, They had several good bearings to our location.

We retired to Wendy's for food & conversation.

In retrospect, we probably overdid it on the power, as Jim reported having to insert attenuation at the starting line, just to get a bearing on us.

Our next hunt will be at 2 PM, on May 22nd. We hope to see you there.

Fox hunting Championships To Be Held In Cincinnati!

Have you ever tried European style fox hunting? Probably not, since we don't see it much in the states, with the exception of Southern California.

May 21st–23rd, the 10th USA National ARDF Championships will be held in Cincinnati. There will be competitions on 2 Meter AM, and 80 Meter.

MY understanding is that there is a 10K run course, with 5 transmitters hidden. The first one to complete the course, having found all five transmitters wins.

More info can be found at www.usardf2010.com/.

AARC Swap n Shop!

Do you have something Ham-related for sale, or something you are wanting to buy? Nothing to list this month. If you have something, contact KD8MQ; His e-mail address is below.

The following comes from the estate of Jim Lilley, N8XTJ. If interested, please contact Linda, or Tony at 330-492-0988. What doesn't get sold will be auctioned off on May 11th.

- MFJ HF/VHF Antenna analyzer \$175
- Alinco M# DJ-580 Handheld w/drop-in charger & 3 battery packs (1200, 800, 700 mA) \$400
- Icom U/V Mobile M# IC-207 \$200
- Kenwood Dual Bander M# TM-V7 (Has lines in display) MSRP \$719 Sell for \$300
- Astron RS-35M Power Supply \$100
- Diamond F-23A antenna \$50
- TV type tower – painted (looks like new)
 - Base section with plate
 - 2 middle sections
 - Top section
- 7 Element 2 Meter beam \$40
- RC-100 Repeater controller with manuals \$50
- Hallicrafters S-38A receiver \$20
- Realistic Pro-63 scanner \$10
- RCA Strato-World shortwave radio ??

Swap & Shop rules: We'll keep the rules simple.

1. All ads will run for two months, unless you contact me to cancel, or extend it.
2. You are allowed to post anything as long as it is Ham Radio, or Computer related.
3. Please, no converted CB equipment.

To place an ad: contact John, KD8MQ (e-mail: kd8mq@arrl.net)

ELMER



By Rich Regent, K9GDF

Section Manager Elections Are Coming Up.



In August 2010, the Ohio Section of the ARRL will elect a new Section Manager. I have been nominated for and am actively running to be your next Ohio Section Manager. My name is Tom Sly – WB8LCD.

There are three things you should know before casting your vote for me:

Who am I?

What is my vision for the Ohio Section?

Why am I qualified for the position?

I'm a lifelong resident of Ohio and have been a ham for 43 of my 57 years. I'm married with three adult children, our first grandchild is due right about the time I'll be at the Dayton Hamvention. I graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Finance. Since graduation I've been self-employed as an Independent Insurance Agent.

First licensed in 1967, I've always been an active ham. My current ham radio activities include QRP, contesting and DXing. I'm active in my local club and have been an instructor in the club's Technician and General upgrade classes as well as a member of the VE team.

As Ohio Section Manager my goal will be to make the Ohio Section the premier section in the ARRL. I believe this can be accomplished by increasing the number of hams in our Section who are members of the ARRL and by making the Ohio Section stand out as the place where the most new hams are being licensed. I will promote ham radio in Ohio to the general public so they will know that Ham Radio is one of the greatest hobbies in the world! With positive community actions, the public in general will hold us in high regard. In the changing world of Emergency Communications there is much to be done to update and better organize the ham radio emcomm response – incorporating ARES, RACES and MARS into a coordinated effort. I think that the Ohio Section should become a “best practices” leader in demonstrating how this can be accomplished.

I've had a successful business career since I started my insurance agency in 1975. I'm an Eagle Scout and on the board of a regional non-profit organization based in Portage county. I was a founding member and the first president of the Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) - www.portcars.org. In just a few short years PCARS has gone from zero to over 150 active members. PCARS has been recognized for its accomplishments by League headquarters staff and others in the ham radio community. I've had the experience to prove that I can organize and accomplish what I set out to do.

More information is available on my website – www.wb8lcd.org – and I invite you to email me directly at wb8lcd@arrl.net if you have any specific questions or concerns. Please let me know what *you* think are the important issues we'll face in the Ohio Section in the immediate future.

I hope you will agree, and elect me as your section manager this coming August. In the meantime, get on the air and enjoy the greatest hobby in the world!

73, Tom WB8LCD

May 2010

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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/>.

May 1990, (Editor, WX8G)

- This was the inaugural issue for the new editor, Dave, KC3CL. On page two, Dave advises that if the reader had made it that far without noticing a new look to the Zero Beat, they should "Clean the peanut butter off their glasses"

- Dave had returned from Guantanamo Bay, where he had made 1800 QSOs

- An article by WX8G outlined a way to etch simple circuit boards, using materials available locally on a Saturday afternoon.

May, 1995, (Editor, WX8G)

Foxes, David Hostetler, N8NLZ, and John Bray, KF8ZG confounded the fox hunters by walking to the service building for the 23rd St. Water tank, and feeding a 1Watt signal to a 2 Meter 4 Element quad, aimed at the water tower at the end of Clark Avenue.

- The club applied for, and was issued the

Callsign KB8YXT. This was the first step towards getting the Callsign W8LKY. K8OMO was named the trustee of the Callsign.

- The 1995 Mall Show had gone off without a hitch.

- The Zero Beat had been awarded Excellent in the Amateur Radio News Service Newsletter contest.

- 1995 was the last year that the Dayton Hamvention was to be held in the month of April. In 1996, it was moving to May.

- We had been asked to provide communications support as GOBA (Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure) passed through Stark County.

There was no May 2000 issue of the Zero Beat

May, 2005, (Editor, KE8VE)

- Citing health reasons, Dave, W8UKQ resigned his post as club secretary. Don, AB8KV was elected to replace him.

- Our program for the meeting was on Winlink. Presenters were Terry Russ, N8ATZ, and Ralph Bugg, K8HSQ.