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## Tyler Schillig Update



Word is received that Tyler continues to do well, and has been transferred to a rehab facility in Richmond VA.

Tyler has been in the hospital since early May, when the car he was riding in crashed on foggy roads in Tennessee. The car hit a culvert, and overturned. The driver did not survive.

He was airlifted to a hospital in Bristol, TN, where he spent the next few weeks. His folks have been at his side through all of it.

They pass along Tyler's contact info, so we can send cards, and well wishes.

His address is:

**McGuire VA Medical Center  
Tyler Schillig, 2B Room 149  
1201 Broad Rock Blvd.  
Richmond VA 23249**

## How You Can Help

Tony & Brenda, Tyler's Mom & Dad have been at his bedside since the accident, which claimed one life, and put Tyler in the hospital.

A fund to help the family with expenses has been set up at **Consumers National Bank, 610 W. State St., Alliance, 44601.**

Rick, KC8SUI, who set up the fund, and worked to get the word out passes along the bank contact information. It is: Tennie Masterson, 330-823-8178, Ext 1620.

## Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This month will be our annual pre-field day picnic at the log cabin at Silver park.

We'll begin cooking at 6 PM, with the business meeting to follow at 7:30. More info is on page 8 of this issue.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Rambling

By John, KD8MQ

Welcome to the June issue of the Zero Beat. Are you ready for Field Day? I know I can't wait. Hopefully work will not intrude on my fun this year. There's a 25% chance that I'll be arriving somewhat late to the shindig.

Work is underway on my antenna farm. One morning this week, was spent piloting a trencher across the back yard. Three pieces of conduit were laid across what was soon to be the radial field for my all-band vertical. 400' of #14 wire has been laid, with another 400' planned for the fall. I guess that should be enough wire for a proper installation.

Dayton was great, as usual. Several club members took the bus down. I managed to source the rest of the major components for my Vertical antenna project. My two major purchases were the Radial Plate, and the Coax crimper (*I can't wait to try those out*). By the time we came home that night, I was dead tired. I think I slept all the way to 7 AM the next morning.

**Club Raffle** - The raffle tickets continue to sell like hotcakes. We still have some to sell, so if you can take some tickets to sell to your Ham Friends, please call me.

So far, I'm happy at the interest that has been shown, but somewhat disappointed in the help I've received. My expectation was more than just a couple of members would be selling tickets. For this to work in the future, we'll need more people to share the load.

**Club Meeting** - Don't forget that we are having our annual pre-field day picnic at the park on meeting night. If you show up at the hospital, you'll be missing the fun! More information is on Page 1.

**Canton Marathon** - The inaugural for this event is coming up on June 16th. If you've signed up to help, please watch your e-mail for info. Word has it that there will be no pre-briefing for communicators. You will be notified by race day of when & where to report.

**Mile Branch Grange Fair** - The membership voted to give this one a pass this year. We've set up two years in a row, with poor results in drumming up support for Ham radio. I was not able to spend time there last year, and

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## Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each 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

## Internet

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**We are also on Facebook!**

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## May Minutes

May 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on May 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the first floor conference room of the Alliance Community Hospital with club President John Myers (KD8MQ) presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 21 members present along with Miriam Sanor and guests Gary Russell (KD8QFH) and Rex Simmons (NX8G).

President John announced birthdays for the month including Tom Scoville (WA8VHH), Charles Unger (W8YNB) and Jeff Hendershot (KD8QCF).

Secretary Don (AB8KV) gave the Secretary's report, noting that the April meeting minutes were in the newsletter. He reminded those present that if they had paid their dues but had not yet received a membership card, let him know and he would get it to them. He then reported on the condition of Dave (N8NLZ), noting that he was doing better with the latest CT scan showing that the tumor's size had decreased somewhat. With nothing further to relate, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion from Frank (WA8WHP) and seconded by Tom (KD8JRK).

President John then reported to the club that he had just received a text mes-

sage from Tony (KD8BBK) about Tyler's condition. He related that as of then, Tyler was still sedated but that his vital signs were stable. Another CT scan was scheduled to check on swelling and bleeding.

Treasurer Mary Ann (KB8IVS) then gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion by Smitty (KC8TJQ) and seconded by Tom.

### Committee reports:

- Regarding ARES and nets, Don (K8OMO) reported that the last Homeland Security net had 8 check-ins from 4 counties. He reiterated that the 10-meter nets were showing increased check-ins. John then asked for a clarification on the 10-meter CW frequency. Don replied that the sideband net remains on 28.400 as does the CW net, except that if band conditions warrant, the CW net will be on 28.100 for that particular evening, with him making that decision. Don also noted that the Hospital had recently had an emergency drill but had not asked for the club's participation.

- Smitty then reported that Tomas (KC8ZEH) and Mary (KD8RFZ) would be helping him with the 2-meter net operation.

### Announcements:

John reminded the club that the next meeting

(June 13) would be held at the cabin in Silver Park at 6:00 PM for the club's pre-Field Day picnic. Covered dishes and beverages are needed with John cooking burgers and hot dogs.

### Old business:

- President John reported on the results of the Stark County VHF QSO party, noting that more entries than usual were received. First place in the mobile category was Dale's (NX8J) Scout Venture crew from Canton, with first place in the fixed category going to W8EAR in Canton. The club plaque for this year goes to the Canton club.

- John reported on the raffle ticket sales noting that the club's expenses had already been well covered.

- John addressed the issue of the repeater(s) and other items willed to the club from Jim (K8LTG), asking Don (K8OMO) to report on the status. Don replied that he had not yet seen the paperwork but was hoping to do that on the upcoming weekend, along with picking up the 440 machine. He noted that he had re-coordinated both repeaters under the club's name and call. He reiterated that a repeater council or group from the club was needed to handle repeater issues. He then noted some of the other equipment that had been left to the club, with disposition still to be determined. Don

## May Minutes—cont.

then raised the issue of insuring the repeaters, noting that the equipment is vulnerable to storm damage among other things. This would require an approval from the club to spend the money.

- John replied that he agreed with the need for a repeater group and suggested the issue be put into the hands of the trustees along with checking on any needed changes to the club bylaws and available insurance.

- John then reminded the club about the Dayton bus trip and that seats were still open.

- John also reminded the club that help was needed for Field Day operations. He asked Ben (KD8KMQ) to handle the computer network set-up. Ben agreed, and Tom volunteered to assist.

He asked if Frank and Miriam would take care of food acquisition, to which they agreed.

Tomas was asked if his generator would be available for use, and he replied that it would.

John also reported that Mary had volunteered the use of their vintage motor home at the Field Day site.

John then checked with Secretary Don about his handling PR for Field Day, to which he replied he would.

### **New business:**

- John then addressed the club about operating at the Mile Branch Grange Fair this year, asking for opinions

about whether to do it or not. After extensive discussion, it was decided by a voice vote to not participate this year.

- Regarding this year's Special Event station (August 18) for Carnation Days in the Park, John reported that the Jaycee pavilion had been reserved. He asked Secretary Don if he would take care of the magazine PR as before, and Don replied that he would.

- President John noted that the Ohio QSO party was the weekend after the Special Event station (August 25) and sought input as to whether to participate. It was generally agreed that the club should go ahead and set up for the event, using the Sebring campground. A motion to pay the \$50 to reserve the campground was made by Smitty, seconded by Tom and passed by voice vote.

- The issue of the club's liability insurance premium

being due was raised. A motion to pay the insurance was made by Frank and seconded by Vice President Howard (K8DXR). The motion was then passed on a voice vote.

- The club was reminded that the Butler Breezeshooter's hamfest is scheduled for June 3.

- John reminded the club that the next foxhunt is set for the upcoming Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 PM.

- Don (K8OMO) reminded the club that anyone taking the new club QSL cards and intending to operate as W8LKY at any time, needed to get permission from him to do so. John added that a copy of contacts logged needed to be given to Howard so that he could coordinate any QSL requests received.

With no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don (AB8KV), Secretary.

## Rambling—cont.

frankly, was not looking forward to it again.

Maybe someday we can resurrect the Mall shows we used to have. That depends a lot on the traffic at the mall, though. Under new ownership, things are improving there, but slowly. We'll have to keep watching.

The fact remains, though, that we need to do more in the PR department, if this club is to grow.

So, keep your eyes open to new, ways of informing the public of all this

great hobby has to offer.

**Ohio section Web Site** - In researching the article on Ohio PRB-1, I used the Ohio Section as a reference. I do this often. How about the rest of you? The website has been redesigned recently, and contains a wealth of information. The address is [www.arrrl-oh.org](http://www.arrrl-oh.org).

That's all I have for this month. I hope to see you at the next meeting. 73, de John, KD8MQ.

## A Different kind Of Fox Hunt

(editors note: *Following is the text of an email I received from a friend in Michigan. It looks like an interesting twist on fox hunting.*)

John,

The Dayton Hamvention Fox Hunt was put on by the guys from Cincinnati. These are the guys that put on the international hunt. In this email, I will tell you about a new type of hunt they run in Cincinnati. (I'll tell you about the actual Dayton hunt in the next email.)

This type of hunt is really different.

1. Everyone meets at McDonalds including the fox.
2. The fox is given 15 minutes to get to his lair and start transmitting.
3. All lairs have to be in "pubic accessible" locations as usual.
4. At the 15 minute point, the fox starts transmitting.
5. When the first hunter finds the fox, he is told that he is the "first" and is then given 15 minutes to find a new lair and start transmitting as the new fox. Other hunters are not told anything over the air at this point.
6. As more hunters find the first fox, they are told that they are "second", "third", etc and that the new fox is hiding.

At the 15 minute point,

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the first fox turns the hunt over to the second fox on the air.

The new fox then starts transmitting.

7. This routine repeats as many times as you choose with everyone meeting back at McDonalds at the end for stories.

If a hunter cannot assume the fox duties, the second hunter is given the opportunity.

The winner? I forgot to ask, but it really doesn't matter to real fox hunters.

In our case, we use mileage to determine fox hunt winners. Maybe we will try making the team that finds all foxes within the time limit and has the least mileage back at McDonalds. (We use mileage for safety reasons.)

I assume that this type of hunt favors the Doppler hunters because of the fact that signals will be stronger (because they are closer) and more often transmitters will be mobile rigs.

How does that sound for a different idea!

Mike Hill

## Date Change For Columbus Hamfest

Due to a scheduling conflict of the Aladdin Shrine Center facility, the Columbus Hamfest, and the ARRL Ohio State Convention must be moved to a new date of Saturday, August 11, 2012. The start time of 8:00am remains the same, as well as the event location of 3850 Stelzer Road in Columbus.

This change was discovered too late to be caught before publication of the July 2012 QST Magazine. However, the ARRL website, as well as the Ohio Section website ([www.arrlohio.org](http://www.arrlohio.org)) do show the correct date of August 11, 2012.

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN has revised her schedule, and will still be able to attend the Convention on August 11.

We apologize for any inconvenience this date revision may have caused.

NOTE: We are still looking for any speakers who may wish to present at the Convention. Please contact Scott Yonally, N8SY (email: [n8sy@arrl.net](mailto:n8sy@arrl.net)) if interested.

73!

Frank J. Piper, KI8GW  
Ohio Section Manager

## Dayton Hamvention 2012: Another great ham radio experience

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

My Dayton experience started at 3:45 am Thursday morning. That's when I had to get up so that I could make it to the Fairborn Holiday Inn in time for the first session of this year's Four Days in May (FDIM) conference. FDIM is a one-day conference put on by the QRP Amateur Radio Club International (<http://qrparci.org/>) and is a great way to start the "Dayton experience."

This year, we were treated to six very fine presentations. They included talks on using microcontrollers for various projects, software-defined radio, VHF and UHF for QRPers, homebrewing with "hollow state" devices (more commonly known as tubes), using open-source electronic design tools, and operating pedestrian mobile. The two talks that I enjoyed the most were "Hollow State (Thermatron) Homebrewing" by Grayson, T A 2 Z G E / K J 7 U M and "Leveraging Free and Open Source Tools in Homebrewing" by Jason, NT7S.

Friday morning, I got up early again, so that I could make the 7:30am bus to the Hamvention. We arrived about 8:00 am, just as the gates were opening. The first thing that I did was to head to the FAR Circuits tent, which is—as the name implies—at the far end of the flea market. There, I made my

first purchases, a board to make a regenerative receiver and one to make an audio breakout box.

The rest of the day was a combination of wandering the aisles of the outdoor flea market, fighting the crowds inside the arena, attending seminars, and meeting people that I know. By the time, 4:30 pm rolled around, I was pretty hot and tired. Temperatures topped 80 degrees, and on the blacktop surface of the flea market, temperatures were undoubtedly higher. I was happy to get on the bus and head back to the hotel.

Saturday, was pretty much the same story, except it was even hotter. The temperature almost hit 90 degrees. I didn't bring any sunscreen, either, so I got a little rosy.

I ran into some people that I knew that had just come down for the day, or perhaps that I'd missed the day before. One guy I ran into at the Ohio Repeater Council booth, pulled out his new Elecraft KX-3 and gave me a quick demo. It's actually quite a cool, little radio. I'm still saving up for a K-3, though.

Around noon, I went to the food court for a slice of pizza and a glass of beer. Seating is catch as catch can, so I shared a table with several other hams. This is great

because you get to meet all kinds of different people.

This year, an older gentleman sat down next to me with his beer. We got to chatting, and as it turned out, this was his 55th straight year attending the Dayton Hamvention! He started going before it was even held at Hara Arena, and even after they moved to Hara, they didn't use the entire facility as they do now. I'm really glad that I got to speak with him.

So, what did you buy? I didn't really go down to Dayton with much of a shopping list. In addition to the PC boards, I did pick up a bunch of other little stuff including some strain reliefs, more clamp-on ferrite cores, a paddle pad from Vibroplex (\$1) to keep the paddle down at the club station from sliding around, and some tube sockets! One of the vendors there had a box of tube sockets that they were selling for a quarter apiece or five for a dollar. I picked out five and paid the lady, and as I was walking away, I decided that they were such a good deal that I went back and bought five more.

My biggest purchase was NT7S's OpenBeacon QRS S t r a n s m i t t e r ([www.etherkit.com](http://www.etherkit.com)). It cost me \$40. It looks like a very nice kit, and I'm hoping to be on 30m QRSS shortly with it.

# Dayton Hamvention 2012: Another great ham radio experience

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

# House Bill 158 Passes!

The nice thing about this transmitter is that it has a microcontroller that lets it transmit DFCW and Hell-schreiber, in addition to CW. It should be fun to both build and operate.

Too rich for my blood In other news, both Kenwood and FlexRadio both introduced new radios at Dayton. Perhaps the most buzz was around the Kenwood TS-990. All they were showing was a prototype under a Plexiglas cover. In addition to being incredibly expensive, the radio is huge! I heard someone joke that to produce this radio, Kenwood is going to have to corner the market on buttons and knobs. If you've seen the photo in QST (which was allegedly produced with Photoshop), you'll know what I mean.

The other radio with a bit of buzz is the new FlexRadio FLEX-6000. For the past couple of weeks, the FlexRadio website was proclaiming that this radio was going to be a game changer. Perhaps it is, but at \$6,000+, this radio is out of my league, and too expensive for the majority of radio amateurs. That being the case, I really don't know what all the buzz is about.

I'm sure that the TS-990 and the FLEX-6000 are both great radios, but I think that the law of diminishing returns applies here. At some

point, are you really getting \$6,000 or \$12,000 of fun out of the radio? I don't think that I would.

Well, that's it. Another Dayton Hamvention is in the bag. It was a lot of fun, and I'm already looking forward to next year. I've already contacted one of the forum organizers about adding an adult education forum. I think that's something that's both needed and would be popular. I'll just have to make sure to leave enough time to hit the flea market and grab some more tube sockets or coax or whatever.

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When he's not tromping around flea markets, or attending conferences, Dan, KB6NU, writes books about ham radio. His latest, 21 Things to Do After You Get Your Amateur Radio License, is available as an e-book from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or from his website, <http://www.kb6nu.com/>. You can e-mail him with comments, questions, compliments, or brickbats at [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

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On May 15, Ohio Governor John Kasich [signed a bill into law](#) granting comprehensive rights to Amateur Radio operators in that state. Several key players in the successful effort to enact a "PRB-1" law in Ohio were present for the signing, including Section Manager Frank J. Piper, KI8GW; Rick Swain, KK8O; Bill Carpenter, AA8EY; Steve Katz, N8WL, and Constance Barsky, WD8ODC. ARRL Great Lakes Division Director James Weaver, K8JE, was also at the signing.

Ohio SM Frank Piper provided some background:

"In the past three years, we have had four versions of this bill in the Ohio Statehouse. In the last State Assembly, these bills died in Committee. In this current Assembly, everything lined up for us, and House Bill 158 made the entire journey from Introduction to the Governor Kasich's signature.

"We had to make a few revisions to HB 158 during its travels through committee hearings, but in the end we finished with an Act that places the full language of CFR 47, Part 97.15 into the *Ohio Revised Code*. In addition, language at the end of the law states: 'Any legislative authority that denies an application for approval of an amateur station antenna

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## AARC To Participate In Field Day

Field Day 2012 is coming up on June 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>. For the second year in a row, the Alliance ARC will be setting up to operate this event from the Sebring Campgrounds, in Sebring Ohio.

The campgrounds entrance is located on Johnson rd, at the corner of Texas Ave (see map inset).

The club rigs will be set up & operational on the HF bands. There may also be VHF/UHF opportunities.

We are currently looking for a **Get On The Air** coach, to help some of the newcomers to get their feet wet on HF.

The following people are coordinating the event.

### **Food - Frank, WA8WHP, & Miriam Sanor.**

Frank & Miriam request that everyone plan to

bring a covered dish for dinner. Howard, K8DXR is bringing a main course

The drawing for the Wouxun HT will be at 5 PM, with dinner immediately following.

### **Computers/Networking - Ben, KD8KMQ**

Ben says all is well covered. We will be ready to go when the big day arrives.

### **Antennas**

Antennas for 80 & 40 should be no problem, but Jim's passing leaves us short a 20 Meter beam. I can supply several sections of TV tower, but we are looking for loan of a beam.

### **Power**

Tomas will be bringing a Honda Generator.

KD8KMQ has cords, to

supplement the club power cords.

### **Public Relations - Don, AB8KV**

Don will doing his usual fine job on PR.

Right now, we need donations of

- Firewood
- Table service
- Pop & munchies

As you can see, things are coming along well. Everything should fall into place nicely.

Antennas will be going up around 6 PM Friday night, with the rest of the setup commencing around 9—10 AM the following morning.

The Field Day period runs non-stop for 24 hours, commencing at 2 PM EDT Saturday.

Full rules can be downloaded at

[www.arl.org/field-day](http://www.arl.org/field-day)

If you are a new Ham, or have not been on the air in a while, you are especially welcome to stop out & operate. We hope everyone has a great time at Field Day. If you don't have a good time at Field Day, I want to know why the heck not!? Hunt me down, and we'll talk about it.

We hope to see a good crowd for this years Field Day. Come on out & Join in!

## Pre-Field Day Picnic To Be Held At June Meeting

This months club meeting will be a bit different. As we've done in the past, We'll have a Pre-Field Day Picnic at the cabin at Silver Park.

So, plan to come early, around 6:00, and bring a covered dish. Your editor will be bringing a grill, and will be eating smoke. We'll probably do hot dogs, Hamburgers, and maybe some brats. So, we won't starve, even if everyone else brings nothing but sautéed chicken

livers.

I asked at the May meeting for some volunteers to bring some specific items.

We have some volunteers lined up for drinks, and possibly for plates, table service, etc.

So, bring a covered dish to share, and plan to have a relaxing evening at the park.

The club meeting will be immediately afterwards at 7:30 PM.

## Don't Just Do Something! Sit There!

Kay Craigie, KC3LM

*(This is a reprint from a 20 year old issue of the Zero Beat. The info is just as relevant as it was then.)*

You tune onto a frequency and hear a situation in progress. You don't know what is going on. What should you do?

First, turn your VOX off, then:

**1) KEEP QUIET:** Don't ask what is going on. Don't ask if it's real, or a drill. Don't offer help. Don't answer questions. Don't relay. Don't tell other people to shut up. Don't ask weak stations to say again. Don't ask where this repeater is located. Don't ask if your friend, Alonzo, who used to live up this way has checked in, because he had a real good signal on this band in 1956. KEEP QUIET.

**2) Tips 2 through 9** are the same as Tip 1.

**10)** If, after carefully listening long enough to understand what is going on, you discover that you can definitely be of specific assistance, check in at a time when it is not disruptive of the ongoing activity on frequency. If net control asks for stations in Guatemala, or the Yukon, it is disruptive to check in from Bushwack County, PA. After acknowledgement by net control, return to following tip # 1, until asked to transmit again.

Of course, we can't hear the 500 operators who are following tip #1; Only the dozen who don't-so, we can't gauge the true percentages. However, it doesn't take many unhelpful helpers to cause serious, maybe even dangerous, delay. Please consider including this tip in your next licensing course, or training net.

(From the Delaware-Lehigh ARC Inc, Nazareth, PA via the May, 1990 issue of WorldRadio)

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structure shall state the reasons for the denial and shall, on appeal, bear the burden of proving that the authority's actions are consistent with this section.' This language removes the burden of proof from the Amateur Radio operator and places it on the legislative authority.

"State Government Liaison Nick Pittner, K8NAP, did a tremendous job over the past several years, staying on top of the status of bills that were running their

course on both sides of the Statehouse. Nick knew when to call in key people to testify to Committees, and was instrumental in the process of negotiating the required revisions when requested.

"My thanks go out to all the Amateur Radio operators in the Ohio Section who called, wrote and e-mailed their State Representatives and Senators to support this legislation. Without their grass roots work, this victory would not have been possible."

## Your Help is Needed for the Canton Marathon!



The Stark County ARES has been requested to provide safety and support communications for the first annual Canton Marathon which is scheduled for Sunday, June 17th, 2012.

Multiple public safety agencies are currently planning for this large scale event and amateur radio operators are also working with event organizers to determine our participation which is expected to include staffing operators along the route, shadowing race officials, aid stations and SAG support.

Please consider volunteering for this very important community event which will showcase amateur radio to the community. We hope to provide a minimum of 25 operators in support of this event.

Please contact Communication Coordinators Wade Huthmacher, WD8MIU by email to [wd8miu@gmail.com](mailto:wd8miu@gmail.com) phone (330) 704-2100 or Terry Russ, N8ATZ to [truss@sssnet.com](mailto:truss@sssnet.com) phone (330) 837-3091.

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- KB8BYN,  
John Ziccardi Sr.
- KB8CCZ,  
Jack Lins
- KB8CDA,  
Barb Gwynne

### **June, 1992 (Editor, WX8G)**

• The editorship of the Zero Beat was in flux. We were transitioning from Dave, KC3CL, to Dan N8LVO. I was a fill-in for that month only.

• The club was selling buttons as a fundraiser. Members were encouraged to take the buttons to Hamfests, and sell, sell, sell!

• The Field Day site chosen for 1992 was the Lexington Elementary School.

• The Breezeshooters Hamfest was coming up.

• The YMCA Youth Radio club had graduated several Novices, and Techs. The program was led by Bill, KF8JD, and assisted by Jim, K8LTG.

• The team of John, WX8G & Pam, N8IAK won the latest fox hunt. The fox,

Dave, KC3CL, with David, KB8LJN, were hidden near Walborn reservoir. The antenna was hidden under the Price St. bridge. Power was either 1, or 10 watts to an 11 element beam. The story doesn't mention anyone else finding the fox.

• The results had been posted. We had placed 9th out of 17 entries in the 1991 running of the PA QSO Party.

• KC3CL, WI8T, WX8G, and N8LVO had conspired to activate three counties in western Pennsylvania.

• Dan, N8LVO had contributed a good article on Paper duping in contests.

### **June, 1997 (Editor, N8SH)**

• We had a Mall Show coming up.

• Plans were afoot for Field Day. The club PIO was Jim, K8LTG, and was charged with doing the press releases.

• The club was ordering QSL cards. Several samples were passed around at the meeting, and voted on.

• We were having a demonstration at the upcoming club meeting regarding the use of the laptops for Field day logging.

### **June, 2002 (editor, KD8MQ)**

• The 2002 ARRL Field Day was the first for the Get On The Air station.

• A motion was made to disregard the Mall show, and

apply our efforts to the Mile Branch Grange Fair.

### **June, 2007 (editor, KD8MQ)**

• Once again, we chose the pavilion at Marlinton Middle School for our Field Day location. This was the first time we had used networked Field Day software.

## Stark County VHF QSO Party Results

The 3rd running of the Stark County VHF QSO Party is history, and we got a satisfying number of entries this year. Here, without further ado are the 2012 results.

The Mobile award goes to KT8BSA, the venture crew 73 group, headed by Dale, NX8J. They will receive a hat, and certificate.

Fixed operation award goes to Nelson, W8EAR, who also receive a hat, and certificate.

And, finally, this years club plaque goes to the Canton ARC for most number of entries in the contest.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year. We hope to see you all in next years contest.

For further info, check out

[www.2mcontest.w8lky.org](http://www.2mcontest.w8lky.org)

*(The 2012 results may not be posted for a few weeks yet, but should be there by July 1st)*

## Upcoming Fox Hunts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Hunt/Talk-in Freq</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Start Line</u>
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>147.525</b>	<b>Alliance ARC</b>	<b>1906 S. Union Ave, Alliance</b>

For changes, or additions, e-mail [kd8mq@arll.net](mailto:kd8mq@arll.net)

## Fox Hunt News

### Alliance

Our foxhunt in May was moved forward a week to May 12<sup>th</sup>. This was due to the Dayton Hamvention the following weekend.

Ben, KD8KMQ was the hider for the May hunt. He started in the parking lot of Staples, until asked to move by the local authorities.

The hunt began more or less on time. Here's the order of finish:

N8PXW, 14:15  
 KD8MQ, 14:21  
 K8OMO, 14:32  
 KC8QOD, & family,  
 14:57

We had one forfeit, which brings a request that anyone who forfeits please let someone know, so we aren't waiting for a hunter who will never arrive.

The next hunt will be an evening hunt on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM.

### Cuyahoga Falls

The Cuyahoga falls hunts are open to all fox hunters. You say you don't have any equipment? Come, anyhow. There's usually room for a rider, or two. There starting line is at 2850 Church St, just off Rt. 59, in Silver lake.

### Results

- Fox Hunt May 2, 2012  
 7:22 N8PXW  
 7:30 K8RJM & N8RKA  
 7:44 KD8MQ & K8OMO  
 7:45 W8EZT & K8DPF

WD8CVH, KA8BNS, and WB8VNO were hiding at Firestone Metro Park on Warner Rd. Afterwards we went to IHOP for dinner & discussion.

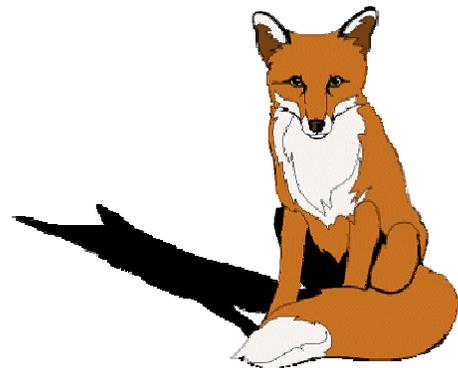
- Fox Hunt May 16, 2012  
 7:37 K8RJM & N8RKA  
 8:06 N8PXW  
 8:07 KD8MQ & K8OMO

Rick, N8PXU, volunteered to

take on the duties of the fox, and hid at the upper level parking lot of Sand Run Metro Park.

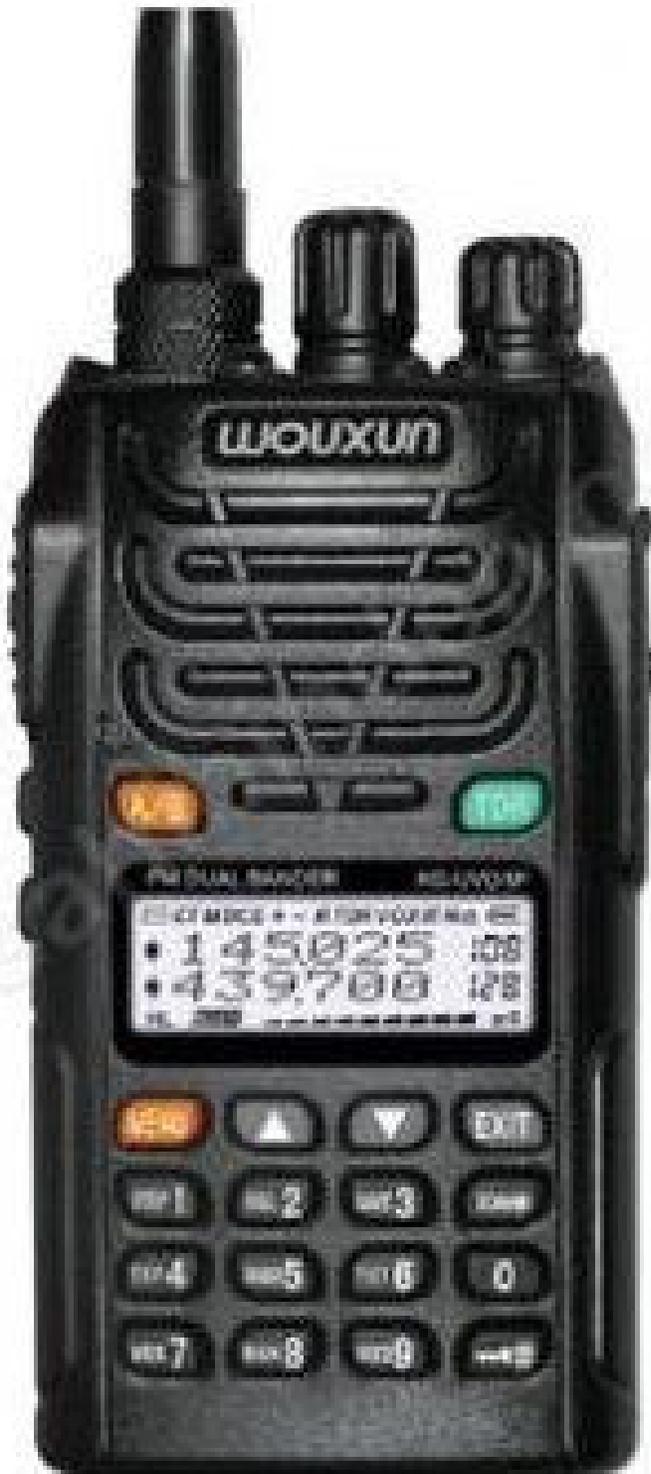
- Fox Hunt May 30, 2012  
 Ted, Liz & Gay hid at Key Bank on the Rolling Acres hill.

7:19 N8PXW, K8OMO, and N8BHU (Jerry)  
 7:31 K8RJM & N8RKA  
 W8EZT & K8DPF had equipment malfunction and met us At El Puente for dinner & discussion.



# Alliance Amateur Radio Club HT Raffle!

## Win a Wouxun HT!



The Alliance Amateur Radio club is raffling off a **Wouxun KG—UVD1P Dual-Band HT!**

The winner will be drawn on June 23rd, at 5 PM, at our Field day site! **Sebring Campground 895 McKinley Ave, Sebring, OH**

Winner need not be present to win!

[www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)  
Tickets available from any club member!



Tickets only \$1 each or 6 for \$5

## June 2012

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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/newsltrs/>.

### June, 1987 (Editor, KB8AKQ)

• The annual elections had just been held. The results were:

- Pres-KD8MQ/AE
- VP - John, N8GIE
- Secretary - Pam, N8IAK
- Treasurer - Patti, KE8KH

• Our HT raffle had wrapped up. The winner of \$190 was Ray Slovesko. A Yaesu FT-209 then raffled off to Matt, N8EAD.

• Darrell, N8HHP won a ARRL Handbook for selling the most raffle tickets. In doing so, he also won the Ham of the Month award.

• A pig roast was being planned for Field day. The location was to be "Hilliers Hill, which was in Beloit.

• The charter meeting of the Salem Area Amateur Radio association was held at the Salem Red Cross. 21 people were present.

• Several new Hams were recognized; most of them were graduates of the club Nov-ice classes. They were:

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