



# Zero Beat

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## AARC Meeting Announcement

The March meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club is coming up on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. This month's will be Homebrew Night.

Before the meeting, we meet at Frank's Alliance Family Restaurant (428 E. State St) for dinner. It's officially called a "board meeting", but little, if any actual board business is discussed there. We meet there around 5:45 PM on each meeting night.

We meet at 7:30 PM, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Alliance Community Hospital. We will be in the Cafe Conference room, which is just off the cafeteria.

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## Club Breakfast



Each month, we sponsor a breakfast at Frank's Alliance Family Restaurant (428 E. State St). We meet on the first Saturday of each month, at 8:30 AM.

The next club breakfast will be this Saturday, March 3rd.

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## Homebrew Night

This month's meeting marks our annual Homebrew Night. Bring something you've built or restored (Ham Radio Related of course). We'll give you a few moments to show it off and answer questions.

Then, all in attendance will vote on the winner, who will receive a prize.

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## DX Challenge Continues

The AARC DX Challenge continues through March 31st. There's still

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## AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month, at the Alliance Community Hospital. For times, and program information, check the meeting announcement in this newsletter, or check our website (see below)  
Talk-in on either of the club repeaters.  
Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

## Find Us Online:

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## AARC Repeaters

### 2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY  
-W8LKY Echolink node

### 440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY  
(PL - 131.8hz)

## Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets held, beginning at 8 PM

### Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.400 MHz (SSB)

8:30PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

### Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

### Homeland security Net

(Meets on the 2nd & last Tuesday of each month)

7:00 PM 147.51 Simplex

lots of time to work DX till then.

Complete rules appear on [our website](#).

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## Time Changes for the Homeland Security Net

The Homeland Security Net has gone to a twice a month format, and moved to 7 PM.

The net will now be on the 2nd & last Tuesday nights of each month. The frequency of 147.51 simplex remains the same.

The next net is coming up on Tuesday, February 27th @ 7 PM. .

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## Website & Mailing List News

Last month, I filled you in on the club's latest web & Mailing list developments. All was working well, until the mailing list provider had a server crash. As they were fixing things, it made for an interesting day. In the course of a few hours, all of my test messages, failed postings, and otherwise duplicate postings came home to roost! My apologies for that. Ordinarily, you won't see a lot from the club list.

If you have any questions about the mailing list, or website, please drop me an [e-mail](#). I may not get back to you right away, but I do respond to all e-mails.

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## Winter Field Day Entry

Here's the numbers that were submitted to the Winter Field Day folks

Band	CW	Ph	Qs
160:	0	0	0
80:	0	46	0
40:	16	80	2
20:	0	12	0
15:	1	0	0
10:	0	0	0
6:	0	0	0
2:	0	0	0
222:	0	0	0
432:	0	0	0
Total:	17	138	2

Mults = 6 Total Score = 3,612

We're already making plans for next year. Two changes that you'll see will be that all logging computers will be networked. Also, there will be enough computers. Those were two areas where we fell short this year.

Also, there has been some discussion about moving the main stations away from the socializing area. The small rooms to the left and right of the kitchen seem to make the most sense.

Thanks to all who showed up this year.

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## FEMA ICS Training & Certification

The following just posted to the website this afternoon:

[FEMA ICS Training & Certification](#)

For More information, please click on the subject line above.

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## Hamvention bus trip and Tickets

The following Hamvention related items have been posted to the website recently:

[Hamvention tickets on sale at DXE](#)

[PARF Again Sponsors Hamvention Bus Trip](#)

For More information, please click on the subject lines above.

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## KD8MQ Rambling

Hi folks, Here we are again. Between being caught up on some commercial website work, and being finished with contesting for the weekend, I managed to find a free afternoon. SO here's another issue of the ZB. As I said last month, I plan to put out an issue as time and circumstances permit.

We are close to a resolution on the 2 Meter repeater issue. I'll have more information at the next meeting.

Now that spring is on the way, I've got a couple projects coming up. A couple you might hear more about at the next meeting.

One thing on my mind is another group build. Last time we did this, it was potato guns at my place. Maybe we could do J Poles this time? I'm working on a J Pole group build for PCARS, so it would be easy to do one in Alliance. If you have an idea or suggestion for something else, e-mail me, or catch me at a club meeting.

After this newsletter goes out, I'll be reserving my tables for Cuyahoga Falls. I may have extra room for other items. If anyone wants to come with me and help man the tables, let me know.

See you next time. 73 all! DE KD8MQ

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**Welcome to the Cuyahoga Falls  
Amateur Radio Club**

**64th Annual  
HAMFEST  
Electronic and Computer  
Show**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 8:00 AM to  
1:00 PM**

**Same Huge Location - All On One Floor**

**[Emidio & Sons Party Center](#)  
[48 E. Bath Road](#)  
[Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221](#)**

**ADMISSION: \$6 (no advance sales)**

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**No Cost Ham License Exams Will Be Held On Site,  
During the Hamfest. You will need to bring a photo ID  
and if you are upgrading, a copy of your current Ham  
license. Details to come.**

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***FREE PARKING***

**QSL Card Checking service available**

***Major Prizes to be awarded***

**\$75 Gift Certificate to DX Engineering**

**\$125 Gift Certificate to DX Engineering**

**\$300 Gift Certificate to DX Engineering**

**Additional prizes provided by:**



**The ARRL**

***Check in on the club's repeater: 147.27+ and win a  
mobile checkin prize!***