



# Zero Beat

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## Upcoming Club Programs & Events

November 11 - Club Meeting  
(On Air)

December 5 - Club Breakfast

[for all events, see w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)



## President's Remarks

President's November Remarks

The month of November 2020 has the potential of being a busy month for The Alliance Amateur Radio Club (W8LKY). It is also traditionally a month where we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, but this Thanksgiving will be more on the quiet side in 2020. Even with the disappointment of not being more active out in the community, we will still stay busy in our Shacks and operating by Mobile or Portable radios.

## Club Breakfast

We meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of every month, at Don Pancho's, 2105 W. State St, Alliance.

We hope to see you at our next breakfast on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM.

## Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

This months meeting will again be on our Two Meter repeater

145.370 with a PL of 110.9hz on the Transmit, and receive.

We will not participate in the annual Alliance Rotary Club Castle Run Event because it was called off for 2020 due to COVID 19. AARC was in the process of adding an additional outside event by providing Emergency Communications for the Alliance Salvation Army 5K event. The event was going to be held in the early part of November, but this event was also canceled because of COVID 19. This event was tied into the National Salvation Army Annual Fundraiser kick off events that help fund local operations of Salvation Army.

The Alliance Salvation Army is one local Community Organization which we are just starting to support. This year we hope to once again support the Alliance Salvation Army by manning a collection kettle and ringing the bell at a local business. We have a date of November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Saturday just before Thanksgiving at Save a Lots Food Store in the College Plaza on East State Street, the same place we were last year. We need 10-12 club members to man the location. Please let me know which hourly shift you want.

The club's Annual Holiday Fundraiser is in full swing. This year with the COVID 19 situation. We are asking for cash donations instead of a face to face and auctioning off some very nifty radio items. You can donate your cash either by going to our web site and clicking on our Pay Pal icon or send in your personal

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## AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meetings are temporarily cancelled due the COVID19 Pandemic. For now, our meetings are being held on our two Meter repeater. See pg. 1 for more information.

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### 2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY  
(PL - 110.9hz)

### 440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY  
(PL - 131.8hz )

## Nets

### Tuesday

#### Homeland security Net

7:00PM 147.51 Simplex

### Thursday

#### Ten Meters

7:30 PM 28.122 MHz (Olivia)  
8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)  
8:30PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

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## Presidents Remarks

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check or money order. We expect to conclude this fundraiser by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The proceeds are evenly divided between the unions of the Alliance Fire and Police Departments. Just send what you can to the above address, this is a favorite event of many of our members.

It's not too early to start thinking of your nomination for AARC's 2020 Ham of the Year.

Tee shirts should be in soon, look for when they be ready for pickup.

AARC's club breakfast will be held at Don Poncho's November 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30am

AARC's November 11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting will be "On Air" At 7:30PM on our Two Meter Net.

Don't forget to check in on all the club's "NETS" Are we having fun or What?

Many thanks from your club officers for your votes of support as we will continue to serve you till the fall of 2021. Please continue to practice CDC, State and local COVID safety procedures. Be safe, eat well and get plenty of rest. Lets see if we can get 25 club members to check in for our Thursday night Two Meter "Rag Chew" at 9pm on our Two Meter Repeater!!!!

73's

Ron KE8HCY

## Field Day Results Are Online

Recently, the results for ARRL Field Day 2020 were posted at [field-day.arrl.org/fdresults.php](http://field-day.arrl.org/fdresults.php)

Doing a word search, the following Alliance ARC station were found:

Call	QSOs	Score	Class
KD8BBK	545	2330	1E
KD8MQ	151	828	1B1C
KB8DNQ	75	284	1D
K8DXR	71	192	1D
N8IGZ	17	84	1D

I have no way to drill through the results to see how everyone did, but in the next few weeks, they scores will be added to the ARRL results database, and that will be possible.

Good job everyone for getting on the air during this pandemic.

## New Thursday Night Net

Beginning October 1st, Doug, KB8DNQ will be MC'ing a new digital net on Ten Meters. It begins each Thursday night on 28.122. Set your digital software to Olivia 8/500.

According to Doug,

**To check into the net:**

**"AARCDN de (your call), name. city, with or without a comment"**

**Then when making a comment or addressing the net use**

**"AARCDN de (your call) ' and then your comments.**

I've not tried Olivia, but if you are set up for other modes such as RTTY, PSK, etc with FLDigi, then you should be good to go.

For more information, contact Doug, KB8DNQ at [kb8dnq@gmail.com](mailto:kb8dnq@gmail.com).

## AARC DX Challenge

It's that time again. The AARC DX Challenge begins at 0000Z on Wednesday, September 30th, and continues until 2359Z March 31st. It's similar to [CQ Magazines DX Marathon](#). The challenge part of it is to see just how many different DX countries you can work in 6 months.

The 2019/20 version was won by James, KD8VT.

The rules are simple;

- 1) You must be a AARC member during the 6 month period.
- 2) All DX entities count once, Regardless of Band, or Mode.
- 3) All bands & Modes are eligible
- 4) You are on the honor system. Just send in your logs at the end, and we'll score them.

Questions or entries can be directed to [John, KD8MQ](#) at [kd8mq1@gmail.com](mailto:kd8mq1@gmail.com).

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## ARRL Elections

In this issue, we are running Candidate statements that we have received for the ARRL Great Lakes Division elections.

ARRL members, Please take time to vote when you get your ballot. It takes just a moment, and it is important!

## DMR repeater comes online in Mt Union Area

In October, a DMR repeater was installed by Dave, WD8AYE, and a crew of helpers from the club. We had Paul, K2ASA, Tony, KD8BBK, Chris, AC8VN, and myself assisting. The repeater is housed at the Mt. Union Fire Station in the Mt. Union area of Alliance.

The repeater is on 444.7875. More information about the repeater can be found at [http://w8lky.org/Files/Misc\\_Files/W8NP-East.pdf](http://w8lky.org/Files/Misc_Files/W8NP-East.pdf).

More information about DMR can be found at <http://wd8aye.net/DMR.htm>.

Not shown here is Chris, AC8VN who handled the antenna install, and myself behind the camera. 73 all, DE KD8MQ



# Editors Rambling

Hi everyone. This newsletter was scheduled to be out on November 1st. But, I've always found that the newsletter gets finished when I get the motivation. Unfortunately, motivation has been lacking of late. Finally, work week is over, and I'm able to get this issue into the finished column. Sorry for the delay.

Some stores are beginning their "Black Friday" specials early in November. So, I hope if you are into that sort of thing, that you find lots of specials in this expanded Holiday shopping season.

I'm not against shopping mind you; but I only have a couple things on my list this year. The biggy is the FT-891. I'm definitely hoping for a good sale on Yaesu equipment. That being said, I may have a Yaesu FT-450 up for sale soon. This joins my FTM-400 on the sale table. If you are looking for a deal on a HF rig, let me know.

The trip to Jefferson County PA for the PA QSO Party was great, as usual. We didn't work all counties, but managed a decent score, while enjoying an early autumn in Pennsylvania.

That's been the extent of my Ham radio activity for the last month. Unfortunately, lots of other things have conspired to keep me away from projects that I really need to be working on. The Echolink project is one of those. Hopefully by this time next month, I'll have something to report.

This newsletter was scheduled to be out last week, but several work & non-work related items have kept me way from the computer. Sorry for the delay.

So, that's it for this month. See you all down the page.

This is the 370th issue of the Zero Beat, and **my 195<sup>th</sup> issue.**

73 DE KD8MQ

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