APRIL 1987

Hello! This editor has kept busy with the "hamvention" at the mall for March, and I could probably write a book on all the activities that went on there. First of all, I thought Spring was here because of the beautiful weather we had last weekend, but to my suprize and I'm sure everyone's there was snow on the ground.take heart Amateurs, By the time this gets to you Spring will have already arrived.

Meeting:: The next meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club will be April 6, 1987 at Alliance Community Hospital, 2nd floor conference room. Time is 7:30. The Program will be about the Dayton Hamvention, by Ron Gwynne. Everyone is welcome.

HAM OF THE MONTH- Larry Hillier, N8EWV has been chosen Ham of the month. Larry organized the mall show, and what a great job he did, Thanks Larry and Congratulations!!!

The first annual mall show was held by our club March 14 and 15. A great time was had by all. We had lots of support from surrounding amateurs who took time out of their weekend to help with traffic handling, etc. Thanks to all the amateurs who did support us.

A note from Larry: Larry would like to thank the club members who came out to the mall and gave 100% to operate and answer questions. We have 13 prospective hams and it's all because of the people who liked their hobby enough to put it on display.

Charter Party-The charter party was held Saturday March 21, 1987 at Bonanza Steak House. Much thanks to Joanne KJ30, and Larry WD8MPV for taking time to come to Alliance and present us with the charter. There was much fun and fellowship.

CQ, CQ, CQ, DE N8HHV net control for the c.w. practice net on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The frequencies are 28.175 and 146.660. There hasn't been too many check-ins lately, in fact, just 1 or 2. This is a super idea to get your code speed up!!!!!!!! Check-in with Eric SOON!

Novice Enhancement-OOPS! There has been a mistake. In last month's Zero Beat, we gave the privileges for phone. Here are the phone privileges again, only this time they'll be right. 10 meters-

200 Watts PEP CW and Digital modes from 28.1-28.3 MHz. and

CW and SSB from 28.3 to 28.5 MHz, no AM $220~\mathrm{MHz}-$

Up to 25 watts PEP on all amateur modes and emissions from 222.1 to 223.91 MHz. 1296 MHz- $^{\circ}$

up to 5 Watts PEP from 1270 to 1295 MHz.

- * No novice operator will be permitted to use his station in repeater, auxilluary, or beacon operation.
- * Two examiners will be required to administer novice exams.
- * Present novices and technicians are "grandfathered" into the new privileges.
- * 100 additional questions will be added to the novice question pool and each novice exam will consist of 30 questions. The 574 tech/general pool, will be separated into two 287 question pools, (3(A) for technician and 3(B)) will consist of 25 questions for each class.

This info was taken from the feedline, published by the Canton ARC./KDBMQ

Speaking of Novice Enhancement-The Portage Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring a 10 meter net on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. Frequency is 28.390.

GOODBYE-The whole club was saddened to hear the news of Dave Bradley N8GHQ, and his family moving to West Virginia. They will certainly be missed by everyone, we can only say goodbye and good luck to them.

Congratulations are in order for the following people who passed their novice tests: Jack Lins, Gene Smyth, Ginger and Diane Bradley, Red Barrett, Anne Virant and Barbara Gwynne. Also, Don Clapsaddle who passed his technician test, KC8VG, Ron Gwynne and KD8MQ, John Myers who passed their extras. Good Job everyone!!

Upcoming events: Fox hunt to be held in May, don't know the date yet, but in any case, get ready to find the fox. Annual meeting May 4, 1987, election of officers. Dues will be renewable for the coming year at the May 4, 1987 meeting. Don't forget to pay your dues at the meeting, we need your support.

News from the Canton Amateur Radio Club: A few weekends ago, I went to Canton to take my general code test. The VEC's from Canton had only 17 preregistered amateurs to take their test, and they ended up with over 40 people to take tests. Canton is to be commended on a fine job they did in making the best of a bad situation. So, if you are going to take an upgrade test anywhere, even though they may take walk-ins, register in advance if possible. It saves a lot of hassles on the day of the test, and will make VEC's very happy.

Ticket Sales- We had our raffle tickets for sale at the mall, and boy did we ever sell tickets. Time is running out, and it won't be long before we will be drawing a winning ticket. If you would like a chance on the radio, contact any club member.

ARES-Picture taking time! We have received ARES Photo I.D. cards. If you don't have a Photo I.D. card, you will be asked to come to

Alliance Community Hospital on Tuesday April 7, 1987. More information can be obtained from KD8MQ, John Myers. The purpose of this I.D. card is to show that we are members of Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).

Upgrade Testing for April: The following is a list of upgrade tests, with the date, followed by location and contact person.

4/4/87 Portsmouth KC8YW 4/11/87 Columbus K8KJ

4/11/87 Maumee KU8B 4/11/87 North Olmstead KB8A

4/25/87 Dayton KB8ZR 4/26/87 Dayton KB8ZR

4/28/87 Akron W8HL

MMMMM GOOD-It seems like everytime our club gets together anywhere we are eating! I just hope that the club dues get paid, I'd hate to see the dues go for new pants that have gotten too tight.

(hi, hi) Special thanks to Carla Stopher NBIAT for delicious brownies and cake, and Mrs. Godfrey (Rose Bradleys Mother), for her chili. These ladies made sure that we didn't go hungry during the mall show. Thanks Ladies!!!!

NOVICE ENHANCEMENT One step beyond

By the time you read this, novice enhancement will be in effect. Have you heard, though, about the latest in a campaign to make things easier for novice class liscencees.

Up till now, extra class licenses have all the privileges, while novices have few. Therefore, effective April 1, 1987, Novice class operators will have all privileges on all amateur bands, as well as the right to become a volunteer examiner.

Extras, on the other hand $\mathbf{w} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q}$ be stripped of all privileges except those formerly held by novices. The reasoning being that due to the advanced knowledge required to get an extra license, extra class operators will be able to use their minimum spectrum to their maximum benifit.

Additionally, since they are newcomers to ham radio, and have not had occasion to pick up any bad habits yet, all novices will be automatically be inducted into the Official observer program. All other appointments will be cancelled as of 4/1/87.

All Tech/General, and advanced calls will be cancelled as of4/1/87. the ex-licensees will have to be re-tested to get back on the air.

We feel that these changes will help to preserve amateur radio into the 1990's, and after that, it will be up to the next administration, so we at the FCC(Frequency Coordination Company) dont really care. Have a good day, and remember; We're here to help.

signed,
Proffesor Milton F. Klingledorfer,
PHD MD DDS DVM COD ROA FET ETC
The almighty Chief Executive Officer of the Frequency
Coordinating Company

to the editor,

I had a ball at the "hamvention" last weekend. As club president, it really makes me proud to see everyone pitch in to share their hobby with the general public. I've heard nothing but good things about it. Congratulations to Larry, NBEWV, and everyone who pitched in. One question, though: What's next?

John KD8MQ/A

A word about the above letter: We hope to continue to do great things within the club, and with the amount of support we have been given in the past, it looks like we can do anything we set out to do. I am looking forward to bigger and better things to

Last but not least, The Novice Enhancement story was an APRIL Fools joke, so all of you amateurs out there who were worried, take heart your licenses are safe. Have a super April and Spring

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