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Hello Everyone-Well summer is over, school's starting, and cool weather is coming up. Hope everybody had a nice summer.

HAM OF THE MONTH! This month's ham is Bob Hobbs WBACP. Bob has been a ham for 41 years. Isn't it great that we have persons like Bob who is a pioneer of our club and Amateur Radio? Congratulations Bob!

Fox Hunt -Yes Sir, they found the fox! The team of NBGIE John Ziccardi, Jr. NBEZO Alan Hillier, NBHHV Eric Gwynne and NBIBI Kevin Bell found the fox who was hiding in the scout cabin at Silver Park. Second place went to KEBKH Patti, and NBEWV Larry. Everyone had a good time and the weather didn't seem to dampen spirits at all. John's group has the distinct honor of planning the next fox hunt and according to them it will be around the end of October.

Picnic! Bubbles! Volleyball!

FUN FUN FUN! If you missed the AARC's picnic on Saturday August 23, you missed a lot. Although skies were dreary, once the picnic started, we had clear skies. The highlight of the picnic was everything! We played volleyball and KEBKH's (patti) team won the championship. There was much fun and fellowship and I can't wait till next year. Thanks to all who brought food, and made the evening a success.

From the Editor -I would personally like to thank KBBCDA Barb Gwynne, KBBYK Gene Smythe, and WBBGI Hal Kelley, Sr for volunteering for a couple of odd jobs we needed help with. Thanks!

NEXT MEETING-The next meeting will be held October 5, 1987 at the First American Bank at 7:30. Come and talk to your fellow amateurs- there is always fun and fellowship at AARC. The program will be Jamboree on the air by Patti KEBKH Don't miss it!

As I promised—A surprise! We recieved a lot of good ideas from the questionnaires and a "guest" Editorial was one of the ideas—it gives me pleasure to have as our guest this month—President of Salem Amateur Radio Club and AARC member—Bob Tullis NW8E.

Do You know what small minority of Amateur Radio Operators has the greatest day to day contact with the public? Which area of amateur radio has the fewest awards?(Do you know what it takes to receive a BPL certificate?) If you answered traffic handlers, you're correct. Traffic handlers range from novice to extra, young to old, and male and female. The average age of amateur radio operators is 49. The average age of the traffic handlers is 61 and increasing every year. Whatever your skills or abilities, you'll be welcome to join the system. Most of the messages passed through the ARRL sponsored NTS (National Traffic System) or the independent nets are informal and friendly in nature. A message of 25 words or less is preferred. The value of this is in the training received. An emergency is not a good time to learn how to pass traffic. Traffic can be passed on many nets. For \$1.00 you can get the ARRL net directory which lists hundreds of nets. You will find traffic people friendly and helpful. Make up a message to a friend and send it across the county or perhaps across the country. It won't be long before you'll be recieving traffic. Remember the second "r" in ARRL stands for relay!

Below are listed some of the nets:

<u>name</u>	<u>freq.</u>	<u>time(local)</u>
Ohio Sideband Net	3972.5	10:30a.m.4:15 p.m.,6:45p.m.
Ohio Slow Net	3577	6:10p.m.
Ohio Novice Net	3708	6:25p.m.
Columbiana Co. Emergency Training Net	146.700 146.775 146.805	8:00 p.m. (alternating weekly)
Alliance ARES Net	145.370	9:00p.m. Thursdays
Salem Area Net	146.865	8:30p.m. Thursdays

NW8E

Thanks Bob! If you would like to be a guest writer for the Zero Beat, see Pam N8IAK or John K8BMQ.

trading post

* ICOM 4AT with charger, rubber duck and small battery pack—Contact NB8HV Eric or K8BVG Ron Gwynne for details.

* 1981 callbook w/supplements. for you antique dealers. see John, K8BMQ 821-5513

A steam-powered locomotive, came through the Alliance area twice on Saturday, the 19'th.

The round trip from Orville to Pittsburgh was to commemorate the 200'th anniversary of the constitution

It was pulling quite a few authentic railroad cars and passenger cars, with one modern exception for this trip. Ham radio was riding along, and noticed some hams on board wearing large smiles. We noticed a 2 meter magnet mount antenna on one of the cars. This isn't the first time they've brought ham radio on these trips, but I wonder if anyone contacted the "train station"(hi hi). This was really an impressive sight.(KDBMQ)

On the subject of the bicentennial, The ARRL is offering a "We The People" WAS award for contacting stations in all 50 states, during the period of Sept 17,1987-Dec 31,1988. QSL's are not required. For more information, see Sept,87 issue of QST (pages 14-16).(KDBMQ)

There was a meeting last month, between the presidents of five area radio clubs. The purpose was to test the waters, and see if the clubs would be interested in working together.

The clubs represented were:Alliance, East Liverpool, East Palestine, Lisbon, and Salem. There was an exchange of ideas, and a lot was accomplished.

It was decided to hold a VE test session in late March. If anyone is interested in becoming a VE or helping out, see John, KDBMQ.

As club president, I would like to have your input and ideas on this.

The idea of a gabfest/fleamarket was also talked about. It's great to see the clubs working together like this. More info next month.(KDBMQ)

Excitement—excitement—excitement

The repeater fund is growing! A second Alliance club member has won an HT.

NBHRZ, Ray Solinger, was the lucky one this time. Ray has actively supported the AARC all along, attending meetings, bringing friends along, selling tickets, and buying tickets. The "win" was well deserved—congratulations Ray!

NBEAD, Matt Thomas, was the lucky winner of the first HT drawing. Matt has been enjoying his new two meter rig.

We hope that Ray gets much enjoyment from his new dual band radio.

The next brand new Yaesu Dual-Bander may be given away at the next meeting. You may purchase tickets for yourself or your friends, but tickets will only be sold at the meeting. When all the tickets have been sold, the winner will be drawn for our 3'rd HT. This one is like Ray's, 2 meters, and 440!

SUPPORT THE REPEATER FUND!

Good Luck

Novice Classes are in full swing, with six students attending. They are enthusiastic and willing to learn. It won't be long before we have a great bunch of new hams on the air. KDBMQ, John and NBDZA are

teaching, with WB8TPG Rich and NBIAK Pam as helpers. There are extra "Tune in the World" kits for sale, at \$15.00 each, if you would like to purchase one contact KDBMQ.

Callsigns - As promised, we will bring the 8'th district callsign allocations up to date this month. The number of new licenses has declined in the past couple of months, but should start increasing as the weather turns colder. Here are the numbers as of August 1'st & September 1'st. In the interest of space, I deleted the callsigns for August 1'st, and gave just the numbers.

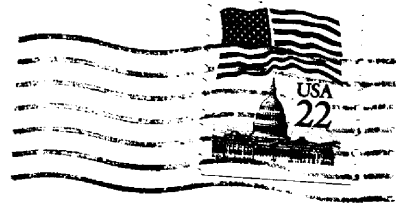
Class	latest call (9/1/87)	# issued in:	July	August	1987
Novice	KB8DRS		58	72	1687
Tech/Gen	NBISY		11	102	715
Advanced	KEBNP		9	13	120
Extra	NY8H		7	11	96

Well, that's it for this month. See you next time. (KDBMQ)

That's all for this month. See you next time. (NBIAK)

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