

ALLIANCE

AMATEUR

RADIO CLUB

ZERO BEAT



September, 1988

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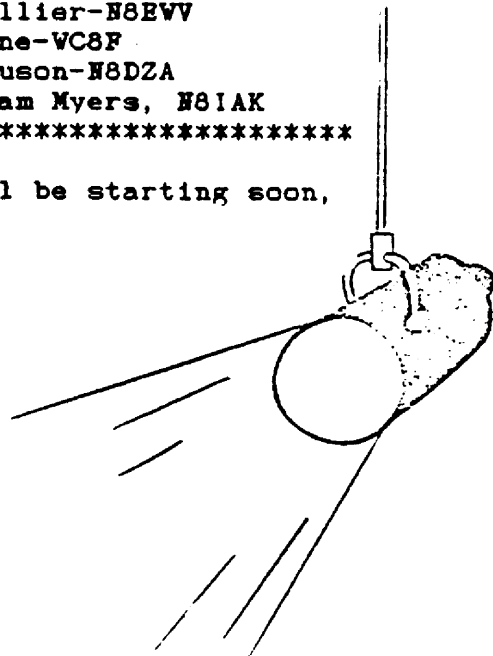
Trustees

Larry Hillier-N8EWV
Ron Gwynne-WC8F
Jim Ferguson-N8DZA
Editor-Pam Myers, N8IAK

Can you believe summer is almost over? School will be starting soon, so drive carefully.

Our Spotlight shines on Paul Lattavo KB8DST.

Paul Lattavo is a native of Canton and now lives in East Canton with his wife of 17 years, Margaret. They have two children Anthony 11, (KB8EAU) and Monica age 6. Paul enjoys c.w. with his Yaesu Twin, with a random long wire for an antenna. He first was interested in ham radio as a young boy in the Scouts. He did not pursue the interest until last Fall. Paul was at Carnation Mall to see the model airplanes on display, and found the AARC recruiting students for novice class. Now Paul holds a general class ticket. Paul's biggest thrill in ham radio was when he tuned into 20 meters. (For the 1st time) Lo and behold there was a Russian station which he indeed worked. He has just completed intensive schooling and hopes to join us soon for a meeting. Paul would like to see the club have an information seminar on all the facets of Amateur Radio (ie: how to get a station on packet, satellite, and rtty.)



New Officers! We held elections at our last meeting to fill the vacancies left by Pam, N8IAK and John, KD8MQ. Dave Buckwalter-KC3CL was elected President while Eric Gwynne-N8HHV was elected secretary. Good luck to these two!

Our next club meeting will be August 29, 1988 at Alliance Community Hospital room B. Labor Day falls on the 1st Monday of Sept. Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

FOX HUNT! After 2 hours (almost) the team of KD8MQ John, N8IAK Pam won the fox hunt. Barb, Eric and Ron Gwynne were hiding at the street department lot, bouncing signals off of a brick building downtown. They were certainly hard to find. The participants then enjoyed a cook-out at

Westville Lake at the home of Ron's mother.

I am very disappointed with the attendance at meetings and other activities of the club. We had 5 participants in the recent fox hunt and about 18 people at the meeting. (We elected officers!) I realize not everyone can attend all the activities, but I think we need more involvement. This is YOUR CLUB, you pay the dues. As a recent officer, I know how hard the officers and trustees work to keep the club active and growing, but they certainly cannot do it ALL! They need your support. The next meeting is August 29 and I'd like to see at least 30 or more attend. The weather has been hot, but the next excuse will be it's too cold. The weather will never be just right! Please, think about this and join us at the next meeting. This is MY opinion and not necessarily the club's. PAM N8IAK.

GOOD LUCK JOHN! N8GIE John Ziccardi, Jr. is leaving Alliance to move to Chardon. John has a new job and needs to be close. We wish John the best of luck in his new surroundings, and thanks for all you've done for the club. GOOD LUCK!

The entrance to the hospital has been changed. Instead of going in the lobby doors, we will go into the snack shop, which is to the right of the lobby. You will see the makeshift entrance when you park in the lot. Please make note of this change.

CALLSIGNS

Here's the latest callsigns as of August 1'st. The mad rush for the 2 x 1 callsigns seems to have subsided.

Extra-W18Z (+20) Adv-KE8TL(+18) Tech/Gen-(+65) Novice-(+112)

Don't forget that time draws near for Novice classes. Classes start at 7:00PM, Sept 7'th in Conference room A(follow the signs) at Alliance Community Hospital. Cost for book/Tape is \$15.00. call 821-5513(John) or 823-3925(Jim) for more info.

FCC REALLOCATES 220-222 MHZ

In the face of overwhelming public opposition, the Federal Communications Commission on August 4 adopted its own proposal to reallocate the 220-222 MHz frequency band from the Amateur Service to land mobile use.

The reallocation, proposed by FCC 18 months ago to address what it said were critical landmobile needs and a desire to promote spectrum-efficient technology, attracted strong criticism from the nations 435,000 radio amateurs and the many public-safety and disaster-relief organizations who rely on amateurs in communications emergencies. The thoughtful protests of many thousands of citizens became a part of the official record of the proceeding. Dozens of Congressmen expressed their own opposition to the commission, as did the Department of Defense, on it's own behalf and that of the National Communications System. Yet it was not until United Parcel Service filed comments, six months late, that a significant user of the proposed new land-mobile band went on record as desiring the allocation. Despite this clear testimony that the original

was not in the public interest, the commission's action appears to be identical to its first proposal without reflecting any additional understanding of amateur service needs. In its presentation of the item for commission consideration, the staff of the FCC Office of Engineering & Technology stated that the reallocation represented just 2% of the presently available amateur spectrum--a figure that was echoed by Chairman Dennis Patrick.

"We're shocked and disappointed at the Commission's actions," said ARRL President Larry Price, W4RA. "the 2% figure has no basis in fact. As we've pointed out throughout the proceeding, the 2 MHz the Commission is intent on taking away from the Amateur Service represents more than 15% of our international primary allocations between 30 and 24,000 MHz."

FCC tried to soften the blow by saying that the remaining 3 MHz would be available to amateurs on an exclusive basis, and by expressing its continued strong support for the Amateur Service. "It's nice that the Commissioners want to be seen as supporters of Amateur Radio, but actions speak louder than words," observed ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ. "The notion that existing amateur operations below 222 MHz can all be reaccommodated in the remaining 3 MHz is fanciful, and not supported by the public record. On the other hand, the spectrum efficiency of narrowband land mobile technology has been seriously challenged in engineering circles and may in fact be illusory. About all that can be said for the Commission's action is that it provides a fertile field for arguments in support of reconsideration or reversal."

"We've lost a battle, but not the war," ARRL President Price commented. "The league will continue to pursue every available administrative, judicial, and legislative remedy to ensure that radio amateurs have access to the spectrum they need to serve the public." (courtesy ARRL & The ARRL+ Letter)

This piece appeared in the August 9'th edition of The ARRL Letter, and was followed by a memorandum to all ARRL members, from David Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL executive Vice President. Text follows: "There's only a few weeks left to reverse the FCC's onerous decision by legislative means in the 100'th congress. Among other initiatives, we believe that sending letters, QSL cards, and calling the offices of key senators and congressmen will enhance our efforts on capitol hill. Please assist us in retaining this spectrum for amateur use by picking up your pen or phone today.

A proposed amendment to pending legislation follows. Please read it, then voice your support for Amateur Radio to the key decisionmakers listed at the end of this memo.

Radio Spectrum Allocation

Sec. The commission shall enforce the regulations, rules, and policies in effect as of August 3, 1988, as they relate to the Amateur Radio Service in the 220-225 MHz frequency band as defined in 47 CFR Section 2.106 (Table of Frequency Allocations).

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Attn: Tom Cohen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!!

The following have become members:

Bruce Brockett, Jason Brockett and Margaret Papulias KB8FBM (WB8MEK's wife). Nice to have you aboard the AARC!

Fox Hunt

(also called a Hidden Transmitter Hunt)

For a real good time, don't forget the clubs next fox hunt will be held on September 25, 1988, and will be followed by the club picnic.

You do not have to be a club member, or even a licensed amateur to participate in the fox hunt. All you need is a receiver that will tune the 2 meter band (even a scanner will work), and a directional antenna. We are planning a presentation on fox hunting during Novice classes in September, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Just contact John Myers, KD8MQ (821-5513), or listen to the Eastern Stark County ARES Net (Thursday, 9 PM on 145.37). For more information on times & dates.

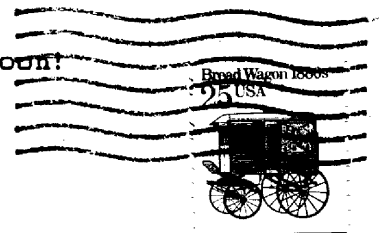
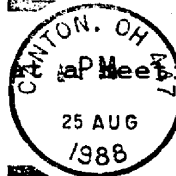
After the fox hunt, will be our club picnic. It will be from 4 PM to ?? and will be at The Jaycee pavillion, at Butler-Rodman Park, in Alliance. This will probably be a covered dish type of picnic, but listen to the net, or better yet, come to the September meeting, to be sure.

ARES NET

As reported in the ZB last month, KD8MQ has planned to give up ARES, and the net, as of September 1, 1988. We are still looking for volunteers to handle the ARES duties, but, The net managers job has been picked up by Dick Bontrager (KA8LKQ). So the net will continue. So lets check in and give Dick our support!

That's all for now. Hope to see YOU at a Meeting soon!

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