

ALLIANCE

AMATEUR

RADIO CLUB



ZERO BEAT

December, 1988

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The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Monday of each month at the Alliance Community Hospital 2nd floor conference room. Next meeting will be December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Eastern Stark County ARES Net

Dick Bontrager KASLKQ net manager would like to thank everyone for their support of the net. If you would like to be net control, contact Dick. Special thanks goes out to past net control operators-Patti Hillier KB8KH, Eric Gwynne N8HHV, and John Myers KD8MQ. Everyone is welcome to check into this net which meets every Thursday at 9:00 pm on the 145.37 (N8DZA) repeater.

This month's spotlight shines on WI8T Allen Dicks

Allen was first licensed in 1978 with the call KA8CIY. His upgrade to Extra came in the summer of 1988 and his call was changed to WI8T. Allen is married to Diana, his wife of 8 1/2 years and enjoys spending time with his sons Brian 7 yrs and Aaron 3 yrs. Allen was born in Chicago and raised in Florida. He moved to Alliance in October 1979. His education came from Valencia Community College where he earned an associates degree in Respiratory, Akron University a BA in Education, and Stark Technical College where he is currently completing his associates in electronic engineering. Allen is also an Emergency Medical Technician and a certified CPR instructor. The equipment Allen uses for his Amateur Radio hobby include a Kenwood TS520SE, Kenwood TR2500 2 meter handheld, with a NP33 Tribander, a 5 band vertical up 55 ft high. Bands he enjoys working are 10-15-20 phone and 20 cw. Allen would like to see more technically oriented programs for the club which would include one day "building" projects (IE: Foxhunt antennas, 2 mtr antennas.)

CONGRATULATIONS to our club president, Dave Buckwalter, KC3CL, on his fine showing in the June VHF QSO party. Dave made 330 QSO's, & and racked up 170 multipliers during the 1-o-n-g weekend in June. His final score of 64,090 points was enough to clinch first place in his state & division. CONGRATULATIONS DAVE!

Help! Help! Help! We need your input. Below you will find a readers survey. This will help determine what your opinions are. Your name is optional. Bring this to the next meeting (Dec 5) or mail it to the club box (P.O. Box 3344 Alliance, OH 44601). Thanks!

1. How do you feel about the quality of the news in the zero Beat?
 - A. Good
 - B. Fair
 - C. Poor

Comments-

2. Would you like to see a "Novice Corner" written for and BY Novices?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Undecided

Comments-

3. Does the newsletter keep you well informed of the clubs activities?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Undecided

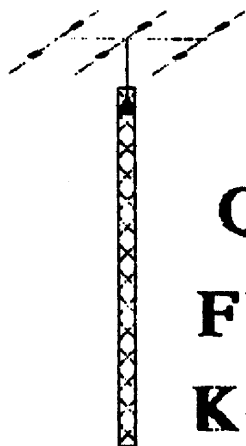
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4. What news would you like to see in the Zero Beat?

5. Would you like to contribute a "tech talk" column to the Zero Beat?
(IE: cb-10 meter conversion)

- A. Yes
- B. No

Comments-



QRM FROM KC3CL

This is your news letter, your inputs are needed to make it successful. In recent weeks many comments have been raised concerning the news letter. The comments range from the format to what is printed. Look for an up coming survey sheet for the Zero Beat. This will be your chance to make suggestions and recommendations.

Each meeting there is talk of what would be nice to have in the newsletter. Well articles don't grow on trees. As AARC President, I've attempted to try and cover highlights of the club activities in this column, but I keep hearing comments that we need more technical articles. Well the space is here. If you have any technical articles, or operating hints, or other HAM related news write it up and submit it. Lets share those good ideas.

Don't forget to send in your reservations for the *Christmas Party*. This years big event is going to be held on December 16th, at Colettas, on State Street in Alliance. The festivities start at 7:30 pm in the banquet room, but if you would like to have a few before dinner, the bar will be available. Reservation forms are elsewhere in this news letter.

I keep hearing bits and pieces of talk about new HF antennas, rigs, and feedlines. I'm sure none of this has anything to do with the up coming AARC DXCC contest. Just normal station improvements. "Right", in November and December! If you have been on a DX-pedition and out of touch with the rest of the world, then you don't know about the DXCC contest that starts "0001 GMT on 1 January 1989". This contest is the AARC DXCC contest, open to only AARC members. The first station to WORK and CONFIRM 100 DX countries, as listed on the ARRL DXCC country list, wins. All contacts must be worked after the official starting date. The ARRL DXCC rules as written are applicable, with the following additions.

1. Participants must be paid members of AARC.
2. Proof of working at least 100 countries (QSL cards) must be submitted to any AARC board member or trustee.
3. The board member/trustee

will provide the applicant with a signed receipt for the QSLs, indicating date and time received.

4. The board member/trustee will notify other members of the board that an application has been received, and the board members will meet and verify the application, and validity of the QSL cards.

Remember ARRL DXCC rules apply. This means cards can not have erasures or crossed out entries. Applications need to be submitted using the ARRL DXCC application form, and QSL list.

Whats in this DXCC contest for you anyway? Well for starters, a plaque, much nicer than the ARRL certificate, which you will also qualify for, and a \$ 150.00 ham radio equipment gift certificate. So get those antennas up, and radios tuned, and log books ready.

Don't forget the next meeting, Monday the 5th of December, at the Alliance City Hospital, 7:30 pm, in the 2nd floor conference room. There is a lot to discuss, including the up coming mall show, the DXCC contest, and a possible meeting night change. See you there.

73s and QRZ DX
DEKC3CL

Christmas Party Reservation Form

Name _____ Call _____

Number Attending _____

Meal Selection(s) _____ 8oz Strip \$9.60

_____ Baked Fish \$9.60

Total \$ _____ Spaghetti \$5.70

Price includes 20% Tip - Make Checks Payable to AARC

Don't forget- The ARRL 10 meter contest will be held the weekend of December 10/11. The Alliance ARC will be operating from the home of Allen Dicks, W18T. Log & dupe sheets will be provided. All that's needed are operators for this event.

The contest begins at 7PM(EST) Friday evening, and concludes the same time Sunday evening with a maximum of 36 hours of operating allowed.

So, even if you've never operated a contest before, stop by for a guaranteed good time. Everyone is welcome.

Allen's house is at 2235 S. Arch Ave. in Alliance (just look for the house with the tribander in the back yard).

CALLS as of November 1, 1988 are as follows:

WN8D(+47) KB8UU(+9) N8KBA(+59) KB8PPP(+45)

Our new novice students should be watching these closely, as we will be testing on the 30'th of November. Good luck, everyone!

Special thanks go out to Jim Ferguson, N8DZA, and Larry Ashburn, KB8DWP for their assistance during the novice classes this fall.

Speaking of classes, Tech/General classes will be starting soon. Classes start on January 11'th at 7:00 P.M. and will be taught by Jim Ferguson, N8DZA. This is a twelve week course, and will be held in Conference room B at Alliance Community Hospital.

As always the classes are free, with the only cost being for the books used(\$10.00). If interested, just let Jim or John(KD8MQ) know.

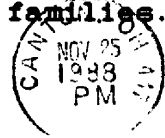
PANCAKE BREAKFAST- The Salem Area Amateur Radio Association will be holding a pancake and sausage breakfast at St. Pauls School on December 3'rd, 1988. Breakfast will be served from 7:00AM to 1:00 PM. Tickets are available from any club member, or at the door. Cost is \$3.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for children under 12.

St Pauls is on East State St. in Salem, 1 & 1/2 blocks east of downtown, and is next to Salem Library.

Proceeds will benefit club programs, including, a portable communications trailer, that the club is working on. (TNX to N8GOB)

From our shack to yours

John & I would like to wish each of you happy holidays. We hope the coming new year brings good things to you & your families.
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