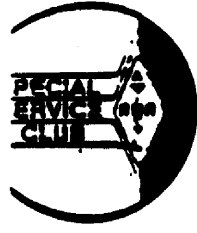


ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

ZERO BEAT



February, 1989

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Pres.-Dave Buckwalter-KC3CL	Larry Hillier-N8EVV
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The Next meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio Club will be Thursday February 2, 1989 at The Alliance Community Hospital Cafeteria (note: New day and room). at 7:30 p.m. We will be voting on the proposed admendment to the by-laws, and also planning the mall show.

Our Spotlite this month shines on Jim Ferguson N8DZA.

Jim Ferguson N8DZA was first licensed in 1955 as K8LTG. He got interested in ham radio by reading and from a neighbor W8QND Argus Barker who now resides in Montana. Jim was a member of the Tri-County Radio Association (W8LKY). He let his license lapse and in 1981 was re-licensed as N8DZA. Jim works at the Genie Co as a tool and guage inspector, a job he has had for 15 years. Jim's first station was home brew, also his 5 band single side band was home brew. Jim builds his own antennas also. Jim enjoys designing and constructing radio equipment. He works rtty, amtor, packet, cw, slow and fast scan t.v. and traffic handling. The most traffic Jim has ever handled was the Alaskan earthquake in which he handled 1700 pieces. His usual is 300 a year. Jim has operated from 49 states and all Canadian provinces running 2 meters. He enjoys motorcycle touring and taking his ham equipment with him. On his tours (BMW bike) he takes along an icom 202, a 30 watt amplifier, a home brew low band with a 16 element linear antenna that goes 18 feet high and 3 feet low. Jim's other hobbies include photography. He has been teaching novice and tech/general class for the past 2 years for the club.

MALL SHOW!!!

N8DZA Jim and KE8VE Larry are Co-Chairmen for the Mall Show this year. As of this printing we do not have the dates finalized, but that will be well in hand soon. Raffle tickets are printed and ready for pick-up from Dave KC3CL or Eric N8HHV. We will hold the drawing at the May 4, 1989 meeting. Please get your tickets and SELL SELL SELL!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations are in order for The Salem Area Amateur Radio Association on becoming an ARRL affiliated club. Also from SAARA-Thursday January 12, 1989 they had their elections for the coming year: N8GOB Dave Sprouse President, KE8PK Harry Schaffer Vice -President, and KE8EUT Margaret Javins Secretary-Treasurer. The time of their meeting night has changed also. They will be meeting at 7:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month. SAARA's novice classes begin February 9 at the Council Chambers at Salem City Hall.

Readers Survey-Thanks to the 6 hams who took time to fill out the survey. I appreciate the input and will make every effort to put what you want in the newsletter. Your input is needed all the time, so if you have any ideas let me know.

The Zero Beat is now a member of the Amateur Radio News Service. The ARNS is an organization of editors and publishers of Amateur Radio newsletters. It's purpose is to assist members in any way possible to improve their publications. Club funds were not used to join this service.

NOVICE CORNER

Hooray! We have found someone to take the column, but that doesn't mean that all you other novices out there should give up! If you have an item of interest, let me know. Jim and Gladys Wilson (who will have their novice calls soon) have volunteered!

My wife and I have been asked to express our views on the novice class. First to John Myers KD8MQ and Jim Ferguson N3DZA, and everyone who helped in anyway "thank you". We thought the classes were interesting and fun to attend. We both looked forward to each Wednesday evening with anticipation. The other members of our Novice class have received their calls and are as follows:

KB8GAG Bob Rickard
KB8GAB Gary Grimes
KB8GCF Dennis Barber
KB8GCE Janice Barber
KB8GAC Bonnie Robison
KB8FYV Judy Schaffer

In talking to KB8GCF, he has already worked Nevada, California, PA and for DX England! Keep it up Dennis! My wife and I are now in the Tech/General class and hopefully we'll make it. Remember, if you think you love someone too much, you probably don't love them enough.

CALLSIGNS - As of January 1, 1989, here's the latest calls issued in this district, along with the the yearly totals for 1988. Notice that the number of novice licenses issued was down by about 18% during 1988. but 1632 novices is also not shabby either!

<u>license class</u>	<u>latest call</u>	<u>#issued in:</u>	<u>Dec 88</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
Extra	VN8K	*	13	* 316*	127
Advanced	KB8VX	*	13	* 160*	169
Tech/General	N8KFP	*	32	* 778*	900
Novice	KB8GCA	*	232	*1632*	1998

According to the February 1989 issue of "73" Magazine, the Technician class license is now the fastest growing of any class in the history of the U.S. Amateur Service. The growth figures for Fiscal Year 1988, are as follows.

Technician +8.70%	Extra +6.80%
Advanced +.21%	General -1.26%
Novice -3.68%	% growth +1.54%

Congratulations to Dave Beltz, WDSAYE who won the Canton ARC's raffle, and now has an extra \$300 in ham radio money. Now let's see...360 AARC raffle tickets at 6 for \$5.00 would be..

220 MHz

The ARRL has formally requested the FCC to schedule oral argument before the FCC commissioners concerning docket 87-14, the FCC ruling which takes away 220-222 MHz from the amateur service.

In a strongly worded request, the ARRL said that the order in 87-14 "failed utterly and completely to take into account the inability of the Amateur Radio Service, for technical reasons to reaccommodate the thousands of displaced users" from 220-222 MHz to 222-225 MHz. The ARRL also said that the "devastating" loss of 220-222 MHz on the development of national data communications "has never been adequately conveyed to the commissioners," and that the economic effect of this loss has also been "misunderstood" by the commission.

Our request quotes public law 100-594, which states that "government agencies shall take into account the valuable contributions made by amateur radio operators when considering actions affecting the Amateur Radio Service" and points out this legislation clearly warrants the commission to consider the result of the reallocation on the Amateur Radio Service, the future of the amateur packet radio and voice repeater networks, and the effect of 87-14 on the ability of the service to render emergency communications.

The ARRL request concluded: "Oral argument will permit the league to present, in concise fashion, the truth about the effect of the reallocation on the Service and factual data on the subject which has not thus far been adequately conveyed to the commissioners."

Section 1.423 of the commission's rules provides for oral argument in rule making proceedings if the Commission determines it is warranted. It is not known at this time if and when the commission will consider the request. (TXI ARRL Letter Vol.8, #1)

NO CODE

The ARRL has appointed the ARRL No-Code Study Committee. The Committee is made up of hams from the ARRL, ham industry, and the general ham population. Their purpose is to "explore the implications of a No-Code license, and make a report to the the board of directors at it's second 1989 meeting." (Tx ARRL Letter V.8, #1)

CQ DX, CQ DX!

How's the DX coming? The AARC DXCC contest has started. We haven't heard any rumblings about who has worked the DX, everyone is keeping it a secret! Don't forget 100 stations logged and confirmed for the prize. Good luck and good dx!

Don't forget the rate increase for the ARRL outgoing QSL "buro". Effective February 1, 1989, it will cost you \$2.00 per pound to send your cards out. Small quantities of less than ten cards can still be sent for \$1.

The new address for the Eighth Region QSL Bureau is as follows: Eighth Area QSL Bureau, is P.O. Box 182165, Columbus, OH, 43218-2165. For information on using the QSL Bureau's, check your December, 1988 issue of QST (page 74), or bum one from a friend. The QSL "buro" can sure save a lot of money on stamps.

No QRM from KC3CL this month. Rumors are that he is too busy working dx for the contest. We'll try to get him out of the shack for the column next month.

New DX Country - All contacts with the Island of Rotuma, since November 15, 1945 are now valid for DXCC credit. Rotuma is located approximately 285 statute miles north-northwest of Fiji, and seems to share the 3D2 prefix with Fiji for the time being.

New York City men fined \$6500 for illegal repeater operation

The FCC has fined seven New York City men a total of \$6500 for illegal repeater operation on frequencies allocated to the US government for fixed, mobile, and satellite communications.

The control operator (who was a licensed ham), was fined \$2000, while 6 repeater users were fined \$750 each.

Event Calendar

Jan.

28-Goodyear VE exams

Jan 28-Feb 5 -novice roundup- This contest is open to novices and techs, but all may participate. for more info, see January QST-p.102

Feb.

2-AARC Meeting 7:30 at Alliance Community Hospital.

4/5-Vermont QSO party

4/5-New Hampshire QSO Party

4/5-10-10 international net winter phone QSO party

5-North American Sprint, CW

7-Massilon ARC will be holding novice classes

starting February 7 at 7:00PM. For more info,

contact Gary WC8V at 837-2927 or Gary W8AU at 832-8612

9- SAARA Novice classes start Feb 9th at City Council

Chambers in Salem City Hall-6:00-7:30

12-North American Sprint, Phone

12-Mansfield Hamfest- Richland County fairgrounds-146.94

18/19-ARRL international DX contest, CW

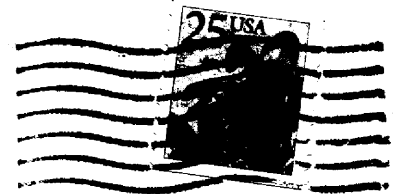
24-26-CQ VV 160 meter contest

25-VE exams-Canton ARC-contact WB8VUH

25/26-Cincinnati ARRL convention-Cincinnati Gardens Expo

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26-Cuyahoga falls-Akron North High School-147.27



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