

ALLIANCE

AMATEUR

RADIO CLUB



# ZERO BEAT

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AARC MEETING

This months meeting will be held at Rodman Park, just prior to our picnic. The picnic will be on August 4th, from 6 to 8 pm. We will be at the first pavillion, next to the volley ball court. Everyone is asked to bring two covered dishes. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

TO THE EDITORS:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion on something I think the club (all of us) has ignored.

We are all for getting new hams into our club, and we hold novice classes just for that reason. We need help after the classes are over, to get new hams on the air, and to help them get over their nervousness. I was lucky, when I became a ham, i had been exposed to it for quite a while, but still I was definetly scared when I got on the air.

In my opinion, we need to take these new hams by the hand, & show them all we can after the test is over and they have their licence. No, we are not all experts, but, EACH and everyone of us has something we can contribute to help a new ham make it through the first few contacts.

In short, i guess we need ELMERS! if we all help, it won't be a hardship on one person to take on 6 or 7 new hams. (which has happened before!) please think about the first time you got on the air did you have an ELMER or would you have felt a little more secure if you had ?

This is my opinion, & not necessarily that of the clubs.

Pam Myers, N8IAK

## ROUND TABLE

JIM & GLADYS KB8GHZ/KB8GIA

It look's like the monsoon season is over and the weather is returning to more normal. Hi. Hi.

Well, there is not much to report on this month. I've been kind of busy & I didn't get much material collected

Last month's club meeting, was very interesting and the program that Ed, N8GZE, put on was a very good one. A lot of information on charging, the do's and don'ts, and the proper care of Ni-CAD batteries.

Those who missed the meeting, missed a great program. From the questions asked I think everyone liked it. Ed THANK'S for the time & information.

Possibly the club could have more of these kind of programs in the future. Just a short program, with a variety of topics of interest to ham's.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the picnic, we will all have lots of fun.

Gladys came up with a refreshing, and cool dessert, for the summer. It can be made anytime, it's good year round. Give it a try, you'll like it.

### JELLO DELITE

- 1 - reg. size - lemon jello
- 1 - sm. can - crushed pineapple
- 1 - sm. pk. - cream cheese
- 1 - cup - crushed walnuts

Prepare Jello, as directed on the package. Add soft cream cheese & beat until cream cheese is smooth add walnuts, crushed pineapple (juice & all) & mix with a spoon.

Refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours then serve it as is or top it off with whipped cream.

I've run out of things to say, so until next month. Remember you can't get rid of a bad temper by losing it.

## NOVICE CLASSES

Novice classes are due to begin soon. The 12 week course is set to start on Sept. 6th. Classes run from 7-9:30 PM, and will be at Alliance Community Hospital in the second floor conference room.

As usual, the only cost will be for the book & tape used in the class. If you know someone who is interested, be sure and tell them about the classes. Contact John Myers, KD8HQ for more info at 821-5513 (h) or 821-6545 (d). Walk-ins are always welcome.

## W8AL

During the week of July 31--Aug 6th the Canton ARC, will be operating a special events station commemorating the Hall of Fame festivities.

Canton, Ohio, is the home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, & every year during Hall of Fame Week, the Canton ARC, operates special event station, W8AL.

Operation is planned for all bands & modes, a really nice certificate is available for working this station.

## WRITTING ARTICLES FOR THE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Adapted from an article by Art KB9MZ, in short C.I.R.C.uits, Central Ill RC I think it was about four years ago that I started writing for the monthly paper, & it started because I was a bit ashamed at one of the club meetings when, as always, we had difficulty electing officers. We had difficulty in getting someone to take over the responsibility of the newsletter since our Editor resigned. Finally, a new member stood up and said she would take it on. Remember, this was OUR club, and we let a new member take on one of the most important jobs in the club, while we stood by with our hands in our pockets. Our newsletter is part of the glue that keeps this club going.

Some of you are not communicating. Writing an article can mean a two-liner or a page, but it takes time to sit down and put your thoughts on paper. If you make a spelling error... so what? That's the editor's job. It doesn't have to be a high tech, we can read that in a magazine.

It is plain talk from YOU that is needed in YOUR newsletter. How about it, just a few lines for starters. Let's communicate to those club members who can't get to the meetings. Is my language a bit to the blunt this month? I suspect it is. Maybe I've gone overboard, maybe I should ask the editor to

ship out the newsletter next month, as a blank sheet with just the title at the top. THEN we would get communication, but it would be the wrong kind. Don't get me wrong, the club is not in bad shape. We have a good club with a lot of new members and willing helpers, but YOU could make the load just a little bit lighter.

TALK TO YOUR EDITOR SOON!!

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Submitted by Pam, N8IAK

## TRIATHALON

Don't forget, the Carnation festival is coming up, and with it comes the "Carnation triathlon". Our club has been asked to provide communications again this year for this event.

A triathlon is a combination swim, bike and foot race. It will begin at 8:30 AM on Sunday August 13'th. it starts with a leisurely 1000 meter swim at West Branch State Park, after which they will bicycle 25 miles into the Alliance high school, where they will trade their bikes for running shoes, for a leisurely 10 k run through the streets of Alliance, which will end at Glamorgan Castle.

It takes a lot of support to make an event like this possible, & your help is needed. If you can help, please contact a member of the ARES committee (K8BMO, N8DZA, KE8VE, OR W18T). (John Myers, K8BMO)

## EVENT CALENDAR

### JULY

31 thru august 6'th- Hall of Fame Special events station

### AUG

- 4 AARC PICNIC
- 5 Columbus VE exams-James Kerr, K8KJ, (614)866-5531
- 5 YLRL YL/OM SSB sprint
- 5-6 ARRL UHF contest
- 6 Portage Hamfair-Portage Co. fairgrounds (Rt 44 in Randolph)  
Talk-in on 145.39
- 10 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.370 @ 9 PM
- 12 Mentor VE exams-Scott Farnham, KO8Q, (216)256-0320
- 12 North Olmstead VE exams-Dan Sarana, KB8A, (216)267-5083
- 12-13 European CW contest
- 13 ARCI QRP SSB Sprint
- 13 Triathlon (operators needed)see story elsewhere in the ZB
- 17 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.370 @ 9 PM
- 19-20 SEANET 1989 SSB contest
- 19-20 New Jersey QSO Party
- 19-21 Missouri QSO Party
- 20 Blyria VE exams-Jeffrey Burge, (216)244-5913
- 20 Warren Hamfest-KSU Trumbull branch(Rte.45 & 5 bypass)  
Talk-in in on 146.97
- 24 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.370 @ 9 PM
- 26 Canton VE exams-Dick Stellarini, WB8VUH, (216)453-5896
- 26-27 All Asian CW Contest
- 31 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.370 @ 9 PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 AARC NOVICE CLASSES -Alliance Community Hospital, room B, 7-9:30
- 7 AARC MEETING -7:30

### CALL SIGNS

Calls as of July 1'st are as follows:

NOVICE--KB8HVA (172)

TECH/GENERAL--N8KZQ (126)

ADVANCED--KF8AE (12)

EXTRA--WT8Z (18)

FROM THE EDITOR

I wish to THANK everyone for their articles, with out them there would be no newsletter. The dead line for next months newsletter is August 18'th. Any articles are appreciated

Janice KB8GCE