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AMATEUR

RADIO CLUB



**ZERO BEAT**

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**AARC MEETING**

The AARC meeting will be thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 pm,  
at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the cafeteria.  
**PLEASE JOIN US !! Visitors are always WELCOME!!!**

**YMCA NOVICE CLASS**

Novice classes at the YMCA are also going like gangbusters. So far, Jim, NBDZA, and Bill Martiken, who is the director of the YMCA are teaching the classes. More help is needed. Volunteers to teach, are especially needed, as they have enough kids lined up for a second class to begin. Jim & Bill have the kids working on building their own transceiver, and on morse code. The kids are really excited about ham radio. All that is missing is YOU (KDBMQ)

**OHIO HAM HELPED by FARAWAY FRIENDS**

LAWRENCE D. STRADER, WA4ZWH

Bob Winberg of Cambridge, Ohio, retired three years ago and took up Amateur Radio operating as a hobby. He made friends via the airwaves with a number of people. Then illness struck -- Winberg survived an aneurysm near his heart, but was confined to a wheelchair. He went back on the air, but he needed a new antenna.

So, it was Tennesseans John Gwin, NI4M, Mike Hyder, N4NT, and L.D. Strader, WA4ZWH, who drove more than 600 miles to put up an antenna for Winberg. Winberg said he was "overwhelmed that there are such fine fellows in Amateur Radio."

-Daily Jeffersonian, Cambridge, OH

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

Next month we hope to have the rest of the articles on the couples in our club. I wish to thank everyone for their article and those that did not get in this month will be in next month.

### COUPLES IN OUR CLUB

Dave and Kitty Buckwalter--KC3CL and NBLIP

NBLIP has been a long time in the making. Nearly 10 years ago when KC3CL & I were married, he tried to get me to join a novice class and get my license. My answer to him for many years was "you don't sew or crochet, I don't do ham radio."

Once in 1983 I did give in and went to a novice class, but failed to complete it. As the years went by I learned a lot about ham by osmosis, just listening to Dave talk about ham radio you have to learn something, at some point in time. Anyway, here it is 1988 and I've been talked into another novice class and lo and behold I not only complete the class I passed too!! (after 6 tries at code that is.) So now I have a novice license-K88DUN-what an accomplishment, or so I thought, at least until someone came up with phonetics to go along with my call that was not flattering in the least.

I'm still not sure even at this point if I should upgrade, until one freezing, raining, wet and cold day my car breaks down & I have 5 kids with me and no where to go except the radio. Thanks to some other hams the kids and I were safely brought home and it was brought home to me that I really should upgrade, if for nothing else then to use the radio in case of an emergency. Point well taken!!

So after 8 years of nagging I finally have become a "HAM". I like my new call NBLIP, it fits, I do so like to talk at times! Also I know now that when I'm out with the kids and I have an emergency, or even if I am driving alone and I have a problem, I know that help is only a radio call away and with all the great hams out there listening, I know help is on the way.

John and Pam Myers--K88MD and N8IAK

John became a novice in 1980, after taking novice classes with Jim Ferguson W8LTG (now N8DZA) and Frank Sanor W8WHP, in 1976 and not passing. He then took classes with Carl Mani W8BOTZ (now NT8Q).

John was an amateur radio operator when I meet him. I decided to get my license because I saw how much fun he was having on the air, also so I could keep in contact with him on 2 meters, since he's on the road most of the day.

Patti and Larry Hillier showed no mercy while I was studying for the novice ticket, and I took my test in their shack. When I passed, I almost wrecked their trailer because I was jumping for joy. John is now an extra class, and I'm an advanced class, studying for my extra.

Jim and Gladys Wilson--K88GH? and K88GIA

We took novice class together, passed the test, and started in Jan. to take the Tech/Gen class. We enjoyed it very much, and on Mar. 11th, 1989 we went to Ravenna, and took the Tech. test, we both passed, so, we took the theory test for Gen. we both passed that, so we went to the Dayton Hamfest and bought our radio. We have made some good friends, and have enjoyed ham radio, very much.

Jim took his 13 word code test in Aug. and passed, so now he is a General class. I am working on getting mine before march 11th. We enjoy all the activities, and try our best to join in at all of them. Ham radio is the most enjoyable hobby we have ever had.

#### PANCAKES

Our friends at the Salem Area Amateur Radio Association (SAARA) are holding their second annual pancake breakfast, on Saturday December 2nd. The endless stream of pancakes & sausage takes place from 6 am until 1 pm, at St. Pauls school, on State st. just east of downtown Salem. A lot of work goes into this event, so be sure to show up to support the Salem club. (K88MO)

#### CALLSIGNS

Callsigns as of 10/1/89 are as follows:

WVBT (20)      KF880 (12)      N8L1H (59)      K88IEF (77)

The number in parentheses is the number of licenses issued in Sept.

**Priorities come and go, but call signs are forever.**

John Basceppo, W3IPD, from Mount Dora, FL.

I have an elderly friend who is also an Amateur Radio operator. A couple of months ago, while sleeping, he started groaning in pain. His wife tried to wake him up, without success.

She had him taken to the hospital, and contacted his doctor. It turned out he had suffered a mild stroke.

"Eddie," she said, "this is Rose." He didn't recognize her. The doctor came in: "Hello there, Ed." He didn't recognize the doctor. His wife said, "Eddie what's your name?" No answer; he looked at her, but couldn't remember. "Ed, where do you live?" He just shook his head. Nobody was getting through to him.

Rose, in frustration, said, "Ed, what are your call letters?" Without any hesitation, he said, "WA4TL6...Tough Little Germ." Rose turned to the doctor and said, "He didn't recognize me, he didn't know his own name, but he did know he was WA4TL6 -- with phonetics, no less!"

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Dennis and Janice Barber--K886CF and K886CE

Our road to ham radio started with my quest (K886CF) to listen to my favourite radio station, BBC WORLD SERVICE, radio sets in England all have the shortwave frequencies as standard, I found that over here, we had to purchase a shortwave radio. After several inquiries I found a reasonably priced set through an ad in a shortwave listeners book ("Popular Radio"). This led me to purchase the publication on a regular basis & in one issue an article on SSB CB rigs and users interested me.

It was not long before I had a Cobra 148 GTL in my possession, after plucking up courage, I keyed the mike and inquired (giving my newly chosen number 100 Carr, Co.) if there was anyone on the frequency. To my delight a voice came back, #10, Cheyenne, Hal, I gave my name, at this time I was using a CB mobile with the weirdest ground plane you could imagine, attached to the downpipe on my house. Groundwave was not too good and my antenna was not the best, so somehow, Hal got my name as John, which I became known by in the SSB world, to such an extent that I used the name myself and Janice would call me John also. Next morning I turned my rig on and went back to 27.395 to see if Hal was around, I heard what I thought was Hal, talking to someone else, waiting for a break, I announced myself, the two gentlemen came back, announcing their location as Nova Scotia, I was hooked!!!.

From there I purchased a new antenna, a vertical, and proceeded to DX, mostly South America & Canada, plus talk to most states. We became very friendly with Hal, sharing tales and coffee at a local restaurant each Saturday morning, we also learned that Hal was a Ham. By this time, both Janice & I were really hooked on radio. Through our coffee meetings, we also met other radio operators and located a moonraker 4 antenna with rotor for \$125, we also scrounged a couple of sections of tower. So equipped we proceeded to DX the world, from our altitude of 5000ft it was a snip to talk to Australia, and Europe on 12watts, we had a friend in Tasmania that we talked to nearly every day.

Hal got us very interested in Amateur Radio and before long we were practicing code latenights when the band was quiet. We didn't do much towards our license at this time as we moved to a new job in Florida. We purchased Gordon Wests course & proceeded on self study, the job in Florida was not working out & we had a chance at our home in Alliance, so we took it. Continuing with SSB on 27Mhz, we heard about the novice course that John & Jim were doing at the hospital, we joined the group and passed the novice test, receiving our licenses January of this year. Shortly after we upgrade to Technician. We have studied some of the General, before long we will take that also(once we get our butts in gear).

We are enjoying Ham Radio, of the many hobbies we have had, we consider this the best and most fulfilling, we continue to DX the world, our radios now consist of a Heathkit 80 thru 10, Kenwood TS430S, & of course, our HT's, two Yaesu and one Kenwood. On the DX scene, we have still a long way to go before we catch up on our 11 meter DX, but we are working on it. We are not much into competition, I guess you would call us confirmed rag chewers, you don't get as many contacts that way, but each card is a friend that will remember you when you meet again. Well, thats it on us, I had better end this before I get writers cramp, plus Janice is complaining, she said she wanted an article, not a book!!.

## ROUNDTABLE

Trying to concentrate on these article these last few day's has been a little difficult to do. I have been watching, the disaster in San Francisco on T.V. Have you ever seen such dramatic video? To watch something like that while it is actually happening is quite something. The people out there should be praised for the way they handled themselves in an emergency situation. Next comes the job of rebuilding every thing that was destroyed.

Novice classes are in full swing, the students seem to be enjoying it. Good questions & discussions. Last week Larry, KEBVE discussed WIAW, copying code live, antennas and feedline. Code practice seems to be going good. NBDZA and KDBMG are still doing a great job. One of the students brought a french keyer to class one evening. Boy was it different, NBDZA said he'd never seen one, so I guess it was kind of rare.

I understand a certain gentleman from our club was giving a young lad a demonstration of ham radio using morse code. The youngster was quite impressed especially at the end of the QSO when the other station sent OM & signed. The lad asked what OM meant, our friend told him. The kid looked puzzled, and asked, how did he know you're an old man? W8WEN can you put any light on this story. HI HI.

Gladys' recipe for this month is a dressing that you may or may not have for your Thanksgiving turkey.

### OLD FASHIONED SAGE DRESSING

1 1/2-2	LOAVES BREAD
2	ONIONS
1 small	BUNCH CELERY
3	EGGS
1-2 Tbs	SAGE
1/2 cup	BUTTER

ENOUGH MILK TO MAKE MOIST

Break bread into pieces. Put into large bowl. Chop celery & onions into bowl, then you add all the other ingredients, except milk, mix well. Slowly add milk until it is nice & moist.

Until next month remember  
THE WORLD HAS AN OPENING FOR  
EVERYONE, I AM IN MINE NOW  
"A DEEP HOLE"

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#### Resonant:

Small insects which infest pitch

#### Resonant filter:

Used to remove small insects from your pitch;  
sometimes called a "pitch fork."

-Yakima ARC, WA

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# AARC Christmas Banquet

The AARC Christmas banquet will be held Saturday 23 December at Roadhouse Charlies' on State Street in Alliance. Just across from Dawsons. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Arrive early and enjoy the Wet Bar (cash only) in the dining room.

Special Awards will be presented and another unique AARC program will be given. If you have any ideas for awards for any deserving individuals contact Dave KCSCL.

Please make your reservations early. Final date to make reservations is 11 December 1989. Make your menu choices and mail your check to AARC c/o PO Box 3344 Alliance Ohio 44801, or contact Kitty Buokwaite NBLIP at 821-4408.

## Christmas Banquet Menu Choices

### Strip Steak

Baked Potato  
Bread  
Salad  
Desert  
Coffee or Tea  
\$ 8.95

### Broiled Scrod

Baked Potato  
Bread  
Salad  
Desert  
Tea or Coffee  
\$ 8.50

## EVENT CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 2 **AARC MEETING** -Alliance community hospital at 7:30 PM
- 4-6 ARRL CW sweepstakes
- 4/5 QST QSO Award party, phone
- 4/5 Ten-Ten International Net Fall CW QSO Party
- 9 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.37 @ 9:00PM
- 9 SAARA meeting-
- 10-12 Japan International DX Contest
- 11 ALARA Contest-info in November QST
- 11/2 European DX Contest, RTTY  
Montana Centennial QSO Party  
OK DX Contest  
QST QSO Award Party, CW
- 16 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.37 @ 9:00PM
- 18/9 ARRL International EME Competition  
ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone
- 19 Massillon Hamfest-K of C hall on Cherry west of US 21-talk-in on 147.18R
- 23 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.37 @ 9:00PM
- 25 Canton VE Exams-Dick Stellarini, W8BVUN-453-5896
- 25/6 CQ WW DX CW contest
- 25/6 West Virginia QSO Party
- 26 North Olmstead hamfest-N Olmstead Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Rd.  
Talk-in on 145.29 and 223.24/4.84
- 30 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.37 @ 9:00PM

### DECEMBER

- 1/3 ARRL 160 Meter Contest  
Tops Activity
- 2 SAARA Pancake breakfast
- 9/10 ARRL 10 Meter Contest
- 10 QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Home-brew CW Sprint

"ATV MOBILE"



COULD THIS ACTUALLY BE, N8EWV ?