

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

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ZERO BEAT

December 1990

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Dave Buckwalter KC3CL

Its not too late to get your reservations in for this years fun filled evening with many of your ham friends. The AARC Christmas Banquet will be held on December 15th at Road House Charlies.

This years festive event will begin with cocktails of your choice (with your \$) at 6:00 PM. Dinner is scheduled to be served between 7:00 and 7:30 PM. Following dinner this years special guest, D'Arsonval Movement, (who by the way; will be arriving in his Super Regenerative, Phase Locked, Multi- Element Balanced Modulator pulled by eight tiny Megacycles)

will present awards to many guilty and not so guilty individuals for deeds done or attempted in the last year. Many of the deserving individuals will be astonished by the fact that the long awaited recognition has finally arrived.

Road House Charlies is located on State Street next to the entrance to Butler-Rodman Park on the west end of Alliance. From the west it is on the left side of the road about 1/2 mile east of the Carnation Mall. From the East, go west till you pass the mall, then turn around and follow the directions given for arrival from the west. See you there.

The next meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, 6 December 1990. Meetings are held monthly at the Alliance Community Hospital at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria on the first floor. Visitors are always welcome.

CALLS

The latest calls as of November 1st 1990, are as follows:

EXTRA -- AA8CG (+5)

ADVANCED -- KF8KC (+19)

TECH/GENERAL -- N8NAN (+72)

NOVICE -- KB8KVV (+93)

NET SCHEDULE

Eastern Stark County News and Information Net. Net Schedule December 1990

6 No Net - Club Meeting Night

13 N8IAK Pam Myers

20 KC3CL Dave Buckwalter

27 KB8GHZ Jim Wilson

Remember, if you cannot be net control on the night you are scheduled please let Pam N8IAK know. She can be reached at 821-5513(e) or 821-8545(d)

BANQUET MENU

Strip NY Cut Choice----- 12.50

1/2 BBQ Ribs----- 8.75

Broild Boston Scrod----- 8.75

BBQ or Honey Glazed Chicken--- 7.75

All dinners include Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, Butter and a beverage, (Coffee, Tea, Soda). Price includes Gratuity and Tax.

To ensure your reservation contact Kitty Buckwalter, N8LJP. Make checks payable to Alliance Amateur Radio Club.

HELP !

Pam Myers N8IAK

I need a favor from the club members. Besides checking into the net on Thursdays, I need a couple of volunteers to be stand-by operators. That means if for some reason the person who is supposed to be net control is NOT on the air by 9:10, the stand-by operator would then take over. Let me know if you would be willing to do this. I would also like to wish the net operators a happy holiday season. Haven't they been terrific?

Thanks, Pam




Very Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of rigs, pleasant QSO's, exceptional DX and with little QRM.

Kitty N8LIP, Dave KC3CL & Family

Well another year has passed by and AARC has a lot to be proud of.

As a club we contributed much to amateur radio in the past year. Our public service activities, the mall show, field day and JOTA are just a few of the major activities the club has



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participated in. Many individuals in the club have participated in contests, fox hunts and countless nets and hamfests. Its time to set back and relax, work a little DX, and think about the coming

year. We get to do it all over again, only a little better.

This months Zero Beat is being mailed to ex-members and other local area hams as a complementary issue. If you are not now a member of AARC, now is a chance to join. Included in this issue of the newsletter is a membership application for AARC. If for some reason you have left your membership laps, now is the time to renew it and get involved with all of the great activities that are going to take place in 1991.

73's, Merry Christmas & I Hope to see you at the Banquet.

Dave

Twas the night before Christmas on 20 meters

DON CHRISTENSEN, W8WOJ

*Twas the night before Christmas and all through the shack
The signals had echoes; the aurora was back
I was twiddling the knobs and tuning around
Looking for rare DX but none could be found
When all of a sudden a pile up so thick
Caused me to question, "Could that be St. Nick?"
Well I shifted the bandwidth and varied IF
Then I switched in the filters but it made little diff
Why can't I hear him I asked in a fit
And I smiled when I discovered he was operating split
He was working by districts; what a furious clip
Santa was operating contest style just before his big trip
I fired up the linear cause I wanted a shot
It would take maximum power; everything I've got
The two hard working triodes; they twinkled so bright
As I got ready to call that jolly old sprite
Just as the little green ready light started to glow
St. Nick was saying "8th district stations get set to go"
I stepped on the foot switch and yelled into the mike
Then BANG, what happened? Who turned out the light?
After finding the flashlight, I located the breaker
It's a wonder in the darkness I didn't meet my Maker
By the time I got the rig back on frequency
Santa announced that he was ready to go QRT
But I broke, said QRZed, will you take one more eight?
Feeling certain that I simply was much much too late
But much to my surprise old St. Nick came right back
WOJ he was saying, make it quick I must pack
I must leave on my trip, it's a long one you know
And I could tell by the flutter the band was starting to go
Just as the propagation was beginning to flee
Santa said "MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and a big SEVEN THREE."*



Only 18 Shopping Days 'Til Christmas

And Only 9 Days 'Till the AARC Christmas Party

The AARC Xmas Party will be held on December 15th. Plan on attending this years festive event. Otherwise, you'll only here about what a good time everyone else had.

Contratulations !

John Myers WX8G

The AARC Novice classes have turned out a fresh batch of novices. Passing the code and theory exams on November 14'th were Richard Haren from North Canton, Dave Mangus from Alliance, and Stacy Yendrich from Beloit. The classes were taught by John WX8G and Larry KE8VE.

Ham Radio Books

John Myers WX8G

The club still has some "Tune in the World" kits, "Technician Class License Manuals", and an "Extra Class License Manual" for sale. For more information on books contact John or Pam at 821-6545 (D) or 821-5513 (N).

AARC Christmas Party Reservation

Name: _____

Names of Additional Attendees:

Dinner Choices

(List Number of Each)

NY STRIP- _____	\$12.50 ea
1/2 BBQ RIBS- _____	\$8.75 ea
BROILD SCROD- _____	\$8.75 ea
CHICKEN- _____	\$7.75 ea
HONEY GLAZE	
BBQ CHICKEN- _____	\$7.75 ea

Make Checks Payable To:

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

Total Amount \$ _____

A ham's Christmas Eve

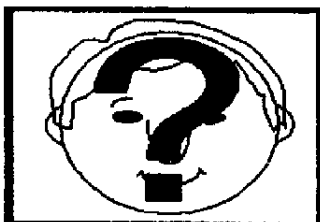


GARY E. MYERS, KPCZB

*'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the shack,
The rigs were warmed up,
Humming softly in the rack.
The last package was wrapped,
And the tree was majestic,
The family was asleep,
But my thoughts weren't domestic.
Visions of sugarplums
Were far from my head,
For as I tuned 20M,
The band was not dead!
I took a deep breath
And unlatched the key,
Called "CQ DX,"
And waited to see.
Then ever so faintly,
Through the noise and QR/Mary,
Came a sure-fisted reply,
So light and dry.
I trembled with excitement
As I copied his call,
For this was THE Rare One
To hang on my wall!
Then from my headphones
There arose such a clatter,
I sprang back from the rig—
What was the matter?
Then there was silence,
Except for the sound of a
Struggle ensuing
Outside on the ground.
Away to the window
I flew like a flash,
Tore upon the shutters
And threw up the sash.
And what to my wondering eyes
Should appear,*

*But a miniature sleigh,
And eight tiny reindeer!
They were tangled and looped
In my feedlines and guys,
And I would but stand there,
And gape in surprise!
A little old driver
Was wielding an axe,
Cutting them all free
From the wires and coax.
I was about to say something
I'd surely regret,
When he turned toward me,
And then our eyes met.
He shrugged and smiled,
Then bent over his pack,
And I saw a whip antenna
Mounted on the sleigh, in back.
He rose up the tower
In a single bound;
I pulled in my hand
And as I turned around,
The rig sprang to life,
And I ran to it with glee,
For there was that Rare One
Still calling me!
We traded reports,
And I filled out the log,
Dizzy with pleasure,
And lost in a fog.
I went back to the window—
Wonders never cease:
There was my feedline,
All in one place!
I ran from the shack,
And there under the tree,
Was the Rare One's QSL card—
How could that be?
Then I remembered the sleigh,
And the mobile whip,
And I scratched my head
And chewed on my lip.
So Santa's a ham...
That's not so surprising,
But why haven't I heard him,
With the sunspots a-rising?
What is his call,
And what bands does he work?
Where can I find him—*

*Where does he lurk?
Then, a sudden inspiration,
I began to Understand:
There's only one place for Santa—
The Gentleman's Band!
It took a few minutes
To retune the gear,
For my hands were shaking,
And clumsy, I fear.
100 was quiet
On this cold Christmas eve,
As I tuned 'round the band,
Hardly daring to breathe,
Near the high end, a voice,
So jolly and hearty,
I knew right away
I had the right party.
"... thanks Old Man,
For coming back to me,
I hate to rush off,
But I'm busy, you see.
"I've deliveries to make,
There's work to be done,
So thanks for the short,
It's really been fun."
I swear I heard hoofbeats,
And sleighbells and sounds
That could only be Santa,
Making his rounds.
The other station was gone,
So I dropped in my call:
I didn't really expect him
To come back at all.
As I lifted my finger
From off of the mike,
I heard other stations,
Tullenders and the like.
Then he chuckled and said,
"Thank you, thank you all,
For sitting there waiting
To give me a call."
"I'd love to stay around
To talk and regale,
To meet and get to know
Each and every one of you."
"I'm not really DX,
Just a mobile-nine,
Even though I have
An unusual call sign."
"I'll be back next year,
And so until then,
See you down the log,
We'll meet again."
And I heard him exclaim,
As he went QRT,
"Happy Christmas to all,
And to all, 78!"
—Tel County ARA, Dixon, IL.*



1990 Ham of the Year

Who will be the 1990 AARC Ham of the Year? Come out to the Christmas Banquet and see first hand who receives this years award. In addition to the Ham of the Year, awards will be presented to many other deserving and sometimes not so deserving individuals. Plan on attending this years fun filled evening.

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Membership Application/ Renewal

NAME- _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS- _____

CITY, ST, ZIP- _____

Date of Birth- _____

Place of Employment- _____

Type of work- _____

Other organizations you are a member of:

Class of license- _____ Expiration Date- _____

Year you were first licensed- _____ ARRL member? Y N

Areas of special interest, (DX'ing, ATV, RTTY, ETC.)

Signature- _____

Date of application- _____

Dues are as follows (Pro-rated dues are for new members only):

	Renewals	May-July	Aug-Oct	Nov-Jan	Feb-Apr
Sust.	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$3.75
Full	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50
Assoc.	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$1.25
Family	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$.75	\$.50	\$.25

* social note -If you have been off the membership roster for one year or more, you are considered a new member, and are eligible for these rates.

Do not write below this line-

Dues paid--Sustaining ()
Full ()
Associate ()
Family ()

\$ _____ on _____, 19 _____ signed _____
(treasurer)

Frank R. Robison

Frank R. Robison, age 52, of 6455 Apple St. NE, Louisville, went home to be with the Lord Monday (November 12, 1990), at Aultman Hospital. Born at Barrackville, WV, March 26, 1938. He was retired from LTV Steel in January of 1989 after 32 years of service. A member of the Canton Baptist Temple; the Adult Bible Class of the Church; the Louisville Sportsmen Club; he was a ham radio enthusiast and a member of the Canton Amateur Radio Club and the Alliance Amateur Radio Club; S.T.E.A.M. Organization of Canton and he was an avid hunter. Loved ones he left behind include his wife of 32 years, Bonnie Lee (Mullane) Robison; one daughter, Mrs. Shawr (Christine D.) Bosley of Canton; three sons, Frank Douglas, Mark David and Jeffrey Lee all of Louisville; a sister, Mrs. Owen (Shirley R.) Shaffer of Fairmont, WV; a brother, Harold Russell Robison of Carrollton, OH; a sister-in-law, Mrs. C. (Danice) Boyce of Pleasant Hill, CA; two nephews; one great-nephew; a close hunting friend, Donald Clapsaddle and many other friends. Services will be 1 p.m. Friday in the Canton Baptist Temple with Dr. Harold Henniger officiating. Friends may call Thursday from 1-4 and 7-9:30 p.m. at the Stier-Israel Funeral Home of Louisville. Interment in Union Cemetery, Louisville. Paul Barers will be from the Alliance Ham Radio Club. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Canton Baptist Temple Mission-Fund or the Alliance Ham Radio Club.



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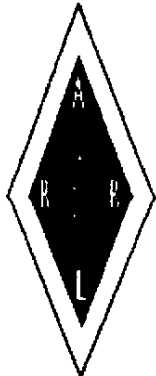
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