



## Field Day preparations underway

Well, it may be a bit early for most of us to be thinking about Field Day, But preparations have already begun for the big event. This years field Day will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up at our usual site behind the Marlinton Middle School.

Here are the changes to this years rules:

- The non-traditional mode bonus has been expanded from 100 to 300 points for doing three separate demonstration modes.
- Packet is back and will be counted as one of the three demonstration modes, but to claim packet credit, you must set up a portable digipeater system. Existing, permanent packet networks do not qualify for this bonus.
- You may earn a 100-point bonus if an invited local government official or representative of one of the agencies that ARES serves in an emergency visits your Field Day site. To earn this bonus, the invited official must actually visit the site, not just be invited. (*ed note: This is in addition to the Media Publicity, and Public Location bonuses*).
- The message-handling bonus has been changed. You may now earn 10 points per message, up to 100 points total, for origination, relay, and delivery of formal NTS messages. In the past, only messages received and relayed were counted. The Field Day participation message to the Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator under rule 7.3.5 does not also qualify for bonus points under these rules.
- This marks the last year that the extra Novice/Tech Plus station will exist in its current form. The Novice/Tech station is a non-counting transmitter, and its QSOs count for QSO point credit. The ARRL Membership Services Committee is considering several options to encourage participation by newly licensed hams.

Yes, you read that first one correctly. This is the last year for the Novice/Tech station. I'm curious to see what the league replaces it with. The Field Day 2001 rules are page 112, of the May QST. They can also be read online at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-fd.html>. The synopsis of this years changes can be read in the March 9<sup>th</sup> issue of the ARRL Letter, which can be read online at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/01/0309/>.

The complete ARRL Field Day package is available in PDF format at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/01fdpack.pdf>. (KD8MQ)

## AARC Mall Show is coming

The clubs annual Mall show will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. That's Memorial Day weekend. The show will run during regular mall hours. Since it is a holiday, not everyone will want to spend their entire weekend at the mall. So, if you don't usually come to the mall show, could you please set aside a few hours that weekend, to come to the mall, and help out? It would be appreciated.

Setup is usually on Friday night, after the mall closes. We can use some help unloading, and setting up, so please. Plan on attending. There's no word yet on when the antenna raising will be. The dates will be announced at the next Club meeting.

Lastly, please talk up the Mall Show everywhere you can. Lets try to surpass last years attendance. (KD8MQ)

## Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in on the K8LTG repeater on 145.37 MHz.

This month, we will be finalizing plans for the Mall Show. Please come with your ideas.

Visitors are always welcome.

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## Editorial

Hello everyone. Whew! What a month this has been. Between school, car repairs, lawn work, and updating my PA QSO Party website, I'm surprised I had time to go to work. HI HI.

Exam time is fast approaching, and after that I have a month off to finish my presentations for the Mall Show. I'm still waiting for QSL Cards from some of you. If I haven't received one from you before Dayton weekend, I'll make one for you. Maybe I'll use your drivers license photo. Does that scare you? Then maybe you'd better talk to me before the Mall Show.

Another highlight will be a video of the Riley Hollingsworth presentation from the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mahoning Valley ARA. I attended his talk, and came away glad I did.

One more project that I'm working on for the Mall Show, is a secret. As this is written, I haven't even started on it, so I'd prefer to keep tight-lipped, until I'm sure that I'll have it done in time.

We've had a couple thunderstorms, already, which should serve to remind us that tornado season has begun here in northeast Ohio. I hope that you found time to attend your local Skywarn training this year. I wish I could say that I did, but I hang my head in shame. I skipped it.

Field Day shirts & pins- I'm getting a group order together for Field Day shirts & pins. If we all go together, it'll save us some money on shipping. I, for one, don't want to enrich the shipping companies, any more than I already do.

Well, that' wraps it up for this month. Remember, the next issue will be a big Mall Show issue. 73 de KD8MQ

## Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in is on 145.37 ®. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

## Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets on tap:

### Ten meters

CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz  
SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

### 2 meters

9 PM on 145.37 MHz

## Internet

If you'd like to check us out on the web, our E-mail address is:

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Our club home page is:

**Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky**

## Newsletter Information

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You can submit material to the Zero Beat either electronically, to kd8mq@qsl.net . I can read most word processor formats, but prefer your files to be in straight text, or Microsoft Word format.

We also accept handwritten copy. My address is to the left.

## April Minutes

April 4, 2001

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on April 4, 2001, at 7:41 P. M., with Jerry Wheeler KG8RN, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 22 members and two guests present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. The report was approved, without objection, upon motion by Ray K8DEN, seconded by Frank WA8WHP.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. There are CDs coming due. The liability insurance premium has been paid. The report was approved, without objection, on motion by Dave W8UKQ, seconded by Bob K8RLS.

Old business: George K3GP displayed a filter of the type needed for Field Day or Mall Show operations. He suggests we buy five filters. The motion was made by Scott K8DX, seconded by Don K8OMO, that George K3GP be authorized to buy the filters. The motion was approved without objection.

Larry KE8VE will reserve the Field Day site for the club.

The Mall Show is set for May 26 and 27. John KD8MQ will have a display of QSL cards on video.

Don K8OMO and John KD8MQ reported that they know of trailers that are available for purchase. The purpose of a club trailer is to keep all club equipment stored together and ready for use. Don K8OMO also reported that there is a van available which would be donated to the club. There would be additional insurance, license, and operating costs. Don K8OMO moved that the club consider either the van or the trailer, not both. There was no second to the motion. David N8NLZ moved that the costs of the van be researched and a recommendation made to the club. It was noted that it is necessary to move quickly to decide about the van. David N8NLZ then withdrew his motion. Then Don K8OMO moved, seconded by Jerry K8CAT, that the club accept the donation of the van and table discussion of a trailer. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

There will be a meeting with Mile Branch Grange officials on April 28.

The Salem club meets Thursday, April 5, 7 PM, Chamber of Commerce building.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Larry KE8VE.

Jerry K8CAT displayed a large, heavy SWR meter. Also, he reported that he dropped his Alinco HT from the top of a tower, and it still works. The antenna has a little damage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M., upon motion by Don K8OMO, seconded by Jerry KG8RN.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

ARRL Field Day Pins and Shirts are available.



I'm planning on compiling a group order for ARRL Field Day pins and T-shirts. This'll save on shipping & Handling. The shirts are \$9.95, and pins are \$5.00. If interested, I can be reached at 330-821-5513 (e-mail: kd8mq@qsl.net ). All orders, and payment must be in by May 29<sup>th</sup> as I plan to have them available in time for the June Club meeting. (KD8MQ)

Your QSL Cards are needed

I'm still working on some Power-Point presentations to be played during our Mall Show. For those who may be wondering just what I'm doing, let me explain. Power Point can create a slide show that can run continually throughout the weekend. I'm creating two slide shows. One, with QSL cards of our current members, and the other with old QSLs that I've either collected, or scanned. Towards that end, I'm still accepting QSL cards for inclusion into this project. If you haven't already done so, please bring your QSL card the next meeting. If you are able to scan your card, then please e-mail it to me at kd8mq@qsl.net. Resolution should be 100DPI. (KD8MQ)

5 years ago

from the May, 1996 issue of the Zero Beat, WX8G, editor

Jerry, N8SH presented an informative article on Propagation

We had just received our award certificates for the ARNS publication contest, and the Ohio Section newsletter contest. The Zero Beat was judged Excellent, by ARNS, and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Ohio Section.

Twin brothers, KK5FE, and KK5HY, were highlighted on ABC TV's "Turning Point." Separated at birth, they were reunited in 1981. (editors note-look for their web sites in this months Web Wanderings)

We were told of a 35 foot HF tower made of wooden poles. It was raised at Camp Pendleton, CA, by Scout troop 319, of Huntingdon Beach, CA.

10 years ago

from the May 1991 issue of the ZB, Dave Buckwalter, KC3CL editor.

Special elections were planned to fill the recently vacated office of President. KB8GAB had resigned for personal reasons.

August 28,1991 was the date set by the FCC, for the vacation of 220-222 MHz.

In preparation for Field Day, we had an article on Field Day. It was amusing, in that it made mention of paper dupe sheets.

Web Wanderings

Do you like boatanchors? Then check out these sites. They are run by twin brothers.

[www.geocities.com/kk5hy/](http://www.geocities.com/kk5hy/)

<http://home.earthlink.net/~kk5fe/>

AARC e-mail list disappears!

A couple of weeks ago, I discovered that we had all been deleted from the club mailing list!

As it turned out, a club in Michigan had asked QTH.net for a mailing list name of aarc@qth.net. QTH.net glitched, and allowed our list to be overwritten

Our list has since been restored. I still have a couple of files to restore, but that'll take only a few minutes, once my internet access returns.

The mailing list allows us to shoot group mailings back and forth between club members. This is great for club announcements, and such. If you'd like to join us on the list, just go to <http://www.qth.net>, and select AARC from the list window, and check subscribe. What could be easier? Any questions, please e-mail me (kd8mq@qsl.net).

# May 2001

## Monthly Planner

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## Excerpts from other clubs newsletters

*From the April issue of the Feedpoint, the newsletter of the Carroll ARS, N8LVO Editor*

The club is pondering the question of who removed the Ham equipment from the Carroll County Sheriff's office.

*From the April, 2001 issue of the Feedback, the newsletter of the Massillon ARC, Gary Kline, WC8W, Editor*

The Massillon ARC was featured in a very nice article in the Canton Repository, on March 18th. The club was approached after a reporter took notice of a poster promoting the clubs license classes.

The locals in Massillon are having a ball running ten meter AM on 29.0 MHz.

*From the QRM, the newsletter of the Tusco ARC, David Lomady, WD8CKK, editor*

We were reminded that ARRL dues are to increase on July 1st. Hurry, to renew at the old rates

The QRM is the latest newsletter to be fooled into reprinting an urban legend, as fact. We were cautioned against punching 90# for anyone calling you.

For the record, the 90# phone scam

is **only** a danger, if you have a phone system that requires you to dial 9 to get an outside line. The erroneous info seems to have come from one of our assistant section managers.

*From the April-June issue of "SAARA Speaks", the newsletter of the Salem Area ARA*

Lela McClaren, KB8YPD, has been chosen the SAARA 2001 Ham of the Year. Congratulations!

Joe Braund, K8JCV is in the Pleasant View North Retirement Center, in Salem.