



## Bob, K8RLS, named Ham of the Year!

Well, our 2001 Christmas banquet was held on Saturday, December 15th. It was well attended, with 38 members, and guests present.

This year, we returned to Roadhouse Charlie, which is under new ownership. We had the banquet room to ourselves. The high point of the evening was the awarding of the Ham of the year plaque to Bob Steele, K8RLS, an honor that, in this editors opinion, was well deserved.

If you'd take a moment to look at the editorial on page two, you'd see a rather lengthy list of this clubs accomplishments this year. The last five are a direct result of Bob's work on behalf of this club, since being elected President.

Bob is not a newcomer to Amateur Radio. While becoming licensed shortly after retiring from the Post Office, He has never been too far away from the Ham Radio bug. His Dad, was Ray, K8CMI, who, I believe, was a member of the Tri-County Radio Club. I remember attending licensing classes with Bob's son, Jerry, who holds K8CMI today.

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Jerry, KG8RN (L) presents the HOTY Plaque to Bob, K8RLS (R)

## To All members

I am honored and overwhelmed to have been chosen Ham of the Year. Thank you all. I am honored and overwhelmed to have been chosen Ham of the Year. Thank you all.

The Christmas party, in my opinion, was a success. There was a mix-up on our bill but it was corrected, in our favor. The manager had not had figured our bill with the current prices.

I appreciate your support since being elected your president. My endeavor or goal is to help the Alliance Amateur Radio Club grow in members and

education, and we have some fun while doing it. However, to accomplish this, I need the membership's help. Your ideas for projects, programs, special events, and increasing interest in the ham radio hobby are needed. Your idea could spawn other ideas and there is no telling how far it could go. Just bring them to the next meeting.

We can use your expertise and knowledge in whatever you can bring, whether it is HF, 2m, joke telling, packet, cooking, or antennas. There is a plethora of knowledge "out

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## Editorial

Well, here we are, at the beginning of another new year. Time to reflect on the year past, and have a look forward at what lay ahead of us. In the last year, We've:

- Investigated the acquisition of an emergency communications trailer.
- Participated in ARRL Field Day.
- Provided communications for the Carnation Triathlon.
- Stood by at the Hospital after the attacks of 911.
- Held two sessions of licensing classes.
- Donated \$100 to the ARRL for defense of our frequencies.
- Set up our show & display at the Carnation Mall.
- Set up a display at the Mile Branch Grange Fair.
- Held regular ARES Training nets.
- Acquired the promise of the Washington Twp FD's old repeater.
- Appeared at local township meetings to offer our services in case of emergency.
- Appeared before Alliance City Council, where our efforts were praised by council president Benincasa and 1st ward councilman Luther (KB8ULB).
- Participated in a phone interview with WDPN, which was aired on Dec 21st & 22nd .

So, what lies ahead? That's up to us. Lets make 2002 an even greater year for the AARC!

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.

## December Minutes

December 5, 2001

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on December 5, 2001, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 18 members and three guests present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes will stand as published.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by Jim K8LTG, seconded by Sam KC8ETZ.

Old business: Dave W8UKQ reported that he visited Harry W8PXX at the Canton Health Care Center.

Jerry KG8RN needs Ham of the Year nominations now.

New business: The Christmas Party is December 15.

Charles Fitzsimmons N8LGE is a new member of the club.

There will be new questions for the Extra Class license on July 1, 2002.

John KD8MQ says he need help with the Zero Beat.

The president of the Canton Amateur Radio Club suggests a meeting of all clubs in the area on March 27, 2002. The matter was tabled until the January meeting upon motion by Frank WA8WHP, seconded by Jerry KG8RN. Motion approved.

Bob K8RLS attended the Washington Township Trustees meeting recently. They were interested in having our assistance. A new call-up sheet was circulated around the club. Also, the trustees offered the club their old repeater after a new one is installed.

Don AB8KV thanked the club for the sympathy card upon the death of his mother.

Jerry K8CAT inquired about the status of a van. It was pointed out that insurance quotations were excessive.

David N8NLZ moved that the club donate \$100 to the ARRL 2002 Fund for the Defense of Frequencies. The motion was seconded by John N8PLA. Motion approved.

David N8NLZ reported that he has subscribed to Buckmaster call book on a CD, and it works well.

Jack W8WEN reported that he, Dick KA8LKQ, and Larry KE8VE were sent to the Alliance Community Hospital on September 11, 2001. The spent several hours there. Jack reported into a Mahoning County net.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

## Ham sailor completes "The Big Round Trip"

David Clark, KB6TAM--the oldest person to sail solo around the world--arrived back in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, December 7 to a huge welcome. He'd been on the high seas for two years.

"They made a big deal out of it," said Chuck Baer, W4ROA, an ARRL Assistant Southeastern Division Director who followed Clark's journey and was on hand for the Florida homecoming. "The Guinness Book of World Records people were there to declare it official." He said Clark, 77, was in high spirits and glad to be back on solid ground.

Although Clark technically had completed his circumnavigation when he arrived back in the Bahamas in November, he had said he would not consider his journey complete until he'd returned to the port from which he'd departed two

years earlier. Originally intending to arrive back in Florida in time for his 77th birthday last May 17, Clark decided instead to sit out much of the Atlantic hurricane season in Trinidad.

In Fort Lauderdale, Clark was reunited with his wife, Lynda, and other family members whom he had not seen since setting sail in 1999. Baer said a crowd of around 300 people--including news media--was on hand, and Clark's arrival was heralded by a plume of water from a Fort Lauderdale fireboat. A local high school band and a Navy ROTC color guard added to the pomp and circumstance.

Clark almost lost his life a year ago when his original sailboat, the Mollie Milar, sank off the coast of South Africa. Clark bought another

sailboat--a smaller one that he named Mickey after his canine sailing companion lost in the rescue effort--and he resumed his quest in April 2001.

Clark used Amateur Radio throughout his two-year odyssey to keep in touch with his family. Having the radio aboard also may have saved his life. When his boat began sinking off South Africa, Clark put out a distress call on ham radio that was relayed to maritime authorities. The crew of a commercial vessel plucked him out of the water to safety.

Clark in part supported his adventure with corporate sponsorship, but he funded much of the trip through Social Security earnings and occasional clarinet gigs. Hams along the way also provided financial assistance.

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## 15 years ago

- This was an early issue of the newsletter. No name, yet.
- Our Fall Novice classes had wrapped up. We had four graduates:
  - Don Clapsaddle (KB8ATI)
  - Richard Zurakowski (KB8ATH)
  - Bob Virant, jr. (???)
  - Mary Kay Bradley (KB8ATJ)
- We had elected our first trustees:
  - Hal Kelley, jr., KE8II
  - Ron Gwynne, KC8VG

Darrell Shaffer, N8HHP

- The program for the January meeting was to be "Traffic Handling," presented by Jim Ferguson, N8DZA.
- Hal Kelley, sr., W8BGI, was maintaining a twice weekly schedule on 20 meters, from his winter QTH, in Florida.

(from the January, 1987 issue of the Alliance ARC newsletter, Pam, KB8AKO, ed.)

## K8RLS-cont.

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After the club banquet, the other night, my XYL told me that this honor appeared to be a complete surprise to Bob. when he heard his name mentioned, I think his jaw dropped all the way to the ground HI HI.

There was also a drawing for presents, which were donated by Gladys, KB8GIA, as well as for some monetary awards.

Of course, a good time appeared to be had by all.

## Amateurs Restore City's Police, Fire Dispatching

Volunteers from the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club helped to restore police and fire dispatching service in Collinsville, Oklahoma, after flames destroyed the city's radio gear and disrupted 911 service December 1. The early-morning fire badly damaged the 88-year-old Collinsville City Hall, which housed the community's police and fire departments and other offices.

"The city's communication system was functioning, but 911 calls were re-routed to a nearby city, because all the dispatch equipment was lost in the fire," said Oklahoma ARRL Public Information Coordinator Mark Conklin, N7XYO. Even the antenna was lost. As a result, the city had to find a temporary home for police and fire dispatch.

Collinsville, a community of some 4000 people, is located about 12 miles north of Tulsa.

Conklin says Collinsville ar-

ranged to set up its dispatching center in the Collinsville Rural fire station.

Area amateurs alerted to the devastating fire quickly responded to help, and Tim Diehl, KB5ZVC, notified ARRL Oklahoma Section Manager Charlie Calhoun, K5TTT. TARC Public Service Liaison Dan Lamoreaux, WG5Z, rounded up Gregg Wonderly, W5GGW, Dave Smith, KD5OIJ, and Tom Roininen, KB5HMZ, as additional volunteers. The volunteers brought the club's portable repeater system, which had been built using commercial radio equipment converted for amateur use.

Conklin says the amateurs reprogrammed the repeater for the police and fire departments to use as an emergency dispatch radio. "By 9 o'clock that evening all systems were totally operational and police and fire dispatching was being handled though the club's loaned radio equipment," Conklin said.

## To All Members—cont.

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there." I was once told by a very wise person, "You can learn something from everyone." There is no telling what we can learn from each other.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to correspond with you. You can contact me through my email address: [rsteale@alliancelink.com](mailto:rsteale@alliancelink.com) or by phone at (330) 821-5011.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

73 Bob Steele K8RLS

Established in 1924, the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club is the state's oldest ham radio club. It operates the W5IAS linked repeater system and its members are active in public service.--Mark Conklin, N7XYO/TARC  
*from the ARRL Letter, Vol. 20, No. 49*

## Ohio ham sentenced in police radio jamming case

Kenneth Kelly, WT2FBI, has been sentenced to five years probation after pleading guilty of attempted disrupting public service--a fifth-degree felony in Ohio.

FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth says Kelly did not appear by October 30 for requested retesting, and

his license will be canceled.

Kelly had been indicted on a felony charge of disrupting public service by allegedly jamming and talking on the Middletown, Ohio, police radio system in July. He had been held in the Butler County jail pending sentencing.

The assistance of members of the Dial Radio Club--who

did some direction finding and also taped Kelly's legal transmissions on 2 meters for comparison with the voice showing up on the police frequencies--was instrumental in solving this case.--Ernie Howard, W8EH  
from the ARRL Letter, Vol. 20, No. 49

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## Monthly Planner

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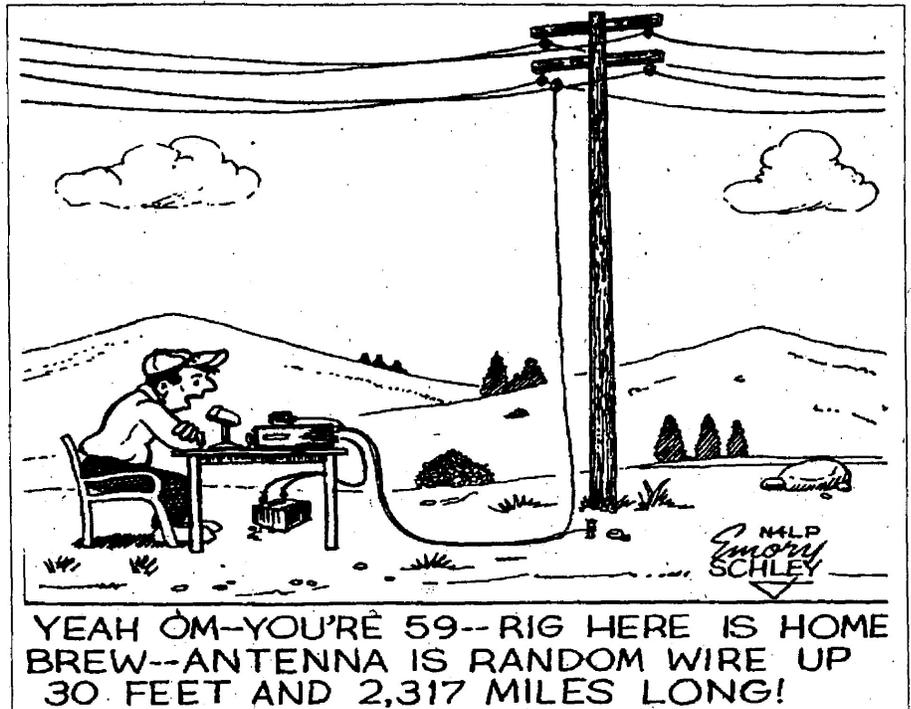
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## Meeting Announcement

Our first meeting of the new year will be at 7:30 PM, on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As usual, we'll be meeting in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in on the K8LTG repeater on 145.37 MHz.

See you there



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