



SKELETON 5, 10, and 15 Years Ago in the AARC

by Larry Ashburn, KE8VE

During the recent Winter Olympic games we learned about a sledding event that hasn't been a part of the games for many years, called Skeleton, so called because it uses only part of a bobsled.

I now present to you the *skeleton Zero Beat*. Since John isn't able to do a newsletter every month until he finishes his studies, I thought that it might be a good idea to put out an abbreviated edition, just to keep our members up to date.

It is a little late this month because it has taken me a while to figure out how to use the publication tools, but better late than never, as they say.

Five Years Ago, at the meeting presided over by President Don Whitaker, we were discussing field day and our upcoming September mall show. Other topics of discussion were a statewide emergency drill and Skywarn classes. Jerry, KC8DKM (K8CAT) brought an antique ground resistance checker, once used by the power company, for show and tell.

The newsletter, edited by Jerry, N8SH, contained an interesting story by David, N8NLZ about how he became interested in Amateur Radio as a boy. He was able to fix the family's radio when it wouldn't work by finding a cold tube. Later, he

listened to a ham friend make contacts on 160 on that old radio.

The newsletter also had a note that the annual dues would be due in April. That holds true now, as well, so you might want to bring the money to the upcoming meeting and get a jump on things.

Ten Years Ago, there was no separate March issue of the Zero Beat, which was being
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Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, March 6th, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Our meetings begin at 7:30 PM, and are an excellent opportunity for eyeball QSO's. Directions can be found on the K8LTG Repeater (145.370)
See you there!

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Editorial

Hum... Well, John didn't write anything, and if I get started here, we're all in trouble. Next month we'll be seeing the usual fine effort of KD8MQ, but the May issue isn't likely to be much better than this one. After this, everyone will appreciate John a little more. I, for one, vote we double his salary, hi, hi.

If anyone has anything for the May issue send it to one of us and you will not only get your name in print, but you will be placed on the payroll, along with the others who write for this fine publication. Ha.

Hope to see all of you at the March meeting.

73, de KE8VE

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:

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February Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

February 6, 2002

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on February 6, 2002, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 17 members and three guests present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

Visitors, Alan Savage KC8SFS, Matt Kraner KC8RYG, and Joe Young were recognized.

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

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by David N8NLZ, seconded by Gladys KB8GIA.

Old business: John KD8MQ moved that the Christmas party be held December 14 at Mike's Roadhouse. The motion was seconded by Dave W8UKQ, and approved.

There is no information about the 70 cm. repeater becoming available.

There will be a joint meeting of Stark County area clubs on

March 27 at Stark State College.

There has not been a reply from the Salvation Army for the donation to SATURN.

A Saturday breakfast meeting will be held at Taster's Choice on the second Saturday. (NOTE: This was canceled later because we could use the room for only one hour.)

It was noted that the ARES net mentions AARC and our nets.

New business: A thank you was extended to Jack W8WEN for the name and call badges which he has donated to our members.

John KD8MQ reported that he will be able to produce Zero Beat only bimonthly. He will look into finding a supplier for shirts, jackets, caps for club members.

Don K8OMO moved that donations of \$25 be made in the spring and in the fall to QRZ net. The motion was seconded by Frank WA8WHP, and approved.

Dave W8UKQ called attention to the report in the ARRL letter about RFIDs being allowed in the 70 cm. band. He suggests, with the approval of the repeater owner, to have a net on 442.35 MHz following our other nets in order to make use of the band. It would not need to be a lengthy or duplicate session. Jerry N8SH discussed the RFID use and will look for documentation. Frank

WA8WHP said that there is sharing of the band now. Jim K8LTG will look into linking the 2 meter and 70 cm. repeaters for the current net.

Bob K8RLS discussed hamfest procedures with the Tusco members. John KD8MQ moved, seconded by Jerry K8CAT, that we invite them to our meeting at their convenience to give us their advice. Motion approved.

Door prizes were drawn for: Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest tickets for Feb. 24: Jerry K8CAT and Alan KC8SFS; ARRL pin and cup for our donation to Defense Fund: pin to Jerry KG8RN, cup to Joe Young; replica microphones to Gladys KB8GIA and Don K8OMO.

Don K8OMO displayed an 1890 key made by J. H. Bunnell & Co. of New York.

Jerry KG8RN reported that KB8MFT and KB8MFV are in Hawaii. The FISTS Sprint is coming. The Breezeshooters contests are February 24 and March 23.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

March 2002

Beware the ides of March

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There's two theories to arguin' with a woman...neither one works. (Cowboy Wisdom)



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edited by KC3CL, and the minutes of the meeting were not being printed. The Feb./Mar. issue, which, as I mentioned last month, reported on the results of a recent fox hunt and mentioned an upcoming mall show. The event calendar only mentioned the Thursday evening net and several contests and hamfests.

Fifteen Years Ago, the club had become an ARRL affiliated club, and they held a charter party at Bonanza steak house. They also had an invitation to eat breakfast with the Beloit fire depart-

ment. Eric, N8HHV was running a CW net at 7:00 PM on 10 meters. John, N8GIE presented a video at the meeting entitled "Communication Satellites." He was also chosen "Ham of the Month." (Presumably by Pam, N8IAK, the newsletter editor) And finally, on March 21, 1987, Novice Enhancement took effect. Novice and Technician class licensees were given phone privileges on 10 meters and Novices got privileges on 220.

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