



Christmas Banquet, Election of Officers, Ham of the Year

The next meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio club will really be two meetings. First, the regular monthly meeting will be held as usual, and when that is adjourned, the Annual Meeting will be conducted by the club's Trustees for the purpose of electing officers for the next year.

At the regular meeting, plans for the Christmas Banquet, which will be held on December 14, at Mike's Roadhouse Charly restaurant, beginning at 6:00 PM, need to be finalized.

The Banquet Menu states that "each Banquet includes a choice of four entrées." The choices are:

Baked Rigioni	\$8.95
New York Strip Steak (8 oz)	\$15.75
(12 oz)	\$18.75
T-Bone (16 oz)	\$19.50
Porterhouse (20 oz)	\$20.50
Charbroiled Pork Chops	\$14.95
Broiled Scrod	\$13.95
Chicken Breast	\$11.95
Roasted 1/2 Chicken	\$11.95
BBQ Ribs - Half Rack	\$12.75
Full Rack	\$18.00

The price includes Tip and Tax, a vegetable, choice of rice or baked potato, salad, rolls & butter, and coffee, tea, iced tea or soft drink. It also states that "All steaks are done medium"

Our current Ham of the Year, Bob, K8RLS will be collecting votes for our next Ham of the Year. You need to get these in to Bob soon so there will be time to engrave the plaque for presentation at the Banquet.

If you like trains, plan to stay for the Annual Meeting. Our railroad is second to none, hi, hi. We will be railroading, er, uh, electing four officers and one trustee. Hope to see you there.

License Classes

License classes have started again, but we don't have many students. If you know anyone who would like to get a license, send them to The Alliance City Hospital, room 2-B on Tuesday night at 7:00 PM. (On Oct. 1st, Nov. 5th and Dec. 3rd we will be in room I on the 1st floor across from the operator and down the hall.) Jack, W8WEN, will be there at 6:30 to help anyone who wants extra code practice. If your code is rusty or you didn't pass the code yet, Jack will help you polish it up. If someone can't make it all the time, we will tell them what to study and answer their questions when they can make it.

Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, October 2, 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

I put a couple of abbreviated editions of the Newsletter out in the past and a few years ago, I helped with the proof reading, but I can hardly imagine being called the Editor. I took mostly Math and Science courses in collage so I wouldn't have to write very much, so don't expect any Pulitzer prize winning stuff here.

During the past month, I ran across several things that I thought would be interesting to put in the Newsletter. Unfortunately, my memory isn't what it used to be, and it never was all that great, so I don't have a clue what they were. But I'll try to find something that may be of interest to a few of you. Hopefully, I'll get better at this soon.

If you really want to read some great stuff in here, then write it down and send it to me, and I'll print it. Incidentally, there will be no deadline for submitting material, but if you send it too late, it won't get printed until the next month. If you get it to me a week before the meeting, it's guaranteed to make it and anything sent before you get the Newsletter has a fair chance.

For now at least, the Zero Beat will look the same as it has in the past, since John gave me his Master and permission to continue using it. I think he has done a fine job on that and don't see any need to fix something that works. It works for me.

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:

Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky

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September Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

September 4, 2002

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on September 4, 2002, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 17 members 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 upon motion by Don K8OMO, seconded by Jerry KG3RN.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by David N8NLZ, seconded by Frank WA8WHP.

Our new member, Kaye Kraner KC8UMG, was welcomed to the club.

Old business: A thank you letter was read for the assistance given for the Triathlon and for the special effort by Sam KC8ETZ.

A thank you was expressed to Don K8OMO for the display and table set up for the Pump-In during Carnation Week.

Larry KE8VE has the club's magnetic signs.

New business: The menu for the Christmas Party at the Roadhouse needs to be decided soon. The Ham of the Year selection will be due, also.

At the next meeting, October 2, there will be

election of officers and a trustee.

On October 4 there will be a Simulated Emergency Test involving Ashland Refinery.

It was noted that John's N8PLA mother died. A card has been sent.

It was noted that our editor, John KD8MQ, resigned. Larry KE8VE will work on the newsletter. Will anyone help?

Jim K8LTG noted that he will have to move the 440 repeater soon. He does not know where at this time.

The Butler Hamfest is September 8.

License classes will start next Tuesday, September 10.

Larry KE8VE reported that he had a good trip to Montana.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Larry KE8VE. Medina Hamfest tickets were won by Larry KE8VE and David N8NLZ. A Dayton Hamfest button was won by Kaye KC8UMG.

Thank you to Gladys KB8GIA for the cookies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P. M., upon motion by Matt KC8RYG, seconded by Ray K8DEN.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ,
Secretary

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Happy Birthday to: N8SH, WA8WHP, KD8MQ

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After all is said and done, usually more is said than done.

5, 10, and 15 Years Ago in the AARC

by Larry Ashburn, KE8VE

Five years ago, the Newsletter Editor was Jerry Shore, N8SH, but this was his last issue. Jim, K8LTG took over the next month. Don, K8OMO was President and was reelected. Jerry, N8SH was Vice President, but gave up that position as well at the Annual Meeting. I was elected Vice President and KB8IVS and W8UKQ were returned to their positions. Dean, KA8GRC became the new Trustee.

Our meetings were being held on Thursdays at the hospital, but after the October meeting we had to make some changes because we could no longer use the Cafeteria on Thursdays. We switched to Wednesdays in January 98. At the meeting the club was celebrating the success of the September Mall Show. Don, K8OMO displayed a sounder (CW) made by the Lyman Co. around the turn of the century and Jim, K8LTG brought a field telegraph set TG-5-B.

Ten Years Ago, the Zero Beat was being edited by Dan, N8LVO and published by John, WX8G aka KD8MQ. Pam, N8IAK was President, I was VP, Patty, KE8KH was Treas., and N8LVO was secretary. At the Annual Meeting Patty was replaced by Allen, WI8T and John, N8SFN aka K8JDB became the new Trustee.

As in other Octobers, several club members including John, KD8MQ and Allen, WI8T were preparing for the PA QSO Party. At the meeting, which was held in the hospital cafeteria, John reported on a seminar he and several other club members had done for the Triple States ARC in Colerain, OH on direction finding. TSARC donated \$20 to the AARC in appreciation. Others who participated included Pam, N8IAK, Bill, W8ZZS and Dan, N8LVO. The club was celebrating a successful Mall Show this year, also. Dianna Ashburn, Jim Lilley, Mike Duke and Brian Dicks were attending the Novice class. The latest call signs were: Extra - AA8IO, Advanced - KF8WZ, Tech/General - N8VNZ, and Novice - KB8OGQ.

Fifteen Years Ago, a steam-powered train celebrating the 200th anniversary of the constitution came through Alliance with Amateur Radio on board.

Our meetings were being held in the First American Bank and Patti, KE8KH gave a program on Jamboree on the Air. A JOTA was held later in the month at Beechwood Playground. John, KD8MQ was President, John, N8GIE was VP, Pam, N8IAK was Secretary and Patti, KE8KH was Treasurer. One of the Trustees, Darrell, N8HHP moved away and Frank, KA8FUZ was elected to fill the position. John and Pam were doing the Zero Beat. A fox hunt was won by the team of John, N8GIE, Alan, N8EZO, Eric, N8HHV, and Kevin, N8IVI.

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Another fox hunt was being planned for the end of October. Ham of the month went to Bob Hobbs, W8ACP who had been a ham for 41 years at that time.

The club had held a raffle to raise money for the repeater fund and Ray, N8HRZ won a dual band 2-meter handheld. Tickets were being sold, at the meetings only, for another handheld to be raffled when all the tickets were sold. This would be the third such radio raffled off. Matt, N8EAD won the first one.

The latest call signs were: Extra – NY8Q, Advanced – KE8OA, Tech/General – N8IVJ, and Novice – KB8DGH.

de KE8VE

Note: I tried to find a list of the latest call signs being issued by the FCC but couldn't find it in either QST, the ARRL website, or the FCC website. If anyone has seen this info, let me know where, please.

ARRL Handbook Name Changed

According to an article in the ARRL Letter the 80th edition of the Handbook for 2003 will be titled "The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications" instead of The ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs. The name was changed by marketing to signify its value to non Ham engineers and technicians. It has long been a valued reference book found in many labs and reference libraries.