



## SAM, KC8ETZ IS NAMED HAM OF THE YEAR



The Christmas Banquet, which was held at Roadhouse Charly on December 14th, was an opportunity for members and family to get together for socializing and good food.

For entertainment we had Accordionist Joe Warther, who played his fascinating instrument for us the entire evening. We also had a drawing for door prizes. The first prize of \$20 was won by Sherry Whitaker. Sixteen other people won lesser prizes.

Just about everyone agreed that the food was excellent. I can personally recommend the steak. Mine was tender and juicy.  
ke8ve

### Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, January 8th, 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!

Last year's Ham of the Year, Bob Steele, K8RLS presents the traveling plaque to this year's recipient, Sam Eberling, KC8ETZ.

The membership has spoken and Sam, KC8ETZ was named Ham of the Year at the 2002 Christmas Banquet. Sam has often stepped in when help was needed to get the job done. Last summer, in spite of a great personal loss, Sam stepped in to help out with the Triathlon. As John, KD8MQ put it, "Half the people in the

club wouldn't have working computers if it weren't for Sam."

Sam is employed by Best Buy as a computer technician and is the clubs leading computer expert. Most of us have asked for Sam's advice at one time or another and Sam always comes through.

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## Editorial

January, 2003! It seems hard to imagine. I can remember my Dad talking about how great Halley's Comet was in 1910 and how I couldn't wait to see it when it returned in 1986. But that was more than thirty years in the future and still twenty years in the future when I graduated from High School. When it finally got here, it wasn't much to see, but it marked a mile stone in time for me. And now another seventeen years have passed. I don't know where they went.

I got my Ham ticket a couple of years after Halley's Comet fizzled. QCWA membership wasn't something that I gave a thought to, but now it seems just around the corner. Some of my friends who got their licenses before me will soon be eligible.

Hope everybody had a great Christmas. It came and went so fast and now I'm behind the eight ball again.

At the last meeting, we made plans to have a Fox Hunt on February 16th. The details still have to be worked out and the fox will be chosen at the February meeting. Make sure you sign up for it by then. If you have never participated in a Fox Hunt before, you might want to ride along with someone else the first time, but you can have fun learning by yourself or with some other novice hunters. John, KD8MQ has some good tips on his web page, [www.qsl.net/kd8mq/rdf/rdf.html](http://www.qsl.net/kd8mq/rdf/rdf.html). Other club members will help you out, too.

See you at the meeting. 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](http://www.qsl.net/w8lky)

## Newsletter Information

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## December Minutes

### ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**December 4, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on December 4, 2002, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 19 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 reports were approved as published.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved as read.

Old business: An amendment to the By-laws has been suggested regarding Article IV, Section B, to increase the petty cash fund. The members were referred to Article VII, Section B, "All proposals for amendments shall be signed by three Full and/or Sustaining members, presented in writing at a regular meeting, and not discussed or voted on until the next regular meeting.

It was noted that Ed KC8UPP is now N8FCL.

Christmas party is on The December 14. Turn in the Ham of the Year nominations to Bob K8RLS now. We need programs for the new year. Fox Hunt information may be found at [www.qsl.net/kd8mq](http://www.qsl.net/kd8mq).

NCS operators are needed for the nets. The preamble was printed in the Zero Beat.

New business: It was moved by Frank WA8WHP, seconded by Jim N8XTJ, to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, January 8, because of New Year's Day being the first Wednesday. The motion was approved.

Announcements: Thank you to Gladys KB8GIA for the cookies. The Tusco Hamfest will be January 26. There will be Skywarn training in Elkhart, IN, on March 15. Jim N8MAA has been in Aultman Hospital. Jerry KG8RN announced that KC8VHD is now general class.

It was suggested to announce a Fox Hunt in the February newsletter and pick the fox at the February 5th meeting. It was moved by Don K8OMO, seconded by Frank WA8WHP, to set the Fox Hunt for Febru-

ary 16 unless the date conflicts with hamfests. The motion was approved.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Larry KE8VE. He donated part to the club.

Jerry N8SH displayed a Radio Building book printed in 1961.

Jack W8WEN reported on DX accomplishments by K8MFO.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P. M., on motion by Alan KC8SFS, seconded by John KD8MQ.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary.

### Ten Meter & Skywarn Net Reports

From K8OMO

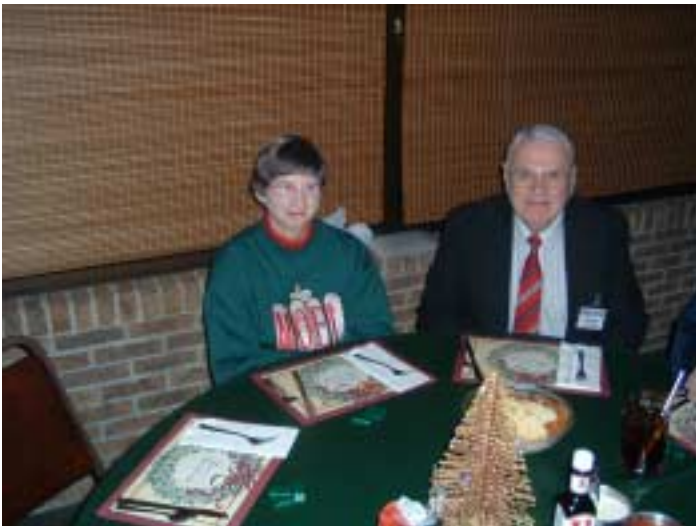
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Skywarn Nets 2 meter 145.370

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# Zero Beat A Few Pictures From the Christmas Party



# January 2003

*Happy Birthday to: K8RLS, W8ZZS, K8DX*

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*You wouldn't worry so much about what people thought of you if you knew how seldom they did.*



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## Changing of the Guard

From Gary L Johnston, KI4LA

Fellow Great Lakes Division  
ARRL Members

As of Noon on January 1st I will fade into the long list of ARRL members who have honorably served as Directors and Vice Directors of our fine organization.

As you will discover, my successor, Director Jim Weaver K8JE, is a worthy and qualified gentleman who I believe will represent the Great Lakes Division, Ama-

teur Radio Service, and ARRL well. We have been friends for years. I'm sure you will enjoy meeting and working with Jim throughout his coming 3-year term. Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT is also highly qualified, and you will find him to be a valuable resource to the Division, as he has been to me during my time as Director.

I will be continuing to serve the Division as Chair of the GL Division Convention (9/6-7/2003 in Findlay, Ohio), and as Chair of the GL Division Awards Committee. I will also continue to maintain the Division web page in the near future. More information on these will be available through <http://greatlakes.arrl.org>.

I wish each of you a safe and fun New Year's Eve, and prosperous 2003.

73, Gary KI4LA