

Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB to Speak on Radio and Television Interference at March Meeting

Thanks to Dave, W8UKQ, we have a program on Power Line Interference to radio and television scheduled for the March meeting. Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB, who will give a talk and video presentation, sent us the following information:

"Title: RADIO and TELEVISION Interference

"After 30 years of investigating Radio and TV interference, primarily from power lines, and now that I am retired from America's largest investor owned electric utility, I am available to present educational and entertaining SELF HELP programs.

"#1 'Causes and cures of electric distribution line Radio and TV Interference. (Technical in nature.)'

"This presentation includes

a 25 minute VHS tape that was used for training electric distribution line construction, maintenance, and planning workers.

"K8AGB since 1956, FCC commercial operator's license since 1958, and membership with QCWA, Radio Club of America, DARF/UCAN, and Hiram Hams.

"73 Dennis"

He will also have some handouts.

We don't have a good program all that often, so plan on attending the meeting and help us make Dennis feel welcome and appreciated.

AARC Holds First Fox Hunt in Four Years

It was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the 70's and a light breeze blowing. Well, I guess it was like that somewhere, but it sure wasn't like that here. It was about 20 degrees F, the wind was blowing and the snow was drifting. But that didn't stop KC8WY, KD8MQ, KE8VE and their wives and

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Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, March 5th, 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

Since dues are due April 1st., I've included a membership renewal / application form.

John, N8PLA sent in a map of the state of Ohio that shows all the counties and all the 2 meter repeaters in each county. Thanks John. It has a web site listed on it and I found that they had updated it since John sent it to me, so I printed the new one and scanned it into the Newsletter.

My wife said she enjoyed the Fox Hunt. If more of you had come out and participated, I'm sure you would have enjoyed it, too. The cold weather wasn't really much of a problem, because most of the time you're not exposed to it. Rain would be a bigger problem.

May is supposed to be National Fox Hunting Month, so we'll have to have another hunt in May. Maybe more of you will give it a try. It really is better if you have a partner, so bring your spouse or your kid (or your parent) or a friend. You don't have to be a ham to participate, except to be the fox.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting. It should be a good 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:

w8lky@qsl.net

Our club home page is:

Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky

Newsletter Information

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February Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

February 5, 2003

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on February 5, 2003, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 23 members present.

President Steele asked for a moment of silence for recent SKs: our member James Miller N8MAA, and members of the space shuttle Columbia, Kalpana Chawla KD5ESI, David Brown KC5ZTC, Laurel Clark KC5ZSU, Commander Rick Husband, Pilot Willie McCool, Michael Anderson, and Ilan Ramon. Then 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 as published.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by George K3GP, seconded by Jerry K8CAT.

Visitors, now new members, Eddie Kee KC8HUU and Diane Miller KC8HUV, were introduced and welcomed to the club.

Old Business: An amendment to the club's by-laws was read and discussed, followed by the motion to approve the amendment by Dave W8UKQ, seconded by Frank WA8WHP, and approved upon vote. The amendment is as follows:

"AMENDMENT IN THE ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BY-LAWS

"I, Donovan Whitaker, K8OMO, being a fully voting member and the two (2) additional undersigned, full and/or sustaining members of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club would, with permission (by vote of the majority of the membership present), COMMAND that the BY-LAW, Article IV, Section B, be changed to read as follows:

" 'All money received shall be deposited within twenty (20) days of receipt, except not more than \$50.00 may be held in a petty cash fund for the purpose of making change, or for the payment of small bills.'

"(The treasurer's Petty Cash account to be increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00 to meet the needs and the debts of the organization.)"

/s/ Donovan Whitaker K8OMO
/s/ James E. Lilley N8XTJ
/s/ Gladys Wilson KB8GIA

"Passed Feb. 05, 2003 by Affirmative Vote

/s/ R. Steele K8RLS, Pres.,
/s/ D. L. Glass W8UKQ, Secy."

Christmas Party: It was reported that John KD8MQ had checked with Taster's Choice. Upon discussion a motion was made by Don K8OMO, seconded by Larry AA8NV to have the party at Road House Charlie. The motion was approved. There was one Nay vote.

A report from Terry N8ATZ is that ARES badge list has been given to a vendor and badges may be secured at a future hamfest or Skywarn meeting.

A report was read that ARRL video tapes are available for \$10 each, or discounts for multiple tape orders.

Special Event: ARRL requires two month's lead time. The purpose is for public awareness of the club. Bob K8RLS will go to the next meeting of the Carnation Days committee.

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Net control station operators are needed.

Larry KE8VE would like to have assistance with the Zero Beat.

The next meeting of AARC on March 5th will feature Dennis Morarity K8AGB with a program regarding power line interference.

There was a brief discussion of Echolink. It was hoped that Dana N8DA or Eric N8HHV would be here for further discussion.

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W8UKQ, from having fun trying to find Eddie, KC8HUU, who didn't seem to want to be found at all.

The Fox Hunt began at 2:00 Sunday afternoon on February 16, and for the first 15 minutes or so, no one seemed to be able to hear the fox's signal. We finally convinced him that he really should key up his radio, and after that things got moving.

I fumbled with my equipment for a bit and everyone else had left our starting point at Butler Rodman Park when Dianna and I finally got a heading and got under way in my old beat up van.

I had planned to take the newer van, which has a great heater. It had been running fine the evening before, although I hadn't driven it for a while because it had a small leak in a transmission line. I got that fixed and drove it around a little. But it wouldn't start now. The motor wouldn't even turn over at first, in spite of the fact that there were six batteries in it. After a minute or so, it started to crank, but it still wouldn't fire at all, so after a bit I gave up and decided to take the old beater, which doesn't have much heat. After the fox hunt was over, I tried to start it again, and it fired up on the first try. Guess

it got some water in something.

So it seemed the fox was somewhere Southwest of us and we decided to take Rt. 62 down to where Beech St. crosses. We turned right on Beech and stopped to take a reading. It seemed we had passed the fox, and I didn't think he was along the highway any where, so we headed up the road that runs back along the freeway to Parks. The signal was very strong, but there didn't seem to be a fox anywhere along there, so I stopped on Parks and took another heading. The signal was Northeast and I thought perhaps he was over on Oakhill somewhere, so we went down to State St. and back across the freeway to Oakhill.

We drove down Oakhill, but the signal was not very strong. I was sure the fox had changed power, but I was also sure he wasn't on Oakhill, so we stopped at Beech St. and took another reading. It read Northwest of the intersection, but I couldn't think of any other road that went over there. I got back in the van and told Dee Dee and she said, "Well, Parks crosses Beech St. and goes back towards the freeway." I said, "Ah ha! That's where he is." So we drove down Beech to Parks, which used to go through from State St. to Beech before they built the freeway. We turned

right on Parks and drifting snow had obliterated the tracks in most places, but after we passed several houses and topped a small rise we could see a car parked in the road near the end. It was 2:45.

KC8HUU had a mobile rig with a roof mounted antenna and also a handheld with a rubber duck. He was using both.

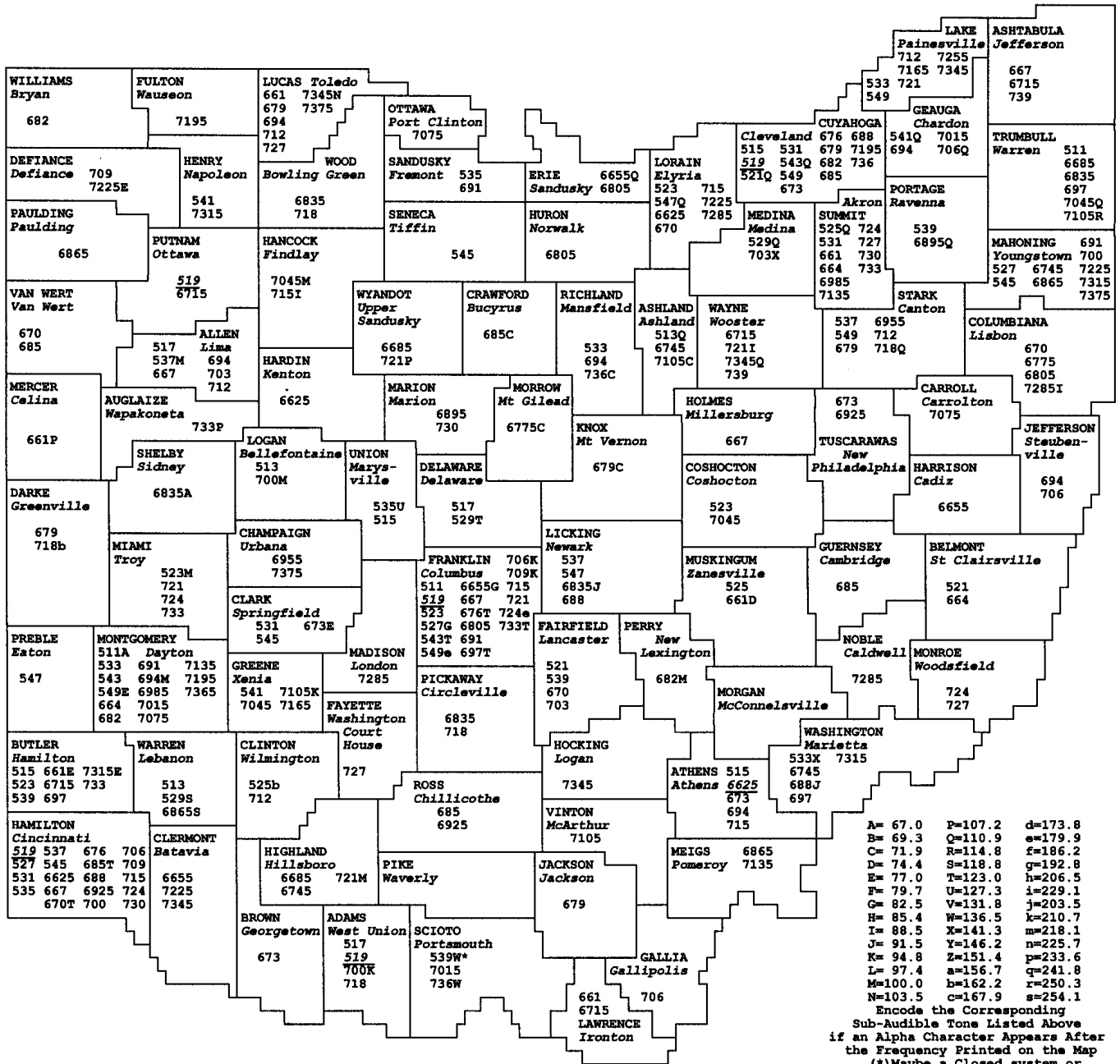
KD8MQ and KC8WY both had some equipment problems, but they eventually wandered down that snowy lane. John showed up first and then Dave's car appeared at the top of the hill. W8UKQ said he had trouble hearing the signal and never did show up. Maybe he'll have better luck next time.

I want to thank everyone who participated for helping us have a great time. Apparently CQ magazine has named May as National Fox Hunting Month, so we'll have to plan another hunt for May. Maybe we'll get that sunny 70 degree day.

I guess we will have to check the TV Guide before we schedule the next Fox Hunt. We checked the Hamfest schedule, but we didn't think about TV Guide. It seems there was a TV show on that some people wanted to watch, so they wanted us to cancel the Hunt! Ha, ha.

OHIO 2 METER REPEATER MAP

Prepared by KB8SSH since 2002



Additions or corrections to kb8ssh@qsl.net.

Your RX frequency is shown. All RX frequencies below 147MHz use 600KHz minus offset for TX. All RX Frequencies at or above 147MHz use a 600KHz plus offset for TX. EXAMPLE: 676T in Franklin county Indicates 146.760MHZ RX and 146.160MHZ TX with a sub-audible tone of 123.0Hz.

Wide area FARA linked repeaters are in bold italics in these counties: Hamilton, Putnam, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Athens.

Map is available for viewing and printing in .pdf format at <http://www.qsl.net/kb8ssh/map.html>
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Renewal-Membership Application

Call- _____

	Dues
Sustaining	\$15.00
Full	\$10.00
Associate	\$5.00
Family	\$1.00

Name _____ Phone # () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Birthday _____

Occupation _____ ARRL Member? Yes No

License Class _____ Expiration Date _____ Year first licensed _____

E-Mail Address _____

Special Interests (DX'ing, Contesting, Hunting, Model Airplanes, etc.) _____

Pro-rated Dues Schedule (New members only)

	May-July	August - October	November- January	February - April
Sustaining	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$3.75
Full	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50
Associate	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$1.25
Family	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$0.25

Please do not write beneath this line

Dues paid- Sustaining() Full() Associate() Family() \$ _____ on _____, 19____ Signed _____

March 2003

Birthday Greetings to: KC8HUU, WC8F, K8CBB, KB8IVS, KE8VE, W8UKQ, K8OMO, N8LGE, KC8UMG

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Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before. - Mae West



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February Minutes

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Fox Hunt: The hunt will be Sunday, February 16th. Meet at Butler-Rodman Park at 2 PM. The fox was selected by a drawing and will be Eddie KC8HUU. The frequency will be announced at that time.

Jack W8WEN reported interference on TV Channel 8 from a new tower in his area.

Jack W8WEN will make name badges for new members.

New Business: Communications: There was an e-mail from Cindy Frankenberry requesting information on former amateur opera-

tors, Grandpa George Morton or Ed Smith, around 1920. The call may have been something like W8I8I. There were inquiries about classes. Ads for restoration of radios, and The Call Book which is about to cease publication. Inquiry about a Santa Net. Jerry N8SH can make soldering stations available.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Diane KC8HUV.

Additional drawings were held for a Staples gift card, won by Dave N8DAV, and Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest vouchers won by Dianna Ashburn and Joe KC8TAC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.

M., upon motion by Jim N8XTJ, seconded by Jerry K8CAT.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary