



## AARC Annual Meeting This Month

It's October again and time for the AARC annual meeting, which will be held immediately after the monthly meeting. The club will elect officers for the upcoming year.

The annual meeting used to be held in May, but since your dues must be paid up in order for you to be eligible to vote, and sometimes people are slow to get their dues paid, it was decided that it might be better if the annual meeting was held later in the year. The summer months were rejected because many people are vacationing and busy with summer projects. It was decided that by October, just about anyone who was going to pay up would have done so and most people would be able to make it to the meeting. In 1990 the bylaws were amended and the annual meeting was moved to October.

The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are all one year terms, so they must be voted into office each year. The three Trustees each serve a three year term, with one term expiring each year. The outgoing Trustee this year is John Myers, KD8MQ. Joe Young, KC8TAC was elected last year, and Jim Lilley, N8XTJ was railroaded, er, elected the year before.

If you would like to hold an office, come to the meeting and let your wishes be known. If you don't want to hold an office, come to the meeting and let your wishes be known, or we just might elect you President! If you don't attend many of our meetings, try to make it to this one. Your vote counts. Any licensed amateur who has either a Sustaining, Full or Family membership in the AARC is eligible to vote and hold office. □

## Ham of the Year, Christmas Party, etc.

Plans for the Christmas Party, and Ham of the Year are among topics that need to be addressed at the October meeting. Think about who should be the next Ham of the Year and get your votes to our last HOTY, Sam, KC8ETZ.

Would anyone like to participate in another Fox Hunt? We seem to be having trouble scheduling one. Perhaps we can plan one for November or December. The weather isn't going to get warmer for quite a while, but maybe we won't have two feet of snow on

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### Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, October 1st, 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 have been a member of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club for over 15 years, almost since the beginning of the present club, and I think I have been Vice President for over half of that time. In all of that time, I've only had to assume the duties of the President a few times. It isn't a hard job, but it's time someone else had the privilege of doing it. So, think about running for the office this year. It will be vacant.

We have a new member, or maybe two. I know for sure that Howard Miller, whose brand new call sign is KC8YIF, has become a member, and perhaps Larry Williams, W0MHJ has joined or will join, also. At any rate, congratulations to Howard on his new license and call.

I still need material for the Zero Beat. Preferably, a contribution from one of you. As I've said before, if you want to read some great writing in this rag, put pen to paper, or fingers to the keyboard, and produce it. If you are concerned about your spelling or grammar, don't worry about it. The spell checker catches most of my mistakes, and my grammar isn't too bad. I can fix most of that if you want. Send it the way they send on CW if you want. Those guys don't even try to spell anything right, but it doesn't get in the way.

Well, hope to see all of you at the meeting.

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 3, 2003

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on September 3, 2003, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 20 members and two guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

The minutes of the meetings for June, July, and August were printed in the newsletter. The totals of the treasury balances were reported for each month. All of the minutes were approved upon motion by Jim K8LTG, seconded by Joe KC8TAC. A radiogram concerning the Bicentennial Ohio QSO Party August 23 was read.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by David N8NLZ, seconded by Joe KC8TAC.

Guests, Howard Miller, call pending, and Larry Williams WOMHJ, were introduced and welcomed.

Old Business: It was noted that the Special Event went well. It is

a good location for operating, but there is no public exposure. Inquiry will be made to the Park Board about having the event there next year and the possibility of having Field Day there, also. The number of certificates for QSLs has not been determined.

A letter of appreciation from Randy Crawford regarding the assistance for the Triathlon was read.

QSLs were received for the Mile Branch Grange Fair operation. Joe KC8TAC sent some out.

Joe KC8TAC was commended for his life saving efforts at the Portage Hamfest.

The All Stark County two meter simplex contest is September 7.

There was discussion regarding the van. After the discussion, a motion was made by Don K8OMO, seconded by Dean KA8GRC, that we sell the van for \$\_\_\_ or best offer, as is, where is. The motion was approved. Then, a motion was made by Jerry KG8RN, seconded by George K3GP, to put an advertisement with a picture in Auto Trader until sold. The motion was approved. It was suggested that the president has the power to make the final decision on this matter.

There was no information about a tour of Channel 45.

The possibility of securing a generator for the club was brought

up. It was suggested to sell the van first.

Doug Bowling's son has a program about APRS. It will be scheduled after the first of the year.

Elections will be at the October meeting.

The FISTS Club event is September 13. Call Don K8OMO to get permission to use W8LKY. He will need accurate logs of such operations.

Butler, Findlay, Medina Hamfests were announced. Bob Wright's family wants the antenna taken down soon. There was discussion about eliminating CW on tests. The New York Times printed an article about ham activity during the blackout. There are video tapes available about the Van Wert tornado last year. Jerry KG8RN received a thank you from Ed Hall for the associate membership.

The BPL, Broadband by Power Lines, was discussed. A motion was made by Jerry N8SH, seconded by George K3GP, to make a donation of \$\_\_\_ to ARRL for the BPL special spectrum defense campaign. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Don K8OMO, seconded by Jerry KG8RN, to use the picture of the bicentennial barn logo on the special event certificates. The motion was approved.

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## WD8IHP, Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Becomes Silent Key

that was the law Larry wanted it."

A few days later Joe forwarded the following message which he had sent to the league:

I received the following message from Joe Phillips, K8QOE:

Larry Rain, WD8IHP, Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator for almost 4 years, became a silent key Tuesday, September 9th, after suffering a massive coronary at his home in Mansfield, Ohio. He was 64. He leaves his wife, Bonnie, N8XLU, and two children.

Before taking Ohio's top emergency coordination job, Larry served his local club, InterCity ARC in Mansfield for more than two decades in every office possible. He was county emergency coordinator, and served for nine years as DEC. During that time Larry also became the driving force in the formulation of the SKYWARN program throughout Northern Ohio.

Before retiring after almost three decades of service, Larry was a professional fire investigator for the City of Mansfield Fire Department and was part of hundreds of arson investigations for the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

"He was just the perfect SEC," said Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, "Because his professional life prepared him well for understanding the dynamics of volunteer communications groups (ham radio) with civil emergency groups. He seasoned this knowledge with great humor and a common touch which earned the respect of all 88 Ohio county emergency groups he supervised and the governmental agencies, both state and local, he worked with."

Larry was appointed SEC on January 2, 2000, and immediately began to fill vacancies in the EC positions throughout Ohio - reducing the vacancies from 24 to eight in a matter of months. He also immediately began making Ohio's traffic nets a major part of the state's emergency response plan. Along with Ohio Single Side Band Net officials, Larry arranged procedures for DECs to call the OSSBN into emergency session when necessary - a major improvement in the Ohio Response Plan.

As the SEC in the state which hosts the Dayton Hamvention, Larry organized the Amateur Radio Emergency Service forum at Hamvention the past three years - always having personators from ARRL Headquarters at Newington. SECs throughout the country knew and respected Larry's work in Ohio.

He was always on the road throughout Ohio in performance of his duties. Just this past weekend, Larry participated in the Great Lakes Division Convention in Findlay.

"He handled leadership with great perspective - always taking his duties seriously but never himself seriously" said SM Phillips, "Everyone working with Larry was always at ease because

The great work of Larry Rain, WD8IHP (SK) must go forward. In that spirit I have asked John Chapman, WB8INY, of Columbus, District Emergency Coordinator for District Seven, to serve as Interim Section Emergency Coordinator from now until November 1, 2003. John has a close and excellent relationship with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Ohio Red Cross. With the SET coming Ohio in October and other events, John will take full SEC authority and will receive full cooperation from everyone. Please copy the following contact information for John:

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work (614) 261-2276  
cell (614) 946-4001 (usually on if I'm not at home)  
E-mail: wb8iny@arrl.net

Larry's first act on taking the SEC appointment four years ago was to enlarge the role of the DEC in the Ohio ARES program. This office had become dormant for many years as the DECs will tell you. To further develop Larry's work in this regard, I am asking all DECs who wish to become candidates for the SEC appointment, to make that known to me immediately. I am committed to the fact that the new SEC will come from the ranks of the DECs. I am also committed to having the permanent appointment made by November 1, 2003.

Thank You for your attention

Joe Phillips, K8QOE  
Ohio SM □

## Other Sad News

In case any of you don't already know, Jim Ferguson's mother passed away earlier this month. Jim has our deepest sympathy and condolences. □

# October 2003

*Birthday Greetings to: N8SH, WA8WHP, KD8MQ*

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*Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.  
Woody Allen*



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Tickets for the Medina Hamfest were won by Dick KA8LKQ and Don AA8KV.

There was no response about having a club picnic.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Sam KC8ETZ.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P. M. upon motion by Dana N8DA, seconded by Jim N8XTJ.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary □

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the ground for some time yet.

The steps for planning a hunt would be:

1. Pick a date, not sooner than after the November meeting.
2. Publish the date and give potential hunters a chance to sign up.
3. Pick a fox from those who sign up, at the November meeting.

If the date has to be changed, then it needs to be moved ahead far enough to re-publish it.

The Christmas Banquet? What plans have been made? What plans need to be made? How much is dinner? What's on the menu? Where is it?

Another topic for discussion is

the sale of the van. There have been some offers made, although they didn't meet the price we discussed. Do we want to accept one of them?

Come to the meeting and help us answer all these questions. It will probably be a fast paced meeting since there is much to be done. □