



## AARC Railroad Runs Again

Yet another annual meeting has come and gone without the need for us to use any paper ballots. No hanging chad here! All the officers accepted their positions for yet another year, except that KE8VE character, the shirker. Oh, that's me, isn't it. Well, thanks Joe for taking over for me. I needed a break. It was a rough job.

For those of you who missed the meeting, Joe, KC8TAC was elected to the position of Vice President, and the other officers were returned to their positions. George, K3GP was elected to fill the three year trustee position vacated by John, KD8MQ, and Frank, WA8WHP was elected to replace Joe, who had two years left on his trustee position. All this took place without the need for a single ballot being cast. Are we good, or what! Best darn railroad anywhere.

We tried to convince Joe that the Newsletter Editorship went along with the Vice Presidents position, but he didn't go for it. Darn! Guess I'm stuck with that for now.

On a more serious side, we all need to thank Dave and Mary Ann for their many years of service to the club as secretary and treasurer. And don't forget Bob, who has been doing a great job as President for the past two years. □

## Fox Hunt

A Fox Hunt was scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at the October meeting. If you would like to participate, come to the meeting on Wednesday, or contact someone who is going to the meeting and let them know that you want to sign up. The Fox will be picked at the meeting from those who sign up. Hunters will meet at Butler Rodman Park at 2:00 PM.

The following rules will apply:

1. The Fox will be chosen at the meeting prior to the date of the Fox Hunt from those who sign up by drawing lots.
2. If you do not sign up for the Fox hunt, you may not be given the frequency to be used or allowed to participate.
3. If you were the Fox at the last Fox Hunt, you will be exempt from being the Fox if you choose..
4. If you are not a licensed Amateur, you may participate

but you cannot be the Fox unless you are accompanied by a licensed person.

5. If you have never participated in a Fox Hunt before, you may choose not to be the Fox.
6. You may volunteer to be the Fox. If more than one person or team volunteers, the Fox will be chosen from those who volunteer.
7. If you wish to participate, but you do not want to be the Fox, you may do so if it is agreeable to the other participants in attendance at the meeting when the Fox is chosen.
8. The Fox may hide in any lo-

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## Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, November 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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## Fox Hunt

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- cation accessible to the public, but his signal must be receivable at the starting location.
9. The winner will be the person with the lowest score, which will be computed by multiplying time in minutes by miles. The Fox will write down the times and odometer readings of those who find him. Someone will be selected to gather the information at the starting point.
  10. The Fox will choose a frequency on the 2 meter band and convey that information to someone who will be at the starting location. It will be kept secret until the Fox Hunt begins.
  11. The Fox should transmit for at least 30 seconds at a time and at least once every 3 minutes or so. Longer and more often is OK.

If you haven't been to a Fox hunt before, or if you need ideas, check out KD8MQ's web page at [www.qsl.net/kd8mq/rdf/rdf.html](http://www.qsl.net/kd8mq/rdf/rdf.html). John also has links to other pages on Radio Direction Finding. Come to the meeting and ask questions. You might want to go with someone else on your first hunt. There was some information printed in the Feb. '03 Newsletter which might be helpful.

Keep safety in mind. If you pull over to take a bearing, do so in a safe location. Obey speed limits and other traffic laws. Hope to see you at the Fox Hunt. You can't help but have fun. □

## 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](http://www.qsl.net/w8lky)**

## Newsletter Information

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You can submit material to the Zero Beat either electronically, to [ke8ve@raex.com](mailto:ke8ve@raex.com), in person, or via snail mail. I can read most word processor formats, but prefer your files to be in straight text, or Microsoft Word format.

## October Minutes

### ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

October 1, 2003

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on October 1, 2003, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 15 members present.

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

The minutes of the meeting for September were printed in the newsletter. The total of the treasury balance was reported for the month. The report was approved upon motion by George K3GP, seconded by Joe, KC8TAC.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by Frank WA8WHP, seconded by Joe KC8TAC.

Howard Miller KC8YIF was welcomed as a new member.

Old Business: President Bob K8RLS reported an offer for the van. There were nibbles, but no bites. The advertisements cost \$9.00. Jack W8WEN suggested looking into ARRL insurance. It was then moved by Joe KC8TAC, seconded by Jim N8XTJ, to sell the van for \$\_\_\_ or best offer. The motion was approved.

The certificates for the special event have been mailed.

New Business: There is a request for 80 operators for the Akron Road Runner Marathon.

Send Ham of the Year nominations to Sam KC8ETZ. The deadline is November 15.

Doug Bowling reports that there are two students in radio class. And another one is starting at Marlinton HS.

The Medina Hamfest is October 5. The PA QSO party is October 11. The ARES SET is October 11. David N8NLZ wishes to have the Fort Wayne Hamfest tickets when they arrive. The Canton ARC is conducting li-

cense classes. The certificate was received from ARRL recognizing AARC as a Special Service Club.

For the Christmas Party on December 6, it was reported that the prices are the same as last year. It was moved by George K3GP, seconded by Jim K8LTG, to use the same menu as was used last year. The motion was approved. The menu will be: Broiled Scrod \$13.95, 12 oz. Strip Steak \$18.75, BBQ Ribs, half slab, \$12.75, 20 oz. Porterhouse \$20.50. The prices include tax and gratuity. All steaks are done medium. Reservations will be due on November 25.

A Fox Hunt will be November 8 at 2 PM. Meet at Butler-Rodman Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06P. M. upon motion by David N8NLZ, seconded by Frank WA8WHP, to go into the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting

### ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

October 1, 2003

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on October 1, 2003, at 8:15 P.M., with the Trustees, Jim N8XTJ and Joe KC8TAC, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 15 members present.

Elections were held as follows:

For the office of president, Bob K8RLS was nominated. He accepted the nomination. The motion to close nominations was made by Dave W8UKQ, seconded by Jim K8LTG, and approved.

For the office of vice president, Larry KE8VE was nominated, but he declined the nomination. Then Joe KC8TAC was nominated. He accepted the nomination. The motion to close nominations was made by Bob

K8RLS, seconded by Howard KC8YIF, and approved.

For the office of secretary, Dave W8UKQ was nominated and accepted the nomination. The motion to close nominations was made by David N8NLZ, seconded by Howard KC8YIF, and approved.

For the office of treasurer, Mary Ann KB8IVS was nominated and accepted the nomination. The motion to close nominations was made by Jim N8XTJ, seconded by Howard KC8YIF, and approved.

For the office of trustee for three years, it was noted that John KD8MQ declined any nominations. George K3GP was nominated and accepted the nomination. The motion to close nominations was made by Jack W8WEN, seconded by Dave W8UKQ, and approved.

For the office of trustee for two years to fill the vacancy created when Joe KC8TAC accepted the nomination for vice president, Frank WA8WHP was nominated and accepted the nomination. The motion to close

nominations was made by Dave W8UKQ, seconded by David N8NLZ, and approved.

Larry KE8VE then moved to close all nomination. The motion was seconded by Jim K8LTG, and approved.

Dave W8UKQ then moved for the secretary to cast the unanimous ballot for all offices. The motion was seconded by Joe KC8TAC, and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M. upon motion by David N8NLZ, seconded by Frank WA8WHP.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

### Christmas Banquet

The club's Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 6th this year. A reservation form and menu can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please note that the deadline for reservations is before the December meeting, so don't be left out. Get your reservation in soon. Also, you need to get your vote for Ham of the Year to Sam, KC8ETZ before November 15th so the plaque can be engraved and presented at the Banquet. □

# Alliance Amateur Radio Club

## Christmas Party



### Reservation Form

The annual Alliance Amateur Radio Club Christmas banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Mike's Roadhouse Charly, 2239 West State Street. There will be a cash bar at 6:00, with dinner served at 7:00 pm. Please fill out this reservation form, and return it to Mary Ann Royer, KB8IVS, with your check made out to the Alliance Amateur Radio Club. Mary Ann's address is: 6255 Sandalwood NE, Canton, OH 44721.

Our menu this year will be as follows:

20 oz. Porterhouse	\$20.50
12 oz. New York Strip Steak	\$18.75
<b>Note: all steaks are done medium</b>	
Broiled Scrod	\$13.95
BBQ Ribs, half slab	\$12.75

Dinners include: a vegetable, choice of rice or baked potato, salad, roll & butter, and coffee, tea or soft drink. Prices include tax and gratuity.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	# of each	Total	√ or # of each	
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12 oz. New York Strip Steak	_____ @ \$18.75 = _____	_____	_____ Rice	_____ Baked Potato
Broiled Scrod	_____ @ \$13.95 = _____	_____	_____ Rice	_____ Baked Potato
BBQ Ribs, half slab	_____ @ \$12.75 = _____	_____	_____ Rice	_____ Baked Potato

Total enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All reservations must be received by November 25<sup>th</sup>.

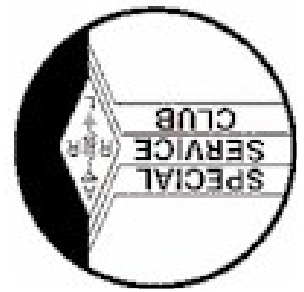


# November 2003

*Happy Birthday Greetings to: K3GP, Mrs K8OMO, KB8SKS, WB8TPG, AA8NV, KB8EUR, AB8CJ*

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Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures. H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



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## QCWA Meeting Notice

QCWA, Chapter 21, Newsletter and Meeting Notice for November 15, at 1 PM, at Skyland Pines Rustic Lodge, Canton, Ohio, are now ready at

[www.cmh.net/qcwa](http://www.cmh.net/qcwa) .

PLEASE CLICK "REPLY" NOW!! NOW!! We must have positive reservations with your dinner choice by Monday evening, November 10th.

We hope to hear from you soon.

73  
Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

## News Notes

The FCC is currently accepting comments on seven Morse Code related petitions. Deadline for comments is November 7th. More information can be found on the ARRL's web site. There is still time for you to send in a comment.

Here are a few other topics I found on the League's site.

Hams are not standing alone in their opposition to Broadband Over Power Line, BPL. A growing number of parties including Broadcasters and the ITU are expressing concern that the level of interference will be unacceptable.

And, just in case you haven't al-

ready heard, *73* magazine published its last issue in September. The magazine was published for 43 years. Lack of advertising revenue was cited as the problem.

Also, according to an e-mail I received from Tom, KB8MFV, *This Week In Amateur Radio* is in jeopardy due to a lack of funding. If you would like to help them continue, you can get more information from [kb8mfv@juno.com](mailto:kb8mfv@juno.com)

Hams have been helping out in the fire disaster in California supplying emergency communications.

Riley Hollingsworth has been pushing to identify unlicensed 10-meter operators. He invites all Amateurs to provide any information they can. □