



AARC Operates Third Annual Carnation Days Special Event Station In Silver Park

For the third year in a row now the AARC has operated a special event station in Silver park during the City's Carnation Festival. While this news is reaching you a bit late, Don, K8OMO sent in the following report in timely fashion.

A very Special Day for the "Alliance Amateur Radio Club" on August 20th.

Members set up the "Club Station," W8LKY, at "Silver Park" at 9 am Saturday. A gathering of dedicated members showed up to assist each other with the operation of three stations and installing the antennas on the roof of the "JayCee Pavillion." The club celebrated the "Carnation Days Festival".

The following members operated or attended the "Club's Station:"

Richard Humplick KD6MPN	Visitor	Sebring
Don Whitaker K8OMO	A.A.R.C. Alliance	
Frank Sanor WA8WHP	A.A.R.C. Chambersburg	
Joe Young KC8TAC	A.A.R.C. Alliance	
Bob Steele K8RLS	A.A.R.C. Alliance	
Jack Bennett W8WEN	A.A.R.C. Alliance	
Smitty KC8TJQ	A.A.R.C. East Rochester	
Howard Miller K8DXR	A.A.R.C. Alliance	
Dave Hostetler N8NLZ	A.A.R.C. Alliance	
Jennifer	Visitor	

There were many contacts and QSO's in the states and around the world, including Yugoslavia, Poland, and a QRP station in New Jersey by the mobile station. Of course, there were the "Contesters" to contend with but think this time it was a help when they got on the air after 2 pm,.

The food, as always, was good, too.
Thanks to XYL of OMO Sherry for the run to the Burger Barn.

If I missed anyone, it's because you didn't sign in. Hi! See ya' next time. Don, K8OMO.

Since the Club isn't doing the Mall show any more, the Special Event Station is our best opportunity to show off Amateur Radio to the public. Many thanks from the Club to all those who helped out.

Perhaps the event could be expanded in some way in the future, to get more people involved. Club turnout at the Mall Shows was always good, but unfortunately, there weren't many Mall patrons to observe our presentation. The Carnation Festival draws a large crowd. Something to think about.

De Olde Meeting Announcement

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

The newsletter is running very late. I've been replacing the roof on my house. When the remnants of Katrina were headed this way, I went up on the roof to fix a small problem and I found out just how bad the roof was getting. I realized that it had to be replaced before winter, so I started the project during the holiday weekend and continued to work on it after work and on weekends. I don't move as fast as I used to and it took me much longer than I expected, but it is nearly complete now. We started working overtime at work while I was in the middle and that didn't make things go any faster.

Perhaps next month's Zero Beat will be a little meatier than this one. There were rumors of some pictures from the Special event, but the rumors weren't graphic enough to print.

We have our annual meeting for election of officers this month. The AARC Railroad is sure to be on hand. I've reprinted the Minutes from last year's Annual meeting here to refresh your memory. I also printed last month's minutes.

Hope to see you at the 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:

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Our club home page is:

<http://www.w8lky.org>

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September Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

September 7, 2005

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on September 7, 2005 at 7:30 PM with club president Robert Steele, K8RLS, presiding. There were 17 members and 3 guests present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. Guests welcomed included president Bob's wife Alfreda, Duane Zorger of Alliance and Jenn Devault from Salem.

The minutes of the August meeting were read aloud due to publication of the newsletter being delayed. The minutes were then approved on a motion by George, K3GP and seconded by Gladys, KB8GIA.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS, gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted on a motion from Howard, K8DXR and seconded by Dave, N8NLZ.

Old business:

Frank, WA8WHP, reported on the CW classes. The first evening netted 7 attendees, the second evening, 3. There was expectation of gaining back several of the initial attendees.

Don, K8OMO, reported that the latest operation of the Homeland Security Hospital Net yielded a

better response, with 12-14 check-ins and handling of signal reports among stations. Jack, W8WEN, stated that it seemed difficult to access the microphone connector on the radio and plug in the mike.

Don noted that Dean, KA8GRC, was moving into a condo with his daughter, and that his tower and accessories had been removed by Joe, KC8TAC. See Don concerning any of those items.

It was reported that the Warren hamfest was good, but relatively small.

President Bob reported that the FCC has now priced vanity calls at \$21.90, and comments on the FCC's CW proposal are due by November 14.

Jack, W8WEN, stated that 12-15 students had attended amateur radio classes at the Copley middle school (grades 5-7) and several became licensed.

John, KD8MQ, and Dave, N8NLZ, reported on the Triathlon event. John stated that the event went well and that enough ham help had been available. Dave related an incident which occurred at his posting, a near-accident between cyclists and a semi.

New business:

Frank, WA8WHP, stated that the Stark County Sheriff's office would be holding classes beginning 9/13.

Don, K8OMO and Dave, W8UKQ, related stories concerning hurricane

Katrina and attempts to locate persons in the affected area.

George, K3GP, reported that a major X-class solar flare had occurred that day, causing disruption in world-wide propagation.

President Bob asked for discussion on sending a donation for hurricane relief. The prevailing opinions were to send \$100 to the Salvation Army. This was then approved on a motion from Frank, WA8WHP, and seconded by Dave, N8NLZ.

President Bob then asked for the special event QSL certificate to be chosen from two alternatives. The winner was the 8-picture certificate with the club call in the middle.

President Bob then noted several other items:

--The FIST coast-to-coast contest is scheduled for October 30, from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC.

--Italy had now joined the no-code ranks.

--The fall Butler hamfest is scheduled for September 11.

--The Massillon hamfest is scheduled for October 30 but will not be held at the county fairgrounds this year. Rather, it will be at the Massillon Boys & Girls Club, 730 Duncan St. SW in Massillon. Information is available on the Massillon club's web site.

--The next meeting (October 5) will be a trustee's meeting and will also feature election of offi-

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August Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

August 3, 2005

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on August 3, 2005 at 7:30 PM with club president Robert Steele, K8RLS, presiding. There were 21 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions.

The minutes of the July meeting were published in the newsletter. The minutes were approved on a motion by Smitty, KC8TJQ and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS, gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted on a motion from Smitty, KC8TJQ and seconded by Frank, WA8WHP.

Old business:

John, KD8MQ, noted that the Triathlon was coming up on 8/21 and that help was needed. Those who are interested are to meet at the Castle at 7:30 AM that morning.

The club will host a special event station for Carnation Days on Saturday, 8/20. It will operate from 9-6 at the Jaycee pavilion.

Don, K8OMO, reported that the most recent Hospital Net operation yielded a low turnout, but that there was a good response on the emergency weather net to the e-

cent storm and tornado warning. He also stated that after having seen the new security office for the hospital, it appeared that any coax runs were going to be long. A new location for the repeater installation is still in question. Don also mentioned he would have the information van at the Carnation Days pump-in on 8/14.

The Ohio QSO party is on 8/27 starting at 12:00 PM.

Dave, N8NLZ, reported that Dean, KA8GRC, is in a nursing home in Lisbon.

Frank, WA8WHP, stated that he has scheduled the CW classes at the New Alexander Christian Church, starting Thursday, 8/25, at 7:30 PM.

George, K3GP, noted that the club netted an extra 50 points from field day due to filing the results via the internet. This resulted in a final score 10 points higher than 2004.

President Bob stated that Alan, W18T, had a 50-foot tower and accessories for sale. Bob further noted that the trustee meetings are held at Taster's Choice at 6 PM the evening of each club meeting and anyone may participate.

New business:

President Bob noted that the FCC license renewal form is now numbered 605. There were comments that renewing via the internet was easier than paper submittal. Concerning the form, it was observed that question 13 must be answered "no".

The observation that the FCC is proposing to entirely eliminate the CW testing requirement drew many negative comments.

Jack, W8WEN, reported that K8IHQ's talk on solar power, given to the QCWA chapter one, was well received.

The meeting was then closed at 8:10 PM by President Bob on a motion from Smitty, KC8TJQ, and seconded by Jerry, KG8RN.

Respectfully submitted by
Don Kingan, AB8KV, Secretary.

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Discussion concerning donating to the ARRL's spectrum defense fund this year was tabled.

John, KD8MQ, then asked about borrowing the club's Yaesu FT-1000 for use during the Pennsylvania QSO party on October 8-9. The use was approved on a motion by John and seconded by Don, K8OMO.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 PM by President Bob.

Respectfully submitted by
Don Kingan, AB8KV, Secretary.

Minutes Of 2004 Annual Meeting

**ALLIANCE
AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB**

October 6, 2004

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on October 6, 2004, at 8:05 P. M., with the Trustees, Frank WA8WHP, presiding, with George K3GP, and Jim N8XTJ. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 18 members present.

Elections were held as follows:

For the office of president, Bob K8RLS was nominated by Larry KE8VE, seconded by Jim K8LTG. The motion to close nominations was approved.

For the office of vice president, Joe KC8TAC was nominated by David N8NLZ, seconded by Bob K8RLS. The motion to close nominations was made by Larry AA8NV, seconded by Jim

K8LTG, and approved.

For the office of secretary, Dave W8UKQ was nominated by Jim K8LTG, seconded by Mary Ann KB8IVS. The motion to close nominations was made by Larry KE8VE, seconded by Don AB8KV, and approved.

For the office of treasurer, Mary Ann KB8IVS was nominated by Dave W8UKQ, seconded by Don K8OMO. The motion to close nominations was made by Larry AA8NV, seconded by Dave W8UKQ, and approved.

For the office of trustee for three years, Jim N8XTJ was nominated by Jim K8LTG, seconded by Larry KE8VE. The motion to close nominations was made by Jack W8WEN, seconded by George K3GP, and approved.

Dave W8UKQ then moved for the secretary to cast the unanimous ballot for all offices and to elect the nominees to their respective offices.. The motion was seconded by Jim K8LTG, and approved.

Dave W8UKQ stated that the new term will be his 10th and

last term. The trustees have 365 days to find a new secretary. Dave will make available to the new secretary a spread sheet roster on paper and on a floppy in Lotus 1-2-3 or Microsoft Excel. The spread sheet format may be used to set up a data base as desired.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12P. M. upon motion by Frank WA8WHP, seconded by Bob K8RLS.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

THE WAYBACK MACHINE

ISSUE #21

by **Bill Continelli, W2XOY**

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In May of 1970, with the Vietnam War in full swing, the United States invaded Cambodia for the purpose of rooting out the Communists using that country as a base of operations. This led to protests at College campuses across the nation, and the deaths of four students at Kent State University in Ohio. At this point, the demonstrations exploded on virtually every major campus nationwide.

One problem facing the leaders of these protests was how to exchange news and information with their collegiate brothers and sisters on other campuses. The internet was in it's embryonic stage, and available to only the military and a few select universities; network news and wire services were not to be trusted (after all, they were run by people over the age of 30); the mail was too slow, and in a shambles after the recent postal strike; and long distance telephone calls were too expensive for students surviving on part time jobs and Care Packages from their parents. Thus, they turned to an institution that was prevalent at that time on almost every college campus--Amateur Radio. The Student Information Net was born.

The net appeared on 7260 khz and 14.294 Mhz in the 40 and 20 meter bands. Net Controls included K1WGM, at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, and W2UC, at Union College in Schenectady, NY. At first, the net was used solely for the purpose of gathering and exchanging information as to what was happening on the various campuses nationwide. The net was so good at this, as a matter of fact, that they began to feed news to the wire services and the major networks.

However, the net soon expanded in scope, and that's where the trouble began. Dialog was encouraged among the various participants on the merits of the war, and what type of protests should be used. News bulletins were passed as traffic, to be rebroadcast on the college radio stations. Funds were solicited for the continuation of the student strike activities. Traffic was passed encouraging students to send their draft cards to Washington D.C. for a massive bonfire. A boycott of

Coca Cola was discussed, as well as a demonstration to be held at Fort Dix on May 16. W2UC and W3EAX exchanged information on the demonstration at the University of Maryland and the attempt to block U.S. Route 1. W2UC claimed that they were forwarding all information received to a "clearing center", the location of which was not specified.

Then it started--the jamming, the deliberate interference, and the name calling by several unidentified stations. The net continued through the jamming, and operated for about a month--long enough for the U.S. to withdraw from Cambodia, and for the summer break to arrive. But the controversy was just beginning.

The July, 1970 issue of QST contained an editorial in which the ARRL stated that the use of the amateur bands for heated political discussion was a self imposed taboo in amateur radio. They said that because of amateur radio's international status, what goes out over the air can have negative political consequences for us at future radio conferences. As a result, according to the ARRL, there was no place on the amateur bands for arguing about the Vietnam War, advocating resistance to the draft, and talking about the new and permissive morality. The ARRL also condemned the jammers, stating that "Frontier Justice", vigilantes, and "Joe McCarthyism" had even less place than politics in amateur radio.

The letters from hams poured into QST. By a 2 to 1 ratio, they opposed the use of amateur radio for political purposes. One writer stated the net was a violation of national security and notified his local FBI office. Another stated that the net advocated mass disobedience to the laws of the land. One amateur stated "We must keep politics and jammers off the amateur bands. A political discussion on the amateur frequencies is as inappropriate as a political speech on an air traffic control channel". The ARRL's reference to "McCarthyism" brought a rebuke from an amateur who said that Joe McCarthy was a "great American", who was proven correct in every case. And finally, one letter called the net participants "creeps", and sympathized with those who caused the QRM.

On the other side, supporters of the net were appalled at the deliberate jamming and claimed that the net was non-political, provided accurate information, facilitated

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Birthday Greetings to: **WD8PVL, N8SH, WA8WHP, KD8MQ**

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good will, and prevented false rumors. Members of the Student Information net claimed that the traffic passed was legal and was eventually carried by the UPI & AP wire services.

Several writers brought up constitutional issues, claiming that the First Amendment gave the net operators the right to do what they did, as well as the right for every amateur to discuss anything, including unpopular causes, on the air. One ham, ex-W6SDW, condemned the anti civil libertarian attitude of the ARRL & a majority of hams, and gave up his license as a protest.

The Student Information Net lasted only one month, but it opened the door to the concept that amateur radio did not exist in a technical vacuum, and that discussions of current political and social events were allowable on the amateur bands. Have we gone too far in the "anything goes" direction? That's up to you to decide. As a postscript, W2UC has recently been reactivated at

Union College. If you ever hear it on the air, remember the role it played in amateur radio history 28 years ago.

In our next installment, we are going to jump back in time to the depths of the Great Depression, the early 30's. I hope to see you then.

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