



## It's Election Time!

Well, it's that time of year again, when we start thinking of the annual elections. No, I'm not talking about the local bond issue, or who we are sending to congress, though those are important subjects, too.

I'm talking about the club elections. As set forth in our by-laws, every first Wednesday in October is set aside for us to decide on our leadership for the next twelve months. All elected offices, except

for 2 of the Trustees are up for grabs. although we appreciate it when the incumbents accept nominations for re-election, some competition is always good, dontcha think?

I've taken the liberty to excerpt the bylaws here (see below). Note: For a copy of the bylaws in their entirety, talk to Don, AB8KV, or e-mail him. You'll find him most accommodating.

## Club Picnic Time

Our annual club picnic is coming up in Saturday, September 29th. The cabin at Silver Park has been reserved from 1 to 6 PM, and we'll be grillin'. All club members & friends are welcome to attend.

Meat, utensils, & drinks will be provided. We're planning to light the grills around 1:00, and start cooking shortly after. All are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

The cabin has a fireplace, & plenty of seating indoors, in case of cool weather, but bring lawn chairs if it's nice, so you can sit out on the porch, and enjoy a pleasant fall afternoon.

Silver park is located about a mile S. of State St., on Union Ave. The cabin is on the left as you descend the hill, into the park.

We had a great time at last years picnic. I hope we'll see an even larger turnout this year.

## Bylaws—Excerpt

### ARTICLE I

A. The annual meeting of this club shall be held in the month of October for election of officers and trustees and immediately following the regular meeting in October.

C. The affairs of the AARC shall be managed by a Board of Directors: consisting of seven members elected in accordance with Article 11 and VIII of the Bylaws.

### ARTICLE II Officers

A. The officers of this club shall number four (4). They are to consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

B. The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of members present at the annual meeting. New officers will take over their duties at the next regular meeting.

### ARTICLE III Duties of Officers

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of this club and conduct them according to Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall be responsible to ensure positions are filled and to conduct the business of the club. Examples of these positions are: Newsletter Editor, Equipment Chairman, Program Chairman, etc.

B. The Vice President shall assume all duties of the president in his/her absence. He/She

## Meeting Announcement

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 3rd at the Alliance Community Hospital.

Our Annual meeting for the election of officers is held immediately afterwards.

We Meet at 7:30 PM, in the conference room at the west end of the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Editorial

*By John, KD8MQ*

Hello again from Lower Alliance. I hope everyone notices how much faster the newsletter loaded this time. I did some googling, and found that one misplaced check mark was to blame. I removed the check mark, and voila! No more embedded fonts. The size of the test file I was using was decreased by about 95%!

***Let's put the choo -  
choo to rest!***

I'm S-l-o-w-l-y getting my HF stuff ready to go back on the air. I guess you just can't rush these things, can you? Somewhere in the last few years, I lost part of my 5 band vertical. How the heck could I lose something that big? If you saw my garage, you'd understand.

I'm cleaning out, and hope to have a lot of stuff in Massillon's auction (October 28th). I'm looking forward to it.

Now for the heavy stuff. This is the last editorial before the annual meeting. This is where we ask that some of you step forward, and accept nomination for leadership roles in the club.

Every year, it is the same thing; the call for nominations produces nothing but silence. After a few uncomfortable moments, someone accepts the nomination, and the choo - choo has once again run its course. Most everyone goes home happy to have once again dodged the bullet.

Just once, it would be great to have more than one nomination.

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## Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in conference room 1A (at the west end of the Cafeteria) at 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

**Web: [www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)**

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## September Minutes

September 5, 2007

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on September 5, 2007 at 7:30 PM with club president Joe Young, KC8TAC presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 16 members present, along with Miriam Sanor and Tom Steele.

For the secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the August minutes were in the newsletter. He then reported that the only Saturday date the Park Board had open for the club's September picnic was the 29th. So the cabin at Silver Park was reserved for that date, from 1-6 PM. The usage fee has been paid by treasurer Mary Ann. Don then reported on the visit he and Frank, WA8WHP had made to the man in Alliance with the TVI complaint. It was noted that the problem seemed to have two components, but that there was no ham transmitter involved, which the man then understood.

The source of the interference was not found on this visit, but further investigation may lead to the source(s). The secretary's report was approved on a motion by Howard, K8DXR and seconded by Gladys,

KB8GIA.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS gave the treasurer's report. President Joe noted that membership was down somewhat with resulting lower income for the club, and that we needed to keep that in mind when planning expenditures. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

### Old business:

George, K3GP as well as several others made some observations about Field Day and this year's lower score. Concern was raised about lower participation levels along with a lack of 'phone contacts on some bands and also no digital activity. For future Field Days, one suggestion was to have a schedule of operating times to involve more members. There was also discussion about a different site, but there seemed to be a consensus that the current site was not a bad one. It was also pointed out that some changes in approaches to operating could have a positive impact on the club's score.

President Joe then addressed the issue of the club picnic. Vice president John, KD8MQ listed those who were going to be supplying various specific items. These included meat, buns, utensils, drinks

and grills. He then asked all others who were planning to come to bring a covered dish.

Don, K8OMO reminded the club that the Homeland Security Net was still operating on 147.51 on the last Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM local time. He noted that participation was down and encouraged club members to check in.

### New business:

Jerry, KG8RN told the club that Knox township and the Homeworth Fire Department will hold a safety awareness day October 6 or 7 and that the AARC was invited to participate. Further information would be available at a meeting held at the Homeworth Fire Department on September 6 or 7.

There was brief discussion about the possibility of the club having a display and station at next year's Stark county fair.

President Joe reminded the club about the VHF contest coming up the following weekend.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:17 PM on a motion from Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, secretary.

## The PA QSO Party hits the big 5-0!

Light the candles, and strike up the band! This year marks the 50th running of the PA QSO Party.

Customarily held on the 2nd full weekend in October, the PQP is my favorite operating event of the year. Allen, WI8T, & I have participated in the party since the mid 1980's. We're not the only ones who do this though.

Every year, you count on

mobiles, rovers, county line stations, special event stations, and weekend warriors to be there activating that otherwise unworkable county.

If you're looking for a particular PA county to finish up an award requirement, make sure to clear your schedule for the 2nd weekend in October.

The rules have been rewritten, this year, for clarity. The aver-

age operator won't notice any difference from years past, but there are some changes, so be sure to download the latest rules. They are posted on the PA QSO Party web page at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html>. On the rules page, you will also find links to logging programs for the QSO Party.

## By-laws - Excerpt

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shall also organize club activities and programs not otherwise designated to a committee, or other member.

C. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, keep a roll of members and receive applications for membership.

D. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, pay no bills without a majority vote at a regular meeting by the club, and shall make a brief financial report at each regular meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### Trustees

A. There shall be three (3) elected trustees, to be decided on by a vote of the membership.

B. Trustees terms will be for three years. One trustee is to be elected annually to replace the out-going trustee.

C. The trustees shall have the control and management of the property of the club, subject only to the action of the membership, audit the books of the corporation, conduct the annual meeting, and further duties as may be required of them by the members.

D. The election of the trustees shall be held at the annual meeting, except that if the office of trustee shall become vacant for any reason at any other time, nominations and election shall be held at the next regular meeting following the vacancy.

## HF Chronicles Wins Newsletter contest.

"HF CHRONICLES," newsletter of the West Chester Amateur Radio Association (Butler County), is the 2007 winner of the 16th annual Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter Contest. It had won second place in a previous contest.

Editor Mike Ashley, N8XW, was not present to accept the award. He and the West Chester club were represented by Kenneth Lowrey, W8ND.

Second place went to "News Unwired" of the Grant Amateur Radio Club (Brown County). It is edited by Carolyn Donner, N8ST, of Georgetown. Club president, Gordon Duncan, KC8ZJY, represented Carolyn in accepting the award.

Third place went to "MARC

& MARES" of the Marion Amateur Radio Club, Ken Bartter, WB8YNL, editor. Member Richard Carey, KB8OTZ, of Marion, accepted the award.

The newsletter contest winners, awarded annually since 1992, was managed by PIC Scott Yonally, N8SY, who was unable to be at the Conference this year.

The certificates were presented by Section Manager Phillips. Ohio's contest recognizes excellence in newsletters which serve its local members and is organized to encourage all newsletters to improve from year to year.

(The above was lifted from an e-mail by Joe Philips, K8QOE)

## Editorial—Cont.

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How about we try something new this year? Let's put the choo - choo to rest. Now's the time to step up to the plate, and consider giving something back to your club.

OK, now on to the next subject. Joe, KC8TAC noted at the last meeting that expenses had exceeded income this year, and that we needed to tighten our belts a bit. This was good advice. If any of you are waiting to pay your dues, now would be a good time to support your club monetarily by doing so.

Now, for a bit of a history lesson. Twenty years ago, we were heavy into fundraising mode, which is where a lot of our savings came from. We tried a couple different things to raise funds, but the most profitable idea was the HT raffle. In my opinion, we should have rested on our laurels, after the first one. But, we immediately did another raffle, then another. Eventually, I think we all got sick of raffles. We were seeing raffle tickets in our sleep. Eventually, no one dared say the word raffle at a club meeting.

I believe that the time has come to try it again. With limits, of course. If we would do one raffle a year, the moneys generated could be a nice addition to our club treasury.

Well, that's enough rambling from me for this month. See you all at the club picnic.

73, John, KD8MQ

### Quote o' the month

*"Do, or do not;  
There is no try!"*  
Yoda

# October 2007

*Happy Birthday to: KC8ILF, WA8WHP, KD8MQ*

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## The AARC Wayback Machine

Here again are some of the highlights from the last 20 years of the Zero Beat. you can access almost all of them <http://www.w8lky.org/newsletters/>.

### October, 1987, (editor N8IAK)

- a steam-powered train celebrating the 200th anniversary of the constitution rolled through Alliance with Amateur Radio on board.
- Our program at the club meeting was Jamboree On The Air, presented by Patti, KE8KH.
- Our latest fox hunt was won by the team of John, N8GIE, Eric, N8HHV, Alan, N8EZO, and Kevin, N8IVI. They found the fox hiding in the scout cabin at Silver Park. The foxes were John, KD8MQ, and Pam, N8IAK.
- Our Ham of the month was Bob Hobbs, W8ACP.
- HTs were being raffled off to raise money for the repeater fund. The most recent winner was Ray, N8HRZ. Tickets were already being sold for the next HT raffle.

### October, 1992, (editor N8LVO)

- Elections were coming up at the October meeting. Outgoing officers were N8IAK (Pres.), KE8VE (V-Pres.), KE8KH (Treasurer), N8LVO (Secretary). It looks like Jim, KB8GHZ was the

outgoing trustee.

- There was a recap of our Mall show. Displays were set up by the Salem Area AR Association, the Canton, ARC, the Alliance Youth RC, & MARS. Mark Koontz was to speak on Severe weather & Amateur Radio, but cancelled at the last minute. Don, K8OMO stepped in and saved the day! The best of show award went to Jim, KB8GHZ.
- N8LVO was looking for an operating partner for the PA QSO Party. Dan stated that "If you don't want to work hard, operate long, and in general be an all-around great Ham Radio operator, don't bother calling me".

• (There was no October, 1997 issue of the ZB) October, 2002

### October, 2002, (editor KE8VE)

- This was to be Larry, KE8VE's first issue as regular editor of the Zero Beat.
- Plans were being made for our annual meeting.
- The menu was posted for the AARC Christmas banquet, to be held December 14, 2002, at Mikes Roadhouse Charly Restaurant.
- License classes had started up again at the hospital.