



K8LTG is the new prez!



Jim, K8LTG, our new President

The 2007/8 AARC elections are history, and there's a new face on board. After the smoke of the annual meeting had cleared, Jim, K8LTG had stepped forward to take the reins of the club for the next 12 months. Jim succeeds Joe, KC8TAC, who declined re-election, citing work pressures.

Jim has been a Ham for longer than I can remember. While it's been said that he knew Mr. Marconi personally, I only first met him in 1976, when he, and Frank, WA8WHP were teaching Novice classes in the old CD shack behind the armory.

Jim is retired from the Genie Company. I understand that he spends his days watching the hay grow, and finding volunteers for cutting & baling duty.

Other than Jim's election as president, not much else has changed. Your editor

in chief, (John, KD8MQ) was retained as Vice-Prez for another year. With school finally winding down, he looks forward to devoting more time to club activities.

Don Klingan, AB8KV, has agreed to another term as club Secretary. Don has been doing a fine job since taking over from Dave, W8UKQ (SK).

Mary Ann Royer, KB8IVS has probably held office longer than anyone in club history. She was elected as club Treasurer in October, 1994, and has been doing an outstanding job ever since. Very rarely, if ever, does she miss a meeting. On that rare occasion, she makes sure that her report is given to one of the other officers.

On the board of trustees, we flip-flopped a bit. Our outgoing trustee, Frank, WA8WHP was re-elected to the board of trustees, and is now our incoming trustee. Frank is the current Ham of the Year. And is a broadcast engineer at WDLI, channel 17.

As always, we'd like to thank the officers, and board of trustees for their hard work, and dedication to the club.

With the elections over, we can now look forward to a bright, promising new year ahead. Here's to 2008.

ARRL Auction

The 2007 ARRL On-Line Auction Preview started Wednesday, October 17 and officially begins October 24, running through November 2. According to ARRL Business Services Manager Debra Jahnke, K1DAj, the Auction will feature more than 150 items. "This year, browsers and bidders will find a vastly increased amount of QST Product Review gear."

Anyone interested can check this out at the ARRL On-Line Auction Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/development/auction/>>. But I can promise you that bidders will not be disappointed."

"We'd also like to thank the manufacturers, dealers, ARRL Business Partners and members and non members alike for their donations to the On-Line Auction," Jahnke said.

Meeting Announcement

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 7th at the Alliance Community Hospital.

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 everyone. Looks like it's that time again. Time to start putting away the lawn furniture, and get out the rake, & the leaf blower. The end of Daylight savings time is fast approaching, so don't forget to change the battery in your smoke detector. While you're at it, why not invest in a carbon monoxide(CO) detector? I just bought one, for the peace of mind. Our furnace turned 50 years old this year. Having the CO detector allows us to breathe a bit easier.

Something else that is coming up fast is the Christmas party. It's scheduled for Saturday, Dec 8th, at Don Pancho's. Look on page four for more information.

Always a highlight at the Christmas party is the Presentation of the plaque for Ham of the Year. Time is running out. If you haven't already, please submit your choice for this years award to Frank, WA8WHP.

OK, time to switch gears. Our club picnic was held on September 29th. Turnout was a bit lower than I'd hoped for, but the weather was great. Hopefully, everyone had a good time "fellowshipping" (is that a word?). Anyway, Thanks to everyone who participated.

We've been playing with a new media projection system at church, which incorporates a dual computer display. If you've never tried this, you are truly missing a lot! I'm hoping to run an article on this in the near future. Right now, 32 Meg dual output video cards are selling on EBay in the \$10—\$20 range.

Well, that does it for this month. Stay warm!

John, KD8MQ

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

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October Minutes

October 3, 2007

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on October 3, 2007 at 7:30 PM with club president Joe Young, KC8TAC presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 14 members present, along with Miriam Sanor and Tom Steele.

For the secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the September minutes were in the newsletter. With nothing else currently to announce, the secretary's report was approved on a motion by John, KD8MQ and seconded by Jim, N8XTJ.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS gave the treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion from George, K3GP and seconded by Frank, WA8WHP.

Old business:

Vice president John, KD8MQ reported on the club picnic held on September 29. About 30 people attended, with very good weather and very good food and fellowship. He suggested that perhaps scheduling next year's picnic for the same time frame at the end of the month of September might be a good idea.

Don, K8OMO announced that he had re-confirmed the reservation at Pancho's for the club's Christmas party. It is scheduled for December 8 at 6:00 PM. The cost will be the menu item plus \$4.00.

George, K3GP noted that the amateur radio browser extension discussed previously only works with the Firefox browser.

John, KD8MQ reported on the newsletter competition recently completed. He also noted that the deadline for nominations for ham-of-the-year is the next club meeting. Nominations are to be given to Trustee Frank,

WA8WHP.

Jerry, KG8RN reminded the club about the township safety awareness day coming up on October 6.

Vice president John reminded the club about the Pennsylvania QSO party coming up on the weekend of October 13. He then requested the use of the club's HF rig as last year. His request was approved on a motion from Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

President Joe then asked for a motion to allocate \$100 for door prizes at the club Christmas party. A motion was made by Jim, K8LTG and seconded by Don, K8OMO. After some discussion, it was decided that the top prize would be \$25, followed by 2-\$10 prizes with the rest at the \$5 level. The motion was then carried by a voice vote.

New business:

The new business for this meeting was the election of officers for the coming year.

A motion to close the regular meeting was made by Don, AB8KV, seconded by Howard, K8DXR, and approved.

The election portion of the meeting was then turned over to Trustee George, K3GP.

For President the nominees were:

- Howard, K8DXR by Joe, KC8TAC (declined).
- Joe, KC8TAC by Jerry, KG8RN (declined).
- George, K3GP by John, KD8MQ (declined).
- Jim, K8LTG by Don, K8OMO (initially declined).

After some discussion, Jim, K8LTG agreed to accept the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Frank, WA8WHP.

Don, K8OMO then moved that nominations for President be closed and this was approved by a

voice vote along with approval for the nominee.

For Vice President, the only nominee was John, KD8MQ nominated by Frank, WA8WHP. This was seconded by George, K3GP. The nominee accepted and was then approved by voice vote.

For Treasurer, the only nominee was Mary Ann, KB8IVS nominated by John, KD8MQ and seconded by Joe, KC8TAC. The nominee accepted and was then approved on a voice vote.

For Secretary, the only nominee was Don, AB8KV by Don, K8OMO and seconded by Frank, WA8WHP. The nominee accepted and was approved on a voice vote.

For the outgoing Trustee position, the only nominee was Frank, WA8WHP by John, KD8MQ and seconded by Joe, KC8TAC. The nominee accepted and was approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Jim, K8LTG.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

Quote o' the month

Whether you think
you can or
whether you think
you can't,
you're right.

- Henry Ford



Seasons Greetings

AARC Christmas Party December 8, 2007 6 PM

Don Pancho's
Tex-Mex Café
2105 W. State St
Alliance

We will be ordering from Don Pancho's regular menu.
Meals will be at regular prices, plus \$4.00
No Reservations required! Just show up.

Ham of the year



Now's the time to cast your vote for Ham of the Year. Hurry folks, the deadline is fast approaching.

Get your ballot to Frank, WA8WHP. His contact info is at the bottom of the page.

- 1989 Jim Ferguson N8DZA
- 1990 Dave Buckwalter KC3CL
- 1991 Jack Bennett W8WEN
- 1992 John Myers WX8G
- 1993 Pam Myers N8IAK
- 1994 Larry Ashburn KE8VE
- 1995 Gladys Wilson KB8GIA
- 1996 Don Whitaker K8OMO
- 1997 James W. Wilson KB8GHZ
- 1998 Mary Ann Royer KB8IVS
- 1999 David Glass W8UKQ
- 2000 Jerry Wheeler KG8RN
- 2001 Robert L. Steele K8RLS
- 2002 Samuel Eberling KC8ETZ
- 2003 Joe Young KC8TAC
- 2004 George Proudfoot K3GP
- 2005 David Glass W8UKQ
- 2006 Franklin A. Sanor WA8WHP

My choice for Ham of the Year is: _____

Comments (optional) _____

Please submit your ballot to Frank Sanor, WA8WHP, at
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November 2007

Happy Birthday to: K3GP, MRS. K8OMO, AA8NV, KC8SUI

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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/newsltrs/>.

November, 1987, (editor N8IAK)

- Our Ham of the Month was Gene Smythe, KB8BYK
- The upcoming fox hunt was scheduled for Halloween day. A Halloween party was to follow at Don Panchos.
- An anonymous person had stepped up to offer free printing for the Zero Beat.
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(There was no November, 1997 issue of the ZB)

November, 1992, (editor N8LVO)

- The 1992 elections had been held in October. The 1992/3 officers were:
Pres. - Pam Myers, N8IAK
Vice Pres. - Larry Ashburn, KE8VE
Treasurer - Allen Dicks, WI8T
Secretary - Dan Mutigli, N8LVO
- Trustees
Jack Bennett, W8WEN
Jim Wilson, KB8GHZ

John Bray, N8SFN

- John, WX8G related a TV repair where water had entered the rotator cable, and had wicked all the way to the control box, and leaked into the TV.
- In 1992, as today, we were requesting votes for Ham of the Year. Jack, W8WEN was the outgoing HOTY.
- Our Christmas party was coming up on Dec. 12, at Roadhouse Charlies. Dinners ranged in price from \$8.25—\$12.95.

November, 2002, (editor KE8VE)

- KE8VE described the 2002 AARC elections in railroad terms. The officers for the 2002/3 officers were:
Pres. - Bob Steele, K8RLS
V. Pres - Larry Ashburn, KE8VE
Secretary - Dave Glass, W8UKQ
Treasurer - Mary Ann Royer, KB8IVS
- AARC licensing classes at the hospital were stalled, due to a lack of students. KE8VE, & W8WEN had stopped going to the hospital on Tuesday evenings.
- We ran an interesting reprint from the Ham History news-group. KE9V had just finished his collection of "Radio Boys" book series, and gave us some history on them.
- KE8VE's editorial advocated the return of the HF spectrum back to our control.
- There was a description of the KD8MQ/3 operation in Armstrong Cty, PA.