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Licensing Classes

After a bit of a hiatus, The AARC is again holding licensing classes. Technician classes will begin September 16th at the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross.

Larry, KE8VE, and Rick, KC8SUI have generously volunteered to be the instructors for this class. Details will be finalized at the September 3rd meeting. For more information, call Larry, KE8VE @ 330-821-9808, or Rick.

Club Picnic is September 27th

This years club picnic is fast approaching, folks. All club members & friends are welcome to attend.

We will NOT be in the Silver Park cabin this year. We're still in Silver Park, but at the Jaycee Pavilion, instead. That's the one on the hill by the ball Fields.

Your VP will be manning the grill. I learned my lesson last year. I'll be bringing the big grill this time. :-)

Meat, buns, table service, & drinks will be

provided. We're planning to light the grill around 1:00, and start cooking shortly after.

Please bring a covered dish to share, and enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon.

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3rd, at the Alliance Community Hospital, in conference room 2A.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.
We hope to see you there!

Before the meeting, some of us get together at 6 PM, for food, & fellowship.

We gather at 6 PM, at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex Café (2105 W. State St.).

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Operators Needed!

The 3rd annual running of the Rotary Castle Run will be held on Labor Day. The Castle Run consists of a 2 Mile run, followed by a 10 K Run. Contestants enter either one, or the other. The 2 Mile run begins at 9 AM, with the 10 K beginning about 10 minutes later. Last year, 260 registrants were reported with about a 60/40 mix between 10K, and 2 mile contestants. Last year, 8 Hams helped out with communications. It would be great if we could do the same this year.

Communications will be on 2 Meters. If you can spare 2-3 hours from your holiday, it will be appreciated. Please plan on being at the castle by 8:30 AM.



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Ramblings

By John, KD8MQ

Well, here we are again. Summer's almost a fond memory. Brut, what a summer it's been, right? We had an awesome Field Day. Even at the August club meeting, I was still hearing words like awesome, great. And super, being used to describe the this years event. By the way, I have to apologize for the typo that snuck into the field Day results in the last issue. Someplace in this issue, we'll have the correct results.

In July, we had our summer fox hunt. Out of 4 teams, only one club member came out to try their fox hunting skills. I heard that another member intended to come, but forgot. You'll have another chance real soon, though.

This month (August) proved to be the busiest on for the club. We ran a special event station to commemorate Alliance as home of the scarlet carnation. I haven't heard yet, how this came out.

The next day, was the Carnation Triathlon. As in years past, we assisted with communications for this event.

In September, we've been asked to assist with the Castle run on Labor Day.

On September 6th, we have the Ohio State Parks on The Air Contest. The AARC will be represented by Tony, BBK, who is setting up at Quail Hollow State Park. If you get a chance, stop by to

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Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month. Check the meeting announcement on page 1, for the location.

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

The Homeland security Net meets on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 PM, on 147.51 simplex

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August Minutes

August 6, 2008

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on August 6, 2008 at 7:30 PM with club President Jim Ferguson, K8LTG presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 18 members present, along with Miriam Sanor.

Club Secretary Don, AB8KV gave the Secretary's report, noting that the July minutes were in the newsletter. With no other items to announce, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion by Joe, KC8TAC and seconded by Bob, K8RLS.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS then gave the Treasurer's report, adding that the Port-A-Pot bill from Field Day had not yet come in. The report was accepted on a motion by Joe, KC8TAC and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

Old business

- President Jim initiated the discussion about the special events station for Carnation Days. Slated for August 16, it was decided that setup at the Jaycee pavilion would begin at about 10 AM and operations would run until 5 PM. It was planned to run two stations with club radios and antennas from Don, K8OMO and President Jim.

- VP John, KD8MQ then reminded the club about the Triathlon on August 17. He noted that help was needed and participants should meet no later than 8 AM at the Castle parking lot.

- The official Field Day entry form for the club was passed around, showing the scoring levels for the categories as well as the bonus points earned. A total score of

3340 points was tallied.

- Thank-you letters to the Subway behind Wendy's as well as their office in Canton are still to be sent for their donation of subs for Field Day.

- President Jim asked for comments from anyone who attended the Portage hamfest. VP John responded that he enjoyed it, finding an electronics parts vendor there, something of a rarity anymore. Jim then noted some items he had found at that hamfest, including heavy-wall aluminum pipe and a 20W amp for 440.

New business:

- Secretary Don raised the question about a club picnic again this year, perhaps in late September, as last year. VP John noted that the Silver Park cabin price had increased from last year, being \$55 for 4 or 5 hours and \$75 for all day. After brief discussion, Frank, WA8WHP moved to have the picnic again this year, aiming for September 27 as the date.

- VP John seconded the motion after proposing an amendment to seek other dates if the 27th was already taken. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

- Don, K8OMO then proposed that each member be contacted about the picnic, with John responding that he would place the notice in the next newsletter.

- Regarding the picnic, Larry, KE8VE volunteered to bring the hamburgers and buns. Other volunteered items included: John—hot dogs & buns;

- Don (AB8KV)---drinks;
- President Jim---beans;
- Don (K8OMO)---potato salad.

- VP John then reminded the club that September's meeting will be held in the hospital conference

room #2 on the 2nd floor.

- John then raised the issue about possible ham classes and who could teach them. Rick, KC8SUI and Larry, KE8VE volunteered to teach the classes if a room could be secured. It was decided that Tuesday evenings would probably be best with the cost to be determined. John stated that he would obtain a location for the classes, with the hospital being preferred.

- Regarding relations with the Scouts, John reported that a ham radio special events station is being considered for October, probably the 18th, at the 7-Ranges scout camp. He also noted that the Scouts would be notified about the club's ham classes.

- John reiterated that the Castle Run was coming up on September 1, although the club had not yet been asked to help provide communications. He stated that if asked, a few operators would be needed.

- Larry, AA8NV raised the issue of the club Christmas party for this year. The consensus was to have it again at Pancho's, with possible dates of December 6 or 13. Don, K8OMO will check with Pancho's for arrangements.

- John then commented on the recent fox hunt. It was won by N8PXW using a Doppler system. Second place was taken by KB8QOD using a tape measure dipole. A practice run for 2 meters is scheduled for August 30, and in September will be a 440 practice run with a 440 hunt in October. With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM on a motion from Joe, KC8TAC and seconded by Rick, KC8SUI.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

Ramblings - cont.

say hi.

Then, on September 27th, we have our annual club picnic. It will be at the Jaycee pavilion in Silver park.

Sorry if this issue of the ZB looks a bit odd. I'm playing with a different font. Most articles are in the Verdana typeface, while some are still in Times new-roman.

Well, that's about all the Ramblin your editor can handle for this month. See you all at the September meeting.

Fox Hunt Practice Runs scheduled

August 30th marks the next practice run for the Fox Box. It'll be running from 1 PM to 3 PM, on 147.51 MHz.

This is a non-competitive event. Use the fox signal to hone your equipment, and techniques. When you find the box, simply sign in on the log, so we know you

were there.

On September 28th, we'll be firing up the box on 440 MHz. It'll run from 1PM—3 PM for a practice run. Personally, I've never hunted on 440, so this is a golden opportunity to play.

October's hunt will be on 440 MHz. We'll have more details on that in the next issue of the Zero Beat.

Quote o' the Month

"There are two different kinds of people in this world:
those who finish what they start, and"

---Brad Ramsey

The AARC Wayback Machine - cont.

Carnation Mall. Two displays were to be Mike, N8KNU with Weather Fax, and Dave W8UKQ with QCWA.

- The 9th running of the Carnation Triathlon went off with no injuries reported.
- KB8NDM's Packet BBS went on-line on 145.05. This was another means to submit stories to the Zero Beat.
- There was an article by W0FCH on "Earth Ground Science". Very interesting reading! The article gives the procedure for measuring your ground resistance.
- Dan, N8LVO declared his decision to not seek a third term as club secretary.
- Dan received word via KB8MFV that This Week in Amateur Radio was in danger of folding, due to lack of funds. Donations were being solicited to keep the broadcast on the air. Locally, it was broadcast on the 146.805 repeater.
- Pam, N8IAK was reminding everyone not to miss

the September meeting, as we made plans for the Mall Show.

(There was no September, 1998 Zero Beat)

September, 2003, (editor KE8VE)

- This month's Zero Beat was a recap of the AARC's summer activities. In the summer of 2003, the club had
 - participated in Field Day
 - Operated a station at the Mile Branch Grange Fair
 - Toured the Ch 17, WDLI studios
 - Set up an information table at the Carnation Festival Pump-in
 - Provided communication for the Triathlon.
- We had accepted the donation of a GMC RV Van, and were getting prices on insurance.
- A fox hunt was scheduled for July 13th, then rescheduled for July 20th.

September 2008

Happy Birthday to: KBGIA, TOM, KC8TJQ

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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 read them at <http://www.w8lky.org/newsletters/>.

September, 1988, (editor N8IAK)

- The club spotlight shone on Paul Lattavo, KB8DST. Paul, and his son Anthony were graduates of our Novice classes.
- Elections had been held to fill the vacancies left by Pam, N8IAK, and John, KD8MQ. Dave, KC3CL stepped in as president, while Eric, N8HHV, took over as Secretary.
- The Fox Hunt was won by the team of John, KD8MQ, and Pam, N8IAK. (Ed. note - If memory serves, we found the fox with just seconds to spare before the end of the hunt.) The team of foxes consisted of Ron, WC8F, Eric, N8HHV, and Barb, KB8CDA. They set up in the Alliance street Dep't parking lot, on Rush street, and aimed their beam at the top of the city savings building on Main street.
- Pam, N8IAK was lamenting the poor attendance at club activities, and meetings.
- John, N8GIE was moving to Chardon, to take a new job.
- Novice classes were coming up at the Hospital.
- 220 - 222 MHz was re-allocated to Land Mobile use. The remaining 3 MHz was re-assigned to the Amateur service as an exclusive, rather than shared allocation, which we had previously.
- The next Fox Hunt was scheduled for September 25, 1988. The club picnic was to be held immediately following.
- Dick, KA8LKQ volunteered to be net manager of the Eastern Stark County ARES Net.

September, 1993, (editor N8LVO)

- Plans were being made for the 1993 show at the

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