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It's WA8WHP!

This years elections should be remembered as the smoothest elections in recent history, despite a sound thrashing which was applied to Roberts Rules of Order.

The regular October meeting was closed at about 8:30 PM, by President Jim, K8LTG.

The annual meeting was run by trustee Frank, WA8WHP. After accepting nominations form the floor, Frank accepted the nomination for club President, and was elected by acclamation.

The offices of VP, Secretary, and Treasurer remained the same with John, KD8MQ, Don, AB8KV, and Mary Ann, KB8IVS all re-elected.

The trustee race saw some changes, as well, with two new faces, instead of one. When Frank, WA8WHP, accepted the presidency, he left his trustee position vacant.

This was filled by Don, K8OMO. Don has served as VP from 1994-96, and President from 1997-98. His term runs for two years.

The office held by Jim, N8XTJ, was up for re-election. Jim was nominated, but declined to accept. So, Smitty, KC8TJQ was nominated, and elected as trustee. His term runs for three years.

Field Trip on November 5th

For our November club meeting, Our new president, Frank, WA8WHP has arranged a tour of his workplace, the WDLI television studios, and main transmitter site, in Barberton.

The directions from Alliance are simple:

- Take Rt. 183 north to Atwater, and catch Rt 224 West.
- Continue Following Rt. 224 about 25 miles to exit 16, which is the barber road exit.
- Turn left on Barber Rd, and follow it about a mile to Wadsworth Rd, Rt. 261
- Turn Right on Wadsworth Rd., and follow about a mile to WDLI, which will be on your right.

Remember, those wishing to car pool should meet at the Alliance Community Hospital parking lot. We plan on leaving at 6 PM.



Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5th, and consists of a field trip to the WDLI studios, and transmitter site in Barberton.

Those who wish to car pool should meet in the Alliance Community Hospital parking lot. We plan on leaving at 6 PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Editor

John Myers, KD8MQ
(See above)

Ramblings

By John, KD8MQ

I'd like to start off this month by thanking our outgoing Jims, N8XTJ, and K8LTG, for their service to the club, as well as our current officers, and trustees.

Personally, I'm excited that the club elections were completed easily, and quickly. Full reports are on pages 1 & 3.

With club elections over, the time came to focus on something more important. That's right; The PA QSO Party was held earlier this month. If you turned on the rig on October 11/12, you quickly found that the game was afoot.

Allen, WI8T, and I usually set up portable, in some semi-rare PA county. This year, John, N8PLA invited us to operate from his cabin in Jefferson County. The weather was perfect, and John made sure that we were comfortable, and well fed.

The bands, however, could have been better. 40M went long on Saturday, and part of Sunday. We finished with 395 Qs. 103 mults, and just shy of 50K on the points meter.

Apologies for leaving Howard, K8DXR's contact info out of last month's issue. Please make sure to get those Ham of the Year nominations to Howard no later than November 5th.

Speaking of Nov. 5th, let's not forget that we will not have a regular club meeting at the hospital that

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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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October & Annual Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2008

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on October 1, 2008 at 7:30 PM with club President Jim Ferguson, K8LTG presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 19 members present, along with Miriam Sanor.

The Secretary's report was given by club Secretary Don, AB8KV. Noting that the September minutes were in the newsletter, he reported that the get well cards to President Ferguson and Ron Gwynne had been sent. With no other items to report, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion from Don, K8OMO and seconded by Smitty, KC8TJQ.

Club Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS then gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion by Don, K8OMO and seconded by Smitty, KC8TJQ.

Old business:

- Bob, K8RLS reported that the contact certificates for the special event station during Carnation Days had been mailed.

- VP John, KD8MQ commented on the good food and company at the club picnic. He then spoke about the recent fox hunt practice run held on 446.0 which was the first time the club had held a hunt on that band. Three people found the fox, including K8OMO, who showed off his homebrew VHF/UHF discone-megaphone antenna. John then reminded the club about the fall fox hunt on October 19 starting at 2:00 PM. The frequency will again be 446.0.
- K8OMO reported that the club Christmas party was set for December 6 at Pancho's.
- Secretary Don inquired as to how the classes were going. The responses were positive with Tom Steele pleased with the progress he felt he was making.
- Jerry, KG8RN and Frank, WA8WHP reported on the Knox Safety Day which they had attended. They had set up inside with a mag mount antenna for 2 meters and 440. They commented that most of the interest from the public was in

HF operation, but they felt the experience was worthwhile, providing good exposure for the club and amateur radio.

- There was brief discussion about the club's upcoming tour to the TV station where WA8WHP works. Final plans included meeting at 6:00 PM in the hospital parking lot to car pool. The date is November 5 with a brief club meeting after the tour. Driving directions will be published in the next newsletter.

New business:

- Treasurer Mary Ann reminded the club that ham-of-the-year votes need to be submitted to Howard, K8DXR by the next meeting. This is to ensure that she has sufficient time to have the plaque engraved.
- VP John noted that the Massillon hamfest may not have an auction this year due to lack of an auctioneer. He also reminded the club about the Pennsylvania QSO party coming up on October 11-12.
- Miriam asked the club for any pop cans they may have or get by Oc-

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- tober 19-20, to be collected for a cancer fund drive.
- K8OMO reported that Ron, WC8F is still in Mercy Medical Center rehab, room 685, recovering from an infection and back surgery. He noted that Ron has a lot of pain and so requires substantial medication.
 - K8OMO reported that there were petitions before the FCC to eliminate amateur radio licenses, and that we needed to inform ourselves about the movement and be aware of what was going on.
 - The regular club meeting was then closed on a motion by Jerry, KG8RN and seconded by Smitty, KC8TJQ.

After the break, annual officer elections were held. Trustee Frank, WA8WHP conducted the process.

For President: Don, K8OMO nominated current President Jim, who respectfully declined. Jerry, KG8RN nominated trustee Frank; this was seconded by VP John. Frank indicated he would accept the nomination. Dave, N8NLZ then moved

that nominations for President be closed; this was seconded by Sam, KC8ETZ. Frank was then elected by unanimous voice vote. Being elected President, Frank will relinquish his Trustee position. For Vice President: Larry, KE8VE nominated current VP John; this was seconded by Jim, K8LTG. With John's acceptance, nominations were closed on a motion by Bob, K8RLS and seconded by Smitty, KC8TJQ. John's election was then approved by unanimous voice vote.

For Secretary: Jim, K8LTG nominated current Secretary Don; this was seconded by Smitty, KC8TJQ. Don accepted, then nominations were closed on a motion by George, K3GP and seconded by Larry, KE8VE. Don was then elected by unanimous voice vote.

For Treasurer: Don, K8OMO nominated current Treasurer Mary Ann, seconded by Jim, K8LTG. Upon Mary Ann's acceptance, nominations were closed on a motion by Larry, AA8NV and seconded by Sam, KC8ETZ. Mary Ann was elected by unanimous voice vote.

For Trustee (2 positions): Outgoing Trustee Jim, N8XTJ nominated Sam,

KC8ETZ who respectfully declined. Jim then nominated Don, K8OMO whose nomination was seconded by Jim, K8LTG. Don accepted the nomination. Don then nominated Smitty, KC8TJQ for the second Trustee slot. This was seconded by Dave, N8NLZ. Smitty accepted the nomination. K8LTG then moved that nominations for Trustee be closed, seconded by George, K3GP. The candidates for Trustee were then approved by unanimous voice vote. K8OMO will complete Frank's term (2 years) with KC8TJQ serving 3 years.

With the completion of elections, K8OMO moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Dave, N8NLZ. The meeting then adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

Quote o' the Month

This'll just take a half hour.

Author unknown—
Statement usually precedes
a 4 hour work fest.

Rambling—cont.

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night. Instead, our new club president, Frank, WA8WHP has arranged a tour of his workplace, WDLI, in Barberton. Info, and car pool info appears on page one.

Consider that we have roughly 8-9 weeks left in 2008. It's never too early to begin planning, and making goals for 2009.

Here's some of my goals:

- 1) I'd like to find some interesting programs for our 2009 meetings. Have you got an idea for me? Let me know
- 2) I'd like to see the club try at least one new event; Something we haven't done recently, or ever, for that matter. Maybe some different sort of special event, or operating a contest as a group. I'm lacking for ideas on this one, so if you have some, please, don't keep them to yourself.
- 3) I'd like to think of some type of competition just for club members? Perhaps a DXCC, WAS, or VUCC contest?

I hope this gets your brain cells a turning. If it does, let me know. I can sure use the input.

So, till next time, 73
de KD8MQ

AARC Fox Hunt!

The AARC fall fox hunt was held on Sunday, October 19th. Activity was somewhat light, with only two teams participating.

This months hunt was on 446 MHz, and the fox box was hidden at the Alliance train station.

The hunt started at 2:11 PM, and by 2:35 PM, both teams had found the fox. First to the train station was Jim, N8PXW, who was followed scant minutes later by Don, K8OMO, and Sherry.

One interesting note; While Jim was the first to find

the fox, he traveled the furthest distance to do so, due to his unfamiliarity with the town. OMO took longer, but traveled the more direct route.

That wraps up the fox hunt schedule for 2008. With the holidays fast approaching, I've decided to suspend the practice runs until after the first of the year. I'm already thinking of Fox Box ver. 1.01.

If anyone is interested in setting up the box for a practice run, or hunt in the meantime, please let me know, & I'll be glad to give you the "dime tour" of the AARC Fox Box. *(de KD8MQ)*



At the October club meeting, K8OMO unveils his "Secret Weapon" for the upcoming fox hunt

AARC Christmas Party December 6, 2008 @ 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!

Ham of The Year



Now's the time to cast your vote for the 2008 Ham of the Year. Don't wait till the last minute!

Get your ballot to Howard, K8DXR ASAP! His contact info is at the bottom of this page.

PREVIOUS HAMS OF THE YEAR

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
2007	Howard Miller	K8DXR
2008	??????	

My vote for Ham of the Year is: _____

Comments (optional) _____

Please submit your ballots to Howard Miller, K8DXR at
E-mail: hmiller32@neo.rr.com
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Montana Ham assists in Rescue 600 Miles Away

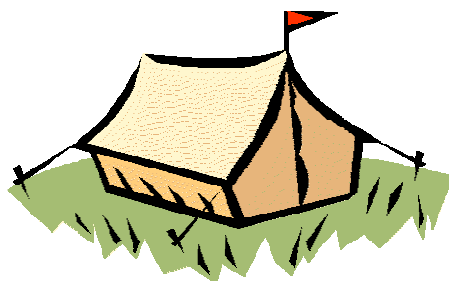
On Sunday, September 21, Bob Williams, N7ODM, of Bozeman, Montana, was just tuning around on 40 meters, giving his rig a test just before a scheduled QSO with his brother Rich, K7URU, in Spokane, when he heard a faint CW signal around 1 PM (MDT): Glenn Russell Ruby Jr, W7AU, of Corvallis, Oregon had broken his leg and was using a portable radio and Morse code to send out a call for help. Williams said he was able to understand the injured man's code even when his signal became very weak.

"He called me. He must have heard me testing out the radio. When I finished, I signed off with my call, and then I heard, 'N7ODM, this is W7AU/7,' so I answered," Williams told the ARRL. "I told him to go ahead, I had solid copy. He told me that he was a hiker that had fallen and broken his leg. He identified himself as Russ, provided information as to his GPS coordinates, the shelter, food and water on hand, as well as his detailed physical condition. He told me exactly who I needed to contact for assistance."

According to Williams, Ruby had slipped on a wet rock and broken his leg while out hiking in the Buck Creek Pass area of the high Cascades in Western Washington, 600 miles away from Williams. "Russ really had

his act together," Williams said. "Before he even called for help, he set up his tent. It was raining when he fell, so he climbed into his tent and got into some warm clothes and had a snack of sunflower seeds and dried apricots. After that, he strung up a wire antenna, fired up his Elecraft K1 and called me." Williams said that Ruby told him he had a "couple of weeks worth of battery power" for the radio.

Ruby asked Williams to notify the Snohomish County Search and Rescue in



Washington State. "I didn't have their number, so I called my local 911 dispatcher. All they had was the info for King County in Washington, so

I called them and they gave me the number for Snohomish. When I got a hold of Snohomish County Search and Rescue, they asked me to obtain additional info from Russ, such as the color of his tent and if he was in a clear or wooded area, and remain in contact with him as long as possible," Williams said. "Russ and I were able to maintain contact until about 8 PM on Sunday, during which time I

was able to pass additional traffic between Russ and Search and Rescue, but then his signal got so weak where I couldn't copy it anymore. Before he faded, we had agreed to try and make contact in the morning. I tried, starting around 6:30, but he never heard me. I finally heard him calling me around 9 on 7.051 MHz. We kept in contact until he was evacuated from the site by Search and Rescue at about 10:35 AM," Williams told the ARRL.

On Sunday, rescue crews reached Ruby, who had set up camp on Buck Creek Pass, at about 6000 feet just west of the Chelan County line. He was taken to safety Monday on horseback. Williams said that bad weather Sunday prevented a helicopter rescue: "It was snowing all night; Russ told me that when he woke up Monday morning, his tent was all covered in snow."

"I just happened to be at the same frequency," Williams said. "It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great. It was quite an experience. I'm just glad that he was a ham radio operator and that I was able to talk to him. It made the difference for him. What I did was not anything special. I'd like to think that any ham in Montana would've done the same thing."

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Thank You to Larry,
Ke8VE for these pictures
of the AARC Picnic!



November 2008

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

November, 1988, (editor N8IAK)

- We were trying to drum up support for a club effort for the 1988 ARRL Ten Meter Contest.
- Our spotlitter this month was on Larry Hillier, N8EWV.
- The 3rd annual AARC Christmas party was being held at Coletta's restaurant on E. State St.

There was no November, 1993 newsletter

November, 1998, (editor K8LTG)

- The new president of the Alliance ARC was Jerry Rozaieski, KC8DKM (now K8CAT).
- The Christmas banquet was to be held at Roadhouse Charlies.
- Dave, KC3CL was on the air from Aus-

tralia, as VK8CL.

- Another article was included from John, KD8MQ, extolling the fun that was had operating the PA QSO Party as a portable station.

November, 2003, (editor KE8VE)

- K8RLS was elected president, with Joe, KC8TAC as Vice President.
- Larry, KE8VE was drumming up support for a fox hunt.
- We were advertising to sell the club van.
- Sam , KC8ETZ was collecting votes in order to pick his replacement as Ham of the year.