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Change of Venue for Field Day?

At first glance, this may appear to be a story which was crafted for April Fools Day. I assure you that is not the case. That said, my apologies to those of you who spit out their morning coffee over page A3 of Thursdays issue of the Alliance review. In that issue of the Review. It states that the Alliance Amateur Radio Club will be using Butler Rodman park for Field Day this year. Here, as Paul Harvey would have said, is the rest of the story.

At the March club meeting, the subject of try-

ing a new location for Field Day was again brought up. Some interest was expressed in using the Jaycees pavilion at Silver Park, if we could get permission for a 24 hour operation.

When I checked with the park dep't, we found that most all pavilions were taken on Field Day weekend, either one, or both days. The only one available was the Jaycee pavilion at Butler-Rodman park. So, I reserved it, and approached the park board to secure permission for our Field Day operation.

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K8RLS back in Hospital

According to Tom, KD8JRK, Bob, K8RLS had another fall Saturday Evening, March 21st. This time in the Community Care Center. He has a spiral fracture of his left femure, and has been moved back to the hospital. Surgery is scheduled for March 23rd.

Bob is in Rm. 376. Tom reports that he would appreciate visitors.

New Hams, and upgrades!

We have some congratulations to pass along this month, as General classes are coming to a close.

First, welcome to Robert Underwood, KD8KMR, who is the son of Dallas, KD8JRY.

Dallas had planned to upgrade to General by this time, however had to postpone his exam, due to a pending vanity callsign application. He was advised by the FCC to wait till that was completed before upgrading.

Another upgrade is Tom Steele, KD8JRK, who is the son of Bob, K8RLS. Tom upgraded to General, and has had a look at the Extra class exam.

Duane Zorger, formerly KD8JSB upgraded to General several weeks ago, but we neglected to mention it in the Zero Beat. Duane has since changed his call-sign to W8DHZ.

Last, but certainly not least, Jessie Evans, son of Dana, KC8LKB, passed his Tech, and is now KD8KDK.

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1st, at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the Cafe conference room.

This month, we'll be welcoming WD8UAE. Bill works for AEP, and will present a program on Electrical Safety.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

As usual, some of us get together at 6 PM, for food, & fellowship, at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex Café (2105 W. State St.).

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Ramblings

By John, KD8MQ

This months calendar will look markedly ,different from the norm. As you probably know, our monthly calendar is done by Bob, K8RLS, who is recuperating at the moment. So, I did the best I could, using Google Calendar.

I've been using Google calendar for a few months, to keep track of appointments. The data I enter then winds up on my PDA. I can't imagine life without it.

The snow has left, and we've had some beautiful weather lately. It's been warm enough to start working outside. The two Meter rig is now finally installed in the jeep. It only took me 2 1/2 years!

Lyn & I recently took a "Blogging for Beginners" class at the Rodman Public Library. Karen Perone was the instructor, and as usual, she did a fine presentation.

As Karen describes it, a blog is a good way to get on the web, without going to the effort of building a web site. My blog is located www.kd8mq.blogspot.com/

If you saw the March 19th issue of the Alliance Review, you learned that the club has changed Field Day locations to Butler-Rodman park this year. Actually, this has to be voted on at the April meeting. So, there's yet another reason to show up on April Fools Day!

Well, That's enough rambling for this issue. I hope to see everyone at the club meeting. 73 de KD8MQ

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 held:

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 8:00 PM, on 147.51 simplex

Internet

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Sunbird Temperature Conversion Chart

For those who go south in the winter!!

@ +70 degrees --- Texans turn on the heat and unpack the thermal underwear.

People in Ohio go swimming in the Rivers.

@ +60 degrees --- North Carolinians try to turn on the heat. People in Ohio plant gardens.

@ +50 degrees ---- Californians shiver uncontrollably. People in Ohio sunbathe.

@ +40 degrees ---- Italian & English cars won't start. People in Ohio drive with the windows down.

@ +32 degrees ---- Distilled water freezes. Lake Erie water gets thicker.

@ +20 degrees ---- Floridians put on coats, thermal underwear, gloves and woolly hats. People in Ohio throw on a flannel shirt.

@ +15 degrees ---- Philadelphia landlords finally turn up the heat. People in Ohio have the last cookout before it gets cold.

@ +10 degrees ---- People in Miami all die. Buckeyes lick the flagpole.

@ 0 degrees ---- Californians fly away to Mexico. People in Ohio get out their winter coats.

@ -10 degrees ---- Hollywood disintegrates. The Girl Scouts in Ohio are selling cookies door to door.

@ -25 degrees ---- Polar bears begin to evacuate the Arctic. Ohio Boy Scouts postpone "Winter Survival" classes until it gets cold enough.

@ -30 degrees ---- Mount St. Helen's freezes. People in Ohio rent some videos.

@ -40 degrees ---- Santa Claus abandons the North Pole. Buckeyes get frustrated because they can't thaw the keg.

@ -45 degrees ---- Microbial life no longer survives on dairy products. Cows in Ohio complain about farmers with cold hands.

@ -60 degrees ---- ALL atomic motion stops (absolute zero in the Kelvin scale). People in Ohio start saying, "Cold 'nuff for ya?"

@ -100 degrees ---- Hell freezes over. The Cleveland Browns win the Super Bowl!

Author Unknown. (*Must be from Florida!!*)

From the January 2009 Airwaves Journal: newsletter of the Intercity Amateur Radio Club, Jay Bookwalter, KC8GNL editor.

AARC Wayback Machine - cont.

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cerpts from to Tom's, KB8MFV, & Deb's KB8MFT logbook after their month long Hawaiian vacation.

- The clubs next fox hunt was coming up on April 16th, with N8DZA acting as the fox.

April, 2004, (editor KE8VE)

- Chuck Bench, K8CBB hat just passed away.
- The Tusco Club was sponsoring a bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention.
- KE8VE editorialized on the subject of Broadband over Power Lines (BPL).

February Fox Hunt Practice Run

The day for the February Fox Hunt Practice Run was beautiful, except for the temperature.

The volunteer foxmeister this time was Dana, KC8LKB, who hid the fox box at Silver Park's Jaycee pavilion (top of the hill across from the ball fields). The fox was set to low power, and the antenna was a simple rubber duck. Since that part of the park was still closed to vehicular traffic, a bit of a hike was required to reach the box. Hey, no one ever promised that we'd always be able to drive up to the fox. :-)

We had a slight problem starting the box, but by 1:20. it was running. Signal strength was low, but acceptable at the castle. This was due to the rubber duck antenna which was being used. With each hunt, a little more is learned. :-)

We're not sure how many hunters were searching for the fox this time. Dale, NX8J brought over one of the scouts from Canton's venture Crew. We also met up



Dale, NX8J helps Andy, one of the kids from CARC's Venture Crew 73

(Photo courtesy CARC)

with Eddie, KD8FTS, who travelled from Parma, to try out his fox hunting skills. Edie has a hole cut in the top of his van, with a bushing welded in place. A PVC mast fits through the bushing, to which mounts a directional VHF antenna. It's a very professional looking installation!. We took some pictures, but they've all disappeared (hopefully temporarily!).

I'm sure there was at least one more hunter, but I'm not sure who it was.

The next scheduled hunt is on March 28th. Details will be elsewhere in this issue of the Zero Beat.

QRP'er Busted!

A local ham, well known for (what he called) his QRP activities was the subject of a predawn raid by the enforcement arm of the FCC.

Rick Campbell, of Carpenter Street, was charged with running a 5000-watt station. I should have realized something was wrong when the bamboo spreaders on my quad caught fire, Campbell remarked ruefully, as they led him away.

A Radio Shack milliammeter mislabeled as a microammeter seems to have been the culprit. "I couldn't get the proper power output", Campbell said, "so I just kept adding transistors to the final amp. I had just achieved an indicated 5 watts, when my SWR meter went haywire. I went out to check my antenna just as the fire trucks rolled up".

All of Mr.. Campbell's equipment was impounded. "I never seized an amplifier before that had nine thousand 2N2222's in parallel", the special FCC investigator, Rufus Bluthund, commented. "We're using it now to heat our office. It does a fine Job".

So for, the ARRL DX desk hasn't responded to Campbell's application for the first 10-meter CW DXCC by EME.

From -Chirps & Clicks & Spurious Emissions, newsletter of the Kalamazoo, MI) Radio Club via the April 93 Steel City ARC (Carnegie, PA) Kilo-Watt Harmonics, Bob Rockwell, W3SYT Editor.

Field Day - cont.

The board not only approved our request, but waived the rental fee. The cost to the club? Zero, Nada, Zilch, gratis, FREE!

This is NOT a done deal, though. This must be voted on at our April meeting. We can choose between the Marlinton middle school site, the Butler-Rodman site, or if someone has another site in mind, by all means, speak up.

Now, here's some homework for you. Sometime before the next club meeting, please have a look at the Jaycees pavilion at Butler-Rodman park, and look it over.

It is located on the left side of the park, near the restrooms. That way, we can weigh the advantages of both sites, and make a decision.

Spring Fox Hunt Announcement!

The Alliance ARC's Spring Fox hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th. Can you think of a better way to spend a spring day? I sure can't!

Hunters should gather at Glamorgan Castle, the starting point, a few minutes early, for check in. The Fox box will be started shortly after 1 PM.

The fox will be on 147.51 MHz. Your foxmeister will be John, KD8MQ, who promises a challenging hunt. Here's some more details for this hunt.

The fox will be hidden within 5 miles from the starting line at Glamorgan Castle. That is as the crow flies, NOT road miles.

While we will make every effort to ensure that the fox signal can be heard on a rubber duck at the starting point, we cannot guarantee this.

The hunt will be

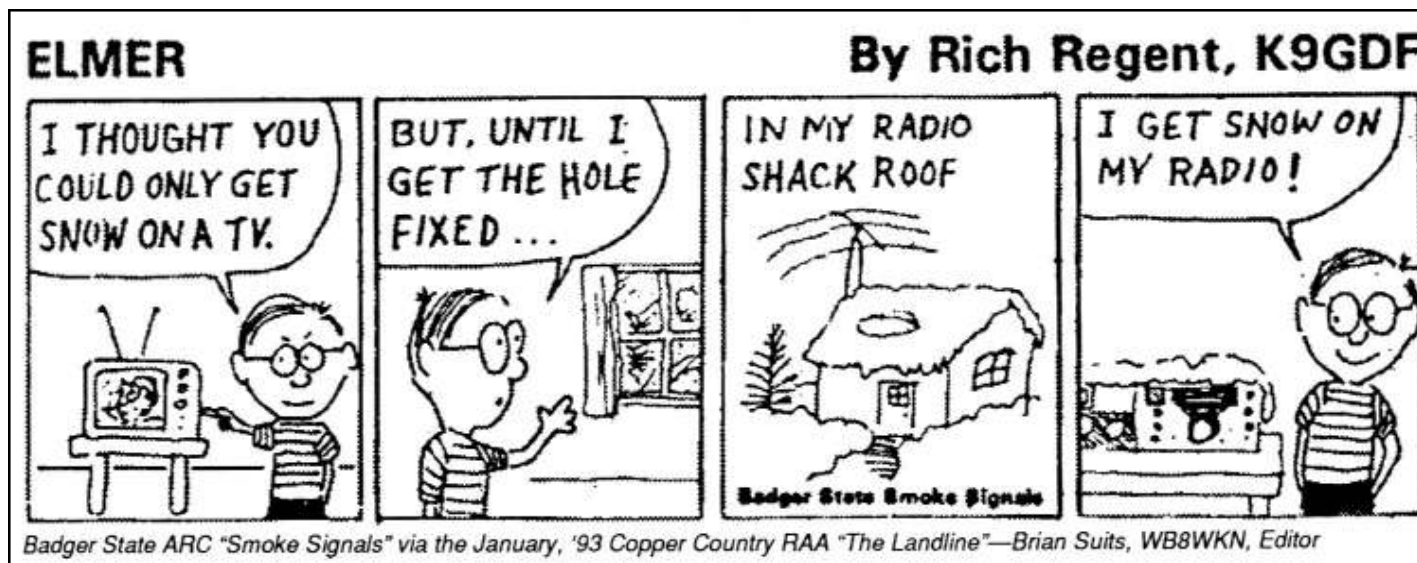
scored on a point system. Elapsed time to the finish line in minutes, times the distance travelled will equal your final score. Low score wins. (Example: 75 minutes times 3.6 miles equals 270 points)

We hope to see everyone there on Saturday.

Dues are Due!

Well, it's that time again. As you know, our membership year runs from April 1st, to the next March 31st. Your dues help to support our club programs and activities

For your convenience, we've enclosed a membership application in this month's newsletter. Won't you please take a moment, and drop a check in the mail to Mary Ann?



MAPS AIR MUSEUM

SUNDAY

APRIL 26, 2009

8 AM TO 1 PM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

CAK CONTROL TOWER TOURS



Departing from MAPS 9-11 AM. Each tour will be 20 to 30 min. Space will be limited. **Must be 10 years or older.** Sponsored by National Air Traffic Controllers Assoc.

PILOTS: Presentation and Q&A Session with CAK controllers & local FAA representatives. 10 AM

Breakfast: \$6.00 adults, \$4.00 children under 12
PRICE INCLUDES MUSEUM ADMISSION AND CAK TOUR

MAPS Air Museum is located on the west side of the Akron Canton Airport in the CAK International Business Park. 2260 International Parkway (at the very end) Off Massillon Rd. City of Green (330-896-6332) www.mapsairmuseum.org

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Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip

Bus Fare & Hamvention Ticket: \$65.00

(Ticket fees cover your transportation down and back and entrance to the Dayton Hamvention.)

Bus Fare Only: \$50.00**

**For any requests received after April 28, 2009.

You will need to purchase a Hamvention ticket at the door for \$25.00 on your own.

We will take riders right up to departure that morning if there are seats available.

Saturday, May 16, 2009

The bus will leave the back parking lot of the Akron Baptist Temple 2324 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio 44314 (located on Rt. 93 just north of Rt. 224) - **promptly at 5:30 AM.**

To order tickets, write to:

Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship, Inc.

2101 Bigelow St.

Akron, Ohio 44314-2521

(Checks can be made payable to "PARF")

You can also contact Joy Spencer via phone 330-745-5115 or e-mail KA8TDF@arrl.net

Web page www.qsl.net/w8ctt

There will be a Breakfast & Dinner stop on your own.

There will be a collection at the end of the trip for the Driver's Tip which is not included in the above costs.

Transportation provided by the Crossroads Transportation Company

This is a smoke-free bus. There will be No Smoking Permitted.



W8LKY Alliance Amateur Radio Club

Renewal – Membership Application

Mail to: Mary Ann Royer
6255 Sandalwood NE
Canton, OH 44721

Callsign- _____

	Dues
Sustaining	\$15.00
Full	\$10.00
Associate	\$5.00
Family	\$1.00

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Birthday _____

Occupation _____ ARRL Member? Yes ___ No ___

License Class _____ Expiration Date _____ Year you were first licensed _____

E-mail Address _____

Special interests? (i.e. DX'ing, Contesting, Hunting, etc.) _____

Pro-Rated Dues Schedule (New Members Only)

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March
Sustaining	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$3.75
Full	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50
Associate	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$ 2.50	\$1.25
Family Member	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$0.50	\$0.25

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Dues paid – Sustaining() Full() Associate() Family() \$ _____ on _____, 20__ signed _____

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>K&LTG Birthday 6:00 AARC Board Meeting 7:30 AARC Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>AARC Nets 8, 9, 9:30 8 PM Massillon Net 147.18</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8pm Columbiana cty training net</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 PM Canton ARES Net 147.12 9 PM N. Columbiana cty net 147.255 9 PM SAARA Net 146.805 pl 162.22</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Passover 6:30 Portage Skywarn training</p>	<p>9</p> <p>AARC Nets 8, 9, 9:30 8 PM Massillon Net 147.18</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>11</p>
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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/>.

April, 1989, (editor N8IAK)

- There were 3 new Tech's recognized in the April ZB:
 - ◊ Bob Rickard, KB8GAG
 - ◊ Jim Wilson, KB8GHZ
 - ◊ Gladys Wilson, KB8GIA
 - ◊ Gary Grimes, KB8GAB
- The clubs DX contest prize had yet to be claimed. President KC3CL reminded us that "It's not over till the fat lady QSLs". Jack, W8WEN had claimed only 13 countries worked, however Dave suspected the number to be much higher.
- There was a story from the Gearvakf bulletin concerning the 20 Meter band fire from 20 year hence. (ed. Note- Look for a reprint of this one in a future issue of the Zero Beat.)
- President KC3CL was prodding us to "SELL TICKETS", referring to the AARC raffle of a TV, VCR, and telephone.
- The date for the Mall show was fast approach-

ing. antenna parties were scheduled for later in the month.

- Hal Kelley, KE8II was the clubs official "Keeper of the Callbooks". (Ed. Note: This is how we did things before the internet")
- Kitty, KB8DUW thanked K8OMO N8DZA, KE8KH, & N8EWV, for assisting her, and Dave, KC3CL. Both of Kitty & Dave's cars managed to break down at the same time, stranding Kitty in Alliance, and Dave in Pittsburgh.
- Our ARES group was in the process of organizing A Call-up tree, for use in emergencies. The ARES committee consisted of Larry, KE8VE, Allen, WI8T, Jim, N8DZA, and John, KD8MQ.

April, 1994, (editor WX8G)

- In the April, 1994 issue, there was part two of the History ARRL which was begun the previous month.
- Our scheduled speaker for the month was Larry, WD8MPV, who was to speak on emergency communications.
- In addition to the usual offerings from W8WEN's logbook, we were treated to ex-

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