



## Club Elections are Coming Up!

It's that time again. You can always count on certain things happening in October. One of the more important things happens to be that we hold our club elections.

Each October, we chose those men & women who we believe will best guide our club through the year ahead. It is, in your

editors opinion, THE most important meeting of the year.

The trustees are charged with producing a slate of officers to present at the annual meeting. There job is not easy, and we usually wind up accepting nominations from the floor.

The jobs of all officers

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## Emergency Drill Coming Up

There's an emergency drill coming up on October 18th, from 1:00 to 6:00PM. So far, information has been sparse, but we know that Mount Union College, and the Hospital are both involved, along with the local safety forces.

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## Zero Beat Wins Again!

For the third time, the Zero Beat has placed favorably in the Ohio Section Newsletter Contest. Your editor returned from the 2009 Ohio section conference with 2nd place in the Ohio Section newsletter contest. Ohio Section Manager, Frank Piper, KI8GW presented the award, in the absence of our PIO, who was unable to attend.

First place went to NOARS, for their newsletter, the NOARS Log.

Third place was captured by the Butler County VHF society for their newsletter, the Log Sheet.

The Ohio Ham Radio Newsletter contest, originated in 1992, is administered by the Public Information Coordinator, is not only conducted to reward excellence in our newsletters but to reward growth and improvement among all participants.

This is the 3rd time that the Zero Beat has been honored, winning 2nd place in 1995, and 1st place in 2000.

## Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7th, at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the Cafe conference room.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

The annual meeting for the election of officers follows immediately afterwards.

Before the meeting, you're invited to join us at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex Café (2105 W. State St.). We meet there at 6 PM, for food, & fellowship



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## Ramblings

By John, KD8MQ

Well, as you saw on pg 1, it happened again. The Zero Beat has chosen as a winner in the Ohio Section Newsletter Contest. The e-mail came around Labor day from Frank, KI8GW, that we should attend the section conference. There was no word of what we had won, only that we were a finalist.

It was a great surprise, one that I'm happy to share with all of you. I can truthfully say that without your encouragement, there wouldn't be a Zero Beat.

OK, it's time for the important stuff. We have elections for officers coming up on the 7th of October. You can make your jokes about the AARC express, but that is a train that I'd like to see **derailed!**

If you'd like to run for office, please call one of the trustees, and let them know. I won't kid you into thinking that being an officer is easy; It's not! There's work involved, but in return, you get the great feeling that comes from giving something back to your community. Don't worry about being inexperienced, as we all had to start from where we were, to get to where we are. This month, I'm reprinting the bylaws, which include the job descriptions for each office. Furthermore, if you call the current officers, they'll be happy to answer your questions concerning the duties & responsibilities of the job.

Here's just a reminder that the program for the No-

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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 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

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## August Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on August 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Alliance Community Hospital. In the absence of President Frank Sanor, Vice President John Myers, KD8MQ presided. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 13 members present.

For the Secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the minutes for July were in the current newsletter. The Secretary's report was then approved following a motion by Smitty, KC8TJQ and seconded by Tom, KD8JRK.

Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS then gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion again by Smitty and seconded by Tom.

### Old business:

•VP John brought up the subject of the special event station for Carnation Days then turned the discussion over to Don, K8OMO. Don stated that the plan was to set up about 10 AM and operate to about 5 PM, but that antennas were especially needed. Jim, K8LTG volunteered to supply several types as needed. John said he would bring a banner and PR material.

•John then reported on the Stark county fox hunt.

Don, (OMO) was one of the winners along with Dick, (MPN). Two foxes were utilized. Expenses for the fox hunt were absorbed by the planners, so there were no charges to the club. The next fox hunt is a practice run on 2 meters and is scheduled for August 29.

•John then reminded the club about the Triathlon on August 16. The route is the same, and operators are needed. He also reiterated that 2-4 operators are needed for the Castle run on Labor Day.

•John then noted that Field Day results are in the current newsletter. Tom stated that he is currently looking into some different software packages for Field Day, as discussed previously. John stated that he would meet with the committees after Labor Day to discuss issues.

•John reminded the club that volunteers are needed to teach a new round of ham classes.

### New business:

•VP John asked permission to borrow the club's 5/8 wave antenna for use on the upcoming PCARS VHF/FM sprint on August 8. His request was approved on a motion by Dave, N8NLZ and seconded by Don, K8OMO.

•John mentioned that the Ohio QSO party is on August 22.

•He then announced that the club program for November's meeting would be a

homebrew / project night. Projects or equipment built by members should be brought in then for display and discussion.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM on a motion by Smitty, and seconded by Tom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

## Elections - cont.

are described in our club by-laws which are reprinted in this issue of the Zero Beat.

Officers up for election this year are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, & one trustee.

If you are interested in running for any of these offices, come to the meeting, or contact a trustee (*Officers, and trustee contact information are printed on pg. 2*).

## OOPS!

•We have a correction to last months Zero Beat. In listing the Hams who participated in the Carnation Triathlon, I neglected to acknowledge Ben, KD8KMQ.

Now I ask you, how could I forget a Callsign like that? :-)

73 de KD8MQ

## September Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on September 2nd, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Alliance Community Hospital. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 10 members & 5 guests present.

In the absence of Secretary Don, AB8KV, the August minutes were read by VP John, KD8MQ. The minutes were approved on a motion by Tom, KD8JRK, and seconded by Jerry, KG8RN.

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

There was nothing to report regarding the Field Day committee. John, KD8MQ reports that he will be calling a committee meeting sometime after Labor Day.

President Frank, WA8WHP advised the trustees that he'd like to see some kind of slate of candidates brought together before the next election.

### Old business:

•Re the special event station, Don, K8OMO reported that 52 contacts were made, and that requests for certificates had begun to arrive. Howard, K8DXR had volunteered to take care of the logging, and Bob, K8RLS had agreed to do the certificates.

•It was mentioned that

the club picnic was coming up on September 26<sup>th</sup>, at the log cabin in Silver Park.

The club is providing the meat. There was some brief discussion concerning who was bringing what.

K8DXR volunteered to bring plates, cups, silverware, etc.

WA8WHP volunteered to bring buns.

### New business:

•Tom, KD8JRK was asking for volunteers to act as net control for the Thursday night nets.

•The program for the November meeting is Homebrew night. Bring something you built, and tell us about it.

•Christmas Party is on December 12<sup>th</sup>, at Don Panchos.

•HOTY ballots will be in the next newsletter.

•Previous HOTY recipients are on the club website.

•Ron, WC8F was questioning whether the Stark County Ham Directory was still being published. Some discussion followed. The consensus was that it is no longer being published.

•Don, K8OMO asked that any QSL cards to W8LKY be directed to him, for archiving.

•It was noted that a hamfest was coming up in Butler on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

•Massillon is coming up on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

•ARRL symposium is coming up on the 12<sup>th</sup>, in Findlay, with the Findlay

hamfest the next day.

•The Ohio section conference is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>.

•The next fox hunt is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>). Ron, WC8F, and Don, K8OMO were 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the fox hunt which was held on August 29th.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM on a motion by Jerry, KG8RN, and seconded by Smitty, KC8TJQ.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John, KD8MQ, in the absence of Don, AB8KV, Secretary

## K8OMO's Son studying for Ministry

News is received via the Thursday night net, that Brian Whitaker, son of Don, K8OMO, and Sherry, has started studying at Malone University, and plans to major in the field of Youth Ministry.

According to Don, Brian has been working with the youth at First United Methodist Church, where he & his family attend.

Best of luck to him in his studies.

## 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

*(ed. Note: These minutes were originally printed with the regular meeting minutes. I'm excerpting the annual meeting minutes here)*

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 nomi-

nated 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.

## Emergency Drill - cont.

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At this time, we are assuming that our roles as communicators are to relay traffic from the scene of the "disaster" back to the hospital. But, be prepared for anything.

We plan to have more information to share at the upcoming club meeting, as well as updates via e-mail & the net as the time approaches.

## Rambling - cont.

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member meeting will consist of a Homebrew Night. Anything you built, or restored, bring in for display. You'll be given 5 minutes to describe your entry.

After everyone has gone, we'll all vote on the best of show. The 1st, & 2nd place winners will win a surprise gift.

We are starting to put together a program calendar for 2010. So far, we have speakers coming in for March & April. I have some ideas for other programs, but I'm looking for suggestions for other meetings. I'll be sending out some e-mails to people in the next month, asking for ideas.

That's all we have room for this month. See you at the meeting.

73 de KD8MQ

## Old Dog Learns New Trick!

I've recently begun using Anderson PowerPole type connectors on all my 12VDC connections. After resisting them for several years, due to cost, I picked up a pack of 15 amp connectors at the Mansfield Hamfest.

They've turned out to be the most useful items in my arsenal! I use them as quick disconnects in the mobile, as well as on the workbench.

When I needed to hook up the spare 2M rig in the mobile, the powerpoles made it a snap. I keep a cigarette lighter to PowerPole jumper on the bench at all times, in case of just such a situation. I just hooked the jumper to the rig, plugged it in, and I was back on the air, in minutes!

As you can see from the picture (above), the contacts can be soldered, or



Powerpoles, best thing since sliced bread!  
*(photo courtesy of powerwerx.com)*

crimped. There is a crimping tool available, but so far, I've had good luck with just soldering them on.

The contacts then attach to the plastic hoods, which can be locked together, with the use of the roll pin (pictured).

These gems have my vote for the most versatile connectors. For more fun with Power Poles, check out the Weekender column in the September issue of CQ.

## AA8NV's Grandson wins appointment to West Point!

From Larry Beaver, AA8NV come the report that his grandson, Larry Beaver II has won a presidential appointment to west Point.

He was approached by West Point representatives, after scoring quite high on an advanced history test, in his Sophomore year in high school.

He was recommended by then US Rep Ralph Regula, and his appointment was issued by then President George W. Bush, last November.

He plans to pursue the study of either law, politics, or medicine. When he graduates in 2013, he will be a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army.

Our congratulations go out to him.

## The Castle Run

We had a great time being involved with the "Castle Run Festivities". The Alliance Amateur Radio Club supported Communications around the 2 Mile course and also the larger 10K Run. This years participation was most ever, with 455 Runners.

At the beginning there was also a run for the Kids of different age groups. The main job of the Club Group was to provide communica-

tion back to the finish line from different areas of the course, mainly the most Dangerous intersection where the runners would have to cross traffic safely.

This was all accomplished by the following Club Members and Volunteers:

- KD6MPN, Richard (chase vehicle)
- KC8ETZ, Sam (intersection)
- KD8JRK, Tom (intersection)

- K8SRR, Steve (intersection)
- KD8KMQ, Ben (intersection)
- K8OMO, Don (NCS for the Net)

We were also CHEERED on by K8DXR Howard, from the sidelines. Everyone said they had a good time working up a sweat watching all those runners exercising. Hi Hi see ya next year Don K8OMO

## Upcoming Fox Hunts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Hunt/Talk-in Freq</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Start Line</u>
October 7th	6:30 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
October 11th	2:00 pm	146.475	Woodchuck ARC	Kmart Parking Lot 7701 Broadview Road Parma, Ohio 44131
October 21st	6:30 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
October 24th	1:00 PM	446.00	Alliance ARC	200 Glamorgan Alliance

For changes, or additions, e-mail [kd8mq@arrl.net](mailto:kd8mq@arrl.net)

### August FHDR Results

Though the day started out under the specter of rain, the clouds quickly parted, and the sun shone on our August Fox Hunt Practice Run.

This was our last 2 Meter hunt of 2009 (We'll do 440 hunts in September, & October, then break for the holidays).

The first to find the fox was Ron, WC8F, followed by the team of Don, K8OMO, and Richard, KD6MPN. Then came Eddie, KD8FTS. Tom, KC8QOD, and family came by as we were securing the station.

The foxbox was hidden on the Bolton Triangle, and was running 5W, into a 3 element tape measure beam. After finding the fox, everyone gathered at Burger hut to swap stories, and socialize.

### September Fox-hunt Results

The first 440 MHz hut of the year was held on September 27th, after being re-scheduled, so we could attend the Ohio Section Conference.

This hunt was well attended, with Six People, comprising 4 teams, showing up to do battle with the Fox.

The hunters, in order of finish were:

Jim, N8PXW, Don K8OMO/Rick, KC8SUI, Ron, WC8F, & Tom, KC8QOD & XYL.

Jim, and Don, were neck & neck, both running for the fox, but Jim took the win.

Afterwards, we all adjourned to Sheetz for the required ragchew session.

See you all at the next hunt on the 24th!

### Final hunt of the year is coming up.

Well, with our final hunt of the year coming up, can winter be too much farther behind? Our final hunt will be on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM.

The starting line will again be the Glamorgan castle, and the hunt frequency will be 446.000MHz.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The hunts will resume in January, or February, weather permitting.



## Commercialization of Amateur Radio, And Donations Made to Amateur Radio Groups

ARRL OH Section

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Mon, Sep 28, 2009 at 9:08 AM

On Friday, the ARRL released their statement of the Commercialization of Amateur Radio. I suggest each of you visit the ARRL website, and read

this important document. In short, there is no change in FCC part 97 covering the use of Amateur Radio and pecuniary interest. This document describes the topic in greater detail.

In the past few weeks, I and Section Emergency Coordinator Jack Sovik, KB8WPZ have been approached regarding Amateur Radio Groups and donations made by organizations. Jack took this matter to the league, and Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Regulatory Information Manger, gave us permission to post his reply via this e-mail:

**"This type of question generally comes up in conjunction of**

**organizations wanting to make a donation to the ham group for providing public service communications - such as the Walk-a-Thon organizers**

**making a \$100 donation to the club for providing communications for their Walk-a-Thon.**

**This is a very grey and dangerous area... There can not be a quid pro**

**quo - that is any kind of arrangement/agreement/understanding between the two groups that amounts to a "if the hams do this we will make a donation to the ham club." Ham clubs should not be trying to raise money by doing public service communications. If the group they help wants to make a donation after the fact, well and good, but it can not be part of the discussions in arranging for the hams to participate and it can not be an expectation of the club to receive an honorarium of any kind.**

**The second time this gets asked is generally when a group offers things like T-shirts, etc to the ham volunteers. Again, this is an area that needs to be carefully considered. If everyone who is volunteering to help is getting a**

**volunteer t-shirt, that is incidental and the FCC is not going to be too concerned about it. But it can't be an arrangement where the ham group asks the organization to provide t-shirts for its volunteers as part of their agreement to work with them. Again, the hams need to be doing their communications function with no strings or expectations attached. The same things with food for example - if they are feeding all volunteers, then the hams are ok, but the club can't request/expect meals as part of their agreement to participate.**

**The third time this often arises is when an organization wants to compensate the amateur for out-of-pocket expenses. It is permissible to accept real out-of-pocket reimbursements. For example, gas money if you are driving a Walk-a-Thon route as the "sag wagon" is ok, but only reasonable amounts to cover the costs. A \$50 "gas payment" if you only drove 10-miles would not**

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## Commercialization- cont.

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**be ok. During Katrina we had a problem with this in particular. We had funds to reimburse amateurs for travel expenses to and from the scene, which was permissible - but we had many who would not accept it because they perceived it as "payment" for services in stead of reimbursement for expenses.**

**The amateurs need to be mindful not only of the letter of the rule here, but the intent of it as well, along with the public perception.**

**Hope this helps...**

**73**

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## Volunteers Valued At \$20.25 Per Hour

For the last couple years, I've been a member of the ARRL PR reflector. We use the reflector to share media hits, among other things. A few weeks ago, a post by Allen, W1AGP caught my eye.

According to a link he passed along, the value of a volunteer has been updated to \$20.25/hr. These are 2008 numbers; The 2009 numbers have yet to be crunched.

The benefits of volunteering are great. When we volunteer for a public service event, we:

- Exercise communication skills which may someday be called into use during an emergency. These skills can atrophy with non-use, so the best way to keep them sharp is to practice them regularly.

- Test our equipment under real world conditions.

Like our communication skills, our equipment needs regular testing, and maintenance, to stay in good condition.

- Make ourselves more valuable to the agencies that we serve. By working together with the safety forces, and organizers of these events, we become familiar with each others strengths, & weaknesses. This gives up opportunities to better understand their needs, while making them aware of our capabilities.

- helping to make our community a better place to live.

So, keep this in mind next time you're asked to volunteer to work a public service event.

The original article can be read online at: [http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer\\_time.html](http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html).

## QST Archives Just One Benefit of League Membership

Have you ever wanted to look up something in a back-issue of QST? I used to have to go to the library, and pray that the copy I wanted was there, and in one piece.

A couple years ago, the league made available all issues, (even the ads) on the website. Everything is searchable, which makes it a

snap to find what you want.

So what's available? How about every issue of QST from December 1915 through December 2005!

I find this service more than worth the annual dues.

To learn more, go to <http://www.arrl.org>.

## Allpinouts.org

How many times have you been working on a circuit, and needed to know the pinout of a connector? I have, and it's certainly no fun searching online for an obscure pinout. Thanks to a new website I discovered this summer, things just got easier.

<http://www.allpinouts.org>

This site seems fairly complete, as long as you are looking for computer cables.

Finding a pinout for a USB, or Ethernet cable was a snap. I did a search on Yaesu, and did find one of their RJ-45 bases mic connector diagrams. No such luck with Icom, or Kenwood.

But, the site allows uploads of pinouts as well, so things will change as more people share what they have.

For now, this is a good addition to my favorites file.

## Manufacturer of Texas Bug Catcher Antenna to Cease Operations

After October 31, 2009, GLA Systems, the manufacturer of the Texas BugCatcher antennas [www.texasbugcatcher.com](http://www.texasbugcatcher.com) will cease taking orders for new antennas; according to their Web site, all orders received before that date will be filled. "Effective November 1, only orders for items that are in stock at the time will be accepted.

## Jamboree On The Air

JOTA is coming up as usual on the third weekend in October. This year, Frank, WA8WHP is in charge of setting up a station, and needs our help.

The purpose of JOTA is largely to get scouts on the air, and interested in Amateur Radio. Towards that end, we are setting up a station at the First Christian Church on W. Beech St., on Saturday, October 17th. Frank plans to run the station from about 10 AM until about 4 - 6 PM.

Volunteers are needed for setup, teardown, and operating. More information will be available at the October club meeting, or by contacting Frank directly (*His contact info is on pg2.*) See you there!

Effective December 31, 2009, the toll free line, 1-800-588-2841, will be discontinued." No reason was given for the closure, but on GLA's Web site, owner Henry Allen, K5BUG, said. "It has been a fun 30 years, but it is time to hang it up. I would like to thank everyone who has made this experience possible."

(from ARRL Letter, Vol. 28, No. 35)

## Wayback - cont.

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•The 1994 Mall show had wrapped up another successful run. The Salem group (SAARA) brought their giant code key. Best of show was won by Don, K8OMO, for his antique Collins station. A close runner-up were Jim, KB8GHZ, and Gladys, KB8GIA. Their table included, a variety of displays, including a emergency station in a cart, which ultimately appeared in QST.

•Reservations were being accepted for the 1994 AARC Christmas banquet. It was being held at Roadhouse Charlies. The most expensive thing on the menu was steak, at \$12.95.

### October, 1999, (editor K8LTG)

•Elections were held at the October meeting. Officers were as follows:

Pres: Jerry, KG8RN

VP: Larry, KE8VE

Secretary: Dave, W8UKQ

Treasurer: Mary Ann, KB8IVS

•Ballots were being solicited for Ham of the Year. Outgoing HOTY was Mary Ann, KB8IVS

### October, 2004, (editor KE8VE)

•Ray, K8DEN was recuperating at home.

•The homeland security station at the hospital was up & operational.

•Howard, KC8YIF changed his Callsign to K8DXR.

•Allen, WI8T, and John, KD8MQ were planning a trip to Butler county, PA for the PA QSO Party.

## Volunteers Needed

This was received as the ZB was going to bed. Text of e-mail follows:

I'm looking for a few operators for the Akron Diabetes Walk---Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes.

The date is Sunday October 4th, 2009.

Here is the information for the event.

We will need about 14 volunteers to help at the American Diabetes Walk in Beautiful Akron, Ohio. This is a walking event on the streets of Beautiful Downtown Akron. There is a 5 mile walk and a 2 mile walk.

The volunteers will need to be at University of Akron parking lot just one block up from Canal Park. Home of the Akron Aeros. The lot is by the University of Akron parking deck. Corner of East Bechtel Ave and South High Street. Be there between 7:15 AM and 7:45AM (The time was a request by the ADA). This year will be the first time for the walk to start at Lock3 just north of Canal Park. This event will end around 1:30pm.

Here is the link to sign up for this event. [http://www.sumco-ares.org/signup\\_walkakron.htm](http://www.sumco-ares.org/signup_walkakron.htm)

Also they can call me at home. If I'm not home they can leave a message with my automated secretary. My number is (330)688-5605

Thank You, Art N8RKA

October 2009

## PA QSO Party Is Coming Up

Well, fall arrived this weekend, and football started a few weeks ago, so that can only mean one thing. Contest season is approaching.

October 10th & 11th marks the 52<sup>nd</sup> running of the PA QSO Party, one of, if not the best of the state QSO Parties.



The contest period runs from Noon, on October 11th, to 6 PM on October 12th, with an 8 hour break between 1AM & 9 AM on Sunday morning.

The rules are simple, and can be found online at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html>.

Here's the summary: The exchange for out of state stations are a serial number, and your state (ex. 001 OH). PA stations send a serial number and county abbreviation. County abbreviations can also be found on the PA QSO Party website.

If you're not operating from PA, then your multipliers are the 67 PA counties.

If you are operating from within PA, then your multipliers are the 67 Pa

counties, plus all ARRL sections plus all RAC sections.

For those who are planning rover, mobile, or portable operations, and want to concentrate on those counties which have been rare, in the past, that information can be found on my PQP website at <http://www.kd8mq.info/pqp/>.

Also, there is a Pa QSO Party Reflector where a lot of operators post their plans for the party. Bud, AA3B compiles a the plans and posts them to the reflector every week. Instructions are on the PA QSO Party homepage.

As I said before, this is one of the best of the state QSO Parties. If you are pursuing your Worked all Counties, it's a great way to polish off an entire state, in one weekend.

Myself, Allen, WI8T, and Ben, KD8KMQ are planning to operate from Jefferson County, in the cabin of John, N8PLA. Listen for us. We'll likely be hitting 40 & 80 SSB as our main bands.

Hope to hear you on!



AARC Picture Pages



Top Left: That's OMO on the right, if you can't tell.

Top Right: Frank, WA8WHP addresses the troops.

Middle Left: Well, the coals are *almost* ready.

Middle Right: Franks grandson making his case for dessert.

Bottom Left: Your editor with Frank, KI8GW. Frank is our new ARRL Section Manager. As hard as I pulled, he refused to let loose of that certificate! :-)

# October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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/>.

### October, 1989, (editors KB8GCE & KB8GCF)

•Janice & Dennis noted that there were 7 licensed Husband & wife couples in the club. They were:

- KC3CL & KB8DUW
- N8EWV & KE8KH
- KB8GCE & KB8GCF
- KA8FUZ & KB8GAC
- KB8GHZ & KB8GIA
- KD8MQ & N8IAK
- WB8MEK & KB8FBM

•Novice classes had just begun. Instructors were KD8MQ & N8DZA (K8LTG)

•Beginning in 1991, Ohio Ham plates were to again have the words "Amateur Radio".

•There was a story of a Louisiana forest ranger who fell from a 180 ft tower, and survived without any broken bones.

•British police were requesting help in the murder of a British Ham, & his wife. Anyone who

could recall the gist of a QSO with the Ham during a one week period, were asked to contact the Pembroke police.

•WB2PTI was charged with 50 counts of mail fraud in a scam concerning the sale of Uniden ten-Meter rigs.

### October, 1994, (editor WX8G)

•The club fall licensing classes had begun. The instructor was Larry, KE8VE.

•The club elections were fast approaching.

•Another fox hunt was approaching. Foxes for the hunt were KD8MQ & N8IAK.

•There was a short piece on WA6OTU's cheap ground rods, which consisted of a piece of 1/2" rebar, slipped inside of a piece of 1/2" water pipe.

•Plans were afoot for the 2nd annual "Santa Net". Some sort of pre-internet technology was being used to contact the north pole via 2 Meters.

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