



Homebrew Night Scheduled For November Meeting

OK, dust off those soldering irons, clean up those bud boxes, and finish up those projects, because November 4th is "Homebrew Night"! Judging will begin after our November meeting. Oh, by the way, **you** are the judges. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun, whether a club member, or not.

Here's how it works: After we dispense of the business meeting, we'll take a short break, after which, everyone who has brought a homebrew or restoration project, will be allowed up to 5 minutes, to talk about their entry, answer questions, and plead for your votes.

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AARC participates in Drill

Several local Hams, most of them AARC members participated in a disaster drill on October 18th. Our job was to assist in the relay of information between the crime scene, the "Emergency Room", and the Incident Command Center.

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AARC Election results

We held our annual meeting immediately following our regular October 7th meeting. Most of the faces remain the same, with one new face, and the rest just shuffled around a bit.

Your Editor/VP moved up into the presidents chair.

Howard, K8DXR was successful in his first run for office, being elected to the position of Vice-President.

Don, AB8KV was re-elected as club secretary. This will be Don's 5th year as club secretary. He took over in spring of 05, on the resignation of Dave, W8UKQ

Mary Ann, KB8IVS was re-elected as club secretary, continuing in the office she has held since 1994.

The outgoing trustee was George, K3GP, who declined nomination for re-election. The nomination for Tom, KD8JRK was withdrawn, after an objection was raised as to his experience. Ultimately, Frank, WA8WHP was nominated, and elected as our new trustee.

The minutes of the regular, and annual meeting can be found on page 3 of this issue.

Most gratifying to your editor, is that we actually had a contested race. So, while it's too soon for the AARC express to be laid to rest, it's fair to say that it stayed in the yard this time.

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th, at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the Cafe conference room.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

This month is our Homebrew night. More information is elsewhere in this issue.

Before the meeting, you're invited to join us at

Luna's Restaurant
2340 W. State St.

Please note the change of restaurant.

We meet there at 6 PM, for food, & fellowship

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Rambling

By John, KD8MQ

Well, as you have no doubt seen on the front page, I've traded my VP hat for one which says Pres. I guess the time seemed right.

Back in the day, when Larry, KE8VE would bring up the subject of me running for president, I was dead set against it, at least while I was editing the Zero Beat. My reasoning was that no one member should be put in the position of shouldering too much of the load for the club.

But, times do change. Also, there're are some goals I'd like to see the club shoot for, and I feel that these are best accomplished from the presidents chair.

In talking to different members over the last couple of years, I've found that we agree on some things; One is that this club needs to grow. We need new members, and increased enthusiasm. Most of the rest of the goals I'm about to outline are a means to this end.

First, it's no secret that this club is spending more than we bring in on dues. The balance in Our club savings has been dropping steadily for years. We need a fundraiser now, before we get in trouble.

We could spend a small amount on a HT, print some tickets, and start selling chances. We limit the raffle to only once a year, so we don't overload the market (or our members). Let's talk about this at an upcoming meeting.

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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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October Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on October 7, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Alliance Community Hospital with club President Frank Sanor, WA8WHP presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 13 members present along with Miriam Sanor and guest Benjamin Davis, KD8KMQ.

For the Secretary's report Don, AB8KV thanked Vice President John, KD8MQ for handling last month's meeting minutes due to his absence. He then thanked the club for the get-well card signed and sent to Don's wife Judy in the aftermath of her cancer surgery. The Secretary's report was approved on a motion from Tom, KD8JRK and seconded by George, K3GP.

Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS then gave the Treasurer's report. Don, K8OMO had a question concerning what the club bylaws actually stated about how much money could be held in petty cash versus being deposited. After some brief discussion, President Frank asked Secretary Don to check his copy of the bylaws and report at the next meeting. The Treasurer's report was then approved on a motion by Don, K8OMO and seconded by Tom, KD8JRK.

Old business:

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•President Frank commented about how enjoyable the club picnic had been. Several others added positive comments as well.

New business:

•Tom, KD8JRK noted that his father Bob, K8RLS was out of the hospital and would appreciate visitors.

•Don, K8OMO announced to the club that a local area disaster drill centered at the Hoover-Price campus was scheduled for October 18 and that operators were needed.

Joe, KC8TAC added that area people participating in the drill would be coming to Alliance Community Hospital and that another coordinating hospital or pseudo-hospital may also need a communications person.

•VP John asked to borrow the club's Yaesu transceiver for the Pennsylvania QSO party on the upcoming weekend and made a motion thereof. The motion was seconded by Tom, KD8JRK and passed on a voice vote.

•John also noted the club's web site renewal was due at the end of the month and made a motion to renew. This was seconded by Sam, KC8ETZ and passed on a voice vote.

•VP John noted that the Zero Beat newsletter had received second place in the Ohio Section newsletter competition.

•John reported that an amateur radio club in Newark had received permission to place a shortwave radio in

their public library for patrons to use, including information about their club and ham radio in general. He wondered if AARC should look into doing the same.

President Frank then suggested the club think about it until the next meeting.

•John then noted that the next meeting, in November, was homebrew night, with members encouraged to bring in any homebrew projects they might have built to share with everyone. A small prize would be awarded for the best project.

•Joe, KC8TAC moved to allocate \$100 for door prizes at the club Christmas dinner along with funds to pay for the dinner of a guest of honor. This was seconded by Jerry, KG8RN and passed on a voice vote.

•Jerry commented on the Knox Safety Day, held on October 3, then asked the club if anyone had any opinions about the Cuyahoga County tailgate hamfest. However, apparently no other club member was aware of it or had attended.

•Jerry then suggested the club might again consider sponsoring a hamfest with possible sites including the Mile Branch Grange or the Columbiana County fairgrounds. After some discussion, President Frank suggested tabling the matter until discussions might be held with the Salem club and pos-

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sibly others about jointly sponsoring such an event.

VP John then made a motion asking Jerry to informally inquire of Mile Branch Grange and the fairgrounds personnel about what they would require to host a hamfest, possibly in July with the 10th as a target date. The motion was seconded by Tom, KD8JRK and passed on a voice vote.

•President Frank then requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting in order to hold annual officer elections. Don, K8OMO so moved, with Joe, KC8TAC seconding. Outgoing Trustee George, K3GP then presided over the elections.

Annual officer elections

Nominations for President:

•Frank agreed to stay on as President if re-elected.

•Vice President John, KD8MQ, nominated by Don, K8OMO and seconded by Frank, WA8WHP.

As there were no other apparent nominations, Joe, KC8TAC moved that nominations be closed, with Tom, KD8JRK seconding (approved).

The election for President was then carried out by paper ballots, with John winning the election.

Nominations for Vice President:

•Howard, K8DXR, nominated in absentia by Tom, KD8JRK and seconded by George, K3GP.

With no other apparent nominations, Tom moved that nominations be closed, with Joe, KC8TAC seconding (approved). Howard's election was then approved by voice vote.

Nominations for Treasurer:

•Mary Ann, KB8IVS nominated by George, K3GP and seconded by Frank, WA8WHP. With no other nominations, Tom then moved that nominations be closed, with Joe seconding (approved). Mary Ann was then re-elected by voice vote.

Nominations for Secretary:

•Don, AB8KV nominated by John, KD8MQ and seconded by Tom, KD8JRK. With no other nominations, Tom moved that nominations be closed, with Larry, AA8NV seconding (approved). Don was then re-elected by voice vote.

Nominations for Trustee (replacing George, whose term was expiring):

•Tom, KD8JRK nominated by Joe, KC8TAC. Don, K8OMO opposed the nomination on the grounds that Tom, being a relatively new ham and club member, was not yet experienced enough for the Trustee position. Joe subsequently withdrew his nomination.

•Frank, WA8WHP by John, KD8MQ with several others seconding the motion. Joe then moved that nominations be closed, with Tom seconding (approved). Frank

was then elected by voice vote.

With elections completed, Frank requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. George so moved, with Tom seconding. The meeting was thus adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

AARC Participates in Drill - cont.

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You'll notice the quotation marks around Emergency Room. That's because for the purpose of the drill, the ER was the old Pumpers Gym building.

Several other agencies participated, including, but not limited to: Alliance, community Hospital, Alliance PD, Alliance Fire Dep't, and Mount Union College. They were working from the Stark County Mass-Casualty Drill.

The scenario for the drill was that an armed woman had taken hostages in one of the Mt. Union Dorms.

Once the gunman was dispatched, and all the victims were accounted for, the all clear was given. Afterward, pizza was provided at

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Next, we need to increase both our club membership, and our meeting attendance. The attendance at some meetings has been pretty sparse, not that I could blame anyone for staying away, though. Let's face it, a straight business meeting is BORING! Our meetings need to be interesting enough that people feel horrible about missing one. My opinion is that as your meeting attendance grows, so will your membership.

Towards that end, we have some interesting programs scheduled in the next year. One example is the homebrew night which is coming up on November 4th. We are still gathering ideas, and there are some program slots to fill, so if there's a subject you'd like to know more about, let me know, and we'll see what we can do.

Another place where we can improve is in the PR department. We need to let people know that we are here, and what we have to offer them. We want them to see us having a good time, and maybe join in, and get involved. I'm open to ideas on this one.

Lastly, we need to be at least aware, if not active in the happenings elsewhere in the ARRL field organization. We have some Amateur Radio related bills coming up in the legislature. Do you know what they are about?

Or how to comment on them? I don't. The last time our division director requested that hams send comments on a bill, the response was terrible. We can no longer afford to be oblivious to the happenings around us.

For that reason, I have appointed Tom, KD8JRK as our ARRL Liaison. His job will be to keep us up to speed on what's happening elsewhere in the Great Lakes Division.

OK, so those are the issues and the solutions, as I see them. If you agree, let me know. If you **don't** agree, also let me know, so I can hear your views. I sure don't have all the answers, and would love to hear your ideas.

Board Meeting Location Changed

After polling the board, and hearing no objections, and one yes, We are moving the board meeting this month, to Luna's Restaurant. Luna's is a little further west, and on the opposite side of State St from Don Panchos.

This is not a permanent change. Let's give it a try, and see how we like it. Lyn & I ate there tonight, and found the prices to be comparable to Don Panchos.

As usual, we meet at 6 PM, and everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Homebrew Night -cont.

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After entries have been shown, we'll pass the hat, everyone votes, and a winner is declared. In case of a tie, the entrants will duke it out at the December meeting (Just kidding, of course).

The winner will take home a fabulous prize, the likes of which has never been seen at an AARC meeting, and will be revealed on November 4th.

We hope to see you there. Questions regarding the rules should be written on the back of a 50 dollar bill, and submitted in triplicate to the board of trustees.

Oops!

Well, we didn't exactly have a golden issue last time. There were a couple Oops in the October issue of the Zero Beat.

•Brian Whitaker, the son of Don (K8OMO) & Sherry, is studying at Malone, for the ministry. Last month, we got the name of his church wrong. Brian & his family attend the First United Presbyterian Church.

•Sorry for the error in the calendar. There was no Cuyahoga Falls fox hunt scheduled for the 28th of October.



AARC
Christmas Party
December 12, 2009 @ 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!

C6APR Team Dies in Plane crash!

Just after take-off -- around 6:30 AM on Wednesday, October 21 -- a twin-engine plane carrying four Amateur Radio operators crashed into the woods, only 250 yards off the end of the runway in Jedburg, South Carolina, about 20 miles northwest of Charleston. The plane -- piloted and owned by Peter Radding, W2GJ -- carried Ed Steeble, K3IXD, Dallas Carter, W3PP, and Randy Hargenrader, K4QO. The four men were on their way to the Bahamas to operate in this weekend's CQ World Wide Phone Contest as C6APR, competing in the Multi/2 category.

Radding, of North Charleston, South Carolina,

was 69; Steeble, of Summerville, South Carolina was 68; Carter, of Laurel, Delaware, was 67 and Hargenrader, also of Summerville, was 55. All were ARRL members; Radding and Steeble were Life Members.

According to Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet, the four hams had made this trip before with Radding piloting the plane. Nisbet said Radding had flown to Delaware to pick up Carter earlier in the week.

"How quickly can a joyous event -- setting off with close friends in anticipation of a weekend of intense radio activity -- turn to unfathomable tragedy," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer

David Sumner, K1ZZ. "As we mourn the loss of these four well-known members of our global Amateur Radio community, our hearts go out to their families."

Dorchester County Administrator Jason Ward characterized the crash site 250 yards east of the runway as "extremely severe" and that the plane was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived; investigators were hindered by the flaming wreckage and "charred foliage" at the scene. A crew from the county public works department had to create a path to the wreckage. Chief Deputy Sheriff Sam Richardson said there was damage

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Ham of the Year ballots are due



Now's the time to cast your vote for the 2009 Ham of the Year.

Get your ballot to John, KD8MQ ASAP! His contact info is on page two.

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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	John Myers	KD8MQ
2009	??????	

My vote for Ham of the Year is: _____

Comments (optional) _____

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to treetops in the area of the crash. The coroner said it appears the severity of the crash, and not the fire, is what killed the men.

One of the victims was found beneath some of the wreckage, Ward said. Debris was spread around an area several yards wide at the crash site, and the wrecked plane was apparently upside down, he said.

It was extremely dark when the plane took off, Ward said. Airport Manager Don Hay said the weather was clear at the time. "[Radding] was a very experienced pilot who knew the area," Ward said. "He had been flying for over 40

years." Nisbet said Radding filed a flight plan detailing his route and who was on board, but the plane never climbed high enough for those plans to be activated.

Robert Biss, W8ZA, of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, accompanied Steeble, Carter, Radding and Hargenrader to the Bahamas last year for the 2008 running of the CQWW SSB Contest. "It was only one year to the day that I first flew with Pete Radding, W2GJ," he told the ARRL. "He was a good pilot with more than 40 years experience. He loved to fly and did a lot of it. Pete was also president of the [Angel Flight](#) organization for the Southeastern United States. I met

Ed Steeble through common interests -- ham radio and contesting -- and the Potomac Valley Radio Club. In time, Ed became the Liaison Officer between my place of employment and his, and we spent more time together. He also joined our club station at work and became one of the operators at W8ZA Multi-Multi station for SSB DX contests. Even after he moved to South Carolina, he made the 10 hour trip several times to contest with friends. I had talked with Dallas many times over the years, but had never met him personally until just before we left for the Bahamas. I met Randy for the first time

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Plane crash - cont

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in October 2008 when we had our departure dinner in Summerville. It is just too hard to understand what went wrong this time. I will wait until the NTSB releases its report. Until then I will grieve along with their families and the ham radio fraternity, for we have lost four very special people in this one tragic event."

Radding's neighbor, Jim Deaton, said the man and others planned to stop in Florida, pick up more passengers and then head to the Bahamas.

Stella Bazzle, who lives about a half-mile from the airport, described to [The Summerville Journal Scene](#) what she heard right before the plane went down: "The motor sounded like it was coming over the house. I heard the first explosion...then the second (explosion) wasn't as loud." She described the engine noise as "kind of a funny noise, like a grinding type thing." Bazzle said she then heard ambulances and called her neighbor, who'd heard similar noises.

Carter, Steeble and Radding were members of the Potomac Valley Radio Club ([PVRC](#)); Carter and Radding were also members of the Frankford Radio Club ([FRC](#)). PVRC President Ken Claerbout, K4ZW, told the ARRL that he was "stunned and saddened" when he heard the news of the crash:

"I had several e-mail exchanges with Dallas over the last two weeks about our Sweepstakes effort. He spoke with excitement of the group's trip to C6 for CQWW SSB and vowed to be on for Sweepstakes CW. He said he might have to work during Sweepstakes SSB, but if not, he would be there! Dallas joined PVRC in 1963. Ed was also a very active member of PVRC before moving to South Carolina. Ed joined PVRC in 1992 and is a past chairman of our Northwest Chapter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and families of all four gentlemen. Another stark reminder of how fickle life can be." -- *Thanks to the many friends of these four hams, the Associated Press and The Summerville Journal Scene for the information*

Disaster Drill - cont.

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the Hoover Price Campus Center.

The following Hams participated in the drill:

- K80MO - NCS
- KD8MQ
- Command Center
- KD8JRK
- Mt. Union Fire station
- KD8KMQ - Simulated ER
- WA8WHP - Simulated ER
- KC8SUI - Incident scene
- WB8OVQ & WD8BIW
- Alliance PD

N8PXW Wins Final AARC Foxhunt of 2009

Well, the rain subsided, and the temperature, though brisk, was manageable for the AARC's final fox hunt of the year. Some technical issues had to be overcome, but a good time was had by all.

The fox for this 446 MHz hunt was Allen, WI8T. He found a great hiding place for the fox, in a parking lot in downtown Alliance. He started the foxbox promptly at 1 PM, but due to RF feedback into the foxboxes Processor, wound up switching over to manual mode for most of the rest of the hunt.

The first to find the fox, was Jim, N8PXW, followed a few minutes later by the team of John, KD8MQ, and Don, K80MO. Shortly afterwards, Rick, KC8SUI, his son, and his Mom found the foxes lair.

The crew adjourned to Sheetz's for snacks, and the swapping of tall tales.

This will be our last fox hunt of 2009. Our thanks go out to all who have participated this year. We hope to see you again next year, as we plan for some even more diabolical hunts.

In 2010, the gloves will come off. We have many cold winter nights ahead. Just right for thinking of even more fiendish hiding places for the fox. HEE HEE HEEE!

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Massillon Hamfest</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7PM: Canton ARES Net 147.12 9 PM N. Col. Cty net 147.255 9 PM SAARA Net-146.805 pl K3GP BD</p>	<p>4</p> <p>AARC Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sherry Whitaker BD</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7pm: PCARS Net 146.895 8 PM Massillon Net 147.18(+) AARC Nets 8pm: CW on 28.400 MHz 8:30pm: SSB on 28.400 MHz 9pm: 145.37 (-)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7PM Canton ARES Net 147.12 8PM-Homeland Security net 9 PM N. Columbiana cty net 147.255 9 PM SAARA Net-146.805</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving 7pm: PCARS Net 146.895 8 PM Massillon Net 147.18(+) AARC Nets 8pm: CW on 28.400 MHz 8:30pm: SSB on 28.400 MHz 9pm: 145.37 (-)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</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/newsltrs/>.

November, 1989, (editors KB8GCE & KB8GCF)

- Janice & Dennis started a series of articles on couples in our club.

- Our friends at the Salem Area Amateur Radio Association were preparing to hold their 2nd annual pancake breakfast.

November, 1994, (editor WX8G)

- The elections were history. The officers for 1994 were:

- Pres: Pam, N8IAK
- VP: Don, K8OMO
- Secretary: Gladys, KB8GIA
- Treasurer: Mary Ann, KB8IVS
- Trustee: Ray, K8DEN

- Operation Santa Claus was coming up. Santa was making an appearance on the N8DZA repeater.

- We had a foxhunt followed by a picnic at N8BGJ's house.

- There was a report of a comet, which became trapped in Jupiter's orbit, and after breaking up, proceeded to pelt the surface for 6 days!

November, 2004, (editor KE8VE)

- According to Larry, the AARC railroad made the trip in record time. The annual meeting lasted all of 7 minutes! When the smoke cleared, the officers for 2005 were:

- Pres: Bob, K8RLS
- VP: Joe, KC8TAC
- Secretary: Dave, W8UKQ
- Treasurer: Mary Ann, KB8IVS
- Trustee: Jim, N8XTJ

- Larry ran chapter 11 of "The Wayback Machine", by Bill Continelli, W2XOY.