



N8XTJ SK



Jim, N8XTJ at the 2009 AARC Christmas party

In what can be classed as a surprise to this writer, we were notified on February 1st, of the passing of Jim Lilley, N8XTJ. Jim had been a member of this club for more years than I can remember. He served as trustee from 2001 - 2007. He collected the money for the 50/50 drawings for several years, relinquishing that task only a couple months ago. He was also a regular check-in on our Thursday night 2 Meter net.

KD8MQ - "Jim was a graduate of our Novice classes. It seemed that Jim was always actively helping someone; Driving them to dr. appointments, etc.

Whenever we needed operators for an event, Jim was someone who you could usually count on to be there."

K8OMO - "Well another great friend and fellow Ham leaves us.

I could fill a book

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Dues Are Due

Well, as hard as it is to believe, it is that time again. Our annual year runs from April 1st through March 31. So, the time is just ticking away to pay your dues.

There is a renewal form in this issue of the Zero Beat. Mary Ann will be more than happy to handle your renewal either at the next meeting, or via mail. Her address is on the application/renewal form.

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010 at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the 2nd floor conference room.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

This months program is on CW, and is presented by Bill, WB9LBI

Before the meeting, you're invited to join us at 6pm at

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Rambling

By John, KD8MQ

Hi everybody, take heart, spring is almost here. Just a few more weeks now. This issue looks like it's going to be quite a bit larger than the last. That's due in part to me having more time available, but it's also that we have more events coming up in the next couple months.

Fox hunts are starting up this month, so the fox hunt column is coming back. It has this month's schedule, as well as news of a new fox-hunting website which should be online by now.

We've finalized plans for the 1st annual Stark County VHF QSO Party, which is scheduled for April 10th.

The ARRL has chosen a standard safety vest design for ARES volunteers. I have reprinted it in this issue. This is something that likely be on the agenda at the next club meeting.

Speaking of the club meeting, we have a guest speaker this month. Bill, WB9LBI will be coming to do a program on CW. It sounds like a good one, so we hope you can attend.

Our regular meeting room is unavailable this time, so we will be in the 2nd floor conference room. Just come to the hospital lobby, and follow the signs.

By the time you read this, The club will have it's very own Facebook page. Please take a minute, and check it out. There'll be more information elsewhere in this

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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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February Minutes

February 3, 2010

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on February 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM at Alliance Community Hospital with club President John Myers, KD8MQ presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 10 members present along with Miriam Sanor and guest Dale Lamm, NX8J.

President John then observed a moment of silence, followed by members' remembrances, for Jim Lilly, N8XTJ who became a SK on January 31.

John then announced club birthdays for February, including KA8LKQ, N8FCL and AB8KV.

For the Secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the January minutes were in the newsletter, then reported that a thank-you letter had been sent to KA8JOY for his presentation at the December meeting. He also noted that flowers, on behalf of the club, had been provided for N8XTJ's calling hours and funeral. The Secretary's report was approved on a motion from Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Tom, KD8JRK.

Treasurer Mary Ann, KB8IVS gave the Treasurer's report. The report was ap-

proved on a motion by Smitty, KC8TJQ and seconded by Dallas, KB8SKS.

President John then handed out certificates to George, K3GP for Field Day top operator, and for filling the role of a club trustee from 2003-2009.

Committee reports:

•John reported that the Field Day rules for 2010 had finally been released and that the committee would get together later in February to discuss them.

•Concerning ARES, Don, K8OMO and President John discussed the use and requirement of reflective vests for workers in emergency situations. Frank then raised the issue of volunteer workers being covered under the workman's compensation laws. It was decided that further investigation was needed to verify this.

•Tom, KD8JRK then reported on ARRL news. He noted that February was a busy contest month with numerous HF events. He then reported that the Ohio PRB legislation is still in progress, contained in HB212 and S218 bills. He also reminded the club about the new Technician exam question pool which will become effective July 1 of this year.

•Don, K8OMO then reminded the club about a new

state law requiring license plate renewals to be completed by the first of the month, rather than by your birth date in that month. Few people were aware of the change.

Old business:

•President John announced that he had spoken to TUSCO about manning requirements to host a hamfest, and was told that 20-25 people were needed to handle it. John said that if anyone wanted to take on the task of trying to recruit and organize for such an event, they were welcome to do so, but failing that, he felt the time was not right for the club to take on the project.

•John then spoke on the subject of the Stark county QSO party. He has sent out via email packets of information concerning the event and noted that he amended the term "mobile" to "mobile/portable" to accommodate operation from more than one location using the same call. He said he would be visiting area clubs to promote the event after finalization of the rules and procedures. There was then a series of comments by members regarding suggestions for specific areas still in question.

John addressed the

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issue of prizes (hats) for the various operating categories, along with proposing a plaque for the club award. It was decided that the smaller logo for the hats was most desirable.

John then noted that no specific software would be endorsed for the contest, leaving it up to the individual operators to decide what works best for them.

Tom stated that he had looked at four different programs and none of them were adaptable for this event. Frank suggested that W8MKH be contacted about providing specific software, and said he would try to reach him.

John then reiterated that the contest was on Saturday, April 10 from 12 to 6 PM. He then asked for a motion to accept the contest rules as presented. Tom so moved, with Smitty providing the second. The motion was

then approved on a voice vote.

•John then announced that the March meeting would not be held at the WDLI TV station as previously proposed, but will be in the hospital second floor conference room. Bill, WB9LBI will present a program about CW.

•John also reminded the club that the November meeting will include the 2nd club homebrew contest.

•Don, K8OMO announced that the Field Day backup power supply had successfully completed the burn-in period and was ready to go.

•Smitty raised a question about online registration for funerals. This led to John's request for testimonials concerning N8XTJ to be included in the Zero Beat.

New business:

•President John raised the issue of perhaps starting a group on Facebook for the

club. Some issues and concerns were discussed, with most members seeming to support the idea. John then made a motion to start such a group; this was seconded by Tom and approved on a voice vote.

•John reminded the club about the Stark county Skywarn training on March 17 at 7:30 PM at Stark State. He also noted the Mansfield hamfest was coming up on February 14th.

•After the break, Dale, NX8J spoke about his involvement with the Boy Scouts and particularly about the Venture Group and its delving into ham radio.

•The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM on a motion by Frank and seconded by Tom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

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By Rich Regent, K9GDF



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The ARRL Rookie Roundup

The ARRL Rookie Roundup is designed to help newly licensed amateurs build their operating skills on HF. It is a contest specifically for those new to Amateur Radio, similar to the ARRL Novice Roundup that ran from 1952 until 1995. The Rookie Roundup brings the fun and Elmering of the old Novice Roundup into the 21st century. Three Rookie Roundups will be held each calendar year: SSB in April, RTTY in August and CW in December.

The Rookie Roundup will be scored 100 percent in real time through the www.getscores.org scoring system. There are three ways to participate: by using your favorite logging software with the real time scoring support, by downloading a simple logging program from the www.getscores.org Web site or by logging your contacts directly into a www.getscores.org Web page. No separate logs are required -- it all happens online in real time and final scores will be available online within hours of the end of the contest! More

information is available on all of these options at www.getscores.org. Of course, you can get on the air and make contacts without logging them, but you won't have as much fun!

Who Can Participate?

Any ham licensed for 3 years or less qualifies as a Rookie. If you were licensed in 2008, 2009 or 2010, you can compete in the 2010 Rookie Roundup. Non-Rookies may only work Rookies, while Rookies may work everybody. A major part of the success of this contest will be non-Rookies getting on the air and working the Rookies, just as in the Novice Roundup. Just like in the Novice Roundups of years past (when Novices could work anyone and non-Novices could only work Novices), Rookies may work anyone, be they Rookie or non-Rookie; however, non-Rookies are limited to only working Rookies.

Entry Categories

Single Operator Rookie, limited to a maximum of 100 W. Spotting

assistance or using call sign and frequency alerting systems is allowed, but self-spotting or asking somebody to spot you is not. All Rookies must identify themselves as a rookie. Example: "Kilo Bravo One Quebec Alfa Whiskey, Rookie." Non-Rookies only need give their call; no designation is needed.

Awards

Certificates will be available for all participants to download. The top five high scores from each US call area, Canadian province and Mexican call area will be recognized on their certificate. No national winners will be recognized.

Go to www.getscores.org for more information on how to participate. Be sure to check out the April 2010 issue of *QST* for complete rules and other information. The Rookie Roundup -- a fun event for *all* amateurs!

(This was lifted from the ARRL website, at <http://www.arrl.org>)

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about Jimmy and all the fun we have had at the different outing the Club has had. Field Day ,Triathlon, Castle Run , E m e r g e n c y Drills ,Special Events, Antenna Parties, Drawings at the meetings all and many more times Jimmy was there to help out and join in the Fun. He sure will be missed like the ones who proceeded him .

One particular event Jim was up at Route 14 and 225 I think standing in the middle of the intersection as I went by on the motorcycle . I came to a halt seeing something in the back of the car , I motioned Jim over and said what's this sure enough there was one of the Granddaughters asleep in the back. Jim said she didn't want to stay home while he helped out with the Triathlon.

He was always there if possible even if other things slowed him up a little. hi hi

BYE Jimmy -save me a place. 73's, OMO"

WASWHP - "Amen John. He always had a smile and that helps others more than you can know."

Follow AARC on Facebook

Now you can follow AARC on Facebook. As of February 6th, we now have a presence on the web 2.0. Facebook is a social networking site, where you can post messages, picture, videos, and links to your friends.

As of this writing, the group is only a couple of weeks old, and already we are up to 20 members.

We'll be using Facebook to post club news, such as club activities, meeting announcements, and newsletter info.

You can keep up on club events, post club news of your own, or post a comment. Check it out. We'll be happy to see you.

New & Upgraded Licenses

We'd like to congratulate the following local Hams:

- Ed Sarver, KD8MED Newly licensed in October.

- Andy Magda, KD8HWU, for upgrading to General.

- Rich McDaniel, WB8TPG, for upgrading to Extra.

Again, Congratulations to Ed, Andy, and Rich. We wish you all the best.

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issue.

This fall, we have a couple of things coming up. First, we are putting together a club DX contest. We are still very early in the planning stages on this. There'll be more details as they become available.

Also, in November, we will be holding our 2nd annual homebrew night. This was a fun event last year, so it is being repeated. So, fair warning, you have 8 months to prepare for this.

I'm also looking for some good programs for upcoming club meetings. The subjects are up to you. I'd personally like to learn more about Logbook of the World. ARRL has a good PowerPoint on the subject, but we need a presenter. If you can help, or point out somebody who could, please let me know.

In researching one of the stories in this issue, I posted a query to the ARRL's PR List. I got a very nice reply from Everett, W6ABM. He is the Membership Chair for Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club. He passes along a website which allows us to download lists of new Hams for a specific area. I intend to check this on a monthly basis, and give some recognition to new, and upgraded Hams in our area.

That's about all I have time for this month. Hope to see you at the meeting.

73 de KD8MQ

ARES® gets official, standardized look

A long-standing public relations concern has been the lack of a unified, "branded" appearance of ARES® volunteers in public service or emergency activities. While the American Red Cross and many other organizations have adopted recognizable, national standards of appearance, Amateur Radio chronically suffered from a wide variety of apparel -- some of which was very poor indeed. Without an easily recognizable, standard "look," the services of amateurs are easily overlooked by the public, media and civic leaders. There was a need for a standardized and consistent appearance by ARES volunteers which is easily identified, quickly spotted in a crowd, recognizable on TV and in photos, and adopted on a national scale.

A continuing plethora of Amateur Radio garb seen by the public wordlessly made us appear to be amateurs in the worst sense of the word, undisciplined, fractioned and uncoordinated.

A proposal for the ARRL to adopt a set of standards for ARES wear, which are to be worn when deployed in public service

events or emergencies, was unanimously passed by the Programs and Services Committee of the ARRL in January 2010. It includes standards for a mesh vest (hot climate use), standard vests and jackets. The standards can be met by many emergency clothing manufacturers and suppliers.

Adoption of these standards as THE ARES uniform clothing is a major positive step in ARRL/ARES public relations. Here's the specifics:

ARES members, while activated, deployed, in community service activities or otherwise **on duty** shall wear over their normal apparel, at minimum, a florescent green ANSI Class 2 reflective, 100% polyester vest.

The vest shall be decorated in the following manner:

On the Back:

In minimum 2" lettering, Arial Black font, black in color, imprinted above the horizontal reflective tape:

AMATEUR RADIO
EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS

Those in a leadership position may add their title (SEC, DIRECTOR, EC, PIO, etc) below the words "Emergency Communications" in not less than 3" tall font, black. (Under the lower reflective stripe)

Local jurisdictions may elect to add their organization name above the words "Amateur Radio" with no larger than 1" Arial Black lettering, color black.

On the Front:

On the Left Chest, the ARES logo, minimum 3.5 inch diameter, black in color, negative background.

The Right Chest shall remain blank so as to allow wearer to affix their ARES or ARRL name badge.

Vests may have zip or Velcro type front closures. Members may choose vests with or without pockets, at their own discretion. Other apparel, such as short and long sleeve tee shirts, jackets and coats are approved for member use as long as the garments meet the same color, ANSI Class 2, lettering and decoration stan-

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Skywarn Schedule



Well, it's that time again. Skywarn training is coming up. Here's the most recent info on classes:

Stark County: March 17th, 6:30 PM at Stark State College auditorium.

Mahoning County: March 23rd, 6:30 PM at Austintown Fitch Auditorium, 4560 Falcon Drive, Austintown, OH 44515.

Summit County: March 25th. 6:00 PM, at the Akron Red Cross, 501 W Market St, Akron, OH 44303.

Portage County: April 1st, 6:30 PM, at the Maplewood Career Center, 7075 State Route 88. Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

Columbiana County: April 7th, 6:30 at Columbiana County Career Center (Advanced class: Must Pre-Register!).

Thunderstorms & Lightning

All thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. In the United States, an average of 300 people are injured and 80 people are killed each year by lightning. Although most lightning victims survive, people struck by lightning often report a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms. Other associated dangers of thunderstorms include tornadoes, strong winds, hail, and flash flooding. Flash flooding is responsible for more fatalities—more than 140 annually—than any other thunderstorm-associated hazard. Dry thunderstorms that do not produce rain that reaches the ground are most prevalent in the western United States. Falling raindrops evaporate, but lightning can still reach the ground and can start wildfires.

Facts About Thunderstorms

- They may occur singly, in clusters, or in lines.
- Some of the most severe occur when a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended time.
- Thunderstorms typically produce heavy rain for a brief period, anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour.
- Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development.

About 10 percent of thunderstorms are classified as severe—one that produces hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, has winds of 58 miles per hour or higher, or produces a tornado.

Facts About Lightning

- Lightning's unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property.
- Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.
- "Heat lightning" is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction!
- Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening.
- Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000, but could be reduced even further by following safety precautions.
- Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.

(From the FEMA website @ <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/thunderstorm/index.shtm>)

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dard. A waiver of this standard may be given by an SEC for specific purposes with good cause.

We know that many people already have some form of special clothing they purchased. As these are worn out they should be replaced with clothing meeting the new standards.

(This story originally appeared in the February, 2010 issue of Contact!, the ARRL public relations E-zine) for PR



Rear view of the ARES standard vest



Rear view of the ARES standard vest

W1AW to Alternate Digital Mode Schedule

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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT February 12, 2010
To all radio amateurs

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ARLB004 W1AW to Alternate Digital Mode Schedule

Beginning Monday, March 15, 2010, W1AW will alternate the digital modes used for its digital bulletin transmissions.

While Baudot, PSK31 and MFSK16 still make up the digital mode complement, the schedule will be altered to give more exposure to PSK31 and MFSK16.

Because of time constraints and the varying lengths of digital bulletins, there were many instances where only Baudot was used. With the new schedule, amateurs preferring either PSK31 or MFSK16 will find these modes no longer secondary.

The regular call up will be made using the mode that is transmitted first. The digital bulletin times remain at 6 PM and 9 PM eastern, daily.

The Tuesday and Friday Keplerian data bulletins will continue to be sent using just Baudot and PSK31.

The new digital schedule is as follows:

Monday: Baudot, PSK31, MFSK16

Tuesday: PSK31, MFSK16, Baudot

Wednesday: MFSK16, Baudot, PSK31

Thursday: Baudot, PSK31, MFSK16

Friday: PSK31, Baudot, MFSK16

Given time constraints and bulletin lengths, all three modes may not always be transmitted.

The complete W1AW schedule can be found on page 100 of the January issue of QST, or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html#w1awsked>.

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Where's all the Hams? ?

Something Don, K8OMO and I have discussed in the past is **Where's all the Hams?** If you search on 44601 in QRZ, you'll find over 80 entries, yet we consistently get 20 members or less at an average meeting. So, I decided to look into it further. The results follow.

First, I went to QRZ.com, and downloaded lists of local Hams. After weeding out the Non-local Hams who got into the results, Here's what I found:

City	Number of Hams Listed	AARC Member	Silent Key	Club Callsign	Moved	Net Number of Hams
Alliance	81	14	7	1	2	57
Atwater	33	0	0	0	0	33
Beloit	9	1	0	0	2	6
Deerfield	2	0	0	0	0	2
Louisville	51	3	1	2	1	44
Minerva	26	1	0	1	0	24
N. Georgetown	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sebring	13	1	0	1	0	11
Totals	216	20	8	5	5	178

After accounting for AARC members, silent keys, club callsigns, and Hams who have moved out of the area, this leaves 178 amateurs unaccounted for. These Amateurs don't come to our club meetings; They don't come to our Field Day; We don't see them. So where are they?

I suspect that some have lost interest in the hobby, or are active, but in other clubs. Maybe they're active, but are not "Joiners", or perhaps, have a difficult work schedule.

I'd like to send e-mails or postcards to each of these Hams, just to let them know we exist, let them know when we meet, and where they can find out more about us on the web. I'd like to find e-mail addresses for as many of these folks as possible, to cut down on the cost of postage. If you can help with e-mail addresses for any of these, please let me know. My e-mail is listed on page 2. 73, de KD8MQ

E-mail Addresses Needed for These Hams

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AB8ZF	DONALD J MICHAEL	K8RHE	Richard H Esakov
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E-mail Addresses Needed for These Hams

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KA8WWT	DANIEL P ERB JR	KC8KNC	BRIAN T MICKLEY
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KA8ZUE	CHARLES W SHANE	KC8KTK	TODD E JOHNSON
KB8ATJ	MARY K BRADLEY	KC8KUR	SUZANNE H Ring
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KB8GAG	ROBERT S RICKARD	KC8MEA	DAWN C WILSON
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KB8LEJ	DAVID E MANGUS	KC8NTG	SALLY A GILBERT
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KB8OBL	Misty Planisky	KC8SMQ	Kristina E Shaffer
KB8ORB	TERRY LEE STIMMEL	KC8SNT	James L Hood
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KB8YSI	DEBORAH L SMITH	KD8CCI	Christopher L Reed
KB8ZUO	BRENDA J COTTLE	KD8DQW	Richard A Kohut
KC8AWU	RUBY J BURKE	KD8EEQ	Cody D Boring
KC8AXR	JAMES R FREY	KD8EER	Richard D Boring
KC8BQD	JAMES J SEKEL	KD8ENW	Bryan W Webler
KC8EAA	SCOTT A DUNBAR	KD8FLW	Kathleen M Leasure
KC8EUA	TRACY A COOK	KD8FLX	Robert E Leasure, Jr
KC8EXQ	DANIEL J POPE	KD8GIM	Gale R Boring
KC8GFA	SHERI L POPE	KD8HWU	Andrew Magda
KC8GKS	WYATT KILGALLIN	KD8IGB	John P Fehrenbach
KC8HPP	ILSE D DUNBAR	KD8JIG	NICOLE M STEINER
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KF8QO	JERRY C DEARTH	W8OHP	GEORGE E SHEPHERD
KK8Y	Matthew A Stephens	W8TDE	ROGER W SCHMITT
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N6FJD	GLENN R PERKINS	WA3DLT	JOSEPH L MAIN
N8AAB	MARK D WILKERSON	WA8GCF	DAVID L DE SIMIO
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N8IQA	ROBERT A CIARI	WB8AIV	Merriel R Burkhead
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N8NCZ	Patrick J Filimon	WD8AYE	David A Beltz
N8NVY	FRANK LECKMAN	WD8CAY	DONALD L WOOLF
N8NYE	GARY W KINDELBERGER	WD8CIA	GARY S KING
N8OKH	JOHN J KIDWELL	WD8DAU	Daniel R Trout
N8PLA	JOHN R MOLESKY	WD8JRR	WILLIAM HOLBERT
N8QXN	NANCY L Houchen	WD8KNN	JUDITH T LIBERATORE
N8RQU	Michael T Shaffer	WJ8FM	MARK A CIMA
N8VPA	GRANT W KELLEY		
N8WRR	PAUL E RAMBO, III		
N8XIB	STEPHEN J GEORGES		

Upcoming Fox Hunts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Hunt/Talk-in Freq</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Start Line</u>
March 17 th	6:30 PM (Unconfirmed)	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
March 27th	2:00 pm	147.510	Alliance ARC	200 Glamorgan Alliance
March 31 st	6:30 PM (Unconfirmed)	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio

For changes, or additions, e-mail kd8mq@arrl.net

NEOFoxhunting.org Goes Live!



AARC FoxHunt coming up!

Well, despite what puxatawney Chuck says, spring is fast approaching. With it, comes the first AARC FoxHunt of 2010.

As usual, the starting line is at Glamorgan Castle, at 200 Glamorgan Ave. We'll start the fox around 2 PM.

As promised, there will be some "Special Challenges" thrown at you this year. So be prepared! See you there!

As most of you know, when bellying up to the smorgasbord that is Ham Radio, I went back for seconds, and thirds on a few things. Fox-hunting was one of them. For some reason, I get immense enjoyment in driving from point A to point B without knowing where point B is, and only technology to guide me.

Add to that, I've met some really great folks because of fox hunting.

As I surfed the web last year, I quickly discovered that if you weren't in

Southern California, there wasn't a wealth of information online about local fox hunts.

So, the idea was born. With the help of a sale on domains at the company that hosts my other sites, <http://www.neofoxhunting.org> was born.

Neofoxhunting takes it's name from the Yahoo group of the same name which we use to notify each other of upcoming hunts. This site is not intended to replace that list, but rather to supplement it.

We've incorporated a calendar which lists upcoming hunts, as well as items of interest to the fox hunters of NE Ohio.

There will also be a photo gallery, a Frequently Asked Questions page, and a links page to other foxhunting websites.

At this time, the site is 90% complete, and should be ready to go live by March 1st, if not sooner.

Please check it out, and let me know what you think. (de KD8MQ)

The IARU Region 2 Award



In October 2009, [IARU's Region 2](#) announced a new award -- the [IARU Region 2 Award](#) -- available to amateurs and shortwave listeners who submit confirmed QSLs with 20 Region 2 countries or entities. To be considered for the award, contacts must have been made after April 16, 1964 -- the date when IARU Region 2 was founded.

US applicants must submit QSL cards -- along with the [application and certification form](#) -- to either the ARRL Awards Branch or ARRL Card Checkers for certification; non-US hams must submit their cards, application and certification form to their IARU Member Society to be approved. Applicants will also need to provide an envelope with sufficient postage affixed so the person

checking the cards can forward the application and supporting materials to the IARU Region 2 Awards Manager in Venezuela (from the US, postage is approximately 98 cents).

Applicants may also submit photocopies of the QSL cards (front and back) that have been authenticated by both the applicant and an appointee of the ham's IARU Member-Society, or the original QSLs (no authentications necessary) to the IARU Region 2 Awards Manager. Both methods require sending the application form.

The IARU Region 2 Award Manager may request the presentation of one, several or all the QSLs together with the application. Electronic QSLs -- such as Logbook of The World ([LoTW](#)) or eQSL -- can not be used for this award.

Contacts can be made using the following bands: 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters. You can make all your contacts on one band, or mix it up and use them all -- it's up to you. Contacts can be made using phone, CW, digital or satellite modes. But keep in mind that all contacts must be made from the same location using any official call letters that belong to the applicant (including special licenses for contests or

events) and must be bilateral or two-way. Contacts in crossed modes and/or bands will not be accepted, except for satellite mode.

So get out those QSL cards and see if you have at least 20 from IARU Region 2 countries or entities: Anguilla, Antigua y Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

If you have any questions regarding the IARU Region 2 Award, submit them via [e-mail](#) to the IARU Region 2 Awards Manager (awardmanager@iaru-r2.org).

(This story is from the February 11th issue of the ARRL Letter, [S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA](#), editor)

AARC Swap n Shop!

Do you have something Ham-related for sale, or something you are wanting to buy?

Nothing to list this month. If you have something, contact KD8MQ; His e-mail address is below.

Swap & Shop rules: We'll keep the rules simple.

1. All ads will run for two months, unless you contact me to cancel, or extend it.
2. You are allowed to post anything as long as it is Ham Radio, or Computer related.
3. Please, no converted CB equipment.

To place an ad: contact John, KD8MQ (e-mail: kd8mq@arrl.net)

The Mule Raffle

Curtis & Leroy saw an ad in the Oxford Eagle Newspaper in OXFORD, MS. and bought a mule for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day.

The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the mule died last night." Curtis & Leroy replied, "Well, then just give us our money back." The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already." They said, "OK then, just bring us the dead mule." The farmer asked, "What in the world ya'll gonna do with a dead mule?" Curtis said, "We gonna raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead mule!" Leroy said, "We shore can! Heck, we don't hafta tell nobody he's dead!" A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Curtis & Leroy at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and asked.

"What'd you fellers ever do with that dead mule?"

They said, "We raffled him off like we said we wuz gonna do."

Leroy said, "Shucks, we sold 500 tickets fer two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$898."

The farmer said, "My Lord, didn't anyone complain?"

Curtis said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his two dollars back."

Curtis and Leroy now work for the government, they're overseeing the bailout program. *(Thanks to whoever sent me this. I can't find the original e-mail, but thank you all the same. - John, KD8MQ)*

Quote o' the Month



There is no way that this winter is **ever** going to end as long as this groundhog keeps seeing his shadow.

I don't see any other way out. He's got to be stopped. And I have to stop him.

*Bill Murray
Groundhog Day*

Mark Your Calendars!

2010 should be a busy one for the Alliance ARC. There are some club events coming up that promise something for everyone.

Here's a list of what's store:

Club Programs

March 3rd - CW, presented by Bill, WB9LBI

April 7th - "Amateur Radio and the Law", presented by Bob Winston, W2THU

May 5th - Open

June 2nd - PJ2T, presented by Geoff, W0CG

July 7th - Open

August 4th - Open

September 1st - Open

October 6th - Elections

November 3rd - Homebrew Night

December 1st - Open

Special Events

Fox Hunts - 1-3 PM

4th Saturday of each month (March - October)

June 26/27th - ARRL Field Day

August 21st - W8LKY Special Event Operation(?)

August 22nd - Carnation Triathlon

Sept 1st - Dec 1st - Club DXCC Contest

September 6th - Rotary

The Amateur's Code

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The Radio Amateur is

CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.

Castle Run

December ?? - AARC banquet

As you can see, the year is looking busy. But, take note, if you will, of all the meetings marked "Open". We could sure use some help in filling these slots. I have some feelers out, but nothing definite yet.

Do you have any ideas for a program that you'd like to see? If so, please pass it along. This could be a video

you found, or a interesting speaker that you've heard of. Maybe you could even present a program on something that you enjoy. We are all different, and have different interests. Why not share yours?

Under "**special Events**", One or two of these are not confirmed, yet. We'll be discussing them at an upcoming meeting.

please feel free to let me know if I've left something out. - *KD8MQ*



W8LKY Alliance Amateur Radio Club

Renewal – Membership Application

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

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

Please do not write beneath this line

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

Stark County VHF QSO Party



Make as many contacts as you can on 2 Meter FM Simplex!

Stark County contacts are worth **2 Pts**,
all others are worth **1 Pt!**

36 Multipliers!

3 Bonus Stations Will Be On The Air!

Download Entry forms, Rules, and Information at:

www.w8lky.org,

or

www.kd8mq.info/files/starkCtyVHFQSOParty.pdf

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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/>.

(The March 1990 issue of the Zero Beat was covered last month.

March, 1995, (editor WX8G)

- The club was preparing for another Mall show. The theme was "Contact the World '95". One high point was to be K8LTG and his mechanical RTTY machine.

- Your editor got on his soap box grouching about the lack of warm bodies willing to occasionally step up & take on the job of net control. The duty usually fell on K8OMO, and K8LTG.

- The vanity Callsign program was coming close to implementation. As of January 25th, 1995, the FCC was ready to go as soon as there systems were in place.

- The upcoming program in April was to be on the internet.

- There was a story gleaned from a newsletter in Cody, WY, in support of CW as a license requirement.

- Then, as now, Dues were due, and the membership application was included as part

of the newsletter.

David, N8NLZ, and Jerry, KB8VW(Now KG8RN) were recognized for passing their General exams.

(There was no March, 2000 issue of the Zero Beat)

March, 2005, (editor KE8VE)



- Larry, N8EWV was preparing his 37' sloop, the "Kokopelli" for entry into the Bermuda Cup, and a round-the-world cruise.