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PA QSO Party is coming up!

(in the interest of whatever lets me get the newsletter done on time, here, lightly edited, is a reprint from the October, 2010 issue of the ZB. Apparently, this article is a yearly tradition! Hi Hi)

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

October 8th & 9th marks the 54th running of the PA QSO Party. The PA party is one of, if not **the** best of the state QSO Parties.

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

The rules are simple, and can be found online at www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html.

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/>.

AARC Elections Coming Up

Here's a friendly reminder that club elections are coming up this month. Most folks spend time running from office, rather than for it. Think of this as an opportunity to give back to the local community.

As per our ByLaws, we will be voting, and/or reaffirming the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer, as well as one Trustee.

If you are interested in throwing your hat into the ring, you can either inform one of the current Trustees, or wait till the night of the club meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Homebrew Night

Don't forget, the 3rd annual AARC Homebrew night is coming up at the November meeting.

So, get your soldering

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Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12th, 2011 at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the Cafe conference room. Our meetings begin at 7:30 PM

This is the month for election of officers.

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

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Rambling

By John, KD8MQ

Hi everyone, Usually when I begin an issue of the Zero Beat, I have at least a sneaking suspicion of how big it will be, and how close to deadline it will run. Not so with this months issue.

We finally closed on the new Hamshack on September 26th. I knew it was coming, and that I should get started on the newsletter, but as usual, I procrastinated. So, will this be out by October 3rd? I sure hope so!

I'm already making plans for the new Ham shack. For the first time in quite a while, I'll have a Ham shack that is not in the basement. It'll take a while, but I plan to have it finished in time for the 2012 Michigan QSO Party.

Roses Again this year, David Hostetler, N8NLZ is selling roses for the Alliance Lions club **Rose Day**. This is a perfect way to get those much sought after XYL Points, which can be redeemed for such things as new rigs, and trips to the Hamfest. (Caution - XYL points can only be redeemed by your own spouse).

So, give Dave a call, and tell him you want to earn some XYL points. He'll fix you right up.

Vacation September's travels included a trip to southern Ohio. I spent the afternoon of September 10th activating Lake Hope State Park, for the Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest.

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Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month. Check the meeting announcement on page 1, for the location. Talk-in is on 145.37 ®. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets held:

Ten meters

CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz
SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

2 meters

9 PM on 145.37 MHz

The Homeland security Net meets on the last Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 PM, on 147.51 simplex

Internet

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We are also on Facebook!

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September Minutes

September 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on September 14, 2011 at 7:30 PM in conference room 1A of the Alliance Community Hospital with club President John Myers (KD8MQ) presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 18 members present along with guests Dave Van Derkar, Samuel Nastari and Dennis Conklin (AI8P).

President John announced birthdays for September which included Jerry (N8SH), Tom (KD8JRK), Allen (WI8T), and Gladys (KB8GIA).

Secretary Don (AB8KV) gave the Secretary's report: He noted that the August minutes were in the newsletter and then reported that he had sent a letter of appreciation to Sara Crawford for her assistance before and during the Mile Branch Grange Fair. He added that he had sent a condolence card on behalf of the club to the family of Doug Bowling (AB8CJ), a Canton ham who had become a SK in July. With nothing else to add, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion by Frank (WA8WHP) and seconded by Tom.

Treasurer Mary Ann (KB8IVS) then gave the

Treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion by Tom and seconded by Gladys.

Old business & committee reports:

- For ARES and nets, President John reported that the Castle Run had basically gone well except for a few problems with motorists. Don (K8OMO) noted that some of the directions and guidance from some of the staff to the runners was less than desirable. He also noted that there were 475 participants. Ben (KD8KMQ) then added that Randy Crawford had told him that two participants had expressed their appreciation for the ham's presence and help.

- Don then also reported that the ARES nets were going strong, with more check-ins from the south and east, though not from the north and west where he hoped to add more stations.

- John then discussed the special event station held the last Saturday of Carnation Days in the Park. Don and Howard (K8DXR) noted that together they had already mailed out 10 certificates. John expressed his appreciation for Tony's (KD8BBK) design and printing of the certificates.

- President John then noted that the Ohio QSO

party went well, with the club having two stations on the air and the logs having been submitted. Those members present ended up ordering about \$50 worth of pizza from Zepp's in Sebring, who had donated pizza to the club for Field Day.

- John raised the issue of the club Christmas party. Don (K8OMO) announced that it was already scheduled with Pancho's for the second Saturday in December.

- John then went over the licensing classes which had started. There were three students so far, with John noting that ARRL had sent Technician question and answer books instead of the instructor's manuals that were ordered. John called them and they corrected the order, allowing the club to keep the Q&A books. He also reported that Andy (KD8HWU) had passed his Extra exam and was donating an Icom HT to be awarded via a drawing to one of the students. The drawing would be held after the final exams with those passing their test eligible for entry.

- John then asked Frank about the plan to have the three Stark county clubs participate in joint emergency communications classes. Frank reported that for now, the idea was not going to fly.

- The club was reminded

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about the annual picnic coming up on September 17. John noted that this year it would be held in the rustic pavilion behind the band shell. He planned to begin cooking about 12:30.

New business:

- John requested the use of the club's FT-1000 for the Pennsylvania QSO party. A motion to approve the request was made by Ben and seconded by Tom. The motion passed on a voice vote.

- John then announced that it would be possible to have Frank Tompkins (W8EZT) present a program on station grounding at the January meeting. However, his club meeting is on the same night as ours. John proposed that for January only, the club meeting night be changed to the first Wednesday instead of the second Wednesday. A motion to do so was made by Tom and seconded by Frank (WA8WHP), then approved on a voice vote.

- Dennis (AI8P) spoke to the club about the Akron marathon coming up on September 24. He noted it involves a very large turnout (16,000-17,000 runners) and that they could use some additional help from hams.

- K8OMO reminded the club about the items he was still selling from three estate sales.

- Dave (N8NLZ) told the club that he was looking to borrow an up-to-date Extra licensing manual and that he was now selling roses for the annual Lion's Club Rose Day drive.

- Tom reported that he had represented the club at the Mantua Potato Stomp race.

- Frank reminded the club that club elections were coming up in October and the Trustees are looking for commitments. He noted that John has already announced he will be stepping down from the Presidents' office. He appealed to the members to step forward, noting that a small cadre of people have been shouldering the various office responsibilities and that he was hoping some other folks would be willing to take on some of these jobs so that others could take a break.

- John then noted that Ham-of-the-Year ballots needed to be turned in to Tony by November 1.

With no other new business, the meeting paused for a break. After the break, Dennis Conklin presented a program about antenna modeling.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don (AB8KV), Secretary.

PA QSO Party—cont.

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Also, there is a Pa QSO Party Reflector where a lot of operators post their plans for the party. Bud, AA3B compiles 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.

This year, myself, Allen, WI8T, and Ben, KD8KMQ are planning to run two stations. WI8T will operate from Jefferson County, while KD8KMQ will go Rover into Forest, and Elk counties for a few hours each day. 40 & 80 SSB will be our main bands. But, some CW & PSK is also planned.

Hope to hear you on!

Homebrew Night

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guns and keyboards warmed up. All entrants get a few minutes to explain their project, after which, the audience votes for their favorite.

The winner doesn't get a new car, but will get the admiration, and respect of their fellow Hams!

How I Got Interested In Ham Radio

MY EN- TERENCE INTO THE GREAT WORLD OF HAM RADIO

From WA8SHP

In 1962, my mom and dad bought me a "transistor radio" for my 15th birthday. It happened to have a Short Wave band on it. I could hear something that sounded like Morse code, but it was very difficult (no BFO) to hear. That was in July. I spent a lot for time playing with the radio.

Then I built a crystal radio from a kit I bought from a classmate at school. I had moderate success with it, but wanted something better.

I heard about a radio store in Canton on Fulton Road called Walker Radio. My dad happened to know the owner of the store, Stew Walker. (I forget Stew's call). For Christmas my dad took me to Walker Radio and we came home with a Hallicrafters SX-140 receiver, which covered 6 through 80 meters, and it had a BFO which could copy something called sideband. Stew, being the salesman he was, talked my dad into buying a Hy-Gain all band dipole that he said we needed to get the most out of the SX-140.

We had no idea of how to hook it up, but my dad knew a CB operator who was playing with ham radio. (WN8HTR). Wally came up a few days after Christmas and he and I put the dipole up ran some coax and I was hooked.

There was a local six meter net on at that time on Sunday at 12:00 Noon called the Sunday Noon Naggars. It was the first "net" that I had ever heard. One of the net control stations later played a very important part of my ham radio license. His call is K8OBW and was active in Canton for many years. He was one of the original owners of the 34/94 Canton Repeater. I think the call was K8GJU/R. Chuck is presently in South Carolina, but no longer active on the air. We still keep in touch via e-mail.

WN8HTR (Wally) invited me to see his station in Zoarville, which consisted of an HT40 Hallicrafters Transmitter and a Drake 2B receiver with the 2B Q-multiplier. By this time Wally was about ready to go to Detroit to take his General Class Exam. I was spending every spare minute I had at Wally's helping him string antennas and watching him operate his station. He had made the trip to Detroit and

had passed his General Class Exam. It took around 6 weeks to get your ticket back then. And you didn't officially know if you passed the exam or not. You had to wait until you either got your ticket in the mail or notice that you had failed. Wally wanted to know if I would be interested in learning the code and maybe someday get my ticket. I jumped at the chance and we started code sessions 2 nights a week. Wally would pound out the code with maybe 4 or 5 letters per session. In about 5 or 6 weeks, I had the code mastered and we began memorizing the ARRL license manual for the Novice exam.

By this time we are into early 1964. Wally didn't want to give me the exam by himself, so we enlisted K8OBW, Chuck, to come down to Wally's and watch me take the exam. Wally sent in for the exam. It took a couple of weeks for it to arrive. Upon arrival Wally contacted K8OBW and we arranged to take the exam within the next couple of days.

After completing the exam, Wally sent it in to the FCC and the wait began.

Wally had graduated

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from the HT-40 crystal controlled transmitter to a new

Hallicrafters HT32 transmitter. It had upper sideband, lower sideband, AM, and CW. And a VFO! Wow! No more crystals for Wally. He was big time now.

It took about 6 weeks, but I finally got the envelope from Gettysburg, PA with the FCC return address. I had been assigned the call WN8NDQ.

My first telephone call was to Wally, who immediately dropped what-ever he was doing. He told me he would be at my house in a few minutes. I asked him what for and he told me just to be there when he arrived.

About an hour later he pulled in the drive and opened his trunk. He carried a box to my bedroom, where I had my SX-140 receiver. Inside the box was his Hallicrafters HT-40 Transmitter, a few crystals for the novice portions of 80, 40 and 15 meters, and a DK60 Dow Key relay. This was my "congratulations gift" from him and his xyl, Jeanie. We got everything set up, trimmed the Hy-Gain dipole a bit, and I was on the air. Wally was my first radio contact and K8OBW was my second.

Rambling—cont.

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The weather was excellent. Tony, KD8BBK was set up at Salt Fork State Park. Look for pictures in this issue of both setups.

Classes

AARC is finally giving license classes again. Our 2011 Tech classes began in September, and have 5 students.

Elections

Don't forget that elections are coming up at the October meeting. This is your chance to give back to Amateur Radio, and your local Hams.

You've likely heard that I will not be pursuing the office of President this year. I've had second thoughts about that decision.

I can honestly say that my time as president has been very rewarding. As I sat down to write my president's letter (kind of an operations manual for the club), I was reminded of this.

My goal over the last few years has been to try to make this a club that I would be proud to be a member of. Have I succeeded? I think I have.

As I wrote the letter to the next president, I realized that my work here isn't finished yet. So, I guess I'm running for president, if you'll have me.

Interested in the rest

of the presidents letter? Tough! You have to be elected President to read it!

How I got into Ham Radio

This series continues this month. Thank you for your response to this!

Perfect Ham Radio Day!

Beginning soon, I'll be printing your responses to the next question; "describe your perfect Ham Radio Day".

Ham of the Year

Don't forget the deadline to turn in your Ham of the year ballots is the November club meeting. Instructions are in this issue.

Upcoming Events

- Don't forget, our 3rd annual Homebrew night is coming up at the November meeting. What'll be the prize be this year? Who knows? Get those projects rolling!

- Who's ready for some chili? Mark your calendars for November 19th. Our 2nd annual AARC Sweepstakes party will include a Chili Cook-off! More info next month.

- AARC Christmas Party is coming up on December 10th

- AARC General classes are coming up beginning in January.

The Last Word

That's all I have for this month. I hope to see you at the next meeting. 73, de John, KD8MQ

Dear Sire

The following is an actual letter. The original was typewritten, and all spelling and grammar has been carefully left intact, including errors. I thought this was pretty funny.

To Mr. (name omitted)
District Manager for Alabama
Radio Shack
3300 N. Pace Blvd
Pensacola, FL. 32505

Dear Sire,

This letter is complain about the problems I have having with the ham radio model number 19-1101 I had got from your company Radio Shack. I had this shipped special to me from your store 1096 Eastdale Mall Montgomery Alabama. I was got this because I think that i would get transmitt further that I did with the TRC 217 40 channel walkie talkie.

The problem that had first was when I was going to hook this radio HTX-1000 to the antenna the conektor on the radio was wrong it wouldn't attach to my cable. I was able to hook it finally by making a small change in in the connektor. As soon as I tried to use it there was no sound coming at all. This happened for two days and I never did get to talk to anybody the whole two days. That day the cable company came knocking my door and said there was something causing problems at my house and disconnected my radio from the cable line. you knew when i brought the Radio that I was going to use that for my antenne. You didn't tell me not to why not?

Next time I decided to put the HTX-1000 in my automobile I thought I would see how it worked their. I hooked it to my CB-antenna and at least I could hear people. But what happens now is no one wants to talk to me because they says you have to have a licencs to talk to them. Why? I dont have to have a licencs to talk on my CB. They'll talk to me there. Anyhow it don't matter much anymore because somebody done took the radio HTX-1000 from my automobile.

What I would like for you Radio Shack to do is refund my money because I don't have the radio anymore and its not my fault i dont and I think you should give me back my money. Also the cable company here says that I hurt something in there line and want to be paid fix it. It will cost \$27482.98 to fix the equipment they say was damaged because you didn't tell me not to hook it to the cable. Please remit to me the check for

\$27758.53 for damages due. To save this matter from going to court the

check must be in my hand by June first or I will turn this over to my

attorneys of law.

Thank you
name withheld

October 2011

Rules for Pilots

Found on the web.
Some helpful hints in case you know anyone learning to fly a plane:

- Flying is not dangerous, crashing is dangerous.

- Take-offs are optional, landings are mandatory.

- If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller (unless you keep pulling the stick back-- then they get bigger again).

- Speed is life, altitude is life insurance.

- Nobody ever collided with the sky.

- A "good landing" is one from which you can walk away. A "great landing" is one after which you can use the airplane another time.

- A helicopter is a collection of rotating parts going round and round and reciprocating parts going up and down. Helicopters can't really fly--they're just so ugly that the earth immediately repels them.

- Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs.

- Gravity never loses. The best you can hope for is a draw.

- Those who hoot with owls by night should not fly with the eagles by day.

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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.

Don, K8OMO has one item left from the estate of Paul, NW8c.

- Icom 756 Pro HF transceiver 30khz-60Mhz dsp 2x 2rx \$1125

If interested, call Don K8OMO ([330-823-5639](tel:330-823-5639))

From the estate of Larry Beaver, AA8NV, comes the following. Better grab a cup of coffee. This is a long list. Call Don, K8OMO (330-823-5639) for more information on the following.

- 40' Rohn 45 Freestanding Tower
- A3S Beam w/ 40 meter kit
- 5 element 6 Mtr beam
- 15 element 440 Satellite antenna
- 40 Mtr dipole
- 2 Meter Vertical
- Weather Station
- Yaesu FT-901 HF Transceiver w/ SP-901 matching speaker
- Yaesu FTV-250 2Meter Transverter
- Yaesu FTV-650B 6 Meter Transverter
- Kenwood TS-790A All-mode (2 Meter/440/1200)
- AEA PK900
- Astron 35A Power Supply
- Kenwood SP23 Speaker
- Yaesu FT-990 HF Transceiver
- Ameritron AL-1200 Amp

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

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- MFJ989C Versa-Tuner IV
- Yaesu G800SA Rotor
- MFJ 259 Antenna Analyzer (1.8-170 MHz)
- Yaesu MP1 Desk Mic
- Shure 444 Mike (non-amplified)
- Kenwood MC60 Mic
- Vibroplex 55603 standard bug
- Alinco DR-M06 6 meter FM mobile
- MFJ 948 FM Tuner
- 3 pr. Yaesu YH-55 Headphones
- MFJ Versa Load 3 KW Dummy Load (M# MFJ-250)
- Thru-window coax route
- Micronta VTVM
- Aircastle 8 band receiver
- 2M/440 J-pole factory built
- Radio Shack 11/10 meter antenna
- Ringo Ranger 2Meter antenna
- Fiberglass telescope 10-2-Uhf portable antenna
- BC652 military Receiver 3.5 – 6 MHz
- 24 hour wall clock
- Roanoke Doppler kit – unfinished
- 1958 callbook
- 13 element 2 meter beam
- BC-342 (200KHz – 18MHz)

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- Hallicrafters Skyrider Jr. Receiver
- Antron 10 meter mag mount
- Short tripod (3ft)
- G5RV HF antenna
- 4 – 6' Earth Screws
- 10 sections regular TV tower
- Peet brothers weather station
- Vibroplex Paddle #256088
- 2 – J-38 straight Key
- Nye Viking Paddle
- Standard Key - Black
- Bencher paddle w/ 3 buttons
- Calrad Field Strength meter
- Kenwood filtered cig lighter plug
- Midland 74-200 Digital WX alert monitor
- 2 – YA-1 lowpass filter 5KW peak
- MFJ 1118 8 outlet power strip
- Kenwood HT-TH78A Dual Bander
- Kenwood TH235A 2Mtr Handheld
- 2 – 1:1 HQ Baluns
- 5/32" guy rope
- 2 Motorola Radios P-10 (151.6250 MHz)
- Alpha Delta Antenna switches
- 2 – 4 position Delta 4 antenna switch (1 with N connectors)

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- 2 position Delta 2 Antenna switch
- RF Applications P-3000 Digital RF/Power/VSWR meter
- Radio Shack HTX-252 Two meter FM Mobile
- 2 Heil Headset w/ Boom mics
- CDE Rotor Control Box
- Daiwa 1.8 – 60 MHz 200W/2KW SWR/Power meter
- Yaesu MH-1 B8 Hand Mic
- B & W 426-1 KW 30-54 MHz/1.5 – 30 LPF
- Ramsey Packet Modem

If interested, contact Don, K8OMO, at 330-823-5639

Tom, KD8JRK is Looking for a PG-4S programming cable for his Kenwood TM-V7 Radio. If you can help, contact Tom at (330) 821-5011

Don, K8OMO is disposing of some excess equipment for Bob, & Martha, W8HEG, & W8GOH. Here is the preliminary list. If interested, contact Don, K8OMO, at 330-823-5639

- Drake RV4C & TR-4C
- D-104 & 2 stands
- Icom IC-38A Mobile
- Midland 13-513 Mobile
- Midland 13-509 Mobile
- Phase 3 20Amp Supply
- Collins 51J3
- Alinco DS-S41 440 HT

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- Icom IC-271A 2Meter All-Mode
- Alinco DJS11 2Meter HT
- Bird Wattmeter w/ the following slugs
- 200-500MHz 25W
- 200-500MHz 1000W
- 100-250 MHz 2500W
- Eimac 4CX1500B
- Eimac 4CX5000
- D104 Head
- Drake R4B, T4X Speaker, & Power Supply
- Drake TR-4C
- Icom IC-4At 440MHz HT
- Weller TS-600 Solder Station
- Gonset Communicator III
- Gonset 2-826 Tubes
- 150 Watt 2Meter Amp
- Regency 220MHz Repeater (224.140)
- Lafayette M# HA350 HF Receiver
- Lafayette Tube Tester
- Redi-Kilowatt Memory Keyer
- 2- Heathkit HO-10 Scopes
- Grid Dip Oscillator M#59

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Ham of the Year ballots are due



Now's the time to cast your vote for the 2011 Ham of the Year.

Get your ballot to Tony, KD8BBK ASAP! His contact info is on page two.

kd8bbk@aol.com

PREVIOUS HAMS OF THE YEAR

1989	Jim Ferguson	N8DZA
1990	Dave Buckwalter	KC3CL
1991	Jack Bennett	W8WEN (SK)
1992	John Myers	WX8G
1993	Pam Myers	N8IAK
1994	Larry Ashburn	KE8VE (SK)
1995	Gladys Wilson	KB8GIA
1996	Don Whitaker	K8OMO
1997	James W. Wilson	KB8GHZ (SK)
1998	Mary Ann Royer	KB8IVS
1999	David Glass	W8UKQ (SK)
2000	Jerry Wheeler	KG8RN
2001	Robert L. Steele	K8RLS (SK)
2002	Samuel Eberling	KC8ETZ
2003	Joe Young	KC8TAC
2004	George Proudfoot	K3GP
2005	David Glass	W8UKQ (SK)
2006	Franklin A. Sanor	WA8WHP
2007	Howard Miller	K8DXR
2008	John Myers	KD8MQ
2009	Larry Ashburn	KE8VE (SK)
2010	Tony Schilling	KD8BBK

My vote for Ham of the Year is: _____

Comments (optional) _____

Upcoming Fox Hunts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Hunt/Talk-in Freq</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Start Line</u>
October 5 th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
October 10 th	2:00 PM	146.475	Woodchuck ARC	State & Pleasant Valley Plaza (Behind the Marathon Station) 7411 State Road Parma, Ohio 44131
October 19 th	7:00 pm	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio

**There will be no Alliance ARC Fox Hunt this month.
See you in 2012!**

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

Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS)



presents the

6th Annual

PCARS 2 Meter Simplex Contest



Saturday - October 15, 2011
12:00 pm until 6:00 pm

See if you can Work All of Portage County, Ohio



This 2 Meter FM Simplex contest is sponsored by the Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS). The purpose of this contest is to encourage amateurs to learn the basics of contesting and simplex operations and expand the scope of their VHF operating techniques beyond that needed for repeater operation.

Contest is open to all - you don't have to be a member of PCARS, you don't even have to be inside Portage. You can operate from home, mobile, or portable. Even if your passing through (or near) Portage County.

Heck, you don't even have to be a 'contester' to have fun during this contest - just have some FUN!

Special Participation Certificate for all that send in a log! Hams belonging to clubs outside Portage County can also submit scores for themselves and your club scores, too!

See how many Cities, Villages, and Townships throughout Portage County you can make contact with on 2 Meter FM Simplex.

In Portage County, there are:

5 Cities: Aurora, Kent, Ravenna, Streetsboro, Tallmadge,

7 Villages: Brady Lake, Garrettsville, Hiram, Mantua, Mogadore, Sugar Bush Knolls, Windham

18 Townships: Atwater, Brimfield, Charlestown, Deerfield, Edinburg, Franklin, Freedom, Hiram, Mantua, Nelson, Palmyra, Paris, Randolph, Ravenna, Rootstown, Shalersville, Suffield, Windham



Complete Rules, Summary Sheets & Log Sheets

are available for download on the

PCARS web site:

www.portcars.org



We'll be listening for you!

Join us in the fun and see just how far your rig will go on simplex.
Best of all - let's have a FUN day on the radio!!



Need more information? E-mail 2Meters@portcars.org

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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/>.

October, 1991 (Editor, KC3CL)

- The annual elections were coming up.

October, 1996 (editor, AA8GY)

- The club picnic was to be held at the home of Bob Rickard, KB8GAG.
- At the meeting, K8OMO displayed a 1903 spark Gap key.

October, 2001, (Editor, KD8MQ)

- Alliance native Bill Ruth, W3HRD was killed in the 9/11 attack on the pentagon.