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Over \$1000 Collected for Schillig Family!

Thanks to the generosity of local Hams, and an anonymous donor, over \$1000 has been raised to assist the Schillig Family.

As reported last month, Tyler, the son of Tony (KD8BBK), and Brenda Schillig, was in a traffic accident in early May, in Tennessee. Tony, and Brenda have been at Tyler's side continuously throughout. They are only now returning to the area.

In discussions with members before the June club meeting, it was suggested that a collection during the meeting, to support the family might be appropriate.

Additionally, a donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) stepped forward. This donor offered to match whatever the club members could give.

To top it off, the following things happened during the business meeting.

A) It was moved, and seconded that the club would match all donations up to \$100.

B) It was decided that the proceeds of the 50-50 drawing would be donated to the pot.

C) Duane, W8DHz, the winner of the 50-50 drawing donated his winnings back to the pot.

Add to that a couple of cash donations in the days following, and we presented the family with over \$1000.

Good job, everyone!

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11th, 2012.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

At 6 PM on meeting night, please join us for dinner at the

Alliance Family Restaurant,
428 E. State St.

No Field Day Results Yet

There are no Field Day results in this issue of the Zero Beat. The preliminary results should be available at the July club meeting. The final results will be in the next issue of the Zero Beat

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Rambling

By John, KD8MQ

Welcome to the July issue of the Zero Beat.

Donation to Schillig Family -

What can I say about this? It wasn't even on the agenda before meeting night. But, from a suggestion by a member (I don't remember who made the suggestion, but THANK YOU!), we went on to raise over a thousand dollars to assist Tony, and his family in this difficult time. Also, a big thank you goes out to the "anonymous" donor, who matched the club donation, and to Duane, W8DHZ, who donated his 50/50 winnings to the fund.

It is moments like this that make me proud of this hobby, and this club!

Antenna Farm -

The antenna farm is far from complete, but we have enough to get on the air with. Next month, I plan to finish the routing of the coax to the HF switcher. The VHF antennas will have to wait till the tower goes up. That hasn't been scheduled yet, but I'm shooting for springtime.

Club Raffle -

Congratulations to Jim, KC8PD, from PCARS, who was the winner of our Wouxun Dual-Bander. More details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Canton Marathon -

Thanks again to everyone who donated their Sundays to the inaugural running of the Canton Marathon.

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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 28.100 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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June Minutes

June 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was combined with the pre-Field Day picnic and was held on June 13, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the cabin at Silver Park with club President John Myers (KD8MQ) presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 24 members present along with spouses, friends and guests including Dianna Ashburn, Mrs. Allen Dicks, Mrs. David Hostetler, Mrs. John Myers, Mrs. Paul Richardson, Mrs. Frank Sanor, Mrs. Oliver Smith, Alfreda Steele, Mrs. Jerry Wheeler, Mrs. Don Whitaker, Nery Mejic, Carl Mani (K7CE), Bob Warner (WB8OVQ) and several others who were not signed in.

President John announced birthdays for June which included

Bob (KB8ETV)
Dianna Ashburn
Jerry (KG8RN)
Dan (WV8W)
Joe (KD8RFX)
George (W8AKU)

In other announcements, John reported that Max (Butch) Lebold (WA8SHP) is recovering from treatment at the Cleveland Clinic and Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ) is still in Arizona.

Secretary Don (AB8KV) gave the Secretary's report, noting that the minutes for the May meeting

are in the current newsletter. He then reported that:

1.) Field Day invitations had been sent to both Alliance and Sebring officials, with the Alliance Mayor's proclamation to be picked up on Friday (6/15). Newspaper and radio spots would come out the following week.

2. The Carnation Days special event station PR had been sent to QST, CQ, World Radio and eHam, with the info to be given to QRZ closer to the time of the event. He then requested that anyone who had paid their club dues but had not received a membership card to please contact him.

With nothing further, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion by Frank (WA8WHP) and seconded by Tom (KD8JRK).

Treasurer Mary Ann (KB8IVS) then gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved on a motion by Tom and seconded by Rick (KC8SUI).

Committee reports:

• Don (K8OMO) reported on the status of the repeaters, noting the work he was continuing to perform on both, especially the 440 unit. He mentioned the need for a service manual for the 440 machine. Tomas (KC8ZEH) made a motion to purchase whatever manuals were

needed. However, after further discussion, John requested the model number from Don and said he would do some research into availability and cost.

•For ARES and the nets, Don noted that the Homeland Security net has been averaging 8 check-ins.

•Regarding Field Day, John noted that it was only 10 days away and Ben (KD8KMQ) would be handling setting up the computer logging network.

•John then asked Frank to report on the food situation. Frank and Miriam said that lunch on Saturday was usually pizza, with Rick noting that he had already talked to Zepp's about it. For supper, Miriam had a list of items needed with a sign-up sheet for those who could supply some of them. She thought that VP Howard (K8DXR) was probably bringing a meat dish.

• Steve (KB8RFE) volunteered to bring wood for the fire with Tomas supplying a generator.

• Mary (KD8RFZ) noted that she was bringing their camper for the club to use. There followed some discussion about what antennas and rigs could be supplied. Several people volunteered antennas of various types with

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June Minutes—cont.

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Rick and Duane (W8DHZ) stating they could bring radios.

- Don (K8OMO) noted that he was going to try satellite operation again and Rick mentioned possibly working 2 meters.

- There followed discussion about a GOTA station and who might man it, with this to be finally determined on Field Day.

Old business:

- John reminded the club about the special event station on August 18. He then announced that the Sebring campground had been reserved for the Ohio QSO party on August 25, per discussion at last month's meeting.

- John then asked the trustees about any bylaws changes needed concerning forming the previously discussed repeater committee. Frank reported that they had not been able to have a formal discussion about it yet, so the subject was tabled for the time being.

New business:

- John noted that a motion was needed to pay for an N connector that Don (K8OMO) had purchased for one of the repeaters. A motion was then made by Frank, seconded by Tom with the motion passed on a voice vote.

- Don then asked about the drawing for the HT. John replied that a number of tick-

ets were still available and that the drawing would take place on Field Day Saturday at 5 PM.

- Frank then reported on the status of Tyler Schillig and posed the question of the club's making a donation to the family to help with their expenses. After some discussion, Tomas moved to take up a collection for that purpose, with Don (K8OMO) providing a second. Mary suggested that the collection be matched with money from the club treasury. With further discussion, a motion to limit the matching amount to \$100 was made by Don (K8OMO) and seconded by Frank. Both motions were then passed on a voice vote.

Don (K8OMO) suggested that since Tony

(KD8BBK) was intending to bring Tyler up for a visit and stop out at Field Day, that the money be presented in person to them at that time. Everyone agreed that was a good idea.

After a break to take up the collection, John moved to also donate the club's share of the 50-50 drawing to the Schillig family. Tomas provided a second, and the motion was passed on a voice vote. The winner of the 50-50 drawing (Duane) also donated his winnings for that purpose.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM on a motion by Frank, seconded by Rick.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don (AB8KV), Secretary.

Date Change for Columbus Hamfest

Due to a scheduling conflict of the Aladdin Shrine Center facility, the Columbus Hamfest, and the ARRL Ohio State Convention must be moved to a new date of Saturday, August 11, 2012. The start time of 8:00am remains the same, as well as the event location of 3850 Stelzer Road in Columbus.

This change was discovered too late to be caught before publication of the July 2012 QST Magazine. However, the ARRL website, as well as the Ohio Section website (www.arrloho.org) do show the correct date of Au-

gust 11, 2012.

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN has revised her schedule, and will still be able to attend the Convention on August 11.

We apologize for any inconvenience this date revision may have caused. NOTE: We are still looking for any speakers who may wish to present at the Convention. Please contact Scott Yonally, N8SY (email: n8sy@arrl.net) if interested.

73!

Frank J. Piper, KI8GW
Ohio Section Manager

Rambling - cont.

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From what I heard at mile 22, all ran smoothly. The APRS end of it, not quite so, but we're assured that things will be better next year.

Field Day

Did you have fun at Field day? I hope that everyone did. Yes, we had some glitches, but what would Field Day be without a visit from Mr. Murphy? I've already made some notes to refer to for next year, to ensure that all goes well. Do you have some ideas of what could be changed next year? Please send them along to me. I'll add them to the notes.

While the Field Day exchanges are very simple, the entry itself, can be somewhat complicated. So, I don't have a clue how we did this year. Come to the club meeting, and find out.

More Portable Operations

If you enjoyed Field Day, you should really enjoy the Ohio QSO Party. We'll be setting up at the Sebring campgrounds, to put semi-rare Mahoning county on the map again this year. The contest is on August 25th, and runs from Noon to Midnight, local time. Come on out, and have some fun. It's pretty much like Field Day, except with more fun!

Maybe this year, we should try a corn roast. What do you think? We have time

to plan.

The week before the Ohio QSO Party is the AARC Special Event operation at Silver Park. A certificate is available to those stations who work us, and send an SASE.

This next event is not one that the club normally sets up a station for, but is well worth a look-see. It is the **Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest**, or **OSPOTA** for short.

This year will be the 5th year for OSPOTA. The object is to work as many stations as possible, in Ohio State Parks. There is even an award for working All Ohio State Parks.

Last year, the top two Single op entries from a state park were AARC members; Tony, KD8BBK (Salt Fork), and myself (Lake Hope). How about if we go for the top three spots this year?

Operating portable is a lot of fun, and not overly difficult. If you think you might be interested, but have questions, talk to myself, or Tony.

More information on OSPOTA can be found at www.parks.portcars.org.

Classes

It's getting to be time for planning for licensing classes. We're looking for a location where we can hold classes. If anyone has an

idea for a free, or inexpensive, classroom, please let me know. Access to a media projector would be a nice plus.

Homebrew Night

I know this is 4 months away, but it's never too soon to be thinking about your entry in Homebrew Night, 2012. This is customarily held at the November meeting.

Anything you've built, or restored is eligible to be entered, as long as you haven't entered it before.

Club programs

We are working on some exciting programs for the fall. But, the idea bucket is getting empty. If there's a subject you'd like to know more about, or someone you think might make for an interesting speaker, please let me know.

My intention is to not run for re-election, but I'd like to lessen the load a bit on the next president.

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

KC8PD Wins AARC Raffle!

Well, the AARC raffle is over. In the end, 520 tickets were sold, almost all at 6/\$5. You can do the math on that one, but it seems that the club's latest fundraiser was a success.

It all started with the donation of a Wouxun (pronounce O-ching, by the way) dual-band handheld. The donor suggested that it be raffled off. So, tickets were printed, and selling began.

At 5 PM on field day, tickets were still being sold. The drawing had to be postponed 15-20 minutes while the last of the stubs were being filled out.

The winning ticket drawn belonged to Jim, KC8PD. Jim is the past president of PCARS. Anyone who knows Jim, realizes that he doesn't stay in one place for too long. So, we decided to drive up to the PCARS Field Day site to make the



Jim, KC8PD accepts the Prize in the AARC raffle. Total shock would be the best description.

formal presentation. To quote Jim, "I was really surprised by the fact that my ticket had been drawn!". Well, Jim, we are glad you were surprised.

Thanks to all who participated. Keep an eye out

for our next raffle starting next year.

Wayback Machine - cont.

- AMSAT OSCAR 7 had returned from the dead.

- We were starting a 440 net on the 442.350+ repeater.

July, 2007 (editor, KD8MQ)

- We had a reprint from the Canton ARC newsletter, telling of a Dayton bus trip

that did not end so well.

- This was our first year for trying out networked field day software. It went OK, but not as smoothly as with N1MM.

- Peter, N8IGZ had recently upgraded to Extra, turning in a perfect score.

Ohio QSO Party Plaque Needs A Sponsor.

An e-mail recently came across the Ohio QSO Party Reflector indicating that the Ohio QSO Party is in need of a sponsor for the "Out of State Single operator" Plaque.

Cost of sponsorship is \$60/year. Is this something the AARC may want to pursue? Please come to the July meeting, and let your voice be heard.

Canton Marathon A Roaring Success!

What were you doing on Fathers Day? If you were like several members of the Alliance ARC, you joined Ham, and non-Ham volunteers from around NE Ohio to make some history!

June 16th, Fathers Day was the date chosen for the inaugural running of the Canton Marathon. It was actually part of a weekend of sporting events.

Saturday, was the Canton Criterium; a series of bike races in downtown Canton. The participants were reportedly to reach speeds of 40 miles per hour.

Then, Sunday morn-

ing, all heck broke loose. If you lived in central Stark county, and didn't know something was afoot, you must have slept in till noon!

The plan was for 3 races, a 10K, a half, and a full marathon to be run that morning.

In addition a wheelchair race was held. The Wheelchair participants covered the 26.2 mile course, using only their arms for propulsion!

In speaking with Race Director Rob Steinberg, on Saturday, he offered that his day would begin at 1:30 AM for the 6 AM race. Wow, and we thought **we** got up early!



Here's one of the wheelchair racers. How would you like to pedal with your arms for 26.2 miles?

The races did get off to a late start, but once they started, watch out. When the first place Marathoner came burning past mile 22, it was easy to see that he was still pouring it on. He had no intention of slowing down till he got to Fawcett stadium.

Hams were stationed at almost all of the mile points for the marathon, and the 10K. From my vantage point, all performed admirably.

Yes, there were glitches, traffic tie-ups, and injuries. BTW, how do you lose a bus? But for a first try it went well. The organizers were very appreciative to all the volunteers, including the Hams.

Net control was at Fawcett Stadium, and entailed the use of the Canton, and Massillon repeaters, as well as an unofficial VHF back-channel somewhere near the Zombie Zone.

Oh yes, the Zombie Zone was just what the name implied. Folks from the factory of Terror got into costume to hand out snacks, and cheer the runners on, out near mile 21.

Will I be there next year? Darn right I will be.

Upcoming Fox Hunts

Date	Start Time	Hunt/Talk-in Freq	Sponsor	Start Line
July 18 th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
July 25th	7:00 PM	147.525	Alliance ARC	1906 S. Union Ave, Alliance

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

Fox Hunt News

The June hunt of the Alliance arc was held on Wednesday, June 27th. As usual, Ben, KD8KMQ was the fox.

The hunt began at 7:01 PM. The order of finish was as follows:

- 7:11 Jeff, KD8QCF
- 7:12 John, KD8MQ, &
Mike, KD8RUQ
- 7:14 Jim, N8PXW
- 7:43 Don, K8OMO, &
Sherry

The hiding place this month was in the parking lot at Rodman library—main branch.

Afterwards all adjourned to Sheetz for debriefing.

The Wednesday night hunt worked out so well for us, that the move to the 4th Wednesday of each month may be permanent. What does everyone think of this change? BTW, The October hunt will be on a Saturday afternoon, as we have something special planned. Mum's the word!

E - m a i l m e (kd8mq@arrl.net), and give your opinion.

In Memory Of K8LTG



Used at this years Field Day in Memory of K8LTG Jim 1917 Vibroplex Single Point Key given to K8OMO by Jim after His SK. thanks Jim OMO

KI8GW Continues as Section Manager

Ohio Section Manager Frank Piper, KI8GW received this communication from ARRL Headquarters:

"Dear Frank:

This is just a friendly note to let you know no other SM nominating petition was received in this office on Friday, June 8, 2012, therefore you are hereby re-elected as Section

Manager of the Ohio section. Your official nomination letter will follow via postal mail shortly. Your new term of office will be on October 1, 2012. Thank you very much. Congratulations!! 73, Leona G. Adams, W1LGA Membership and Volunteer Programs Assistant" (*From the July issue of the Radiogram, KB8UUZ editor*)

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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/>.

July, 1987 (Editor, N8IAK)

- Our Ham of the Month was Patti, KE8KH.
- Our clubs first ever fox hunt was held on May 23rd, 1987. The fox was hiding at the Alliance Fire station, where the firemen were waiting on the roof, with buckets of water for the winners. The fox for this inaugural hunt was Larry, N8EWV. There were ten teams participating.

- The Salem Amateur Radio Association elected their first officers. They were: President, Bob, NW8E, Vice-president: John, N8IIT, and Secretary/Treasurer: KA8OEB. This issue of the Zero Beat lists the club as SARA, not SAARA. I'm not sure if this was a misprint, or if the extra A came later.

- We were up to 64 club members.
- Matt, N8EAD had passed his advanced test.

July, 1992 (Editor, N8LVO)

- Field Day chairmen for 1992 were Allen,

WI8T, and Dave, KC3CL. The Field Day site that year was Lexington elementary school, just north of alliance.

- The program for the July club meeting was to be Frank, WA8WHP, who would be speaking on Army MARS.

- We were selling buttons as a fundraiser.

July, 1997 (Editor, N8SH)

- Field day, 1997 was held at Marlinton Middle School.

July, 2002 (editor, KD8MQ)

- Our speaker at the June Meeting was Bud, K8DHD, who spoke on "Traffic Handling"

- For the first time, the ARRL's outgoing QSL Bureau topped 1 million cards.

- We had a booth set up at the Mile Branch Grange Fair.

- Gladys, KB8GIA had upgraded to General.

- Scott, K8DX was planning to do a shake-down of his contest super station, over Field day weekend. He was challenging all local clubs to beat his class 3D effort.

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