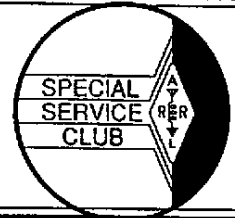


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It's KE8VE!

Another great Christmas banquet!



Larry Ashburn, KE8VE is the Alliance Amateur Radio Club's 1994 Ham of the Year. The award was presented at the annual Christmas Banquet on December 10th.

Born in 1948, Larry has lived in the Alliance area since 1956. He is a US Army veteran, having served in Germany and Vietnam.

Licensed in 1988, Larry has been very active in the club. When the City of Alliance was trying to start its Emergency Management Agency, and wanted some input from the ham community, it was Larry who volunteered. He also helped install a Ringo Ranger at the Armory, for emergency communications. More recently, he's been available at just about every Field Day since 1988, and held office almost every year since he's been licensed. He also, along with his wife, Dianna, comprises the publication staff of the *Zero Beat*. Along with all this, he still finds time to help teach licensing classes.

But his expertise is not only for the benefit of the AARC. Just ask Patty &

Larry Hillier how much work KE8VE has done on various projects in the Beloit area, and you'll get an earful. (ed. note- I could fill the newsletter with info on KE8VE, but chose the condensed version instead) It's pretty widely known that if you have any questions related to math, science, physics, etc., that Larry is the one to ask.

Larry will receive the traveling "Ham of the Year" plaque until next December, when it will be given to the 1995 Ham of the Year.

The Ham of the Year program began in 1989, at the AARC Christmas Banquet, when Jim Ferguson, N8DZA received the award. In the years since, Jim was replaced by KC3CL, W8WEN, WX8G, N8IAK, and now KE8VE. The Ham of the Year is chosen by secret ballot of the membership. Only the current Ham of the Year, and one AARC board member know the identity of their replacement. Congratulations, Larry!

The AARC Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 10th. Thirty-six people attended the shindig, which was held at Roadhouse Charlies on West State St. After dinner, we were entertained by the "Second Childhood Quartet," a barbershop quartet from the North Canton area.

The *Zero Beat* staff was recognized for the job they do on the newsletter. Recognition was also given to Don & Sherry Whitaker for the pre-banquet munchies, to Larry & Dianna Ashburn for the donation of the poinsettias for the banquet, to Jim Ferguson and Larry & Dianna Ashburn for the fine job done on planning the banquet, and by Don Whitaker-K8OMO to the whole club for the camaraderie that we exhibit as a group.

Finally, Pam Myers-N8IAK, the 1993 Ham of the Year presented the traveling plaque to Larry Ashburn-KE8VE, the 1994 Ham of the Year.

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be held on January 5th at the Alliance Community Hospital. We will be meeting at 7:30 PM, in room A, which is just off the Cafeteria.

Program for this meeting will be announced. N8DZA is trying to line up a speaker that we know you'll like, but this was not confirmed at press time.

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The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Thursday of every month, at The Alliance Community Hospital. Our meetings are held in room A, and begin promptly at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Editorial

by John Myers, WX8G

What are your resolutions for the new year? Maybe to write more for the newsletter? Nah! My goal for '94 was to work more CW, and get my speed up. I did poorly on that goal, so I've added it to my list for '95. Hope your resolutions go better.

Next years Mall Show has officially been moved to April 1st & 2nd, 1995. Most of the show remains in the planning stages, but one thing is sure. We will be operating a special event station.

News releases have already been mailed out to the major magazines, and with your help, word will spread to the point that we can't even get on the air without being set upon by roving packs of Paper-Chasers.

Well, that may be just a bit optimistic, but hopefully, we'll work a lot of stations at the next Mall Show. For their trouble (and an SASE), the stations we contact will be rewarded with an attractive, yet to be designed, QSL card.

Do you have any ideas for a QSL card? I'd sure like to hear them. For that matter, do you have any ideas for the Mall Show, in general? After three years, it's too easy to say, "This is the way we've always done it, so this is the way we'll do it again." I NEED ideas and suggestions. You know how to get in touch with me.

I see that, starting in '96, the Dayton Hamvention will be moving to the month of May (see page 4). I guess that '95 will be the last chance to complain about the weather at Dayton. Personally I question the logic of moving it to the week before Memorial Day, but it just might surprise us. After all, we don't get very much bad weather in May.

Well, the Ham of the Year has been chosen, and it intrigues me that the winner is the fellow who brings the donuts. Just kidding. Sure, Larry (and Dianna) make sure we're all well fed at the monthly meetings, but he does a lot more. In my opinion, you made a great choice.

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3-D human body released on internet

The information in this story came from the article written by Brenda C. Coleman, AP Medical Writer. The article in its entirety appeared in the November 28th issue of the Alliance Review.

"Sixteen months ago, a killer was executed in Texas. Today, his is a teaching tool for the world, made available on Internet as the first three-dimensional cadaver."

"The 'Visible Man' is a detailed atlas of the human body, assembled digitally from thousands of X-ray, mag-

netic and photo images of cross-sections of the body."

The article goes on to say that the digitized cadaver is free to anyone, but the data is so extensive that downloading it takes up to two weeks of uninterrupted time on the internet, and up to 50 Gigabytes of storage space. This is one hundred times the space available on the average home computer (or two thousand times the capacity of the *Zero Beat* computer system.

Minutes of the December 1st meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

The December 1st meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Pres. Pam Myers, N8IAK. Pledge of Allegiance was given followed by a round of introductions by members. There were 25 members present.

The secretaries report was approved as printed in the *Zero Beat*, by KB8GHZ and seconded by K8OMO.

The treasurers report was given by Mary Ann KB8IVS, as of December 1st, there is a total of \$4,078.58 in the treasury, it was approved by N8EAD and seconded by KE8VE.

Committee Reports

Newsletter- John WX8G stated that the deadline for articles would be December 10th.

Classes- KE8VE stated that the classes are now over and we have one new technician with a General class code license.

Programs- W8ZZS Bill was not present, but sent a video of Ten-Tec to be shown after the meeting.

Old Business

Christmas Party- The Christmas party is on December 10th. KE8VE asks that you have your reservations in by Monday December 5th.

Ham of the Year award- N8IAK asked that you get your vote in to her by the end of the meeting tonight, this is the deadline.

Y-kids- A motion to drop the discussion of the Y kids joining the club was made by K8OMO and seconded by N8DZA. The motion passed.

Santa Net- N8IAK announced that the Santa Net is on December 15th at 7:00 pm on the 145.37 repeater. A few notes about your child or your grandchildren would be appreciated and it would help Santa.

Club House- Discussion of the club house was tabled until the January meeting.

Callbooks- WX8G stated that he would be ordering the callbooks this coming week.

New Business

Program- Contact Scott N18L in regards to a program on a station.

Announcements

- It was announced that the North Olmstead Hamfest was December 3rd.
- New Years Eve is Straight Key night.
- Lance KB8NQL has upgraded to General.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Matt, N8EAD for a total of \$11.50, it was donated back to the club THANKS MATT!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by N8IAK and seconded by W8WEN. The video from Ten Tec followed.

Respectfully submitted, Gladys Wilson, KB8GIA

Editorial
from page 2

Remember a couple of months ago, when we reported that the FCC, in its efforts to improve service, had installed an 800 number? Well you'll notice that the callsigns are now back, but they are a month old.

Under the old system, I could call the FCC around the 15th of the month, and get the latest callsigns as of the first of that month. The phone call cost me about a quarter. Now, under the *improved* system, there seems to be no set date for availability of callsigns. The only thing that seems to be constant is that the callsigns are never updated by the 20th of the month.

This isn't brain surgery. How much work does it take to find out the last callsigns issued, and make a new tape for the automated switchboard? Hopefully, this situation will improve with time. Until it does, I apologize for giving you information that is two months old by the time you read it.

Well, I feel better to have gotten that off my chest. 73 and see you in February. Dit Dit

Field Day '94

The results of the ARRL 1994 Field day were published in the November issue of QST. After bonuses, the Alliance ARC had a total score of 3616 pts. We operated in class 4A, and made 966 QSO's over the weekend of June 25-26.

For comparison, some other scores from around the area are listed below, along with the top scoring 4A station in 1994.

Group name	Call #	QSO's	Score
Cherryville RAI (W2GD)	5063	16556	
Alliance ARC (W8WEN)	966	3616	
Amateur Radio Fellowship(Kent)	(N8MC)	602	3094
Intercity ARC (W8WE)	439	2050	
Portage ARC (KJ3O)	296	1468	
Canton ARC (W8AL)	1283	4440	
Columbia Cty ARC	(KD8XB)	370	1456

Field Day '95 is on the weekend of June 24-25. Remember, it's never too early to start making plans.

Where's DX ?

By Jack Bennett,
W8WEN



Well, Jacks antenna farm is in the air again. Here's the latest excerpt's from the W8WEN log.

North America

12-5 KP4QJ 28.017 1704Z
12-5 J87CO 14.025 1749Z
12-9 VP5/W5ASP 21.020 1824Z
12-9 VY2MP 14.010 2014Z
12-10 HP1XBH 10CW 2023Z

South America

12-5 LU5BB 14.041 227Z
12-7 PT7AQ 14.011 0201Z
12-9 TI4/AA7JM 28.029 2104Z

Asia

12-4 VU2BK 14.025 1337Z

Africa

12-5 J28CI 14.019 1735Z
12-9 3B8FQ 14.009 2003Z
12-9 ZD8KJ 14.012 2046Z
12-9 ZS1AEG 14.016 2122Z

Jack also reports working 21 states during the first day of the ARRL Ten Meter contest.

Quote of the month:

"I feel so good today, that I've got to sit on my hands to keep from waving at people I don't like." -Paul, NW8C

note: Please send your quote of the month to:

AARC
P.O. Box 3344
Alliance, OH 44601
attn: *Zero Beat*

Calls!

We've got calls!

Thanks to the Barf-80 BBS System in Cleveland, here's the latest calls for the eighth call area:

As of December 1, 1994
Extra AA8RF
Advanced KG8NH
Tech/General **
Novice KB8VTG

** - No more callsigns in this group

From: <info-serv@arrl.org> (HQ Automated
INFO Server) Organization: American Radio
Relay League Date: Mon, 01 Nov 93 16:05:55
GMT

Info on Interference From "Hidden Fence"

Several members have reported interference from a new product called the "Hidden Fence."

This product uses a VLF transmitter, a large perimeter loop, a receiver on a dog collar and a shock device to help teach a dog to remain within your property lines.

Earlier versions of this were marketed without FCC approval and may generate interference to much of the HF band. The interference is characterized by a pulsing harmonic (like CW dits) every 35 kHz or so.

I contacted the Hidden Fence Company and was told that a "suppressor kit" is available free of charge. When you call, it is a good idea to ask for "Cheri" because others may not know about the suppressor kit. The ARRL RFI desk (that's me!) is looking for any report from someone who can verify that this suppressor kit is effective. Contact me here at HQ by phone, letter or email (ehare@arrl.org).

Hidden Fence Pet Containment, Co.
1725 NW 33rd St
Pompano Beach, FL 33064
(305) 972-6791
(305) 972-9833
(800) 226-4896

Layout for this issue of the *Zero Beat* was done by white trolls. No, we're not being racist. The little guys were a bit hung over from too much celebrating, and fell into the buckets of paint that we were using to brighten up our basement.

Hamming it up

In 1909, Einar Dessan of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away. It is believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator.

from the Alliance Review,
Friday, Nov 12, 1994. Page 2.

5 Years Ago

from the Jan/Feb 1990 *Zero Beat*
Dennis & Janice Barber,
KB8GCF & KB8GCE Editors.

- Tech/General classes were in full swing at the Alliance Community Hospital, with N8DZA & WX8G instructing. At that time, we had six students and a couple people that had inquired about the classes.
- Jim Wilson, KB8GHZ was excited about giving his first Novice code test. It was to Mary Ann, (now KB8IVS). He wasn't sure who was more nervous, the testee, or the testor.
- Jim also reflects on a visitor who had been at the November meeting. His name was Jurgen Wetzel-DD9SZ. He wanted an American call, so on November 25'th, he went to the Canton ARC exams, and passed his Novice, Tech, General, and Advanced exams in one sitting.
- At the Christmas Banquet, Jim Ferguson-N8DZA was the recipient of the first annual 'Ham of the Year' award. Jack-W8WEN received a nice plaque for winning the club's DX contest.

Dayton Hamvention changes dates.

Beginning in 1996, the Dayton Hamvention will change its schedule and hold the annual gathering on the third weekend in May.

Due to the numerous complaints about the weather in Ohio on the last weekend in April, the Hamvention committee and the owners of Hara Arena agreed to the change, which should be mutually beneficial to both parties.

Due to the long range planning of the exhibitors, there will be no change in the 1995 schedule.

Dates for the next four years are as follows:

1995-April 28-30
1996-May 17-19
1997-May 16-18
1998-May 15-17.

from the December, '94 issue of the "QRM,"
the newsletter of the Tusco Amateur Radio
Club Inc. WD8CKK ed.

Dit & Dah talk radios- A repeater QSO

by Tim & Al Megahertzzi

TIM: "Yo dude! What's new? You're 50 over 9 on my 13 element yagi. This is Tim, KM6ABC for ID. Hey, I can see the repeater antenna now. The new window in my shack is great. Hope you can hear me OK. This is KM6ABC for ID. Over Over".

AL: "Gee, Tim, I didn't realize you were using such a big antenna. I'll bet you could work it as well with one milli-Watt and a rubber duckie. You could also hear me well, since the repeater's transmitter, not mine, determines the signal strength at your end. Go ahead, Tim".

TIM: "Bummer ... eleven milli-seconds on my time response meter, Al. I'm practicing every opportunity I get, so I can respond within ten milli-seconds of the repeater's courtesy tone. Oh, almost forgot, this is KM6ABC for ID. Can't waste time, ya know. When you ragchew for a couple of hours, those seconds add up. Back to you, Al. This is KM6ABC, Tim in Folsom--on the hill. Over."

AL: "Record time, Tim. No one could slip between us even if they needed to. Maybe we can eliminate other potential repeater users. Another neat thing,

Tim, is to identify at least 100 times in ten minutes--make sure no one forgets who we are, right? Just 'cause the law requires only one ID in ten minutes and at the end of a QSO doesn't mean we can't remind 'em more often."

TIM: "A strange thing happened this morning, AL. Some guy managed to break in before I could put my coffee cup down and key up. That's when I started using a straw! The guy suggested my good buddies and I should move to a special frequency called a simplex...no repeater at all! The nerve. I was miffed. This repeater is for everyone. We have every right to tie it up as much as we want. Also, I found a good deal on a 2-meter Kilo-Watt amp. I'm certainly not going to waste money on a frequency for simple people. QSL old man?"

AL: "Maybe you should get a surgical shunt installed so you can mainstream that coffee to your brain. Some people are self-righteous, TIM. I agree suggesting a simplex just because we live only a few blocks apart is nifty. But I hear you very well. You don't need to keep asking whether I copy okay. I'm also bright enough to know when it's my turn to talk, especially when the courtesy tone gives me a cue."

TIM: "Right on, Al. Maybe I won't buy the amplifier. I could buy an HF rig for ragchewing with the money and take that 'Verbal Advantage' course.

And, well, shucks, maybe I *will* try the simplex frequency. Old habits are hard to break, but heck, this sorry son of a *&#% is ready for something different in my life."

AL: "The 'Verbal Advantage' course might help. They address gutter mouthing in detail. Hey, isn't ham radio great? Just think how many people can hear your every word, through the miracle of repeaters!"

TIM: "Well, you sure have helped me learn repeater procedures and about the use of simplex frequencies. But now I must QRT and feed my cat. So please give your lovely wife a hug for me, pat your kids on the head and give ol' scotty dog an extra bone. See ya later, OM. 73 and let's talk again at three O'clock...Hey, that's only 15 minutes from now. This is KM6ABC, off in a cloud of dust!"

AL: "Tim, I can hardly wait for our sked. Maybe we'll discuss advanced operating techniques that you could apply to HF as well as VHF. Or how about operating etiquette in general? I'm going to stop by your house and drop off a copy of the ARRL 'Repeater Operating Practices.' I hope you will read it and find it as useful as I did. 73,KG6XYZ.

from the October '92 'River City ARCS Newsletter' (Sacramento, CA)--N6YQD Editor, via the April '93 issue of the ARNS Bulletin--AF6S ed.

ARRL Bulletins

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Newington CT December 16, 1994 Relayed by
KB8NW/OBS & BARF-80 BBS To all radio
amateurs

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PRB-1 victory

PRB-1 helps win another one. An amateur in Lyme, CT. has won a federal court go-ahead to install a 78-foot tower after a battle of some three years. F. Parker Heinemann, W1YG, was denied a special exception permit by the town planning and zoning commission. He then filed a civil suit against the town. In late October, US District Judge Gerard L. Goettel said that the town had acted in good faith based on the information it

had at the time of the application, in March 1991, but order the tower approved because, the judge said, "I think federal law is on the side of ham radio operators in this case. NNNN /EX

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New 144 MHz record

A new tropospheric ducting, continental distance record has been reported on the 144 MHz amateur band. On

November 5, Rene Shaw, WB4MJE, of Big Pine Key, Florida, and Serge Szpilfogel, VE1KG, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, worked over a 1687 mile path.

The previous record was 1468 miles, set by K5WXZ and K1RJH, and had stood since October, 1968.

WB4MJE is crucially located for this work at the southern tip of the Florida Keys.

This information comes from Al Ward, WB5LUA, who maintains VHF and UHF North American distance record information for QST's "World Above 50 MHz" column. Records on bands from 144 MHz to 678 THz are published in April QST each year.

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Two Meter Band Plan 144-148 MHz

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- 144.05 - 144.10 GENERAL CW / WEAK SIGNAL
- 144.10 - 144.20 EME / WEAK SIGNAL SSB
- 144.20 NATIONAL CALLING FREQUENCY
- 144.20 - 144.275 GENERAL SSB OPERATION
- 144.275 - 144.30 PROPAGATION BEACONS
- 144.30 - 144.50 NEW OSCAR SUBBAND
- 144.50 - 144.60 LINEAR TRANSLATOR INPUTS
- 144.60 - 144.90 FM REPEATER INPUTS
- 144.90 - 145.10 WEAK SIGNAL AND FM SIMPLEX
(145.01, .03, .05, .07, .09 ARE WIDELY USED FOR PACKET)
- 145.10 - 145.20 LINEAR TRANSLATOR OUTPUTS
- 145.20 - 145.50 FM REPEATER OUTPUTS
- 145.50 - 145.80 MISC./ EXPERIMENTAL MODES
- 145.80 - 146.00 OSCAR SUBBAND
- 146.01 - 147.37 REPEATER INPUTS
- 146.40 - 146.58 SIMPLEX
- 146.61 - 147.39 REPEATER OUTPUTS
- 147.42 - 147.57 SIMPLEX
- 147.60 - 147.99 REPEATER INPUTS

FOR FURTHER VHF AND UHF BAND PLAN INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CURRENT ARRL REPEATER DIRECTORY.

Improprieties cited

Zero QSL Bureau suspends operations

The W0-QSL Bureau has suspended operations. The bureau has been operated for the last five years by 23 volunteers from the Kansas City DX Club.

The reason for suspended operation is because 3 hams have leveled charges against the Bureau manager and his sorters of stealing stamps.

It would be advisable to not send money or envelopes to the Bureau at this time until these problems have been resolved. The Bureau Manager has denied the allegations.

From the "Ham Hum", December, 1994 NOAZF & NOUWZ ed. "Ham Hum" is a publication of the AK-SAR-BEN ARC, Omaha, NE

Short circuits

Prez says

by Pam Myers-N8IAK

It was great seeing everyone at the banquet. I really had a good time, and I trust you did too.

Congratulations to Larry KE8VE for being 1994's Ham of the Year. Everybody said that Larry is one of the unsung heroes of the club-doing a lot but not taking credit for it. I agree, Thanks Larry for all your support!

I hope everyone listened to Don K8OMO when he gave his speech at the banquet. If I could quote him word for word, I would, but in a nutshell- we have a great club and we should be proud of it. We do and I am!

Thanks to Chuck and Gloria Lazear for a wonderful Santa net again this year. I've never seen two people with more enthusiasm at Christmas. I'm sure this will be a tradition in the club from now on.

Also, we mustn't forget N8DZA Jim for the use of the 145.370 repeater for this net. We seem to take Jim's machine for granted, but when it's not there, we certainly do make a lot of noise! Why not tell Jim at the next meeting how much you appreciate the 145.370 machine, and his maintenance of it. See you in January. Pam N8IAK

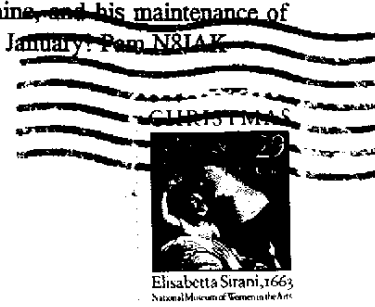
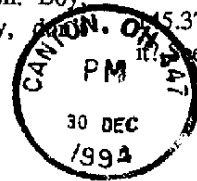
- The Alliance Emergency Management Agency is now dead. Since it had been non-funded for the last couple years, anyway, city council decided to not replace Tony Middleton, who stepped down as it's head, earlier this year. source Alliance Review, November 23, 1994
- She didn't ask for any recognition, but she got it anyhow. Pam Myers-N8IAK donated the ornaments that were given out at the Christmas party. Rumor has it that she has already started cutting plastic canvas for next years party. Thanks Pam!
- The AARC Winter Fox hunt is scheduled for January 14th, weather permitting. Foxes for this hunt are Dave Beatty-KC8WY & John Ziccardi-N8GIE. This hunt has not been confirmed, so check at the Club meeting on January 5th, or on the Tri-County News & Information Net for more information.
- Speaking of nets, don't forget that the AARC supports two nets. The Tri-County News & Information Net begins at 8:30 PM on 28.400 +/- QRM. At 9:00 PM, the two meter

version kicks in on 145.370(R). The nets are open to all hams. AARC club membership is not required.

- Well, it's that time, again. Licensing classes will be starting at the Alliance Community Hospital on the 10th of January. The main focus will be on those students trying for the General class license, although if you know someone who's trying for their novice and Technician licenses, they're welcome too. There will be 13 WPM code practice, also. For more info on times and room location, contact Larry Ashburn-KE8VE at 821-9808.
- This is where the FCC callsigns should have been, but, as of December 12th, the recorder at the FCC was still giving the callsigns for October 1st. Oh well, maybe next month.
- You've heard the expression, "Bull in a china shop?" Well, that could also describe one of our officers trying to repair NW8C's windshield wipers one morning this month. I'm not going to embarrass K8OMO any further by printing his name here. Oops! Sorry about that, Don. Boy those wipers snap off easy, don't they?

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