

# Zero Beat



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## AARC Meeting Picnic Announcement

The September Meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club will be held on September 14th, not at the Hospital, but rather at Silver park. We have reserved the Rustic shelter; this is the one in the valley behind the sound stage.

We'll be eating around 6 PM. Please bring some food to share. As usual, I'll be bringing the grill, and cooking hot dogs & Hamburgers.

We can use volunteers to bring the following:

- Hot dog & Hamburger buns
- Drinks
- Coffee if you want it. I don't know if the club owns a coffee maker, or not, so act accordingly

**We are in good shape on utensils, plates, and cups. Please do not bring any of those items, as the Barney box is busting at the seams!**



## Special Event Station

The W8LKY Special Event is in the books for another year. Thanks to all who stopped by to operate, or just to say hi!

Around 65 QSOs were made, not counting those made on VHF/UHF.

QSLs have already begun rolling in. Planning is in the works for next year.

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## AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month, at the Alliance Community Hospital. For times, and program information, check the meeting announcement in this newsletter, or check our website (see below)  
Talk-in on either of the club repeaters.  
Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

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## AARC Repeaters

### 2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY  
-W8LKY Echolink node

### 440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY  
(pl - 131.8hz )

## Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets held, beginning at 8 PM

### Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.100 MHz (CW)  
8:30PM 28.400 MHz (SSB)

### Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

### Homeland security Net

(Meets on the last Tuesday of each month  
8:00 PM 147.51 Simplex

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## AARC to Activate Cuyahoga Valley National Park

On September 17th, the Alliance ARC will be setting up at the Ledges shelter off of Truxall Rd, at Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

CVNR is designated NP14 under the National Parks On the Air (NPOTA) program, and is a fun place to operate.

Operation should commence around mid morning, and continue into the afternoon, or evening.

All are welcome to come and operate using your call, and equipment, or ours. More information about NPOTA can be found at [www.arrl.org/npota](http://www.arrl.org/npota).



## Alliance ARC DX Contest begins October 1st

How many countries can you work in six months? well, it's time once again for you to find out. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual AARC DXCC contest begins in less than a month. Here are the rules for the 2016 contest:

**Object:** to see who can work the most DXCC countries between 0000z October 1, 2016, and 2359z on March 31, 2017.

**Bands:** All bands DC to Daylight are eligible.

**Paperwork:** We are again putting you on the honor system. No LOTW, or EQSL required. No stressing out over getting QSL cards. Just export your log for that period to an ADI file, and send it in.

**The prize:** The prize will be announced in the October 2015 issue of the Zero Beat.

Logs will be judged according to ARRL DXCC Countries list, and scored electronically using N3FJP AC Log.

The recipient of the AARC DX awards #1 & 2 was Rex, NX8G. Who will be the winner for AARC DX award #3?

## Homebrew Night is scheduled for November

Again this year, we'll be hosting Homebrew night at the November meeting. The rules are simple. Bring a homebrew project (or pictures) to our November meeting. You get a few moments to describe your project, and answer questions, then we all vote on the best of show.

See you on November 9th, in the Café Conference Room at Alliance Community Hospital. We'll be starting off the meeting at 7:30. Homebrew night begins immediately following a short business meeting.

Last year, we had a shortage of entries. You have my word that we will not have that problem this year!

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## Minutes

### Minutes for the 10Aug16 Meeting

At 7:31 PM NX8G opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with the round of introductions. There were 17 members and 3 guests in attendance. The list of birthdays and committee reports followed. KD8MQ reported on the repeaters and the website. All are still in use and are being cared for. WA8WHP and KD8MQ reported the classes are in hiatus due to the lack of a meeting place that can be relied on the access. The Red Cross building is up for sale. We have access until WA8WHP is notified by the Red Cross it has been sold. The nets were reported by KD8MQ for the 10 SSB net on 28.400 and WA8WHP CW net on 28.100 with KC8ZEH reporting on the 145.370 FM net.

The Secretary report was posted in the Zero Beat. KC8ZEH moved to accept as posted and K2ASA seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Treasurer's report was given by KB8IVS. K8DXR moved to accept as read and seconded by KA8GIA. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old business started by a report of this year's Field Day given by KD8MQ. The following were the operators who received awards for their efforts: NX8G, First Place, KD8MQ, second and KD8BBK, third. A report on the club's NPOTA effort to come was given by W8ND. He will give details as the time approaches. The Carnation Das in the Park special event operations was mentioned by KD8MQ. It seems to be all ready for the operators to start at 10AM 20Aug16. The same day will also see a VE session at the Red Cross Building across from Rodman Library starting at 9AM.

New business started with the announcement by KD8MQ of this year's Castle Run. Assemble at the Glamorgan Castle at 7:30 AM on 05Sep16. Advise KD8MQ if you would like to help. A bill for the Field Day awards was presented by KD8MQ. It was moved by K2ASA that it be paid. It was seconded by W8ND. Motion carried by a voice vote. KD8MQ moved the 14Sep16 meeting be held at Silver Park at the log cabin or other available shelter as our annual club picnic. This was seconded by KD8JRK. After some discussion it was approved by a voice vote. Bring your family with a full basket for a good time sharing food and fellowship.

Hamfests were announced and at 8:01 PM KD8MQ moved to close KC8ZEH seconded. The meeting was closed. We then had our break followed by a very good program by N8SY, Ohio Section Manager who started by presenting KD8MQ with his Allen Severson Award.

Respectfully presented by WA8WHP Secretary.

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