



# Zero Beat

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## Club Programs & Events

February 5th - Club Breakfast

February 9th - Club Meeting  
[\(for all events, see w8lky.org\)](#)

### Club Breakfast

**(COVID PERMITTING)**

At 8:30am on the Saturday, February 5th, we will meet for breakfast at

**Don Panchos Restaurant  
(2105 W. State St, Alliance)**

All are welcome.

### Club Meeting

**(COVID PERMITTING)**

This month, we will be meeting at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex (2105 W. State St, Alliance)

February 9th

Dinner at 6-ish, and meeting promptly at 7:30PM

## President's Remarks "Patience is a Virtue"



Patience is a Virtue, is a long time saying in our Society. More than ever, that couldn't be more true than at this moment. We are entering into our third year of dealing with one form of COVID or

another. We find our self not using our traditional face to face contacts or normal meetings. We are seeing a little light at the end of the tunnel. No one knows for sure when things will return to normal for organizations such as ours. So we will keep plugging along, and thank goodness we have the air waves to communicate with each other.

Winter Field Day weekend was January 29-30. We participated in a different ways than we normally do. We worked out of our Shacks or different venues. I even heard that several of our operators may be at someone Shack. Rules and procedures were posted at [HTTP: www.winterfieldday.com/](http://www.winterfieldday.com/) We will all keep our fingers crossed that we can return to our normal system for the Summer Field Day June 25-26.

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## AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at **Don Panchos Tex-Mex Cafe**. 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.

## Find Us Online:

**Web:** [www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)

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## AARC Repeaters

### 2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY  
(PL - 110.9hz)

### 440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY  
(PL - 131.8hz)

## Nets

### Tuesday

#### Homeland security Net

7:00PM 147.51 Simplex

### Thursday

#### Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)

8:20PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

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We continue to encourage those seeking to up grade your license status. We decided to move our VE Sessions to a quarterly system, but that can be revise if we have enough solid interest in testing before April 2022. There are a few area clubs conducting VE Sessions. It is highly recommended that you take on line practice tests before you take the actual test, your scores should be in the 80-90% range,

We are looking for a club member to step forward and become our new Training officer—are you that person? We are also looking for a club member to step forward and become net control manager of our Thursday night 8pm CW Net. These are wonderful opportunities for you to continue your personal service to our club and Amateur Radio in general. One late addition to my remarks is that National Weather Service will be conducting Sky-Warn Training in Late March of 2022. This has always been mandatory attendance for all Amateur Radio Operators. It will greatly influence by COVID Status. Normally there are Two(2) Sessions each each year, one in the Spring and one in the Winter months.

It is AARC Club dues time for 2022. You can do it all on line or the old fashion way. Please send your check with your completed renewal form to our mailing address. The mailing address is Alliance Amateur Radio Club, P.O.Box3344 , Alliance, Ohio 44601. All dues are due by March 31st.

I have a suggestion for prospecting for new hams. Ask the prospect, to sit down with you when you participate on Radio club nets. Share with the prospect what we do and why and the hobby never gets old, because there is so much to do and learn. Mentoring a new ham is fun also, you see yourself in him or her as they grow in knowledge and experience. Hand out the club's business cards and pamphlets. Take the time to ask someone to join us in the world's most fascinating hobby Amateur Radio.

73 and we will be in QSO with each other soon!!!  
Ron(KE8HCY)



## Items for sale from the WA8NEJ Estate

- J-38 KEY ON BASE \$35.00
- ASTRON RS-20A POWER SUPPLY  
(output terminals have been replaced with 1/4-20 bolts.) \$45
- Butternut Spider antenna (no hub) \$15
- Drake 2-CS speaker **ASK**
- Drake 2B receiver - with manual, schematic, and documentation of work done  
(date unknown) - has Crystal Calibrator **ASK**
- Drake 2-BQ speaker/Q-Multiplier **ASK**
- EICO 706 CODE OSCILLATOR (working) \$15
- Heathkit EK-1 VOM, with companion manual \$15
- Heathkit EK-2 Receiver - looks complete, however the chassis is loose in the case.  
Has not been powered up. \$15
- K9LU BD3 CLASSIC KEY (IAMBIC)
- KANTRONIC PACKET COMMUNICATOR 9612
- MFJ MFJ-1272BYV Microphone/TNC Switch Model
- MFJ MFJ-207 HF SWR ANALYZER M/N MFJ-207 W/ 2 AC adaptors - 1.75 - 30MHz  
\$20.00 (Battery Clip needs re-attached to the case)
- MFJ MFJ-962C tuner MFJ-962C - 1.5KW (Not roller inductor) (Band selector switch is  
damaged and needs replaced. \$75.00
- Micronta 22-124A Power Supply \$5
- Realistic 28-110 3 TRANSISTOR SHORTWAVE RADIO KIT \$5
- Standard C528A HT 2M/440 w/ drop-in charger & 7(!) battery packs; 2 of them look  
like they've never been opened. Also has a speaker mic \$35
- Tigertronics BayPac BP-1 Packet Modem \$10

Interested in any of these items?

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## Items for sale from the WA8NEJ Estate

### **Books (Make offer)**

- Radio Servicing by Abraham Marcus 1960
- Hints and Kinks Vol 6 by ARRL 1959
- The Radio Amateur's License Manual 1970 by ARRL
- A course In Radio Fundamentals by George Grammer (ARRL)1960
- On the Air with Ham Radio by Steve Ford 2001 (ARRL)
- Amateur Radio Theory Course by Martin Schwartz 1992 (AMECO)
- Elements of Radio by Marcus and Marcus 1959
- The ARRL Extra Class License Manual Ninth Edition (with practice cd)
- Personal Computers in the Ham Shack by Paul Danzer and Richard Roznoy (ARRL) 1997
- Ham Radio FAQ by ARRL 2001
- The ARRL Operating Manual For Radio Amateurs 12th Edition2019
- ARRL 2019 Repeater Directory
- RF Exposure & you Hare 1998
- Radio Amateurs HandbookARRL 1978
- Radio frequency Interference & how to fix it ARRL 1991
- Understanding Amateur Radio ARRL 1977
- Ameco Advanced Class Radio Amateur License Guide Ameco 1968

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## Minutes

Remember, our club minutes (with the financials redacted) can be found on our website at [w8lky.org](http://w8lky.org).

The treasurers report can be obtained by e-mailing the treasurer at [kd8mq1@gmail.com](mailto:kd8mq1@gmail.com)

## AARC Monthly VE Testing

The Alliance ARC is now doing monthly VE testing.

### Our first session of 2022 to be announced

Testing is held at the First Christian Church, 1141 W. Beech Street, in Alliance

Registration will be between 8-9AM, and testing will begin at 9 AM

The cost for testing will be \$15.00

Applicants Need to Bring the following;

- Copy of any current Amateur Radio License
- You must have an E-mail address for the FCC form. This is how they will contact you.
- If not licensed please go to the FCC website and register for an FRN. Bring this number with you as it is needed for your application.
- Photo ID showing current address like a Driver's License
- One additional ID, like a CCW Permit, Passport or work ID
- \$15.00, Cash only and exact change is encouraged
- A calculator is optional for math problems

For any additional questions please contact VE Team Liaison

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# WG8X Rambling

Hi everyone,

Well, as one of our group said, "Winter Field Day has arrived". It has gone from a little known contest in one of the coldest months of the year, to a major contest that could someday equal some of the ARRL sponsored contest offerings.

This year, I was fortunate to operate with a group of guys known as the Pedestrian ARC. We consist of Mike (KD8ENV), Scott (N3JJT), Tony (KD8BBK), and myself. We try to get out once or twice a year just to operate & have fun. This year, we returned to Mohican SP in Loudonville. We only operated on Saturday. But as you can see from the pictures, we had a lot of fun. We do our best not to takes things too seriously.



Yes, both Field Days are good practice should you ever need to quickly put a station on the air from a non-standard location. But, more importantly is to get out, have fun, and make memories that will stay with you for years to come.

Beginning at 1900Z, 40 Meter SSB was jam packed with stations. Our first run of the afternoon lasted an hour, and only ended so we could take a well-deserved break.

I've not heard of any other WFD activity from club members, other than the team of W8JMY, KC8SUI, and KD8ZEZ. Did you operate? Even if you only made a couple of contacts, please let me know about it.

**The trip to winter Field Day was interesting as well. Look for more pictures on the next page.**

There better be bonus points involved in this! DE K8PRC [06/06]



# WG8X Rambling - CONT

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Tony, KD8BBK shares this picture (presumably from Amish country).



KD8ENV offers that this is how you tune a long wire for 12 Meters. Note the bicycle wheel pulley.

To the right, is the setup at W8JMY's shack. No word on how they did, but KC8SUI offers that the

And that's a wrap for this month. Sorry for the lateness, but sometimes the Zero Beat happens when it wants to happen.



## Newsletter Information

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