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## Welcome to this weeks issue of **The Week Ahead**

Whew! And just like that, the year is over. What new adventures lie in store for you? Sometime in the next couple weeks, I plan to hit the road again to finish a goal. I've travelled to and activated 257 parks and public lands in the state of Ohio. I have 17 to go, and I want to mark this goal as complete.

As promised last week, there's a bunch of stuff happening in January that you don't want to miss.

This week, we have not only our Wednesday coffee break, but also our Monthly Saturday club breakfast. The the ARRL RTTY Roundup is next weekend for you digital guys.

The club trailer has been moved to my QTH so we can prep for WFD in a few weeks.

Look elsewhere in this issue for some preliminary planning notes for WFD. While not comprehensive, you can get an idea about where my mind is going.  
73,

John, WG8X

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- Promote fraternalism
- Educate and advance radio knowledge and individual operating efficiency
- Provide public service communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies
- Conduct club programs and other activities that advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in our community, county, and state.

## Meet Your New Officers / Volunteers

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Lorin Kleinhans, KD8WVE: 440 MHz Net

Steve Collins, KB8RFE: 6 Meter Digital Net  
10 Meter Digital Net

James Andrews, KD8VT: Homeland security Net

John Myers, WG8X: 10 Meter SSB Net

Tomas St. George, KC8ZEH: 2 Meter Net

For a complete net schedule, scroll down, or go  
to our net page at

<https://www.w8lky.org/activities/our-nets/>

**QSL Manager:** Howard, K8DXR

**Public Information / Social Media:** Charlene,  
KE8YBZ

## Our Net Schedule

### Monday

440 MHz Net

7:00 PM Eastern - 442.350 FM (PL 131.8)

### Tuesday

Homeland Security Net

7:00 PM Eastern - 147.510 FM

### Tuesday

6 Meter Digital Net

8:00 PM Eastern - 50.292.25

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**Thursday**

7:30 PM Eastern - 28.122  
Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

**Thursday**

8:00 PM Eastern - 28.423 SSB

**Thursday**

9:00 PM Eastern - 145.370 FM

You can learn more about these nets on our Net page at <https://www.w8lky.org/activities/our-nets/>

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## Monthly Club Breakfast



January 6th, at Don Panchos, 8:30 am  
Don Panchos is at 2105 W. State St, Alliance

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## Wednesday Morning Coffee Break



While this is not an "official" club function, a group of our retirees gather each Wednesday morning around 9 AM at the Alliance Sheetz on w. State St for good coffee, and conversation. Hope you can join us.



## Morse Code Classes At Hospital

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Have you ever considered adding Morse Code to your skillset? If it's on your bucket list, we've got an exciting opportunity for you! Starting next Tuesday at 7 PM, we're launching a comprehensive class to guide you through the intricacies of Morse Code.

Although no longer a mandatory requirement for Ham licenses, Morse code, or CW, has experienced a resurgence in popularity among Amateur (Ham) radio operators. Our classes will kick off with the basics, covering the alphabet and numbers, and progress to mastering standard Ham radio contacts.

Join us every Tuesday, starting December 19th, in conference room 1-A at Aultman Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St), Alliance. The sessions will commence at 7 PM and run for approximately one hour each night. For more details, reach out to Tony Shillig, KD8BBK, at [kd8bbk@aol.com](mailto:kd8bbk@aol.com).

Students are encouraged to bring headphones if they prefer a personalized learning experience.

Additional information is available on our website at [www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org). Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to delve into the world of Morse Code and enhance your Ham radio experience!

**Our next club meeting will be  
Wednesday, January 10th, 7:00 PM  
in Conference Room 1A at  
Aultman Alliance Community Hospital. Room 1A is just off of  
the cafeteria.**

**Our Monthly pre-meeting will be at Don Panchos,  
2105 W. State St, Alliance  
at 5:30 PM**

## Winter Field Day (WFD)

Winter Field Day (<https://winterfieldday.org/>) is coming up in about a month. The date is January 27th & 28th. We will be set up again at the Louisville Sportsmans Club (<http://louisvillesportsmans.com/>), at 5300 Maplegrove St, Louisville, OH

We will again do a carry in dinner, but rather than lunch, let's talk about doing it for dinner at about 4:30 PM.

Lunch on Saturday will be a pizza run to Louisville. I think Gioninos on Louisville st is close. Sunday breakfast & lunch will a spontaneous thing.

It looks like there's decent facilities available at the Sportsmans Club for two or three HF stations. I'm bringing the club trailer in on Friday the 26th. If the weather is good, perhaps we can do some early setup (If OK with the Sportsmans Club of course)

Plan to stop out that weekend; if not to operate, then maybe to just socialize, or help log. For that matter, come on out to ask questions, and learn. None of us were born knowing this stuff. We all have to start from where we are.

We'll be doing a brief discussion about this at the January meeting, so we can approve the expenditure for



## ***Support Your Parks Weekend***

*This is sponsored by our friends at PCARS. We are welcome to participate. There's always a lot of fun & Fellowship at a PCARS event.*

PCARS is offering a Support Your Parks Activity on Jan, 20 2024, from 10am - 4pm

We will be at the Oak Tree shelter in Wingfoot Lake SP. This is in Suffield. (First parking lot on your left immediately after you enter the park)

### **QRP Please**

Come out and help K8BF activate Wingfoot Lake State park. Whether you're a seasoned POTA activator, this is your first attempt, or you want to learn more about portable operations this will be a fun gathering. There are several trees to hang your antenna, and there is plenty of open grass if you have a vertical or mast you'd like to put up.

The parking lot is right next to the pavilion. As usual, you can expect some hot food and drinks to be served at this outing! There is power available in the pavilion and we will have wind breaks and heat. If the weather dips too cold there will be a family sized tent with heat going in it so you can thaw out, or possibly operate.

The restrooms have been confirmed to be available as well! Look for us to be setup there having BIG FUN!

It would be helpful to know who's coming, so please RSVP to [bmercerc@eutonian.com](mailto:bmercerc@eutonian.com) Feel free to reach out with any questions you have as well. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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