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How I got Started in Ham Radio, Part 1

The other day, during a discussion on the ARRL's PR list, Jay, NE2Q told about a survey he was doing with his club. He posed the question:

"How Did You Discover Ham Radio?"

I posed the question to all the local Hams in my address book, and asked for responses. The response so far has been fantastic! I've received more stories than I can possibly fit into this issue, and they are still arriving. So, don't be alarmed if you've sent me a story, and you don't see it in this issue,

it will be in a future issue.

So, in no particular order, here we go.

From Jim, K8LTG

I became interested in Electricity and eventually Radio about 1952 or 53. I tore apart old motors and other electrical devices and used the wire to make electromagnets, small motors and generators.

My only source was books obtained from the bi-weekly visits of the Bookmobile. I did a lot of begging

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Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11th, 2010 at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the Cafe conference room.

This months program will be a Field Day Software Clinic

It promises to be an informative program, so make plans to attend.

Before the meeting, you're invited to join us at 6pm for dinner

Don Panchos
2105 W. State St.

Field Day Software Clinic To Be Held at May Meeting

Our May, & June meetings will feature an impromptu Field Day Software Clinic. At this years Field Day, we'll be using the N1MM logger, which bills itself as "The world's most popular contest logging program".

The software can be downloaded free from n1mm.hamdocs.com/. There will be copies available at the next two meetings, and

plenty of assistance in getting you up & running.

We'll set up the network, so that the multi-op features of this software can be explored. We can play around with it, and help each other solve any issues which may arise.

So bring your laptop, and be prepared to learn a few things.

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(See above)

Rambling

By John, KD8MQ

Hello, and welcome to the May edition of the Zero Beat.

How I got into Ham Radio

A few days ago, I sent out an e-mail asking you to tell me how you got into Ham Radio. The response so far has been great. As of this writing, I've received 14 responses. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the inputs. If you haven't yet submitted your story, please do so. We'll continue printing these as long as there's something to print.

Dayton Bus Trip The Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship has hit the minimum number of riders need to guarantee the bus trip. That means the trip is a go. At this time, there are seats available for \$50, but you'll have buy your own Hamvention[®] ticket at the gate. That's still a great deal. If you're interested, please call Joy, KA8TDF @ 330-745-5115, or e-mail her at ka8tdf@arrrl.net.

Speaking of Dayton, anyone who might want Field Day hats, shirts, or pins can save shipping costs by having me pick the merchandise up at Dayton. Contact me if interested.

April Club Meeting

Last months program on Traffic Handling was great, wasn't it? I've heard several positive comments concerning WB9LBI's presentation.

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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 28.400 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

Internet

Web: www.w8lky.org

E-mail: W8lky@w8lky.org

We are also on Facebook!

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March Minutes

April 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on April 13, 2011 at 7:30 PM at Alliance Community Hospital with club President John Myers (KD8MQ) presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 15 members present along with Miriam Sanor and guests Bill Fraedrich (WB9LBI) and Steve (K8SRR) & Mckayla Randlett.

President John announced birthdays for April which included a belated greeting to Jim (K8LTG) and Joe (KC8TAC).

For the Secretary's report Don (AB8KV) noted that the minutes for March were in the newsletter.

With nothing further to relate this month, the Secretary's report was approved on a motion by Tom (KD8JRK) and seconded by Smitty (KC8TJQ).

Treasurer Mary Ann (KB8IVS) then gave the Treasurer's report. It was approved on a motion by Smitty and seconded by

Frank (WA8WHP).

Committee reports / Old Business:

- Regarding ARES, Don (K8OMO) deferred to Tom who had attended the latest meeting. He reported on the topics covered, which included the Hall of Fame parade, a proposed earthquake drill and a 120-repeater problem. Don noted that the local nets were active and inquired about anyone purchasing safety vests at Marc's.

- Regarding fund raising, Frank reminded the club about turning in cell phones. He added that if anyone still had monies from the Elder-Beerman coupon book sale, they should turn it in to Mary Ann.

- Referring to Field Day, President John stated that there was not much new to report but reiterated that he is still looking for persons to operate in special modes for bonus points.

- John then talked about the Stark County VHF QSO party, wherein participation was good with the bonus stations doing very well including the clubs'. He added that entries were already coming in.

New business:

- Don (K8OMO) reported that the hospital was planning a drill on or about May 16. Details would be forthcoming.

- Treasurer Mary Ann noted that the club insurance was due. John asked for a motion to pay it and Don (K8OMO) so moved. The motion was seconded by VP Howard (K8DXR) and passed by a voice vote.

- Jim (K8LTG) reported that the new repeater for 442.35 had arrived and that he is working on it and hopefully will have it up and running soon.

- Don (K8OMO) reminded the club about the estate sale for NW8C, listing some of the equipment. John asked for a list to be placed in the newsletter.

With no further new business, and after a 5-minute break, Bill (WB9LBI) presented a program about traffic handling.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion by Frank, seconded by Smitty.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, Secretary.

NEW FCC WEBSITE

The FCC is currently in the process of a complete redesign of their website and is interested in soliciting comments from the public on the design and usefulness of the new site. Going to www.FCC.GOV will bring up the existing site where you will find a link taking you to the new beta website. It is pretty complete but I found that the section that covers the Amateur Radio Service will take you back to the original site pages.

It may be that they haven't fully integrated this section into the new site. The search engine works very well and the new site is expected to incorporate several new enhancements currently in use in the next generation of websites similar to the new ARRL website. More interactive ability, blogs, use of video plus many other items. You might want to look around the site and drop them a comment.

(from the May issue of the Feedback, from the Massillon ARC, Gary, WC8W, ed.)

New Hams & Upgrades

Please join me in congratulating the following local Amateurs:

New Hams

- Jeff Hendershot, KD8QCF

Upgrades

- Chuck Lazear, N8PLM Upgraded to General

Rambling—cont.

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I hope this coaxes you to jump in, and try traffic handling for yourself.

May Club Meeting

This month, We don't have a formal program, but the N1MM logger program will be on display, and copies will be available to try out. I hope to have the wireless network set up, so we can play a bit.

If you can't make this meeting, don't fret. I'll likely do the same thing for next months meeting.

Aprils meeting was a bit short, due to our program. Left from last month is the our summer schedule. Again, we held the following events last year, but I want to get your opinion on repeating them this year:

- Club table at the Mile Branch Grange Fair. The 2011 fair runs from July 21st—23rd.

- Ohio QSO Party operation from the Sebring Campgrounds. The date for this years Ohio QSO Party is Saturday, August 27th.

- AARC Club picnic - I'm sure there's no doubt on this one, but we still need to decide on a date, and a location.

New Members

No new members to report this month, but Mary Ann, KB8IVS reports that we are still accepting renewals.

Field Day

Remember, Field Day is coming up. All are invited. If you have any questions, or concerns regarding Field Day, please address them to one of us. Besides myself, they are:

- Howard, K8DXR
- Tom, KD8JRK
- Frank, WA8WHP

Anniversary Time

I haven't heard any comments on this. I sure hoe everyone reads this column. It'll be on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

ARRL Bus Trip

The Cuyahoga Falls ARC are trying to gather riders for a bus trip to league headquarters in July. I've included more information elsewhere in this issue.

The Last Word

With this issue, we are back to a publication date of around the first of the month. Thanks to the member who pointed out that we were already a week into the new month before the calendar arrived in the Zero Beat. I appreciate the input. It makes my day that the newsletter is being read, and referred back to through the month.

That's all I have for this month. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

73, de John, KD8MQ

Understanding Engineers

Understanding Engineers #1

Two engineering students were biking across the Texas A & M campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."



Understanding Engineers #2

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers #3

A priest, an ophthalmologist, and an engineer were golfing one morning behind a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello, George. What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we let them play for free anytime." The group fell silent for a moment. Then the priest said, "That's so sad. I think I'll say a special prayer for them." The ophthalmologist added, "Good idea. And maybe I could examine them to see if there's anything I can do for them." They were silent for a moment. Then the engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

Understanding Engineers #4

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers?

Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers

Understanding Engineers #5

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints." Another said, "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections." The last one said, "No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Understanding Engineers #6

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

Understanding Engineers #7

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want." Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm a busy engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend. But a talking frog?!! Now that's cool!"



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for more advanced books reserved for the mature folks. It was a continual struggle to obtain books considered too advanced for me to understand.

My friend and I managed to obtain a Radio handbook with the latest on spark gap and early vacuum tube theory for transmitting. It was not long before we managed to get some model T coils, brass door knobs, carbon rods from large dry cell batteries, variable capacitors and wire for coils. A couple of galena rocks were made into detectors using steel wire from old switches for contacts. Ralph and I learned the Morse code so we could get on the air. The signals were pretty good over the half mile that separated us. We could not figure out why we could not hear other Ham signals, which [we] diligently listened for. We would try making and adjusting various loose couplers and everything else but to no avail, no one ever came back to our signals. TV was starting to enter our lives and it was not long before the neighborhood surmised the cause of TV blackout.

Upon returning home from school one day I was introduced to a gentleman by my father. I was instructed to show him my ham apparatus and to demonstrate it. I made about two dits and was instructed to cease opera-

tions!

The person involved was a Mr. Joseph Cotton , FCC Engineer in charge, who I was to meet a few years later when I became an engineer for WSOM.

Needless to say I disassembled my wonderful station and in 1958 tested for an official Amateur radio ticket duly issued by the F.C.C. The station was still home constructed using parts found on various community dumps, which were a treasure trove of old radio parts in those times.

Strangest thing about the whole event was that suddenly the library started to bring books with a lot more modern information but they were sure more complicated! As they say the rest is history.

From Tomas, KC8ZEH

Hello John I started in to ham radio Thru a Friend, Mike K8GMG. One day back in '04 Mike came to me with a answer book for ham tech . He gave me the book and told me to read it before Saturday. I ask him why Saturday, and he said because that was the day of the test. Mind you [this] was on Wednesday when he gave me the book. Three days to read the question and answer book. Well I did take the test and passed. Boy what fun we had on two meters. A year later, Mike came to me with the general

book . So this time I ask him how much time I had before taking the test? He said you have plenty of time just read it before sat. Sat was five day's away. Well I read it and took the test and passed . But I did not have c w experience and it was a required before I could talk on HF so I waited a full year till they dropped the cw requirement for general on Feb 23, 2007. The amazing thing was I had one day left on my general license before I had to retest. So that's how I got started in ham radio.

Since then, I infected my son, KD8DQX and I'm working on my grand daughter she just turning two next month we call her KD8SAM for Sami or her proper name is Samantha.

From Tom, KD8JRK

My interest in Ham Radio started with my Grandfather (K8CMI). I used to go down into his shack and listen to all these people chatting away. My interest grew even more when my Father (K8RLS) attained his call sign. With my brother (K8CMI) having his, it increased.

My final decision came in the Winter of 2007 when my Mom and Dad went to one of my Dad's doctors appointments. There was a really bad car accident a cou-

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ple of houses down. I



thought if I could get on the air I could let them know. I called Jim (K8LTG) to see if he could get a hold of them, this failed. So I made a determination to get my own license. Now proudly a General Class studying for my Extra.

From K8CMI

My grandfather, Ray, had been a Ham since before I was born. When I would visit, I would go into his shack and tune around on his receiver and just listen. In high school, I got my Novice ticket, but didn't do much with it. When the vanity call sign program started, I decided to get my grandfather's call. I studied for my general, got my code speed up to 13WPM, passed my general and was able to get his call, K8CMI. I'm hoping one of my dad's grandkids develop enough interest in the hobby to apply for his call.

From Dale, NX8J

About 5th grade, I became curious how radio worked. Was always a sci-

ence fan.

Read books by Alfred E Morgan (Boys First & Second & Third Book of Electronics). Wanted to be a ham, along with my school friend. We visited a ham near Louisville who said he would administer the novice test, but we were too distracted to study code & theory. Besides, model rockets were more exciting!

Interested in broadcasting because I thought DJ's were cool and the job of delivering tornado warnings that saved lives was also cool. Passed FCC First Class Radiotelephone just before senior year, started work at WJAN-TV when it was still brand new. Left broadcasting for computer work. Never abandoned radio, was always an SWL. Our kids grew up, ham radio seemed right, jumped in early 2005, having a blast! Only regret is not becoming a ham much sooner, have made my best friends through this hobby.

BTW, my study buddy from 5th grade is now N8OKH.

From Frank, WA8WHP

In 1956 members of the radio club in Alliance came to our scout troop in New Franklin to teach us Morse code. They invited us to the club station at the armory, where I got to use the receivers.

That, I feel, was the source of the infection. In 1958 I attended classes in the basement of Memorial Hall at Mount Union College taught by K8LTG, among others. That maintained the infection level. When I went to work at the Ohio Agricultural Experimental Station (later to be called O.A.R.D.C) in Wooster I took the test. My Elmer there was Kermit Grunder. I received my novice in 1966 and tech in 1967. I passed my advanced in 1980 and extra in 1990 (I think, old memory cells let me down at times).

From Duane, W8DHz

Brings back memories. I was literally drafted into ham radio. I spent six months in the Air Force learning Morse Code and all the associated details of electronics, antennas, frequencies and all the other dits and dahs of the business. I spent the next 6 years copying Morse code. About 30 years after getting out of the service I decided to go to an advertised meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club. I got interested in getting my license and here I am.

That takes care of it for this month. Keep those stories coming! Watch for Part 2 in the next issue of the Zero Beat!

Thanks!
By Chuck, N8PLM

My name is chuck n8plm, & I just passed my general test. I did it for myself, but in memory of Larry, KE8VE. He has been on my mind since he passed. It was so unexpected, to me. As nice as Larry could be, he would continually encourage me to upgrade. I would tell him, "No I do not need to", all the time knowing I wanted to, but only when they did away with the code requirement.

They intended to make the test harder, I did not think that was fair, so I just refused to do it!

I did not tell him , but I had decided to get in Larry's next class. Unfortunately, it was not god's will, and he needed Larry more than we did. I lost a great friend, teacher, & fellow Ham, a great ham. No, I don't talk to the dead, but maybe they talk to me just a bit. Larry has been on my mind & the general test changes this June & gets harder. I had no idea, but Larry must have. I started to looking into it, and when I saw the dead line, I thought, there's no way!!!

Larry was always supportive; he would say "**you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it**". Well, remembering all his talks I can still hear his voice. So, where do I start? Like a light came on I emailed John KD8MQ, asking where to find classes online.

Tell Your Ham Radio Stories on HamRadioStoryProject.Com
By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

For a long time, I've had the idea to set up a website to capture ham radio stories. Well, I've finally done it. The Ham Radio Story Project www.hamradiostoryproject.com is now online!

This website was inspired by the Story Corps (<http://storycorps.org/>), which was itself inspired by NPR's National Story Project (http://www.npr.org/programs/w_a_t_c/_f_e_a_t_u_r_e_s/1999/991002.storyproject.html). The tagline for the site is "capturing the human spirit of amateur radio," and my motivation for setting up the sit is to capture personal stories of how amateur radio has touched lives, either the lives of amateur radio operators themselves, or of the people that we serve.

The site has only been online a month, and I already have several good stories. I reposted my story

The same day, he sent me a great list of online classes. I worked on them . Thank you john, KD8MQ, you also are a great ham always ready to help out & full of great ideas.

I also have a good friend, & elmer for MARS; Don Kemp, NN8B, who told me the Salem club was starting a general class which I got into. Thank you Don.

The SAARA class was held at Ginger Grilli's home. Thank you Ginger, for opening your home to us. The

about checking the QSLs of a county hunter, and there are also stories about an international friendship that survived WW II and a story about how an Elmer touched the life of his student. These are exactly the type of stories I want to collect.

If you have a great story about ham radio, I want to hear about it and to publish it on HamRadioStoryProject.Com. If you want to tell the story yourself, let me know, and I'll set up an account for you on the site. If you would like some help, let me know, and I'll contact you and either write the story myself, or find someone else to help you.

I don't want to lose another great story because there isn't a place to tell it. HamRadioStoryProject.Com is the place to tell it.

(ed. Note: Ironically, this story arrived the day after I sent my e-mail soliciting your "How I got started in Ham Radio" stories.)

teacher was Allan Avnet, AB8AA. He is also president of the Western Reserve ARA. Thank you & your , Jane, K8JAA.

It was hard work, but I went 2 weeks early & passed my test. Thank you all. But most of all thank you Larry, ke8ve.

If I can do it so can you

73 de: n8plm chuck

AARC Swap n Shop!

Do you have something Ham-related for sale, or something you are wanting to buy? Nothing to list this month. If you have something, contact KD8MQ; His e-mail address is below.

1. Icom 756 Pro HF transceiver 30khz-60Mhz dsp 2x rx	\$1150.00
2. Sp 20 extension speaker with filters	\$ 125.00
3. Astron 50 amp power supply with meters	\$ 175.00
4. astron 50 amp power supply no meters	\$ 140.00
5. Mosley Ta 33 tribander beam	\$ 50.00
6. 2 element 6 meter quad	\$ 45.00
7. TR 9000 2mtr all mode	\$ 100.00
8. Hallicrafters SX-110 .5 - 30 mcs SW Receiver	\$ 75.00
9. hallicrafters Sr-150 and SR-160 RX TX	\$ 100.00
10. Dentron Super tuner (parts)	\$ 50.00
11. Heathkit HO 10 monitor scope	\$ 50.00
12. TS 690S Kenwood (10-160 Meters) 100Watts	\$
13. Mirage B1016G 2meter amp 160 watts	\$ 125.00
14. Rig Blaster interface	\$
15. MFJ 906 tuner 6 meter	\$
16. MFJ 921 Tuner VHF 2 meter	\$
17. MFJ 924 Tuner UHF 440	\$
18. TE Systems 6 meter amp o510G	\$
19. TM 741A dual band mobile 2mtr 440	\$
20. HTX 212 Radio Shack 2 meter 45 Watts	\$
21. SCS mobile amp (80-10 meters) 100 am/250 ssb	\$
22. FT 50 R Yaesu HT 2/440 5 wts	\$
23. RCI 2950 mobile 10 meter	\$24. 2
rotators Ham 4 hygain with control boxes	\$

more items to come -call for prices not listed

Don K8OMO ([330-823-5639](tel:330-823-5639)) or

Jim k8ltg ([330-823-3925](tel:330-823-3925))

Swap & Shop rules: We'll keep the rules simple.

1. All ads will run for two months, unless you contact me to cancel, or extend it.
2. You are allowed to post anything as long as it is Ham Radio, or Computer related.
3. Please, no converted CB equipment.

To place an ad: contact John, KD8MQ (e-mail: kd8mq@arrl.net)

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Chuck, N8PLM, sends the following:

For Sale - Cushcraft A-4S 10-40 Meter multiband HF Yagi with Model 744 40 meter add on kit. still in boxes \$700.00, or best offer

Looking to buy 2 meter or 440 repeater

Looking to buy a diamond 500hna, or x510hdn, or x510hdm base antenna

Chuck can be reached at 330-938-9023 or n8plm@yahoo.com

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Balloon Flight Aborted

According to reports, the Project Blue Horizon 5 high-altitude transatlantic balloon flight has been aborted. The flight began Thursday, April 28 from Owego, New York, but the balloon envelope apparently ruptured above 100,000 feet late Friday morning. The payload descended for landing in an area approximately 10 miles northeast of Warsaw, New York.

The Project Blue Horizon team was attempting to break current Amateur Radio high-altitude balloon records for distance (3361.81 miles)

and duration (49 hours, 45 minutes). The payload was carried beneath a 54,000 cubic foot capacity helium-filled balloon designed to cruise between 85,000 and 100,000 feet.

During the flight amateurs worldwide were encouraged to monitor the N2XE CW telemetry beacons on 40 and 30 meters.

More information about the program is at projectbluehorizon.com/.

Thanks to the ARRL Website for this info.

Dayton Bus Trip Is On!

Word has been received that the Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship has met the minimum, and the bus trip is a go!

But, seats remain available right up to 5:30 AM on the 21st. The current cost is \$50, which does not include your Hamvention ticket.

With gas at \$3.99 a Gallon, assuming a car that gets you 25 MPG, It would cost you about \$64 to drive to Dayton; parking not included!

We are running their flyer one more time on the next page.

Upcoming Fox Hunts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Hunt/Talk-in Freq</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Start Line</u>
May 4 th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
May 18 th	7:00 PM	147.525	Cuyahoga Falls ARC	2850 Church St, Stow, Ohio
May 28th	2:00 pm	147.525	Alliance ARC	1906 S. Union Ave, Alliance

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

Alliance Fox Hunt Results

While the weather on the day of our April fox hunt wasn't snowy, or cold, or overly windy, 5 teams managed brave the yucky, sunny day, and hunt down the fox.

The hider for this month's hunt was Ben, KD8KMQ, who was given a chance to redeem himself, after choosing a perfectly diabolical hiding spot for the March hunt.

His chosen hiding spot this month was in the parking lot of the College Plaza. His choice of location was made more diabolical, thanks to him parking next to a box truck, which helped to shield his signals a bit.

The hunters, in order of finish were:

1. John, KD8MQ, & Frank, WA8WHP
2. Jim, N8PXW
3. Don, K8OMO, & Sherry
4. Tom, KC8QOD, & Denise
5. Eddie, KD8FTS

Cuyahoga Falls Foxhunt Results

Here's the results for the Cuyahoga Falls Foxhunts in the month of April.

April 6th - Gay, WB8VNO was hidden at the Kraft foods plant south of Streetsboro. The order of finish was:

1. 7:28 KD8MQ & K8OMO
2. 7:33 K8RJM
3. 7:35 N8ZUA
4. DNF W8EZT & K8DPF (started from home)

Debriefing was held at Bob Evans, in Streetsboro.

April 20th - Gay was hiding near Chapel Hill Mall, on a street behind Steak & Shake. The order of finish was:

1. 7:22 N8PXW
2. 7:26 K8RJM
3. 7:49 N8ZUA & N8RKA

Debriefing was held at Eat N Park.

The Cuyahoga Falls club holds fox hunts on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays of each month, during Daylight

Savings Time. The current hunt schedule is listed above.

After all have found the fox, we usually adjourn to a local eatery for debriefing, and swapping of tall tales.

All are welcome to attend.



The actual path driven by KD8MQ & K8OMO in the April 6th CFARC foxhunt. The Doppler appears to have worked well



Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship, Inc.

Dayton Hamvention 2011

Saturday May 21, 2011 5:30 AM



Are the gas pumps keeping you from the Hamvention? Is the thought of driving down to Dayton and then parking your car in some shopping center to be then bused to the Hamvention keeping you from going? Why not take our bus to the Dayton Hamvention where you can come and go to the flea market with your great purchases and leave them on the bus. The bus will be parked close to the flea market entrance.

You can save **\$10*** if you book before April 24th

The cost of the Bus & Entrance ticket to the Hamvention:
\$65* before April 23, 2011

The cost of the Bus Only to the Hamvention:
\$50* after April 23, 2011
(You will need to get your own Hamvention Entrance Ticket at gate \$25)

We will take riders right up to departure that morning (if there are seats available) on a first come, first served basis.
Departure time is 5:30 AM SHARP, so please be on time so you don't miss the bus!
Parking will be in the back of the church.

There will be a stop for breakfast @ McDonald's and a dinner stop @ the Hometown Buffet (out of pocket expense).

Transportation is being provided by the Crossroads Transportation Company.
This bus is a smoke free bus, so there will be no smoking permitted.

To Order - Complete application & send with check/money order (*payable to "PARF"*) to:

Joy Spencer KA8TDF
2101 Bigelow St
Akron, OH 44314
Or call 330-745-5115
E-mail: KA8TDF@arrl.net

Please supply a return e-mail for your receipt confirmation.

Location of Departure is:

Akron Baptist Temple
2324 Manchester Road
Akron, Ohio 44314
Located on Rt 93 just north of Rt 224

Repeaters 147.135 & 146.610

***PARF needs at least 23 riders by April 15th for this bus to be a guaranteed trip.
So don't delay, and please pass the word out to all of your ham friends & computer geeks.***

The above pricing does not include any tips.



2011 ARRL ROAD TRIP

ARRL Headquarters, Newington, CT



ARRL HQ front entrance

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society is organizing a bus trip to the ARRL Headquarters, if you have never visited the ARRL home you are in for a treat. Monday July 18 there will be a guided tour of the League HQ, you will meet the ARRL staff, view their Museum quality displays of old equipment, see how the QSL bureau and other departments work. You can bring QSL cards to be checked for DXCC, WAS, or VUCC submissions, just bring your cards with completed applications.

You will also have an opportunity to operate one of the W1AW stations located in 3 studios, both morning and afternoon sessions will be available, you must bring a copy of your license to operate.

The ARRL bus will be leaving on Sunday July 17, 2011 and return on Tuesday July 19, 2011. The cost of the trip is \$275* per person and includes: Trip up and back on a 55 passenger bus, two nights lodging in Newington, CT, Double occupancy on rooms, free breakfast at the hotel, bus driver's room and gratuity. There will be stops both up and back. You are responsible for your food costs. ***This Bus trip must be purchased and paid for no later than June 16, 2011.***

The bus will leave at 5:00 am from the Kmart parking lot at the intersection of Engle and Bagley Road, in Middleburg Heights, Engle road is ¼ mile West of I-71, Kmart is behind the AM/PM gas station.

Every Amateur radio operator should visit your ARRL HQ, no more excuses! Sign up for this unforgettable trip NOW. Every one is welcome, members, non members, family and friends.

If you have any questions please contact Dwaine-k8me at a CARS meeting or e-mail: k8me@sbcglobal.net, or go to www.2cars.org and click on the ARRL Road trip bus link, you can pay using PayPal or by check mailed to: CARS, P.O. Box 31264, Independence, Ohio 44131-0264 attn: ARRL bus.

73, Dwaine, K8ME and bus committee

* If we do not meet a 30 person minimum your money will be refunded in full.



W1AW transmitter building

May 2011

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The AARC Wayback Machine

Here again are some of the highlights from the last 20 years of the Zero goal Beat. you can read them at <http://www.w8lky.org/newsltrs/>.

May, 1991 (Editor, KC3CL)

- A special election for club president was planned, due to the resignation of Gary, KB8GAB.

- There was a article on duping, by yours truly. It's amusing that paper duping was mentioned, but then this was 20 years ago.

May, 1996 (Editor, WX8G)

- There was an interesting article on propagation by Jerry, AA8GY (now N8SH).

- The search continued for a replacement editor, as WX8G was preparing to take a break from editing.

- The Zero Beat had received an excellent rating in the Amateur Radio News Service's annual newsletter contest.

- The same week, Joe Philips, K8QOE caught up with me to award the 2nd place certificate for the Ohio Section Newsletter contest.

May, 2001, (Editor, KD8MQ)

- The 2001 Mall Show was coming up on Memorial day weekend.

- The club discussion on purchase of an equipment trailer was tabled after a van was donated to the club.

May, 2006, (Editor, KE8VE)

- Larry, KE8VE was writing about BPL, and why it was a bad idea.

- The club was planning to hold Field Day at Marlinton Middle School.