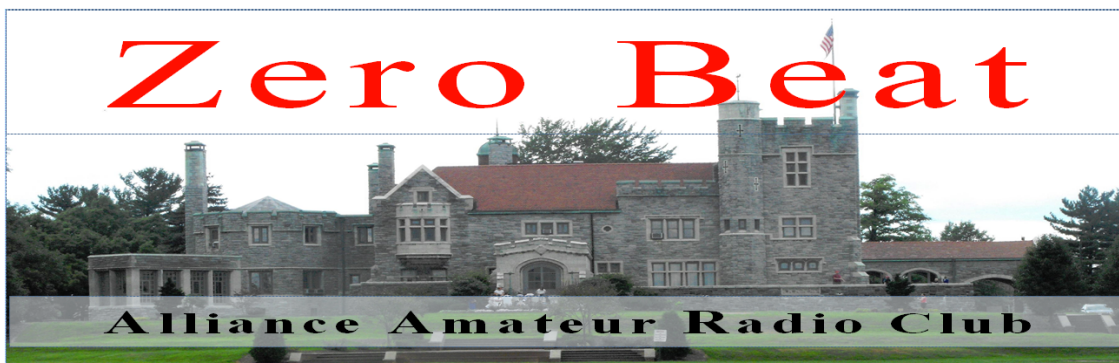


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Welcome to another issue of the Zero Beat. This is a Monthly newsletter devoted to announcements of upcoming news, & events of interest to members of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club. More information on the Alliance Amateur Radio Club can be found on our website at www.w8lky.org. I'm your editor, John, KD8MQ.

Unless otherwise noted, feel free to copy anything you see here for use in your club newsletter. All we ask is that credit to be given to the Monday morning message.

KD8MQ Rambling

Hi everyone,

Thanks for reading. It looks like we have a busy month ahead. We are providing communications for the Castle run on Labor Day, then a couple days later is the annual AARC picnic. You'll be hearing more about the picnic, and other upcoming things in this issue of the Zero Beat.

Last year, I rolled out the first version of the AARC DX Contest. There was a bump in the road when it came time to score the entries. It all got sorted out, but not until I ran way over my deadline for scoring the entries. Now, it's a year later, and I think we have it figured out. I want to thank all of you for your patience.

This years contest, will be roughly the same, but I'm accepting only .ADI files

any logging software that doesn't allow you to export in the ADI format. If you have a special circumstance, let me know, and I'll try to help out.

73,

John, KD8MQ

Club picnic Is Scheduled

The annual AARC club picnic is coming up on Wednesday, in lieu of our regular club meeting. We will be getting together at the Herbert pavilion next to Marlinton middle School beginning at 6 PM. This is the same location where we held Field Day this year.

There **may** be a very abbreviated business meeting around 7:30.

As usual, we'll have hot dogs & hamburgers. We have table service, plates, cups, utensils, napkins, etc.

Just bring a a covered dish to share. See Ya There!

Elections are coming up

Per our By-Laws, each October is our annual meeting for election of officers. Please come out and support the democratic process as we chose our leaders for the year ahead.

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 12th, 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.

Alliance ARC Operates The Ohio QSO Party



Well, we did it. Columbiana County was activated for the Ohio QSO Party. Following are our stats from this years operation.

W8LKY's Contest Summary Report for MRCC-OHQP

Created by N3FJP's Ohio QSO Party Contest Log

Version 3.5 www.n3fjp.com

Total Contacts = 92

Total Points = 5,358

Operating Period: 2015/08/22 16:18 - 2015/08/22 22:29

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
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40	0	45	0	45	49
20	22	19	0	41	45
15	0	5	0	5	5
10	0	1	0	1	1
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Total	22	70	0	92	100

Total Contacts by State \ Prov:

State	Total	%
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OH	9	10
GA	6	7
TN	6	7
FL	5	5
ON	5	5
PA	5	5
TX	5	5
	4	4
CO	4	4
KY	4	4
SC	4	4
MA	3	3
NC	3	3
NY	3	3
VA	3	3
WI	3	3
IL	2	2
WA	2	2
WV	2	2
AL	1	1
CA	1	1
IN	1	1
KS	1	1
LA	1	1
MD	1	1
ME	1	1
MT	1	1

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NM	1	1
NS	1	1
OK	1	1
VT	1	1

Total = 32

Total Contacts by Country:

Country	Total	%
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USA	81	88
Canada	6	7
	1	1
Cuba	1	1
Hawaii	1	1
Mexico	1	1
New Zealand	1	1

Total = 6

Total Contacts by Continent:

Continent	Total	%
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NA	89	97
OC	2	2
	1	1

Total = 2

Total Contacts by CQ Zone:

CQ Zone	Total	%
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05	50	54
04	34	37
03	3	3
	1	1
06	1	1
08	1	1

Total = 7

Total Contacts by County:

County	Total	%
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OH Butler	2	2
OH Stark	2	2
OH Clermont	1	1
OH Hamilton	1	1
OH Mahoning	1	1
OH Tuscarawas	1	1
OH Warren	1	1

Total = 7

Total Contacts by Initials:

Initials	Total	%
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DW	39	42
RCS	34	37
SDG	9	10
BW	6	7
FAS	2	2
JEM	2	2

Total = 6

Total Contacts by Operator:

Operator	Total	%
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NX8G	34	37
K8OMO	21	23
W8DEA	18	20
KD8ZEZ	9	10
N8WD	6	7
KD8MQ	2	2
WA8WHP	2	2

Total Contacts by Station:

Station	Total	%
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ms-101-70	45	49
ms-101-68	41	45
ms-101-69	6	7

Total = 3

Total Contacts by Computer:

Computer	Total	%
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ms-101-70	45	49
ms-101-68	41	45
ms-101-69	6	7

Total = 3

August Minutes

The August 12th meeting of the Alliance amateur Radio club was called to order around 7:30 PM, by president, Ben, KD8KMQ. There were 21 members present.

Following the pledge of allegiance, there was a round of introductions, after with, birthdays were acknowledged.

Reports were given on various committees:

- The 2 Meter Net report was given by frank, WA8WHP, who also noted that Herb, AC8 was in a nursing home.
- The 440 machine was operating in a temporary location, waiting on it's relocation to the hospital. Ben is working on it.
- Classes were in hiatus, re WA8WHP.

Announcements –

- Signs for the Carnation Days special event had been posted at the park
- The Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest was coming up on September 12th

- Warren Hamfest
- Cuyahoga Falls Trunkfest
- The special event operation at Silver Park was coming up.

Secretaries report – membership cards had been mailed out.

The minutes were approved as posted in the zero Beat. Approved

The treasurer's report was given & approved, by Mary Anne, KB8IVS.

Old Business –

- The Field Day report was available, and would be given as a club program
- Ohio QSO Party – the club would be operating from Sevakeen lake in Columbiana County.
 - It was decided for the club to purchase N3FJP Ohio QSO Party software for \$9.
 - We were planning to run two stations.

New Business

- In place of the September meeting, we would be having a club picnic on September 9th. The location would be the Marlinton pavilion.

After a break for refreshments, the 50/50 drawing was held, and the meeting adjourned.

The program for the night was a recap of our 2015 Field Day operation, followed by a solicitation of ideas for how to improve next years operation.

Minutes respectfully presented by

John Myers, KD8MQ

Acting Secretary, AARC

(Note – through an unfortunate incident, the audio from this meeting was lost. Therefore, we aren't listing who made what motion, or who seconded them)

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 2nd annual AARC DXCC contest begins in less than a month. After an initial rough start, we're going to try it again. Here are the rules for the 2016 contest:

The object: to see who can work the most DXCC countries between 0000z October 1, 2015, and 2359z on March 31, 2016.

Bands: All bands DC to Daylight are eligible.

Paperwork: We are 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 award #1 was Rex, NX8G. Who will be the winner for AARC DX award #2?

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