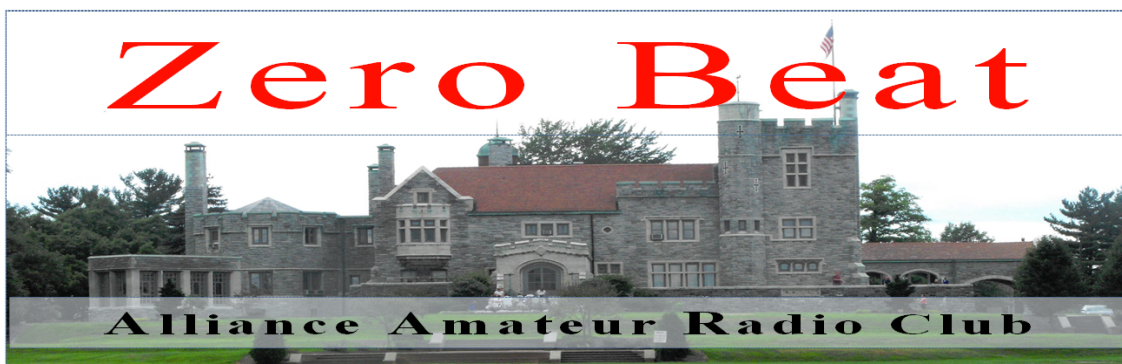


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Welcome to another issue of the Zero Beat. This is a Monthly newsletter devoted to announcements of upcoming news, & events of interest to members of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club. More information on the Alliance Amateur Radio Club can be found 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,

Well, we've got a couple group builds under our belts now. We did Dual Band J-Poles at the club licensing classes, and J-Poles at my garage. We're going to be repeating both after the first of the year, so if you weren't able to participate this time, no worries.

Homebrew night is coming up, as is the annual collection for the Alliance Fire Department Toy Drive. we have more information in this issue.

We're also needing to elect a Vice President at the November meeting. It seems an awful lot of you had other commitments on the night of our annual meeting. This is the second year in a row that attendance was at an all time low for the

See you at the meeting

73,

John, KD8MQ

Election Results

Per our By-Laws, each October is our annual meeting for election of officers. 2015 was no exception. For the first time in recent history, we had a full compliment of trustees to run the annual meeting. After the business had completed, the new leadership of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club looks like this:

- President - Rex, NX8G
- Vice-President
- Secretary - Frank, WA8WHP
- Treasurer - Mary Anne - KB8IVS
- Trustee (expires 2016) - Tony, KD8BBK
- Trustee (expires 2017) - Howard, K8DXR
- Trustee (expires 2018) - Peter, N8IGZ

Whoa! Whats this? No one was elected for Vice President? Thats right, the AARC railroad ran very well, and even backed up a bit, but try as they might, our trustees were unable to seat a candidate for Vice President. This will be rectified at the November meeting.

And Speaking Of The November Meeting

There's a lot happening at the November meeting of the Alliance amateur radio club (The following was lifted from the club Facebook page, so my apologies if you get a sense of Deja Vu while reading this).

First, we're collecting for the Alliance fire department toy drive. All of the clubs share of the 50/50 drawing will be going directly to the Firefighters toy drive. To persuade you to give generously, there's a few extra items in the drawing this month.

1. A 2016 ARRL amateur radio handbook.
2. A dual band VHF/UHF antenna from the recent Group Build at the club tech class.
3. A potato gun, also from the clubs group build on November 1st.

Second, November is our annual **Homebrew night**. Bring out something you have built or restored. Pictures will suffice. Well give you a few minutes to describe your pride and joy, and answer questions. After everyone has had a

Third, and this is very important, we need to fill the office of Vice President which was left unfilled at the annual meeting in October.

So, We're looking forward to a great turnout at the November meeting. Bring your self, bring your friends, and most important bring your money!

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the cafeteria conference room at Alliance community Hospital. Alliance community hospital is located at the corner of Arch and State Street and Alliance.
See you there!

October Minutes

14Oct 2015 Meeting

AT 7:30 pm KD8KMQ, Ben Davis, President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the round of introductions. There were 16 members and 2 guests present.

Birthdays were announced for October as follows:

N8ATZ, K8STH, KD8SQS, WA8WHP, KB8RFE, K8TWA, KD8MQ.

With K8OMO not in attendance there was no report on the hf nets or Homeland security net. With KC8TJQ and KC8ZEH both absent there was no report on the two meter nets.

KD8MQ reported the 440 repeater is still to be installed on the hospital. Slated for 24 October.

No report other than some trouble with hacking on the website.

WA8WHP reported that there were 4 students in the combined Technician and General training classes. The Test session is scheduled for 8 December and open to all. There will be a build night of a dual band j-pole antenna 27 October at 6PM. The cost will be \$15. Let John know if you will be there so we can be sure of the needed material.

Secretary report as stated by WA8WHP was published in the Zero Beat. Moved by KD8BBK, seconded by KD8ZEZ to be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report read by KB8IVS. The motion to accept by K8DXR seconded by KD8BBK. Motioned passed.

There was no old business.

New business:

There will be a club build night 01Nov 2PM at KD8MQ's QTH. The cost for the potato gun will be \$30. Contact John if you will be there so we know what materials will be required.

There will be another dual band J-pole build some time in Jan or Feb next year.

We will be supporting the Fire Department toy drive with our 50/50 at the November meeting. The club's portion will be the donation. Moved and seconded by unknown parties, but it passed the vote.

The next DX contest is on going. The time period is 01 Oct 2015 to 31 Mar 2016. Send your electronic log files in ADI format to KD8MQ.

The award for last year's DX Contest was presented to the winner of the first AARC DX Contest, NX8G.

KD8MQ presented the receipt for the rent of the club P.O.Box. The amount of \$66 was moved by K8DXR and seconded by N8WD to be paid. Motion passed.

Announcements:

KC8TJQ is in Mercy Hospital due to seizures.

Massillon Hamfest is 25 Oct.

Conneaut Hamfest is 18 Oct.

Homebrew Night is 11 Nov. meeting. Bring your latest/best project for the contest.

KD8MQ passed around the equipment available from a SK's estate.

WA8WHP said there are some VTVMs available for donations to the treasury.

Meeting was adjourned for the 50/50 drawing and break at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by WA8WHP, secretary-pro-tem.

Annual Meeting

The election of 2015 for AARC was the usual train ride with one exception. There was no one who stood up to help the club as vice-president. Rex, NX8G, accepted the nomination for president. Nobody else would accept, so he was elected by acclamation. Frank, WA8WHP, at first, declined and then changed his mind. Nobody else would accept nomination, so, again by acclamation. Mary Ann, KB8IVS, agreed to remain as treasurer. Peter, N8IGZ, agreed to remain as a trustee. Finally, Tony, KD8BBK accepted as the other needed trustee. (Thanks to Frank, WA8WHP for this)

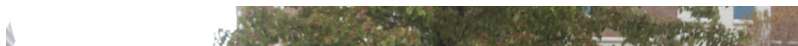
Alliance ARC DX Contest Is Underway!

How many countries can you work in six months? well, I've heard through the grapevine that some of you are out there participating. remember, work as many countries as possible between October 1st, 2015, and March 31st, 2016. The most countries worked, regardless of band will be declared the winner.



Rex, NX8G was the winner of AARC DX Contest plaque #1

440 Repeater Is One Step Closer To Home



Well, it isn't on the air yet, but the AARC 442.350 repeater is getting there. Last month, a team of four local Hams; two of them AARC members gathered at the Alliance Community Hospital to install the repeater and antenna in their permanent home.

However, it was learned that day that one of the rooftop antennas near the repeater would be moved within the next month. This will open up a mounting bracket and coax and most importantly a hole in the wall.

The installation team agreed unanimously that waiting was preferable to drilling another hole in the wall of the hospital. So, we're waiting for the hospital to do their thing, and then will go in mount the antenna and turn on the repeater.

In the meantime, the repeater is in its temporary home, west of alliance. Stay tuned. we'll get the word out as soon as we have a date for completion of this project.

AARC Holds First Potato Gun Build



The afternoon of November 1st, saw a beautiful day for all manner of activity. The activity of choice for some of us was building potato guns. We had a couple glitches. First, we found that the setting time on the PVC cement was awful slow. Second, **someone** ordered the wrong actuation valves. I would identify the culprit, but modesty prevents me from doing so.

But, they are all finished, pressure tested, and ready to go. if you built a gun at this session, they will be distributed at the Wednesday night club meeting. If you'd like yours sooner, text or call me (330-936-5021). If you did not participate in the build, but would still like a potato gun, then make sure to come to the alliance amateur radio club meeting on Wednesday night. We will have a potato gun from this group in the prize drawing.



We will try another build after the holidays. If you'd like to build one before that, either with, or without my help, just contact me. I'll be glad to share the parts list & sources.

Students Build VHF/UHF Antennas

At the Tech/General classes a few weeks ago, the order of the day was homebrew antennas. We built antennas using the NT1K design. A lot of work was done ahead of time, to speed things up. The antenna could be built in about 10 minutes.

When we do our group build of these antennas after the holidays, we'll be doing them from scratch. watch for more information in the next month, or two.

More information about this antenna can be found at nt1k.com/blog/2011/open-stub-j-pole-project-completed-many-times/.

AARC Field Day Effort Places 6th in Section

The results are out. The AARC placed 24th out of 119 stations in the Ohio section this year. When you look at just stations running 3A and 100W, we placed 6th in the section. That is pretty impressive.

If you'd like to peruse the results for yourself, just [click here](#).

So now we need to figure out what to improve for next year.

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