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AARC Meeting Announcement

The October Meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club will be back at the Alliance Community Hospital Meeting room, on October 12th. As per bylaws this will also be the Annual Meeting for the election of officers. The regular meeting begins at 7:30, with the annual meeting starting immediately afterwards.

We will also be back at Frank's Alliance Family Restaurant that evening at 5:45 for dinner. All are welcome to join us for a great meal, and friendly conversation.

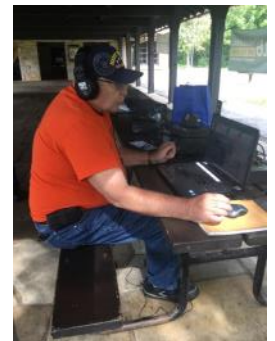
AARC NPOTA Activation Nets 175 QSOs, and the coveted "Worked All Danny" Award!



Rex, NX8G



Shawn, KD8ZEZ (l),
with Tony, KD8BBK(r)



Don, W8DEA

On September 17th, the Alliance ARC descended upon the Ledges shelter off of Truxall Rd, at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Two stations activated the park; designated NP14 under the National Parks On the Air (NPOTA) program, and continued until thunderstorms put an end to our fun.

In the afternoon, Tony, working 20 CW worked 4 guys in Belgium, all

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AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month, at the Alliance Community Hospital. 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.

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AARC Repeaters

2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY
-W8LKY Echolink node

440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY
(pl - 131.8hz)

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets held, beginning at 8 PM

Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.100 MHz (CW)
8:30PM 28.400 MHz (SSB)

Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

Homeland security Net

(Meets on the last Tuesday of each month
8:00 PM 147.51 Simplex

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named Danny. Hence comes the reference to the Coveted "Worked all Danny" award. Maybe it's a popular name in Belgium?

Alliance ARC DX Contest Is underway

How many countries can you work in six months? The third annual ARC DX Contest is now underway. Who will be the one to knock Rex, NX8G off of his perch? He has won the contest two years in a row.

Here are the rules for the 2016 contest:

Eligibility: Open to all current Alliance ARC Members

Object: To see who can work the most DXCC countries between 0000z October 1, 2016, and 2359z on March 31, 2017, Regardless of Band, or Mode.

Bands & Modes: All bands DC to Daylight are eligible. Any Mode

Paperwork: We are again 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 June, 2017 issue of the Zero Beat.

Logs will be judged according to ARRL DXCC Countries list, and scored electronically using the most recent version of N3FJP AC Log available on April 1, 2017.

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 9th, 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.

Last year, we had a shortage of entries. You have my word that we will not have that problem this year!

Minutes

14Sep16 Meeting

At 7:07 during the club picnic, NX8G called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance; this was followed with the listing of the upcoming birthdays. The attendance was 10 members and 5 guests. The following reports were given:

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KD8MQ told about the 28.400 SSB net, KC8ZEH reported about the 145.370 net. KD8MQ reported the repeaters are still working and the two meter replacement site has not, as yet, been found. WA8WHP said the classes are in hiatus until a reliable site can be found. AC8VN offered his two-car garage. It was gratefully accepted. KD8MQ stated the website is still under construction, and will be improved soon.

The Secretary's report was stated by WA8WHP to have been published in the Zero Beat. NX8G reported some corrections to be made. KC8ZEH moved and KD8BBK seconded the minutes to be approved as amended. Motion passed on a voice vote.

There was no treasurer's report due to the absence of KB8IVS.

Old business was started with an announcement of the club's activation of the NPOTA site Saturday by N8WD. KD8BBK next reported on the research on the push-up mast system. He moved and WA8WHP seconded the purchase of the 43 foot unit. Motion passed on a voice vote. Then KD8MQ reported on the Castle Run communication activity. He stated there was one instance of Echolink taking over the repeater. It was stated that next year the 442.350 repeater will be used to get away from that. The director of the Run expressed his appreciation through KD8MQ to the group.

New business: NX8G reminded the membership that next meeting will be the election and instructed the trustees to try to bring forth a slate of officers for the membership to use as a base for the election. He then brought the bill to renew our Post Office Box rental. K2ASA moved and KD8KMQ seconded to pay the bill for the year at \$70. Motion passed on a voice vote. KD8KMQ reminded the club the Ham of the Year nominations are to be in and sent to KB8IVS by next meeting. KC8ZEZ, last year's recipient passed out ballot slips.

NX8G announced the only Hamfest in the area will be in Cleveland.

KD8BBK moved and N8WD seconded to close the meeting. Meeting was closed at 7:42

Respectfully submitted by: WA8WHP, Secretary.

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