



# Zero Beat

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## AARC Meeting Announcement

The August meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club is coming up on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The program will Wacky Key Night.

Before the meeting, we meet at Frank's Alliance Family Restaurant (428 E. State St) for dinner. We meet there around 5:45 PM on each meeting night.

We meet at 7:30 PM, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Alliance Community Hospital. We will be in the Cafe Conference room, which is just off the cafeteria.

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## Club Breakfast



Each month, we sponsor a breakfast at Frank's Alliance Family Restaurant (428 E. State St). We meet on the first Saturday of each month, at 8:30 AM.

The next club breakfast will be Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## Wacky Key Night

Our August meeting program will be **Wacky Key Night**. The rules are simple; build a device which will key a code oscillator (provided). Simulated straight keys, iambic paddles, sideswipers; whatever! Any and all are welcome. The more elaborate or ridiculous, the better!

We will provide an oscillator, and a couple connector configurations (including alligator clips) for you to attach to your "Wacky Key."

The WACKIEST KEY WINS!! Put your silly alter ego to work and construct a Rube Goldberg device. Carry, drag, or wheel it in if you have to. No limits; just don't scratch the floor!

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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.

## Find Us Online:

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## AARC Repeaters

### 2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY  
(PL 110.9/110.9)  
Temporarily open  
-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 28.400 MHz (SSB)  
8:30PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

### Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

### Homeland security Net

(Meets on the 2nd & last Tuesday of each month  
7:00 PM 147.51 Simplex)

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Imagination, originality, and HUMOR are going to rule the outcome!

## **There are 3 simple rules:**

- 1) Manufactured keys are prohibited.
- 2) Your key has to actually function by closing a circuit that will trigger an audio oscillator.
- 3) You must be able to send your Callsign legibly

For ideas, please consult <https://sites.google.com/site/oh6dccw/strangekeys>

Winners will be determined by popular vote, (determined by judges) and prizes will be awarded! We'll see you at the August 8th club meeting!

## **AARC to Assist with the Carnation Parade**

For the first time ever, the members of the Alliance ARC will be working the 2018 Carnation Festival Grand Parade.

The parade takes place on August 11th. Those working the parade will need to be on location and checked in with net control at 9:30 am. The parade will step off at 11am. Operators will be released as the end of the parade passes their position.

Primary communications will take place on the clubs 2 Meter repeater. Our 440 machine will serve as a backup and for overflow traffic. 147.510 simplex may be also employed if the need arises. So, please make sure before the 11th, that your radio is programmed for all club repeaters, as well as the club simplex frequency.

More information can be found by downloading the project overview, and maps. They can be found by clicking the links below.

For any questions, contact [Ron, KE8HCY](#).

Parade overview - <http://w8lky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-Carnation-Parade-Overview.pdf>

Parade Map with Checkpoints listed - <http://w8lky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-Parade-Map.pdf>

## Club Shirts Are Available

As presented at the club meeting the other night by Ron, KE8HCY, we are able to purchase club T-Shirts. The following comes from Ron. (DE kd8mq)

We are now ready to proceed with placing an order for our NEW CLUB TEE SHIRTS. At July 11, 2018 club meeting, the club approved the club T-Shirts.

Two(2) types are available:

The first is the standard "Cotton" tee shirt with our new club logo which will be located on the left breast pocket area, the cost is \$9.00.

The second type of Type of Tee Shirt is called "DRI FITS" Tee Shirt, the cost will be \$13. per shirt. This shirt will be similar to the tee shirts we wore during the Castle Run project last summer. The shirt is red with Black Lettering and colors with in the ARRL Logo.

Please email [Ron Rittenhouse KE8HCY](mailto:Ron.Rittenhouse@KE8HCY) with your name, size of tee shirt, type. A cut off date has been established of July 31,2018.

Send your payment to our club treasurer Tony Schillig KD8BBK for the total amount of your purchase.

The use of the ARRL logo has been approved by ARRL on July 12, 2018. You can view the new club logo at [w8lky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/AARC-Logo.jpg](http://w8lky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/AARC-Logo.jpg)

\*Ron, KE8HCY\*

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## AARC Welcomes New. . .er . . . OLD? 2 Meter Repeater

The new repeater went online back in April. A few weeks ago, it was pointed out to me that we were having issues with it not making it all the way through the Thursday night net without cutting out.

After doing some troubleshooting, we contacted Yaesu. After a couple e-mails back & forth, it was decided that a trip to the service center was in order. The repeater has a 3 Yr. warranty, so all we are out is the cost of shipping it to California.

In the meantime, we've hooked up the old repeater that until recently had been in service at K8OMO's QTH.

We are currently running it as an open machine with no tones required. We'll notify you once the Yaesu repeater comes back rom service.

Echolink is still up and running.

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## W8LKY Special Event Info

The time period for activating the W8LKY special event is coming up soon.

If you'd like to put the club callsign on the air to commemorate our town as the birthplace of the scarlet carnation, there are only a couple rules to follow.

- 1) You need to contact me and advise the time frame when you will be using the callsign.

- 2) You will need to submit your logs promptly in ADI format. I will not key in your paper logs for you.

You use the callsign only to the limits of your own license. The only time you can exceed the limits of your license will be with a appropriately licensed control op on site.

Spotting yourself online will help people to find you.

We are in the July issue of QST, as well as on arrl.org. (Just go to <http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>, and plug in W8LKY to the search box).

So that's it; have fun, and let me know if you have any questions.

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## Ohio QSO Party

Each year on the 4th Saturday in August, all Ham Radio eyes turn towards Ohio, for the annual Ohio QSO Party. The following just arrived from Dan, W8CAR:

The Ohio QSO party is coming up in about one month. Reserve Saturday, August 25, 2018 to work all 88 counties in Ohio. Please consider joining us for a great time meeting friends on the air and having some late summer fun!

**When:** August 25, 2018 Saturday 1200 to 2400 EDT (1600-0400 UTC)

**Bands:** 80-10 SSB and CW

The exchange now is RST and county for Ohio stations and RST and state or province for out of state areas.

Here is a link to the website where you can find rules, results and planned activity in each county. <http://www.ohqp.org/>

As we get closer to Aug 25 the counties should fill up, especially with mobile operations.

Please share this announcement with anyone you think might be interested in participating.

Dan W8CAR

CWOPS #1220

OHQP Activity Whip

And, it's me again. I will be roving for this years contest, but I think that it would be a great learning experience for some of the new guys, as well as the more experienced ones.

Perhaps someone could put together a local operating party for the OHQP? DE KD8MQ

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## KD8MQ Rambling

Hi folks, again, I ask, "Remember, I said that the newsletter would be

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done each month if/when I have time?”. Well, between Field Day, vacation, and other pursuits, the last couple issues didn't happen. Frankly, next months issue doesn't look good either, but you never know.

I picked up some antennas this week. Looks like I'll have plenty to do over the winter.

So, that's it for now.

See you next time. 73 all! DE KD8MQ

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