



# Zero Beat

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## Upcoming Club Programs & Events

- September 5 - Club Breakfast
- September 9 - Club Meeting (On Air)
- October 3 - Club Breakfast

[for all events, see w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)

## Club Breakfast

We meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of every month. We'll hope to see you on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM.

We meet at Don Pancho's, 2105 W. State St, Alliance.

## Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.

This months meeting will again be on our Two Meter repeater

145.370 with a PL of 110.9hz on the Transmit, and receive.



## President's Remarks

Where has the time gone? it just seems like yesterday that we took office for 2020. Time marches on and we certainly did not expect

2020 to turn out the way it has. But we stood fast and move forward adding new members and upgrading our "Tickets". Covid 19 forced us to cancel our scheduled community service projects in August and now in September (Carnation Parade and Castle Run). We have one more possible community service project in November.

The project that I am referring to is the Five(5) mile walk for the Salvation Army here in Alliance in November 2020. That Event is still pending, but more than likely will not take place either. We are approaching our traditional fund raiser for APD and AFD Holiday Support project. We will have to do some creative thinking on how we intend to run this project. The real problem is finding a space but I just might just have the solution.

We may have a project in the very near future in support of Stark County ARES/EMA. We will have more infor-

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## AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meetings are temporarily cancelled due the COVID19 Pandemic. For now, our meetings are being held on our two Meter repeater. See pg. 1 for more information.

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## AARC Repeaters

### 2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY  
(PL - 110.9hz)

### 440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY  
(PL - 131.8hz )

## Nets

### Tuesday

Homeland security Net  
7:00PM 147.51 Simplex

### Thursday

#### Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)  
8:30PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

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9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

## FCC Application Fee Proposal Proceeding is Open for Comments

The other day, it was announced that the FCC was thinking about charging a \$50 fee for several types of Amateur Radio license renewals, etc. You can read the story here: <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-reinstate-amateur-radio-service-fees>

The comment window has opened, and the following was posted Thursday on ARRL.org.

09/03/2020

Comments are being accepted on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ([NPRM](#)) in MD Docket 20-270, which proposes application fees for radio amateurs. Formal deadlines for comments and reply comments will be determined once the NPRM appears in the Federal Register. Comments may be filed now, however, by using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)), posting to MD Docket No. 20-270. The docket is already open for accepting comments, even though deadlines have not yet been set.

Please let your voice be heard on this issue.

## Presidents Remarks

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mation to the club membership very soon. I just received this request on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Executive Committee has not had the opportunity to discuss the project. Once the decision is made, we will share it with you internally on our club's email. It is a communication project here in Alliance.

AARC annual election of officers is coming up in October. The club trustees are responsible for conducting the election. The trustees are Dwight KD8YFV, Howard K8DXR and Peter N8IGZ, all their contact information is on the clubs website. Please check our by-laws for requirements to run for office. We now have all operational procedures in place for AARC to run smoothly.

Since March of this year, we have operated in uncharted waters and have made the best of it. No one saw this pandemic event coming. We have some of the finest Ham Operators in America. They rolled up their sleeves and went to work and carried out our mission as the Alliance Amateur Radio Club in the Carnation City Alliance, Ohio. I QSL your dedication, it's great being part of our Team!

73's  
Ron KE8HCY  
AARC President

## AARC Swap & Shop

Drake TR7 HF Transceiver	S/N 2598	\$630
Drake PF7 Power Supply	S/N 2591	Not working – goes with TR7
Astron RM35 Power Supply		goes with TR7
Drake RV7 Remote VFO	S/N 2813	\$100
Drake MS7 Speaker		\$ 75
Drake Wattmeter WH-7		\$50

**\*\*ALL ABOVE FOR \$800 OBO**

Drake L7 HF Amp	S/N 108
Drake P7 Amp	S/N 103

**Both for \$950 OBO**

All items were tested and working except for the PF7 power supply as noted. The prices are an average what was found on line.

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**For Sale** - Yaesu FTM-400XDR Dual Band Fusion rig. Purchased new in Nov 2018. Has both Bluetooth & Voice modules installed. Original box & mount - \$450.00  
KD8MQ E-mail: [kd8mq1@gmail.com](mailto:kd8mq1@gmail.com), Phone: 330-936-5021



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## Minutes

The minutes from our meetings are now being posted to the website. You can find them at <http://www.w8lky.org/about-us/minutes/>.

73 DE John, KD8MQ

## Editor's Rambling

Hi everyone. Welcome to another episode of "Where is John this month?". Well, I'm home this time, but in between trips.

Last weekend, I did an expedition to Middle Bass & Catawba Islands on Lake Erie, for the W/VE Islands QSO Party. Conditions on 40 weren't so hot, but I still had fun.

Next weekend, I'll be home-basing at Mt. Gilead State park, and maybe doing a mini road-trip to western Ohio from there.

I have a ball activating the parks. Being realistic, I know I'll never go on a DX-expedition to some isolated location, and experience the pile-ups that go with.

But, we have some pretty intense park hunters out there. Some of the pileups I've experienced while activating parks have been pretty huge. So, this will do. Everyone has their thing that makes Ham Radio fun for them. This is what I do.

Want to give it a try? Well, next Saturday (September 12th) is the Ohio State

## Sounds Like The Massillon Hamfest is a Go!

Reading this months issue of the Feedback; newsletter of the Massillon ARC netted some great news. In their minutes, they mention that their Hamfest is scheduled for November 1st. There may be some changes due to COVID-19 concerns, but it sounds like the Massillon Hamfest will be a go at their usual location; the Boys & Girls Club. No mention was made of the auction, or VE testing. I'm assuming that both will go on as planned. We'll have more information for you as it becomes available.

Parks On The Air Contest. You can read all about it at [ospota.org](http://ospota.org), but in a nutshell, hams all over the world try to make contacts with other Hams who are transmitting from, you guessed it, Ohio State Parks! The fun part is that Hams in Ohio State Parks get to make contacts with Hams **ANYWHERE!** Things get pretty busy on 80 & 40 Meters especially, so please join in on the action.

Our own Tony, KD8BBK will be on the air from Salt Fork State Park. I'll be at Mt. Gilead State Park for the second year in a row.

So, moving on, August was a month to relax. Our Two Meter repeater, and the battery backup are working fine. Once completed, I asked for 6 weeks to get my head together before we begin planning the next phase; Echolink! Of course, I didn't forget it entirely. Now that September is here, we're working on something that should bear fruit soon. Sorry, that's all I can say right now.

I didn't do any contesting in August, but we did take a trip to Kentucky for the "worlds Largest Yard Sale". Didn't score any Ham Radio goodies, but did find a bunch of oak at a price which was too good to pass up!

One more thing about OSPOTA; New this year is the elimination of paper logs. If you participate, and plan to submit a log, you'll need to create a Cabrillo file. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Disclaimer: I am one of the board members for this contest. You can read more about OSPOTA at [ospota.org](http://ospota.org).

This is the 368th issue of the Zero Beat, and **my 193<sup>rd</sup> issue.**

And that's all I have for now. 73 All, DE KD8MQ

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