



Zero Beat

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Upcoming Club Programs & Events

April 3 - Club Breakfast

March 14 - Club Meeting
(On Air)

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

Club Breakfast

At 8:30am on the first Saturday of each month, we meet for breakfast at Don Panchos Restaurant (2105 W. State St, Alliance).

All are welcome.

Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on April 14th at 7:30PM.

This months meeting will be on our Two Meter repeater

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



President's Remarks

Jump Starting into Spring!!!

The former great comedian Jackie Gleason had a great one liner "How Sweet it is". As we begin the second half of AARC's 2021 year, we are shifting gears and moving forward with great expectations. The Covid situation is beginning to modify and we are slowly returning to normal everyday life activities, but we are not out of the woods just yet, patience and common sense should be practice by all Americans.

The VE Session in late February was a huge success with 80% passing rate for those taking the tests for Tech, General and Extra. We want to thank James (KD8VT) AARC's Team Liaison for his leadership and putting together a team of VE's (Volunteer Examiners) which included James(KD8VT), Karen (N8HUC), Chris (AC8VN), Paul (K2ASA) And Ron (KE8HCY). VE Testing resumes on April 10 at First Christian Church 1141 West Beech Street in Alliance. Contact James(KD8VT) for additional information, his contact information is on: W8LKY.ORG web site.

Field Day June 26-27 is alive and

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Presidents Remarks

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well, at least one day will be outside and we are tweaking the exact format and location as this message is being written. We are excited to get out of our shacks and spend time in the fresh air and "On Air" making contacts by CW and Phone (Voice). This will be the first time our new club trailer will be deployed to a Field Day and it will demonstrate it's full potential for any emergency situation. We have two(2) club base stations and we are expecting many of our club members to come and work in shifts to OPERATE these rigs and/or bring their own. The clubs Lap Top computers will be programmed to record all contact activities, Doug(KB8DNQ) our club's VP. will be assisting on this part of Field Day along with John (KD8MQ) , For all new members, this is a must attend event, you will learn (by hands on) why we are communicators and the role that we may be called upon to assist local, state and national authorities in time of Disaster. Please clear you calendars for a few hours on June 26 and 27 so you can be part of one of our two(2) greatest days each year in Ham Radio. There is only one word to describe Field Day: AWESOME! Come and sit down me at a HF Rig and let me share what I have learned, it's precious, it's real and just awesome!!!

We are working on AARC's Club Raffle and concentrating on selecting just the right Amateur Radio Item or Support Equipment for any Ham Operator. To operate any business or organization, you need four basic things: A purpose, A goal, People to make it happen and money to finance it and sustain the operation. The 2021 Summer Raffle will soon be presented to the membership of AARC. As many of you know, we have spent a lot of money in the past three years. We updated our Two Meter System, purchased a trailer and outfitted it where needed and yet, we need to update our 440 system with a new antenna. One additional goal is to have our own physical home, but that will not be easy to accomplish. Having our own Club Shack remains one of my dreams along with you. We are celebrating Fifty One(51) plus years under the call sign of W8LKY and our existence dates back to the early 20th century. Let us join together in 2021 and make this another very successful Summer Raffle, We can do this Together, QSL!

The future of "Out of Your Shack Activity" is beginning to take shape and if everything materializes, all of our members could participate in at least one Community Service Project in 2021. The Greater Carnation City Festival Grand Parade, the Alliance Rotary Club's Castle Run. This year hopefully, we will be able to assist the local Alliance Salvation Army's 5K Walk and a possible Forth(4th) community project which in in the works for late August. AARC's programing is growing both internally and externally. We will overcome this Covid, remain patient and be safe. Have a blessed Easter, God Bless You.

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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

7:30 PM 28.122 MHz (Olivia)
8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)
8:20PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

AARC Nets

We run several nets during the week.

Homeland Security Net -

Each Tuesday evening at 7PM local time, we run the Homeland Security Net on 147.51 simplex. Your net manager is Dwight, KD8YFV.

Then, on Thursday night, we have four nets beginning at 7:30PM.

AARC Digital Net -

Our most recent addition is the AARCDN. It begins at 7:30PM each Thursday night on 28.122. Set the mode on your digital software to Olivia 8/500.

According to Net control Doug. KB8DNQ,

To check into the net:

"AARCDN de (your call), name. city, with or without a comment"

Then when making a comment or addressing the net use

"AARCDN de (your call) ' and then your comments.

For more information, contact Doug, KB8DNQ at kb8dnq@gmail.com.

Tri-county News, Training, and Information Net -

This begins at 8PM Local (0100 UTC right now), on 28.420 SSB. The Net manager is John, KD8MQ

W8LKY CW Net - The CW net runs immediately after the SSB net. You can find it at 28.100. The net manager is frank, WA8WHP.

Two Meter Net - The 2 Meter net starts at 9PM local on the W8LKY 2 Meter repeater (145.370 PL:110.9). Tune in early to get on the list, as they take early check-ins. Net manager is Tomas, KC8ZEH.

Hamfest Updates

We have some updates since last months column.

Here's what 2021 is looking like as of this week.

- April 17 - Trunks On The Tarmac (See flyer next page)
- July 10th - **Mansfield** Mid-summer Trunk-fest at the Richland County Fairgrounds. (<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/mansfield-mid-summer-trunkfest>)
- July 17 - NOARSFest (Elyria) <https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/>
- August 7th - DX Engineering Hamfest, and Ohio Section convention <http://dxengineering.com/>
- September 26 - **Cleveland** Hamfest <http://www.hac.org/>
- October 31 - Massillon Hamfest <http://www.w8np.org/hamfest.htm>
- Nov 13/14 **Fort Wayne** <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/>

“Trunks-On-The-Tarmac”

Saturday, April 17, 2021
9 AM—4PM

Sponsored by
The Massillon Amateur Radio Club - W8NP



Location: **M.A.P.S. Air Museum—(Akron Canton Airport)**
 2260 International Parkway
 North Canton, OH 44720

[Click here for map](#)

- Suggested \$5.00 donation for vendors; No charge for visitors (Supports the M.A.P.S. Military Air Preservation Society)
- No Trailers
- No limit on tables/setup (bring your own trunk, lawn chair, canopy, table, etc) (No power provided)
- Great views of historic aircraft on display right next to the active runways of the Akron Canton Airport
- Large open-air, paved, outside location—(Local, State, & Federal Protocols & Mandates for health will be followed)
- No Reservations required (Come early & stay late—Rain or shine) - follow W8NP.org

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The following late arrival comes from Tomas, KC8ZEH.

There was a get together recently at Dougs Classic 57 in Alliance.

A group of fellows from the Youngstown area came down for lunch. A goodly group of AARC members showed up.

From Mahoning Cty, There was Wes, W8IZC, Bud, NW8C, Jim, WB8UJS, & Jim KD8SNM



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Minutes

Remember, our club minutes (with the financials redacted) can be found on our website at w8lky.org.

The treasurers report can be obtained by e-mailing the treasurer at kd8mq1@gmail.com

Monthly VE Testing Sessions Will Be Held In Alliance

The Alliance ARC is now doing monthly VE testing. The next session will be on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Further dates are posted on w8lky.org.

It will be held at the First Christian Church, 1141 W. Beech Street, in Alliance

Registration will be between 8-9AM, and testing will begin at 9 AM

The cost for testing will be \$15.00

Applicants Need to Bring the following;

- Copy of any current Amateur Radio License
- If not licensed please go to the FCC website and register for an FRN. Bring this number with you as it is needed for your application.
- Photo ID showing current address like a Driver's License
- One additional ID, like a CCW Permit, Passport or work ID
- \$15.00, Cash only and exact change is encouraged
- A calculator is optional for math problems

For any additional questions please contact VE Team Liaison

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NOTE! The FCC is not yet collecting the \$35 Amateur Radio Application fee. You can learn more about this at

<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive/ARLB007/2021>

Editors Rambling

Hi everyone,

OK everyone, this is it; my 200th issue of the Zero Beat! I apologize for blowing my own horn here, but I think it's a pretty big deal. I started off helping my first wife, Pam, N8IAK when she was the editor. We used a Radio Shack TRS-80 Color computer with a whopping 64K of RAM! Heck, the phone in your pocket will run circles around that. LOL

Anyway, time goes on, things improve, and here we are. I hope you'll find our current newsletters to be better than some of the back-issues you can find on W8LKY.org.

This month, I'm forcing myself to get the newsletter out on time. I'll tell you more about that next month. Maybe I'll have some cool Park Activation pictures to share.

As Ron said, don't forget that ARRL Field Day is coming up sooner than you know. Remember, Field Day is Always the 4th full weekend in June (Not necessarily the last weekend). By next month, I'm sure he'll have more information for you.

And, we've begun monthly VE sessions. Look for more info in this issue. There isn't a lot of VE sessions out there these days. Are we the only ones? I don't know, but I bet we are one of few VE sessions running right now.

Also, don't forget that Dues are due by March 31st.

And that's all I have for this month.

73 DE KD8MQ

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