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Upcoming Club Programs & Events

June 5th - Club Breakfast

June 9th - Club Meeting

June 12th - VE Exams

ARRL Field Day June 26/27

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



President's Remarks

FINALLY BACK TO NORMAL

Last March 2020 when I was arriving at the Aultman Alliance Community Hospital conference room 1A, I was met by a small committee of Hospital officials. The exchange was brief and to the point, "The hospital was closed to community use until further notice" We survived by using our clubs Two Meter Net and conducted our business meetings "ON AIR" So we think we are back to normal, almost and let the activities begin.

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 June 9th at 7:30PM.

Now we can finally get back into our normal programming. We are slowly moving to face to face meetings. We had one May 12th in First Christian Church outdoor pavilion. The evening was a might cool, but we did conduct business, we revived actual data from the Treasurer's report. The summer 2021 raffle was passed, addition information to follow. Programs and Projects

AARC VE Sessions continue on a monthly basis through December 2021. The next session will be June 12th at First Christian Church 1141 West Beech Street in Alliance. All persons must con-

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Presidents Remarks

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tact James KD8VT, his contact information is on our web site: [www,W8LKY.ORG](http://www.W8LKY.ORG). There are certain procedures that must be followed and update requirements.

AARC will meet June 9th at First Christian Church's Pavilion 1141 West Beech Street in Alliance for a Celebration Picnic followed by a brief business meeting, this a family event and guests are welcome. We will have access to a large gas grill and refrigerator and rest rooms. More information to follow in due time, CDC guidelines will be followed.

2021 ARRL Field Day will be held June 26th through 27th at the Sebring Camp Grounds in Sebring, Ohio (direction to follow). We will be officially On Air from Saturday 2pm through to 2pm Sunday. Field Day serves several purposes, test equipment, refine skills of operators and Public Awareness of Amateur Radio. This is a must event, especially for our newer members, get you feet wet in Ham Radio and learn by doing and observation of the more experienced operators. We will operate using gasoline electric generators, solar and battery. There will be a casual Saturday night supper for all, but those attending are request to bring food to share. We will cover more of the details at our June 9th Picnic.

Last but not least, We have endured, We are on the road back to normal operations. AARC's membership is now over fifty(50) and growing because of your effort's. Invite people to visit us at our meetings. At our last VE a 12 and 15 year old young men passed their Tech test. The club has some great events and projects coming up, but the most important will be ARRL Field Day June 26-27. For

all new members, Field Day is a must, come and sit beside an operator and feel the magic of Ham Radio.

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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.

145.370 (-) W8LKY
(PL - 110.9hz)

440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY
(PL - 131.8hz)

Find Us Online:

Web: www.w8lky.org

E-mail: w8lky@w8lky.org

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 Repeaters

2 Meters

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.

- July 10th - **Mansfield** Mid-summer Trunk-fest at the Richland County Fair-grounds. (<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 Great Lakes Division 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/>

Volunteers Needed For Pro Football Hall of Fame Parades



It's that time of year again (well, almost...)

The 2021 HOF Festival Parade(s) will need Ham Radio operator volunteers.

Many of you have participated in past years, and are familiar with the event(s). This year, the Community Parade will happen on Sunday July 25th 2021 at 2:30pm, and the Grand Parade will happen on Saturday August 7th 2021 at 8:00am

If you would like to participate this year, we have made it even easier for you to sign-up! Simply go to <https://hofhams.info> and fill out the form. You can even see the most up-to-date copy of the assignment roster for each event.

If you have any questions, you may contact Terry Russ, Wade Huthmacher (info posted on the site), or myself Justin W8JKC (justin@w8jkc.com, 330-87-W8JKC)

The Community Parade uses about 15 operators, and the Grand Parade uses about 35 operators each year. 73, de Justin W8JKC

ARRL Field Day June 26/27

Well, it's coming fast; Field Day. We are still looking for a Chairperson for this event, but here's what we know right now.

Who sponsors this? ARRL Field Day is sponsored each June by the ARRL; The National Association for Amateur Radio.

What Is Field Day? It is a combination of Emergency Preparedness, Contest, and Social gathering. For the "official" answer to this question, we recommend that you check out the following flier from the ARRL: "[What is ARRL Field Day?](#)".

Where is Field Day? Field Day stations are all around you. They are in parks, and shopping centers. You can find Hams operating Field Day from all kinds of non-standard locations. A map of Field Day groups near you can be found at the ARRL Field Day Site Locator page. You can find this page at arrl.org/field-day-locator.

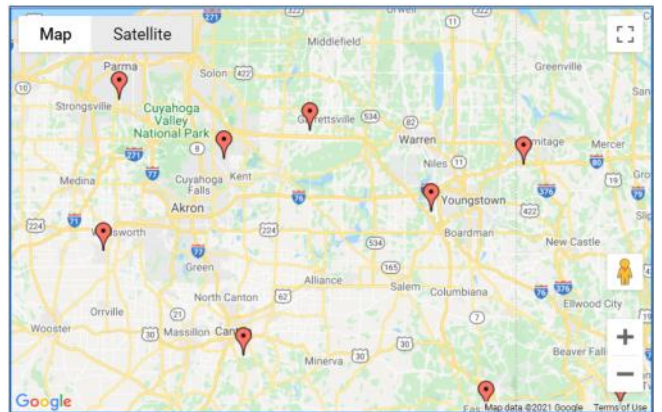
Our Club (The Alliance ARC) will be setting up at the Sebring Camp Grounds in Sebring. The main entrance can be found at the corner of Johnson Rd, and Texas Ave, in Sebring.

When is it? Field Day is always on the 4th full weekend of June. This year, that falls on the 26th/27th of June. The actual Field Day period is from 1800UTC (2PM) on Saturday, to that same time on Sunday.

There are guidelines for when a group can begin setting up, and where they set up. You should understand these guidelines which are in section 3 of the rules which you can find at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-rules>.

Why do we have Field Day? Well, that is a complicated question. If you ask a contester, they will say "Field Day is a contest!". Someone who is into Emergency Communications will call it a "emergency Preparedness exercise. Still others will call it a Social gathering, or homecoming of sorts.

So, whether your Field Day shack is a park, or a campground, or even your home shack, get out there, and get active. You won't regret it.



Alliance ARC 2021 Fundraiser Is Underway



In 2020, we raffled off an HF radio to raise funds for our clubs ongoing projects. The FT-450D was won by a very deserving Ham. This year, we are raffling off another HF radio; a Brand new [Yaesu FT-891](#).

We are limiting the number of tickets sold to only 600. They are being sold at the reasonable price only \$5 ea., or 5 tickets for \$20.

You can purchase tickets at our club events, online, or by mail.

Online, go to our website at w8lky.org, then go to our fundraiser page.

(Note: A fee will be added to all online orders to cover the Paypal fee that we are charged).

By mail: Just send a check or money order to:

**Alliance Amateur Radio club
P.O. Box 3344
Alliance, OH 44601**

(Please include \$1.00 for postage & handling)

Look for us at the following Hamfests in 2021

July 10th – Mansfield Mid-Summer Trunkfest

September 26th – Cleveland Hamfest

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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

AARC Monthly VE Testing

The Alliance ARC is now doing monthly VE testing. Our next session will be on

Saturday, June 12, 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,

So, the news gets better & better. As of June 2nd, most of the mask orders are cancelled. So as I said las month, it's time to time to get back to work. I got no replies from last months offer to set up stations in a local park, and have some fun. I guess that means that either no one is interested, or no one is reading the newsletter. I'll leave that offer open for another month, and see if we get any bites.

So, the next thing coming up on the agenda is ARRL Field Day. Ron, has covered most of the plans in his column (See pg 1), but he tells me that no one has yet stepped forward to volunteer as Chairperson for this years FD effort. Please, if you are able, consider taking this on. If you have questions about what this entails, don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We'll be having a picnic at the First Christian Church pavilion on our meeting night. More about this is also in Ron's column this month.

Lastly, don't forget to buy your tickets to our 2021 fundraiser. This years prize is a Yaesu FT-891. You can find more information elsewhere in this issue , or you can go to w8lky.org/about-us/2021-fundraiser/ to read all about it, and buy tickets.

That's all I have for this month. Have fun, and get on the air.

73 DE KD8MQ

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