



Zero Beat

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Club Programs & Events

January 8th - Club Breakfast

January 12th - Club Meeting
([for all events, see w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org))

Club Breakfast

At 8:30am on the Saturday,
January 8th, we will meet for
breakfast at

**Don Panchos Restaurant
(2105 W. State St, Alliance)**

All are welcome.

Club Meeting

This month, we will be meeting
at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex
(2105 W. State St, Alliance)

January 12th

Dinner at 6-ish, and meeting
promptly at 7:30PM

Nets

Tuesday

7PM - FM Simplex on 147.51

Thursday

8PM - SSB on 28.420

9:00PM - FM on 145.37

Winlink Net - More info
at January meeting

KC8ZEH Is The 2021 Ham Of The Year!



And the winner of the 2021 Ham of
The Year award is Tomas, KC8ZEH.

Thanks to all who voted. Tomas is
most recently out 2 Meter net manager,
and has also served as club VP

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AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at **Don Panchos Tex-Mex Cafe**. 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:

Web: www.w8lky.org

E-mail: w8lky.radio@gmail.com

AARC Repeaters

2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY
(PL - 110.9hz)

440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY
(PL - 131.8hz)

Nets

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Homeland security Net

7:00PM 147.51 Simplex

Thursday

Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)

8:20PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

"A time for Sadness and a Time for Joy"

We mourn the lost of Two(2) of our own, Frank Sanor(WA8WHP) who passed away in the week of Christmas or as he would have said the week we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Frank symbolized a teacher, technician, an a one of a kind "Elmer" in our hobby of Amateur Radio.

To me he was my Mentor along with everyone in our "Ham Radio" family. His funeral will take place after the holidays. We also lost Oliver Richard "Rick" Smith (AKA Smitty) on December 12, 2021. We all knew him as Smitty(KC8TJQ, Smitty was a broadcaster for Hams for Christ and was good friends with Rick(WD8AYC) and they could be frequently heard on the club's Two Meter Repeater and other HF bands. Smitty had many Good Friends in AARC and knew many other ham operators.

Even though this is a time of sadness, it is also a time of Joy. AARC had a wonderful year even with all the road blocks that we encountered. We provided emergency communications for the

Carnation Festival's Grand Parade and the Alliance Salvation Army's Five (5) K Walk. We ran two successful Ways and Means Fund Raisers to provide funds for the Holiday Community Projects of the Alliance Police and Alliance Fire Departments officers unions and the Alliance Salvation Army Red Kettle project.

Internally, AARC added a new phone net, a Digital Net on Thursday night and net control manager of this new net is Doug((KB8DNQ). Doug is currently tweaking the operation of the net and changing over to another software. This is exciting and the club is moving forward with newer technology. The Digital Format is the future in Ham Radio and it is here now for everyone to use.

Doug would be more than happy to Mentor you along on Digital Radio Operation and use in your shack or mobile or HT.

The Club's January Breakfast Meeting is in January 8th, 8:30am,(due to Jan. 1st is on the first Saturday)

Location is Don Ponchos. The January business meeting for AARC is Wednesday January 12 at 7:30pm Don Ponchos and supper on your own at 6pm same location. I still have seven(7) Elmer Awards to pass out and the only way you will get one if you were selected is to attend a AARC meeting.

I know exactly what the late Frank Sanor(WA8WHP SK) and Smitty (KC8TJQ SK) would say, keep doing what you have been doing and GET ON THE AIR . Frank and Smitty loved being Ham Operators

73

Ron(KE8HCY)

Vintage QSL Cards



I asked in October for scans of your QSL card if you have one. The response has been non-existent. So, Let's try this.

One of my hobbies is collecting vintage QSL cards from years past. This month, I'll share a card from Jim, K8LTG. Not all are aware that Jim lived in Texas for a time. His card showed up in a batch I found years back in an antique shop in Zanesville.

By the time I knew Jim, he was working at Alliance Manufacturing (this later became the Genie Co.) on Lake Park Boulevard. Jim was a Ham's Ham. He also raced motorcycles, and was interested in photography.

Jim's license lapsed in the mid-1970s. Not that he ever became inactive; he just forgot to renew. So, he re-tested, and was issued the callsign N8DZA, which I new him best by.

I first met Jim when I was 16 yrs. old. He and Frank, WA8WHP were teaching Novice classes for the old Tri-County Radio Club ([www.w8lky.org/about-us/history/tri-county-radio-](http://www.w8lky.org/about-us/history/tri-county-radio-club/)



Jim, N8DZA, and Gene, N8JKZ after a 1993 fox hunt.

[club/](http://www.w8lky.org/about-us/history/tri-county-radio-club/)), which met out at the Civil Defense building on Vine St.

He and Frank had their hands full teaching a bunch of teenagers not only the theory, but the 5 Word Per Minute Code as well. Jim taught CW; one of many subjects he was an expert at.

In 2022, I'll be bringing my collection of QSLs over to [w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org), but for now, This card and others can be viewed at <https://kd8mq.net/QSLs/>.

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N8DZA

James W. Ferguson

This is one of Jim's N8DZA cards (ca1989)

Items for sale from the WA8NEJ Estate

- J-38 KEY ON BASE \$35.00
- ASTRON RS-20A POWER SUPPLY (output terminals have been replaced with 1/4-20 bolts.) \$45
- Butternut Spider antenna (no hub) \$15
- Drake 2-CS speaker **ASK**
- Drake 2B receiver - with manual, schematic, and documentation of work done (date unknown) - has Crystal Calibrator **ASK**
- Drake 2-BQ speaker/Q-Multiplier **ASK**
- EICO 706 CODE OSCILLATOR (working) \$15
- Heathkit EK-1 VOM, with companion manual \$15
- Heathkit EK-2 Receiver - looks complete, however the chassis is loose in the case. Has not been powered up. \$15
- K9LU BD3 CLASSIC KEY (IAMBIC)
- KANTRONIC PACKET COMMUNICATOR 9612
- Knight kit VOM (similar to Triplett 630 VOM) \$15
- MFJ MFJ-1272BYV Microphone/TNC Switch Model
- MFJ MFJ-207 HF SWR ANALYZER M/N MFJ-207 W/ 2 AC adaptors - 1.75 - 30MHz \$20.00 (Battery Clip needs re-attached to the case)
- MFJ MFJ-962C tuner MFJ-962C - 1.5KW (Not roller inductor) (Band selector switch is damaged and needs replaced. \$75.00
- Micronta 22-124A Power Supply \$5
- RADIO SHACK HTX-212 VHF FM TRANCEIVER (2 METER MOBILE) 10w/45w (MIC PLUG APPEARS TO BE GLUED INTO SOCKET). Working, but the mic cord is beginning to show signs of wear at the strain relief \$30
- Realistic 28-110 3 TRANSISTOR SHORTWAVE RADIO KIT \$5
- Standard C528A HT 2M/440 w/ drop-in charger & 7(!) battery packs; 2 of them look like they've never been opened. Also has a speaker mic \$35
- Tigertronics BayPac BP-1 Packet Modem \$10
- Triplett 630 (Untested. Meter movement moves freely. Ohm range dead). \$10

Interested in any of these items?

Contact John, WG8X

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Items for sale from the WA8NEJ Estate

Books (Make offer)

- Radio Servicing by Abraham Marcus 1960
- Hints and Kinks Vol 6 by ARRL 1959
- The Radio Amateur's License Manual 1970 by ARRL
- A course In Radio Fundamentals by George Grammer (ARRL)1960
- On the Air with Ham Radio by Steve Ford 2001 (ARRL)
- Amateur Radio Theory Course by Martin Schwartz 1992 (AMECO)
- Elements of Radio by Marcus and Marcus 1959
- The ARRL Extra Class License Manual Ninth Edition (with practice cd)
- Personal Computers in the Ham Shack by Paul Danzer and Richard Roznoy (ARRL) 1997
- Ham Radio FAQ by ARRL 2001
- The ARRL Operating Manual For Radio Amateurs 12th Edition2019
- ARRL 2019 Repeater Directory
- RF Exposure & you Hare 1998
- Radio Amateurs HandbookARRL 1978
- Radio Amateurs HandbookARRL 1965
- Radio frequency Interference & how to fix it ARRL 1991
- Understanding Amateur Radio ARRL 1977
- Ameco Advanced Class Radio Amateur License Guide Ameco 1968

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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 WG8X1@gmail.com

AARC Monthly VE Testing

The Alliance ARC is now doing monthly VE testing.

Our first session of 2022 will be on January 22nd

Testing is 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
- You must have an E-mail address for the FCC form. This is how they will contact you.
- 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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Winter Field Day?



The upcoming Winter Field Day (WFD) event is being held on the last weekend in January (Jan 27/28). WFD is similar in purpose to, but different from the ARRL Field Day, which is held each June.

WFD encourages training in Emergency communications techniques that could come in handy in an emergency.

We've participated in WFD on several occasions; the most recent being in January 2020. At that time, we set up in the office at the Tri-City Airport in Beloit. This, like other efforts were done as a Saturday only effort. The event runs through the night, and into Sunday afternoon.

Like any event/contest, you set your own goals. Whether your goal is to place first in your state, or just beat your score from the previous year, This can be a fun weekend with like-minded individuals.

A chairman is needed for our upcoming event. If you would like to give it a go, just contact President Ron, KE8HCY.

Ohio VHF+ Simplex Contest



This six hour contest is coming up in just two weeks. You can learn about it at ohsimplex.org. There seems to be a few stations registered already (but registration is not required).

If you are interested in Emergency Communications, this is something especially for you. This is a prime opportunity to asses your VHF simplex capabilities. After all, how do we know that repeaters will continue to function after an emergency strikes?

Simple; we don't! Test your gear now, not during an emergency!

WG8X Rambling

Hi everyone,

It's been a sad month here in Alliance. First, we lost Smitty, KC8TJQ, then Frank, WA8WHP. It seems like just weeks before, that we lost Miriam; Franks wife, and long time club member. I never found anyone who did not think the world of Smitty. He was such a great guy.

And Frank lived & breathed for this club. He & Jim, K8LTG were teaching the Novice class at the armory when the Ham radio bug bit me for the first time.

Both these gentlemen will be missed. RIP guys.

So, don't forget to make plans to attend the next club meeting. I'll have a proposal for our 2022 fundraiser. We also plan to vote on our new VP.

73, and Happy new year.



Frank, WA8WHP



Smitty, KC8TJQ

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