

The Week ahead (June 16, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club



First up

Welcome to yet another issue of The Week Ahead, from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club. Well, we made it through another week. Wednesday was great. The turnout for our event was awesome. For a "Get On The Air Day", we didn't really get on the air much. I didn't hear any complaints though.

A couple of you stopped by to check out one of the Field Day stations that was set up. There were several of you that built roll-up J-Poles. We might do this again.

Steve had his digital station set up and was explain Keyboard modes to folks.

The picnic went great! I heard there were 30 people present, and there wasn't much food left over at the end for sure. Thanks to Ben, KD8KMQ who did most of the cooking.

We're still selling raffle tickets. At this time, there's about 200 tickets left, and 24 days remaining till we give away another HF Rig.

Another announcement just went out via Facebook this morning.

You can learn more about this (and buy tickets) at https://www.w8lky.org/hf_raffle/

How to find The Newsletter

You will soon be able to read the back-issues of our newsletters on the website. There was (and is) still a lot of work to do, but you'll be able to go to w8lky.org, click on the newsletter tab, and look for the issue you want.

Club is represented at veteran Resource Fair



On Saturday (June 15th), the club was represented at the Veterans Resource Fair at the Military and First Responders Center in Louisville.

There were twenty vendors present representing various sections of the VA and other agencies. Ron, (KE8HCY), and Shawn, (KD8ZEZ) represented Amateur Radio as another source of rehabilitation.

Both Ron & Shawn are Veterans, and represented the club at this event.

Allen, KE8ZLT Sets up a Kids Day Station in Louisville



Twice each year, the ARRL sponsors Kids Day to get kids interested in Ham Radio. This year, for the first time, W8LKY was participating.

According to ARRL.org, “Kids Day is designed to give on-the-air experience to young people and hopefully foster interest in getting a license of their own. It is also intended to give older hams a chance to share their station and love for Amateur Radio with their children.”

Allen set up a club station at Metzger Park in Louisville, and put the kids on the air. While they didn’t make a ton of contacts, Allen is looking forward to next year. We have a whole year to make plans, and figure how to improve for next time.

Allen, (KE8ZLT), and his Dad, Tim (KE8ZLS) have had their licenses just about 7 or 8 months. They went through our Technician classes in fall of 2023.



AARC Club Breakfast



Our monthly breakfast is coming up this Saturday (June 1st). As usual, we’ll be at Don Panchos (2105 W. State St, Alliance). Officially, the breakfast starts at 8:30am, but I’m always amazed at the number of folks who show up at 8am.

The breakfast is open to all. All that is required is an interest in Ham Radio. Everyone is welcome, regardless of when you show up.

Field Day

Plans are coming together for this weekend's ARRL Field Day exercise. We heard more about the planning at our meeting on the 12th. Here's the important stuff. Well, it's all important, but you know what I mean.

We're setting up at Arrowhead Orchard, in Paris. The address for your GPS is 11724 Lisbon St, Paris, OH.

The Google map link is <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uJ9oXoTuRZiDGfhr5>

We'll be there from about 9-10AM on Saturday, through early Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to stop by and check out our set up. We will be operating using voice, CW, & Digital Modes. Digital are modes such as Olivia, PSK, RTTY, and of course FT8.

ARRL Field Day is part social gathering, part emergency communications exercise, and part contest. Here in Alliance, we concentrate more on the social part of it.

You are welcome to come out and ask questions, or get on the air

AARC VE Exam

Our June VE exam was popular yesterday, with 6 people coming in to be tested. Unfortunately, not all passed, however 5 of them did.

Our next session will be October 19th.

YOU ARE INVITED!

What is it?

Field Day brings together Amateur Radio operators (or “hams”) AND the community! It’s part *education*, part *campout*, and part informal contest that involves *practice for emergencies* and **happens to be fun!** Last year more than **31,000 radio amateurs** got together to participate in summer field day for a total of **1,249,686 contacts!** Come and check out what amateur radio can do!



For more information check our website!
Alliance Amateur Radio Club W8LKY



Where is it?

Arrowhead Orchard
on State Rte 172 just west of Paris

When is it?

June 22-23
Field day runs from
2pm Saturday till 2pm Sunday

Stop in anytime!
Stay however long you like!
YOUTH WELCOME!

Pictures from the June 12 Club Meeting & Get on The Air Day





Stark County Radio Club picnic – Save the date for Saturday, August 31st, 2024 from 10am –3pm. We will be at the Jaycee Shelter in Butler Rodman Park.

Plans are still being made at this time, and I’m open to suggestions. At time of year, I’d bet that corn will be on the menu.

W8LKY Special Event

During the Carnation Festival (August 1st – August 11th), we’ll be putting W8LKY on the air as a special event station. We’ll be offering some in the park opportunities, and you will be able to sign up to run the callsign from your own station.

People who we contact can then request a certificate via E-Mail (for free), or a certificate & QSL card via Mail (With a SASE & \$1).

Details will be posted on our website (w8lky.org), and our QRZ page (<https://www.qrz.com/db/W8LKY>). Also, this special event will be in the August issue of QST.

Get On The Air Day – August 5th

We’ll be holding another Get on the Air Day the JayCee Pavilion in Silver Park. Time will be about 3pm till whenever.

We’ll set up a station or two, and demonstrate how to run a Special Event. I’ll confirm the times as we get a bit closer, but this will be a great time to get out and enjoy our beautiful park system while playing radio. Oh yes, you’ll be able to ask questions too!

Carnation Festival Grand Parade

As we've been doing for the last few years, the club will be providing parade for the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Grand Parade on Saturday, August 10th. To sign up, please contact Ron, KE8HCY.

Also, we'll again have the club trailer decorated and entered as a float in the parade. Pam Kleinhans has volunteered to decorate the trailer and orchestrate that part of our participation. She'll need help from all of us, so let's give her our support.

Wednesday Morning Coffee Break



A group of our retirees (and 2nd shifters) gather each Wednesday morning around 9 AM at the Alliance Sheetz on W. State St for good coffee, and conversation. Hope you can join us.

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club seeks to

- Promote fraternalism
- Educate and advance radio knowledge and individual operating efficiency
- Provide public service communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies
- Conduct club programs and other activities that advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in our community, county, and state.

AARC Fundraiser Is Underway



[Yaesu FT-710 AESS](#)

Our 2024 HF Rig Raffle is now live!

https://www.w8lky.org/hf_rig_raffle/

You can buy tickets in person at any club events, or online at the above link.

We'll be hitting the following Hamfests as long as we have tickets to sell.

June 9th – **Breezeshooters Hamfest** – Butler, PA

July 6th – **Mansfield Mid-Summer Trunkfest** – Mansfield, OH

Some help staffing the hamfest tables will be appreciated.

This year, the ticket prices are:

1 for \$5

5 for \$20

12 for 40

15 for \$50

(Paypal adds a small handling charge to all online sales)

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Upcoming VE Exams

7/20 - Massillon - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/massillon-oh-44646-8407-14

For more VE exam dates - <https://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

**For more information about our Exam sessions -
<https://www.w8lky.org/licenses-ve-testing/ve-exams/>**

Hamfest Calendar

you can look up local Hamfests by going to our website,
or just [click here](#).

7/6 – Mansfield, OH – Mid Summer Trunkfest
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/mansfield-mid-summer-trunkfest-2>

7/13 – Erie, PA – NW PA Hamfest
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/nw-pa-hamfest-5>

7/20 – Elyria, OH – Noarsfest
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/noarsfest-11>

8/03 – Columbus, OH – 2024 Columbus Hamfest
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-columbus-hamfest>

Our Net Schedule

Monday

440 MHz Net

7:00 PM EDT - 442.350 FM (PL 131.8)

Tuesday

Homeland Security Net

7:00 PM EDT - 147.510 FM

Tuesday

6 Meter Digital Net

8:00 PM EDT - 50.292.25

Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

Thursday

7:30 PM EDT - 28.122

Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

Thursday

8:00 PM EDT - 28.423 SSB

Thursday

9:00 PM EDT - 145.370 FM

You can learn more about these nets on our Net page at <https://www.w8lky.org/activities/our-nets/>

Meet Your Officers / Volunteers

President: John, WG8X

Vice-President: Steve, KB8RFE

Secretary: Alex, KE8VXG

Treasurer: Paul, K2ASA

1 yr Trustee: Howard, K8DXR

2 yr Trustee: Joe, N8JEW

3 yr Trustee: Jim, K8WUP

President Emeritus/Chaplain: Ron, KE8HCY

Net Controls

Lorin Kleinhans, KD8WVE: 440 MHz Net

Steve Collins, KB8RFE: 6 Meter Digital Net

10 Meter Digital Net

James Andrews, KD8VT: Homeland security Net

John Myers, WG8X: 10 Meter SSB Net

Tomas St. George, KC8ZEH: 2 Meter Net

For a complete net schedule, scroll down, or go to our net page at

<https://www.w8lky.org/activities/our-nets/>

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