

The Week ahead (September 9, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

First up

Thanks for your understanding as I am doing the newsletter a bit early. I have a few things coming up which means that if I don't put out the newsletter today, it simply will not happen!

OSPOTA

Simply put, this is a contest that places the emphasis on portable stations operating from Ohio State Parks. Anyone may participate of course, but the real fun is trying to work them all.

There are currently 76 state parks in the OH park system (We only recognize 75 this year). Next year, the new park; Great Council SP will be available for OSPOTA.

Three club member (that I'm aware of) will be in State Parks on Sept 7th for this years OSPOTA. The Shilligang will be at Salt Fork, while I plan to host a open house style of operation at West Branch SP.

If you'd like to join in the fun, check out our website at <https://ospota.org>. If you feel like checking an OSPOTA station out in person, stop by the N8P station at West Branch State Park.

I'll be at the East boat ramp pavilion just off Gilbert Road, in Portage Cty from 10am – about 5-ish. The contest runs till 6 PM, but I am heading to Findlay on Sunday, so I may tear down early so I can get a good night sleep.

Classes

Tech classes are starting on Monday. There's still time to sign up at <https://www.w8lky.org/licensing/licensing-classes/>

Or just drop in. We'll be learning from the ARRL License manual.

If you are interested in General classes to be possibly held next spring, please drop me a message, and let me know.

Club Meeting (September)

Our Sept club meeting is coming up on Wednesday, the 11th (Patriots Day). We will be back at the Alliance Community Hospital (Rm 1A).

The meeting begins at 7 pm.

The hospital cafeteria stays open until 6:30 pm. This is a great way to show our appreciation to the Hospital for hosting us each month.

We gather about 5:30-6 – ish for good food, and tall tales.

The big thing on this months agenda is the decision of this year's charity which we will be supporting at Christmas.

We will also be supporting the Salvation Army once again as Bell Ringers. Thank you to Pres. Emeritus Ron, KE8HCY for agreeing to run this one again for us.

In November, we will again be doing our Fall Fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds from this event will be added to the money raised from our HF Rig Raffle, and donated to some worthy charity(s) in the Alliance area.

In December, we have our Annual Christmas Party. The date will be Saturday, December 14th. We'll have more information available soon.

Let's Zoom!

I'd still like to find a volunteer to set us up with Zoom for meetings.

There are a couple advantages to streaming our meetings

- 1) Especially in the winter season, not all our members are able to make it out to a meeting. This would be a great help to those who find it harder to get out in the winter.
- 2) We could set up some awesome club programs via Zoom.

This would be a dedicated position within the club. Your job would be to make sure that the Zoom equipment is set up for each meeting.

If this interests you, let's talk!

Elections

Elections are coming up on October 9th. All offices are open for nominations except for two of the trustee positions.

If you'd like to throw your hat in the ring, contact one of the club trustees. They are listed at the end of this newsletter. .

Monthly Club Breakfast

Our club breakfast for September is tomorrow (Sept 7th), at Don Panchos (2105 W. State St, Alliance) @ 8:30 am.

All are welcome to attend!

Wednesday Morning Coffee Break

We 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 strives 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

What's up with the ARRL?

Here's some of the latest ARRL News from their news feed.

- [ARRL Systems Service Disruption](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-03

- [ARRL VEC Services Update During Systems Disruption](#)

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Hamfest Calendar

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

9/8 – Findlay, OH – **Findlay Hamfest**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/findlay-hamfest-11>

9/22 – Berea, OH – **Cleveland Hamfest**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/cleveland-hamfest-4>

10/27 – N. Canton, OH – **2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-marc-hamfest-at-maps>

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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