

The Week ahead (September 27, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

First up

Well, my plans to head south for a camping weekend kind of got trashed. Instead, I worked on log checking for the Ohio State Parks On The Air contest. Held the Saturday after Labor day, it's likely the funnest contest that you've never heard about. We average about 85 entries each year, but the number of participants are usually much higher.

Well, those entries need to be scored, and the results tabulated. So, that's what I was doing yesterday instead of the newsletter.

Repeater

As you may know, the 442.350 repeater is down again. I have the backup repeater (Big thanks to Bob, WB8OVQ) installed at my house. This is only till I have time to run it up to the hospital to do a semi-permanent install.

We are actively looking for a replacement system.

I'd like a Kenwood TKR-850 V2 repeater

and a "CAT" controller similar to what we are using on the Two-Meter repeater.

The search goes on.

Elections

Again, 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. .

JOTA

The following comes to us from Heath, KE8KAV.

Good Evening,

In Advance I apologize for the delay in reaching out on this, many things going on here in the Viking village....LOL! Attached is the information on J.O.T.A this year. We have been asked if we could incorporate Skywarn into our demonstrations this year.

Personally I'm at a loss for serious ideas on how to do this, (granted the thought of dressing up Alex and Shawn as tornadoes and loading them up with energy drinks is tempting, having scouts report their location throughout the camp.....). Seriously, if anyone has some thoughts on this please let me know!

Club members participation is greatly appreciated! Feel free to reach out to me with any Questions or suggestions.

As usual, I believe lunch will be provided. I will have hot coffee available at my qth also. More details to follow as they come available.

Thank you in advance for your help! If your are planning to attend let me know, if you can't attend feel free to get on the air and make some scouts happy with contacts! Maybe we can find a frequency the club could camp on?

Sincerely,

Heath "tiny" Urban

ke8kav@gmail.com

**(Following on the next page is the info for the scouts –
No, we do not have to fill out as registration form)**

October 19, 2024 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



BRRRRR it is cold outside....no wait, this is Ohio and who knows what the weather will be at any one time of day? But that is the job of the meteorologist and the weather stations all over the world.

Weather Merit Badge explores Meteorology, the study of earth's atmosphere, its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. Learn about many of the weather issues such as the water cycle, type of clouds, climate, weather watches and/or warnings and what is "Sky Warn".

There will also be an opportunity to learn directly from Trent McGill, head meteorologist at WEWS in Cleveland, about the job of keeping us all informed about the "weather". Most of the requirements will be completed in the morning and a "weather related" lunch will be offered in Kimble Hall.

This weekend coincides with the Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, the largest Scouting event in the world. Typically, more than 1 million Scouts participate with over 11,000 stations operated by 20,000+ amateur radio operators from 150+ countries. The scouts will be sent to various amateur radio clubs' stations and find out how to contact Jamboree on the Air, and Parks on the Air and maybe even more contacts from all over the world. Participation in JOTA earns credit for requirement 7E of Citizenship in the World Merit Badge.

There will be opportunities to do some "hands on" activities and scouts will also be able to enter a drawing for a Weather radio. A fun day for all and you will leave camp being better prepared for whatever the weather will bring!

The registration fee is \$30 per participant, which includes the day's activities, a JOTA patch and weather-themed lunch. To register, please fill out the registration form below to sign up your troop, to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone. Payment for the day can be made at registration or mailed in ahead of time.

[Registration form >](#)

You can download the MB worksheet from <http://usscouts.org/> to better understand the requirements. We ask adult leaders to assist the counselors in checking blue cards. Final "completed or partial" determination will be made by the merit badge counselors.

For more information, please call 330-859-2288 or via email at info@tuscazoar.org.

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 Section Managers Gather for Training at Headquarters](#)
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-20
- [National Preparedness Month – Station Readiness](#)
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-20
- [The K7RA Solar Update](#)
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-20
- [ARRL Announces Partnership with Grouper](#)
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-19
- [ARRL Philanthropist, Radar Detector Pioneer, Michael Valentine, W8MM, Silent Key](#)
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-19
- [National Preparedness Month: Ensuring Family Safety](#)
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-13
- [Ham Radio Volunteers Serve During Hurricane Francine](#)
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-13

Hamfest Calendar

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

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>

We are so fortunate to have two great Hamfests coming up in the next couple months! If you've never been, you really should!

Win a Yaesu FT-DX10



The Massillon ARC is giving away a Yaesu FT- DX10 as part of its 2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS! Raffle tickets may be purchased at the hamfest itself or [here online](#).

Tickets are: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 6 for \$10 or 12 for \$20 donation.

All the details are on the club web page-

<https://www.w8np.net/index.php?view=article&id=105:enter-to-win-a-yaesu-ft-dx10&catid=10><https://www.w8np.net/index.php?view=article&id=105:enter-to-win-a-yaesu-ft-dx10&catid=10>

Thank you for your generous support and good luck! MARC is a non-profit organization and your generous donation action helps our club spread the word and educate our area and region about amateur radio.

Mahoning County Library Program

The following comes from our ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator

My name is Amanda Farone, KC3GFU. I am the current Affiliated Club Coordinator for the ARRL Ohio Section. I also hold a partnership with the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County (PLYMC).

Each month I coordinate an Amateur Radio related program open to the general public, community, hams, and non-hams. The mission of this program is to showcase Amateur Radio, the magic that it brings, and to teach both current and prospective hams new skills and ideas.

As a way to get the word out, I have developed a quarterly, one-page, newsletter. This "newsletter" will have information about all of our upcoming programs and how you can get more information.

These programs consist of licensing classes, workshops, antenna builds, forums, and kids programs (Santa Nets and STEM). This quarterly newsletter will be sent out to all clubs within a 50 mile radius.

I am asking that you please relay the information, any way you prefer (email, club newsletter, meeting, etc), to your membership. We often host operators from all over the state of Ohio (and beyond) and if you are interested in participating as an instructor or presenter for a program, we would love to hear from you!

AMATEUR RADIO

MAHONING COUNTY, OH - LIBRARY PROGRAM



NEWSLETTER

OCT, NOV,
DEC 2024

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER – NEOEA DAY

FRIDAY, OCT. 11TH 8:30AM – 3:30PM
MAIN LIBRARY – 305 WICK AVE., YOUNGSTOWN

NEOEA Day is a day for educators to participate in professional development activities. Educators can attend programs to learn new and exciting things to implement in their classrooms and educational programs. We will be presenting at the Main Library, in downtown Youngstown. Find more information at neoea.org.



DECEMBER – SANTA NETS

SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH – MICHAEL KUSALABA
SATURDAY, DEC. 14TH – CANFIELD
SATURDAY, DEC. 21ST – AUSTINTOWN
2:00PM – 5:00PM

Bring the kids to talk to Santa on the radio! There will be other holiday related festivities to participate in while you wait. Open to all ages!



LICENSE CLASSES

FALL TECHNICIAN CLASS

SATURDAY, NOV. 2ND & SATURDAY, NOV. 9TH
10:00AM – 2:00PM BOARDMAN LIBRARY
7680 GLENWOOD AVE., BOARDMAN, OH

Join us two Saturday's in a row to study and obtain your Technician license! All materials will be provided.



TESTING

SATURDAY, NOV. 9TH 2:00PM
BOARDMAN LIBRARY
7680 GLENWOOD AVE., BOARDMAN, OH

Testing will be open for all license classes. You do not need to attend the class to test, the test session is open to everyone. Please have your FRN and Original License Copy.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information:

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Please Register for Programs @
libraryvisit.org

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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