

# The Week ahead (October 6th, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

## First up

OK, I'm late with the newsletter. I've been pushing hard this weekend to finish the log-checking for the Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest. It's my goal each year to get these sent out to the contest chairman before I leave for the cabin next Thursday.

## Meeting

This Wednesday is our annual meeting for the election of officers. My understanding is that we are good to go on all positions but one. Steve, KB8RFE is stepping down as VP effective Wednesday. Let's thank Steve for the excellent job he's done this year.

But we may need a candidate for VP. If you are interested, please reach out to our awesome trustees! They've been busting it since August to ensure that we have a slate of officers for 2024/5.

We've done a lot of great things in the last 5 years, so let's keep that momentum going!

## Fall Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser will be coming up soon. November 13<sup>th</sup> to be exact, right after our monthly club meeting. Each year, a portion of the profits from the HF Rig raffle (50% this year), is combined with 100% of the money raised from the Fall fundraiser. If you've never been to one of these, we bring in a bunch of prizes to give away. You buy tickets for the prize you want to win, and at the end of the night, you may leave with that prize.

The big winners of the night will be:

- **Military and First Responders Center in Louisville**
- **Clothed in Righteousness in Alliance**
- **Salvation Army - Alliance**

## Veterans event @ MAPS

So, Friday & Saturday, Jennifer Williams took the lead to set up a table at the Veterans Service Fair at MAPS. She staffed it the first day. There was a bit of error lining up someone to staff the table on Saturday, so I headed out after breakfast. To my surprise, I got there around 11, and found Shawn, KD8ZEZ staffing the table. He had gone the event as a spectator, and just began talking to people about Amateur radio. Thank you, Shawn! He saw a Need and stepped up to take care of it!

He & I had a lot of fun talking to other hams who stopped by and answering questions from veterans who are interested in amateur Radio. It seemed very well attended, and probably should be on our Planning schedule for 2025



## Repeater Update

Well, the repeater lasted a few days before dying. Bob, WB8OVQ loaned us the backup machine, and it's been re-installed at the hospital. In the meantime, we are going to assess the condition of our repeater and decide the best course of action.

## Net Manager Needed for the Digital Nets

Also on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Steve, KB8RFE will be stepping back from the digital nets that he started and has been running for a few years.

If you are interested in taking over as Net manager, please contact Steve, or myself.

## An Incredible Amateur Radio Rescue Story

*(This is something from the ARRL Newsfeed.)*

10/04/2024

*Editor's note: The following story was submitted by Don Gardner, W7PJ, ARRL Idaho Section Emergency Coordinator.*

On the evening of September 21, 2024, Greg Owen, WX7Z, heard an amateur radio emergency call on the VHF frequency known as the national simplex calling frequency, 146.52 MHz Ed Clark, K7ELC, was calling to get medical help for a 51-year-old man who had rolled his four-wheeler.

Mac Mackintosh, W7ENZ, found the accident and injured man near his property where there isn't any cellphone service. Mackintosh had given his handheld radio to Clark to make the call for help while he gave aid to the injured man. The injuries were serious... head trauma, broken collarbone, broken ribs, and difficulty breathing.

Owen called 911 to request help. An ambulance, Life Flight helicopter and law enforcement were dispatched to the location, which was 35 minutes outside Orofino, Idaho. Meanwhile, Owen continued using the amateur radio to relay updates to the dispatcher. The injured man was transported to the hospital via Life Flight and at last report was recovering.

*Gardner said hams in Idaho support an old national program called the Wilderness Protocol which encourages the use of the national simplex calling frequency, 146.52 MHz*

*“As amateur radio operators, we train to be available to help when help is needed. The more that ham radio operators listen to the radio, the more chance there is that someone will be listening to take your emergency call. This is something that has been used many times throughout this county and here in Idaho,” he said. “This is another incredible story to share.”*

## 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 Skyward 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 you 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

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**(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](mailto: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 on the ARRL Newsfeed?

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

- [An Incredible Amateur Radio Rescue Story](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-10-04

- [Simulated Emergency Test \(SET\) Scheduled for October 5—6](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-10-04

- [The ARRL Foundation is Now Accepting Grant Applications Through October 31, 2024](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-10-04

- [The K7RA Solar Update](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-10-04

- [Ham Radio Serving Southeast US Recovery Efforts](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-10-04

- [Candidate for ARRL Northwestern Division Director Disqualified; Tharp Declared Elected](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-30

- [Volunteers – The Heart and Soul of ARRL Headquarters](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-27

- [Amateur Radio and Robot Play Ball!](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-27

- [Changes in the ARRL West Texas Section](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-27

- [National Preparedness Month – Get Involved](#)

Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-09-27

## 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.

## 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/>

**QSL Manager:** Howard, K8DXR

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