



Zero Beat

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Upcoming Club Programs & Events

April 4th - Club Breakfast
April 8th - Digital Modes
(Doug, KB8DNQ)

CANCELLED

[for other events, see w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)

Club Breakfast

The monthly Club Breakfast is officially cancelled per the Stay At Home order from the governor.

CANCELLED

Club Meeting

Our next club meeting is coming up on Wednesday, April 8th.

Due to the Governors Stay-at-home order, It'll be held on the 145.370 repeater. See Ron's comments to the right for more information.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: AMERICA -THE BEAT GOES ON!



Wow, what a week and yet America continues to move forward and as someone once said, "This too shall pass". Our individual and families life styles have been vastly cur-

tailed for the most part, but our spirit as Americans is growing stronger each day.

I want every AARC member to know, your Executive Committee is busy working behind the scenes to keep the club moving forward. We are using emails for the most part and sometimes we call each other to confer on different subjects. We are also keeping the club's Trustees in the loop.

As President, my main focus beside carrying on club business, and keep you in the loop. We have temporarily suspended club breakfast meetings, pre-meeting dinners until we go back to normal everyday life.

I am sure, you are wondering how we will join together for our monthly meetings? The answer is our April 8th AARC club meeting will be "On Air" using our Two Meter Repeater starting at 7:30pm. All committee chairperson should create a short and con-

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AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meetings are temporarily cancelled due the COVID19 Pandemic. For now, our meetings are being held on our two Meter repeater. See pg. 1 for more information.

Find Us Online:

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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

Tuesday

Homeland security Net
7:00PM 147.51 Simplex

Thursday

Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)
8:30PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

President's Remarks

Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY

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cise report to report on their activities. WE WILL NOT DISCUSS FINANCIAL NUMBERS ON AIR.

I want to briefly cover several subjects:

1. Tech and General testing has been postponed.
2. All monthly club meeting will be conducted "On Air" till further notice. Agenda's and Treasurer Report will be email to members prior to the meetings.
3. AARC DUES ARE DUE APRIL 1ST, Download your renewal form off our web site and return the completed form along with your check to the mailing address listed on the form.
4. CLUB RAFFLE: Their are less than 300 tickets left, You can order the tickets online through our web site. The date for the drawing is June 10 at our Summer picnic which is going to take place in Silver Park in Alliance at the Jaycee Shelter. We need every one's help to make this a success.
5. CLUB TRAILER: We will soon share with you pictures and data on a trailer that we are looking at. The trailer has some very interesting Ham related features already installed.

In closing, we are in uncharted times in our nations history, in dealing with COVID 19. We need to remain Calm, Patient and simply do what our President, our Governor and local officials ask us to do. We are Americans and We can do this by working together!

Stay Safe, see you "On The Air for Now"

Ron KE8HCY

Dues Are Due

As Ron said in his remarks, Our club dues are due April 1st. Help us keep the progress going.

There are currently two ways to pay your dues.

- By Mail, simply print out your renewal form from the website, fill it in, and mail it with your check. You can find it at <http://www.w8lky.org/about-us/membership-application/>
- Scan & send your application form via e-mail to w8lkyradio@gmail.com. Your dues can be paid via Paypal. Our Paypal address is also w8lkyradio@gmail.com.

(If paying via Paypal, please include an additional \$1 to cover the Paypal fees that we are charged)

Please get those dues to us as soon as possible. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. 73 DE John, KD8MQ

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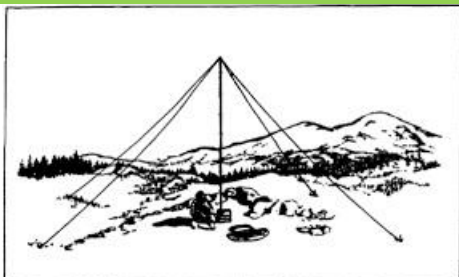
Minutes

The minutes from our meetings are now being posted to the website. You can find them at <http://www.w8lky.org/about-us/minutes/>.

The 2019 minutes have been added; the rest as time permits.

73 DE John, KD8MQ

Ohio ARES NVIS day is coming up



By all rights, this should be cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic, but it is still listed on the ARRL-Ohio website. So keep your eyes & ears open, and we'll notify you if there is any change.

Obviously, this cannot be a group event for our club. BUT, we can all still participate, and compare notes online, right? It looks like my camping plans for that weekend are scrapped, so I'll likely be operating solo from home.

This event is coming up on April 25th. It's NOT a contest. You get on the air & trade HONEST signal reports with other stations in the Ohio section.

Go to <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/nvis.html> to get more information.

73/44 DE KD8MQ



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Field Day 2020 — A Time to Adapt

FD2020 HAS NOT been cancelled. This article that was posted on ARRL.org should be required reading for anyone planning to participate.

I'm posting it in it's entirety on the next page of the Zero Beat.

You can learn more about Field Day at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>.

Field Day 2020 – A Time to Adapt



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“With any emergency preparedness exercise, it’s not about adapting the situation to your operation, it’s about adapting your operation to the situation that presents itself,”

Paul Bourque, N1SFE
ARRL Contest Manager

That's a quote from an article that was posted on the ARRL website yesterday. It's a very good article about Field Day during the social distancing that is currently a part of our lives.

Here's the direct link to the article (<http://www.arrl.org/news/field-day-2020-a-time-to-adapt>), Or, you can read it below.

03/27/2020

Many individuals and groups organizing events for Field Day 2020 have been contacting ARRL for guidance on how to adapt their planned activities in this unprecedented time of social distancing and uncertainty.

“Due to the unique situation presented this year, this can be an opportunity for you, your club, and/or group to try something new,” ARRL Contest Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, said. “Field Day isn’t about doing things the same way year after year. Use this year to develop and employ a new approach that is in line with the current circumstances.”

Social distancing and state and local requirements very likely will impact just how — and even whether — you are able to participate in Field Day this year. ARRL continues monitoring the coronavirus situation, paying close attention to information and guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If social distancing means that Class A with a 30-member team set up in a city park won’t work this year, then it’s time for a Plan B. Part of the Field Day concept has always been adapting your operation to the situation at hand. At its heart, Field Day is an emergency communication demonstration. Field Day rules are flexible enough to allow individuals and groups to adjust their participa-

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tion and strategies in a way that still addresses their needs while being fun. Some possibilities:

- Encourage club members to operate from their home stations on emergency power (Class E).
- Use the club's repeater as a means for individual participants to keep in touch during the event.
- Family members interested in operating Field Day and unable to participate as part of a larger group may want to consider setting up a portable station in the backyard with a temporary antenna.

One big impact this year will be a decline in public visibility and any interaction with the visitors. Prudence may dictate dispensing with the ham radio PR table to attract passersby, should you set up in a more public location. It's okay not to score all the bonus points you may have attempted in the past. Local and served agency officials may be unwilling to visit, which is understandable under the circumstances. Do be sure to reach out to them as part of your preparations and remind them that you look forward to continuing your working relationship with them in the future.

The impact will differ from place to place, so ARRL recommends that all amateur radio clubs participating in Field Day stay in regular contact with local or state public health officials for their advice and guidance on hosting Field Day activities.

Demonstrating an understanding of the health crisis we all face and your willingness to adapt will show that you and your club or group are good working partners with local or served agencies.

"With any emergency preparedness exercise, it's not about adapting the situation to your operation, it's about adapting your operation to the situation that presents itself," Bourque said. "Try something different. Learn something new about how you prepare. It may be a challenge, and you may have to ask yourself if you're up to the challenge. We hope to hear you on the air over the June 27 - 28 weekend." — Thanks to Paul Bourque, N1SFE, and Dan Henderson, N1ND

Hamvention QSO Party

The Dayton Hamvention for 2020 has been [cancelled](#). WWROF ([World Wide Radio Operators Foundation](#)), in cooperation with the Hamvention organizers, wanted to create a fun way for people to celebrate the Hamvention experience over the air – the Hamvention QSO Party.

In memory of Ron, W8ILC, who became a silent key just two days after the Hamvention 2020 cancellation announcement. Ron had attended every Hamvention since the beginning.

This is a 12 hour fun event on Saturday of Hamvention May 16, 2020.

Object: To celebrate the Dayton Hamvention by working as many Amateur stations as possible during the QSO Party period.

Contest period: 8 AM to 8 PM EDST (1200 to 2400 UTC), May 16, 2020

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters CW and SSB – You can work the same station once per band mode (12 QSOs possible with same station).

Exchange: Signal report and first year you attended Hamvention. If you have never attended Hamvention send “2020”.

Entry Categories: Only single operator entries – you may use assistance such as the cluster and the reverse beacon network (RBN). No self-spotting.

There are three power levels:

- QRP – no more than 5 watts
- Low Power – No more than 100 watts
- High Power – no more than 1500 watts.

Scoring: Score is number of QSOs + bonus points = final score. There are no multipliers.

Special bonus points:

To Enter: Post your score at 3830scores.com within 5 days of the event (May 21, 2020). No logs are required.

Awards: An online certificate will be available to all stations that post a score before the deadline.

Questions: Contact Tim Duffy, K3LR, k3lr@k3lr.com



AARC Swap & Shop

YAESU VX-3R Ultra Compact 144/440 MHz Dual Band HT, VHF TX 144-148 MHz @ 1.5 Watts, UHF TX 430-450 MHz @ 1 Watt. This radio also has a wide band receiver with an RX 0.5 MHz -999.99 MHz. New battery purchased 12/19. Includes antenna, wall charger, manual and box. \$170.00

Call or text KD8VT at (330)-206-4909

YAESU FNB=83 Batteries to fit the following radios; FT-60R, FT-250, FT-270, VX-110, VX-150, VX-170, VX-177, VX-180, VX-210, VXA-120, VXA-150, Aviator Pro II, Aviator ProV, FTA-230 & FTA-310. They are all used, tested and show 90% capacity or better. Six available @ \$10 each.

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MFJ-989 Versa Tuner V 3 KW Series w/roller inductor. The front panel says **3KW Series** but based on past experiences with this model, I would rate it at 1500 Watts. This tuner covers 160-10 meters (1.8-30 MHz). Tuner is in excellent electrical condition but has a few minor scratches and scuffs. It has an internal antenna switch which provides the following outputs; Coax #1 & Coax #2 in either tuned or direct mode, a wire or balanced line output and an internal Dummy Load for testing or tune up of older tube rigs. The internal Dummy Load is rated for 300 Watts for 30 seconds or 100 Watts for 90 seconds. The built in wattmeter measures 200/2000 Watts fwd. /ref. and SWR . The meter is lighted if 12 Volts is supplied to the tuner. This is the original MFJ-989 which has the heavier built 12 gauge silver plated roller inductor. \$200.00 Call or text KD8VT at (330)-206-4909

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I have the following for sale in like new condition. non-smoking environment:

KX2-F KX2 Transceiver - Assembled s/n 1219 with the following options and accessories:

- KXAT2-F KX2 ATU Option,
- KXIO2- IO Module/Real Time Clock,
- KXBT2 Battery Pack (Qty 2),
- KXBC2 Battery Charger,
- MH3 Hand Microphone,
- CS60 Large Travel Bag,
- KX2ACBL Accessory Cable,
- KX2GNDPLUG Mini Banana Plug,
- BNC-BP,
- Connector BNC to Binding Posts,
- KX2 Book by Fred Cady,
- KX3-PCKT Accessory Cable Set,
- Pro Audio Power Supply,
- Right-Angle AC Adaptor for power supply,
- Nifty Mini-Manual for KX2,
- Nifty Desk Stand for KX2,
- AlexMic with case (never used),
- Pro Audio Heat Sink,
- Left side KX Plate,
- Side KX Cover,
- Apache 2800 (similar to Pelican) case.

KXPA100-AT-F 100W Amplifier with Antenna Tuner - Factory Assembled, s/n 2137 with

KXPACBL KX3 to KXPA100 Integrated I/O Cable,
KX2ACBL Accessory Cable for KX2 and
Apache 3800 (similar to Pelican) Case.

The KX2 was purchased in November of 2016 and the KXPA100 was purchased in January of 2017.

Both have not been used for about 2 years.

Total invested is \$3032.58 plus shipping.

Asking \$2400.00 shipped and insured to the continental US.
PayPal, certified US Bank check or bank money order only.

**Rex Simmons, NX8G, (nx8g.01@gmail.com),
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Renewal/Membership Application

Call _____

Dues

Sustaining	\$15.00
Full	\$10.00
Associate	\$5.00
Family	\$1.00



Name _____ Phone # (____) _____ - _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Birthday _____

Occupation _____ ARRL Member (Y/N)? _____

License Class _____ Expiration Date _____ Year First Licensed _____

E-Mail Address _____

Special Interests (DXing, Contesting, Hunting, Model Airplanes, etc.) _____

Pro-Rated Dues Schedule

(New Members Only)

	April-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan- Mar
Sustaining	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$3.75
Full	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50
Associate	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$1.25
Family	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$0.50	\$0.25

Please Do Not Write Below This Line

Dues paid- Sustaining() Full() Associate() Family() \$ _____ on _____, 20____ Signed _____

Editor's Rambling

Welcome to the April issue of the Zero Beat. Ordinarily, I'd try to sneak some humor in this issue. But, I find nothing humorous about this situation. To put it nicely, this certainly been an "interesting" month.

All in-person club events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Ohio is under a Stay at Home Order, and basic supplies are hard to find. Agree with it or not, this is the environment right now. I'm happy to simply have a job to go to every day.

Our 2020 fundraiser has been going on for almost two months, and we have far surpassed the break-even point. As of March 29th, we've sold 357 tickets; 70% of them on the internet. Thank you to all of you who've been promoting this online.

Funds raised from this project will help purchase a trailer for our club equipment. The drawing is to be held on June 10th at our picnic. Maybe we can rename it "the Goodbye Coronavirus" picnic. LOL

There are right now, three ways to purchase tickets:

- A)** Online at w8lky.org
- B)** In person at a Hamfest. We are still planning to be at Butler, in June.
- C)** By mail to AARC, P.O. Box 3344, Alliance, OH 44601.

The club DX Contest ends at the end of the day on Tuesday. If you want to be entered, look at the rules at <http://www.w8lky.org/activities/aarc-dx-challenge/> . If you have any questions, drop me a text, or an e-mail.

Get your entries in by April 16th, and good luck!

And that's all I have for now. 73 All, DE KD8MQ

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