



Zero Beat

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Serving the Tri-County area since 1986

Upcoming Club Programs & Events

July 10th - Club Breakfast

July 14th - Club Meeting

July 10th - VE Exams
CANCELLED

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

Club Breakfast

At 8:30am on the first (2nd this month) Saturday of each month, we meet for breakfast at Don Panchos Restaurant (2105 W. State St, Alliance).

All are welcome.

Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on July 14th at 7:30PM. **Sorry, meeting location was not received by press time.**

2021 Fundraiser Finishes in Record Time!

Congratulations to John, N8MCA!

With apologies to those who were counting on buying tickets at the Mansfield Hamfest, they have been sold out, and the radio has been won by N8MCA, from the Dayton, OH area.



All 600 tickets which were printed sold out in less than 4 weeks. 65% of the tickets were sold online with the rest going to person to person sales in the NE Ohio area.

We'd like to thank all who supported our fundraiser this year. It's you folks who help support our club and it's mission in the Alliance area.

The radio, and a 40-10M End Fed Half Wave antenna (Donated by our own Tony, KD8BBK) were shipped Monday, and no doubt, the winner is already enjoying his prize.

There was some talk about doing a second raffle around the 10th, but we were unable to get it going in time, so we'll wait till 2022 for our next fundraiser.

Full details will be available at the next meeting.

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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:

Web: www.w8lky.org

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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

7:30 PM 28.122 MHz (Olivia)
8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)
8:20PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

AARC Nets

We run several nets during the week.

Homeland Security Net -

Each Tuesday evening at 7PM local time, we run the Homeland Security Net on 147.51 simplex. Your net manager is Dwight, KD8YFV.

Then, on Thursday night, we have four nets beginning at 7:30PM.

AARC Digital Net -

Our most recent addition is the AARCDN. It begins at 7:30PM each Thursday night on 28.122. Set the mode on your digital software to Olivia 8/500.

According to Net control Doug. KB8DNQ,

To check into the net:

"AARCDN de (your call), name. city, with or without a comment"

Then when making a comment or addressing the net use

"AARCDN de (your call) ' and then your comments.

For more information, contact Doug, KB8DNQ at kb8dnq@gmail.com.

Tri-county News, Training, and Information Net -

This begins at 8PM Local (0100 UTC right now), on 28.420 SSB. The Net manager is John, KD8MQ

W8LKY CW Net - The CW net runs immediately after the SSB net. You can find it at 28.100. The net manager is frank, WA8WHP.

Two Meter Net - The 2 Meter net starts at 9PM local on the W8LKY 2 Meter repeater (145.370 PL:110.9). Tune in early to get on the list, as they take early check-ins. Net manager is Tomas, KC8ZEH.

Hamfest Updates

We have some updates since last months column.

Here's what 2021 is looking like as of this week.

- July 10th - **Mansfield** Mid-summer Trunk-fest at the Richland County Fair-grounds. (<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/mansfield-mid-summer-trunkfest>)
- July 17 - NOARSFest (Elyria) <https://www.noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest/>
- August 15th - Warren Hamfest <https://www.w8vtd.com/>
- September 26 - **Cleveland** Hamfest <http://www.hac.org/>
- October 31 - Massillon Hamfest <http://www.w8np.org/hamfest.htm>
- Nov 13/14 **Fort Wayne** <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/>

Volunteers Needed For Pro Football Hall of Fame Parades



It's that time of year again (well, almost...)

The 2021 HOF Festival Parade(s) will need Ham Radio operator volunteers.

Many of you have participated in past years, and are familiar with the event(s). This year, the Community Parade will happen on Sunday July 25th 2021 at 2:30pm, and the Grand Parade will happen on Saturday August 7th 2021 at 8:00am

If you would like to participate this year, we have made it even easier for you to sign-up! Simply go to <https://hofhams.info> and fill out the form. You can even see the most up-to-date copy of the assignment roster for each event.

If you have any questions, you may contact Terry Russ, Wade Huthmacher (info posted on the site), or myself Justin W8JKC (justin@w8jkc.com, 330-87-W8JKC)

The Community Parade uses about 15 operators, and the Grand Parade uses about 35 operators each year. 73, de Justin W8JKC

ARRL Field Day June 26/27

A-n-n-d it is over for another year! Yes, I'm talking about Field Day. Since last month's newsletter, I volunteered as your Field Day Chairman. I've had some atta-boys, and thanks for working to organize this year's Field Day. But, there's folks that deserve the thanks more than me.



First, Heath, KE8KAV who not only cooked, but he & his Dad, Mike, KE8CKL also spent time with me at GFS shopping for the food, and supplies. They then stored the meat for us in their freezer until the big day.

Then comes Butch, KE8IYN, who kept a watch on the food table to make sure everything was set up, and running smoothly.

There's Tony, KD8BBK who oversaw the installation, and teardown of the club tower. Incidentally, it has been a few years since the tower, and the tri-bander beam has been in use. It was a joy to use! Tony also was in charge of the club's telescoping mast, which held a G5RV. Without his hard work, our score would have definitely been lower.

Chris, AC8VN made sure that our equipment trailer was delivered on time Friday.

The caretakers; Greg (KI5MPW) & Berte Thompson, along with their Grand-daughter Helen were around to make sure that everything was good. We really enjoyed their Hospitality. In fact, I'm told that Greg is one of the 4 new club members that were signed up during Field Day Weekend.

Which brings us to President Ron, KE8HCY who staffed the Public information table on Saturday, talking to visitors, and signing up new members.

Then, of course we have Doug & Jen, KE8OWD, and KE8OWC. They were available, and up for anything we needed them to do. Need a GOTA station captain? There was Doug & Jen! Need to do a pizza run on Saturday for lunch? Thanks Jen? Need help taking down the tower when the rest of the club members didn't come out to help? Doug called Jen, who grabbed their son Ben, and headed back out to the site! They sure made my job easier!

Finally, Thanks to all who came out to help with setup, operating, or teardown. This Field Day wouldn't have run without you.

73,

John, KD8MQ

Raw Numbers From Field Day

Here's some rough numbers from Field Day. The final numbers, along with prizes for the top operators will be available at the next club meeting on July 14th.



Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	89	8	0	97	19
40	226	40	59	325	63
20	17	31	3	51	10
15	0	3	17	20	4
10	0	8	10	18	4
6	0	0	1	1	0
Total	332	90	90	512	100

Total Contacts by Operator:

Operator	Total	%
KD8BBK	282	55
KD8MQ	90	18
N8ND	50	10
KB8DNQ	48	9
KD8EZ	26	5
KE8NAU	11	2
KC8SUI	4	1
KE8CKL	1	0

Total = 8



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Minutes

Remember, our club minutes (with the financials redacted) can be found on our website at w8lky.org.

The treasurers report can be obtained by e-mailing the treasurer at kd8mq1@gmail.com

AARC Monthly VE Testing

The Alliance ARC is now doing monthly VE testing.

Our July VE Exams are cancelled. So, our next session will be on

Saturday, August 14, 2021.

Further dates are posted on w8lky.org.

It will be held at the First Christian Church, 1141 W. Beech Street, in Alliance

Registration will be between 8-9AM, and testing will begin at 9 AM

The cost for testing will be \$15.00

Applicants Need to Bring the following;

- Copy of any current Amateur Radio License
- If not licensed please go to the FCC website and register for an FRN. Bring this number with you as it is needed for your application.
- Photo ID showing current address like a Driver's License
- One additional ID, like a CCW Permit, Passport or work ID
- \$15.00, Cash only and exact change is encouraged
- A calculator is optional for math problems

For any additional questions please contact VE Team Liaison

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NOTE! The FCC is not yet collecting the \$35 Amateur Radio Application fee. You can learn more about this at

<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive/ARLB007/2021>

Editors Rambling

Hi everyone,

Things are getting back to normal. Still no bites on my offer to set up stations in a local park, and have some fun. So, I'll take that off the table. Too bad, It might have been fun.

I may take a month off, and not do the Zero Beat in August. We'll see.

Park activations continue to be fun. I am at 194 activations, and heading for 250 by the end of the year. Activating parks are really fun, and enjoyable. You can also have fun hunting us. Perhaps I'll do a article about this over the coming fall/winter season. For now, there's too many parks to activate. LOL

Lastly, don't forget that the annual 13 colonies Special Event stations will be active beginning July 1 - 7. The activity will be brisk to work stations in each of the original 13 colonies. You can learn more at <http://www.13colonies.us/>

That's all I have for this month. Have fun, and get on the air.

73 DE KD8MQ



13th Annual 13 Colonies Special Event
Independence Week, Celebration July 1 - 7 2021
COLONIAL TALL SAILING SHIPS

K2A K2B K2C K2D K2E K2F K2G K2H K2I K2J K2K K2L K2M

USA Connecticut USA Delaware USA Georgia USA Maryland USA Massachusetts USA New Hampshire USA New Jersey USA New York USA North Carolina USA Pennsylvania USA Rhode Island USA South Carolina USA Virginia

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2021 Event Dates / July 1 (9AM Eastern) to July 7 (Midnight Eastern)
(July 1, 2021-1300 UTC to July 8, 2021-0400 UTC)
YOU DO NOT NEED ALL 13 COLONIES TO GET THE CERTIFICATE
YOU DO NOT NEED TO GET THE 2 BONUS STATIONS FOR A CLEAN SWEEP

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