Alliance Amateur Radio Club
Zero Beat

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Election time

Well, the elections are over for another year; the locomotive has run, and in it's wake are the following changes to our executive board.

Bob Steele, K8RLS, is our new president, replacing Jerry, KG8RN.

Bob, in a shot from Field Day

Larry Ashburn, KE8VE, Dave Glass, W8UKQ, & Mary Ann Royer, KB8IVS, ran unopposed, for the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer, respectively.

Jim Lilley, our outgoing trustee, is now our incoming trustee. In the only balloting of the night, Jim won over Jerry Wheeler, KG8RN, for the three year office of trustee.

Special Event?

At the last meeting, we had discussed the possibility of doing something special for Ohio's bicentennial, which is coming up in a couple of years.

As things usually do at one of our club meetings, talk got around to these funny 1 X 1 callsigns, and what we would have to do in order to get one.

Well, after some long minutes of research on the net, here's the info.

The special event one by one callsign is available for a 15 day period, once a year.

We need to apply to a "Special Event Callsign Coordinator", who has final approval over our request. If they decide that our request does not meet their criteria, no callsign.

There is no charge for reserving a one by one callsign.

So, that's about it. We could get one for the club to use during the Mile Branch Fair, as well as the Carnation Festival. I believe they occur within the 15 day limit.

What are your thoughts?

Fun in the woods!

Two teams from the AARC made the trek to Pennsylvania, for this years running of the PA QSO Party.

Jim, K8LTG, & John, N8PLA, made the drive to Jefferson County, in the NW part of the state. According to Jim, they made 81 contacts, and fried a power supply. Not bad for a weekends work!

Allen, WI8T, and John, KD8MQ, made their semi-annual drive to the SW part of the state, to activate Indiana county. Antenna erection was an adventure, since the hillside had not been mowed for about four years.

They managed to work all PA counties, and have a great time, besides!

Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 PM, on Wednesday, November 7th, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in on the K8LTG repeater on 145.37 MHz.

See you there

Editorial

Well, here it is, the end of October, time to do the ZB, and for once, I have nothing to write about. Sure wish someone would do something stupid, so I could gripe about it. Let's see, I heard that OMO missed sweetest day, and is living in the dog house, but that's about it.

Allen, and I made a clean sweep in the Pa QSO Party. Pictures can be found at http://www.qsl.net/kd8mq/ paqso/inn2k1.htm

A few weeks ago, a reporter at the Akron Beacon Journal described a fellow as an Amateur Radio operator with the handle of "Power Wagon" Needless to say, he got more that one response on that story, and, in a reply to your editor, he promised a clarification in the next edition.

I've been checking on the availability of one by one callsigns for possible use at next years Mile Branch Grange fair, and maybe, Alliance's Carnation festival. Given a fifteen day lifespan for this call, we need to make good use of it. If we reserve a callsign next year, we will likely reserve it again for the following year, to celebrate Ohio's Bicentennial. Given that information, which callsign would **you** choose?

OH well, I promise to have something to say, next month. DE KD8MQ

Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in is on 145.37 ®. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets on tap:

Ten meters
 CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz
SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

2 meters
9 PM on 145.37 MHz

Internet

If you'd like to check us out on the web, our E-mail address is:
 W8lky@qsl.net
Our club home page is:
 Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky

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You can submit material to the Zero Beat either electronically, to kd8mq@qsl.net . I can read most word processor formats, but prefer your files to be in straight text, or Microsoft Word format.

We also accept handwritten copy. My address is to the left.

October Minutes (Regular Meeting)

October 3, 2001

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on October 3, 2001, at 7:37 P. M., with Jerry Wheeler KG8RN, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 18 members present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. The report was approved without objection upon motion by Gladys KB8GIA, seconded by John KD8MQ.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved without objection upon motion by Bob K8RLS, seconded by Ray K8DEN.

A minute of silence was observed for Bill Ruth W3HRD, formerly K8LWQ of Alliance, who died in the disaster at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

Old business: There is no information available regarding the van or insurance for one.

Don K8OMO noted that there have not been any calls to Alliance amateurs for assistance at the times of the recent fires in Alliance or the September 11 disaster.

There are no plans at this time for a Mall Show.

JOTA will be October 19 and 20.

New business: Bob K8RLS suggested that a donation be made to the disaster relief fund. Dean KA8GRC moved that $100 be sent to the Salvation Army in care of SATERN, the Salvation Army amateur radio net. The motion was seconded by David N8NLZ, and approved.

Attention was called to the Ohio Bi-centennial in 2003, the Ohio QSO party, and Carnation Days in the Park for possible special events and club exposure. John KD8MQ will look into procedures for a special call sign.

John KD8MQ moved that a donation of $25 be sent to QSL.Net for our web site and e-mail. The motion was seconded by Bob K8RLS, and approved.

The Ham of the Year votes are to be sent to Jerry KG8RN by November 30.

Dean KA8GRC moved that an additional Silent Key plaque be obtained. The motion was seconded by John KD8MQ, and approved.

Medina Hamfest tickets were distributed.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Don K8OMO.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P. M., upon motion by David N8NLZ, seconded by Larry KE8VE.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

October Minutes (Annual Meeting)

October 3, 2001

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on October 3, 2001, at 8:30 P. M., with Trustees John Myers KD8MQ and Jim Lilley N8XTJ, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 18 members present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read.

Nominations were opened for the office of president. President Jerry Wheeler KG8RN was nominated, but he asked to step down with his thanks for the opportunity. Sam Eberling KC8ETZ declined nomination. Bob Steele K8RLS was nominated and seconded. The motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and approved. Bob Steele K8RLS was elected to the office of president.

Nominations were opened for the office of vice president. Sam Eberling KC8ETZ declined nomination. Larry Ashburn KE8VE was nominated, seconded, and he enthusiastically accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed, and Larry Ashburn KE8VE was elected to the office of vice president.

David Glass W8UKQ, secretary, and Mary Ann Royer KB8IVS. treasurer, both accepted nominations to their offices, respectively. After nominations were closed, they were elected to their offices.

Jim Lilley N8XTJ was the retiring trustee. He was nominated for the position. Jerry Wheeler KG8RN was nominated. Nominations were closed. Upon vote by secret ballot, Jim Lilley N8XTJ was elected to the office of trustee.

The motion to destroy the ballots was made by Larry Beaver AA8NV, seconded by Bob Steele K8RLS, and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 P. M.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

A MESSAGE TO THE TERRORIST OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 TRAGEDIES

(Sung to the Music of "The Grinch")

U-ville

Every U down in Uville liked U.S. a lot,
But the Binch, who lived Far East of Uville, Did not.
The Binch hated U.S.! the whole U.S. way!
Now don't ask me why, for nobody can say,

It could be his turban was screwed on too tight.
Or the sun from the desert had beaten too bright
But I think that the most likely reason of all
May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

But, whatever the reason, his heart or his turban,
He stood facing Uville, the part that was urban.
"They're doing their business," he snarled from his perch.
"They're raising their families! They're going to church!
They're leading the world, and their empire is thriving,
I MUST keep the S's and U's from surviving!"

Tomorrow, he knew, all the U's and

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the S's,
Would put on their pants and their shirts and their dresses,
They'd go to their offices, play-grounds and schools,
And abide by their U and S values and rules,

And then they'd do something he liked least of all,
Every U down in U-ville, the tall and the small,
Would stand all united, each U and each S,
And they'd sing Uvill's anthem, "God bless us!
God Bless!"
All around their Twin Towers of Uville, they'd stand,
And their voices would drown every sound in the land.

"I must stop that singing," Binch said with a smirk,
And he had an idea – an idea that might work!
The Binch stole some U airplanes in the U morning hours,
And crashed them right into the Uville Twin Towers.
"They'll wake to disaster!" he snick-ered, so sour,
"And how can they sing when they can't find a tower?"

The Binch cocked his ear as the woke from their sleeping,
All set to enjoy their U-wailing and weeping,
Instead he hears something that started quite low,
And it built up quite slow, but it started to grow –
And the Binch heard the most un-predictable thing…
And he couldn't believe it – they started to sing!

He stared down at U-ville, not trust-ing his eyes,
What he saw was a shocking, dis-gusting surprise!
] Every U down in U-ville, the tall and the small,
Was singing! Without any towers at all!

He HADN'T stopped U-ville from singing! I sung!
For down deep in the hearts of the old and the young,
Those Twin Towers were standing, called Hope and called Pride,
And you can't smash the towers we hold deep inside.

So we circle the sites where our he-roes did fall,
With a hand in each hand of the tall and the small,
And we mourn for our losses while knowing we'll cope,
For we still have inside that U-Pride and U-Hope.

For America means a bit more than tall towers,
It means more than wealth or politi-cal powers,
It's more than our enemies ever could guess,
So may God bless America! Bless us! God bless!

I would like to invite you to join the Tech Talk Net that will be starting on October 30th 2001 and every Tuesday night after that at 8:30 PM. The TTN will be a forum for all hams to share information about ANY aspect of amateur radio of a technical nature. We will be here to help anyone interested in finding out how to get more out of this great hobby. We are also look-ing for those of you that have some expertise and experience in various aspects of our service to check-in and share your knowl-edge with others.

This is a place to help others and get help on such topics as:

- Antennas, Feedlines and Fox-hunting
- Towers, Grounding and Light-ning protection
- Slow Scan TV, Packet radio and Satellites
- Power supplies and power distri-bution
- Repeaters, Phone patches and programming
- Computers, Web pages and Software
- Amateur Television, EME and Microwaves
- Mobile/Portable operations and installation
- Amplifiers, Tuners and station accessories
- Projects, Kits and home brewing

If I left something out, check-in and let us know. As long as it's of a technical nature related to our hobby it belongs on this net. We want and encourage everyone to check-in and share what you've learned with others and ask your technically related questions.

We will pause the net and join the Houston area AMSAT net live via satellite from 9 to 10 PM, and resume the TTN afterwards. TTN check-ins will be relayed to the AMSAT net which ends with sev-eral SSTV pictures for those that are interested.

The net will eventually have a web site and E-mail list-server, but for now, you can find the net on the following repeaters covering northeast Ohio and western PA:

- KB8MFV/R 147.285 MHz (+600 KHz) PL=88.5 Hz if needed
- KD8ED/R 145.275 MHz (-600 KHz) PL=110.9 Hz (linked)
- KC8WY/R 53.210 MHz (-1.0 MHz) PL=131.8 Hz (linked).
- KC8WY/R 224.420 MHz (-1.6 MHz) PL=131.8 Hz (linked).
- KC8WY/R 442.750 MHz (+5.0 MHz) PL=131.8 Hz (linked).

Come and join us, it should be great fun and very interesting. Let's get together so everyone can get the most out of their equip-ment and this thing called amateur radio…
the king of all hobbies!

73 for now,
Tom Bert KB8MFV

(via the AARC List-server)

AARC Christmas Party!

Make your reservation now!
This years party will be on Saturday, December 15th,
at Mike's Roadhouse Charlie, on west State St.
Drinks ay 6 PM, with Dinner at 7 PM.

Name _____

Call _____ Phone _____
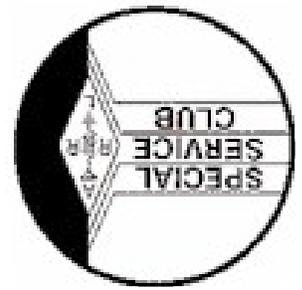
Number attending _____ Amount enclosed _____

Menu

Choice	Qty				Total
Baked Rigatoni	_____	@	$ 7.95	=	_____
Medium Strip Steak	_____	@	$ 12.75	=	_____
Large Strip Steak	_____	@	$ 15.75	=	_____
T-Bone	_____	@	$ 14.75	=	_____
Porterhouse	_____	@	$ 16.50	=	_____
Two Broiled Pork Chops	_____	@	$ 10.25	=	_____
Broiled Scrod	_____	@	$ 9.75	=	_____
BBQ/Honey Chicken Breast	_____	@	$ 8.75	=	_____
Half Rack BBQ Ribs	_____	@	$ 9.75	=	_____
Full Rack BBQ Ribs	_____	@	$ 15.00	=	_____
			Total enclosed =		_____

Please turn in your choices, and money, to
Mary Anne, KB8IVS, no later that December 5th.

November 2001

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW	**5**	**6**	**7** 7:30 PM Alliance Club Meeting	**8** Tri-county News & information Net - see page two	**9**	**10** Garfield Heights Hamfest
11	**12**	**13**	**14** 7:00 PM 20/9 VE Exams Dave, KC8WY (330)799-5600	**15** Tri-county News & information Net - see page two	**16**	**17** ARRL November Sweepstakes, Phone
18 ARRL November Sweepstakes, Phone	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22** Tri-county News & information Net - see page two	**23**	**24** 9:00 AM Canton, Massillon VE Exams Gary Kline (330) 837-2927 CQ WW DX Contest -CW
25 7:00 PM Warren VE Exams Bill Showers (330)872-1929 CQ WW DX Contest -CW	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29** Tri-county News & information Net - see page two	**30**	

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Ham of the Year

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Please mail or give your ballot to
Jerry Wheeler, KG8RN
18 Stanley Ct.
 Beloit, OH 44609
kg8rn@mail.cannet.com

Now is the time to vote
for your choice for Ham of the Year.

Deadline for ballots is November 30, 2001

My choice for Ham of the Year is _____

Comments_____

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