Alliance Amateur Radio Club
Zero Beat

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Myers Resigns!
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AARC sets up at Pump-In!

Don's van was set up at the Carnation Pump-In on Sunday, August 11th. Seven club members worked the display throughout the day. Don, K8OMO reports that we signed up 3 new students for our radio classes, which are due to start in September.

Triathlon goes off without a hitch
(Despite the competition from the Warren Hamfest)

Well, another Triathlon has come & gone. Once again, it was on the same date as the Warren Hamfest, and once again, I sweated, and prayed for enough operators to pull our end of it off. Again this year, we wound up with enough operators to hold up our end. Those operators who gave up going to the Hamfest, in order to help our community, should be commended.
They are: K8RLS, KC8ETZ, N8XTJ , KB8VAS, KC8AWU, K8CAT, N8PLA, & KD8MQ with K8OMO & W8UKQ standing by

Election Time

Don't forget that the annual election of officers will be held at the October meeting. All officers and one trustee position will be up for renewal.
Be there, and let your voice be heard.

Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meetings of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, September 4'th, and Wednesday October 2'nd, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Following the October meeting is our annual meeting for election of officers.
Our meetings begin at 7:30 PM, and are an excellent opportunity for eyeball QSO's.
Directions can be found on the K8LTG Repeater (145.370)
See you there!

Editorial
By John, KD8MQ

When I began editing the newsletter, 26 months ago, I made a promise to myself; that I would continue to do the Zero Beat, as long as you'd let me, and as long as it was fun. Well, I haven't been fired, and I'm still having fun with it. But, as another school year begins, and my priorities begin to shift a bit, I find that editing a monthly newsletter is more of a chore, than a pleasure.

That said, this is my final issue. Thanks for all the support you've given me over the last couple of years. I've enjoyed every minute of it.

If anyone would like to take over as the next editor of the Zero Beat, get in touch with me, and I'll fill you in on the details of the job. I'm completely honest when I say that it does not take a whole lot of time. I'd guess about 5-6 hours a month.

That said, We've had a real busy summer, club-wise. We've participated in Field Day, set up at the Mile Branch Grange Fair, the Carnation festival pump-in, & worked the Triathlon. What a summer.

Don't forget that elections are coming up at the October meeting.

That's it for me. See you all at the banquet.

73, 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

440 MHz
10 PM on

Internet

www.qsl.net/w8lky

E-mail: W8lky@qsl.net

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August Minutes

August 7, 2002

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on August 7, 2002, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ
kept the minutes. There were 20 members and two guests present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.
The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. The minutes will stand as published.
Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report will stand as read.
A new ham was introduced: Kaye Kraner KC8UMG.
Old business: Don K8OMO noted that old equipment is being discarded at Mount Union College. See Don.
The brochures and reference cards were received and were available for the grange demonstration.
The club had its booth at the Mile Branch Grange Fair. Jack W8WEN did a great job with the code demonstration and was awarded a certificate for his efforts.
NCS operators are needed for the 10 meter net.
K8IHQ had an article published about his 2 and 440 quads.
New business: Don K8OMO discussed an ATV transceiver.
The FISTS membership dues are due. It was moved by Joe KC8TAC, seconded by David N8NLZ, to pay the dues in the amount of $15.00. The motion was approved.
There was a short discussion about a donation to QSL.
John KD8MQ reported that new facilities are needed to print the newsletter.
At the next meeting there will be tickets available for the Medina County Hamfest, and a notice of the Butler Hamfest.
The Triathlon is August 18. Operators are needed.
Guest Charles Greene said he has an old Army code machine. It was suggested that he bring it in for viewing.
Jack W8WEN inquired about having a station at Carnation Days. John KD8MQ reported that he did not get answer from the representative. There is a fee for a space. Everyone could be a special event from their home
station.
Joe KC8TAC pointed out there are events for Carnation Week at the castle grounds. David N8NLZ moved that we look into having a station set up there. Frank WA8WHP seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Don K8OMO suggested that he would put the W8LKY sign on his van at the Pump-In on Sunday, August 11, and approval was given for him to do that.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 P. M., upon motion by Matt KC8RYG, seconded by Dean KA8GRC.

Respectfully submitted, David L. Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

UPDATED LIST OF AREA NETS

TWO METER NETS

SUNDAY -   11:30 a.m. - CANTON - Stark County Mutual Aid Net 146.520
            9:00 p.m. - COSHOCTON - Coshocton A R C Net 147.045
            9:00 p.m. - EAST LIVERPOOL - Triangle A R C Net 146.700

MONDAY -   8:00 p.m. - CUYAHOGA FALLS - Cuyahoga Falls A R C Net 147.27

            8:00 p.m. - NEW PHILADELPHIA - Journal of the Air 146.730

            9:00 p.m. - COSHOCTON - Coshocton County ARES Net 145.230

            9:00 p.m. - YOUNGSTOWN - Good News and Information Net 146.745

TUESDAY -   7:00 p.m. - CANTON - Stark County ARES Net 147.12

            8:00 p.m. - CAMBRIDGE - Weather Training Net - 146.850

            8:15 p.m. - CAMBRIDGE -Guernsey County ARES Net - 146.850

            9:00 p.m. - MILLERSBURG - WATCH Net - 146.670

WEDNESDAY   7:55 p.m. - DOYLESTOWN - S A R A Net - 147.390

            8:00 p.m. - CARROLLTON - Carroll County Net - 147.015

            9:00 p.m. — WOOSTER — Wayne Amateur Radio Technical Society — 147.20

            9:00 p.m. - ZANESVILLE - Z A R C Net - 146.610

            9:00 p.m. - LISBON - Question and Answer Net - 146.805

            9:00 p.m. - MANSFIELD - Richland County A R E S Net - 146.940

THURSDAY   7:30 p.m. - MASSILLON -Q C W A Net - 147.180

            8:00 p.m. — CADIZ - Harrison County Net — 146.655

            9:00 p.m. – ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Belmont County Net - 145.210

            9:00 p.m. - ALLIANCE - Alliance A R C Net - 145.370

FRIDAY -   8:00 p.m. - MASSILLON - Westark Information Net - 147.180

            8:00 p.m. - HANNIBAL - Mason-Dixon Net — 147.240
DAILY --   7:30 a.m. - DOYLESTOWN — Barometer Net - 147.31

SIX METER NET
THURSDAY   9:00 p.m. - ZANESVILLE - General Purpose Net - 51.135

TEN METER CW NETS
DAILY --   9:00 p.m. - CANTON - Sloppy Fist Net - 28.138
SUNDAY -   11:00 a.m. - CANTON - Stark County Mutual Aid Net - 28.150
THURSDAY   8:00 p.m. - ALLIANCE - Alliance A R C Net - 28.400

TEN METER SSB NETS
SUNDAY -   11:45 a.m. - CANTON - Stark County Mutual Aid Net - 28.310
THURSDAY   8:30 p.m. - ALLIANCE - Alliance A R C Net - 28.400
FRIDAY -   9:00 p.m. - COSHOCTON - Johnny Appleseed Net - 28.450

TEN METER A M NET
FRIDAY -   9:00 p.m. - MASSILLON - General Purpose Net - 29.000
MONDAY -   7:00 p.m. - AKRON -- Pioneer Fellowship A R Net 147.135 or 146.610
TUESDAY   7:30 p.m. - ASHLAND - Ashland Area A R C Net 147.105

ADDITIONAL AREA NETS TWO METER NETS
THURSDAY   7:30 p.m. - ASHLAND - Ashland Area A R C Net 147.105 UHF NET
THURSDAY   8:00 p.m. - AKRON - Summit County ARES Net 444.55

Tri County News, Training, Information & swap Net
Net Preamble

Good evening! Welcome to the Tri-County News. Training, Information, and Swap net. This net meets every Thursday night, at 9:00 p.m., on the K8LTG repeater and is sponsored by the Alliance Amateur Radio Club.

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets at the Alliance Community Hospital on the first Wednesday of the month in the rear of the cafeteria at 7:30PM. Visitors are always welcome! The next meeting will be (date).

*****BREAK FOR TIME *****

Net manager is Jim Ferguson, K8LTG, in Alliance. Net control station for W8LKY this evening is: (call-sign), (name), in (location).

This is a <u>DIRECTED</u> net and its purpose is:
1. To provide training for our members in net format & operation.
2. For traffic handling in Alliance and the surrounding areas.
3. And, to provide a forum for announcements of interest to the hams in and around the area.

We now officially open the net to any stations with emergency or priority traffic. <u>ONLY</u> those stations with emergency or priority traffic please come now.

Stations with emergency traffic may break this net at any time and mobile stations will be put at the top of the check-in list unless they choose not to be placed there.

I now take pleasure in accepting check-ins for this net. All check-ins please call W8LKY now, with your call, name, & QTH.
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Net control acknowledges …… (station and name)
_____
This is the Tri-County News. Training, Information, and Swap Net looking for Check-ins for Round #2.
_____
ANNOUNCEMENTS, HAMFESTS. etc
_____
This is the Tri-County News, Training, Information, and Swap Net looking for Check-ins for Round #3 (or final round).
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Is there anything for the good of the net? (If nothing heard… go to:)
_____
If there are no further check-ins, we'll return the repeater back to normal amateur operation. Thanks to all who brought information (and/or passed and received traffic). And most of all, my thanks to everyone who checked in. You make the net. For W8LKY this is (call-sign). 73 and goodnight all.

(Send net report to K8LTG after net: total check-ins, # of traffic passed, # of info's passed, minutes of net)

September 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	**2** **LABOR DAY** MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint	**3**	**4** **7:30 PM AARC Meeting**	**5** **AARC Nets page 2, ZB** *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**6** **KB8GIA**	**7** IARU Region 1 Field Day SSB **K8JDB** **Silvercreek ARA VE Rittman O**
8 **Butler PA ARA Hamfest** Cuyahoga ARS VE Independence O **Findlay OH RC Hamfest** North American Sprint CW	**9**	**10**	**11** YLRL Howdy Days	**12** **AARC Nets page 2, ZB** *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**13**	**14** North American Sprint SSB **Summit Co Amer. Red Cross VE Akron O** WAE DX Contest SSB
15 North American Sprint SSB	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19** **AARC Nets page 2, ZB** *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**20** YLRL Howdy Days	**21** Scandinavian Activity Contest CW Washington State Salmon Run
22 **Hamfest Assoc. of Cleveland Hamfest Cleveland O** Panama Anniversary Contest **Warren ARA VE Newton Falls O**	**23**	**24**	**25** **KC8TJQ**	**26** **AARC Nets page 2, ZB** *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**27**	**28** Anatolian DX Contest **Mahoning Valley ARA VE Hubbard O** Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB
29	**30**					

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OCTOBER 2002

Happy Birthday to: N8SH, WA8WHP, KD8MQ

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6 MEDINA 2M GROUP HAMFEST MEDINA OH	**7**	**8** Cuyahoga Falls ARC VE Akron OH	**9** YLRL Anniversary Party CW - until 0200Z 10/11	**10** 10-10 Day Sprint AARC Nets page 2, ZB *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**11**	**12** EU Autumn Sprint CW FISTS Fall Sprint **N8SH** Oceania DX Contest CW PA QSO Party
13	**14** **COLUMBUS DAY**	**15**	**16** YLRL Anniversary Party SSB until 0200Z 10/18	**17** AARC Nets page 2, ZB *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**18**	**19** ARCI Fall QSO Party Asia-Pacific Sprint CW JARTS WW RTTY Contest RSGB 21/21M Contest CW
20 Illinois QSO Party until 0200Z 10/21	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24** AARC Nets page 2, ZB *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**25**	**26** 10-10 Int. Fall Contest CW ARRL Int. EME Contest CQ WW DX Contest SSB **WRECS VE Bentlyville OH**
27 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** MASSILLON ARC HAMFEST CANTON OH	**28**	**29** Pioneer AR Fellowship VE Akron OH **WA8WHP**	**30**	**31** AARC Nets page 2, ZB **HALLOWEEN** **KD8MQ** *QCWA net @ 7:30 - 147.18*	**November** S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	

After all is said and done, usually more is said than done.
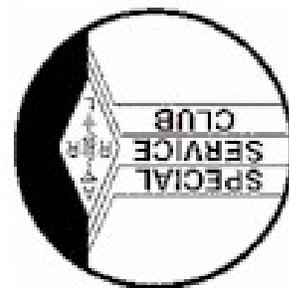
PA QSO Party!

Are you working on your Worked All States; Do you need that rare Pennsylvania county for your worked all counties; or, maybe you'd like to have a great time operating one of the friendliest contest on the planet?

Well, it's coming up in October. The PA QSO Party, sponsored by the Nittany ARC . Held yearly on the second weekend of October, I understand that it is one of the most popular of the state QSO Parties.

A lot of operators go to great lengths to activate rare counties, either as mobile, Rover, or Portable. Mobile, and portable, If it weren't for these fellows, a lot of the PA counties would be a lot tougher to work. I'm sure you've

heard about. Rover is a relatively new class of operation, where you drive into a county, toss up an antenna, make a few dozen contacts (or more), and move on to another county.

Activity for the PQP is always brisk. 40 & 80 meters are usually wall to wall with signals during the PQP. But, folks are willing to help you out, by sharing spotting reports, or letting you work a rare one on there frequency, or by sharing a frequency with you. I've personally experienced all of this. Is it any wonder I've worked every PQP since 1986?

Rules for the PQP are simple, but to long to list here. A complete listing appears on the PQP web site at http://www.nittany-

arc.org/paqso.html.

Another PQP website is http://www.qsl.net/kd8mq/paqso/paqso.htm. This site does a breakdown by county of the scores since 1987. You can also find maps that show the fifteen rarest counties for each of the last five years.

This years party will be held on October 12—13. It runs from Noon Saturday to 6PM on Sunday. There's an 8 hour break from 1 AM to 9 AM Sunday.

So, if you want to work the best of the state QSO Parties, mark your calendar for the second weekend in October, and prepare yourself for the most fun you can have in front of a radio. (kd8mq)