



Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB to Speak on Radio and Television Interference at May Meeting

No, you're not experiencing *deja vu*. Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB, who gave a very fine presentation on power line interference at the March meeting, will be speaking at the May meeting on "Radio & TV Interference from Customer Appliances."

Dennis spent 30 years investigating Radio and Television interference problems caused primarily by the electric distribution lines. He has been licensed as K8AGB since 1956 and also holds an FCC commercial operator's license. He is also a member of QCWA, Radio Club of America, DARF/U-CAN, and Hiram Hams.

After the March presentation, at least one club member was able to solve an interference problem that had been plaguing him for some

time. Don, K8OMO, found a problem with the power line near his home that was generating noise.

Probably all of us have had household appliances that caused noise problems. I once had an aquarium heater that turned itself on and off about 30 times a second and generated a terrible noise.

Dennis is sure to have some good tips that will help you track down interference that you have or will have in the future. So plan on attending the meeting on May 7th and help us welcome Dennis back. □

Club Member Located

Dave, W8UKQ, informed me that Harry Pownell, W8PXX, is living at Canterbury Villa, 1785 Freshley Ave., Alliance, OH. Perhaps some of you would like to visit Harry. □

Field Day Planning

Field Day will be on June 28th and 29th this year. Planning will need to be started at the May meeting. Application for use of the grounds and pavilion at Marlinton Middle School has been filed.

If you have any suggestions, or wish to contribute equipment or set up a station, let us hear from you at the meeting. We can use all the help we can get to improve our score. □

Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, May 7th, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. 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!

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Editorial

Last month, I suggested that we needed to schedule a fox hunt at the April meeting for May, since May was named National Fox Hunting Month. I forgot to bring it up and no one else mentioned it. After the meeting we tried to set something up, anyway, but alas, every Sunday in May seemed to have a problem, so there will be no May fox hunt. We still need to schedule one soon.

If Sundays don't work out, maybe we can schedule one for a summer evening. Sunset isn't until around 9:00 in June and July, so there would be plenty of time for one even if we don't start until 7:00 or so.

Last year, at field day, there was some confusion about our class of operation, and the rules concerning that. This year, we need to discuss the rules thoroughly at the meeting before the event and have a plan. We can't improve our standings by declaring a higher class than we are actually operating. I think we can accommodate anyone who wants to operate and still keep our class at a level not higher than that which reflects the number of stations we are going to keep operating for most of the contest period. If someone wants to operate a station, but can only operate for a short time, then maybe one of the "long haul" stations can take a break for a little while. Maybe we can have a backup station to fill in, in an emergency.

Hope to see you at the meeting.
de ke8ve

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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April Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

April 2, 2003

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on April 2, 2003, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 20 members and 4 guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and introductions were given.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. The report was approved on motion by Jim K8LTG, seconded by Larry KE8VE.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by Gladys KB8GIA, seconded by Sam KC8ETZ.

Old Business: Don K8OMO did not have a report about the van.

Don K8OMO reported that there were 15 check ins for the Skywarn Net, and 19 members

attended the Skywarn program at Stark State. He advised members to keep a roster of check ins during an emergency net so that everyone will know whom to call or to replace if the NCS or assignments need to be changed.

ARES badges were available at the Skywarn program.

The liability insurance premium will be paid soon.

Everyone enjoyed the program last month about interference. Don K8OMO said he was able to locate a trouble spot afterwards. Dave W8UKQ will schedule the second interference program by Dennis Moriarty K8AGB.

The Special Event for Carnation Days in the Park was discussed. The committee of Don K8OMO, Joe KC8TAC, Don AB8KV, and Bob K8RLS will set up the frequencies and times for the QST notice. A request will be made to use the bicentennial logo for the certificate.

New Business: Doug Bowling AB8CJ, a Marlinton High School teacher, made a presentation regarding "The Big Project" for which he has received equipment from the ARRL to set up an amateur station at the school. Phase I is to work with

a local club to set up demonstrations, for technical support, for VE testing, for test equipment, and for links to bookshelves. He can buy a set of ARRL books for \$200. Phase II will be to secure more equipment. He hopes to have an HF station in operation before school is out, and the rest of the equipment in operation before September. After considerable discussion, Jack W8WEN moved that the club donate \$100 to Marlinton High School for ARRL books so that Mr. Bowling may seek additional funds from the school, and that the club make up any necessary difference. The motion was seconded by Jim N8XTJ and approved upon vote.

Jerry N8SH moved that Mr. Bowling be given a two years free membership in the club and a one year free membership to any high school student who gets an amateur license. The motion was seconded by Joe KC8TAC and approved upon vote.

It was noted that Paul Harvey paid a tribute on his program to ham operators.

Don K8OMO urged members to be extra vigilant during this time of Homeland Security. Watch for unusual things

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5, 10, and 15 Years Ago in the AARC

by Larry Ashburn, KE8VE

Five Years Ago, Lance Farakas, KB8NQL, became a silent key. Jim, K8LTG, wrote of Lance:

“Lance liked to use the phonetics of “never quit learning” as an acronym for his call letters. Looking back it was, to me, very appropriate. He truly never quit learning.

I remember first being introduced to Lance by Bob, KB8GAG at the YMCA at the beginning of their radio classes. Lance was recovering from a recent stroke and wanted to learn to be an Amateur. I thought this was impossible under the circumstances, however, I did not understand the determination of Lance nor for that matter the patience of Bob.

Months of dogged practice and endless experimentation and study finally resulted in the issuance of technician plus to Lance. I can only marvel at the effort he used to learn the code and the theory required for the license. He chose the code because to him it was

the language that made the amateur what he believed to be unique.”

The club held a Mall Show on May 2nd and 3rd. Don, K8OMO reported that it was a good show with a good turnout. Preparations were being made for Field Day. Jerry, KC8DKM (K8CAT) suggested having a swap and shop after the net. K8LTG reported that Argus, W8QMD was planning some transmissions on 17.2 KHz. Wonder how that turned out?

Ten Years Ago, we had a Skywarn training session at our meeting, which was conducted by Steve Apfel and Nick Miller, meteorologists from the Youngstown Weather Bureau. They put on a very fine presentation. I had seen their program at Mahoning County JVS and begged them to come to the club. They agreed after Akron-Canton meteorologists turned us down.

N8IAK reported that Ed McNabb, head of the Red Cross, would be retiring soon. As most of you know, Ed is now N8FCL and is a club member.

The latest call signs were: Extra, AA8KV; Advanced, KG8AR; Tech/Gen, N8YGD; Novice, KB8OXC

Fifteen Years Ago, Matt Thomas, N8EAD, was named Ham of the Month for his help with the little ones at the Mall Show. Matt showed them how to send their name in code.

The annual meeting was held after the regular meeting and Allen Dicks, KA8CIY (WI8T), replaced John Ziccardi, N8GIE as Vice President. Also Jim, N8DZA replaced KA8FUZ, Frank Robison as Trustee. President KD8MQ, Sec. N8IAK, and Treas. KE8KH were retained.

Latest call signs were: Extra – WF8A, Adv. – KE8RH, Tech/Gen. – N8JLV, and Novice – KB8EQB.

Last month I said I joined the club in April, but I only attended the meeting in April. I joined in May. I distinctly remember the election. I had no idea who was who. I was trying to connect call signs and names and faces mostly unsuccessfully. □

May 2003

Birthday Greetings to: **WB8TPF**, **K8DEN**, and **N8EAD**

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I wear the pants in my family, but my wife tells me which pair to wear.



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wherever they are. Listen for intruders or strange signals on the bands. Be prepared. Bob K8RLS read a list of items to have ready for an emergency or "Go Bag."

The club received a CD from ARRL which is a promotional message. It has audio and video to be played on a computer.

The Ohio Section News has a bicentennial edition on www.maser.org.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Jim N8XTJ.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P. M., upon motion by Ray K8DEN, seconded by Jim N8XTJ.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

Dues are due.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, don't forget to get the money to Mary Ann soon.

Dues are as follows:

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