



## News and Information

Dues are due. If you haven't paid them yet, see Mary Ann at the meeting or mail your dues to her. Her address is listed on page 2..

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ignore the message. If you follow their instructions your computer will become infected with the MyDoom Trojan worm and it will start sending spam.

We have a new member, Steve Brannick, KC8ILF from Dellroy.

If any of you knew David Lomady, WD8CKK, who was newsletter editor and Secretary of the Tusco Amateur Radio Club, I regret to inform you that Dave became an SK in late February.



Frank, WA8WHP shows off his Ham of the Year award.

The Ham Radio blackout in Iraq continues "until security improves." And since US Amateurs may only contact amateurs in countries whose government permits them to communicate with us, we may not talk to Iraqis.

At the meeting there will be discussion of our Field Day site for this year and the location of our 2007 Christmas party.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Late news:

Dave Glass, W8UKQ has become a silent key. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

### De Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, in conference room 1A on the west end of the Café in the new 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

At the last Club meeting, it was suggested that the Club should find a new Field Day site within the city limits. Suggested locations were the Morgan Castle, the middle school grounds and Silver Park. Although Silver Park would be an excellent location, the City isn't likely to cooperate with the Club.

The other two locations really have nothing to offer. The parking lot area at the castle is not large, has no good place to set up tents or shelters. The area at the middle school has room, but nothing else. No shade, nothing but parking and rough ground.

The Marlinton Middle school location is a dream sight. What more could you ask for. I know, Silver Park, but with the City Park Board locking the place up at 3:00 in the afternoon, it isn't likely to be available to us for a weekend.

It has been suggested that we learn nothing by going to the same location every year and setting up the same set up. But we don't have to set up the same, and in fact we don't set up the same every year. Almost everyone who sets up has made changes and tried to improve in some way; I know I did and others do, as well.

Another complaint was that the location was too far from the City, but I say that location has nothing to do with how many people visit the site. If someone knows about us and wants to visit they are not going to be deterred by having to drive 3 miles out of

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## Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in conference room 1A on the west end of the Café in the new 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@w8lky.org**

## Newsletter Information

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## March Minutes

### ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

March 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on March 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM with club vice-president John Myers, KD8MQ, presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 18 members and 2 guests (Miriam Sanor and Dana Evans, KC8LKB) present.

For the secretary's report Don, AB8KV noted that the February minutes were in the newsletter, with no other items to report. The secretary's report was approved on a motion from Howard, K8DXR and seconded by Rick, KC8SUI.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS gave the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Don, K8OMO and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

#### Old business:

---VP John asked if anyone had participated in the Breezeshooter's 10M ground wave contest, but received no responses. He also inquired about impressions of the Mansfield hamfest, with generally positive comments being made. Jack, W8WEN also related several stories about area hams he had met and conversed with / about at the

hamfest.

---George, K3GP reported that the reason the club's official 2006 Field Day score was 200 points lower than submitted was due to the fact that although 3 SSTV contacts were made, only 100 points were allowed per mode.

George also noted that he needed a photo of the Ham of the Year for the website.

---Don, K8OMO noted that he was going to inquire about again placing the K8LTG repeater and the Homeland Security radio and antennas at the hospital. Potential problems include cable routing and the quoted cost of wall penetrations. He also reminded the club that the Homeland Security Net was still operating on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM on 147.510 simplex. There were 17 check-ins on the Net last month.

#### New business:

---VP John reminded the club that Columbiana County Skywarn training was coming up on March 12 and the Stark County session is March 21 at Stark State. Also, the statewide emergency practice drill is on March 28 at 9:50 AM.

---VP John then opened up for discussion the issue of where to locate for Field Day 2007. A motion was initiated by Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Don AB8KV to check on the Marlinton Middle School site. Larry, KE8VE and Dianna volunteered to make the inquiry. However, there was also general agreement

that it would be desirable, for a change, to locate it within the city of Alliance if possible. The discussion and suggestions that followed included sites such as one of the city parks, the Middle School, the Castle, behind the Elks club and several others. The selection was narrowed down to a final three, being the Alliance Middle School, the Castle and a city park (most likely Silver Park). Several individuals volunteered to check with the appropriate persons about those sites. Frank then amended his original motion (seconded again by Don) to propose checking on those three sites as well as Marlinton. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

---VP John then mentioned that the networking software for Field Day discussed at earlier meetings would be brought to the next club meeting where it could be demonstrated and allow everyone to get a feel for how it works.

---John then brought up the issue of the Club Christmas party for 2007 and whether it was felt that another location should be sought out. There were mixed comments about Brandon's with the general feeling being that the club should check into alternatives. Don, K8OMO suggested that the club pay for the Christmas dinner for a change, hopefully drawing out some inactive club members. It was further suggested that this could be done by issuing a limited number of tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis. For alternative locations, there were suggestions for various church halls

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# April 2007

*Birthday Greetings to: K8LTG, KC8TAC, AB8RZ.*

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<p><b>8</b></p> <p>SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest UBA Spring Contest, SSB</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>144 MHz <b>Spring Sprint</b> Columbiana Cty. Train. Net 8pm Low Power Spring Sprint</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Canton ARES Net 7pm 147.12 N. Col. Cty ARES Net 9pm 147.255 YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, SSB</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Carroll Cty Net 0100 UTC 147.075 NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, SSB</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>AARC Nets 8:00, 8:30, 9:00</b> YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, SSB</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Massillon Net 147.18 8pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>EU Spring Sprint, CW Georgia QSO Party <b>Jackson County Hamfest and Computer Show, Coalton</b> JIDX CW Contest</p>																																																																																					
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<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Athens County ARA Hamfest, Athens</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Columbiana Cty. Train. Net 8pm</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table> <p><b>May</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>					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	31	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	31		
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as well as Pancho's. No final decision was taken at this meeting, with Don to check on Pancho's and the Vine Street Methodist church, John to check on the First Church of God, and Frank to check on his own church. Further discussion at the next meeting would follow.

---John then reminded the club about the Cuyahoga Falls hamfest.

---With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM on a motion by Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Gladys, KB8GIA.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, secretary.

## Editorial, cont

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town. The key is letting people know that we are there—advertising. One of the biggest computer companies is located in the Dakotas. Nobody goes there

but bird hunters, but they sell their computers because they advertise. Putting a small note in the paper on the back page and running a public service announcement on the local radio station doesn't really do it. A bill board on State Street would probably be noticed, but is also probably cost prohibitive. But that's the level of exposure we need. We need to really get in peoples faces.

I just don't think the Club will be noticed any more in the parking lot at the castle or out at the middle school, which is only technically in the City anyway, than they will be at Marlinton, without some serious promotion. And even setting up at Silver park isn't going to draw many interested people.

Perhaps an information table set up in a prominent place at few locations like the Mall and WalMart with a banner promoting Field Day and a small display would attract some interest. Another thing we might do is approach some of the other organizations in the City, such as the Elks, Masons, and various churches, and ask for help in getting the word out.

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