

Zero Beat



Alliance Amateur Radio Club

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AARC Picnic to be held on September 10th

The annual Alliance ARC club picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 10th, at 6 PM. This is our regular club meeting night, so there will be a regular, albeit **very** abbreviated club meeting afterwards.

The picnic will be held at the Herbert Pavilion, which is immediately South of Marlington Middle School 10325 Moulin Ave, Alliance.

Please bring a covered dish and or dessert to share. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

We are looking for volunteers to bring hamburger and hotdog buns, and/or beverages.

This is a family event, so please plan to bring your spouse/significant other, and harmonics. It's a beautiful spot for a picnic. Some have already been asking that it be considered as next years Field Day location.



Club Repeater Issues

In case you've not heard, the club Two Meter repeater has had some issues over the last few weeks.

We are operating on the backup antenna at this moment, which I presume will provide reduced range. There was also an issue with the power amplifier, but Don says that has since been repaired.

Stay tuned, folks, since there will undoubtedly be some decisions to be made very soon, as purchases will need to be made to get 37 working properly again.

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AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month, at the Alliance Community Hospital. Check the meeting announcement on page 1, for times, and program information. Talk-in on either of the club repeaters. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

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AARC Repeaters

2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY
-W8LKY Echolink node

440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY
(the 440 machine is currently off the air)

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets held, beginning at 8 PM

Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.100 MHz (CW)
8:30PM 28.400 MHz (SSB)

Two Meters

9:00 PM 145.37 MHz W8LKY (-)

Homeland security Net

(Meets on the last Tuesday of each month
8:00 PM 147.51 Simplex

July Minutes



Alliance
Amateur Radio
Club

July 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on June 11, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the main conference room of the Alliance Community Hospital with club President Ben Davis (KD8KMQ) presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 19 in attendance. Guest: Miriam Sanor.

Committee reports:

--- Homeland Security Net Don (K8OMO) Nothing to report

--- Website: John (KD8MQ) W8T additions to QRZ. Information about W8T on the website. The Monday Morning Newsletter is going well.

--- Newsletter: John (KD8MQ) Explained the new format.

--- Repeater Committee: Don (K8OMO) There is a need of a meeting. John (KD8MQ) The 440 Repeater will be on the air by the end of the month.

--- 2 Meter Net: Smitty (KC8TJQ) said net went well.
Total of 15 Check-Ins. Early check-ins are going well.

Birthdays & Announcements:

Ben read off the birthdays for

July Birthdays:

7-18 Max LeBold WA8SHP

7-24 Preston Wegman WA8NEJ not active.

--- Frank (WA8WHP) Classes going well 2 Received General
3 are ready for testing for Tech.

--- Smitty (KC8TJQ) Broke Ribs on a bus during vacation.

---- John (KD8MQ) North American RTTY Contest will be July 19th at 2:00pm. He is hosting a cook out at his house.

--- John (KD8MQ) Announced the W1AW schedule for Ohio. Runs twice. It will be the 3rd. week in August (19-26th.)

Hamfests:

Portage July 27th.

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North Hills July 19th.

Secretary's report:

Secretary Tom (KD8JRK) Told the minutes are in the newsletter.

Approvals given:

1st. Don (K8OMO)

2nd. Don (AB8KB)

Treasurer's report:

Was given & approved

Approvals given:

1st. Don (K8OMO)

2nd. Don (AB8KB)

Old business:

--- Field Day: Thanking Rick (KC8SUI) for chairing this year.

Ted (KB8PRK) Saved the equipment from the rain storm we had.

QSO's 1126

GOTA 100

New business:

--- Don (K8OMO) Told us about the new Hospital Radio. That we will be using it for Home Land Security Nets.

--- Christmas Party at Don Poncho's December 13th.

Approval:

1st. Frank (WA8WHP)

2nd. Don (AB8KB)

Program:

Taylorcraft Fly-In Preparation.

Meeting Adjourned / Break:

1st. Tomas (KC8ZEH)

2nd. Jerry (KG8RN)

50/50 Drawing:

Winners: Rex (WA8SHP) 42.00 Gave back to the club.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tom (KD8JRK), Secretary.

August Minutes

August 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on August 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the main conference room of the Alliance Community Hospital with club President Ben Davis (KD8KMQ) presiding. The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by introductions. There were 18 in attendance. Guests: Miriam Sanor, Alfreda Steele.

Committee reports:

--- Homeland Security Net Don (K8OMO) 33 Check-Ins Year to date. Doing quite well.

--- 2 Meter Net: Smitty (KC8TJQ) said net went well.

June 5 – 7 Check-Ins

12 – 13

19 – 13

26 – 16

Total of 49

July 3 – 12

10 – 13

17 – 16

24 – 14

31 – 9

Total of 64

--- Repeater Committee: Don (K8OMO) Loosing coverage due to trees

--- 440 Repeater: Is being reconfigured for use.

--- Echo Link: Reconfigured and improved. People are able to connect.

--- Website: John (KD8MQ) Added Special Events Page.

---The Monday Morning Message John (KD8MQ) Received Honorable Mention from The Ohio Section Newsletter Contest.

Birthdays & Announcements:

Ben read off the birthdays for

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August Birthdays

8-5 Peter B Lucke N8IGZ

8-7 Dallas Underwood KD8JRY not active

8-11 Tomas St.George KC8ZEH

8-16 Paul Richardson K2ASA

8-21 Howard Miller K8DXR

8-26 Duane Zorger w8dhz

--- Frank (WA8WHP) Classes: Going well 2 Received General

Sean (KD8ZEZ) received is Tech License.

Does need help with classes. Anyone willing to help Frank please contact him.

--- John (KD8MQ) Announced the W1AW schedule for Ohio. Going on the air Sept 19th. Sign up to operate. This is a once in a lifetime event.

Hamfests:

Secretary's report:

Secretary Tom (KD8JRK) Was tabled for next month

Approvals given:

1st. Ben (KD8KMQ)

2nd. Tony (KD8BBK)

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Mary Ann (KB8IVS) absent due to health issues

Approvals given:

Old business:

Taylorcraft Special Event: Went well. A good time was had by all.

100 QSO's

Carnation Days in the Park:

August 16th. 9:00 – 5:00

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Setup at 9:00am at the Jayce's Pavilion.

Both Club Rigs will be there.

Christmas Party:

Date changed from December 13th to December 20th. Due to size conflict.

Don Poncho's

6:00pm Starting time

7:00 Eating

New business:

--- Club Picnic: Information will be forth coming.

--- Castle Run:

John (KD8MQ) Labor Day Morning. We have more than enough operators.

Program:

AMSAT

E. Michael McCadel (KC8YLD) V.P. for Educational Relations.

50/50 Drawing:

Winners: Paul (K2ASA) 13.00 Gave back to the club.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tom (KD8JRK), Secretary.

Swap & Shop

K8OMO has the following estate items available:

- 80—10 Meter antenna tuner - \$40
- Tower commercial grade Rhone 55G, including:
 - 4 straight sections, top section has thrust bearing plate and bearing
 - 16' mast pipe
 - Second thrust bearing plate and bearing above rotor plate
 - all hardware included
 - \$700.00
- Radio Shack 40 watt mobile HT amplifier \$40.00

Contact Don, K8OMO 145.370 repeater or call (330) 685-7613

Wayback Machine

A Look back At The Last 25 Years Of AARC History

Here again are some of the highlights from the last 25 years of the Zero Beat. you can read them at www.w8lky.org.

September, 1989, (editors KB8GCE & KB8GCF)

- We were teaching Novice classes at the Hospital. The instructors were John, KD8MQ, and Jim, N8DZA (later K8LTG)
- We had unconfirmed reports that the ARRL Board had voted 9-6 to recommend a "Communicator" class license which would be code-free, and offer privileges on 220MHz & up.
- The FCC question pools were due to be upgraded on November 1, 1989. The League was scrambling to get the new licenses manuals to market in time.
- We had just held our club picnic, which involved an annual volleyball game.

September, 1994, (editor WX8G/KD8MQ)

- The numbers were released for the 1994 Field Day Effort. We made 966 QSO's; That's 492 CW, and 474 SSB. Bill, N8TLY catered dinner from his restaurant. Breakfast was prepared by Dave, N8NLZ.
- A growing number of Hams posting on packet bulletin boards were calling for the re-assignment of 11 Meters to Amateur Service. 11 Meters was, at that time, being described as "a wasteland even the government can't use".
- Your editor had just joined Compuserve, and got one of those new-fangled "e-mail addresses". The address was 75027,1342@compuserve.com.
- The 1994 Mall Show was coming up on September 17th, 18th. Members of SAARA were

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bringing "The Worlds Largest Working Code Key".

- The winners of the latest fox hunt were John & Pam, KD8MQ, & N8IAK, with K8OMO coming in second by a hair. The foxes, John, KF8ZG, and Bill, W8ZZS, were hiding in the Mill creek Recreation area at Berlin Lake.
- We had two new Hams on the air; Gordon, KB8UIV, and Dana, KB8SWV (Now N8DA).
- We had just had our summer corn roast, at the home of Bob Rickard, KB8GAG.

September, 1999, (editor K8LTG)

- Not wanting to wait till the last minute, the menu for the clubs Christmas party were posted. The party was to be held at Roadhouse Charleys
- The South African Sunsat satellite had been launched and was being tested.
- Ohio's Ham of the year award was being renamed to honor former ARRL Great Lakes Director Allan Severson, AB8P. The award now will be known as the "Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award."

September, 2004, (editor KE8VE)

- We had once again provided communications for the Carnation Triathlon.
- There was a very interesting story by David, N8NLZ, about his early interest in radio.
- John Bray, K8JDB(ex KF8ZG) moved to Ashburn, VA to be closer to family.

September, 2009, (editor KD8MQ)

- We had just announced that the club would be holding a Homebrew night at an upcoming meeting.
- The annual club picnic was to be held at the Silver Park cabin towards the end of September.
- We were looking for operators for that years castle run.

Cell Phone Recycle

What's wrong; did your cell phone stop working? Well, we aren't going to buy you a new one, or even fix your old one. But, we can ensure that your old phone gets recycled in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

Just bring all your old cell phones to the next club meeting. We'll collect them, and take them for recycling.

Oh yes, did I mention that the club gets paid for them?

Bring them to a club meeting, or call KD8MQ @ 330-936-5021 to arrange a pickup.



W1AW/8 DE KD8BBK

Hello to all and hope everyone is doing well. Recently I had the chance to participate in the W1AW/8 centennial special event for Ohio. All I can say is WOW. This was truly a once in a life time event for me.

It all started a couple of weeks before the event was to take place with getting the logging program working and the keyboard working to send cw. Then it was time to practice listening to cw pile-ups to get my ears trained to pick out the calls. So after spending some time with practice programs and on air practice it was time to operate .



Well the evening came of my first scheduled time slot for W1AW/8, it was on 20 meter cw from 6-8 pm. The first hour was not bad, working a station about every minute or so. It was after a few spots on the dx cluster that the last hour got crazy. I suddenly found myself being called by all kinds of dx stations along with state side and all while being on a directional antenna. After several times of turning the antenna I just decided to leave it pointed to Europe and work the dx. After the dust settled I ended up with 132 contacts and the bulk of those were in the last hour.

The next night it was 40 meters from 7-9, cw obviously. Well this was a little easier going especially with an Omni directional. The band was very noisy and signals were weak. So now I have to try and dig out a signal from the noise instead of digging one out of all the log jam of stations like the night before. The shift was over and had a good evening of operating.

Off to the next scheduled time slot, Saturday morning from 6-8 on 20 meter cw. I picked this time because I figured I work the dx stations and give them a chance to get W1AW/8 in the log without the state side stuff being on the air. Well all I can say is WOW WOW WOW. It started out good with the antenna pointed to EU I was working a good pace and running simplex on the frequency. After a couple of spots from dx stations the flood gates opened, it was JA and BH calls(Japan and China) and sounded like a bunch of pots and pans clanging together on cw, started sweating. So I realized I had to run split now and make a good showing. Got the split going and it was amazing was picking them up left and right all JA and BH. The band was in great shape and I was running about 600 watts with the beam pointed at them. I was having more fun then a pig in mud. I finally found out what it is like to be at the other end of one of those rare dx expeditions. Ended up working 180 contacts and 120 of them being from Asia Happy, Happy, Happy.

W1AW/8 DE KD8BBK

Well to sum it up I worked a few more time slots with good success ending up with 521 total contacts for W1AW/8. However that Saturday morning will be one of my most memorable moments in the ham radio hobby. I am so glad I took the opportunity to participate in this once in a life time opportunity.

HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY
KD8BBK Tony

W1AW/8 DE KD8MQ & Company

Last week, The KD8MQ shack was opened up for anyone who wanted to operate as W1AW/8. We didn't make a lot of contacts, but I hope everyone had fun.



Top: Tom, KD8JRK
Left: Tomas, KD8VVL
Below: Don, W8DEA.



All told, the combined total of QSOs from the KD8MQ shack during that week was 157; all SSB.

W1AW/8 DE NX8G



Here's the totals from Rex, NX8G's 35 hours of operating during the week that W1AW/8 was operating from Ohio.

This was all done barefoot, by the way. As Rex advises, you have to **hear** them before you can **work** them!

Band	Mode	QSOs	Pts	Mlt
3.5	RTTY	86	86	5
7	RTTY	162	162	9
10	PSK31	12	12	1
10	RTTY	216	216	13
14	RTTY	127	127	27
18	PSK31	26	26	12
18	RTTY	148	148	28
21	PSK31	37	37	7
21	RTTY	203	203	30
24	PSK31	34	34	15
24	RTTY	125	125	25
28	RTTY	35	35	2
Total	Both	1211	1211	174

OSPOTA

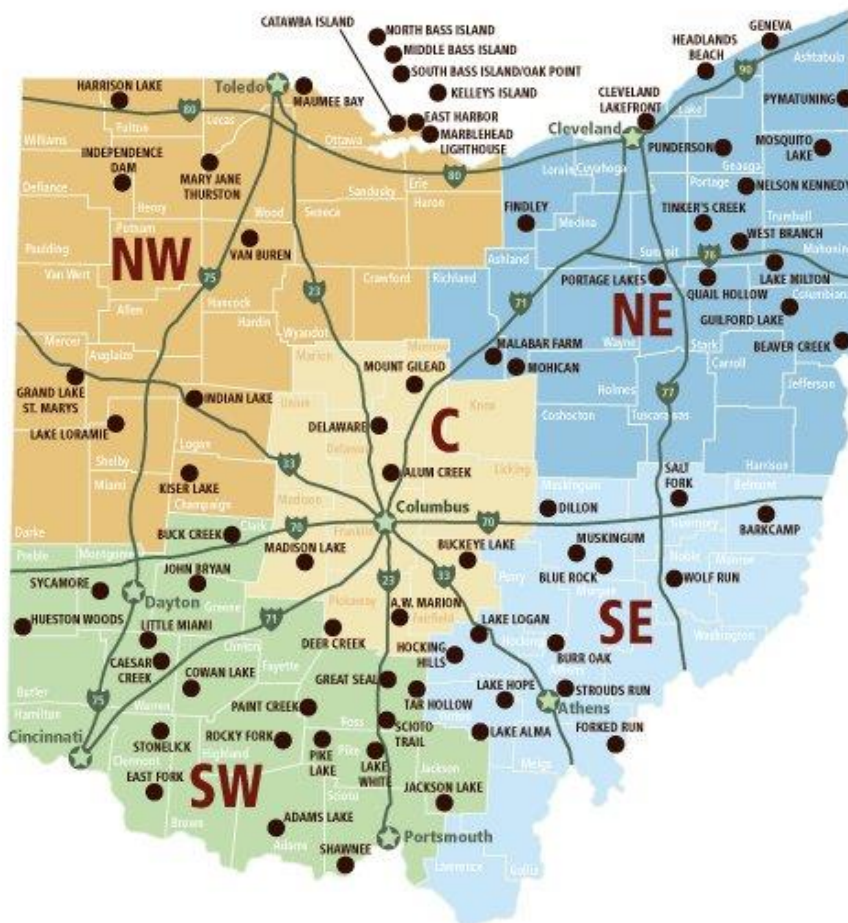
This weekend is the Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest. So, what is OSPOTA? Well, it is a friendly type contest where the object is to see who can contact the most State Park stations.

There's a couple ways to participate. One way is to get on the air and work as many state parks as you can between noon & 8 PM on September 6th.

The other way is to pack up the station, and head out to a state park, where you can be one of the sought after stations. As of September 1st, about 61 of the 74 state parks are listed on the planned activations page at OSPO-TA.org.

So, get on the air, and have some fun!

Ohio State Parks



Rambling by John, KD8MQ



Hi everyone, Summer is winding down. Now, we are getting into Fall; my favorite season.

Let's start off with a correction. The Field Day numbers for last month were incorrect. Our 2014 calculated score is not 3640, as reported last month, but 4290. No harm done, since the league actually calculates the score from the numbers, and the proof that we submit.

Castle Run - A big thanks go out to all the operators who worked this years Castle Run. It went off without a hitch again.

Club Picnic—This years club picnic will be held at Marlinton's Herbert Pavilion. Don't miss the Pg1 story which has all the details.

OSPOTA - Well, This is it; the weekend I've been waiting for is almost here. The Ohio State Parks on the Air contest is always the first Saturday after Labor Day, and marks the end of summer for me. This year, I'll be operating from A.W. Marion State Park SE of Columbus.

Tower - Well, As you can tell from the photo at right, I finally got the base section in place for the tower which will hold the 440 repeater antenna. The rest of the tower will go up shortly after the State Parks Contest.

Elections - Elections are only a bit over a month away. Make sure to mark your schedules for the October 8th meeting. Will we have any contested races this year? I sure hope so!

Speaking of Elections - This is for all the league members reading this. If you received an e-mail recently with the subject line "**ARRL 2014 Election -- Electronic Ballot Request**", read it carefully. The league is asking you to opt-in if you want a paper ballot sent to you. If you ignore the e-mail, then you are automatically signed up for electronic balloting in the 2014 election. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but some of you may still want a paper ballot. In that case, then follow the instructions in the e-mail.



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Fire Department Toy Drive - It's too soon to be asking for approval, but I'll be asking for membership approval in October for the entire 50/50 fund for that month to be donated to the Alliance Fire Departments toy drive. Last year, we donated \$140 to the drive. That was great, but I bet we can do better this time around.

Carnation Days Special Event - We had a fun time at the Special Event operation in August. A little over a hundred contacts were added to the log, and the certificate requests have begun coming in.

That's about it for this month. See you at the club picnic? 73, de John, KD8MQ

Ohio Section Conference News

Here's the full results from the Ohio section newsletter contest via Scott, N8SY:

Hi All,

Here's the results of the Twenty-Second Annual Ohio Section Newsletter Awards..

- **Honorary Mention..**

- Monday Morning Message – Alliance Amateur Radio Club - John Myers, KD8MQ editor
- Monday Morning Memo – Highland Amateur Radio Association - John Levo, WA8KIW editor

- **Third Place..**

- The QSO – Marion Amateur Radio Club - Lynn Lovell, W8MLL editor
marionhamradio.org
- NODXA Rag – Northern Ohio DX Association - David Autry, WD8IOU, Editor
www.papays.com/newsltr.html

- **Second Place..**

- The Radiogram – Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) - Tom Parkinson, KB8UUZ editor
Portcars.org

- **First Place..**

The Mike & Key – Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association - David Self, K8SSN editor..
www.themikeandkey.gcara.org

- The twentieth recipient of the Al Severson Award was announced and it was none other than Frank J. Piper, KI8GW.
Jackie Piper, KC8ESO was given the Ohio Section Manager's "Special Recognition Award" In recognition for her many years of patience and understanding and willingness to put up with all of us that demanded time from her family

And there you have it all..

Thanks go out to everyone that came and had good fun and fellowship at this years Columbus Hamfest / Ohio Section Conference.. 73, Scott, N8SY..

Paper Chase by Joe Wehner, W8KNO



I have been writing this article for more than nine years. It is rare that anyone even acknowledges they read the article. However, this month John, W8ZL, showed me a certificate that he received from KOWAR. The certificate was presented by the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. It is one of the best certificates I have seen in a while and I am sharing it with all of you. For your information, John did not have to send anything to obtain the certificate. It was sent to everyone who worked KOWAR. Remember you have to get on the air and make contacts to receive anything like this. John, congratulations.

If you are willing to pay for a certificate, "Route 66 On The Air" will be active from the 6th through the 14th. I mention "pay" because the first year of the special event, a trial run

for the 100th anniversary of Route 66, it was sponsored by the Northern Arizona DX Association and no monies were required to cover the expenses of the certificate or mailing costs. There was such a large response, if it had not been for donations from club members and sponsors, the club would have been bankrupt. Thankfully the event lives on!

The Route 66 On The Air Special Event participating stations are likely to be found somewhere in the vicinity of the following frequencies.

	80M	40M	30M	20M	17M	15M	12M	10M	6M
CW	3.533	7.033	10.110	14.033	18.080	21.033	24.900	28.033	50.033
SSB	3.866	7.266	N/A	14.266	18.164	21.366	24.966	28.466	50.166
DIG	3.580	7.070	10.140	14.070	18.100	21.070	24.920	28.120	N/A

This year the call signs will be W6A through W6U, Pontiac, Illinois is a new location.

If you desire a certificate, you must work at least ONE of the participating Route 66 On The Air stations in order to request it. Fill out the certificate application and

mail it with \$4.00 to:
CBARC Route 66 Certificate
P.O. Box 3788
San Bernardino, CA 92413

The certificate can be found at:
<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/certificate-request-guidelines/>

Hear you in the pile-up.
Joe - W8KNO

100 Most Wanted DXCC Countries Via ClubLog

1	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND	51	ZK3	TOKELAU ISLANDS
2	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	52	4U1UN	UNITED NATIONS HQ
3	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	53	CY0	SABLE ISLAND
4	VP8S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	54	FW	WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS
5	FT5W	CROZET ISLAND	55	C21	NAURU
6	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	56	3B7	AGALEGA & ST BRANDON ISLANDS
7	KH5K	KINGMAN REEF	57	CE0Z	JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLANDS
8	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	58	5A	LIBYA
9	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA	59	3D2/C	CONWAY REEF
10	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS	60	VK9L	LORD HOWE ISLAND
11	VP8G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	61	4W	TIMOR-LESTE
12	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	62	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO
13	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	63	ZL7	CHATHAM ISLAND
14	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	64	XX9	MACAO
15	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	65	VU7	LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS
16	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	66	VK9X	CHRISTMAS ISLAND
17	E3	ERITREA	67	TL	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
18	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	68	S0	WESTERN SAHARA
19	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	69	FO/M	MARQUESAS ISLANDS
20	FT5X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	70	E5/N	NORTH COOK ISLANDS
21	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS	71	S2	BANGLADESH
22	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS	72	3D2/R	ROTUMA
23	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	73	KH8	AMERICAN SAMOA
24	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND	74	VP6	PITCAIRN ISLAND
25	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD IS.	75	KH8/S	SWAINS ISLAND
26	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS	76	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND
27	YV0	AVES ISLAND	77	CY9	SAINT PAUL ISLAND
28	TI9	COCOS ISLAND	78	T2	TUVALU
29	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	79	T30	WESTERN KIRIBATI
30	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	80	AP	PAKISTAN
31	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	81	T5	SOMALIA
32	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS	82	1S	SPRATLY ISLANDS
33	EP	IRAN	83	Z8	REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
34	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	84	FO/C	CLIPPERTON ISLAND
35	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	85	V6	MICRONESIA
36	VP8O	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS	86	JX	JAN MAYEN
37	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	87	9Q	DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO
38	3C0	ANNOBON	88	XW	LAOS
39	VU4	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	89	ET	ETHIOPIA
40	KH9	WAKE ISLAND	90	7O	YEMEN
41	ZD9	TRISTAN DA CUNHA & GOUGH ISLANDS	91	9N	NEPAL
42	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	92	VK9N	NORFOLK ISLAND
43	3C	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	93	FO/A	AUSTRAL ISLANDS
44	ZL9	AUCKLAND & CAMPBELL ISLAND	94	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND
45	YK	SYRIA	95	A5	BHUTAN
46	H40	TEMOTU PROVINCE	96	YJ	VANUATU
47	XZ	MYANMAR	97	D6	COMOROS
48	T33	BANABA ISLAND	98	VK9C	COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND
49	VP6/D	DUCIE ISLAND	99	JD/O	OGASAWARA
50	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND	100	5U	NIGER

AARC To Hold DX Contest

It's been a long time since we've tried this, Too long, actually, so let's do another club DX contest.

The object: to see who can work the most DXCC countries between 0000z October 1, 2014, and 2359z on March 31, 2015.

Bands: All bands DC to Daylight are eligible.

Modes: All modes, Phone, CW, Digital.

Paperwork: We are putting you on the honor system. No LOTW, or EQSL required. No stressing out over getting QSL cards. Just send in your log with those contacts clearly listed along with the contact info (date, time, frequency, signal report).

The prize: The prize will be a beautiful certificate, suitable for framing.

So, who will be the recipient of the AARC DX award #1?

[Click here to go directly to the country list](#)

Ham of the Year ballots are due



Now's the time to cast your vote for the 2013 Ham of the Year.

Get your ballot to Ben, KD8KMQ ASAP! His contact info is on page two.

My vote for Ham of the Year is:

Comments (optional)

PREVIOUS HAMS OF THE YEAR

1989	Jim Ferguson	N8DZA (SK)
1990	Dave Buckwalter	KC3CL
1991	Jack Bennett	W8WEN (SK)
1992	John Myers	WX8G
1993	Pam Myers	N8IAK
1994	Larry Ashburn	KE8VE (SK)
1995	Gladys Wilson	KB8GIA
1996	Don Whitaker	K8OMO
1997	James W. Wilson	KB8GHZ (SK)
1998	Mary Ann Royer	KB8IVS
1999	David Glass	W8UKQ (SK)
2000	Jerry Wheeler	KG8RN
2001	Robert L. Steele	K8RLS (SK)
2002	Samuel Eberling	KC8ETZ
2003	Joe Young	KC8TAC
2004	George Proudfoot	K3GP
2005	David Glass	W8UKQ (SK)
2006	Franklin A. Sanor	WA8WHP
2007	Howard Miller	K8DXR
2008	John Myers	KD8MQ
2009	Larry Ashburn	KE8VE (SK)
2010	Tony Schilling	KD8BBK
2011	Don Kingan	AB8KV
2012	John Myers	KD8MQ
2013	Ben Davis	KD8KMQ

AARC Participates In Hospital Emergency Drill



The Alliance Amateur Radio Club again was asked to stand by in case of need for communications by the Alliance Community Hospital on a Emergency Drill conducted Tuesday afternoon August 19th

The Drill was a serious Event at the Alliance High School where there were students shot and a Explosion with chemical exposure to the students and personnel, which required decontamination as can be seen in picture to the right side of entrance of the emergency room

Transporting was by ambulance and also in picture by air with MedLife helicopters

Our job did not involve any of this but we stood by and were ready if needed.

Tom KD8JRK opened a Emergency net on 145.370 and took check-ins to be sure we had personnel to respond if needed.

The last picture is of course Don K8OMO dawning his helmet and radios to join in the Drill at the Hospital Incident Command Center to direct members if needed for the Club

Lets hope we did well and are invited again next time de Don K8OMO



KB8IVS Is In Nursing Home

As you've probably heard, Mary Anne, KB8IVS has been confined to a nursing home. With her permission, I wanted to share this with you. She is Green Meadows Health & Wellness Center, over near the old Molly Stark Hospital on Columbus Road.

She's hoping to get out soon, so if anyone would like to visit, give her a call first, just in case she's been discharged. She has her cell phone with her. The number is 330 -936-4460.

W8LKY Special Event Nets 100 QSOs

The annual W8LKY special event operation went off without a hitch this year. Granted, we would always like to see a larger turnout. But, we had a great time regardless.



Top: Shawn, KD8ZEZ, with Tom, KD8JRK

Left: Don, K8OMO. . . I think
Never seen him smile before

Bottom Left: Frank, WA8WHP, with
Don, K8OMO

Bottom Right: Your editor, John,
KD8MQ



Zero Beat

*Join Us - We're on our way to one of the 74
Beautiful Ohio State Parks.*



*We're going to set up a portable station for the
Ohio State Parks On The Air*



**contest
September 6th**



September 2014

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This Months Meeting

will be on Wednesday,

September 10th at the Herbert
Pavilion at:

Marlington Middle School
10325 Moulin Ave
Alliance, OH.

For our annual Club Picnic

The fun begins a 6 PM

See pg. 1 for more infor-
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