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It's b-a-a-a-c-k!

It's with great pride, and relief that we can report that the Alliance 440 Repeater is back on the air.

Previously located at the Two Meter Repeater site, it was moved to the KD8MQ QTH. It took some time for your editor to get things in readiness, but the tower went up right on schedule, thanks to a lot of help from friends.

The tower was raised all in one piece, with the antenna & Feedline attached, using a bucket Lift.

Thanks to everyone who came out to help. This could not have happened without a lot of teamwork.

The repeater is on 442.350 (+) with no PL. Watch for more info coming soon.





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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

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

September Minutes



September 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on September 10, 2014 at 6:00 Herbert Pavilion, by The Marlington Middle School 10325 Moulin Ave, Alliance with club President Ben Davis (KD8KMQ) presiding. Introductions were made. There were 40 in attendance. Guests: Miriam Sanor, Alfreda Steele and other relatives of the members.

Hamfests:

September 07 - Findlay Hamfest September 21 - Oh-Ky-In Hamfest September 28 - Cleveland Hamfest

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Mary Ann (KB8IVS)

No report due to a broken wrist and can not walk and is in rehab at Green Meadows Nursing Home. Visitors are welcome for visits.

New business:

Membership approved the purchase of a new antenna and a new amplifier for the repeater.

1st. Joe (KC8TAC) 2nd. Howard (K8DXR)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tom (KD8JRK), Secretary.

Alliance ARC DX Contest Is On!

The Alliance ARC DX contest is on!

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

Swap & Shop

K80MO 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, K80MO 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 20 years of the Zero Beat. you can read them at www.w8lky.org.

October, 1989, (editors KB8GCE & KB8GCF)

- Janice & Dennis noted that there were 7 licensed Husband & wife couples in the club. They were:
 - KC3CL & KB8DUW
 - N8EWV & KE8KH
 - KB8GCE & KB8GCF
 - KA8FUZ & KB8GAC
 - KB8GHZ & KB8GIA
 - KD8MQ & N8IAK
 - WB8MEK & KB8FBM
- Novice classes had just begun. Instructors were KD8MQ & N8DZA (K8LTG)
- Beginning in 1991, Ohio Ham plates were to again have the words "Amateur Radio".
- There was a story of a Louisiana forest ranger who fell from a 180 ft. tower, and survived without any broken bones.
- British police were requesting help in the murder of a British Ham, & his wife. Anyone who could recall the gist of a QSO with the Ham during a one week period, were asked to contact the Pembrokshire police.

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• WB2PTI was charged with 50 counts of mail fraud in a scam concerning the sale of Uniden ten-Meter rigs.

October, 1994, (editor WX8G)

- The clubs fall licensing classes had begun. The instructor was Larry, KE8VE.
- The club elections were fast approaching.
- Another fox hunt was approaching. Foxes for the hunt were KD8MQ & N8IAK.
- There was a short piece on WA6OTU's cheap ground rods, which consisted of a piece of 1/2" rebar, slipped inside of a piece of 1/2" water pipe.
- Plans were afoot for the 2nd annual "Santa Net". Some sort of pre-internet technology was being used to contact the north pole via 2 Meters.
- The 1994 Mall show had wrapped up another successful run. The Salem group (SAARA) brought their giant code key. Best of show was won by Don, K8OMO, for his antique Collins station.
 - A close runner-up were Jim, KB8GHZ, and Gladys, KB8GIA. Their table included, a variety of displays, including a emergency station in a cart, which ultimately appeared in QST.
- Reservations were being accepted for the 1994 AARC Christmas banquet. It was being held at Roadhouse Charlies. The most expensive thing on the menu was steak, at \$12.95.

October, 1999, (editor K8LTG)

• Elections were held at the October meeting. Officers were as follows:

Pres: Jerry, KG8RN VP: Larry, KE8VE

Secretary: Dave, W8UKQ Treasurer: Mary Ann, KB8IVS

· Ballots were being solicited for Ham of the Year. Outgoing HOTY was Mary Ann, KB8IVS

October, 2004, (editor KE8VE)

- Ray, K8DEN was recuperating at home.
- The homeland security station at the hospital was up & operational.
- Howard, KC8YIF changed his Callsign to K8DXR.
- Allen, WI8T, and John, KD8MQ were planning a trip to Butler county, PA for the PA QSO Party.

October, 2009, (editor KD8MQ)

- The Zero Beat had just won it's 3rd award at the Ohio section Newsletter contest. This one was second Place.
- The Greater Stark County Fox Hunt had just been held. Bit was a collaborative effort between the Alliance, Canton, and Massillon clubs. The winner was Don, K8OMO & Richard, KD6MPN.
- The annual elections were held. Officers for the upcoming year were:

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• President: Frank Sanor, WA8WHP

• Vice-President: John Myers, KD8MQ

• Secretary: Don Kingan, AB8KV

• Treasurer: Mary Ann Royer, KB8IVS

• Trustee (2 year position to replace Frank, WA8WHP): Don Whitaker, K8OMO

• Trustee (3 Year position): Smitty Smith, KC8TJQ

• There was an article on Powerpole connectors.

• The grandson of Larry, AA8NV had won an appointment to West Point.

• We included a few lines on allpinouts.org. Still online, and worth checking out even today.

• We had the annual article prodding you to get on the air for the PA QSO Party.

PA QSO Party Is Coming Up



Well, fall arrived this weekend, and football started a few weeks ago, so that can only mean one thing. Contest season is approaching.

October 11th & 12th marks the 57th running of the PA QSO Party, one of, if not <u>the</u> best of the state QSO Parties.

Allen, WI8T, and I have been making the pilgrimage almost each of the last 27 years, As the before & after pictures to the left will attest. Several years ago, we added Ben, KD8KMQ to our happy group. Most recently we've been operating from the cabin owned by John, N8PLA. John has been a great host, and we cannot thank him enough for his hospitality.

The rules are simple, and can be found online at www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html.

Here's the summary: The exchange for out of state stations are a serial number, and your state (ex. 001 OH). PA stations send a serial number and county abbreviation. County abbreviations can also be found on the PA QSO Party website.

If you're not operating from PA, then your multipliers are the 67 PA counties.

If you are operating from within PA, then your multipliers are the 67 Pa counties, plus all ARRL sections plus all RAC sections.

For those who are planning rover, mobile, or portable operations, and want to concentrate on those counties which have been rare, in the past,

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that information can be found on my PQP website at www.kd8mq.net/pqp.

Also, there is a Pa QSO Party Reflector where a lot of operators post their plans for the party. Bud, AA3B compiles the plans and posts them to the reflector every week. Instructions are on the PA QSO Party homepage.

As I said before, this is one of the best of the state QSO Parties. If you are pursuing your Worked all Counties, it's a great way to polish off an entire state, in one weekend.

Each year, there's a bonus station which is worth bonus points for each contact made with them. This year, is a bit different. The bonus station is W3TDF, after Ray, AKA Da Grump. I think that Ray has operated the QSO Party portable from more counties than anyone, and this year is his 90th birthday. So there will be ten different stations signing W3TDF this year, so keep track of those suffixes! For instance, W3TDF/BUX will be in Bucks County, W3TDF/LUZ in Luzerne, They'll even be on Six Meters!

Myself, Allen, WI8T, and Ben, KD8KMQ are planning to operate from Jefferson County, in the cabin of John, N8PLA. Listen for us. We are going up a day early, to set up. We will be set up for 160-6 Meters.

Cell service at the cabin can be very spotty, so please don't call us to ask what frequency we're on. Try 40 meters first; if we aren't there, try the spotting networks. We'll again be signing KD8MQ. Modes will be both CW & SSB.

Of course, after the contest, we have our traditional stop at Kings Restaurant in Barkeyville. I mean really, who can turn down a strawberry waffle Sunday? Not this ham!

We'll be looking for you on the air!



WINTER FIELD DAY

SPAR, the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio, is again sponsoring their Winter Field Day, on January 24-25, 2015. Times are: 1700z-1700z.

N8W will be operating near the town of Mineral City. Modes will be Phone, CW and PSK. Our team is KD8ENV(Mike), N3JJT (Scott), KD8BBK(Tony) and WD8MBE(Tom) (pictured at Right).

This will be the 9th year for Winter Field Day. The premise is that emergencies happen not only in the warm months of the year, but any time of the year.

The official Rules can be found at the SPAR Website (www.spar-hams.org).





Rambling by John, KD8MQ



And another busy year comes to an end for the AARC. Elections are coming up this month. Are you ready? Each October we gather after the regular club meeting to vote on who will be guiding our club through the coming year. So, is this the year that you step up and run for an office? I hope so. To quote W. L. Bateman, "If you keep on doing what you've always done, you'll keep on getting what you've always got."

Which means what? We've done pretty good over the last several years, but we need fresh ideas, and a different perspec-

tives if we are to continue into the future. Sitting on your hands just doesn't work anymore if we are to keep the momentum going.

Repeater - You can read about this elsewhere in the newsletter, but I want to take a moment and thank everyone who came out to the Tower-raising at my QTH last weekend. Thanks to your efforts, the club 440 repeater is back on the air. We have a couple small issues to work out, but things are moving right along. It covers all of the Alliance area, and outlying areas. We expect better range once the leaves fall in the next few weeks.

Club Picnic - I had a great time at the rainy club picnic. Sorry we didn't take pictures. Trust me it was a good night.

OSPOTA - It's all over but the scoring. This years OSPOTA weekend had some great weather (provided you were south of Columbus). Sorry for the rest of you who had rain all day. I noticed a lot of clubs who set up at a state park for the contest. Perhaps that will be something to think about next year.

PA QSO Party - And we lead into my favorite contest of the year. Allen, WI8T, Ben, KD8KMQ, and myself will again descend upon the cabin of John, N8PLA for the second weekend in October. More on this in an article in this issue.

Hamfest Travels - I made it to my first Cleveland Hamfest in several years last weekend, and am looking forward to representing the ARRL at Conneaut on October 19th. On November 2nd, I'll be setting up to sell at the Massillon Hamfest.

Fire Department Toy Drive - I will be asking for approval again this year for the entire 50/50 fund for November 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.

We will be making sure to sweeten the pot a bit to get you to loosen up those purse strings. More info next month.

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

Paper Chase by Joe Wehner, W8KNO

October has a special event that has historical significance. It is the celebration of the birthday of the United States Navy.

The Chief of Naval Operations has stated that the Navy Birthday is one of the two Navy-wide dates to be celebrated annually. The Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on 13 October 1775 with the following resolution.

"Resolved, That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportional number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruise eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct.

That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare an estimate of the expense, and lay the same before the Congress, and to contract with proper persons to fit out the vessel.

Resolved, that another vessel be fitted out for the same purposes, and that the said committee report their opinion of a proper vessel, and also an estimate of the expense."

In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 October as the Navy's birthday. The Navy Birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

The special event (NI6IW) will be on the air from noon till 7:00 P.M. October 11th. The event will originate from the USS Midway (CV-41) located in San Diego. Look for her around: 14.320 7.250; PSK31 14.070; D-STAR REF1C.

A QSL card can be obtained from: USS Midway (CV-41)

Museum Radio Room 910 N Harbor Dr. San Diego, CA 92101



I'll be listening for you! Joe - W8KNO

Elections Are Coming Up

Here's the job descriptions for each of the offices up for grabs at the next meeting. If you would like to be considered, nominations are taken from the floor at the meeting.

-The President shall preside at all meetings of this club and conduct them according to

Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall be responsible to ensure positions are filled and to conduct the business of the club. Examples of these positions are: Newsletter Editor, Equipment Chairman, Program Chairman, etc.

- -The Vice President shall assume all duties of the president in his/her absence. He/She shall also organize club activities and programs not otherwise designated to a committee, or other member.
- The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, keep a roll of members and receive applications for membership.
- The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, pay no bills without a majority vote at a regular meeting by the club, and shall make a brief financial report at each regular meeting.

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)	
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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

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KD8MQ OSPOTA Wrap-up

Well, my annual trip to a state park is behind me. This year's park of choice was A. W. Marion State Park, near Circleville. The campsite was in grid EM89np, @ 935' ASL. The Antenna was my old reliable G5RV, connected to the Yaesu FT-950.

Overnight temperature on Friday was about 88, until around midnight. Saturday, things got a bit chillier, with temps into the low 50s by morning.

The G5RV was set up about 12 feet off of the ground, to take advantage of NVIS. logging was done by N1MM

I was watching the radar all afternoon, and around 6:30, it began sprinkling. That was my cue to shut down, and put the equipment away. Granted, it was only a sprinkle, but I wasn't about to take chances with my equipment. Next year, I should consider bringing a second tent to operate from.

I surpassed(barely) my score from 2013. I'd have liked to do better, but my BIC (Butt In Chair) time was lower than it should have been.

The final total was 150 QSOs, and 54 parks contacted. I'll take that, but hopefully my score will improve next year.

The bottom line is that I had a ball getting out of the shack, and operating from the great outdoors. If you get a chance to do the same, TAKE IT! You won't be sorry.

Funny story, I posted to Facebook a picture of an air-conditioned tent on Friday night. Some friends & family took it seriously. I guess when you're a Ham, folks stop being surprised by anything you do. HI HI



73, de John, KD8MQ



KD8BBK OSPOTA Wrap-up

Hello to all and hope everyone is doing well.

Well OSPOTA 2014 came and went this past month and I had a chance to participate again. This was my fourth year out of 7 years of existence for the contest. I operated from Salt Fork where I have the past four trips for OSPOTA and had another great showing for the contest.

A little bit about the contest. It takes place at one of any 74 state parks in Ohio and last for 8 hours. It is a fun contest that is laid back and full of activity, and never a dull moment. There are many categories that an operator can run, don't even have to be at a state park.





As for my set up this year I tried a different part of the Salt Fork state park area and picked out a nice picnic shelter that had a lot of trees and electric. I set up a G5RV and a Icom 718. Took me about 1 hour to get the antenna and the rig set up which left me plenty of time to run some on air test before the contest started.

The contest went great and the weather ended up being very nice. This is a great contest that gets you out-

side and can keep your portable setup skills honed.

There is lots of fun to be had and this contest is really growing in popularity, ran into a lot of stations in other states waiting for us state park stations this year. So maybe put this on your list of radio activities to do next year, you won't be disappointed.

One quick story I will share is a fellow I worked in Bowling Green Ohio. His call was K8BBK. We







and shared some laughs. I asked him he minded if I used his call once in a while, its just one letter. HI HI. Well anyways had a great time as usual and my score was, 55 state parks worked and 225 total QSOs for a total of 12,375 points. My best score so far in this great contest.

Hope to hear you on the air next year calling "Parks on the air contest"

Tony KD8BBK

Two Meter Repeater Gets New Antenna

Here's a shot of Mike, KD8RUQ installing the new X700 Diamond Antenna at the Two Meter Repeater Site.

According to Don, K8OMO, it took two days to get the old mast and antennas down. The new mast pipe was installed Wednesday. The new antenna seems to be a big improvement on coverage

Don is running his personal mirage amp on the system, while he works on something more permanent. We are running 40 watts to the antenna, and it can be increased if needed.



Two Meter Net Report

August

August 7th —12 August 14th—12 August 21st—10 August 28th—12 Total Check-ins - 46 Here's the latest Net report from Smitty, KC8TJQ. Times & frequencies for all our nets are on page 2.

Remember, as Smitty Says

"Without you, there is no net; You make the net!"

September

September 4th —11 September 11th—11 September 18th—13 September 25th—13 Total Check-ins - 48

Cell Phone Recycle

When you trade up to that new smartphone, we'd like you to remember that we are doing an ongoing cell phone recycling drive. Just bring your old cell phones to the next club meeting.

We will see that your old phone gets recycled in the most environmentally friendly way possible. At the same time, we make money for our club! How's that for a win-win?

If getting to a meeting is not convenient, just give John, KD8MQ a call at 330-936-5021, to make other arrangements.



54th Annual Hamfest and Auction Sunday, November 2, 2014

MASSILLON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Massillon Boy's & Girl's Club 730 Duncan ST SW, Massillon OH

Setup at 6:00 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. 13,000 sq ft : Handicap Accessible : All Indoors : Free Parking

ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST

Still just \$5.00 General Admission!

ARRL QSL CARD CHECKING AVAILABLE!

Under 12 Free. Admission Ticket good for all main and door prizes

Tables Rental only \$14.00 each. Free electric available on a limited basis

PRIZES

Main Prize Drawing at 1:00

1st Prize - Yaesu FT-8900

2nd Prize - MFJ 991B Tuner

3rd Prize - Yaesu FT60R HT

Need not be present for Main Prizes but must be present for all other prizes.

AUCTION

Auction begins at 10:00 a.m. 15%
Commission charged on all items sold. You may buy back your own items at no charge. MARC reserves the right to limit the amount and/or type of items sold at the Auction!
No Computer Equipment!

VE LICENSE TESTING AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM

For more information or Reservations: Terry Russ - N8ATZ 3420 Briardale Dr. NW Massillon, OH 44646 Phone (330) 837-3091

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Contact us at truss@sssnet.com

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October 2014

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This Months Meeting

will be on Wednesday,

October 8th in the Café Conference Room at:

Alliance Community hospital

200 E. State St Alliance, OH.

Our meeting will begin at 7:30PM

This month will be our annual meeting for election of officers

Feel free to Join us for dinner beforehand at

Frank's Family Restaurant

480 E. State St, Alliance

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