Zero Beat

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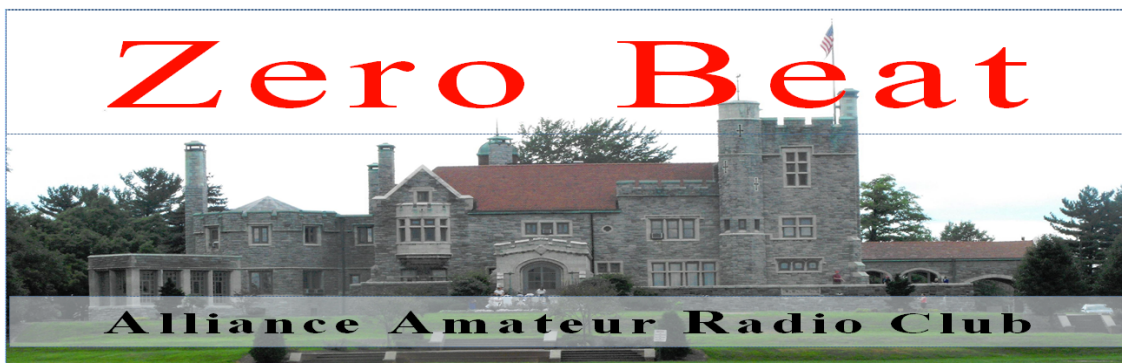
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Welcome to another issue of the Zero Beat. This is a Monthly newsletter devoted to announcements of upcoming news, & events of interest to members of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club. More information on the Alliance Amateur Radio Club can be found on our website at www.w8lky.org. I'm your editor, John, KD8MQ.

Unless otherwise noted, feel free to copy anything you see here for use in your club newsletter. All we ask is that credit to be given to the Monday morning message.

KD8MQ Rambling

Hi everyone,

There's a lot happening in the next couple months. were you planning for this to be a slow time for the club? Hah! Not likely! There's lots of stuff going on in the club, and in the Ohio section. Let's do a brief rundown here. Most of this will be expounded upon in the rest of the zero Beat.

- December program - Jim Bixler, on UAVs
- December 12th - AARC Christmas Party
- January Program - KD8MQ on national parks On The air Event
- January 9th - Ohio ARES VHF Simplex Contest
- January 30th - Winter Field Day
- TBA - Group Build - Antennas

time you read this, a re-vamp of the site will have begun.

I hope everyone has a wonderfull Christmas & New Years, but sure hop I see you before then! :-)

73,

John, KD8MQ

PAPER CHASE

6th Anniversary of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner First Flight

On the 13th and 14th of this month, KB7QPS near Seattle, Washington will be conducting the special event. The event will originate near Boeing Field, where the first 787 Dreamliner was based during the flight test program. Listen near 3.900, 14.250 and 146.540 from 0000Z to 2400Z. The QSL card is not yet designed, but I have it from a jolly old elf that there will be a picture of the Dreamliner on the card. To obtain your card send an SASE to: Greg Magone, 27492 254th Pl SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038. If you have any questions you may contact him at: greg.magone@gmail.com.
                    Hope to hear you on the air!
                    Joe - W8KNO

November Minutes

AARC Meeting of 11 Nov 2015

   At 7:30PM President Rex Simmons NX8G opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegience followed by a round of introductions with 15 members and eventually 2 guests present. Rex then thanked the outgoing officers and, in

The committees reported were ten meter and Homeland security nets by Don, K8OMO, two meter nets by Tomas, KC8ZEH. Rex reported that Smitty, KC8TJQ, regretfully wishes to step down as net manager of the two meter nets. Asking for volunteers resulted in Tomas, KC8ZEH agreeing to take up to task. Then Don. K8OMO, reported on the two meter repeater and Ben, KD8KMQ, reported the 440 repeater is to be installed later this month when the hospital informs us the antenna and feed-line have been opened for our use.The repeater itself has been donated by N8HHV to replace the unit owned by the club . The new unit physically fits the mounting location available. John, KD8MQ, reported on the website and Frank, WA8WHP, reported the classes have 4 more sessions before the test session.

The secretary's report was stated by WA8WHP to have been published in the Zero Beat and Monday Morning Message. Moved by KC8ZEH and seconded by KD8YFV to accept as published. Vote carried.

The reasurer's report was made by KB8IVS. It was moved to accept by KD8RFY and seconded by N8WD. Vote carried.

Old business was begun with the election of the vice president, N8WD nominated KC8ZEH and KD8KMQ seconded Tomas accepted his nomination. KC8ZEH nominated K2ASA and KD8KMQ seconded, Paul declined the nomination. N8IGZ moved the nominations be closed after no others were brought forward, KD8MQ seconded. Motion passed by show of hands and KC8ZEH was acclaimed vice president. Congratulation Tomas.

The Christmas Party puzzle was solved. It will be 12 December at Don Pancho's Tex Mex Restaurant. Social hour at 6PM sit to eat at 7PM.

The club documents will be digitized and put in multiple storage sites and media and the paper material was accepted by KC8ZEH for storage.

Wa8WHP moved we would fund the $100 gifts for the Christmas Party and handle in the traditional manner. N8WD seconded. Motion carried by show of hands.

KD8ZEZ announced he approached various city officials about possible club station housing and other ideas. The officials were seemingly receptive of the ideas. K8OMO reminded us the membership must approve any such agreements. Furthure discussion resulted in a motion by K8OMO and second by KD8MQ for the formation of a committee.   KD8ZEZ and WA8WHP to investigate the possibilities. Any other volunteers?

The Fort Wayne Hamfest and others were announced.

Ham of the Year ballots were distributed and collected.

KC8ZEH moved and N8IGZ seconded to close the business meeting. NX8G closed the meeting.

The 50/50 drawing proceeded with the club's portion going to the Fire Department's Toy drive. The big winner other than the Toy Drive was KD8KMQ. Spend it wisely Ben.
Various other prizes were given to the winning members after the primary drawing.

about his repaired Heathkit power supply, WA8WHP's replacement of the cartridge in a microphone, KD8ZEH and his decoration of Santa's ride, and KD8MQ's tower adventures. The winner, by club votes was KD8YFV, who received the gift certificate to Frank' Family Restaurant. Congratulations Dwight.

   Thanks to KD8KMQ for the donation of the projector to the club for use, primarily, in the classes.

   Respectfully submitted by WA8WHP secretary.

UAVs to be demonstrated at December meeting

The December meeting of the Alliance ARC will be have a program unlike any we've ever done before. This month, our presenter is Jim Bixler, from Flite Test. Flite Test markets UAVs to the hobbyist, as well as to the government. In case you are wondering, UAV stands for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

In our brief phone conversation, Jim touched on a couple of the items that he will be bringing to the meeting. I'm going to let you be surprised. Just suffice to say that this is a DO NOT MISS meeting.

The December 9th meeting will be getting underway promptly at 7:30 PM, at the Alliance Community hospital Cafe Conference Room.

AARC Christmas Party Scheduled for December 12th

Saturday, December 12th is the Alliance ARC Christmas Party. Socializing begins at 6 PM, with dinner at 7 PM. After dinner, we will be drawing for gifts, and naming our **2015 Ham of the Year!**

no reservations are ever required at the AARC Christmas Party. just show up & order from the menu.

year! So, come one, come all!

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
2014 Tomas St. George, KC8ZEH

(This is a reprint of something that I included in the Monday Morning Message. I don't normally run things in both places, but made an exception for this one. DE KD8MQ)

Announcing!

January 9, 2016

Purpose

ARES is tasked with being able to provide communications "When all else fails." Local communication is critical and typically takes place on the VHF or UHF amateur band. In order to improve our ability to perform on these bands, Ohio Section ARES is sponsoring the ARES VHF Contest (Yeah, we know, but calling it the Ohio VHF / UHF Contest got a little long-winded). Participants in the contest are encouraged to make as many contacts as possible within the timeframe of the contest, with as many different geographical locations as the bands permit. The contest is open to all amateur operators, ARES members are strongly encouraged to participate. How else are you going to win the 'bragging rights' session of your next ARES meeting?

When did you say it was?

The contest is January 9, 2016. The start time is (for those of us who sleep in) 10 AM through 6 PM Eastern. Yeah, a civilized timeframe that doesn't rob sleep, and allows time with the family. Why, you can even watch a few cartoons in the morning!

Where you gonna be?

You may operate this contest from anywhere. There are certain benefits for venturing out from your warm, comfortable home station. EOC stations can gain extra points. Portable stations can gain even MORE extra points – that is, if your frozen fingers will still be able to operate a keyboard. Portable stations MUST use portable antennas, nothing permanently attached…kind of like Field Day on ice. We are not going with any mobile operation this time. The image of a bunch of vehicles running around with portable towers, 150 pounds of antenna hardware and an occasional grounding anchor is best left to the ARRL contesters.

Da Bands – a la' Mode

Because local emergency communication takes place primarily on the two meter and 70 centimeter bands, the contest is limited to those two bands. Within each band, we will have these modes: FM Simplex, "Everything else" Simplex; DIGITAL simplex contacts will make up a third mode on each band. Contacts with a station count once per mode- if you can talk the other guy into abandoning "his frequency" and meeting you on SSB or CW, more power to ya! NO REPEATER CONTACTS WILL COUNT. If you get bored, you certainly are welcome to chat amongst yourselves on repeaters, or simplex, or cell phones, or smoke signals.

Da Contacts

The goal is to contact as many different stations in as many different counties

available for contacting an EC, AEC, DEC or ADEC or SEC. Pretty simple- any more complex and we'll confuse the scorekeepers.

Da Score
Each FM Simplex contact counts as 1 point.
Each non- FM simplex contact counts as 1 point.
Each digital simplex contact counts as 1 point. (Detect a pattern here?)
Contact with EC, AEC, DEC, ADEC, ASEC, or SEC adds 5 points.
Contact with an EOC or with a portable station adds 5 points.
Operation from an EOC add 50 points to your total contact score.
Operation from a portable location add 100 points to your total contact score.
Total contact score (all bands/modes added together) will be multiplied by the total number of counties you contacted.

Da Logs
Please use any of the appropriate computer logging programs, paper dupe sheets, a well worn slide rule or rusty abacus. Just keep all that to yourself, we can't find anyone with the time to go through all the detail contacts. Submit an email to " contest@delares.org " with the following:

Your name:
Group name:
Location: (City, county)
FM Simplex Contacts:
"Everything else" Simplex Contacts:
Digital Simplex Contacts:
EOC bonus:
Portable bonus:
Total Contact Score (Add above together, but you figured that out already):
Multiply by total number of counties contacted (include your own!):

Bask in the glory of a well thought out, well executed effort!

Da Legal Stuff! (DE KD8MQ)
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The bandplan for Two meters, and 432, can be viewed here.

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