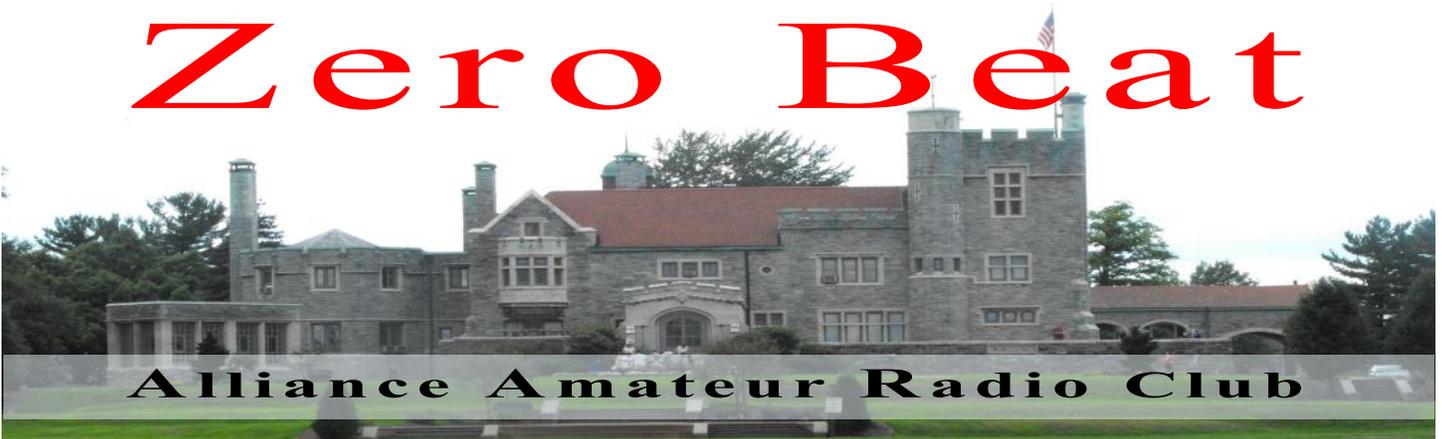


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Mary Anne, KB8IVS is in Nursing Home

Mary Anne, KB8IVS was recently admitted to Woodlawn Nursing home in Canton. She will be there a little while, and would enjoy some visitors.

Christmas cards would probably also be appreciated. Woodlawn is located at 2821 Woodlawn Ave, Canton, OH. It's just south of Hills & Dales Rd.

AARC Meeting Announcement

The December Meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club is coming on Wednesday, December 14th. This month, we'll be showing off our QSL cards. Bring your cards; either individual, or entire collections to show.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Alliance Community Hospital. Normally, you can find us in the Cafe Conference room, which is just off the cafeteria.

We hope to see you on the 14th!

AARC Christmas Party is on December 17th

New Time - 5 PM

The annual Alliance ARC Christmas Party is coming up soon. This years shindig will again be at Don Panchos, 2105 W. State St. The highlight of the evening will be the awarding of the Ham of The Year award.

We will be meeting for socializing at 5 PM, and dinner at 6. No pesky reservations required; just drop in!

Monthly Alliance ARC Breakfast kicks Off

The inaugural Alliance ARC breakfast was held on December 3rd; the first Saturday in December. The crowd of 12 was pretty decent for a cold December morning.

We will be doing this on the first Saturday of each month. All are welcome to join us, whether a club member or not. A ham ticket is not required.

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AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month, at the Alliance Community Hospital. For times, and program information, check the meeting announcement in this newsletter, or check our website (see below)
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
(pl - 131.8hz)

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

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We meet at 8:30 AM at Frank's Alliance Family Restaurant, 428 E. State St. The next club breakfast will be on Saturday, January 7th.

AARC First Ladies Library Activation

On November 19th, members of the Alliance ARC braved a mixed bag of conditions in order to activate the First Ladies Library National Historic Site in Canton, Ohio. First Ladies is better known as NS16, and mostly sits on a city block in downtown Canton. It is frequented by NPOTA activators from around the US.

The day started off with rain, then falling temps, and snow squalls. Finally, around 11 AM, things cleared out, became pretty decent, if you don't count the frigid temps. I say frigid, only because 32 degrees was quite a change from the 72 degree temps we enjoyed mere hours before.

In around 4 hours of operating, our 4 stations managed 167 QSOs. In reviewing the logs, we contacted 36 states, and 6 countries. 40 Meters was again our money band (118 QSOs), followed by 20 (43 QSOs), 2 (5 QSOs), and 15 (1 QSO) Meters. All QSOs have been entered into the club Callsign database, and uploaded to Log-book Of The World. If you worked us, and haven't received credit, please e-mail John, KD8MQ at kd8mq@arrl.net, giving your call, and as much information about the contact as possible, and I'll be glad to research it.

Thanks to the following operators who came out to this activation:

Paul, K2ASA

Dwight, KD8YFV

Bryan, N8WD

Ben, KD8KMQ

John, KD8MQ

Loren, KD8WVE

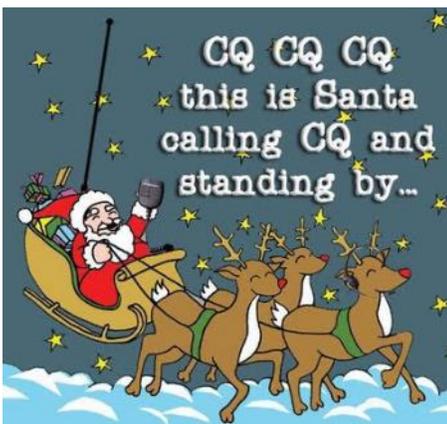
Gary, KB8GAB

W8LKY Places Middle of Pack in FD2016

The 2016 Field Day results have been posted at ARRL.org, and while we didn't set the contesting world on fire, we placed respectably this year.

We placed 500th out of 2698 entries. Filtering the data down to only stations in our class (3A), and power multiplier (2), we placed 95th out of 324 entries.

You can check the results yourself at www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=80253 So, this gives something to shoot for in 2017.



Nightly Santa Net is on 80 Meters

(ed. note - The following came across Larry's list this afternoon. Larry's List. LL is a mailing list centered in the Kansas City region. For more information on Larry's List, please surf over to www.larryslist.info.)

Every year on 3916 kHz, we give good little boys and girls a chance to talk to Santa Claus at the North Pole! It is

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indeed a magical experience to experience kids talking with Santa through the magic of Amateur Radio!

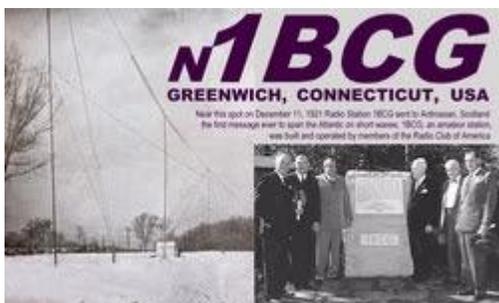
The Santa Net is on the air every night, November 25th through December 24th at 8:30 local (0130 UTC).

To participate in The Santa Net, just have your kids prepared to tell Santa their top 2 -3 gift wishes.

Note: Please remember to adhere to all FCC Rules & Regulations pertaining to 3rd Party Traffic. Thanks!

Transatlantic Reception Anniversary Special Event Set for December 11

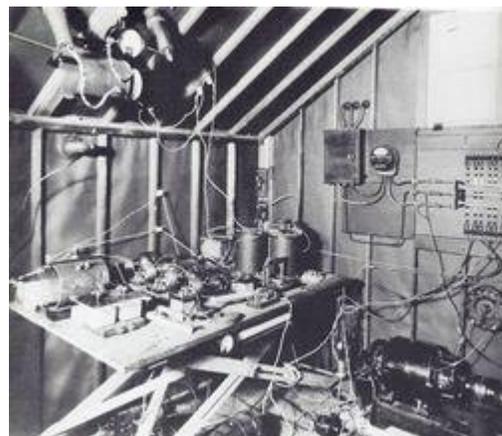
An Amateur Radio special event on December 11 will commemorate the 95th anniversary of the first transatlantic shortwave reception between Greenwich, Connecticut, and Scotland. A school near the original site is hosting the event. **ARRL, the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB), and the Radio Club of America (RCA), are partnering in sponsoring the activity.** The Greenwich Historical Society will also participate.



On December 11, 1921, reception in Ardrossan, Scotland, of a radio signal transmitted from the official test station of Minton Cronkhite, 1BCG, in a small shack on the corner of Clapboard Ridge Road and North Street in Greenwich, helped to usher in the age of global communication. The special event will use N1BCG, the call sign of Clark Burgard of Greenwich, who obtained that call sign to commemorate this bit of radio history. Burgard was instrumental in making arrangements for the event.

The N1BCG special event will begin on Sunday, December 11, at 1200 and conclude at 0300 UTC on December 12. It will include an attempt at a two-way contact between N1BCG and GB2ZE, operated by Jason O'Neill, GM7VSB, in Ardrossan.

Reception in Scotland of the 1BCG signal was part of the second series of ARRL transatlantic tests. For the receiving end, the ARRL Board had selected a receiver designed by Paul Godley, 2ZE, and Godley traveled to the UK to oversee that end of the circuit. Joining Godley in a field in Ardrossan, southwest of Glasgow, was Marconi Company District Inspector D.E. Pearson. As the QST article, "The Transatlantic Tests" (QST Dec. 2014) by Michael Marinaro, WN1M, recounted, "The two attempted to keep out of the driving wind and rain by sheltering themselves -- and their equipment -- in a tent. This rough listening post was comprised of a (superheterodyne and regenerative) receiver, a 1,300-foot Beverage antenna suspended 12 feet above ground, batteries, and auxiliary equipment."



The 1BCG 1 kW CW transmitter

Minutes

Minutes for the Alliance Amateur Radio Club, Nov. 9, 2016 7 p.m. at the Alliance Hospital

Attending members and guests: Frank Sanor WA8WHP, Tony Schillig KD8BBK, Paul Richards K2ASA, Benjamin Davis KD8KMQ, John Myers KD8MQ, Bryan Webler N8WD, Tomas St. George KC8ZEH, Miriam Sanor, Lorin L Kleinhans KD8WVE, Dwight Turner KD8YFV, Howard K. Miller KD8DXR, Carl Mani K7CE, Aaron Perkins KE8FIK

Started in prayer at 7:30, by Frank Sanor, Then pledged allegiance to the flag.

Meeting led by President Paul Richards, K2ASA, Everyone introduced themselves, & Birthdays for the month were announced

Secretary's report:

Was in monthly newsletter. Accepted as written, motion made by KC8ZEH and seconded by KD8DXR

Treasurer's report:

Former treasurer, Mary Anne is unavailable to transfer the account, efforts are being made to do so. It has been suggested that we open a new account and transfer funds to it then close the old account.

Motion was made to open a new account by KC8ZEH and seconded by WA8WHP

There was a lengthy discussion about how many signers should be in the account, which bank it should be set up at. It was amended to add 4 signers, the treasurer and 3 trustees. Motion was passed and now Tony will do so as soon as he has money to open the account. When they get hold of Mary Anne they will transfer monies and close the old account.

Net Information

KD8MQ HF net report, same as most months. 4 to 8 check ins, if it remains low it may be discontinued

CW net too has a low check in according to WA8WHP

2 meter net KC8ZEH 5 out of 10 check ins were from echolink, then we went up 14 and 12 so the average is 10 to 12 check ins.

It was suggested that we publish a net format on the club website

Updates for repeater and website:

KD8MQ says we are still looking for a site to host the 2 meter repeater and getting things set up to install the new antenna and feed line for the 440.

The 2 meters is still at Sherry's house.

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Option A: move the 2 meter to the hospital, Not fond of this option.

Option B: go to a split site repeater, have the transmitter remain where it is and the receiver move to John's house on his antenna, but we would need a 440 link established.

Option C: is anywhere else, it hasn't been here at Alliance, maybe Molly Stark Their water tower is pretty high.

They have discussed all the reasons for separating repeaters and suggestions were discussed.

They then discussed future club meeting sites. New contacts will be looking into possibilities

Class updates

WA8WHP reported we have 2 students, they are ready now to take tests for technician level, Frank wants to continue training until they take the tests.

Discussion was had about competitions

There was discussion about a contest to be held at the First Lady's Library but they didn't want to interfere with the cq contest on Thanksgiving weekend

The 1st or 2nd weekend in Dec. may be possible, but it would conflict with others.

Further discussions were held.

A show of hands for the Sat. after Thanksgiving for the National Parks contest. There were no objections

It will be a phone only operation.

The following weekend is the sweepstake weekend

Decided to hold it on the 19th of Nov. at 4 p.m.

Emails will be sent out to organize

Report of meeting place by WA8WHP

There is a single room at the driving school on the corner of Ely. The owner uses it Tues. and Thurs. but it will be open for us otherwise for classes. It has a restroom. It is free, but we can put sweat equity into it to help them out.

Parking is available and it looks like it would do well for the needs we have.

We requested that they lock the office up so we wouldn't be liable for his files and materials.

We could set up a station there, but how would we get access.

A lock box with building key is a suggestion.

Subject was shelved for more time to check out the details.

New business:

Winter field day: No one has time for it

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Summer field day: It was suggested 3 separate stations, 3 separate areas, with trailers set up to ease the chaos involved when all are working radios at the same time.

Hamfest, Jan. 29 Tusco is hosting it

There were discussions on summer field day events again and winter field day as well

Donations to Toys For Tots

Because we have issues with treasury we may have to table until next year

We will discuss it this summer

Ham of the Year

We still have equipment to sell

It has been suggested to keep parts for club members

They are currently stored in K2ASA's garage

VE sessions were announced

Christmas party Dec. 17 at 5p.m. at Don Ponchos

Smitty is out of the hospital and back home, but still in need of care and prayer

Ask Mary to send cards to him.

Meeting first Sat. of every month, we will meet at Frank's family restaurant.

8:30a.m. This is not a motion, it is just information for anyone who is interested in getting together.

A motion was made by K8DXR and seconded by KD8BBK to adjourn. It passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

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