



# Zero Beat

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## Club Programs & Events

March 5th - Club Breakfast

March 9th - Club Meeting  
[\(for all events, see w8lky.org\)](#)

### Club Breakfast

**(COVID PERMITTING)**

At 8:30am on the Saturday,  
March 5th, we will meet for  
breakfast at

**Don Panchos Restaurant  
(2105 W. State St, Alliance)**

All are welcome.

### Club Meeting

**(COVID PERMITTING)**

This month, we will be meeting  
at Don Pancho's Tex-Mex  
(2105 W. State St, Alliance)  
March 9th

Dinner at 6-ish, and meeting  
promptly at 7:30PM

## President's Remarks "Jumping Into Spring 2022"



Hi everyone, well it's time to jump into spring 2022. Yep it is time to put away the snow shovel, the ice control and get ready to do some outdoor

work on our equipment. Well maybe not just yet, mother nature needs to turn off the snow machine and melt all this snow and what ever from the ground. I don't about you, but I am looking forward to nice warm day and cool evenings.

The real true is we need to get Face to Face and start to put COVID in the rear view mirror and shift into second gear. If the current trend continues to decline in COVID activity, then we can reopen the activities up to the good old days of face to face. We need to get our thinking caps on and communicate. We had a great start Thursday February 17 on our Thursday night Two Meter Rag Chew with a TRIVIA SESSION hosted by Tomas(KC8ZEH), that was fun and we need more of it.

AARC's VE Session is set for April 16th

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## AARC Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at **Don Panchos Tex-Mex Cafe**. 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.

## Find Us Online:

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## AARC Repeaters

### 2 Meters

145.370 (-) W8LKY  
(PL - 110.9hz)

### 440 MHz

442.350 (+) W8LKY  
(PL - 131.8hz)

## Nets

### Tuesday

#### Homeland security Net

7:00PM 147.51 Simplex

### Thursday

#### Ten Meters

8:00PM 28.420 MHz (SSB)

8:20PM 28.100 MHz (CW)

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## President's Remarks "Patience is a Virtue"

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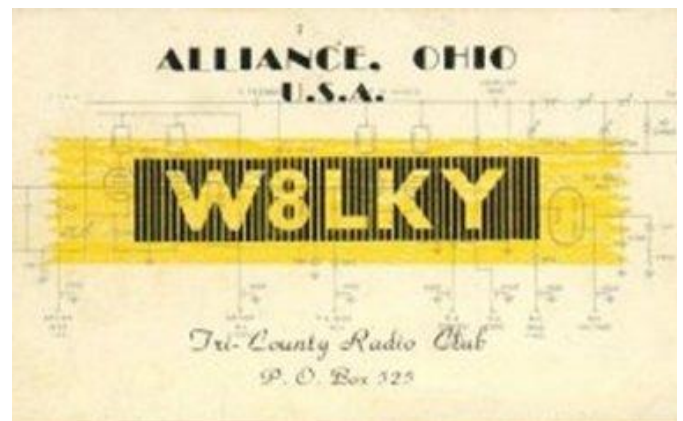
at a site yet to be announced, we are looking at a local site without paying a rental fee. The other rules are posted on the club's web site. If you are going to upgrade your license, I would suggest you do it sooner rather than later. There are changes in the works by the federal government in 2022. Just another reminder, it is suggested that you should score in the 80-90 percent on your practice tests on line.

We will soon be announcing our Spring 2022 Raffle prize and the net proceeds helps the club to fund our traditional Christmas Holiday Charities project. If you have a suggestion for raffle prize contact John(WG8X). Also please do not forget that AARC club dues are due by March 31st. You can complete your renewal form and pay on line using our pay pal account on our website. You may also elect to use the older method of paying you dues. Down load a copy of the club's renewal form fill it out and return it along with your check to our mailing address: Alliance Amateur Radio Club P.O.Box 3344 Alliance, Ohio 44601.

We have quite a few opportunities for you to participate on our list of different frequencies. Ten Meter SSB, Ten Meter CW(looking for a net manager to run this net), Home Land Security which is getting more popular each month, and our Thursday night Rag Chew at 9pm. So many opportunities for all of us to do what we do best COMMUNICATE!!

73

Ron(KE8HCY)



## Items for sale from the WA8NEJ Estate

- ASTRON RS-20A POWER SUPPLY  
(output terminals have been replaced with 1/4-20 bolts.) \$45
- Butternut Spider antenna (no hub) \$15
- Drake 2B receiver - with manual, schematic, and documentation of work done  
(date unknown) - has Crystal Calibrator **ASK**
- Drake 2-BQ speaker/Q-Multiplier **ASK**
- EICO 706 CODE OSCILLATOR (working) \$15
- Heathkit EK-1 VOM, with companion manual \$15
- Heathkit EK-2 Receiver - looks complete, however the chassis is loose in the case.  
Has not been powered up. \$15
- K9LU BD3 CLASSIC KEY (IAMBIC)
- KANTRONIC PACKET COMMUNICATOR 9612
- MFJ MFJ-1272BYV Microphone/TNC Switch Model
- MFJ MFJ-207 HF SWR ANALYZER M/N MFJ-207 W/ 2 AC adaptors - 1.75 - 30MHz  
\$20.00 (Battery Clip needs re-attached to the case)
- MFJ MFJ-962C tuner MFJ-962C - 1.5KW (Not roller inductor) (Band selector switch is  
damaged and needs replaced. \$75.00
- Micronta 22-124A Power Supply \$5
- Realistic 28-110 3 TRANSISTOR SHORTWAVE RADIO KIT \$5
- Standard C528A HT 2M/440 w/ drop-in charger & 7(!) battery packs; 2 of them look  
like they've never been opened. Also has a speaker mic \$35
- Tigertronics BayPac BP-1 Packet Modem \$10

Interested in any of these items?

Contact John, WG8X

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## Items for sale from the WA8NEJ Estate

### Books (Make offer)

- Radio Servicing by Abraham Marcus 1960
- Hints and Kinks Vol 6 by ARRL 1959
- The Radio Amateur's License Manual 1970 by ARRL
- A course In Radio Fundamentals by George Grammar (ARRL)1960
- On the Air with Ham Radio by Steve Ford 2001 (ARRL)
- Amateur Radio Theory Course by Martin Schwartz 1992 (AMECO)
- Elements of Radio by Marcus and Marcus 1959
- The ARRL Extra Class License Manual Ninth Edition (with practice cd)
- Personal Computers in the Ham Shack by Paul Danzer and Richard Roznoy (ARRL) 1997
- Ham Radio FAQ by ARRL 2001
- The ARRL Operating Manual For Radio Amateurs 12th Edition2019
- ARRL 2019 Repeater Directory
- RF Exposure & you Hare 1998
- Radio Amateurs HandbookARRL 1978
- Radio frequency Interference & how to fix it ARRL 1991
- Understanding Amateur Radio ARRL 1977
- Ameco Advanced Class Radio Amateur License Guide Ameco 1968

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## Minutes

Remember, our club minutes (with the financials redacted) can be found on our website at [w8lky.org](http://w8lky.org).

The treasurers report can be obtained by e-mailing the treasurer at [kd8mq1@gmail.com](mailto:kd8mq1@gmail.com)

## AARC Monthly VE Testing

The Alliance ARC is now doing VE testing

### Our first session of 2022 is on April 16th

Testing is held at the First Christian Church, 1141 W. Beech Street, in Alliance

Registration will be between 8-9AM, and testing will begin at 9 AM

The cost for testing will be \$15.00

Applicants Need to Bring the following;

- Copy of any current Amateur Radio License
- You must have an E-mail address for the FCC form. This is how they will contact you.
- If not licensed please go to the FCC website and register for an FRN. Bring this number with you as it is needed for your application.
- Photo ID showing current address like a Driver's License
- One additional ID, like a CCW Permit, Passport or work ID
- \$15.00, Cash only and exact change is encouraged
- A calculator is optional for math problems

For any additional questions please contact VE Team Liaison

**Karen Andrews, N8HUC**  
**(330)206-0563**

## WG8X Rambling

Field Day - It's time to start thinking about your plans for ARRL Field Day. I'll be unavailable for FD22. With the rule changes that the league has instituted, I've decided to scale back my participation a bit. [The rule changes can be found here.](#)

The rule change that I'm specifically talking about is the "Class D" or "Home Station" rule. Basically, Home stations can again contact each other for point credit. This effectively makes it harder on portable, & mobile station to make contacts in bands overrun by home stations with permanent antennas in place. According to the article linked above, the rule changes from last year are now permanent.

Several have e-mailed the chairperson of the committee who made this decision. I've heard several times that these changes are not actually permanent, and that the league made a boo-boo in saying that they were. But, I've yet to see any corrections coming from Newington.

So, I'm going camping on Field Day weekend. I'll get on the air, but I bet I'll be on the WARC bands most of the time.

So, think hard about volunteering for Field Day this year. As of this writing, a chairperson is still needed.

So now, on to the next subject. I'm hanging up the editors hat. The last 210 issues of the newsletter have been fun, but frankly, I just no longer have time for it. I had made this decision several days ago, but a recent heart attack reinforced it. I may return to the editors chair some day, but don't count on it. From here on out, I need to reduce how much I do with/for the club.

Thanks to all of you who've shown your support over the years. Along the way, we've won a few awards in the Ohio Section newsletter contest (two First place, one 2nd place, two third place, and an honorable mention).

Some would say that a newsletter is no longer valuable to a organization. I believe that they are wrong. The newsletter is still a valuable part of any club, especially when the members contribute to the newsletter. But, when the newsletter becomes a one person show as the Zero Beat has been for far too long, it frankly is not fun any longer.

For keeping the members informed, we still have Facebook, and the Groups.io groups. Of course we still have the website. I'll probably be looking for a volunteer editor for that by the end of the year.

Lastly, take care of yourself, exercise, eat well, and follow your doctors advice.

73 all, DE WG8X DIT DIT

# Profanity on Club Repeaters

Just a reminder that as federally licensed Amateur radio Operators, we are bound by the FCC Part 97 rules. Namely part 97.113 (4) which covers Prohibited transmissions. I'm copying it here, since some seem to have forgotten it.

*(4) Music using a phone emission except as specifically provided elsewhere in this section;*

*communications intended to facilitate a criminal act; messages encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning, except as otherwise provided herein; **obscene or indecent words or language**; or false or deceptive messages, signals or identification.*

Apparently someone decided to push the limits recently on the club Two Meter machine. I don't know the situation, and frankly, I don't care.

Keep your profanity-laced tirades off the club repeaters!

Here's the deal; the club repeaters operate under the club callsign, which is the responsibility of the license trustee (That's me). You wouldn't think of coming to my house, turning on my radio, and swearing using my callsign, right? So how is using the repeater in a illegal manner any different?

Going forward, the repeater committee, and a couple other trusted individuals will have the ability to shut down the repeaters if this happens again! No questions asked! We will also be talking about this at the March meeting.

The repeater is there for you to use, but **if you can't keep a civil tongue in your mouth, we don't want you on 5.37, or 442.350.**

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