

The Week ahead (May 12, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

First up

I have some great news for you all this week. Maybe you've already heard it through the grapevine, but we were notified Friday that our club is to be the recipient of a **\$2500 grant from the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA)**. I was notified about a month ago that we had been nominated, and I received the confirmation E-mail yesterday. There will be a formal presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Let's hear your ideas about how to best use this very generous gift.

How to find The Newsletter

Reading the newsletter will be more like it used to be. Go to w8lky.org, click on the newsletter tab, and look for the issue you want.

(Note: I am still uploading historical stuff back to the website, so be patient if you are looking for anything more than a year old. I'll keep you posted here.)

Hamvention Schedule

The largest gathering of Ham Radio aficionados in North America begins on Friday. I will be there for sure, but I haven't yet decided where I'll be after the big show. There is the slightest of slightest chances that I will not do a newsletter next week. Stay tuned though for a possible Hamvention Edition I won't know till next weekend.



BTW, it's not too late yet to plan for a trip to Hamvention. Hotels & campsites are likely booked up by now, but Xenia is close enough to make a nice day trip. I did hear from a friend who was able to snag a Friday night room in Columbus, giving him just an hour drive to Xenia on Saturday.

You can read all about visiting the big show at Hamvention.org

Club Meeting

Our May club meeting was last week. We heard all about the state of the club. Here's some of the highlights.

Field Day from our V-P, Steve, KB8RFE. We'll be at Arrowhead Orchard again. I'll try to get the latest in the next newsletter. Our Field Day Chairpersons this year are Steve, KB8RFE, and Jim, K8WUP.

Repeater - We heard that the 442.350 repeater at the hospital is still running on backup. Bob is running our usual repeater on the test bench to identify the source of its previously Anti-Social behavior. If everything goes well, we'll re-install it sometime after Memorial Day.

Club Gear - We heard from Karen that there is a shopify link to enable us to order shirts, hats, hoodies with the club name/logo on it. You can check it out at <https://shopmmco.myshopify.com/collections/aarcradioclubapparel>

(By the time you read this, I hope to have it added to w8lky.org)

Club Equipment

We've procured an Apache Case for the new Icom IC-7300. This will protect it while travelling.

I'll be purchasing a pair of Heil Pro-7 headsets (and accessories) at Hamvention. These have been funded by **your generous donations**. Thank you!

We also have headphone distribution amps that will allow multiple headsets to be plugged in to the rigs at Field Day.

I'm working on the power supply for the new rig. It should be a go for Field Day.

The plan is to have both stations hooked up at our club Day in the Park on June 12th (More info in this issue).

Stark County Radio Club picnic – Save the date for Saturday, August 31st, 2024 from 10am – 3pm. We will be at the Jaycee Shelter in Butler Rodman Park.

Plans are still being made at this time, and I'm open to suggestions. At time of year, I'd bet that corn will be on the menu.



W8LKY Special Event – During the Carnation Festival (August 1st – August 11th), we'll be putting W8LKY on the air as a special event station. We'll be offering some in the park opportunities, and you will be able to sign up to run the call sign from your own station. People who we contact can then request a certificate via E-Mail (for free), or a certificate & QSL card via Mail (With a SASE & \$1).

Details will be posted on our website (w8lky.org), and our QRZ page (<https://www.qrz.com/db/W8LKY>). Also, this special event will be in the August issue of QST.

Get On The Air Day – August 5th - We'll be getting together at Silver Park at the Jaycee Pavilion. Time will be about 3pm till whenever.

We'll set up a station or two, and demonstrate how to run a Special Event. I'll confirm the times as we get a bit closer, but this will be a great time to get out and enjoy our beautiful park system while playing radio.

Carnation Festival Grand Parade – Speaking of the Carnation Festival, we will be working the parade communications again; August 10th this year. We will also again have the club trailer decorated, and entered as a float. Pam Kleinhans has volunteered to decorate the trailer and orchestrate that part of our participation in the parade. Please give her your support.

Fundraiser - The ticket sales are still moving along.

Here's the major bullet points:

- We've printed 1500 tickets, and will draw the winner on July 10th, or at the first meeting after we sell out.
- Half of our net profit supports our club, while the other half goes to Charities in the Alliance Area.
- We've been doing this since 2020. We had just begun our first raffle when COVID shut everything down.
- You do NOT need to be present to win.

You can read more about our fundraiser in this newsletter.

The following comes from NOAA, and was shared to us by Jim, K8WUP. It's isn't over yet folks!

SEVERE AND EXTREME (G4-G5) GEOMAGNETIC STORMS LIKELY ON 12 MAY 2024

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Another series of CMEs associated with flare activity from Region 3664 over the past several days are expected to merge and arrive at Earth by midday (UTC) on 12 May. Periods of G4-G5 (Severe-Extreme) geomagnetic storms are likely to follow the arrival of these CMEs.

Wednesday Morning Coffee Break



While not an "official" club function, a group of our retirees gather each Wednesday morning around 9 AM at the Alliance Sheetz on W. State St for good coffee, and conversation.

Hope you can join us.

June Club Meeting to be Held at Silver Park

Our June club meeting will be
Wednesday, June 12th at the JayCee Pavilion in Silver Park.

This will be the finale to our Get on the Air Day. We have the pavilion rented for the entire day. In the afternoon, we'll be trying out the new equipment we've acquired.

Steve will be available to answer questions about digital modes. I'll be hosting a group build of J-Pole antennas, or Tape Measure beams. It could be anything.

We'll get started a bit after lunch. We'll be doing a cookout at 6pm, followed by a brief club meeting.

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club seeks to

- Promote fraternalism
- Educate and advance radio knowledge and individual operating efficiency
- Provide public service communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies
- Conduct club programs and other activities that advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in our community, county, and state.

AARC Fundraiser Is Underway



[Yaesu FT-710 AESS](#)

Our 2024 HF Rig Raffle is now live!

https://www.w8lky.org/hf_rig_raffle/

You can buy tickets in person at any club events, or online at the above link.

We'll be hitting the following Hamfests as long as we have tickets to sell.

June 9th – [Breezeshooters Hamfest](#) – Butler, PA

July 6th – [Mansfield Mid-Summer Trunkfest](#) – Mansfield, OH

Some help staffing the hamfest tables will be appreciated.

This year, the ticket prices are:

1 for \$5

5 for \$20

12 for 40

15 for \$50

(Paypal adds a small handling charge to all online sales)

https://www.w8lky.org/hf_rig_raffle/

Upcoming VE Exams

5/25 - Massillon - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/massillon-oh-44646-8407-13

6/08 - Lisbon - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/lisbon-oh-44432-1233-91

6/08 - Ravenna - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/ravenna-oh-44266-2191-85

6/10 – Cuyahoga Falls - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/cuyahoga-falls-oh-44221-15

6/15 – Alliance - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/alliance-oh-44601-2609-1

For more VE exam dates - <https://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

For more information about our Exam sessions -
<https://www.w8lky.org/licenses-ve-testing/ve-exams/>

Hamfest Calendar

you can look up local Hamfests by going to our website,
or just [click here](#).

5/17-5/19 Xenia Hamvention
Hamvention.org

6/9 – Butler, PA – Breezeshooters Hamfest
<http://breezeshooters.org/ns/>

Our Net Schedule

Monday

440 MHz Net

7:00 PM EDT - 442.350 FM (PL 131.8)

Tuesday

Homeland Security Net

7:00 PM EDT - 147.510 FM

Tuesday

6 Meter Digital Net

8:00 PM EDT - 50.292.25

Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

Thursday

7:30 PM EDT - 28.122

Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

Thursday

8:00 PM EDT - 28.423 SSB

Thursday

9:00 PM EDT - 145.370 FM

You can learn more about these nets on our Net page at <https://www.w8lky.org/activities/our-nets/>

Meet Your Officers / Volunteers

Chaplain: Ron, KE8HCY

Net Controls

Lorin Kleinhans, KD8WVE: 440 MHz Net

Steve Collins, KB8RFE: 6 Meter Digital Net

10 Meter Digital Net

James Andrews, KD8VT: Homeland security Net

John Myers, WG8X: 10 Meter SSB Net

Tomas St. George, KC8ZEH: 2 Meter Net

For a complete net schedule, scroll down, or go to our net page at

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