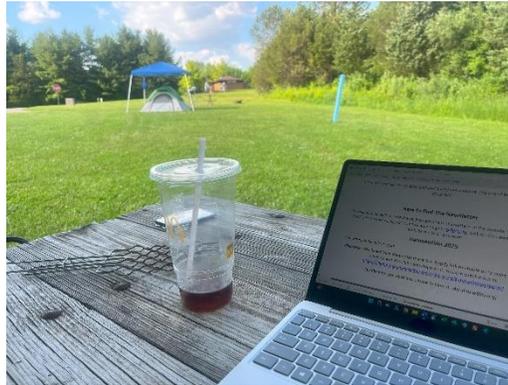


# The Week ahead (May 19, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

## First up

Here's the view from the editors desk this week. Next week will be similar.



This year, a bunch of us camped in the same loop here at Caesar Creek State Park and had a blast! It's great to come back and critique Hamvention around the campfire. Not Shown is Michael, KB9VBR. In the picture is Mike, WB8ERJ, and Kevin, W8NI. They were just some of the Hams who shared the campfire this year.



I hope everyone read last weeks newsletter, or perhaps you heard through other means that we have been chosen as the recipient of a **\$2500 grant from the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA)**. We are hoping for a formal presentation at our next meeting/Get On The Air day on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

I still want to hear your recommendations on how to best use this very generous gift. It would be great to hear some proposals in keeping with our mission statement. You have time, since we likely won't be discussing this much before the July or August meeting.

**But, please reach out to me with your comments, or questions.**

## Hamvention News

The big news from Xenia today is that we purchased the Heil Pro-7 headsets which were funded by your generosity. I bought them at Hamvention on Friday morning, and they were delivered to my house 24 hours later.

The rain here began early Friday and lasted until late morning. The rest of the weekend was gorgeous!

## How to find The Newsletter

You will soon be able to read the back-issues of our newsletters on the website. There was (and is) still a lot of work to do, but you'll be able to go to [w8lky.org](http://w8lky.org), click on the newsletter tab, and look for the issue you want.

## Hamvention 2025

This weekend, one of our members reached out to wish me & my team luck on ticket sales at Hamvention. Unfortunately, there is no team selling tickets here at Hamvention. There are a lot of clubs represented here, and I'd be thrilled if the Alliance Amateur Radio Club could be one of them next year.

But, to make that dream a reality, here's what we need. Since this is a 3 day show (2 day realistically), we need at least 3 people; more would be great, so we could spell each other.

Besides selling tickets, we sell club gear, but members & friends would have a place to sit and rest while making their rounds. Think about this, and maybe we can have a presence here next May.

**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>



**Stark County Radio Club picnic** – Save the date for Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>), 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 callsign 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup>** - 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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\\_raffle/](https://www.w8lky.org/hf_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\\_raffle/](https://www.w8lky.org/hf_raffle/)

## Upcoming VE Exams

5/25 - Massillon - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/massillon-oh-44646-8407-13](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](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](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](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](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](#).

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

**President:** John, WG8X

**Vice-President:** Steve, KB8RFE

**Secretary:** Alex, KE8VXG

**Treasurer:** Paul, K2ASA

**1 yr Trustee:** Howard, K8DXR

**2 yr Trustee:** Joe, N8JEW

**3 yr Trustee:** Jim, K8WUP

**President Emeritus/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

<https://www.w8lky.org/activities/our-nets/>

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