



A Busy Summer For The AARC

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club has had a busy summer. Starting with Field Day in June and ending with the Carnation Days, club members have been active both on the air and helping out with public activities.

In July the club operated a station at the Mile Branch Grange Fair and demonstrated various modes, including Morse Code and Amateur Television.

In August the club toured WDLI, Channel 17 and had its monthly meeting there. Then club members helped out with the Triath-

lon and later in the week, operated a special events station.

Thanks to several people, the Zero Beat has a large supply of pictures from all of the summer events, far more than can be published in one edition, but perhaps a few can be printed for the next few months.

A large number of pictures were submitted by Bob, K8RLS from most of the activities the club attended. Others who sent in pictures include Ray, K8DEN, Mary Ann, KB8IVS, Don, K8OMO, and Jason, KC8LIN. Thanks to

all of you. Jason currently has all of pictures he took at WDLI posted on his website, <http://kc8lin.tripod.com/> along with some other interesting items.

Still to come, is the Fists Club Coast to Coast (C2C) contest. For details on this event, see the June issue of the Zero Beat. The contest starts at 8:00 P.M. on September 13th and runs for 24 hours. If the club wishes to participate in the contest as a group, plans need to be made at the meeting.

Will there be a Club picnic this year? And we still haven't had that Fox Hunt. Come to the meeting and help make plans.



Jerry, KG8RN, Jack, W8WEN, and Don, K8OMO at the Special event station on August 16th. Picture by Bob, K8RLS.

Ye Olde Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the Alliance ARC will be on Wednesday, September 3rd, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Our meetings begin at 7:30 PM, and are an excellent opportunity for eyeball QSO's. Directions can be found on the K8LTG Repeater (145.370)
See you there!

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Field Day 2003



Above, top is Don, AB8KV on 10 meters. Next is John, KD8MQ on 40 (?). Below is K8OMO's truck with antenna, and then last but not least, Dana, N8DA and Jerry, KG8RN. All photos by Bob, K8RLS.



Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in is on 145.37 @. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Nets

Thursday is our "net night," with the following nets on tap:

Ten meters

CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz
SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

2 meters

9 PM on 145.37 MHz

Internet

If you'd like to check us out on the web, our E-mail address is:

w8lky@qsl.net

Our club home page is:

[Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky](http://www.qsl.net/w8lky)

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June Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

June 4, 2003

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on June 4, 2003, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 22 members and one guest present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter. Dollar amounts of various items in the minutes were reported. The report was approved on motion by Jim K8LTG, seconded by George K3GP.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by Don K8OMO, seconded by Joe KC3TAC.

Old Business: Don K8OMO reported that the title for the van has been received. The van is a 1979 GMC ¾ Ton RV. A list of drivers is needed for the insurance. Don will check on the insurance. It will be listed as a house vehicle. A motion was then made by Don K8OMO, seconded by Frank WA8WHP, to

authorize Don K8OMO to repair the van not to exceed \$500 to repair the brakes and for painting the van. The motion was approved.

The Park Board has given us permission to use the JC Pavilion for our special event. A copy of our liability insurance policy will be given to the Board.

New Business: It was suggested that an inventory with identifications be made of the equipment we have purchased.

Frank WA8WHP reported that Channel 39 in Norton is now digital with a tower at 1,100 ft. Upon Frank's invitation, it was moved by Jim K8LTG that the August 6 meeting be a tour of Channel 17 at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Dave W8UKQ, and approved.

The Mile Branch Grange space has been confirmed for July 24-26. The Goodyear Hamfest is June 8.

A Fox Hunt will be held July 13 at 2 PM. Meet at Butler-Rodman Park.

Field Day was discussed and plans were made for June 28-29. The Secretary will send invitations to various officials. John KD8MQ will order a Porta-John. FD set up will begin 8 to 10 AM on Saturday. A class F station is permitted this year in connection with an emergency organization. Band operation assignments were

discussed. It was determined to use Class 3A operations. George K3GP will coordinate computer logging. A GOTA station will use an idle station.. Jack W8WEN suggested that there be two members at each station so that one may do the computer logging. Don K8OMO moved that the club pay for food. The motion was seconded by John KD8MQ, and approved.

The club has received the ARRL Special Service certificate. The FISTS event will be September 13-14. The antenna at the Armory will be investigated. It was suggested that the club consider a money making event. It was reported that Doug Bowling AB8CJ visited the Canton club and obtained more funds for the book shelf for "The Big Project." Dave W8UKQ told about the QCWA, Chapter 21, Canton, 40th anniversary celebration. Frank WA8WHP and Miriam were celebrating their 36th anniversary today. Congratulations to them. It was noted that the club's web site is five years old.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Jerry N8SH.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 P. M., upon motion by Frank WA8WHP, seconded by George K3GP.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

July Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

July 2, 2003

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on July 2, 2003, at 7:30 P. M., with Robert Steele K8RLS, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 18 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

The minutes of the last meeting were not presented because the paper newsletter had not been published. The minutes will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by Frank WA8WHP, seconded by George K3GP.

Old Business: Don K8OMO reported that insurance for the van will cost over \$500 because it is titled to a commercial entity. No work has been done on it. We must decide what to do with it at the September meeting. Don K8OMO

moved, seconded by John KD8MQ, to table the subject until the September meeting. Motion approved.

Field Day. The food was excellent. Thanks to John KD8MQ and Lynn, and Sam KC8ETZ. The location was discussed. The same place is good because of known facilities. Another place would provide a different challenge. There was extensive coverage of the event in The Review.

The next meeting will be August 6 at 7:30 PM at Channel 17.

An inquiry was made about an antenna at the Armory. Someone there had never heard of us.

Channels on 60 meters begin tomorrow. 50 watts ERP, zero gain on an antenna.

July 24, 25, 26 is the Mile Branch Grange Fair. Don K8OMO will have ATV and club equipment there. John KD8MQ is working on a scrapbook. Entry will be at the north gate before 4 PM. (Vendor's gate) It will start at 12 Noon on Thursday.

Our Special Event will be August 16 for the Ohio Bicentennial and Carnation Days in the Park. We will have the JC Pa-

vilion from 9 AM to 6 PM.

John KD8MQ moved that the Fox Hunt be changed to July 20. Motion seconded by Jim K8LTG, and approved.

New Business: Jerry KG8RN suggested that associate memberships be given to the reporter and photographer who were at our Field Day. The memberships will be until March 31, 2004. Thanks to Jerry for talking to the reporters.

The Triathlon will be August 17. An NCS is needed. The Portage Hamfest is July 27. The Ohio QSO Party is August 23. The subject of a picnic was mentioned with no action. Don K8OMO noted that the comment period about the broadband proposals ends July 7.

Thank you to Gladys KB8GIA for bringing the donuts.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Dean KA8GRC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P. M.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

August Minutes

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

August 6, 2003

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held on August 6, 2003, at 7:30 P. M., at TV Channel 17, WDLI. There were 27 members and guests present. The meeting was a tour of the facilities led by

Frank Sanor WA8WHP.

Prior to the tour, Robert Steele K8RLS led a brief business meeting. Items discussed were about the Mile Branch Grange Fair booth, our special event at Carnation Days in the Park, the Triathlon, a fox hunt (?), Warren Hamfest, etc., etc.

Mary Ann KB8IVS gave a written report to the secretary of the treasury balances.

Then Frank WA8WHP gave us a tour of the TV station which included the main studio, camera operation, control studios, transmitter room, and a look at the tower from its base. Also, he showed the equipment which provided the digital signal input.

Please give Frank a big, big thank you for arranging the tour and refreshments!

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary



Frank, WA8WHP tells the club about the WDLI antenna. Picture by Jason, KC8LIN



Frank, WA8WHP operating the Special Event Station. Picture by Bob, K8RLS.



Jerry, KG8RN with some visitors at the Special Event in Silver Park. Picture by Bob, K8RLS.



W8LKY banner at the Special Event. Picture by Bob, K8RLS

Field Day 2003



Field Day operations at Marlinton Middle School. Picture by Bob, K8RLS.



George, K3GP and Don K8OMO at Field Day. Picture by Bob, K8RLS.



David, N8NLZ gets some help from Noah. Picture by Mary Ann, KB8IVS.

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Triathlon



Above, the Triathlon communications crew. Brian, KE6ZQF, was the driver of the Red Cross Disaster communications vehicle below left, which was on its way to Virginia from California, where it was built. It is vehicle #3 of 10 which were donated to the Red Cross. Below right are two views inside the vehicle. Photos by Bob, K8RLS.



September, 2003



Zero Beat



Joe, KC8TAC. Wanna take a shower? Picture by Ray, K8DEN.



Jim, K8LTG checks out the action. Picture by Ray, K8DEN.

AARC information table. Picture by Don, K8OMO.



September 2003

Birthday Greetings to: KC8HUV, KB8GIA, K8JDB, N8DA, KC8TJQ

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Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.



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Ode To The Morse Code

The following has been written by Jim Haterley
WA1TBY on the seventh of April 1985.

" CW FOR EVER."

You must have, at time, thought into the past,
When some things go out, while other last,
What comes to my mind is the OLD Morse Code,
That has weathered the storms from any abode,

To talk with ones fingers, is surely an Art,
Of any info you care to impart,
In most conditions the signals get thru,
While the same about fone is simply not true.

Those didhs and dahs cut through the trash,
Of nearby noise or lightning's crash,
To the sensitive ears of the Ham receiver,
Who records this data with ardent fever.

He knows he's doing something unique,
(In such poor conditions, that's quite a feat !)
To roger the message that came from the air,
These brass pounders sure do have the flair.

They say Morse ops are a dying breed,
But dont despair, there's always that need.
That when conditions get rough for the new automa-
tion ,
Be rest assured, there'll be need for your station,

CW is dying? Believe it never,
This mode will be 'round for ever and ever,
But one thing is sure, what we really need,
Is to relay our knowledge to the younger breed .

To carry the torch, long after we're gone,
To send Morse Code thru the air as a song ,
When at last, Silent Key pull that final lever,
We" can rest in peace, it's CW for ever and ever.

From Norm, K1AA and forwarded to the ZB by W8UKQ