



# Alliance Amateur Radio Club

# Zero Beat

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## Tornado Test on March 26th

(Feb 3, 2008) -- In conjunction with Ohio's Severe Weather Awareness Week, the Statewide Tornado Test will be held on Wednesday, March 26th. During this test local communities will test their warning sirens and Cable TV operators as well as local radio stations will also test their early warning announcements. The test will take place at 9:50 AM.

Stark Co ARES will also

activate a Skywarn Net on the 147.12 Repeater for the purpose of taking check-ins from local stations. Station location as well as verification of any sirens heard will be collected and forwarded to both Cleveland NWS and the Stark County EMA Office.

*(Terry Russ, N8ATZ - Assistant Emergency Coordinator)*

## Fox Hunt Rescheduled

Well, the weather earlier this month certainly wasn't favorable for fox hunting, was it?. We received around 14 inches of snow that weekend.. A lot of things were cancelled on Sunday, while the plow crews worked to get things back to normal.

Though the Sunday of the hunt was sunny, and reasonably warm, crews were still working to clear the roads, and parking lots.

So how about April 13th

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## WHBC 1480 kHz Canton, OH DX Test

Early Saturday morning, March 29th, WHBC will conduct a DX test. The test will be conducted at 0300-0400 local time (0700-0800 GMT), using daytime power, and pattern. They will be running their usual Fox Sports Radio programming interspersed with Morse code, and sweep tones.

Reception reports may be sent to Director of Engineering Dale Lamm, NX8J by several means:

- Via the station's Web site <http://www.whbc.com/pages/1418821.php?>
- Via E-mail to: Mr. Lamm, ([DLamm@WHBC.com](mailto:DLamm@WHBC.com))
- Via Snail Mail to: Mr. Dale Lamm, Director of Engineering,

WHBC-AM Radio,  
550 Market Avenue South,  
Canton, OH 44702-2112.

Audio files in mp3 or wav format will be accepted. If you only have cassette recording capabilities, please contact Jim Pogue ([KH2AR@comcast.net](mailto:KH2AR@comcast.net)) for special instructions.

NOTE: All requests for postal verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Many thanks to Mr. Lamm for agreeing to conduct this test.

*(Jim Pogue - [KH2AR@comcast.net](mailto:KH2AR@comcast.net) <http://www.dxtests.info> IRCA/NRC Joint BTC Coordinator, Feb 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST) (Tnx Gary, WC8W, and Jason, KC8LIN for this info.)*

## Meeting Announcement

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2nd, at the Alliance Community Hospital.

This month, Melissa Robertson will be speaking to us about sponsoring a Boy Scout Venture Crew.

The meeting will be back in it's regular place, the cafeteria conference room.

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

We hope to see you there!

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John Myers, KD8MQ  
(See above)

## Ramblings

*By John, KD8MQ*

Note the new name for this column. As I read it over, I guess the new name fits, since it's usually more rambling than editorial.

I hope everyone survived the blizzard of 08. At the KD8MQ shack, the casualties consist of one snow shovel, one computer, and one Fox hunt. The shovel, and the computer went to the trash, and we're planning to hold the fox hunt in April, when, hopefully, the weather will be better.

The Sunday of the fox hunt turned out to be gorgeous, with the sun shining brightly, and the snow already beginning to melt. But, as beautiful as the day was, crews were still working to clear the roads, and parking lots. Safety concerns had to be taken into consideration. I'm sure the make up date will bring better weather.

Last month, I met with Melissa Robertson from the Buckeye Council of the Boy Scouts of America, concerning the benefits of sponsoring a venture crew. She'll be at this month's meeting to explain the program to us, and answer any questions we have.

The Pioneer AR Fellowship is once again offering a bus trip to Dayton. I was thinking about driving down this year, but after figuring in the price of gasoline, The bus is the best deal for me. Check out the full details on page 4. I took advantage of this offer in 2006, and was very well pleased.

A few Sundays ago, my

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## Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month. Check the meeting announcement on page 1, for the location.

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

**Web:** [www.w8lky.org](http://www.w8lky.org)

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# March Minutes

(March 5, 2008) The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on March 5, 2008 at 7:30 PM with club Vice-President John Myers, KD8MQ presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by introductions. There were 10 members present, along with Miriam Sanor and guests Rodger Trompower, KA8FTS, Helen Trompower, KC8ZWG, and Steve Randlett, K8SRR.

Club Secretary Don, AB8KV was absent due to having had surgery. However, it was pointed out that the February minutes were in the newsletter. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

Mary Ann, KB8IVS then gave the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted on a motion by Gladys, KB8GIA and seconded by George, K3GP.

**Old business:**

Old business discussions were tabled until the next

meeting.

**New business:**

VP John noted the upcoming Skywarn training sessions. For Columbiana county, the date is March 11 at 7:00 PM. The location is at the Columbiana county Career and Technical Center on SR45 in Lisbon. The Stark county training session is on March 19 with registration at 6:00 PM and the meeting at 6:30, located at Stark State.

John reminded the club about the upcoming fox hunt on March 9 and the program following the meeting about fox hunting.

Larry, AA8NV passed around an interesting ham call book from 1958. He had obtained it from the wife of Francis, W8RAN (SK).

Rodger, KA8FTS announced that the Massillon Amateur Radio Club would be hosting representatives from MAPS (Military Aircraft Preservation Society) at their next meeting on Friday, March 7.

The meeting will be at 8:00 PM at the Massillon Senior Center. The MAPS people would be putting on a PowerPoint presentation about their organization and work, including their desire for a special events station in August.

VP John then noted that he had met with a representative from the Boy Scouts concerning their interest in our club's possibly sponsoring a special group program. The representative would be at the next club meeting in April.

The club then paused for a break before beginning the program.

VP John then gave a PowerPoint presentation dealing with the basics and highlights of fox hunting (amateur radio direction finding).

After the program, the meeting was adjourned on a motion from Frank, WA8WHP and seconded by Howard, K8DXR.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Don, AB8KV, Secretary.

## Dues Time!

It's that time again. Our membership year runs from April 1st, to the next March 31st. Your dues help to support our club programs and activities.

For your convenience, we've enclosed a membership application in this months newsletter.

## Fox Hunt Rescheduled - cont.

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as a makeup date? It doesn't appear to conflict with any local hamfests, and chances are, we'll have good weather.

As before, plan to meet at the Glamorgan castle parking lot. We'd like to have everyone there by 2 PM, so for registration, The fox is scheduled to go on the air at 2:15 PM.

## K3TUP followup

A couple of months ago, I referenced an article from QST, on John Kanzius, K3TUP, and his possible cure for cancer. Well, there's more. According to this video on youtube, he has also been able to make salt water burn, thus discovering a new energy source. Here's the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6vSxR6UKFM>.

## Zero Beat

# Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship, INC.

## Dayton Hamvention 2008

Saturday May 17, 2008 5:30 AM

Are the gas pumps keeping you from the Hamvention? Is the thought of driving down to Dayton and then parking your car in some shopping center to be then bused to the hamvention keeping you from going? Why not take our bus to the Dayton Hamvention where you can come and go to the flea market with your great purchases and leave them on the bus. The bus will be parked close to the flea market entrance.

You can save \$10 if you book before April 22<sup>nd</sup>

The cost of the Bus & Entrance ticket to the Hamvention:  
\$60 before April 22, 2008

The cost of the Bus Only to the Hamvention:  
\$45 after April 22, 2008  
(You will need to get your own Hamvention Entrance Ticket at gate \$25)

We will take riders right up to departure that morning if there are seats available.

Departure time is 5:30 AM Sharp so please be on time so you don't miss the bus!

Parking will be on the south side of the church, park in the first row close to Manchester Road.

There will be a stop for breakfast at McDonald's and a dinner stop at the Hometown Buffet all of which will be on own.

Transportation is being provided by the Crossroads Transportation Company.  
This bus is a smoke free bus so there will be no smoking permitted.

To Order: Joy Spencer KA8TDF  
2101 Bigelow St  
Akron, OH 44314  
Or call 330-745-5115  
E-mail: [w8ctt@arrl.net](mailto:w8ctt@arrl.net)

Location of Departure is:  
Akron Baptist Temple  
2324 Manchester Road  
Akron, Ohio 44314  
Located on Rt 93 just north of Rt 224

Repeaters 147.135 & 146.610



Callsign- \_\_\_\_\_

**W8LKY**  
**Alliance Amateur Radio Club**  
Renewal – Membership Application

Dues	
Sustaining	\$15.00
Full	\$10.00
Associate	\$5.00
Family	\$1.00

Mail to: Mary Ann Royer  
6255 Sandalwood NE  
Canton, OH 44721

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? Yes No

License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Year you were first licensed \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests? (i.e. Dxing, Contesting, Hunting, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Pro-Rated Dues Schedule  
(New Members Only)

	April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March
Sustaining	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$3.75
Full	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$2.50
Associate	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$ 2.50	\$1.25
Family Member	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$0.50	\$0.25

Please do not write beneath this line

Dues paid – Sustaining( ) Full( ) Associate( ) Family( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Mahoning County Skywarn training

If you're like me, you have good intentions of attending Skywarn training. But, somewhere along the line, life happens. I'm not sure what I was doing on the night of the Columbiana county training. On the night of the Stark county training session, KC8ETZ called me to confirm the date. I had forgotten all about it.

Well, we have another chance. Wednesday, March 26, the Mahoning county Skywarn training is being held at the Field High School auditorium, in Austintown. Check-in begins at 5:30, with training beginning at 6:00 PM. More information can be found at <http://www.mahoningskywarn.org/>.

## KD8MQ Ramblings - cont.

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computer died. On checking the power from the wall outlet, I found my line voltage to be 135 Volts. The emergency tech who was dispatched from First Energy, blamed it on the cold weather affecting a mechanical regulator at the sub-station a block away. We've had issues with this previously. By the time we arrived home from church, all was well again, except for my computer. We weren't quite so lucky, there. The hard drive survived, but that was all. I wound up getting a \$199 special from the computer store, and installing my old HD into it. So, all is up and running again. As luck would have it, all the files I was working on at the time, including the Zero Beat, were on my flash drive. The only loss was several years accumulation of TV service manuals, which I suppose I can live without.

Lastly, the ZB is being thrown together a bit more hastily than usual. We decided to get the house ready for market this year. So, I've been remodeling the bathroom in my spare time. Lyn is still trying to figure out how a simple "let's replace the tub surround" turned into a full gutting of the bathroom, right down to the studs. All I can say is, it seemed like a good idea at the time. :-)

See you at the meeting.  
De KD8MQ

### Quote o' the Month

"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one."

- Elbert Hubbard

### From the In-Box



This picture of Larry, AA8NV appears to be circa 1954. It is one of five scans that Larry sent along.

At that time, he used the SWL callsign of W8SWL. More from Larry next month.

This picture of a somewhat younger K8OMO, was taken in the backyard at his house on Beech St.

Don scanned this from a negative, using his flatbed scanner, and sent it along.



Do you have some pictures, or memorabilia for the ZB? Send it along, & we'll post it for all to see.

# April 2008

*Happy Birthday to K8LTG, KC8TAC*

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## The AARC Wayback Machine

Here again are some of the highlights from the last 20 years of the Zero Beat. you can read them at <http://www.w8lky.org/newsletters/>.

### March, 1988, (editor N8IAK)

- Pam had a tough time picking one person for Ham of the Month. So, she chose the entire club.
- Another Mall show was over. We had 43 Hams sign in on Saturday, and 44 on Sunday. KA8LKQ won the drawing for the Magnavox VCR, which was raffled at the show.
- Vern, WB8IUR had become a silent key.
- Hal Kelley, sr, W8BGI had passed away at his Florida QTH.
- Anthony Lattavo, KB8EAU had just received his Novice license.
- The first Fox Hunt of 1988 was planned for April 16th, 1988. Starting point was the parking lot of the First American Bank building.

### March, 1993, (editor N8LVO)

- During the blizzard of 1993, ARES volunteers racked up 100+ man-hours ferrying nurses to Timken Mercy

Hospital.

- Brian Dicks, had passed his Novice, and No-code tech exams, and was just waiting for the license to arrive in the mail.
- The previous months club meeting had been held at the first church of god.

### March, 1998, (editor K8LTG)

- The 1998 Mall show had been postponed to May 2, 3 1998, because of a conflict with the 20/9 Hamfest.
- There was a good article on VHF antenna tuning, written by Jim, K8LTG.

### March, 2003, (editor KE8VE)

- Doug Bowling, AB8CJ, a teacher at Marlinton High School received a grant from the ARRL to participate in "The Big Project". The Big Project was also known as "ARRL Amateur Radio Education & Technology Program".
- A motion was made and accepted to accept the donation of a van.
- Program for the evening was Dennis Moriarty, K8AGB, who spoke on Power line interference.