

# The Week ahead (July 14, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

First up

## And it is finished!

At our July meeting last week, the winning ticket was drawn by Andy Grove, our City Mayor.

**The winner of this year's HF Rig Raffle is Rich Slutz, KB8GAE, from Canfield.** I delivered the radio to Rich on Saturday. He tells me that he purchased only one ticket for this years drawing. He's definitely happy with his new radio.

Now for some stats:

Tickets printed: 1500

Tickets sold: 1356 (90%)

Paul, K2ASA will have the final numbers for us at the August meeting. The money is still filtering in from the last couple weeks. Since we donate 50% of our profits to local charities, please do try to make the August meeting as we choose this year's recipients.

**We'll be back in spring of 2025 with our next HF Rig Raffle.**

This week, I thought about doing another really quick newsletter. Luckily, I've decided that I'd rather the newsletter be late than haphazardly done. That's why you are receiving this on Monday.

Again, we're planning our 2024 Special Event operation. Here's the bullet points:

- We're in the August issue of QST under Special Events
- We will be posting a sample of the certificate in the next couple weeks. This will be on our website, and our QRZ page.
- The Special event operation will happen between August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>
- As a training opportunity, we'll be setting up the club stations at Silver Park on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Times are a bit fluid at the moment, but plan on maybe 5pm – 8 pm. The purpose is to help some of the newer ops to get comfortable with the operation of a Special Event Station
- You'll be able to sign up to operate from your own station, either at home, or portable. I intend to do some POTA activations using the club callsign. That's right, W8LKY is registered with Parks On The Air.

Also, in case you haven't heard, the Alliance ARC has been the recipient of a \$2500 grant from the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA). At our August meeting, we'll be entertaining ideas for projects that we can undertake using this generous gift.

## Where to find The Newsletter

You can read the back-issues of our newsletters on the website. There was a lot of work to do, but everything that we have in PDF format is available on the website at

<https://www.w8lky.org/newsletter/>

I still have lots of things to scan from the old days. You never know what might show up.

BTW, if you have any old print issues of the newsletter, please let me know before you pitch them. I would love to archive this stuff.

# 2nd Annual Northeast Ohio Amateur Radio Round Up

A day full of FUN for amateur radio enthusiasts!

**Saturday, July 20th**

**10am - 6pm**

**Harry Meshel Picnic Area**

**Lake Milton State Park**

**590 Milton Ave, Lake Milton, OH 44429**

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Presented By:





**PCARS**  
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**July 2024**  
**Multi-Club POTA Event**

Saturday, July 27th

9am—3pm

**PCARS**

Will be at Lake Milton State Park



in the Harry Meshel Picnic area  
[Click here for directions](#)

**SARA**

Will be at West Branch State Park



In the East Boat Ramp Pavilion  
[Click here for directions](#)



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<https://www.portcars.org/wp/club-info/club-activities/pota-field-trips/#POTA24>

<https://w8wky.org/pota-event-july-27th/>

**Visitors  
welcome!**

**Goals of this event**

- 1) Stoke up a lot of local POTA activity – We can do this by getting lots of local clubs on the air at the same time!
- 2) Give visitors opportunities to see how different clubs setup for POTA – If many different clubs activate nearby parks, visitors can travel around to see all the different setups!
- 3) Give operators the chance to operate portable – Bring you batteries and solar power if you have them!



# NOARSFEST



**Annual Hamfest and Computer Show**

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

**9 AM - 12 PM**

**Lorain County Community College**

**Reaser Grand Room**

**John A. Spitzer Conference Center**

**1005 N. Abbe Rd.**

**Elyria, OH**

**Setup at 7:30 a.m.**

**Doors open at 9:00 a.m.**

**Air-conditioned indoor vendor sales**

**Free Parking - Handicap Accessible - Outside Flea Market (\$5/4 parking spaces)**

**ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST**

**On-site VE Testing - Pre-registration preferred.**

**Email: [ve@noars.net](mailto:ve@noars.net) with name and phone number.**

**Testing begins at 9 AM; entry stops at 11 AM.**

**Just \$7.00 General Admission - under 12 free**

**6 ft. indoor vendor tables - \$10.00**

**Vendor Discount: 20% discount for 6 or more tables**

**Non-refundable Prepayment due by June 30, 2024**

## PRIZES

**Hourly Prizes starting at 10 AM**

**Need not be present for Main Prizes but must be present for all other prizes.**

**Mobile check-ins and directions on 146.70- (PL 110.9) NOARS repeater**

For table reservation contact:

**Carl Rimmer, W8KRF at 216-256-9624 (before 9PM)**

Email: [noarsfest@noars.net](mailto:noarsfest@noars.net)

To find out more, go to the NOARS website: [http://www.NOARS.net/?page\\_id=137](http://www.NOARS.net/?page_id=137)



## AARC Club Breakfast



Our monthly breakfast is coming up this Saturday (June 1st). As usual, we'll be at Don Panchos (2105 W. State St, Alliance). Officially, the breakfast starts at 8:30am, but I'm always amazed at the number of folks who show up at 8am.

The breakfast is open to all. All that is required is an interest in Ham Radio. Everyone is welcome, regardless of when you show up.

## Stark All County Club Picnic!

*Join us when all clubs come  
together for lunch and fellowship!  
Bring a dish to pass and your appetite!*

**August 31  
10am - 3pm**

Jaycee Pavilion  
At Butler-Rodman Park  
West State St. Alliance



**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 holding another Get on the Air Day the JayCee Pavilion in Silver Park. 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. Oh yes, you'll be able to ask questions too!

### Carnation Festival Grand Parade

As we've been doing for the last few years, the club will be providing parade for the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Grand Parade on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please contact Ron, KE8HCY.

Also, we'll again have the club trailer decorated and entered as a float in the parade. Pam Kleinhans has volunteered to decorate the trailer and orchestrate that part of our participation. She'll need help from all of us, so let's give her our support.

## Wednesday Morning Coffee Break



A group of our retirees (and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifters) 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.

### **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.



## What's up with the ARRL?

Here's some of the latest ARRL News from their news feed.

- [The K7RA Solar Update](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-12
- [ARRL on The Weather Channel](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-12
- [Celebrating Software Defined Radio](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-12
- [Hurricane Beryl Aftermath and Update](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-12
- [2024 ARRL Field Day Log Deadline Approaching](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-12
- [Hurricane Beryl: Hurricane Watch Net Active](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-08

## Upcoming VE Exams

7/20 - Massillon - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/massillon-oh-44646-8407-14](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/massillon-oh-44646-8407-14)

8/3 – Ravenna - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/ravenna-oh-44266-2191-86](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/ravenna-oh-44266-2191-86)

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

For more information about the AARC 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](#).

7//20 – Pierpont, OH - **Ashtabula County Hamfest 2024**  
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/ashtabula-county-hamfest-2024>

7/20 – Elyria, OH – **Noarsfest**  
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/noarsfest-11>

8/03 – Columbus, OH – **2024 Columbus Hamfest**  
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-columbus-hamfest>

8/18 – Cortland, OH - **Warren Hamfest**  
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/warren-hamfest-1>

9/8 – Findlay, OH – **Findlay Hamfest**  
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/findlay-hamfest-11>

10/27 – N. Canton, OH – **2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS**  
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-marc-hamfest-at-maps>

## 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/>

**QSL Manager:** Howard, K8DXR

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