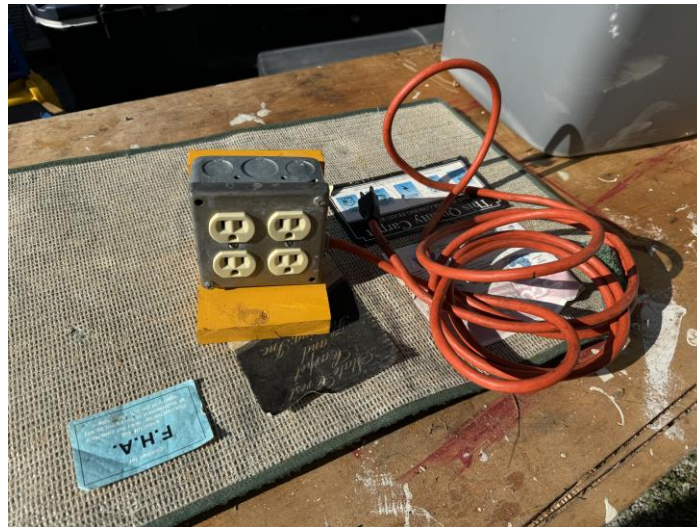


# The Week ahead (July 21, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club



## First up



What a weekend. Our trailer has been organized. Field Day tear down was a bit rushed due to a rain storm, so we opted to toss stuff wherever. So yesterday, I re-stowed everything into their proper place, and removed the rigs and tuner that we'll be selling.

We still have one Apache case to pick up from Harbor freight, but that's on hold until I look at a couple new cases that have been offered to us.

So, we have a few things coming up in the next few weeks.

First is the W8LKY Special Event. If you have never run a Special Event before, let me just say that it is a ton of fun. You get on the air and talk to folks about the purpose of your special event. In this case, that is that we are commemorating Alliance as the birthplace of our State Flower, the Scarlet Carnation. You can also learn some interesting facts about our State Flower at <https://www.rodmanlibrary.com/carnation>

To help some who might like a bit of “on the job Training” before sitting down to run on your own, we are doing a Get On The Air day on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. We’ll be gathering at the JayCee Pavillion at Silver Park around 5pm or perhaps sooner. We’ll have stations set up, and will be on the air running the Special Event.

All club members are welcome to run the club call. I only ask two things:

- 1) Give me a heads up when you’ll be running. We can have more than one person on the air at the same time.
- 2) Send me your logs when it’s all done. I prefer electronic logs, but if all you have are paper, then I’ll take them and enter them manually.

Folks we contact will be able to e-mail us requesting a certificate via E-mail. Full info will be on our website at

<https://www.w8lky.org/activities/special-event-operations/>

I hope for this to be a fun activity for us. You can run W8LKY on your own, or with friends, but lets get it on the air. The Special Event period is August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>.



**ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
CELEBRATING ALLIANCE AS THE HOME OF OUR STATE FLOWER: THE SCARLET CARNATION  
THIS CERTIFICATE CONFIRMS THAT ON AUGUST XX, 2024

**SAMPLE**  
MADE A 2 WAY (MODE) QSO WITH SPECIAL EVENT STATION W8LKY  
DURING OUR ANNUAL  
GREATER ALLIANCE CARNATION FESTIVAL

**About the Scarlet Carnation**

- Ohio's official flower, the scarlet carnation, is rooted in Alliance.
- In 1866, local green thumb and politician Dr. Levi Lamborn propagated the flower from French seedlings, calling it "Lamborn Red."
- Opposing William McKinley for the 18th Congressional District in 1876, Lamborn presented the future president with a "Lamborn Red" boutonniere before each debate.
- As McKinley's political star rose, he spoke of the scarlet carnation as a good-luck charm. When he became president, he took to wearing one at all times and presenting flowers from a bouquet on his desk to guests.
- On Sept. 14, 1901, moments after removing the flower from his lapel and giving it to a young admirer at the Buffalo Exposition, McKinley was killed by an assassin's bullet.
- Following years of lobbying by Lamborn, the Ohio General Assembly passed a joint resolution naming the scarlet carnation the state flower on February 3, 1904. On April 1, 1959, the Ohio Legislature recognized Alliance as the "Carnation City."

[ from www.odmhallibrary.com/carnation ]

CARNATIONFESTIVAL.COM WWW.W8LKY.ORG

## Carnation Parade

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, we two events going.

**First,** We're running a communications net for the Grand Parade, Contact Ron, KE8HCY if you'd like to sign up to help

Alliance Amateur Radio Club  
Alliance, Ohio

# W8LKY



CONFIRMING QSO WITH		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
UTC	MHz	RST	MODE	



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

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**Second,** Pam Kleinhans will be in charge of decorating the club trailer, so it can be in the parade. She's lined up walkers to accompany the trailer, and hand our promotional info about the club.

We are the Alliance Amateur Radio Club, established in 1986.

Interested in amateur radio? Let us help.

We provide communication support for races and parades in the Alliance area.

Our yearly fundraisers benefit charities in the Greater Alliance Area.

Ham radio operators are prepared to assist the Red Cross, FEMA, and other agencies during emergencies.

Each fall, we offer classes to help you pass the entry-level (Technician) license exam.

Our 2024 classes begin in September. Visit our website ([w8lky.org](http://w8lky.org)) for more information.



KE8JFH QSL Cards

**For Sale** - At our next meeting, we have another item on the agenda. We'll be discussing the sale of some club equipment that is no longer needed. More later.

## 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.



**PCARS**  
&  
**SARA**  
Present  
the



**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!

## 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.

- [ARRL Announces Leadership Changes in the Hudson Division](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-16

## Upcoming VE Exams

**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](#).

**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/>

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