

The Week ahead (May 5, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club

First up

Did you notice that this week's issue looks a bit different? Well, when I dove back into this 6 months ago, I began using Mailchimp; a content management system that is pretty cool. It does however have a major pain; It's not easy to archive the newsletters without it adding all kinds of extra headers & footers. There's other things too, but hopefully I'll be happier with this setup.

How to find The Newsletter

To read the newsletter will be more like it used to be. Go to w8lky.org, click on the newsletter tab, and look for the issue you want.

(Note: I am still uploading historical stuff back to the website, so be patient if you are looking for anything more than a year old. I'll keep you posted here.)

Club Meeting

Our club meeting is coming up on Wednesday. We'll be talking about Field Day, and Hamvention, and other cool stuff. We'll be eating at the hospital cafeteria at 6 PM, then our meeting will be in the conference room off of the cafeteria and beginning at 7pm.

Fundraiser

The ticket sales are still moving along. As of Monday, we had sold 60% of the of the tickets, and had just returned from a profitable weekend on the "Hamfest Circuit". You'll hear the latest fundraiser numbers on Wednesday night. In the meantime, please keep talking up our fundraiser.

Here's the major bullet points:

- We've printed 1500 tickets, and will draw the winner on July 10th, 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.

Remember to be nice!

I never thought I'd need to make a plea like this in the newsletter, but here goes. When you check in to our nets, you are representing our club. Please try to talk like the whole world might be listening. Politics, religion, off-color remarks might be interesting or funny in private, but let's keep them off the airwaves, OK?

Net Reports for the meeting

Closed circuit to you net control operators; remember the changes that I requested in an effort to streamline our reporting for the county EC. Rather than breaking your net reports down by net session, please total them up instead. For instance:

John did 4 sessions of the 10M SSB net. His net report would look something like this:
Since the last meeting, the 10M SSB net held 4 sessions, with 25 total checkins, and was on the air for a total of 43 minutes.

If you can help with this, it would be appreciated, as these numbers are submitted to the Stark County EC for his Monthly report.

Congratulations To Recent Upgrades

We've had at least a couple members upgrade to General this year.

First, **Dale, KF8AHK** recently passed his General, and has been burning up the airwaves.

Then last week at Tusco, **Allen, KE8ZLT** passed his General. If you run into him, ask about his experience with the Online test session. Truly interesting stuff!

Who've I missed? Someone please let me know!

Stark County Radio Club Picnic

Lastly, we have a date set for the Stark county Radio Club picnic. The picnic will be on Saturday, August 31st from 10 AM – 3 PM. Hopefully, it won't be too late in the season to cook up some corn.

It'll be held at the Jaycee Pavilion at Butler-Rodman Park on W. State St.

That's all I have this week. See you at the meeting. DE WG8X

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.

Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be
Wednesday, May 8th, 7:00 PM
in Conference Room 1A at
Aultman Alliance Community Hospital.
The room is just off of the cafeteria.

Our Monthly pre-meeting dinner has changed!

We will be at the Aultman-Alliance Community Hospital Cafe
at 6:00 PM

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_rig_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)

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Upcoming VE Exams

5/1 - Boardman - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/boardman-oh-44512-16

5/11 - Cuyahoga Falls - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/cuyahoga-falls-oh-44221-14

5/11 - Lisbon - https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/lisbon-oh-44432-1233-90

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](#).

5/11-5/16 – Millersburg - RV Radio Network
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/rv-radio-network-2>

5/17-5/19 Xenia Hamvention
Hamvention.org

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

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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