

# The Week ahead (May 26, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club



## First up

Welcome to Another issue of The Week Ahead, from the Alliance ARC. Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial gateway to summer, is here. Whether you are spending it working or relaxing, I hope it is a good one. But please don't forget the meaning of the holiday, and those who gave their lives so that we can be free.

## Hamvention News

The big news from Xenia this week was that Hamvention attendance broke another record. I don't have the number at hand, but the crowd seemed pretty normal to me this year.

## How to find The Newsletter

You will soon be able to read the back-issues of our newsletters on the website. There was (and is) still a lot of work to do, but you'll be able to go to [w8lky.org](http://w8lky.org), click on the newsletter tab, and look for the issue you want.

## Hamvention 2025

I got one volunteer after last week's plea for help staffing a table at Hamvention 2025. That's a good start. You'll hear more about this in January.

## Club Gear

Have you ordered your club gear yet? You can view the catalogue at <https://shopmmco.myshopify.com/collections/aarcradioclubapparel>

You can order shirts, hats, hoodies with the club name/logo on it.

## June 12 - Club Meeting & Get on The Air Day

Our next club meeting is coming up on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will not be at the Hospital though. Instead, we'll be at the JayCee pavilion at Silver Park. We have the pavilion for the entire day, so here's the plan for the day.

9 AM – Coffee Break at Sheetz, on W. State St.

1 pm – **Our Clubs Field Day stations** will be set up the JayCee pavilion in Silver Park. This is your chance to see some of what we've been spending our money on.

TBD - **Digital mode Q & A with Steve, KB8RFE** – Get some answers to your questions on operating digital modes



3 PM - **Slim Jim Group Build with John, WG8X** – Otherwise known as a Roll-Up J-Pole. This is an easy way to increase your radio's performance. We'll have kits available for \$15 each. Help will be available for those wishing to assemble & test their kits that day.

6pm - **Club Picnic** –Again, at the JayCee Pavilion in Silver Park. The club will provide Hot dogs & hamburgers.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

We are well covered on plates/cups/bowls, plastic ware, etc.

7pm-ish - **Club Meeting** – After dinner, there will be a short club meeting. If you have questions in advance of Field Day, here's your chance to get answers.

## 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.

## AARC Fundraiser Is Underway



### [Yaesu FT-710 AESS](#)

Our 2024 HF Rig Raffle is now live!

[https://www.w8lky.org/hf\\_rig\\_raffle/](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)**

[https://www.w8lky.org/hf\\_rig\\_raffle/](https://www.w8lky.org/hf_rig_raffle/)

## Upcoming VE Exams

6/08 - Lisbon - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/lisbon-oh-44432-1233-91](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/lisbon-oh-44432-1233-91)

6/08 - Ravenna - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/ravenna-oh-44266-2191-85](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/ravenna-oh-44266-2191-85)

6/10 – Cuyahoga Falls - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/cuyahoga-falls-oh-44221-15](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/cuyahoga-falls-oh-44221-15)

6/15 – Alliance - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/alliance-oh-44601-2609-1](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/alliance-oh-44601-2609-1)

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](#).

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

**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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