

The Week ahead (June 2, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club



First up

Welcome to Another issue of The Week Ahead, from the Alliance ARC. I've been building and testing antennas this weekend, so I decided to go with an appropriate picture. This is the plot for the antenna we'll be building at our Get On the Air Day on June 12th.

In May, I kind of got out of the HF Rig Raffle mode, so it's time to ramp it up again. We have about 5 weeks to go till the drawing, and 500 tickets remaining. Each ticket we sell helps out folks in the Greater Alliance area, so please keep talking it up. You can learn more about this (and buy tickets) at

https://www.w8lky.org/hf_rig_raffle/

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, click on the newsletter tab, and look for the issue you want.



Kids Day 2024



Who: Any youth 5 years old and up.

What: Kids Day is a day where kids get on the air waves and make contacts with other hams around the world. All youth will be operating along with a licensed Ham radio operator.

When: June 15th from 2p-8p.

Where: Metzger Park Pavilion #1 in Louisville, OH



Any Question Contact Allen Smith (KE8ZLT) for more information.

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Kids Day 2024

Kids Day is an event that comes up each June, and is sponsored by the ARRL. You can learn more about it at <https://www.arrl.org/Kids-Day>.

I already told Allen that I would make available another station either from Club property or my own.

But, I invite each and every one of you to reach out to Alan and ask how you can help.

Let's face it folks, none of us is getting younger. Anything we can do to get kids involved in the hobby is a good thing.

Field Day

Don't forget that ARRL Field Day is coming up on the weekend of June 22/23. I'll have more info about this in a future issue.

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 12th. 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.



3pm - **Slim Jim Group Build with John, WG8X**

Otherwise known as a Roll-Up J-Pole. This is an easy way to increase the performance of your HT. We'll have kits available for \$15 each.

Help will be available for those wishing to assemble & test their kits that day.

4pm - **Digital mode Q & A with Steve, KB8RFE**

Get answers to your questions on operating digital modes

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 31st, 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 1st – August 11th), 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), 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 5th

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 10th. 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 2nd 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/

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/

Upcoming VE Exams

6/08 - Lisbon - 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

6/10 – Cuyahoga Falls - 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

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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