

The W3PIE Letter

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ELECTION 2000

Well folks, with the 2000 Presidential election behind us, it is time to think about another election.

That's right, it is once again time to vote for the UARC Officers. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a Ballot, and a return-envelope. Please fill out the ballot, place the ballot in the envelope, seal the envelope, place a stamp on the envelope and mail the envelope back to the club.

The following Club Members are running for Office for the Year 2001.

For President- Dave Watson, N3QAS, for Vice-President- Carl Chuprinko, WA3HQK, for Secretary-Tony Alviar, KA3VOR, for Treasurer- George Syner, WA3OGQ, and for Trustee- Dave Kir, WA3DJG, and Herb Shaffer,

KA3WSO. Your ballot will show two selections for Club Trustee, please select one member for trustee and return your ballot. All Ballots must be in prior to the Wednesday, December 6, 2000 Meeting to be counted!



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Now that we have your attention, the club officers would like to apprise the UARC Membership of some Good News.

After many years and months of trials and tribulations involving UARC and the Internal Revenue Service, UARC is now a 501(c)(3) Organization as recognized by the IRS.

What does this mean?

This means that any contributions to The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc. are fully tax deductible by you on your taxes. All that is required is to donate to the Club and the Club will acknowledge with a receipt. This donation may be monetary, equipment, services or otherwise. Should you have any questions, please contact either the Club Officers at a

club meeting or contact the Club Officers via telephone for more information. For your charitable contribution to be usable on your 2000 Taxes, the contribution must be received by the Radio Club no later than December 31, 2000. Any donations received after Decem-



ber 31, 2000 will be usable on next years tax return.

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UARC NEEDS YOU!

A startling thing has been occurring at the recent radio club meeting. Fewer people are attending! The Club Officers are extending an open invitation to the UARC Membership. Many

Next Club Meeting is
Wednesday,
December 6, 2000!



great things and many not so great things are happening at the Club. Please take an interest and take the time to attend!

REPEATER REPORT

As many of you may be aware, the 147.045 repeater is ill. In Late October, the repeater had some minor power supply trouble that may have been caused by the power amplifier on the repeater going bad. Currently the power amplifier is out of the repeater and the repeater antenna is connected to the exciter of the repeater. This means that 147.045 is operating with a power output of around 1/2 watt. (Minus some loss through the duplexers, feedline, etc.) Despite this the repeater is still quite usable on handhels and mobile radios in the area. The power amplifier is at the repair shop and we are awaiting repairs. However, parts are getting very scarce for the power amplifier that is used on our repeater.

Approximately 2 1/2 years ago, the club purchased 3 GE high band (159.xxx) repeaters from the Massachusetts Turnpike. A winter project has been started to place one of these repeaters in operation to replace the Motorola Repeater that we are un-

able to get parts for anymore. Currently we have enough parts to survive through till spring. However, should anything happen to the repeater amplifiers, the repeater will be back to 1/2 watt power output. Placing the additional newer equipment into operation will help alleviate this problem.

The club is looking for some financial assistance in placing the newer equipment into operation. If you are interested please contact, Tony, KA3VOR, 430-1277-W, 329-4499-H for more information.

The 147.255 Repeater is status quo with a lot of key ups to the repeater from adjacent channel interference from the 147.270 repeater. Several folks have indicated this problem to the Club, however, there is nothing we can do to rectify this problem.

The 443.750 Repeater is still out of service. A lightening strike to the 443.750 repeater over a year ago has not been able to be repaired. The club has tracked down some replacement equipment but not had time to place this equipment in service since a lot of time is necessary to convert the equipment we obtained to the ham band. If you need more information on the 443.750 repeater, please contact Tony, KA3VOR.

The 145.170 repeater is working well although not heavily used by the club membership.

145.170 provides excellent coverage in the northern part of the county and all points north. Feel free to try out 145.170 sometime. Frequency information for 145.170 is – offset (144.570 input) and has a PL Tone or CTCSS Tone of 131.8 Hz. You will need to have your radio equipment transmit with the tone of 131.8 to access the repeater. This was necessary to satisfy coordination requirements for the relocation of 145.170.

Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

VOTING & HUMOR!

Four guys were on a cross-country road trip together. They were from Idaho, Iowa, New York, and Florida. The car had been enroute for about two hours when the man from Idaho rolled down his window and began tossing potatoes from a bag he had with him out of the car.

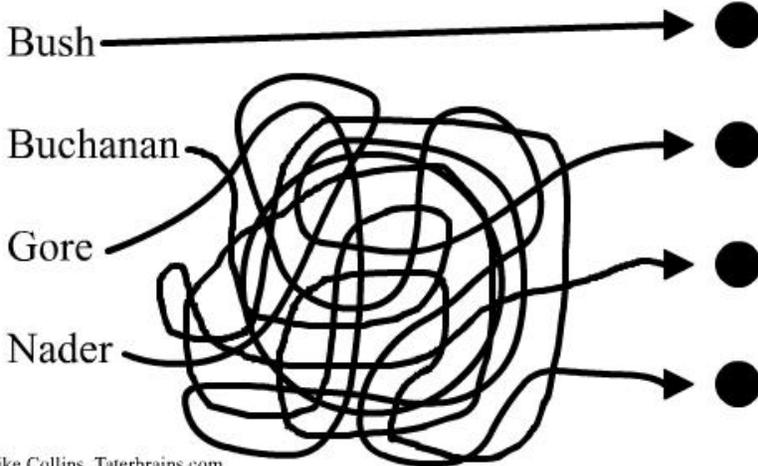
The guy from Florida said, "What the heck are you doing?"

"We have way too many potatoes in Idaho," he replied, "and this is a great way to get rid of some!"

After another hour passed, the Iowan rolled down his window, opened his duffle bag, and began tossing out ears of corn. The New Yorker said, "Now what the heck are you doing?" To which the Iowan replied, "Well, We have far too much corn in Iowa, so I figured this would be a great opportunity to get rid of some of it!"

Official Florida Presidential Ballot

Follow the arrow and Punch the appropriate dot.



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About two hours later, the Floridian rolled down his window and tossed out the man from New York.

FAREWELL!

While we are on the subject of elections and Presidents, the membership of UARC should know that President Kirk Dorn, N3EKP is relocating in the very near future. Kirk has chosen to step down as President of UARC at the end of his current term. Kirk has done a lot to help keep the club going and his interest in radio and the community should be remembered by all. Kirk will be missed once his move is complete. (Kirk, don't forget to check into the Thursday night net once you move! *Pat made me put that in.*) Should you run into Kirk either on the radio or in person, Congratulate him on a job well done and Thank him

for his time as President of UARC.

UARC Seretary, Tony, KA3VOR

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Matt Zdilla, a member of the Belle Vernon Area High School Radio Club, and an active member of the Boy Scouts of America is soliciting our help to help him in his venture to complete an Eagle Scout Project.

Matt is trying to locate used, deactivate cellular telephones. His project will take these phones, place them back into operating order, and place the phones in the hands of the elderly community members as a means to contact 911 in a time of emergency. Please Contact Pat Pallini on 147.045 or at 439-8056 for more information and for locations to drop off



any used, deactivated, cell phones.

Tom Thompson, KA3WSQ & Pat Pallini, WB3LUC

SPACE STATION NEWS

The first residents of the International Space Station enjoyed a few days rest before preparing for the arrival of a Russian spacecraft crammed with tons of supplies. During their down time they hooked up a ham radio and spoke with people more than 200 miles (320 km) below on Earth.

The crew of two cosmonauts and one astronaut over the weekend successfully fired up their new ham radio equipment in Zarya, one of three modules currently comprising the orbiting outpost, NASA said.

The agency said the trio would use the radio to talk with school children and ham radio operators throughout the world. But a NASA spokesman at Mission Control in Houston said Monday he did not know who the crew spoke with during their first ham radio conversations. Earlier, astronaut Bill Shepherd, the station commander, and cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko

and Sergei Krikalev prepared their floating home for an upcoming rendezvous with an unmanned Progress supply ship. They hooked up cables and other hardware to enable the station's control system to automatically reactivate its jet thrusters after docking with a Progress or a manned Soyuz vehicle.

The jets are usually disabled right before docking to prevent accidental jet firings, which could damage solar panels on the arriving space vehicles.

The crew last week also made some headway in hooking up computers and cables for the onboard laptop computer network.

A Progress carrying more than two tons of food, supplies and spare parts is scheduled to lift from Earth on November 15 at 8:32 p.m. EST. The crew will spend about two weeks unloading the spacecraft after it docks on November 17 at 10:07 p.m. EST.

The Expedition 1 crew arrived November 2 for a four-month stay aboard the space station, which they unofficially christened "Alpha

One of the most ambitious engineering projects ever, the station involves contributions from 16 nations and could eventually cost more than \$60 billion. The modular complex is designed to ensure continuous human habitation of space for more than a decade. When completed, perhaps as early as 2005, the station will spread over almost an acre and in-

clude as much pressurized living space as a Boeing 747.

CNN Website

NEWLETTER

I am sure by now that you have noticed some changes in the newsletter. The club needs your help to keep the newsletter a "Happening Thing" It would be nice if the newsletter could be published quarterly to keep the membership apprised of what is going on in the area.

Q: I think the newsletter is great. How can I submit an article or information for publication?

A: Numerous ways. If you have fax, please fax the information or article to Tony at 724-430-1281. If you have e-mail, send the information, internet link, etc to either Tony, talviar@fcema.org or Dave Waton, fattious@lcsys.net. If you have no electronic means to submit your information, call Tony 724-430-1277, or Pat Pallini, 724-439-8056. If that doesn't work for you, you can always mail your information to the Radio Club at the address shown on the address label page of this newsletter.

Your information does not have to be radio or radio club related. It may be something of interest to the community, maybe some information about national or local events that you would like to see in the newsletter, maybe some jokes to give the readers a chuckle!

Whatever the case, forward the information to us and the newsletter staff will work on getting it published!

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please double check your address label when you receive your newsletter.

I am aware that numerous addresses throughout the county changed recently with the implementation of city-style addressing in many communities throughout South Western Pennsylvania. Should your information not be correct, please drop the Club a line indicating your correct address.

Also, if you have e-mail and would rather receive your newsletter via e-mail in an Acrobat Reader format please forward you e-mail address to the club so that you can be added to the mailing list.

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W3PIE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: 10 Members were present: Kirk, N3EKP, George, WA3OGQ, Tony, KA3VOR, Dave, N3QAS, Teedle, K3ECZ, Dave, WA3DJG, Tim, W3ZVT, Herb, KA3WSO, Carl, WA3HQK, Pat, WB3LUC.

GUESTS PRESENT: 1 Guest was present: Stephen D Holowach

CALL TO ORDER: President Kirk, N3EKP, called the meeting to order at 1931

Minutes for the October Meeting were unavailable as there was not enough attendance to conduct the October 2000 Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

The roof work at the Radio Club needs to be completed. This will be done on Saturday November 4, 2000. This is for finishing touches to the roof work done last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Repeater Report- .045 is experiencing technical difficulties. Jay & Tony to go to the Club tower after the meeting to find out what the trouble is.

The ARES SET Drill was conducted on Saturday October 28, 2000. .045 was operating on battery power for the duration of the drill due to a power supply failure at the tower.

Nominations for Club Officers for 2001 are as follows:

President	Dave Watson	N3QAS
Vice President	Carl Chuprinko	WA3HQK
Secretary	Tony Alviar	KA3VOR
Treasurer	George Syner	WA3OGQ
Trustee	Dave Kir	WA3DJG
	Herb Shaffer	KA3WSO

A motion to adjourn was made by Herb, KA3WSO, and seconded by Dave, WA3DJG. Meeting was adjourned at 2036

- respectfully submitted by Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

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THE CLUB REPEATERS: 147.045+, 147.255+, AND 443.750 + Full Time PL of 123.0

AFFILIATE REPEATER: WB3LUC 145.170– Full Time PL of 131.8

PACKET NODE: W3PIE-1/UARC 145.690

President:	Kirk Dorn, N3EKP	Call Trustee:	John Rudik, WB3JNP, 724-437-2526
Vice President:	Carl Chuprinko WA3HQK 304-594-3779	Trustees:	Anthony Pyzdrowski, N3JZN
Secretary:	Tony Alviar, KA3VOR 724-329-4499		John Rudik, WB3JNP
Treasurer:	George Syner, WA3OGQ 724-439-1554		Tim Soxman, W3ZVT

The club holds its regular business meeting on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club Clubhouse.
Guests are always welcome!

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