



The **W3PIE LETTER**

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OPEN INVITATION

If you received this newsletter and are not a member of the W3PIE, Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, please consider this an open invitation to come out to the club and see what it is all about. The primary purpose of the club is to promote amateur radio. Everyone is welcome, and you don't need to be a member to attend the meetings. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse located on old Pittsburgh Road. (but this year the July meeting will be the Third Wednesday due to the July 4th conflict.) There is also a "ways and means" meeting on the Third Wednesday of every month, and it is also open to anyone who wants to attend. The club would be thrilled to have guests so please come out and see what good things can be done to help promote amateur radio. You may get caught up in the excitement!

You're Invited

ABOUT THE MAY MEETING

Great turn out, 24 people and one club mascot dog, Champ... Including ourselves in the club monthly meetings drives us forward as a club organization. Keeping up the attendance provides us with club knowledge of group activities, and to make your votes count the way you want things to be. Participation is the key to making the club a club. Just remember the **July meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month**, due to the July 4th holiday falling on a regular club meeting night.

David Watson – N3QAS

W3PIE VE EXAM TESTING DATES

Other future exams: **September 16, December 2**. Plan to arrive at the club before 2 PM, bring a copy of your license and the original, also an additional form of ID such as a driver's license, and two number 2 pencils. The exam fee is now ten dollars. Technician, General, and Extra exams will be available. Walk-ins are welcome. Good Luck!

Bert Sesler – WA3WAW

Next Club Meeting is Wednesday, July, 18 2001



JUNE MEETING ATTENDANCE

- Pat Pallini WB3LUC
- Ron DeGusipe KE3OH
- David Kir WA3DJG
- Tom Gomery KA3WMD
- Tim Soxman W3ZVT
- Bert Sesler WA3WAW
- Valerie Sesler N3YSX
- Paul Renninger K3ECZ
- David Watson N3QAS
- George Syner WA3OGQ
- Mike Kosco KA3WOI
- Earl Zugar W3WVE
- Carl Chuprinko WA3HQK
- Jay Rudik WB3JNP
- Chuck French KC3YR
- Steve Holowach K3SDH
- Tony Alviar KA3VOR
- Rick Sikora KA3WUO
- Don Moser WA3DHH
- Chuck Johnson K3CFJ
- Anthony Pyzdrowski N3JZN
- 3 Guests:** Wade Wholer
- Butch Blair KB3GPD
- Bob Vail, KB3GES

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The Monthly Club Meeting is Wednesday July 18th 2001

Sam Call CD now @ the Club

SYMPATHY

UARC regrettably has lost two of our great Club members since our last newsletter, John Wagner, SR, N3ZHU, and Lou Volpe, KA3QCA. John and Lou will be sadly missed....

GET WELL

WISHES

We all wish Kirk Dorn, N3EKP past year 2000 President of W3PIE get well wishes. Kirk as most of you know has had knee surgery, and now has Kidney complications from this. If anyone would like to send Kirk a get well card the address is:

**Kirk Dorn – N3EKP
PO BOX 636
Hopwood, PA 15445**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

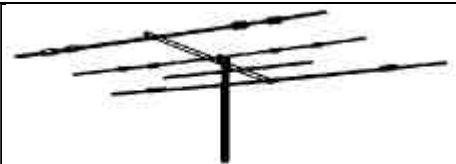
Steve Holowach K3SDH July 9th
David Watson N3QAS July 12th
Buck Smithburger WA3IHL July 12
Bob Martain KA3YRD July 15th
Don Derryberry KA3RAP July 25th
Valerie Sesler N3YSX July 27th
Greg Rice KN3Q July 28th



It's that time of year again, for Antenna's

Although I'll soon turn 50, I've only very recently acquired my FCC General Amateur License. Not being sure of a path to follow in the Amateur Radio Service, I've been extremely fortunate to have met an abundance of helpful and knowledgeable people at the Uniontown W3PIE Radio Club. Having selected an HT as my starter radio, I soon realized that the rubber ducky antenna just wasn't able to allow the radio to function at its potential. After a discussion with the club President I chose a discone type antenna to extend the range of the HT. I found that purchasing the antenna was the simple part. After having placed it near an upstairs window, I soon realized that it should be placed someplace high, like a rooftop for example. I was overjoyed to find that several members of the W3PIE radio club volunteered to help me out! Furthermore, that they would sacrifice a full day, better spent at a swimming pool, to come to the house, scale the roof (on the hottest day of the year), and affix an antenna to a chimney. I am extremely impressed with the people who make up such an organization. I am also proud to have joined that organization. Most importantly I would like to thank Dave Watson, N3QAS and Chuck French, KC3YR for accomplishing a task that would have been impossible without their intervention.

Steve Holowach K3SDH



JULY HAMFESTS

Murgas ARC July 1st, 2001
Contact: Frank Karcheski N3WPG
332 Madison Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705
Phone: 570-824-7579
Email: n3wpg@juno.com

Firecracker Hamfest July 4th, 2001
Harrisburg RAC
<http://members.aol.com/w3uu/>
Contact: Pete de Volpi, K3PD
408 Hillside Avenue
New Cumberland, PA 17070-3036
Phone: 717-938-8249 or 717-705-1370 Email: k3pd@arrl.net

Wood County ARC July 8th, 2001
<http://wcarc.bgsu.edu/flyer.html>
Contact: Bob Boughton, N1RB
PO Box 534 Bowling Green, OH
43402 Phone: 419-354-1811
Email: hamfest@wcarc.bgsu.edu

North Hills ARC July 8th, 2001
<http://nharc.pgh.pa.us>
Contact: Milton Moratis, W3XX
681 Olive Street Pittsburgh, PA
15237 Phone: 412-364-0399
Email: mmoratis@juno.com

Jonestown Mountain Repeater
Association July 12th, 2001
Contact: Charles Hooker, AD3L
PO Box 23 Huntington Mills, PA
18622 Phone: 570-864-2571
Email: chooker@epix.net

Mid-Atlantic ARC July 15th, 2001
<http://www.marc-radio.org/hamfest.html>
Contact: Bill Owen, W3KRB
679 Malin Road Newtown Square,
PA 19073 Phone: 610-325-3995
Email: gem@op.net

Northern Ohio ARS July 21st, 2001
<http://www.apk.net/noars/noarsfe.htm>

Contact: John Schaaf, K8JWS
6264 West River Road South
Elyria, OH 44035
Phone: 216-696-5709
Email: k8jws@arrl.net

Van Wert ARC July 22nd, 2001
<http://www.redrival.com/w8fy>
Contact: Bob Barnes, WD8LPY
411 North Walnut Street
Van Wert, OH 45891
Phone: 419-238-1877
Email: barnesrl@bright.net

OH-KY-IN ARS July 28th, 2001
<http://www.qsl.net/k8sch>
Contact: Mr. Lynn Ernst, WD8JAW
10650 Aspen Place
Union, KY 41091-7665
Phone: 859-657-6161
Email: wd8jaw@arrl.net

Portage ARC July 29th, 2001
<http://parc.portage.oh.us>
Contact: Joanne Solak, KJ3O
9971 Diagonal Road
Mantua, OH 44255
Phone: 330-274-8240
Email: ljsolak@apk.net

RUBBER ROOF ON CLUBHOUSE

Well the roof over the furnace room is still not complete. Utilizing one Saturday morning on the job, this item can be taken off the thing to do list. If you are interested in helping out keep an ear bent on the time that we will be going to the club to complete this job. If you want to come out for moral support that is fine also, who knows you may get to throw a hammer up to us!!

MOBILE 2 METER RADIO WANTED

Steve Holowach K3SDH is looking for a used two meter mobile rig to purchase. If you have one that you want to sell, contact Steve at 439-7144 from 8-4 PM

TRACTOR NEEDED FOR W3PIE

In past meetings we spoke of purchasing a larger tractor for cutting the grass at the club grounds. We need a tractor big enough to cut grass at a faster pace, clear the driveway during the winter season. If anyone has any knowledge of a used tractor for-sale please contact Club President David Watson N3QAS (724) 437-4733

FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24

This year the Uniontown Amateur Radio club held a Field Day operation on the Club Grounds. Antenna's were strung from the trees and the power generator in the storage shed was used for emergency power. Fun was had by all...

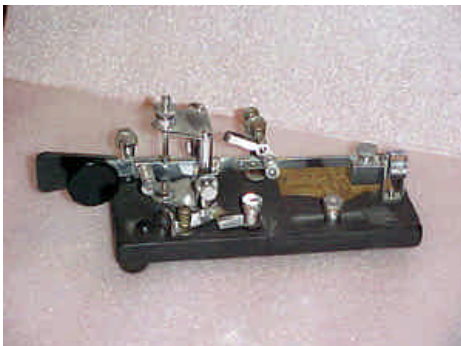


COLLECTORS CORNER

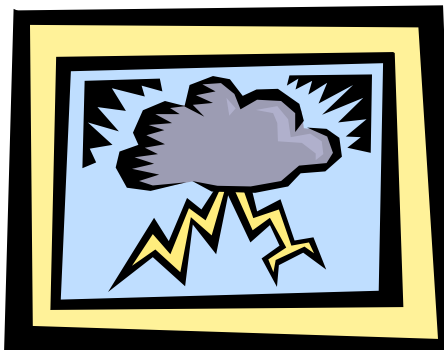
By Tim Soxman W3ZVT

One of the Vibroplex keys that are not seen too often is the Vibroplex Zephyr. The reason that it is not seen too often was a matter of economics and its unfortunate positioning in the key lineup of Vibroplex keys. The Zephyr was positioned between the Original and the Champion as far as prices went and had a circuit closer and a three-inch wide base. It was manufactured between 1939 and 1958 and only came in black base models. The early Zephyrs had black japanned bases and are more rare than the black crackle finish ones.

Because of the Zephyrs position in the Vibroplex lineup, folks that wanted a cheaper key bought the Champion and the guys that could afford a better key bought the Original. As a result the Zephyr was seen as not much better than the Champion and not as good as the Original. This caused the Zephyr to be pretty thin on the ground as far as used keys go. Tom French's Vibroplex Collectors Guide lists the Zephyr as "uncommon".



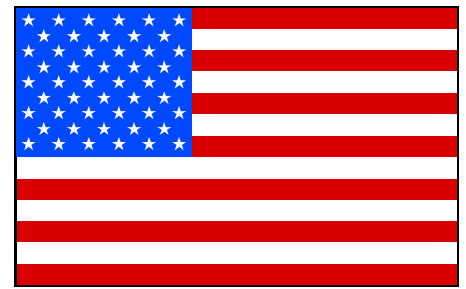
BAD WEATHER PRECAUTIONS



Summer is here, and with the outbreak of nasty weather, be sure that when you leave the radio shack that your home station is safely grounded for possible lightning strikes. It's better to be safe than sorry...

UNIONTOWN TRIATHLON

As it turns out we have a substantial amount of volunteers to maintain the traffic safety for this years annual Triathlon. Thank you to all who Volunteered their time to help out...



THURSDAY NIGHT 147.045 WB3LUC NET

Please check in 147.045 + @ 9:00 PM every Thursday. Try to check into this net to update yourself on W3PIE club activities. How will you know what is going on if you don't listen or check in.?

Pat Pallini, WB3LUC

PSK-31 KITS

Well as of this writing, all of the PSK-31 kits that were ordered by club members are distributed. Those who purchased a kit will now have the enjoyment of the hobby, soldering it together and brushing up on our building skills. Looking at the kit, this should not be a hard job for the enthusiast at all.

David Watson N3QAS

FEEDBACK ARTICLES, FOR-SALE, ISO, ETC, FOR THE NEWSLETTER

SEND TO:

wa3waw@arrl.net
vze27z5x@verizon.net
talviar@fcema.org

W3PIE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: 21 Members were present: Dave, N3QAS, Valerie, N3YSX, Bert, WA3WAW, Rick, KA3WUO, Tim, W3ZVT, Chuck, K3CFJ, Ron, KE3OH, Steve, K3SDH, Chuck, KC3YR, Earl, W3WVE, Pat, WB3LUC, Don, WA3DHH, Dave, WA3DJG, Teedle, K3ECZ, Carl, WA3HQK, Tom, KA3WMD, George, WA3OGQ, Mike, KA3WOI, Tony, KA3VOR, Anthony, N3JZN, Jay, WB3JNP

GUESTS PRESENT: 3 Guests were present: Bob Vail, KB3GES Butch Blair, KB3GPD, and Wade Wohler

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Watson, N3QAS, called the meeting to order at 1936 with 21 members and 3 guests present.

Minutes of the May meeting were printed in the newsletter and approved as read.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The club had another successful and fun year at the Dayton Hamvention. \$290 was brought in by the club at Dayton. This years trip was a very rainy one with rain on Thursday and Friday and sunshine on Saturday and Sunday.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Wagner, SR, N3ZHU, and Louis Volpe, KA3QCA passed away since our last meeting.

Kirk Dorn, N3EKP is currently in the hospital recovering from a serious Kidney Infection caused a while back by the trouble and surgery with his knees.

A lease agreement was received from Crown Communications and will be reviewed by the Club Officers and Trustees at the June Ways-n-Means Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following applications for membership were presented:

Bob Vail, KB3GES, Butch Blair, KB3GPD and Buck Griffith, KB3GPF for Full Membership

Toni Bloom, KB3GPE for Associate Membership

Toni Bloom, KB3GPE was approved for Associate membership.

Remainder will be approved at the July Meeting.

PSK-31 Kits are in. If you bought one please see Dave Watson, N3QAS

Carl advised that the new Sam's 2001 Call Sign CD is here. A donation was suggested for personal use.

Bert reported that more volunteers are still needed for the Uniontown Triathlon.

Winner of the 50/50 was Ron DeGusipe, KE3OH

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Kir, WA3DJG, and seconded by Jay Rudik, WB3JNP. Meeting was adjourned at 2013

- respectfully submitted by Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

YEAR 2001
W3PIE PICNIC



AUGUST 26TH

Still in the works is the annual W3PIE picnic, annually held at the Wharton Township Recreational Park on Route 381 in Farmington. This years picnic is scheduled to take place on Sunday August 26th. Organizing such an event requires a lot of preparation and people to participate to make it a success. Any ideas and/or suggestions will be discussed further at the July 18th meeting. Please attend this meeting and help organize this event... Tnxs..

David Watson – N3QAS

YET ANOTHER
LIGHTNING
STRIKE ON THE
147.045
REPEATER

On June 13th, 2001 the 147.045 W3PIE repeater was once again disabled by a lightning strike. Due to this unexpected hit, the Thursday night net held by WB3LUC, could not take place. As of June 15th our club radio technician Jay, WB3JNP had the repeater up and running.

Sorry for any inconvenience...

YEAR 2000 PICNIC PICTURES



N3EKP

KE3OH



W3ZVT

WA3DJG

K3ECZ



LIZ

KA3WSO

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

UNIONTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.—W3PIE
433 Old Pittsburgh Road
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-439-8158



PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Call _____ License Class _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Birth Date _____ E-mail _____

Full Membership	Associate Membership	Student Membership	Family Membership
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\$2.50 per month And a one time Registration Fee of \$5.00 Cost is \$30/year	\$15.00 per year	\$15.00 per year and one time Registration Fee of \$1.50	\$5.00 per Family Member per year
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ALL THAT APPLY

I am applying for? Full Membership * _____
 Associate Membership _____ Sponsor
**Requires Sponsor* Student Membership *
 Family Membership *

Is this application a renewal? Yes No
Are you an ARRL Member? Yes No
May we list your phone number on the club roster? Yes No
Would you like a 2nd AutoDial number? (Full members only) Yes No

If yes, list the optional number _____

Make all checks payable to: **Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, INC**

Total Amount Paid _____

Being genuinely interested in Amateur Radio, I hereby apply for Membership in the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc. As a Member I will abide by the Constitution of the Club. Also, I will support the Club to the best of my ability.

X _____
Signature of Applicant *Date*

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THE CLUB REPEATERS: 147.045+, 147.255+, 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

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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.

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