

The **W3PIE LETTER**

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AT THE MAY MEETING



At the May 2nd club meeting many things were discussed. An important item was brought up. The July Club Meeting will fall on July 4th. Many thoughts were openly discussed by the membership present at the May meeting. Several people thought, that would be a great time for the Club to meet by allowing both a Club meeting and viewing of local Fireworks from the Club Site. Finally though, the membership present brought up a motion to move the meeting date. The membership present voted that the regular club meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, 2001 will be held on Wednesday July 18, 2001 the third Wednesday of the month when the "Ways and Means" meeting usually takes place. We hope that this will fit into your schedule and please mark you calendars.

W3PIE Officers



Joseph Stajnrajh, W03V
VE Team Liaison for W3PIE

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,
June 6, 2001**

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!

The Monthly Club Meeting is Wednesday June 6th 2001

TRIATHLON VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The Uniontown Triathlon is Saturday, June 30, and volunteers are still needed for communications. The organizational dinner is Friday June 29 at 6 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church at the corner of Beeson and Dunbar Street in Uniontown. There, locations will be assigned along with free tee shirts and a free spaghetti dinner. Communications personnel should be at their intersections at 6 AM on Saturday morning June 30, and the race should finish before 10:30 AM. Since it is a staggered start, there will be continuous traffic on the routes all morning, so we need all the help we can get. If you can help out, call Bert Sesler WA3WAW at 437-5987, or tell Pat WB3LUC on the Thursday night net, or Dave N3QAS at the June club meeting. The list of volunteers should be turned in several days after the June W3PIE meeting.

Bert Sesler WA3WAW

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NEW HAMS PASS MAY 6TH EXAM

Congratulations to Buck Griffith KB3GPF, Toni Bloom KB3GPE, and Butch Blair KB3GPD on passing the Technician License Exam. They attended the W3PIE license classes in April and took the VE exam on May 6. Make sure and say hello to them on the air when you hear them, and make them welcome on the repeater and at the club meetings. Also in attendance was Gary Ronzio, K3YYM who upgraded to General, and VE examiners WO3V, N3QAS, and WA3OGQ. At this exam, everyone passed, and that's worth celebrating! This picture of the happy candidates was taken at the end of the exam session by VE Dave, N3QAS.

Bert Sesler WA3WAW

THURSDAY NIGHT 147.045 WB3LUC NET

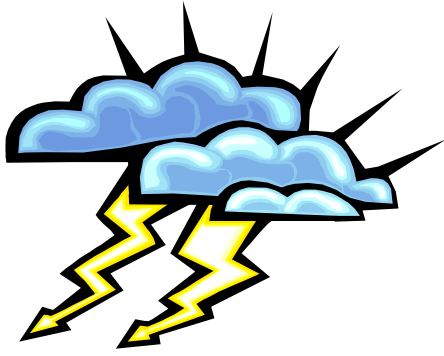
Please check in 147.045 + @ 9:00 PM every Thursday. Try to check into this net to update yourself on W3PIE club activities. How will you know what is going on if you don't listen or check in.?

Pat Pallini, WB3LUC

PSK31 KITS

I want to thank all the club members that ordered a kit from K4ABT through me. With the onset of the Dayton Hamvention trip, ordering these kits will be delayed a bit. Everyone that has eagerly waited for their kit should be receiving them before or during the June 6th meeting. Once again thank you for your patience.

David Watson N3QAS



BAD WEATHER PRECAUTIONS

Spring is here, and with the outbreak of nasty weather, be sure that when you leave the house that your home station is safely grounded for possible lightning strikes. Better safe than sorry.

UPCOMING JUNE BIRTHDAYS



John Cermac, WB3DOD	6-02
Tim Soxman, W3ZVT	6-07
Pat Pallini, WB3LUC	6-14
Thomas, Bowlen N3CLA	6-20
Barry Humbert, WC3BH	6-27

HAMFESTS

Breezeshooters ARC June 3rd
<http://www.breezeshooters.net>
Contact H. Rey Whanger, W3BIS
 120 Cove Run Road
 Cheswick, PA 15024-4100
 Phone: 412-826-8006
 Email: w3bis.sat@juno.com

Goodyear ARC – June, 10th
Contact: Don Longshore, N8QCA
 1834 Esther Avenue
 Akron, OH 44312-1014
 Phone: 330-733-7989
 Email: donel@stratos.net

Eastern Pennsylvania Section Convention
 Columbia-Montour ARC
<http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc> June 9th
Contact: George Law, N3KYZ
 10 Whitenight Lane
 Bloomsburg, PA 17815
 Phone: 570-784-2299
 Email: n3kyz@jlink.net

Milford ARC June 16th 2001
Contact: Chris Reinfelde
 KB8SNH 3691 Charter Oak
 Amelia, OH 45102
 Phone: 513-753-5066
 Email: kb8snh@cs.com

UPDATE WB3LUC COMPUTER

As you know Pat, WB3LUC has acquired a used computer. Using the "Computer for Dummies" book, Pat is becoming a wiz kid with this new toy. With the generosity of Bill Warmuth, K3FQI and his donation of a Panasonic dot matrix printer, Pat can now print documents with the stroke of a mouse. Tnxs Bill

MAY MEETING ATTENDANCE

Pat Pallini WB3LUC
 Slim McDonald WA3MJJ
 David Kir WA3DJG
 Tim Soxman W3ZVT
 Bert Sesler WA3WAW
 Paul Renninger K3ECZ
 David Watson N3QAS
 George Syner WA3OGQ
 Kirk Dorn N3EKP
 Bill Morgan WA3FWJ
 Chuck French KC3YR
 Steve Holowach K3SDH
 Len Baron WA3EGS
 Henry Duke KE3RS
 Tony Alviar KA3VOR
 Rick Sikora KA3WUO
 Don Moser WA3DHH
 1 Guest: Pete Rudik

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!!

2 METER RADIO WANTED

Bob Vail KB3GES is still looking for a used two meter rig to purchase. If you have one that you want to sell, contact Bob at 245-7415

PITTSBURGH MARATHON STORY

I first decided to run in the Pittsburgh Marathon back in October. I wanted to do it because I felt it would be an awesome accomplishment and also something I could work at. I started my training right after the new year and was able to run about 5 miles at the beginning (I'm a former cross-country runner). I was up to 17 miles in my training by late February, which was good but still about 9 mile short of marathon length (26.2). Then in March, I hurt my knee running on the treadmill and wasn't sure if I still would be able to go. Through treatment, it healed quickly and I resumed my training in early April. I never exceeded 17 miles in my training and the marathon soon came upon me on Sunday May 6. The first 15 miles or so was cake. By mile 20, all sorts of crazy stuff was going through my head. Everything started to hurt real bad. Mile 23 was by far the worst. I wasn't sure I was going to be able to go on much longer, but kept pushing myself. I was breaking down real bad, crying and all, wondering why the hell I got in this thing in the first place. All of a sudden, I'm passing the 25 mile marker - only 1.2 to go. When I hobbled across 26, I just decided to spring the last .2. I probably passed 50 runners on the last .2; I was flying. Not many people have that in them after running 26 miles. I really don't know where that came from, but it was a tremendous feeling and everyone was yelling and screaming at me. I finished in a respectable 4 hours 24 minutes. That was good for place 1118 out of over 5000 runners. Anyway, it was hell (training and the marathon itself), and on mile 23 I promised myself never to do that again, but it was still one of the greatest achievement of my lifetime. —Jim Watson

COLLECTORS CORNER

By Tim Soxman W3ZVT

There's a lookalike key out there that is being mistaken at first glance for a Vibroplex Brass Racer. The basic reason for this mistaken identity is that Vibroplex bought the rights to the Scotia key from HAMCO and then manufactured the key under its own trademark and name. This occurred in 1982

The Brass Racer lookalike was manufactured in three versions, the Scotia (standard brass finish), the Trinidad (engine turned finish), and the Carson (hand polished brass). HAMCO also manufactured the Carson key with an internal keyer called the EK-1. This is basically the same as the Vibroplex Brass Racer EK-1 and uses the same Curtis 8044 chip.

Prices back then were:

1. The Scotia----- \$54.95
2. The Trinidad----- \$64.95
3. The Carson----- \$74.95
4. The Carson EK1-\$129.95



MARCH OF DIMES WALKATHON



On Saturday April 28th, 2001 the March of Dimes held their annual Walkathon in the city of Uniontown. This year as in past years was a success due to the volunteers that came out to help.

This years event generated in excess of \$31,000 for Birth Defects. The W3PIE Uniontown Amateur Radio Club has contributed volunteers in the past directing traffic along with the Uniontown Police and Ambulance personnel. With our help, we ensure that the walkers get across all dangerous intersections safely without incident.

The March of Dimes would like to thank the following individuals who volunteered their time:

Pat Pallini WB3LUC
Rudy Kolencik WB3JHC
Tim Soxman W3ZVT
Dave Watson N3QAS
Hank Duke KE3RS
Ron DeGusipe KE3OH
Bert Sesler WA3WAW
Valerie Sesler N3YSX
Andy Hrebmar N3DWU
Paul Renninger K3ECZ
Barry Humbert WC3BH

W3PIE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: 16 Members were present: Dave Kir, WA3DJG, Teedle, K3ECZ, Bert, WA3WAW, Rick Sikora, KA3WUO, Steve Holowach, K3SDH, Cheap Chuck, KC3YR, Bill Morgan, WA3FWJ, Len Baron, WA3EGS, Henry Duke, KE3RS, Don, WA3DHH, Slim, WA3MJI, Pat, WB3LUC, Tim, W3ZVT, Dave Watson, N3QAS, George, WA3OGQ, Tony, KA3VOR.

GUESTS PRESENT: 1 Guest was present: Pete Rudik

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Watson, N3QAS, called the meeting to order at 1936 with 16 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as read.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Hank, KE3RS, seconded by Tim, W3ZVT to authorize Laurel Computer Systems to lease tower space from UARC at the 433 Old Pittsburgh Rd Tower Site for a cost of \$125/Month + Free Internet Access for the Club. This will initially be on a verbal lease starting May 1, 2001 until testing is complete to confirm working operation at which time a formal lease agreement will be drawn up between UARC and Laurel Computer Systems. Motion Passed.

Roof over Furnace room has had substantial work done to it, however work is not complete yet at this time. Another work day will be needed to finish the work.

Bert reported that class sessions were conducted and completed with several students that will be taking their test at the test session on Sunday, May 6, 2001.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dayton Hamfest- George Reports, "The club is ready to roll, I want your money if you are going."

There will be a test session this Sunday, May 6, 2000 at 1400.

The July meeting will fall on July 4. Membership present felt best to move the meeting date. Motion by Dave, WA3DJG, seconded by Bert, WA3WAW to move the General Membership Meeting from July 4, to coincide with the Ways-N-Means meeting on Wednesday, July 18. Motion passed by Majority with 1 no vote.

Triathlon- Uniontown Triathlon will be held on June 30, 2000. Interested persons should contact Bert, WA3WAW

Pat Pallini reported that the Club Annual Picnic is in the planning stages and will either be the third or fourth weekend in August.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim, W3ZVT, and seconded by Hank, KE3RS. Meeting was adjourned at 2006

- respectfully submitted by Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

TRIP TO DAYTON

2001 STORY

Well it's over and gone, Dayton Hamvention for the year 2001. Arriving in Dayton on Thursday May 17th, our group of 9 from the W3PIE gang unpacked the rain gear for the showers to come. Dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse the customary ritual for a Thursday evening, then a good nights rest for the Friday flea market activities. Driving to the flea market on Friday we had a small transmission problem that could have dampened the trip even more. Our club mechanic, George Syner found the problem and replaced a gear that caused the problem. The rain was upsetting but did not kill our spirits or our goal to shop and sell. Laminating tickets for the club proved very profitable this year keeping us on our feet. Friday evening dinner, another yearly ritual, Marc Pi's Chinese restaurant, now known as Ma's. We were accompanied by Bert Sesler WA3WAW, Valerie Sesler N3YSX, Mike Kosco, KA3WOI, Rich Sikora, KA3WUO, Gerry Griglak, KB3AQK. Dinner reservation for 14 people was truley a good time, with very much QRM at the dining table. Saturday was an absolutely fantastic day for shopping with no threat of rain. The temperature and humidity were just right. The bags of toys all of us were buying just kept piling up in the back of the van. Saturday evening was a great dinner at Max and Erma's with the company of Phil Hart W3FNY and his wife Kathy. Then on to Sunday morning, shopping till noon then off to the Hara Arena for a chance to win the big prizes. As it turns out, none of the gang won any prizes this year but on brighter outlook, we will next year at the Dayton Hamvention 2002..!

David Watson N3QAS



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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*

W3PIE JUNE 2001 NEWSLETTER

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THE CLUB REPEATERS: 147.045+, 147.255+, 443.750+ FULL TIME PL OF 123.0
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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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Pursuant to UARC Constitution & Bylaws, UARC Members receiving this months newsletter via E-Mail will also receive a copy via United States Mail. This is due to the notification of the Meeting Date Change for the July 2001 Meeting.

Please note that the July 2001 General Membership Meeting will not be conducted on Wednesday, July 4, and instead will be conducted on Wednesday, July 18, 2001, 7:30 PM. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Ways-N-Means Meeting.