



The **W3PIE LETTER**

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FEBRUARY MEETING ATTENDANCE

There were twenty one regular members and one guest present for the February 6th meeting.

David Watson N3QAS
Carl Chuprinko WA3HQK
Tony Alviar KA3VOR
George Syner WA3OGQ
Pat Pallini WB3LUC
Bert Sesler WA3WAW
Don Moser WA3DHH
Tom McDermott WB3BVZ
Paul Renninger K3ECZ
Steve Holowach K3SDH
Chuck French KC3YR
Tim Soxman W3ZVT
Kirk Dorn N3EKP
Slim McDonald WA3MJI
Leonard Baron WA3EGS
Rick Sikora KA3WUO
Herb Shaffer KA3WSO
Butch Blair KB3GPD
Bill Balsley W3TTL
Alex Tinker W3ICX
John Wagner N3XMK
Guest: Bobbi Wagner

2002 CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE

On the table at the January Ways and Means meeting, the officers were discussing the payment of dues for the club. As it turns out there are many of our members that are in the rears in the dues department. We discussed how we have been very lenient in our dues collection process. There are some of our members that are delinquent almost two years. If you were a dues paying member, with good standing with the club, you should consider paying the back dues. How this works is not complicated, you pay dues for 20 years and you are then a life member, unless the age 65 age rule applies in your case. If you stop paying your dues consecutively year to year you may have to start fresh from point zero. However, members who have fallen behind and on notice should have a chance to pay the back dues. If all past dues are paid current as soon as possible, these members will not have to start over from point zero. Thank you.. *W3PIE Officers*

**Next Club Meeting
is Wednesday
MARCH 6th 2002**

W3PIE VE EXAM REMAINING TESTING DATES FOR 2002

**May 5th, September 15th,
and December 1st.**

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.

W3PIE VE Team



The Monthly Club Meeting is Wednesday March, 6th 2002



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|------|
| John Syner WA3UVU | 3-07 |
| Bill Morgan WA3FWJ | 3-07 |
| Carl Chuprinko WA3HQK | 3-10 |
| Earl Zugar W3WVE | 3-15 |
| Bill Balsley W3TTL | 3-18 |
| George Syner WA3OGQ | 3-19 |
| Frank Cole N3JZO | 3-22 |
| Bill Henzly W3CAV | 3-25 |
| Kirk Dorn N3EKP | 3-31 |

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hello Everyone
I was recently appointed DEC for the WPA Rapid Response Team. I have been unable to find out who was on the previous team, and am working to try to rebuild the team from scratch. For this I need your help. I need volunteers for the Rapid Response Team from all across the WPA Section. Anyone interested in joining, PLEASE contact me as soon as possible. If there are any who were on the team before and would consider staying on, I'd like to hear from you. I need your contact information and what kind of equipment you have available. This is an important effort for the WPA Section, and we need volunteers badly. I look forward to hearing from you, and THANK YOU.
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VALENTINES DAY LADIES NIGHT DINNER

The W3PIE Valentine Ladies Night out Dinner was held February 15, 2002 7:00 PM. Present were 28 well dressed members chaperoning their XYL's or YL's to a fine dinner out. The Shady Side Inn was chosen for our night out, and fun was had by all. Everyone seemed to have an elegant evening out. A special thank you to Judy Baron for the little crock-pot Valentine's with two small hearts attached that made a wonderful table decoration that helped put everyone in the mood for a fabulous night out with the better half.

Arrangements this year were handled by:

Job Well Done!!

Leonard Baron WA3EGS,
Mike Kosco KA3WOI and
Rick Sikora KA3WUO



FOR SALE

For Sale: Alpha Delta VRC speaker console and wall wart. A variable frequency response speaker and amplifier for CW and SSB.

Contact: Tim Soxman
W3ZVT @ tims@hhs.net

For Sale: Uniden HR2600 President 10 meter mobile for sale. It is complete in original box. It is in perfect condition. I am selling for \$175.

Contact: Bernie Meyers @
WA3BM@arrl.net

For Sale: Cushcraft 13B2 - 2 meter 13 element Boomer - clean, good condition, on ground - ready to go. \$65

Prefer pick-up at my QTH in White, PA near Acme and Donegal

Contact: Gary Weslager,
K3GW
724-455-7176 (evenings) or
k3gw@helicon.net

For Sale: HTX 202 2 meter Mobile, with antenna and owners manual. \$125.00

Contact: John Martinelli,
N3RNU 724 437-3427

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted: AM broadcast transmitter. Prefer a complete tube type unit 1 KW or less as removed from service. Also looking for Amateur tube type AM transmitters, tube type receivers, 1970's and older QST magazines and unwanted tubes.

Contact: Bob Sova at (724) 966-2746 (evenings before 10 PM)
or 966-3065 (days Mon-Fri), or
by email at: WB3LEQ@alltel.net

MARCH ARRL CONTESTS

March 2-3, 2002

ARRL International DX Contest

March 9-11, 2002

RSGB Commonwealth Contest

North American RTTY Sprint

UBA Spring Contest

Wisconsin QSO Party

March 16-18, 2002

BARTG Spring RTTY Contest,

Russian DX Contest,

Virginia QSO Party

Montana QSO Party

YL International Single Sideband

System QSO Party--Phone,

March 19-20, 2002

CLARA and Family HF Contest,

March 23-24, 2002

2002 Oklahoma QSO Party

March 25th, 2002

Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint

March 30-31, 2002

CQ WW SSB WPX Contest

Refer to the address below for more info:



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

SEND TO:

wa3waw@arrl.net

vze27z5x@verizon.net

talviar@fcema.org

BREEZESHOOTERS 10 METER PHONE CONTEST

This year the Breezeshooters 10 meter groundwave contest is divided into 2 parts, CW and SSB.

The CW portion was February 23rd. The SSB contest is on March 23rd.

As of print for this Newsletter no plans have been made for either of the contests. Lets do it....!

The Breezeshooters contest has been a very, very fun contest for our club to participate in.

We need to bring this up at the March 6th meeting,

David Watson N3QAS

Happy St. Patrick's Day

THURSDAY NIGHT 147.045 WB3LUC NET

As always, please check in to the 147.045 + repeater @ 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

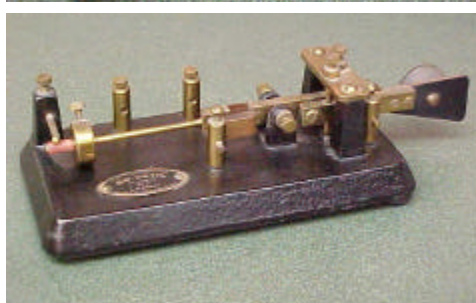
COLLECTORS CORNER

By Tim Soxman W3ZVT

The Go-Devil was a key manufactured by A. H. Emory of Poughkeepsie, New York. The first mention of the Go-Devil was an article on it was an article in the October 1933 issue of QST. The original Go-Devil was built on a cast, tapered, base. The original model bases were painted black and had an oval tag giving the name and origin of the key. The key had a rudimentary damper system and was primarily constructed using standard brass stock with minimal machining.

There was a later version of the Go-Devil advertised in 1954 QST. The works were similar to the 1933 model but the base was squared off vertically with rounded corners.

The Go-Devil versions according to various reports were manufactured in low numbers. The high estimates are in the area of 400 for each version while the low estimates are about 200 for each version.



Editor Note: Tim Soxman W3ZVT Has been writing this article for some time now. Tim is a member of W3PIE and is a dedicated amateur radio buff. Tim invented and builds the "Sox Key". A picture of this key has been used as a logo for W3PIE and is located on the top left of page one of this letter. If you are interested more about this key you can go to the web page to see more about the "Sox Key" <http://www.mtechnologies.com/soxman>

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

Round Rock, TX: Cen-Tex Contest Group, WA5DTK. 0001Z Feb 23 to 2359Z Mar 6. Commemorating the siege days at the Alamo. 7.265 14.265 21.265 28.465. QSL. Barry Brewer, WA5DTK, 603 Broken Bow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681-7401. For more information, e-mail jbrewer@constant.com.

Arlington Heights, IL: Peace Corps ARC, KA9NLX. 1600Z to 2300Z Mar 1. Celebrating the birthday of Peace Corps, and to honor its volunteers. 7.283 14.325 21.375 28.525. Certificate. John Paskevics, KA9NLX, RPCV, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Port St Lucie, FL: Port St Lucie Amateur Radio Assn, K4PSL. 1500Z Mar 1 to 2100Z Mar 15. Commemorating the arrival of the NY Mets Baseball team in Port St Lucie for their annual spring and summer training. 28.310 21.350 14.250 14.030. Certificate. Dr Maurice I. Sasson, W2JAJ, 8598 Florence Dr, Port St Lucie, FL 34952.

Daytona Beach, FL: Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Assn, Inc, K4BV. 1800Z Mar 1 to 1800Z Mar 10. 2002 Daytona Beach Bike Week Event. 28.450 21.250 14.265 7.210. Certificate. DBARA/K4BV, PO Box 9852, Daytona Beach, FL 32120-9852. Operation plans include HF phone and PSK31, primarily during daylight hours.

Philadelphia, PA: Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, W3AA. 0000Z Mar 1 to 0000Z Mar 31. Celebrating the 50th Birthday of W3AA in the Franklin Institute. 28.393 21.350 14.230 7.240. Certificate. Stephen Hoch, WU3I, 4638 Oakland St, Philadelphia, PA 19124.

Wasilla, AK: Matanuska Amateur Radio Assn, KL7JFU. 2100Z Mar 2 to Mar 23. Celebrating the 30th running of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Operation will continue through the day after the last sled completes the race. 28.460 21.315 14.246 7.290. QSL and certificate. Len Betts, NL7NF, 3090 Bald Eagle Dr, Wasilla, AK 99654. Will try to operate all bands. For more information, contact lelbak@yahoo.com.

Trenton, NJ: Delaware Valley Radio Assn, Inc, 1200Z to 2200Z Mar 10. Six months after September 11, honoring all firefighters, EMS, police, and victims and their families. W2ZQ on 12.240 and 7.235, W6OI on 28.400 (10X International). QSL. Harry F. Hochman, K2IQN, FF/EMT, 22 Daisy Ct, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

Brainerd, MN: Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club (BAARC), W0UJ. 1500Z to 2300Z Mar 9. \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. BAARC, PO Box 801, Brainerd, MN 56401.

Macon, GA: Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 1500Z to 2200Z Mar 16. Celebrating the 20th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 21.335 14.240 voice; 14.055 7.135 CW. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208.

Milwaukee, WI: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, W9RH. 0000Z to 2400Z Mar 16. Commemorating the 85th anniversary of the MRAC. 28.470 14.270 7.260 14.420. Certificate. Tom Schulte, W9RH, 8802 Castle Ct, Franklin, WI 53132. Multiple bands, CW, SSB and FM.

Mount Holly, NJ: NWS-Phi SKYWARN Assn, WX2PHI. 1500Z to 2100Z Mar 17. Promoting Hazardous Weather Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. 28.373 14.273 7.273. Certificate. John Holmes, WX3W, WX2PHI Special Event, 126A Worman Rd, Bath, PA 18014-9099.

W3PIE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February, 6th 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave, N3QAS, Tim, W3ZVT, Don, WA3DHH, Tony, KA3VOR, Steve, K3SDH, Bill Balsley, W3TTL, Bert, WA3WAW, Rick, KA3WUO, Slim, WA3MJI, Teedle, K3ECZ, Tom, WB3BVZ, Kirk, N3EKP, Pat, WB3LUC, Herb, KA3WSO, Len, WA3EGS, Alex, W3ICX, John, N3XMK, Butch, KB3GPD, Chuck, KC3YR, Carl, WA3HQK, George, WA3OGQ,

GUESTS PRESENT: Bobbi Wagner

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Watson, N3QAS, called the meeting to order at 1931 with 22 members and 1 guest present.

January's Minutes were accepted. Motion made by Tim, W3ZVT, Seconded by Kirk, N3EKP

The Treasurer's Report was read for January, February, and 2001 Year End

OLD BUSINESS:

A repeater report was given. The Controller on the 147.045 was installed. Audio Levels have been balanced. The 147.255 is still having problems. Crystals have been ordered to place one of the GE repeaters online.

Valentines Day Dinner is on Friday, February 15, 2002 at Shadyside Inn

VE Exam is on February 17, 2002

Teedle, K3ECZ's picture was in the Herald Standard today.

CBF Garbage has issued the club a formal request to pay the trash bill. This matter has been handed over to the Club Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Petrovich, K3EBU is in Uniontown Hospital with a tumor in the abdomen. Please keep Dave in your thoughts and prayers.

John Cermak, WB3DOD is not doing well and currently having some problems. Please keep John in your thoughts and prayers.

Pat is now in the computer age. His E-Mail Address is a.pallini@att.net

Dayton Hamvention is May 17-18-19, 2002. Dave Kir, WA3DJG made a motion, seconded by Carl WA3HQK for the club to purchase the spaces for the club at Dayton. Motion passed

Pat reported that a company is making arrangements to place fill in the low area on the back corner of the property.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim, W3ZVT, and seconded by Kirk, N3EKP. Meeting was adjourned at 2013.

Winner of the 50/50 is Cheap Chuck KC3YR. Proceeds were donated to the Club by Chuck.

- respectfully submitted by Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

TESTING IN THE AREA

March 9th, 2002

Sponsor: BREEZE SHOOTERS

Time: 12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT W BENNA (412)366-0488

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: PERRYSVILLE VOL FIRE CO 985 PERRY HWY WALKINS WELCOME HANDICAP PLEASE REGISTER PITTSBURGH, PA 15237

March 10th, 2002

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: GARY A NICHOLSON (304)449-1638

Email: W8PX@QSL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: FAIRMONT SR HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN BUILDING 7TH ST FAIRMONT, WV 26554

March 17th, 2002

Sponsor: TWO RIVERS ARC

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN S PETRULIS (412)664-1683

Email: N3XBW@ICUBED.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: PALACE INN INTERSECTION RT 22 & RT 48 PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED FROM 8:30 AM TO 10:00 AM MONROEVILLE, PA 15146

March 20th, 2002

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOSEPH D SCIULLI (412)481-3594 **VEC:** ARRL/VEC

Location: SALVATION ARMY DISASTER HQS 825 PARISH ST PAGER - 412-786-9514 PITTS-

Pittsburgh Marathon Recruits Needed for May 5th, 2002

Dear Amateur Radio Operator:

The UPMC Health System/City of Pittsburgh Marathon has again requested amateur radio's participation in this year's event. The Marathon will take place on **Sunday, May 5, 2002**. If you were a part of the success of last year's operation, I hope that you will be willing and able to join us again this year. If you are new to the hobby or have never participated in this event, we need **YOU**.

As in the past, we will be providing vital and necessary communication to ensure the safety and well being of all the runners and spectators. The tragic events of 9-11 have not been lost on this year's race. Amateur radio is again being asked to be the "eyes and ears" of the Marathon. More than 150 amateur radio volunteers will be needed to support this effort. Over the past 5 years, the number of amateur radio volunteers has steadily dropped. I need your participation! I'm also asking you to recruit 1 operator who has never participated in this event. This is an opportunity for you and amateur radio to provide a public service to our community, as well as being part of this prestigious event.

Registration is easy. Go to <http://www.cs.pitt.edu/~hoffman/marathon.html>, fill out the form and hit send. That's all there is to it. You can also go to the UPMC/City of Pittsburgh Marathon web site, <http://www.upmc.edu/pghmarathon/>, to find out more about the event. You can also register as an amateur radio volunteer from this site. You will receive your assignment and detailed instructions the week of the event. A pre race meeting will also be held the day before the Marathon to answer questions and to pick up your credential, hat and shirt.

I look forward to having you join us this year.

73,

Konrad/W3KK
W3KK@aol.com

Editors Note: Konrad helped us with our annual Triathlon last year. If anybody can spare the time, it sure would be honorable of us to do so.



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THE CLUB REPEATERS: 147.045+, 147.255+, 443.750+ FULL TIME PL OF 123.0
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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. ALL AMATEURS ARE WEL-

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