

# The *W3PIE* LETTER



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## UARC BUILDING KEYS! ROUND 2

At the April Monthly Club Meeting, UARC members present received their new key to the UARC Building. Our records show that many members still need to come in for key exchange. Key exchange will be available at the May business and ways-n-means meetings.

All locks were rekeyed and all locks are now fully functional once again.

If you are unable to attend the May meetings, please contact George Syner, WA3OGQ, or Tony Alviar, KA3VOR to get your key swapped out (phone #'s for both individuals are on the back cover of the newsletter).

*-UARC Officers*

**Bring your old  
UARC Keys with  
you to the May  
Meeting!**

## 145.170 REPEATER UPDATE

The "folks" that provide the 145.170 repeater with tower space have been in contact with the repeater staff and advised that the insurance carrier has opted to pay the "insured" direct. What this means is that the "folks" that provide the 145.170 repeater site have received the check for the antenna repair. Currently, those folks are going through the corporate structure to get purchase orders cut for the climb and the antenna. Since the tower climbers are requiring payment in advance, the sequence for paperwork is this: PO number gets issued, tower company advised of the PO number to put on the invoice, invoice generated and faxed, emailed to me to get back to the folks that will send the check to the tower climbers. At the same time this is occurring, the PO number gets to me for the antenna and I get the antenna ordered through Rudik Communications. PO requests have been in for about a week and we hope to have 145.170 back online soon.

I realize that this has been a long road traveled for what should be a simple repair to the repeater.

Thanks for your patience!

*-Tony, KA3VOR*

## 2005 ARRL FIELD DAY IS JUNE 25-26

**T-SHIRTS AND PINS  
ARE AVAILABLE FOR**

**DELIVERY NOW**

Show off your support for ARRL Field Day with official T-shirts and pins. These items are a great way to recognize your involvement in this popular, annual operating event. Distinctive pins are also available to help identify GOTA (GET ON THE AIR) operators. Make sure you have these attractive keepsakes in time for Field Day. **Clubs, order early!** Collect orders from members, and place a single order (only \$12 shipping within the US for T-shirt orders over \$75).

Please check out the web site at this link: If you are interested in ordering, contact Tony, KA3VOR.

<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=no-9548>

**Next Club  
Meeting is  
Wednesday,  
May 4, 2005 @  
7:30 PM**

# FOOTHILLS ARC HAMFEST

## WHEN:

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2005  
8A - 2P  
(NOTE: THIS IS A SATURDAY  
HAMFEST)

## WHERE:

CENTRAL WESTMORELAND  
CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY  
CENTER  
240 ARONA ROAD

NEW STANTON, PA 15672

Flyer and info:

<http://www.w3lww.org>

Please forward this to anyone  
you would like and pass the  
word. We're at a NEW location  
this year and have a PAVED LOT  
for tailgating. We're hoping for  
a larger crowd with the im-  
proved facilities over last year.

-Chuck / W3YNI

# AREA VE EXAMS

04-May-2005

W3VC

4:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

MAYA NIGROSH

(412)901-7446

[MNIGROSH@ANDREW.CMU.EDU](mailto:MNIGROSH@ANDREW.CMU.EDU)

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

5000 FORBES AVENUE

HAMMERSCHLAG HALL

ROOM B103

PITTSBURGH, PA 15213

07-May-2005

WPA HILLTOPPERS

10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

DENNIS M TANNER

(412)885-8073

[WE3U@COMCAST.NET](mailto:WE3U@COMCAST.NET)

CATHEDRAL OF LEARNING-ROOM  
G19A

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

FORBES AVE & BIGELOW AVE

PITTSBURGH-OAKLAND

PITTSBURGH, PA 15233

14-May-2005

BREEZE SHOOTERS/NORTH

HILLSARC

12 NOON (Walk-ins allowed)

ROBERT W BENNA

(412)366-0488

NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY-

ROOM 148

300 CUMBERLAND RD

(LOWERLEVEL)

CALL AHEAD FOR ACCOMMODA-

TIONS!

PITTSBURGH, PA 15237

15-May-2005

UNIONTOWN ARC INC W3PIE

2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

LEONARD F BARON

(724)438-7470

[SCOTLAND@CHARTERPA.NET](mailto:SCOTLAND@CHARTERPA.NET)

UNIONTOWN ARC W3PIE CLUB-

HOUSE

433 OLD PITTSBURGH RD

UNIONTOWN, PA 15401

16-May-2005

FOOTHILLS ARC

7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

CHARLES L MILLS

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CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER

& TECHNOLOGY CENTER

240 ARONA RD

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

NEW STANTON, PA 15672

25-May-2005

JEFFERSON CTY EMER MGT AGCY

7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

DONNA M REID

(814)752-2937

[AREID@USACHOICE.NET](mailto:AREID@USACHOICE.NET)

JEFFERSON CTY EMA/911 BLDG

BOTTOM FLOOR

AT EXIT 81 OF I-80

BROOKVILLE, PA 15825

# REPEATER REPORT

As of April 29, 2005 the re-  
peater status is as follows:

**147.045+** Repeater opera-  
tional although with reduced  
power output due to site problems  
at the tower from a faulty jumper  
cable.

**147.255+** Repeater fully  
operational

**145.170-** OUT OF SERVICE  
Repeater is out of service due to  
catastrophic antenna failure. Re-  
placement will occur sometime in  
the near future.

**443.750-** Out of service  
awaiting equipment replacement

**145.090** Packet In Service

**144.390** APRS In Service

# SPECIAL EVENT

*Amateur Radio Military  
Appreciation Day (ARMAD)  
Saturday, May 28, 2005  
1300-1800 Hrs*

ARMAD is an annual Amateur  
Radio Special Event project that  
stands for Amateur Radio Military  
Appreciation Day. ARMAD will  
work with National Military Appre-  
ciation Month during the month  
of May. Amateur Radio Operators  
from around the world team up  
during this joint effort to allow the  
people from our communities  
to gather at public locations such  
as shopping centers, parks, VA  
hospitals, and sporting  
events to express verbal positive  
support "LIVE" over the radio for  
members of the Military, Veterans,

Reserves, National Guard, and military support groups. It is also a chance for those at each location to hear and exchange messages of appreciation with each other over the radio. Many of us have friends, relatives, and neighbors that are active duty, and past members of the armed forces. ARMAD gives us the chance to support one another, and to express our thanks and appreciation to those that sacrifice and serve in the Armed Forces

UARC is planning on participating in this event to give our local military families a presence for ARMAD. We are planning on setting up a station at the Uniontown Mall (pending mall approval) on Saturday May, 28, 2005. Our setup will include a complete ham radio station with power from generators. For more information regarding this event, contact Wayne, N3TRF or attend the May general club meeting.

## VE EXAMS

This is a public service announcement to help our club membership be able to provide accurate information to folks who inquiry about the VE Test Sessions.

For about the last year, much misinformation has been given out regarding the UARC test sessions. To set the record straight: Persons who would like to attend any UARC test session is to report to the club at 2 PM on the test date. The VE Team Coordinator will not be at the clubhouse prior to this time on test days. What this means is that there will be NO PAPERWORK available for the person wishing to test to fill

out.

The person may wish to arrive early to allow for enough travel time to arrive at the UARC Club house by 2 PM. Persons should not be advised to be at the club at 1 PM or earlier. Persons should not be advised to arrive prior to 2 PM to ensure enough time for registration. Again, the person with the paperwork that needs filled out will NOT ARRIVE at the UARC Club House until 2 PM on the designated test days.

If someone inquires about a test session and you are unsure of anything, please refer the person to contact VE Team Liason Len Baron, WA3EGS, 724-438-7470, Club Secretary, Tony Alviar, 724-430-1277/724-329-4499, or the UARC Website at [www.w3pie.org](http://www.w3pie.org)

Remember, giving out misinformation is worse than giving out no information! Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we provide out accurate information regarding test sessions!

*-UARC Officers*

## DAYTON WEBCAM

Interested in what is happening at the Dayton Hamvention? There will be an active helmet cam (<http://tmedlin.com/cam.html>) broadcasting from the beginning until the end of each day (Friday 20 May through Sun-

day 22 May) from Tom Medlin, WA5KUB, and friends outside fleamarket spaces 3350-3351. Watch the Streaming Video as the Hamfest patrons come by and say hello and wave to loved ones back home. There are no pop-ups or advertisements. The webcam lets hams take part in Ham Radio if they are too far away to travel or health does not permit it.

Also watch as they convoy from Memphis, TN to Dayton, OH. from Wednesday 18 May and set up their fleamarket spaces on the 19th of May. This is a 550 mile drive and will take about 10 hours. They depart Memphis about 8 a.m. CST and arrive in Dayton about 7 p.m. EST. This is the third year to broadcast the drive live. Chat with WA5KUB and friends on instant messenger as they drive. Hams from around the world followed the trip and chatted with them last year. After Hamvention, they broadcast the drive back. E-mail: [wa5kub@gmail.com](mailto:wa5kub@gmail.com)

**FEEDBACK, FOR SALE,  
ARTICLES, IN SEARCH OF,  
ETC, FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

[newsletter@w3pie.org](mailto:newsletter@w3pie.org)



## 9Y4SRR VISITS UARC!

On Wednesday, April 27, 2005, a number of club members met with Ravi, 9Y4SRR who happened to be staying in McClellandtown, PA last week.

Ravi's bio is as follows:

"I AM 9Y4SRR RAVI FROM TRINIDAD ISLAND IN THE CARIBBEAN AND MY SHACK IS OPEN TO ALL HAMS TO COME AND VISIT TO DX AND HAVE A NICE TIME IN THE CARIBBEAN. I AM MARRIED AND HAVE TWO KIDS AND ALSO I AM A PASTOR OF A LOCAL CHURCH HERE ON THE ISLAND, IF THERE ARE HAMS THAT ARE PASTORS AND PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US IN PREACHING AT OUR CHURCH HERE ON THE ISLANDS. GOD BLESS YOU AND JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. ACCEPT HIM AND HE WILL. QSL MANAGER KD4UDU. MY FULL NAME IS SURENDRANATH RAVI RAMNATH ADDRESS IS 220A PALMYRA VILLAGE SAN FERNANDO

TRINIDAD W.I CARIBBEAN  
SAVE YOU. AMEN."

Present at the club to greet Ravi were: Lee Wadsworth, KB3JFY, Herb Shaffer, KA3WSO, Ralph Bliss, KB3LBB, Gregg Welch, N3PJW, Bert Sesler, WA3WAW, George Syner, WA3OGQ, Paul Renninger, K3ECZ, Brenda Cavander, N3TRG, Wayne Cavander, N3TRF, Tim Soxman, W3ZVT, and Tony Alviar, KA3VOR.

Ravi arrived at the Club House around 4 PM after some confusion in who was picking Ravi up. Lee Wadsworth was originally scheduled to pick Ravi up but some vehicle trouble left Lee unable to complete the pickup. Ralph Bliss picked up Ravi and brought him safely to the club house.

Ravi, was here in the Fayette County, PA area on church business.

Ravi returned home leaving Washington Dulles airport on Saturday April 30, 2005.

Anyone wishing to contact him via radio can contact him on 18.120 mhz USB daily from 4P-6P local time except Wednesday's.

Should anyone wish to email any information to him, please use [lordpower777@hotmail.com](mailto:lordpower777@hotmail.com)

# W3PIE Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

**Members Present:** Michael, KB3LMT, Brenda, N3TRG, Wayne, N3TRF, Herb, KA3WSO, Gregg, N3PJW, Dave, N3LML, Tim, W3ZVT, Roye, N3ROA, Teedle, K3ECZ, Keith, N3JBE, John, K3JAE, Rick, KA3WUO, Ralph, KB3LBB, Pat, WB3LUC, Paul, KB3DLT, Jim, K3JRD, Tom, KA3WMD, Joe, W3IR, Dave, N3QAS, Don, WA3DHH, George, WA3OGQ, Tony, KA3VOR

**Guests Present:** NONE

**Call to order:** The monthly meeting of the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 1932 hours by President Dave Watson, N3QAS with 22 members present.

**Secretarys Report:** Printed and in the newsletter, as well as passed out. Motion by Ralph Bliss, KB3LBB, seconded by Tim Soxman, W3ZVT to approve the minutes, Motion so carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was read and approved as read. Motion by John Etling, K3JAE, seconded by Herb Shaffer, KA3WSO to approve the treasurer's report, Motion so carried.

## Old Business:

**10M Groundwave Contest:** Several members were present at the club for the Breezeshooters 10M groundwave contest. A total of 58 contacts for 148 points were made.

**5.17 Repeater:** Paperwork is with the insurance carrier and insured party. Awaiting to here back from everyone

**Building Keys:** New locks and keys are in. Locks have been replaced. Key switch has started

## New Business:

**March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon:** Will be conducted on Saturday April 30, 2005 @ 10 AM. Due to safety concerns, a new route has been implemented. Looking for communicators, please contact Pat Pallini, WB3LUC for more details.

**Dayton Hamvention:** May 20, 21, 22-anyone interested in going with the club group, please see George, WA3OGQ

**Timonium Hamfest:** April 2, 2005, numerous PIE members ventured to Timonium and had a very wet experience. Not a real good day but a fun time had by all.

**Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day:** To be conducted on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday May 28. Time to be determined at a later date, and location is currently being reviewed and secured. More information to come at the May meeting. Wayne, Tony, and Gregg are handling. Several radio operators will be needed for the event.

**Jamboree on the Air 2005:** Tony, KA3VOR introduced a proposal to host a Fall Camporee for the Boy Scouts of America at the UARC Club grounds to operate in conjunction with JOTA 2005. Dates are Oct 14-Oct 16. Scouts arrive Friday evening and leave Sunday Morning. This event will be to provide Amateur Radio exposure to Boy Scouts. Approval of this event requires authorization of both UARC and Boy Scouts of America. (Tony will be the liason and point of contact for both organizations.) A motion was made by John Etling, K3JAE, seconded by Dave, N3LML to host this event. Motion so carried.

**WA3OGQ advised the membership present that against better judgement, Dave Watson, N3QAS got married while in Vegas...**

Ralph Bliss, KB3LBB made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brenda, N3TRG. Motion So carried. Meeting was closed at 2012 hours.

# W3PIE MAY 2005 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB REPEATERS ARE: 147.045+, 147.255+, 443.750+ PL 131.8

AFFILIATE REPEATERS: 145.170- PL 131.8 WB3JNP REPEATER

PACKET NODE: W3PIE-1 145.090 APRS NODE: 144.390

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Paul Renninger, K3ECZ  
Herb Shaffer, KA3WSO

CALL SIGN TRUSTEE: John Rudik, WB3JNP 724-437-2526

The Club holds it's meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Club House. All amateurs are welcome!

Newsletter staff for this newsletter:

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Dave Wadsworth, N3LML	Brenda Cavendar, N3TRG
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