

The W3PIE Newsletter

August 2022

Summarizing just a few of the things that are going on at the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club:



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Bunny Horvath, WA3NGA

Hello Everyone. Well, I'm really excited as of the printing of this newsletter. We had our first actual Zoom club meeting with the Ways & Means meeting of July 20th. We had three members log into the meeting and for the most part everything went very well. We may have to do a few tweaks but for the most part it was GREAT. With all of the new technology that I have been talking about that is happening at the club this is one of the benefits that we are able to enjoy.

The second reason that I am excited is that we are finalizing the plans for the 72nd Annual Gabfest at the W3PIE club house. Please be aware - with that said - we can still use more volunteers to help in the various areas of the Gabfest. If you can help, please let the officers know by sending an email to officers@w3pie.org. Any help would be greatly appreciated, even it is just for a short time.

Please, if you or one of your friends is a member of W3PIE and you haven't been to a meeting for a while please consider coming back. Remember that you don't have to be a member to come to a meeting. We are always looking for new faces to join W3PIE. I'm sure that if you come you will get as excited as I am with all of the new and exciting activities that are going on at the club.

Speaking of activities, on Wednesday, July 27th, Mark K3PPP, will be presenting a topic entitled, "All Things Batteries". This should be a very interesting presentation that will offer many of us some very useful information. (Mark does an excellent job with his presentations) Please try to make time to attend this event at 6:30pm at the W3PIE clubhouse.

That's a wrap for me. Hope to see each and every one of you at W3PIE for the activities and especially the 72nd Annual Gabfest.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Wednesday, August 3rd we will gather at 19:30 to conduct the business of the club, as well as get together with friends. This is the final meeting ahead of our Gabfest. We hope to see you all there!

WAYS AND MEANS

Our Ways and Means planning meeting will take place at 19:30 on Wednesday, August 17th. As summer weather will soon be transitioning to autumn, we can use this meeting as an opportunity to plan action on projects that remain for the year and discuss upcoming events as we project ahead into early 2023. A post-mortem on the Gabfest is sure to be covered, as well. Plus, you can enjoy another excellent opportunity to catch up with your fellow club members. As always, guests are encouraged.

TECH WEDNESDAY

Coming up on Wednesday, July 27th, Mark Pierson, K3PPP, for his informative and fun presentation on “All Things Batteries”. All of us in attendance will surely come away with a better idea of how to select and implement portable power systems, plus those for our homes.

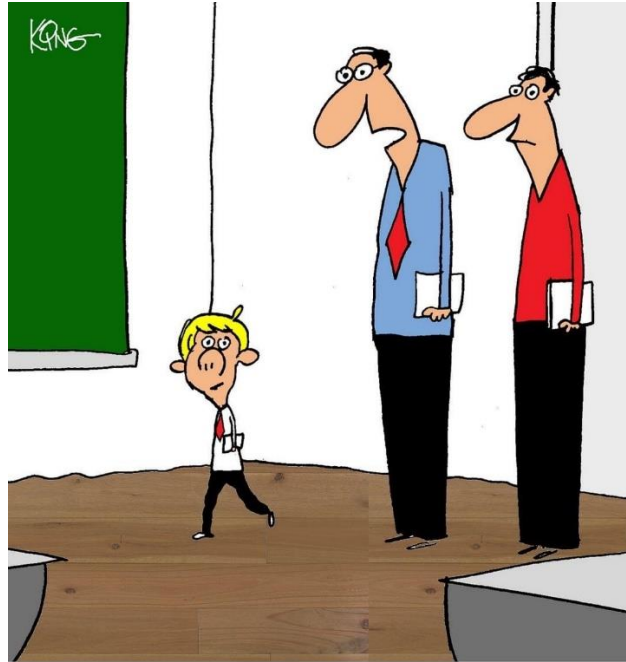


WHO OWNS THE CLUB?

As a member in good standing, you are an owner of the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club. In the coming months, we will be commemorating our 90th anniversary of incorporation. That’s a long time.

We are one of only three ARCs in WPA to have their own property and building(s), plus one of the best stations in the whole of Pennsylvania. What happens in the next 90 years depends on what we – as a continuing body of individuals – do in the way of leadership and stewardship, regarding an organization we did not create.

Consider this in the coming days and give thought to your position in the club. More to come...



“I was going to tell that kid that this is a tech class for adults. Then I was told he’s the teacher.”

Submitted by Doug Nimmo

BRING A FRIEND – MEMBERSHIP BUILDING

Do you know someone at work or a fellow member of some other organization you are associated with that may be interested in becoming an active member of the amateur radio community, as well as an important member of our growing Club?

How about a friend who is already a ham but doesn’t regularly attend meetings? A gentle reminder or offer to give them a ride may encourage interest and possibly help them (once again) become active on the air.

RILEY’S COMING TO VISIT

In October, we will be graced with a visit from Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. He will be speaking about the Volunteer Monitoring program, which has become a successful effort to correct some bad behavior on the bands, as well as recognize and encourage good practices. In turn, we will be giving him another tour of the club museum, which is undergoing some improvements and expansion.

Attendance will be open to all from our local amateur community, but members of W3PIE have priority, as seating is limited. Please let us know if you will be in attendance for the October 12th session, ASAP.

TRADING POST

This section is open to members who are wishing to sell, trade, or acquire ham radio related items. Please contact the listing member directly through the information provided.

MFJ – 1982 EFHW Antenna - \$50 (\$75 with winders)

MFJ-954E Compact Mobile Antenna Tuner - \$100 (\$125 @ Gabfest)
In box. Only used 2 months. Went with auto tuner

Contact Mark, K3PPP – Mark@[pinto pony photography.com](mailto:Mark@pinto pony photography.com)

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Icom ic2300 65 Watt 2 meter mobile \$150

Yaesu FT 2980 80 Watt 2 meter mobile \$150

Icom IC-86 2 meter handheld with all accessories \$115

They are like new in the box. Come with manual etc. as new.

Please contact Barry at barky15401@yahoo.net or on the 147.045 repeater.

SUPPORT W3PIE THROUGH AMAZON

An additional way to support our club is to designate UARC as your charity of choice, when shopping through the www.smile.amazon.com portal. A small percentage (which adds up) of your purchase goes to support us, as we are a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Best of all, there's no cost to you.

SPECIAL VE TEST SESSION AT THE GABFEST

After the grand prizes are drawn, we will be conducting a license testing session in the Annex. If you wish to get licensed or upgrade your existing license, please be certain to have your FRN, ID and cash (\$15) ready. For further details, contact Dave Watson, W3QAS. Dave can be reached via email at officers@w3pie.org.

CALENDAR FOR 2022 ACTIVITIES

Day	January
1	New Years Day
5	W3PIE Reg Meeting
17	Martin L King
19	W3PIE W&M Meeting
26	W3PIE Workshop
29	Winter Field Day
30	Winter Field Day

Day	February
2	Groundhog Day
2	W3PIE Reg Meeting
6	VE Testing
14	Valentines Day
19	W3PIE W&M Meeting
21	Presidents Day
23	W3PIE Workshop

Day	March
2	W3PIE Reg Meeting
	Daylight Savings Starts
14	Daylight Savings Starts
16	W3PIE W&M Meetings
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	Spring Begins
23	W3PIE Workshop

Day	April
6	W3PIE Reg Meeting
15	Tax Day
20	W3PIE W&M Meeting
27	W3PIE Workshop
TBA	DX Road Trip

Day	May
4	W3PIE Reg Meeting
8	Mothers Day
15	VE Testing
18	W3PIE W&M Meeting
25	W3PIE Workshop
29	Memorial Day
TBA	DX Road Trip

Day	June
1	W3PIE Reg Meeting
14	Flag Day
15	W3PIE W&M Meeting
19	Father's Day
20	Summer Begins
22	W3PIE Workshop
25	Summer Field Day
26	Summer Field Day

Day	July
1-7	13 Colonies Contest
4	Independence Day
6	W3PIE Reg Meeting
20	W3PIE W&M Meeting
27	W3PIE Workshop

Day	August
3	W3PIE Reg Meeting
7	DX Eng. Hamfest
13	Gabfest
13	Extra VE Testing
17	W3PIE W&M Meeting
24	W3PIE Workshop

Day	September
7	W3PIE Reg Meeting
4	VE Testing
5	Labor Day
21	W3PIE W&M Meeting
22	Fall Begins
28	W3PIE Workshop

Day	October
5	W3PIE Reg Meeting
8-9	PA QSO Party
10	Columbus Day
19	W3PIE W&M Meeting
15-16	BSA JOTA
19	W3PIE W&M Meeting
26	W3PIE Workshop
31	Halloween

Day	November
2	W3PIE Reg Meeting
	Daylight Savings Ends
11	Veterans Day
16	W3PIE W&M Meeting
24	Thanksgiving

Day	December
3	W3PIE Xmas Party
7	W3PIE Reg Meeting
4	VE Testing
21	W3PIE W&M Meeting
21	Winter Begins
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas
31	New Years Eve



FIELD DAY 2022

More Pictures from This Year's Event



Photos courtesy of W3PBJ

NETS

The Uniontown ARC holds the Information and Traffic Net on the 147.045 MHz repeater every Thursday evening at 21:00. Should the 147.045 MHz repeater be inoperative or become inoperative, wait two (2) minutes then tune to the backup repeater, which is 145.170 MHz.

Detailed repeater information such as mode capabilities and offset / PL tone can be found [HERE](#)

In addition, the Keystone-Wide net occurs at 20:00 on Sunday nights, accessible through WIRES-X room 60328. Any System Fusion radio that can reach the Club's 443.750 MHz repeater is your ticket to participate. (We now have that capability on the 147.255 MHz machine, as well). Repeaters and nodes from the western and eastern sections of Pennsylvania are connected to Keystone-Wide. In addition, we have had check-ins from as far away as Australia.

The network is up at all times, so give a call and see who you might be able to chat with - local and not so local.

I WAS JUST THINKING – JEFF MARTIN, N3ABJ

I was thinking about my favorite radios; which got me thinking about linear amplifiers I can't afford. Additionally, that got me thinking about beam antennas, more of which I cannot afford to own. That has me wondering how other hams feel about these subjects and which way they would choose to go with what is usually a limited budget. Limited specifically by retirement incomes, work incomes or most often, XYL's with good sense. So, here's the dilemma.... You have a limited amount of money to spend. Let's say \$5,000. Knowing that's your limit and not a penny more, what are your priorities? Will the radio receive the most funding or will you try to buy a legal limit amp and connect the most inexpensive HF rig you can find to all of those dB's in a box? But wait! Most hams seem to feel that the priority should be the best possible antenna and I don't disagree but, I like pretty radios with lots of knobs and buttons and especially big LCD screens with tons of information I rarely use. But that's just me.

Okay! Here are those three items prioritized in the manner which I believe they should be in.

1. A multi band beam antenna and quality rotor along with a large loop.
2. The best radio (Icom) you can afford with what little is left.
3. An amp if one can even be bought with the remaining change.

I truly believe that by using the above formula, you will get the most bang for your buck! However, not being one to do what I'm supposed to do or what is best for me, I would most likely do pretty much the opposite of what I believe is the best. Again! That's just me. So here is the way I would and pretty much have done it.

1. Mid to top of the line radio. I already said I like the big, pretty, fancy ones.
2. The biggest amp I could manage to get with most of what's left.
3. Finally, the dipoles or loop antennas to get me on as many bands as possible.

Now I suppose I should have some good, solid reasoning behind my choices but to be honest, I don't! It's just that I spend my time in the shack in front of the radio and not out on the roof looking at my antennas. I guess I just like to see what my limited funds have bought me and I enjoy the radios the most. So..... what are your thoughts? Are you looking at your gear and wondering why you chose the way you did or are you thinking you might need to make some changes? I'd be happy to hear your thoughts on the subject when we are on .045.

YOUR IDEAS

Are there some things that you would like to get involved with at the Club? Are there topics you would like to suggest for Tech Wednesdays? Would you like to know more about the stations we have, that are available for member use? Do you have some questions on antennas, digital modes, some new (to you) aspect of ham radio, upgrading your license, helping to mentor others, etcetera? Then come on out and let us know. Or, just send an email to: officers@w3pie.org with the details.

THANK YOU!

To our contributors, both regular and irregular, a big THANK YOU goes out for each and every one. Your additions to this newsletter help to make it the success it has become and are appreciated by many. If you have something you would like to share with your fellow club members, please send your contribution to wa3uvv@gmail.com.

As a reminder, the cutoff date for September issue submissions is Friday, August 19th.

ATTITUDE IS A KEY TO SUCCESS

When I moved to New Jersey in 1979, I discovered a hot dog shack one day on a well-traveled road, located on the edge of Hackensack. There were a few picnic tables on the lot, where doctors, mechanics, lawyers, truck drivers, public safety employees, sales people, and just about everyone from just about every walk of life could sit together for a few moments to share in their common love for a good hot dog.

In the area where you ordered, there was a small clipping from a newspaper, yellowed and weathered over the many years the hot dog stand had been in business. It contains a lesson that I have carried with me for decades and is one that has served me well, through many ups and downs. There are many variations and I am sharing this one with you.

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs. He sold very good hot dogs. He put up signs along the highway and advertised in the newspaper telling how good they were. He stood on the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, mister?" And people bought. He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade. He finally got his son home from college to help him out.

But then something happened. His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio and watching TV? There is a big depression. The foreign situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse." Whereupon the father thought, "Well, my son's been to college, he listens to the radio and watches TV and he ought to know."

So, the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his signs and canceled his newspaper ads and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight. "You're right, son," the father said to the boy. "We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

- Author Unknown

TICKETS, PLEASE...

The order form for Advance Tickets for the Gabfest is on page 13 of this newsletter. Your purchase of advance tickets rewards you with EXTRA TICKETS – something you will miss out on after August 3rd, so act now!

Increase your chances of winning – and – support the Club and the many things we do throughout each year to advance our amateur radio community.

W3PIE ONLINE AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE




More information on the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club can be found at www.W3PIE.org and our Facebook Page [\(3\) W3PIE | Facebook](#). Keep up with what is happening by visiting these sites on the Infobahn, throughout the month.

Also, our physical address is 433 Old Pittsburgh Road in Uniontown, PA 15401. There is usually something going on at the Clubhouse, on the first, second, third, and fourth Wednesday of each month – plus a variety of other time, as well.

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR YOU, TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, EXPERIENCE, AND OTHER KNOWLEDGE WITH EVERYONE ELSE IN THE CLUB AND OUR AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

(Yes, the print is small because I wanted to make sure you looked at it.)

UPCOMING HAMFESTS, CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER EVENTS IN OUR AREA

 <p><i>West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council</i> Representing All Amateurs In West Virginia</p>	<h2 style="color: red;">64th</h2> <h3>West Virginia</h3> <h3>State Amateur Radio Convention</h3> <h3 style="color: red;">Saturday, July 30, 2022</h3> <h3>Days Inn and Conference Center - Flatwoods, West Virginia</h3>	 <p>ARRL The national association for AMATEUR RADIO</p>
	<p>South on I-79</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Exit 67 • Turn left • Turn Right • Turn left on Days 	<p>North on I-79</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Exit 67 • Turn Right • Turn Right • Turn left on Days
<p>Talk-In: -145.29 (pl 91.5) WB8WV Repeater</p>		
<p>Flea Market QCWA Booth MARS Booth Awards to be presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WV Outstanding Amateur of the Year • Field Day • WV QSO Party 	<p>ARES Forum/ WV Nets meeting Technical Forum Keynote Speaker: TBD ARRL Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jim Boener, N2ZZ Roanoke Division Director • Bill Morene, N2COP Roanoke Division Vice Director 	<p>DX Forum: WV DX Association VE Exams WV State Radio Council Meeting @ 1:00 PM Main Prize drawing & WVSARC Auction @ 5:00 PM Royal Order of the Wouff-Hong</p>
<p>Lodging</p>	<p>Table Reservations/Pre-ticket sales</p>	<p>Questions:</p>
<p>Days Inn & Suites 350 Days Dr. Sutton, WV Reservations (304) 765-5055 Group rate (Amateur Radio)</p>	<p>Rich Clemens KB8AOB Treasurer, WVSARC (304) 439-8421 kb8aob@arrl.net</p>	<p>Ed Messenger N8OYY President, WVSARC (304) 517-9715 n8oyy@arrl.net</p>
<p>For Convention updates, watch the WV State Amateur Radio Council and WV ARRL Section Manager websites:</p> <p>https://www.qsl.net/wvsarc https://www.wvarrl.com</p>		<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Main Prizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICOM IC-7300 HF/50 Mhz • Yaesu FTM-3100R VHF/UHF-FM Mobile • Yaesu FT-4XR VHF/UHF 2M Handheld • Yaesu FT-4XR VHF/UHF 2M Handheld



Uniontown Amateur Radio Club

72nd Annual Gabfest

Saturday, August 13, 2022

NEW DATE!!!!



The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club – W3PIE will conduct our 72nd Annual GABFEST on a NEW DATE Saturday, August **13**, 2022!

The gates open around 8:00 AM with vendors welcome at any time prior to 8:00 AM! As current Pennsylvania Covid-19 restrictions are changing frequently, please check our web site www.w3pie.org for Covid 19 restriction updates. Social distancing is a must!

The GABFEST will be held at the Radio Club Grounds located on Old Pittsburgh Road just off Northgate Highway/RT 43 Mon Fayette Expressway--- near RT 51 and US RT 119 in Uniontown, PA

Talk in will be provided on 147.045 + (Full Time PL 131.8) Just call for W3PIE Gabfest Talk-In. This talk-in is provided for directions and Gabfest information. No check in is needed if you know how to get here!

As always, free parking is available! Refreshments available! Free Swap-N-Shop Set-up with registration! Check our web site prior to the event for Covid 19 Restriction Updates.

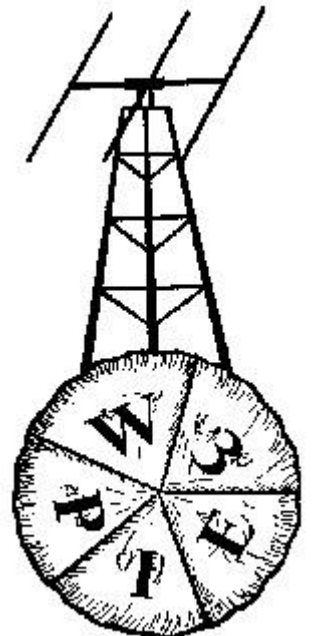
KJI Electronics will be attending!

<https://www.kjielelectronics.com/>

Hamfest Prizes for our event
1 st Prize- Yaesu FTM200DR VHF/UHF Fusion Mobile Radio
2 nd Prize- Yaesu FTM3100R VHF/UHF Mobile Radio
3 rd Prize- Yaesu FTM3100R VHF/UHF Mobile Radio
4th Prize- SDR-FE-Play HF-2GHz Receiver
5th & 6 th Prize- NanoVNA-H4 4" Display handheld VNA

Address of UARC-W3PIE is 433 Old Pittsburgh Rd, Uniontown, PA

Contact Tony Alviar 724-430-1277 (M-F 8-4) or George Syner 724-439-1554 (leave message if no answer) if more information is needed. Also, Information is available anytime on 147.045 + (Full Time PL 131.8). Additionally- email officers@w3pie.org for information



Uniontown Amateur Radio Club

UARC-W3PIE would like to announce that this year -
Advance Registration is available for the hamfest and for prizes.

Prices are as follows for tickets:

5 tickets for \$5 15 tickets for \$10 35 tickets for \$20
80 tickets for \$40 100 tickets for \$50 250 tickets for \$100

**DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE PRICES IS
AUGUST 3, 2022!!**

As an incentive for advance registration we are offering:

2 additional tickets if you spend \$5 for advance registration
5 additional tickets if you spend \$10 for advance registration
15 additional tickets if you spend \$20 for advance registration
30 additional tickets if you spend \$40 for advance registration
50 additional tickets if you spend \$50 for advance registration
100 additional tickets if you spend \$100 for advance registration

Please fill out the form below and return with your check or money

order payable to Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc., W3PIE

George Syner, Treasurer

433 Old Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown, PA 15401

I would like to purchase: (Please check one)

(Advance price ticket deadline is August **3,2022**, Order form AND PAYMENT must be received by then!!)

_____ 5 Tickets + 2 free for \$5	_____ 80 tickets + 30 free for \$40
_____ 15 tickets + 5 free for \$10	_____ 100 tickets + 50 free for \$50
_____ 35 tickets + 15 free for \$20	_____ 250 tickets + 100 free for \$100

Please select one of the following options:

_____ I will be attending this year's hamfest. Please hold my tickets and stubs in Will Call, I will pick them up at the hamfest.

_____ I will not be attending the hamfest but would like to support W3PIE. Please mail my tickets, put my name on the stubs and place in the prize barrel! (Your tickets may not arrive at your home before the hamfest but your stubs will be placed in the barrel when we receive your check.)

Call Sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: (In case we have questions concerning your order) _____

Skyview Swap N Shop

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

08/28/2022

Start Date: 08/28/2022

End Date: 08/28/2022

Location: Skyview Radio Society clubhouse
2335 Turkey Ridge Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

Website: <http://skyviewradio.net>

Sponsor: Skyview Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.640 pl 131.8

Public Contact: John Italiano , WA3KFS
661 Ridge Ave. New Kensington, PA 15068
Phone: 724-339-3821

Email: radiofreebob@gmail.com

BCARA/W3UDX Swapfest 2021

Date: September 11th, 2022

Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Unionville Fire Department (See Map)
Address: 102 Mahood Rd Butler, PA 16001

Latitude: 40.938728 N

Longitude: 79.959711 W

Talk-In: 147.360 + (0.600) 131.8 Hz

**In case of inclement weather, the SwapFest will be,
held indoors at the fire hall, and parking will be
available on the asphalt.**

Breakfast and lunch is available.

VE Testing during the Swapfest

FREE COFFEE!



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