

W3PIE NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2022

President's Message – Bunny Horvath, WA3NGA

Hello fellow club members and all that receive this newsletter. It's the time of the year when I try to summarize everything that we have done and accomplished at W3PIE. It was a very busy year and a lot of things have taken place so what I decided to do was to list the events and accomplishments rather than try to summarize them in paragraph form.

1. The Newsletter has been reincarnated and Cory (WA3UVV) has done an excellent job in putting this together. Each month he brings us up to date with the goings on at the club along with very useful information for all of the members.
2. January 29th & 30th Winter Field Day took place at the club and it was very successful. We had a total of 16 operators that took part.
3. One of the landmark events was the installation of the High Speed Internet at the club. This opened up a whole new world to us allowing us to move forward with Echolink, Zoom meetings and special events at the club as well as in the EOC center, Wires X system fusion on two of our repeaters and a multitude of other things that we were never able to do at the club before. A great big thank you to Mark (K3PPP) for following through with this and making it all possible.
4. In addition to the W3PIE information and traffic net that we have every Thursday evening at 9:00pm on the 147.045 repeater we also have the Keystone Wide Net, which is a digital net on Sunday evening a 8:00pm. This net takes place on the 443.750 club repeater and since it is a Fusion Digital Net the room number is 60328. The 147.255 repeater is also a digital repeater now and is open for everyone that wishes to access the Fusion Wires X digital world.
5. We purchased two brand new Yaesu FTDX 10 HF radios for use at the club as well as when we do POTA events or the field day events.
6. Speaking of POTA events we held three POTA events this year:
 - A - Saturday April 23rd at Game Lands #51 behind Jumonville Cross.
 - B - The third weekend of May at Braddock's Grave.
 - C - September 3rd at the Pa State Game Land 138

7. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) has been completely re-done and we are all set up with Generator and Battery back up should the need occur.

The EOC held a simulated drill on the 1st of October, which was our first simulation, and for the most part it went quit well considering it was our first simulation.

We had a 911 SIMULATED emergency activation on April 20th that went very well. We had 15 participants on the 147.045 repeater, which was a good turnout for our organization. This test was coordinated through the Fayette 911 organization. As I said this was only a SIMULATED emergency weather net. Jim(KC3BHN) has been coordinating everything at the EOC and we certainly appreciate his efforts in the work that has been done and is going on there.

8. On August 23rd we had a balloon launch at the club grounds. This was a very interesting endeavor because the balloon went around the world and we were able to track it on APRS. It finally took up residence in Las Vegas never to be heard from again.

9. With the help of Cory (WA3UVV) W3PIE received a very prestigious award for being associated with the ARRL for 90 years. This is an award that we should all be proud of because there aren't many clubs that have had an affiliation for that period of time.

10. Summer Field Day was held on June 25th & 26th. Thanks to Pierre (KA2QPG) for heading up this event. This was another record breaking event for the club surpassing the number of contacts that were made in previous years.

11. We held the 72nd Annual Gabfest on August 13th which was a Hugh success. We exceeded all previous recorders with regards to the profit made at the hamfest. The ticket sales, kitchen sales and attendance were all up. This was an amazing Hamfest for W3PIE and the weather cooperated just perfectly. A BIG Thank you to all of you that had anything to do with this event. I don't want to start naming names but all of the members really chipped in to make this the event that it was.

12. Just about every 4th Wednesday of the month we have what we refer to as Tech Wednesday. On this Wednesday many of our very knowledgeable club members put together a short synopsis of what ever the members might be interested in. This is a very worthwhile program and we are always looking for new topics that you would like to have discussed.

13. It would be to your benefit if you haven't seen the museum in the annex next to the club to take the time to take a look at it. George (WA3OGQ) has put a lot of time and effort into this endeavor and it is a very worthwhile showplace that I'm sure no other club has.

14. The November Business meeting has brought about some changes to the line up of officers for the W3PIE organization:

President Andrew "Bunny" Horvath - WA3NGA
Vice-President Mark Pierson - K3PPP
Secretary Angie Lambo - KC3CDF
Treasurer George Syner - WA3OGQ

15. The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 17th at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. December 7th (the night of the business meeting) is the last night to make reservations OR you can make them by sending an email to officers@w3pie.org. Please be sure to include weather or not you are bringing a guest so we can have an accurate count of those attending.

16. Last but not least, we are revamping the radio room at the clubhouse. This is a task that has been long overdue and you will be amazed at the transformation that is taking place. A big thank you to George (WA3OGQ), Mark(K3PPP), and John(KC3PBY) for taking the lead on this extensive undertaking.

Well folks that's about it as best that I know it. I'm sure that I probably left some events out but I hope that I did hit on all of the major Highlights. As I have said many times W3PIE is growing and I'm sure by this brief synopsis you see what I mean. Please know that there are many members that have helped with all of the task that have been going on and I sincerely what to thank each and every one of you even if I didn't name you individually in this letter. The work that has been going on and the activities that have taken place has been a group effort and I appreciate everyone taking a part in it.

Let me take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of your and your families a very Merry & Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

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Bunny WA3NGA
President of W3PIE

Club Christmas Party – Doug Nimmo, KC3QWL

W3PIE Christmas Party

December 17^h 2022

Fried Chicken Bunny Horvath

Tortellini Salad John/ Camille

3mini loaves asiago bread and butter Doug Nimmo

Salad and Dressing Keith Jones

Scalloped Potatoes ? David Watson

Ham Mark Pierson

Shrimp Platter Doug Nimmo

Macaroni Salad Herb and Liz

Pepperoni Rolls Randy and Peggy

Cup Cakes Angie Lambo

Green Bean Casserole Jeff and Brenda

Cheese/ Veg Platter Jim

Diet & Reg Soda Tony Alviar

Desserts (cake-Rice crispy squares) Mark Pierson

Paper Plates Bunny

Napkins Ralph

Water

Cups

Plastic Utensils

Pies

Cookies

Chips/Dip

Coffee

Bring some plastic containers with you to take stuff home, because I'm sure there will be plenty of food leftover....

If anyone wants Alcoholic Beverage BYOB

Can Beer and soda in the fridge in the back, (\$1.00 a can donation)

W3PIE UARC

Day	January
1	New Years Day
4	W3PIE Reg Meeting
16	Martin L King
18	W3PIE W&M Meeting
25	W3PIE Workshop
28	Winter Field Day
29	Winter Field Day

Day	February
1	W3PIE Reg Meeting
2	Groundhog Day
5	VE Testing
14	Valentines Day
15	W3PIE W&M Meeting
20	Presidents Day
22	W3PIE Work Shop

Day	March
1	W3PIE Reg Meeting
12	Daylight Savings Starts
15	W3PIE W&M Meetings
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	Spring Begins
22	W3PIE Workshop

Day	April
5	W3PIE Reg Meeting
15	Tax Day
19	W3PIE W&M Meeting
26	W3PIE Workshop
TBA	Drill/SET
TBA	DX Road Trip

Day	May
3	W3PIE Reg Meeting
7	VE Testing
14	Mothers Day
17	W3PIE W&M Meeting
24	W3PIE Work Shop
29	Memorial Day
TBA	DX Road Trip

Day	June
7	W3PIE Reg Meeting
14	Flag Day
18	Father's Day
21	W3PIE W&M Meeting
21	Summer Begins
28	W3PIE Workshop
24	Summer Field Day
25	Summer Field Day

Day	July
1-7	13 Colonies Contest
4	Independence Day
5	W3PIE Reg Meeting
19	W3PIE W&M Meeting
26	W3PIE Workshop

Day	August
2	W3PIE Reg Meeting
TBA	DX Eng. Hamfest
12	Gabfest
12	VE Testing
16	W3PIE W&M Meeting
23	W3PIE Work Shop

Day	September
6	W3PIE Reg Meeting
3	VE Testing
4	Labor Day
20	W3PIE W&M Meeting
22	Fall Begins
27	W3PIE Workshop
TBA	DX Road Trip

Day	October
4	W3PIE Reg Meeting
7-8	PA QSO Party
9	Columbus Day
18	W3PIE W&M Meeting
14-15	BSA JOTA
18	W3PIE W&M Meeting
25	W3PIE Workshop
31	Halloween
TBA	Drill/SET

Day	November
1	W3PIE Reg Meeting
11	Veterans Day
15	W3PIE W&M Meeting
23	Thanksgiving

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