

W3PIE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

Just some of the things going on in the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club



President's Message – Bunny Horvath, WA3NGA

Well ladies and gentlemen I'm still vacationing in the sunny south at Flagler Beach, Florida. I have tried to keep in contact with what is going on at W3PIE.

First of all, I guess that most everyone knows by this time that we had a bad situation at the club with a severe wind storm and from what I understand we will have a lot of work to do with the cleanup. I'm sure that what I have heard from George this is going to take a couple of work days, with a number of members pitching in to get this task completed. On the bright side, no damage was done to any of the buildings so that is a definite plus. It was probably a good thing that we removed the trees that could have caused us problems - ahead of this storm. Enough about the doom and gloom.

On the positive side there was a fun night called "PIE NIGHT" on 3/14/2023. This night was in honor of W3PIE and it's 90 year of incorporation & on March 14th in honor of numerical pi, 3.14,.. What a great idea this was and from what I understand there was a great turn out with a variety of pies for the eating. (Thanks to Cory for the idea and Mark K3PPP for taking the lead)

On March 22nd, we held a Tech Wednesday night, concerning FT-8 and the particulars involved with it. I'm sure that this was a well-attended event because it seems that there is a lot of interest in FT-8.

Field Day is fast approaching, and we will be formulating our plans for this event.

Plains are in the works for our Gabfest for 2023 and I'm sure that there will be more information forthcoming as the time gets closer so make sure that you read the newsletter.

One note of interest that I ran across while here in Florida. On the following frequencies at the below times there is a group of guys that get together. This is not a net, no roll call, no roster, just check in on these frequencies and these guys from all over the US & Canada will give you a signal report to let you know how you are getting out.

17:30 UTC. 18157.5 kHz

18:30 UTC. 21383 kHz

19:15 UTC. 24970 kHz

19:45. UTC. 28570 kHz

This is a fun thing to do and a way to see how your station is performing.

As you can see there is a lot going on at W3PIE and my hope is that we will have a large group of members involved with these activities. It's OUR CLUB and we need the participation of everyone to keep it going in a positive direction.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mark, K3PPP, for filling in for me while I have been away. I certainly do appreciate it Mark.

Well folks, that's about all that I have for now. As I said keep reading the newsletter to keep up with the latest goings on. If you are not getting the newsletter, please send an email to officers@w3pie.org so that we can update your email to our list.

73 for now.

Bunny - WA3NGA

PIE DAY REVIEW

Our first (Annual) Pie Day celebration was a deliciously enjoyable event. Instead of a boring recap by the newsletter editor, our Recording Secretary and Poet Laureat gives us a more entertaining rundown.

“The Legend of Steve’s Pie”
By Angela Lambo, KC3CDF

And so it began...or so they say
Ham radio operators like to play.
The Thursday Night Net for W3PIE
Attracted hams like “ships at sea.”

It started as a competition
That begs to warrant repetition.
Some say Herb started a bet
‘cause some parameters were set.

Herb said,
“Steve, if you break the record tonight,
I’ll buy you a pie. It will be my delight.”

And so Steve worked stations fierce and brave
And to his surprise, history was made.
Now, Herb, who promised Steve a pie,
Was happy Steve had not tied.

And as word got out over the air
Herb would buy Steve a pie. So there.
And as fellow hams, not to be rude,
Could only conclude that Herb was a very shrewd dude.
And so fellow hams waited for Herb to make good
On his promise, like a good ham should.

And so months and years flew by
And yet Steve had no pie.
The suspense grew by leaps and bounds.

Steve and Herb couldn't find common ground.

Steve worked long hours
Days and weeks went by
Herb couldn't catch Steve, but yet he tried.
He knew he owed Steve that special pie.

AND THEN, A MIRACLE HAPPENED!!

Cory, a very nice guy,
Suggested the club have a celebration for PI.
So on March 14th, (3.14), W3PIE would do more
To celebrate the Greek letter "pi"
Do we even have to say why?

Plans for an evening of amateur radio fun had begun.
And then as members RSVPed
We found out we would see Steve.

And so on a cold and snowy March Day,
Herb was able to repay—
Steve

**With the first slice of apple pie.
Me, oh my, Steve finally got his pie.**

Let the repeaters repeat
As beacons are beaconing
From the Breakfast Club to the Slumber Net
From the Snow Net to Thursday Night's Net
W3PIE will never forget--- 43 check ins and
"The Legend of Steve's Pie."

TECH WEDNESDAY – Starring Tony Alviar, KA3VOR

On the evening of March 22nd, Tony offered a primer on what is our most popular HF digital mode, FT-8. Those in attendance learned all about some quick ways to set things up and get things going – with some hands-on demonstrations.

His insights, along with those of famed FT-8 guru George Syner, WA3OGQ opened another new ham radio horizon.

2023 Calendar – Jim Kenney, KC3BHN

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

Day	April
5	W3PIE Reg Meeting
18	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

I WAS JUST THINKING – Jeff Martin, N3ABJ

Well, truthfully, I haven't been thinking too much lately. Thank goodness Cory made the suggestion in the last newsletter that someone could submit an article regarding a pending antenna project. Even then I thought, I don't have a pending antenna project!! No problem! I have an old antenna project which was installed years ago and its still up, What say we just document that to a degree. So, I plan to provide a brief description of my NI4L 6-160 meter off center fed dipole and the manner in which it was installed.

The antenna is as I said, a 6-160 meter OCF dipole. The overall length is 270'. The feed-point is approximately 45' in the air, mounted to my ECO Tower. That's a fancy way of saying, oak tree! The mounting of this antenna was overall, pretty simple. The first obstacle was figuring out how to get the feed-point as high up in the ECO tower as possible. That seemingly insurmountable problem ended up being a breeze. I hired an Arborist to climb the tree. Then all I had to do was get Brenda to write the check. Problem number one was quickly solved! The second concern was that of stretching both the 90' leg and the 180' leg out to the most receptive trees running north and south. Turns out God had previously planted the perfect oaks in just the right location many years previous.

The last concern was a somewhat simple problem but as I often do, I spent many hours over thinking it. So much so that I got on .045 and ask for some suggestions to my quandary. What was the quandary? What to use as proper weights to run each leg of the dipole and the associated para-cord to the support trees. You see, I wanted to run the para-cord through pulleys so that when the wind blew and the three trees inevitably blew in different directions, I needed the antenna to float freely between the three mounting points to prevent breakage. I thought of using some weights from the old windows installed in most homes when I was growing up. Turns out those weights are considered antiques now and are quite expensive! It seems weird to me that I am now the same age as old people! I also considered tying some simple bricks to the end of the lines.... Nah! Not neat enough.

Jim, KC3BHN, like the Lone Radio Ranger rushed to my rescue. He had seen a YouTube video where a fella was using PVC pipes filled with sand to help hold down his tents when he was set up at a flea market. I watched the video, made some changes (There has to be changes) and soon my dipole was flying high and working with the wind, not against it.

I plan to send some pics to Cory and hopefully he can print them along with this article. If anybody has any questions, please feel free to contact me via the repeater or my email on QRZ.



FOR SALE - Carl A Chuprinko, WA3HQK

Ten Tec Paragon embassy model that has all filters and options. This radio can transmit from .1 to 30 MHz. (be carefull)

Also included are transverters for 50 MHz, 144 MHz, 222 MHz, AND 432 MHz (432 is only partly built; all others have been on the air. From Down East Microwave. asking price is \$600.

Contact Carl via email - chuprinko84@comcast.net.

FOR SALE – Randy Garletts, NR5N

1. Micronta (Radio Shack) 12V/2.5 amp linear power supply made in the USA. The on/off switch has been replaced, but it is in good condition and works.

\$30.00 randygarletts@gmail.com

2. Ten-Tec Century 21 CW only transceiver - analog version, good cosmetic and working condition. Side tone was modified for a pleasant note. Comes with the original manual. \$250.00 randygarletts@gmail.com

3. New Ameco K-4 straight key (open bag) and new Ameco code practice oscillator. Both never used. \$150.00 for both, but will sell separately. randygarletts@gmail.com

4. Heathkit HW-8 CW transceiver and matching HWA-7-1 power supply. Both are in good cosmetic and working condition. The HW-8 has had a number of mods installed to improve performance and output power. Original manuals are included. A listing of mods can be provided. \$250.00 randygarletts@gmail.com

5. Vibroplex Iambic-D deluxe chrome paddles with jeweled bearings. Barely used and nearly new condition. S/N 105070 with cord and 1/4" phone jack installed and custom finger pieces. Original finger pieces are also included. \$175.00. randygarletts@gmail.com

6. MFJ Pocket CW Reader. Near new condition, no manual but downloadable from MFJ. \$50.00. randygarletts@gmail.com

7. Tokyo Hy-Power HC-200A manual antenna tuner. Heavily built. Good condition with manual. \$100.00. randygarletts@gmail.com

8. Elecraft K1 CW transceiver, 4 band (40M, 30M, 20M, 15M) QRP transceiver with backlight mod, internal battery holder, autotuner, internal speaker, noise blanker and original manual. Excellent cosmetic and working condition. \$400.00 randygarletts@gmail.com

FIELD DAY RULES (UN)CHANGE - Bob Famiglio, K3RF

Many Atlantic Division members contacted me in the last few days with concerns about the new Field Day (FD) rule regarding points for CW contacts implemented by the ARRL Programs & Services Committee (PSC). Almost all of the comments I received were against the change equalizing contact points for any mode. Many of you writing took the time to explain your reasons for your concern which was helpful. Some of the respondents were writing as designated representatives of their ARRL club. I responded to as many of you as I could personally explaining why I agreed the change is unwarranted and I shared your concerns.

Tonight the ARRL PSC held a special meeting for the purpose of reconsidering the changes in view of the members' strong interest. Though I am not appointed to the PSC, I attended as an interested director to provide comment and was allowed to do so. The rules for mode scoring will NOT change this year. Further, the PSC will be considering members input before next year. There may be formal electronic polling to assess the members comments further before next year's Field Day.

Also, the committee voted to conform FD rules with other contest rules by banning both robotic FT-x operations and the use of automated multi-streaming operations. Details are forthcoming.

This responsiveness demonstrates that the Committee heard all of the members expressing their thoughts. You had an impact. There will be time to debate changes over the next months and I urge you to make your thoughts known when that time comes. In the end, our League is a member organization and members interests should drive our direction whether major policy or simple rule changes for contests. If you disagree with this statement, please feel free to let me know. I will respond. After all, the ARRL is your League.

73 & I will see you on the radio.

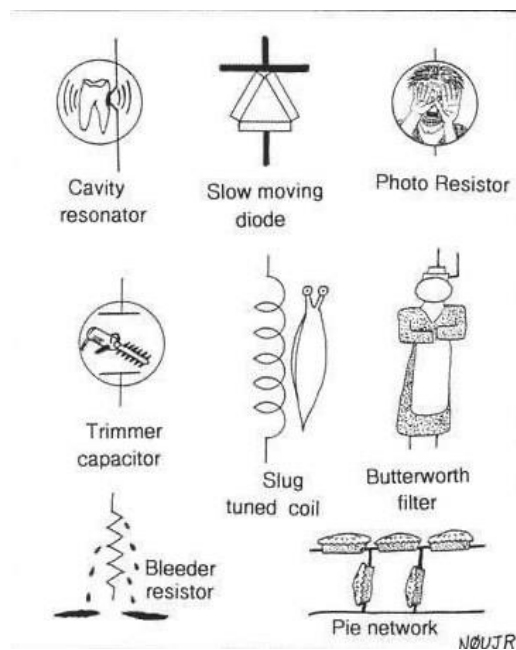
Bob Famiglio, K3RF
ARRL Director - Atlantic Division

If a Field Day scenario situation were to occur today, would you be able to get on the air for the next 24 hours, without anything else being needed? This includes food and water for yourself, any meds you might need, personal items like toilet paper, etcetera.

KNOWLEDGE POTPOURRI – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV

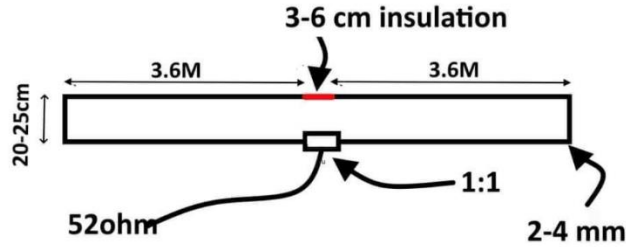
Here are some images from the Infobahn of interest to hams, that may come in handy

Specialized Schematic Symbols



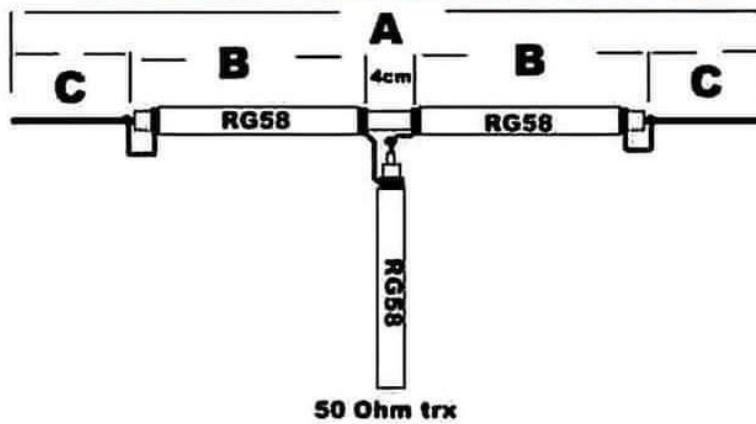
Multi-Band Folded Dipole 14 ~ 52 MHz

Antenna for 14 - 52Mhz



#G7UNF

“Bazooka” Coaxial Dipole



Band	A	B	C	frek.
80M	37.5 m	13.03 m	5.72 m	3.8 Mhz
40M	20.21 m	7.02 m	3.09 m	7.05 Mhz
20M	10.04 m	3.49 m	1.53 m	14.2 Mhz
15M	6.74 m	2.34 m	1.03 m	21.15 Mhz
10M	5.05 m	1.76 m	0.77 m	28.2 Mhz
11M	5.24 m	1.82 m	0.80 m	27.2 Mhz

MDC HAMFEST CALENDAR



Mar 25th - Fredfest '23
Frederick, MD
Frederick Amateur Radio Club
<http://frederickarc.org>



Apr 23rd - Maryland Mobileers Spring Hamfest
Odenton, MD
Maryland Mobileers ARC
Website:
<https://sites.google.com/view/marylandmobileers/hamfest>



May 6th - The Great Hagerstown Hamfest
Boonsboro, MD
Antietam Radio Assoc.
<http://W3CWC.org>



May 28th - Memorial Day Hamfest
West Friendship, MD
Maryland FM Assoc.
<http://www.marylandfm.org/>

ATLANTIC DIV.



Jun 18th - Father's Day Hamfest at Arcadia
Upperco, MD
Baltimore ARC
Website: <http://W3FT.com>



TWO RIVERS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
51th ANNUAL AMATEUR RADIO / COMPUTER SHOW
SUNDAY APRIL 16th, 2023

Elizabeth VFD Bingo Hall – 101 South 1st Ave – Elizabeth, PA 15037
“Elizabeth VFD Bingo Hall” is located off PA Rt 51 in the city of Elizabeth, PA

Directions: 146.73 Repeater
Mobile Check-In: 146.52 Simplex
(Mobile Check-In prize will be awarded. Must be present to win)

Main Prizes: **Yeasu FT-DX101D HF Transceiver**
Alinco DJ-MD5XTG Dual Band DMR Handheld
Portable Generator

Advanced ticket sales are available to the public and club members at significant savings. Advanced ticket sales form is available the TRARC website <http://www.trarc.net>.

Admission \$5.00

**Tables for Rent: \$15 for a single table,
\$12 each for 2 or more tables**

Table Reservations: Please fill out the Exhibitors Application form on the TRARC website at <http://www.trarc.net>

Information: Contact Bill Powers (Assistant Hamfest Chairman) at 412-260-5699
Or Del Peterson (Hamfest Chairman) at 412-974-9695
Or email: hamfestchairman@trarc.net

Overnight parking is available

Amateur Radio Exam Testing is Available
Exam Registration: 412-751-9657 email: veteam@trarc.net

Breakfast Available
This is an ARRL sanctioned hamfest



Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club Hamfest / Computer Show – Exhibitor Application

Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club of McKeesport, PA
P.O. Box 225 Greenock, PA 15047-0223

Information: Contact Bill Powers (Assistant Hamfest Chairman) at 412-260-5699
Or Del Peterson (Hamfest Chairman) at 412-974-9695

Or Email: hamfestchairman@trarc.net

Please fill in all the information and return to the address listed above. Thank you

Name of Exhibitor: _____ Contact Person: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

The **Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club Hamfest / Computer Show** will be held **Sunday, April 16, 2023**, from 6 AM through 2 PM. Doors will open to the public from 8 AM to 12 PM, at the **Elizabeth VFD Bingo Hall, 101 South 1st Ave, Elizabeth, PA 15037**.

I will attend the event and include payment for the requested facilities with a check payable to the "Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club, Inc."

Number of 8 ft tables (includes 1 admission ticket):

Single Table \$15		\$ _____
Two or more tables \$12 ea	_____ x \$12 ea	\$ _____
Additional Admission Tickets:	_____ x \$5 ea	\$ _____
Duplex 115/60Hz Electric	_____	\$0.00
(limited availability, first come first served)		
	Total:	\$ _____

Tables are 8 feet long and includes 1 chair. If you need more chairs, please contact the Hamfest Chairman. Exhibitors using electrical outlets are responsible for providing power strips or extension cords. All locations are based on first come, first served basis.

Exhibitor setup is **from 6 AM to 8 AM on Sunday April 16, 2023**. If you need earlier access please contact the Hamfest Chairman concerning the possibility of Saturday night setup. Exhibitors must **vacate** the Bingo Hall by **2 PM Sunday**. Overnight Parking is permitted.

To assure your desired exhibitor locations please return this application and payment as soon as possible. **Deadline is Friday, March 18, 2023**. By the acceptance of this agreement, the exhibitor releases the Two Rivers Amateur Radio Club, Inc and the Elizabeth VFD from any liability for damage, loss, or injury to any person or goods for any cause whatsoever. Further the exhibitor agrees to return all equipment provided for his/her use during this event.

Signature of Exhibitor

Date: _____

Hamfest & Convention Application

Hamfest & Convention
Application

Speakers Bureau

BreezeShooters Hamfest

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

06/04/2023

Start Date: 06/04/2023

End Date: 06/04/2023

Location: Big Butler Fair Grounds

1127 New Castle Road (Rt 422)

Prospect, PA 16052

Website: <http://www.breezeshooters.org/>

Sponsor: BreezeShooters ARC Inc

Type: ARRL Hamfest

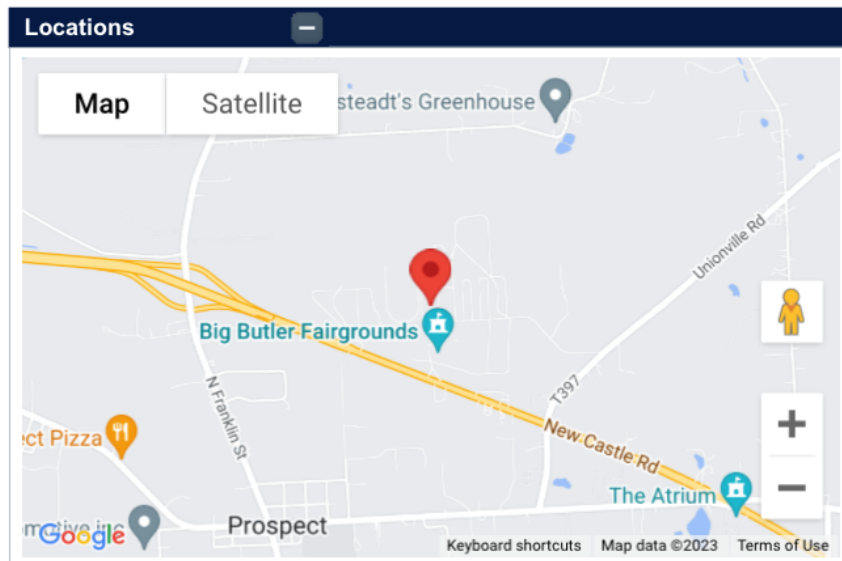
Talk-In: 147.300(+)-pl 131.8

Public Contact: Marty Newingham , AG3I

6003 Autumn View Ct. Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: 724-875-5385

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Somerset County PA Hamfest



Presented by the Somerset County Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 1241
Somerset, PA 15501

Date Change

Talk-In on K3SMT Repeaters
147.195+ PL 123 and 443.250+ PL
123

Same Place



ARRL
Sanctioned

Sunday, July 10, 2022– 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Free Parking

Where: Somerset County Technology Center
281 Technology Drive, Somerset, PA 15501

Grounds Open at 6:00 AM for vendors and tailgaters.

Entrance Fee: **Adults \$5.00, children under 13 FREE**
Indoor Tables: Pre-Registration Required

Free Coffee

ARRL VE Testing
at 10:00 AM
Fee \$15.00

Main Prizes by KJI Electronics

FIRST PRIZE

Yaesu FT-891 HF/60Mhz All Mode Mobile Transceiver

SECOND PRIZE

Yaesu FTM-6000R Dual Band FM Transceiver

THIRD PRIZE

Yaesu FT-70DR Dual Band C4FM Digital HT

FOURTH PRIZE

Yaesu FT-4XR Dual Band FM HT

Main Prize Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5 or 25 for \$20

Additional main prizes from DX Engineering, ARRL and more!

Door prizes from KJI and more!

and Black Box Drawing 50 tickets at \$5.00 each



Food menu by My Girls



ENGINEERING



KJI Plans to Attend


America's County[®]
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No-cost Pre-Registration
REQUIRED
for indoor space
contact Stew, AK3J at
ak3j@arrl.net or 814-444-0637
for flyer updates visit
www.k3smt.org

Directions from PA Turnpike Exit 110

Go straight off ramp and turn left at 4th stoplight onto Route 31 East

Go 2.0 miles and turn left onto Technology Drive.

The Hamfest will be on your right behind the building



For more local events and attractions see: www.laurelhighlands.org
for Hamfest updates www.k3smt.org and
www.arrl.org/hamfests/somerset-county-arc-hamfest

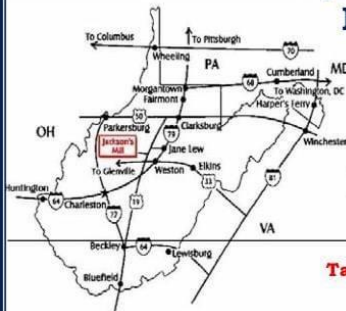


65th

West Virginia State Amateur Radio Convention



Saturday, July 29, 2023
Days Inn and Conference Center
Flatwoods, West Virginia



Traveling South on I-79

- Take Exit 67
- Turn left
- Turn Right
- Turn Left onto Days Drive

North on I-79

- Take Exit 67
- Turn right
- Turn Right again
- Turn Left onto Days Drive

Talk-In: -145.29 (pl tone 91.5)

Flea Market

QCWA Booth

MARS Booth

**Awards to be
presented:**

- WV Outstanding Amateur of the Year
- Field Day
- WV QSO Party Standings

WV Nets Meeting

• **ARES® Forum**

• **Technical Forum**

Keynote Speaker:
TBD

ARRL Forum:
Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ
Roanoke Division Director

Bill Morene, N1COP
Roanoke Division Vice Director

DX Forum:
WV DX Association

VE Exams
Mountain State VE Team

**WV State Radio Council
Meeting @ 1:00 PM**

Main Prize Drawing &

WVSARC Auction @ 5:00 P

Lodging Reserve in Advance:

Days Inns & Suites

350 Days Dr. Sutton, WV

Call for Reservations

304-765-5055

Group rate: (Amateur Radio)

**Table Reservations/pre
ticket sales**

Rich Clemens, KB8AOB

Treasurer, WVSARC

304-439-8421

kb8aob@arrl.net

Other Questions:

Ed Messenger, N8OYY

President, WVSARC

304-517-9715

n8oyy@arrl.net

**For Convention Updates, Watch the WV State
Amateur Radio Council and ARRL SM WV
Website:**

<http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/>

PRIZES:

- Yaesu DX-10 HF/50 Mhz
- Yaesu FT-2980R VHF/UHF-FM Mobile
- Yaesu FT-65R VHF/UHF 2M Handheld
- Yaesu FT-65R VHF/UHF 2M Handheld

The WACOM Hamfest is back!

We're trying some new things this time around:

- New Date
- New Location
- Free Admission
- Free Tailgating

We hope to see you there. More information coming soon!

When: Sunday, July 30th, 2023

Time: 8AM

Where: Washington Crowne Center Mall (rear parking area near Bonton entrance) **Prizes**

1. TBD
2. TBD
3. TBD

Contact Info

Hamfest Chairman: Tom Wright,
N3WS; tom.n3ws@protonmail.com

Admission: Free

Tailgating: Free (designated tailgating parking spots for those selling items)

Hamfest Address

1500 W Chestnut St, Washington, PA 15301

SKYVIEW ARA Hamfest – Tentatively Scheduled:

Sunday August 27th – stay tuned for more details...

CONTEST CALENDAR – Something for Everyone

Weekly Contests

+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	0000Z-0100Z, Monday (Mar 20)
+ ICWC Medium Speed Test	1300Z-1400Z, Monday (Mar 20)
+ OK1WC Memorial	1630Z-1729Z, Monday (Mar 20)
+ ICWC Medium Speed Test	1900Z-2000Z, Monday (Mar 20)
+ Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	0100Z-0159Z, Tuesday (Mar 21)
+ ICWC Medium Speed Test	0300Z-0400Z, Tuesday (Mar 21)
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Wednesday (Mar 22)
+ Phone Weekly Test	0230Z-0300Z, Wednesday (Mar 22)
+ A1Club AWT	1200Z-1300Z, Wednesday (Mar 22)
+ CWops Test	1300Z-1400Z, Wednesday (Mar 22)
+ Mini-Test 40	1700Z-1759Z, Wednesday (Mar 22)
+ Mini-Test 80	1800Z-1859Z, Wednesday (Mar 22)
+ CWops Test	1900Z-2000Z, Wednesday (Mar 22)
+ CWops Test	0300Z-0400Z, Thursday (Mar 23)
+ CWops Test	0700Z-0800Z, Thursday (Mar 23)
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Friday (Mar 24)
+ NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Friday (Mar 24)
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Friday (Mar 24)
+ K1USN Slow Speed Test	2000Z-2100Z, Friday (Mar 24)

March 20 - 26

+ Bucharest Digital Contest	1800Z-2059Z, Mar 20
+ CLARA Chatter Party	Cancelled for 2023
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 22
+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 23
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 25 to 2359Z, Mar 26
+ FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 25
+ UBA Spring Contest, 6m	0600Z-1000Z, Mar 26

March 27 - April 2

+ QCX Challenge	1300Z-1400Z, Mar 27
+ QCX Challenge	1900Z-2000Z, Mar 27
+ RSGB FT4 Contest	1900Z-2030Z, Mar 27
+ QCX Challenge	0300Z-0400Z, Mar 28
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Mar 29
+ Sasquatch Stomp	1900Z, Mar 31 to 0300Z, Apr 1
+ RSGB FT4 International Activity Day	0800Z-2000Z, Apr 1
+ PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest	1000Z, Apr 1 to 0400Z, Apr 2

+ EA RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 1 to 1200Z, Apr 2
+ Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 1 to 0200Z, Apr 2
+ Mississippi QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 1 to 0200Z, Apr 2
+ Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 1 to 0400Z, Apr 2 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 2
+ Florida State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Apr 1 and 1400Z-2200Z, Apr 2
+ SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 1 to 1500Z, Apr 2

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+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 3
+ ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 4
+ ZL Sprint	0800Z-0829Z (CW), Apr 4 and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Apr 4
+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Apr 5
+ UKEICC 80m Contest	2000Z-2100Z, Apr 5
+ Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Apr 6 and 0200Z-0300Z, Apr 7
+ SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-1900Z, Apr 6
+ NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1800Z-1900Z, Apr 6 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 6 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 6 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Apr 6 (Dig)
+ SKCC Sprint Europe	2000Z-2200Z, Apr 6
+ QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	0000Z-0600Z, Apr 8
+ JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 8 to 1300Z, Apr 9
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Apr 8 to 2400Z, Apr 9
+ OK/OM DX Contest, SSB	1200Z, Apr 8 to 1200Z, Apr 9
+ IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 8 to 1800Z, Apr 9
+ DIG QSO Party, CW	1200Z-1700Z, Apr 8 (20m-10m) and 0700Z-0900Z, Apr 9 (80m) and 0900Z-1100Z, Apr 9 (40m)
+ New Mexico QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 8 to 0200Z, Apr 9
+ EU Sprint, SSB	1500Z-1859Z, Apr 8
+ Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 8 to 0359Z, Apr 9 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 9
+ Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 8 to 2100Z, Apr 9
+ WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes	1000Z-1400Z, Apr 9 and 1700Z-2100Z, Apr 9
+ Hungarian Straight Key Contest	1500Z-1600Z, Apr 9

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+ 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 10
+ DARC Easter Contest	1500Z-1730Z, Apr 10

+ 144 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 10
+ ZL Sprint	0800Z-0829Z (CW), Apr 11 and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Apr 11
+ NAQCC CW Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Apr 12
+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Apr 12
+ EACW Meeting	1900Z-2000Z, Apr 13
+ Holyland DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 14 to 2059Z, Apr 15
+ ES Open HF Championship	Cancelled for 2023
+ Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest	0600Z, Apr 15 to 0559Z, Apr 16
+ YU DX Contest	0700Z, Apr 15 to 0659Z, Apr 16
+ Dutch PACCdigi Contest	0700Z to 1900Z, Apr 15
+ CQMM DX Contest	0900Z, Apr 15 to 2359Z, Apr 16
+ Nebraska QSO Party	1300Z, Apr 15 to 0100Z, Apr 16 and 1300Z-2200Z, Apr 16
+ Texas State Parks on the Air	1400Z, Apr 15 to 0200Z, Apr 16 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 16
+ Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 15 to 0400Z, Apr 16
+ EA-QRP CW Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Apr 15 (10m) and 1800Z-1900Z, Apr 15 (15m) and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 15 (20m) and 2000Z-2100Z, Apr 15 (40m) and 2100Z-2300Z, Apr 15 (80m) and 0700Z-0900Z, Apr 16 (40m) and 0900Z-1000Z, Apr 16 (20m) and 1000Z-1100Z, Apr 16 (15m) and 1100Z-1200Z, Apr 16 (10m)
+ Feld Hell Sprint	1800Z-2159Z, Apr 15
+ Ontario QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 15 to 0500Z, Apr 16 and 1200Z-1800Z, Apr 16
+ North Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 15 to 1800Z, Apr 16
+ Quebec QSO Party	1200Z-2000Z, Apr 16
+ ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB	1800Z-2359Z, Apr 16
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Apr 16 to 0100Z, Apr 17

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+ ZL Sprint	0800Z-0829Z (CW), Apr 18 and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Apr 18
+ 222 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 18
+ VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Apr 19
+ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Apr 19
+ Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	0000Z-0100Z, Apr 20 and 0200Z-0300Z, Apr 21
+ NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Apr 20
+ QRP to the Field	0800-1800 local, Apr 22

+ SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 22 to 1200Z, Apr 23
+ North American SSB Sprint Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Apr 23
+ International Vintage Contest HF	0700Z-1100Z, Apr 23 and 1500Z-1900Z, Apr 23
+ UA1DZ Memorial Cup	1300Z-1859Z, Apr 23
+ BARTG Sprint 75	1700Z-2059Z, Apr 23

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