



Field Day is Coming!

Field Day Dates: Saturday June 24th – Sunday June 25th. Setup starts after breakfast (around 9:00 AM) at the *Beach House* Restaurant Saturday morning. Starting time on the air: 2:00PM. Ending time 24 hours later.

We're back at the *Library Sportsmen's Association* this year. This site has both opportunities and difficulties. There's lots of room under the shelter, bathroom facilities nearby and indoor (clubhouse) space to set up an air mattress/sleeping bag. We've had problems stringing antennas thru the trees and separating the antennas to minimize interference.

We plan to be in the 3A category again – this means 3 HF transmitters on the air simultaneously. We'll try to maintain one CW and one phone station on the air for the full 24 hour period. The third station will be phone or digital. The third station could also double as the Get On The Air (GOTA) station – if there's a demand.

Equipment: We have at least 4 rigs available – two IC706, an IC756 and the club's IC738. The rigs will be battery powered. Lighting, computers and networking will be line powered. We have a complete set of bandpass filters. There may be a problem with tables this year. The clubhouse has brand-new tables. We may not be able to use them.

Quartermaster Harold, K3HCR, will bring the club's stock of rope, wire, etc
Dave, N3DFK, will make the network of logging computers WORK before FD

Antennas: We plan four antennas.

1. A Vee Beam with its apex on the clubhouse chimney for 40M and 15M (without using a tuner) and other bands with a tuner.
2. The club's Butternut Vertical for 40M-10M. This will be set up near the road.
3. An inverted L with the base located far to the northeast of the shelter and the horizontal segment pointing away from the shelter. An SGC239 tuner is at the base of this. We can cover 160M – 10M with this antenna/tuner.
4. A horizontal antenna fed by another SGC tuner. Placement to avoid the other antennas.

We should also try an NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave) antenna for comparison with the others in short range contacts.

Food: Dan, KB3HVN, is in charge of food/beverage preparations. Dan needs volunteers to help in this very important part of FD activities.

Coverage: There are 6 time periods at Field Day:

1. Setup (9 AM) to 2 PM (includes lunch)
2. 2 PM - 8 PM (includes dinner)

(Field Day Plans Continued on page 3)

N3SH Special Event Stations Update

Plans are just starting to get underway for the N3SH Bonus Stations for the 2006 Pennsylvania QSO Party.

Here's where we stand as of June 1st:

- Frank N3XI has offered to host the N3SH **Allegheny** County station.
- Ted W4XE will host the N3SH **Washington** County station, and while it will concentrate on the digital modes, it will also run SSB & CW.
- Most of the WA3SH operators have unofficially agreed to return to run N3SH **Fayette**. We are trying to confirm that the Heritage Reservation camp will again be available to us.
- Carol KB3GMN and Rich N3SBF are planning to run N3SH **Clarion** County from their cabin, as a secondary (2-4 operators) station.
- Interest has been raised in setting up an N3SH **Armstrong** County station. Anyone who'd like to participate in this operation, please contact me ASAP.
- We will be talking with Mike K3AIR about the possibility of his hosting N3SH **Butler** County at the Breezeshooter's Hamfest.
- I've been given a copy of the spreadsheet used in previous years to coordinate operators and equipment for WA3SH. I plan to adapt this for use for all stations this year, and will try to get it posted to the club web site sometime this month.

— 73, Ron Notarius WN3VAW
Bonus Station Coordinator

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Next Meeting: June 8th, 2006

The next monthly meeting of the **WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC.** will be Thursday, June 8th, at the **Peters Township Library**, 616 East McMurray Road, McMurray, starting at 7:00 PM.

Hamvention wrap-up, Field Day Final Plans, Pa QSO Party planning, the tower trailer, and the Breezeshooter's Hamfest, along with other topics .

Talk-in on the 146.955(-) N3RNX/R and 443.650(+) KB3FZU/R Repeaters (131.8 PL). All members, guests and interested parties invited!

WASH FM Net
9:00 PM ET
Sunday Nights
on the 146.955
and 443.650
Repeaters

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Want to volunteer to be
a Net Control Station?
Please contact FM Net
Manager Kevin N3HKQ
for more information.

**LOOKING
AHEAD:**

- North Hills ARC Hamfest July 9th
- WPRC Meeting, Altoona, July 16th
- Somerset Co ARC Hamfest July 16th
- Skyview RS Swap 'n' Shop August 27th
- Butler Co ARC Hamfest September 10th
- Ca QSO Party October 7 & 8th
- Pa QSO Party October 14 & 15
- ARRL CW Sweepstakes November 4 & 5
- WACOM Hamfest November 5th

June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 WACOM Meeting RA Erie Meeting 2 Rivers ARC Net Uniontown ARC Net	2 Elco ARS Meeting	3 RA Erie VE Test Somerset Co ARC Breakfast NHARC Elmer Net
4 Ellwood City ARA Mtg QCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net Breezeshooter's Hamfest	5 Greater Pgh VHFS Meeting Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	6 / 6 / 06 Butler Co ARA Meeting Skyview RS Meeting WACOM Net North Hills ARC Net SATERN Net GPVHFS Swap 'n' Shop Net	7 Uniontown ARC Meeting Steel City ARC Social Night Allegheny Co SKYWarn Net Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	8 WASH Meeting Horseshoe ARC Meeting Beaver Valley ARA Meeting 2 Rivers ARC Net Uniontown ARC Net	9	10 NHARC Elmer Net NHARC/Breezeshooters VE Foothills ARC Breakfast 2 Rivers ARC Breakfast North Hills ARC Breakfast Quad Co ARC Breakfast ARRL VHF Contest
11 QCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net ARRL VHF Contest	12 <i>Bum of the Month Lunch</i> ARL Lawrence Co Meeting Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	13 Foothills ARC Meeting Coke Center ARC Meeting Nittany ARC Meeting Punxsatawney Area ARC Mtg WACOM Net North Hills ARC Net GPVHFS Swap 'n' Shop Net	14 Flag Day North Hills ARC Meeting Butler Co PSG Meeting Laurel Highlands VHFS Mtg Steel City ARC Social Night Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	15 Triple 'A' ARA Meeting Somerset Co ARC Meeting Greene Co ARC Meeting 2 Rivers ARC Net	16 Quad Co ARC Meeting	17 NHARC Elmer Net ARRL Kid's Day
18 Father's Day Elk Co ARC Meeting QCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net	19 Steel City ARC VE Test Monessen ARC Meeting Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	20 Steel City ARC Mtg S H B P & M Meeting Tri-County CW ARC Meeting Juniata Valley ARC Meeting Chestnut Ridge ARC Meeting WACOM Net GPVHFS Swap 'n' Shop Net	21 Summer Begins Huntington Co ARC Meeting Allegheny Co SKYWarn Net Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	22 Uniontown ARC Net	23	24 WASH Breakfast SWPA Packet Group Mtg NHARC Elmer Net ARRL Field Day
25 QCWA Pittsburgh Net North Hills ARC Teen Net Somerset Co ARC Net WASH FM Net ARRL Field Day	26 Breezeshooters Net 2 Rivers ARC Net Triple 'A' ARC Net Beaver Co Public Service Net	27 2 Rivers ARC VE Test Mercer Co ARA Meeting WACOM Net North Hills ARC Net SATERN Net GPVHFS Swap 'n' Shop Net	28 Ft. Armstrong WA Meeting Steel City ARC Social Night Allegheny Co ARES Net Westmoreland Co ARES Net	29 WACOM Board of Directors Meeting Uniontown ARC Net	30	

WASH 2006 OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Kevin Smith N3HKQ
VP / Secretary Paul Lusardi NØVLR
VP / Treasurer Mark Stabryla N3RDV

AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT:

N3SH / WA3SH Trustee Steve Lane W3SRL
NP2SH Trustee Paul Jordan NP2JF
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Ted Huf W4ZE
Ways & Means Carol Danko KB3GMN
Mobile Tower Project Paul Lusardi NØVLR
Randy George KB3KGP
Pa QSO Party SES Coordinator Ron Notarius WN3VAW

CLUB-AFFILIATED REPEATERS & BEACONS:

Mt. Lebanon	N3RNX/R	146.955 MHz (-)	PL 131.8
Mt. Lebanon	W3SRL/R	442.550 MHz (+)	PL 131.8
		Echo Link #26861 (courtesy W3SRL)	
Canonsburg	KB3FZU/R	443.650 MHz (+)	PL 131.8
St. Johns, VI	NP2SH/B	28.276 MHz	

N3SH/WA3SH WASHNet, the weekly on-air net of WASH, meets every Sunday Night, 9:00 PM ET, on the 146.955 & 443.650 repeaters. All radio amateurs, WASH members or not, are welcome to join in!

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As always, special thanks to the owners of both the N3RNX/R Repeater System and the KB3FZU/R Repeater System for permitting the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS, INC. and it's members to use their repeaters for club purposes. Special thanks also to our webmaster, Bob Sanford AA3FI, and to Shawn Djernes NØPEU for providing space on-line for back issues of "The WASHRag™" which can be found at www.washarc.org or www.djernes.org/washrag

WASH Amateur Radio Club News Briefs

Next WASH VE Test July 20th

The Next WASH VE exam sessions will be Thursday, July 20th, 2006, 6:30 PM, at the **Peters Township Library**, 616 East McMurray Road, McMurray, PA. Talk-in on the 146.955 MHz and 443.650 MHz repeaters. All examiners are ARRL VEC affiliated.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you plan on attending the test session, please contact VE Team Liason Jacqué Gosselin N3ZEL:

Telephone (724) 746-9235 or E-Mail: n3zel@fyi.net

Please bring the following to your test session:

Picture ID or other suitable identification (2 forms of ID required)

Pen / Pencil / Calculator

Original FCC license plus a copy of license (if upgrading)

Original CSCE plus a copy of CSCE (if upgrading)

Check or Cash in the amount of **\$14.00** (payable to: ARRL VEC)

Future test dates: Thursday, October 19th, 2006
 (tentative) Thursday, January 18th, 2007
 Thursday, April 19th, 2007
 Thursday, July 19th, 2007

Memorial Day Weekend on May 27th began with a packed house at **The Beach House** in Finleyville, yet somehow they managed to squeeze in this month's delegation of the faithful, AKA **the WASH Breakfast Gang**. Squeezing their way in (guess that's one way you know the food's good when the table space is SRO!) were Larry K3VX, Tod W8LEV, Dan KB3HVN, Harold K3HCR, Ted W4ZE and Ron WN3VAW. Topics of the morning included old & new calls, Dayton recaps, Field Day logging programs, wireless networking, & antenna placement, dBase Programming, TAPR Forum, Ma Bell Master Clock Resets, FIOS vs. cable, & buying a clubhouse and some property (*sigh*).

Our next breakfast coincides with Field Day, and will actually precede FD setup at the Sportsmen's Association. So we that you'll join us for the next club breakfast, on Saturday, June 24th, 2006, 8:00 AM, at **The Beach House**, on Library Road / Route 88 in Finleyville, just south of Trax Farms and adjacent to Mineral Beach. See you there!

Congratulations to Randy N3ZK (just call him "Zeke"), formerly KB3KGP, on his new call!

Our new web site, www.n3sh.org, is finally up and running! It still needs content, and please bear with Rick KB3IAC as he's struggling to find time to update the site while buried under a ton of work at work. If you have content or suggested content for the site, please email Kevin Smith N3HKQ and he will arrange to get it to Rick.

And speaking of Rick, **congratulations** to him for **completing the EMCOMM Level III** course!

Little Miss Field Day 1996, aka Jessie Notarius (daughter of Ron WN3VAW) has been selected to join the Pittsburgh Children's Festival Choir as a "troubadour" this fall. She was one of only a small group selected this year out of several hundred who applied. Despite his reticence on bragging about her in these pages (threats of photos notwithstanding), Ye Editor is quite proud of her & of her accomplishment!

WASH Picnic at the Breezeshooter's Hamfest: Yes, we know this is getting to you at the last minute, and yes, we know the weather forecast isn't the best. Nevertheless, we are carrying on. Check the club email reflector for any last-minute information, otherwise we hope to see you during the hamfest and at the club picnic. If you decide to come at the last moment, just bring something — a bag or two of snacks, ice, fruit salad, whatever! WN3VAW and KB3HVN will definitely be set up in the usual area, and since some of the "regulars" either can't make it or will be set up indoors (AMSAT table, helping the N3BM estate, etc.) there should still be plenty of room to join us!

And please! Those of you with **digital cameras**, or for that matter any camera, bring them with you to the hamfest and **take pictures!** Somehow, no one got around to it last year! Ye Editor has managed to dig up (read: lost in the junk) his dinky little low resolution camera, and he is REALLY hoping that he won't have to use it!

Congratulations to **Jack Layton W9UK** on making the **cover of the June 2006 issue of WorldRadio** with the story of the VP2M Dxpedition. If it looks familiar, just remember: You read it here first!

WB4GCS Tower Plans Heads Up: "Thanks to the help of Kevin N3HKQ, I'll finish all preparatory work today (June 3rd) or tomorrow. (That I can think of, anyway!). Weather next Saturday (June 10th) is looking good, Mostly Sunny, high of 74 degrees. SO, as long as the weather holds, tentatively planning to hang the last 40 feet of tower next Saturday, (June 10th, starting around 10, or 10:30 (after breakfast). Anyone who can help Jim out, please talk to him at the hamfest or contact him via e-mail during the week.

The New 2006 NCS Schedule should be in our hands by the next newsletter. If you'd like to volunteer to take the Club Net for a night, please contact Kevin N3HKQ.

If you are not shown in the 2006 Club Member Listing on Page 4, then Mark N3RDV doesn't have you down as a current member in good standing. If this is a mistake, please let Mark know right away so that the problem can be fixed. Otherwise, 2006 club dues are overdue!



Jim Sanford WB4GCS giving a presentation at the AMSAT forum at the Dayton Hamvention on Saturday, May 20th.

Photo courtesy of and ©2006 Kevin Smith N3HKQ

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3. 8 PM- 2 AM (leftovers and coffee?)
4. 2 AM – 8 AM (includes breakfast)
5. 8 AM - 2 PM (includes breakfast and/or lunch)
6. 2 PM to end of tear-down (includes lunch and more leftovers)

We need hands to setup and teardown, but especially we need operators in evening and overnight periods. Please sign up for one or more of the periods. Notify K3VX by e-mail LComden@comcast.net.

Looking forward to another great Field Day!

— 73, Larry Comden K3VX

WASHNet 2006 NCS Schedule

06/04	Bell Family	06/25	Hank KB3FNM
06/11	Bill W3WH	Alternates	— Dave N3IDH
06/18	Michael KB3HFP		— Ron WN3VAW

The ARRL has announced that DXCC program fees will rise slightly as of July 1st. The fee for a basic DXCC application will rise from \$10 to \$12, second and subsequent endorsements within a year will rise to \$22.

This is the first change in DXCC fee schedule since 1998.

Wayne Mills N7NG advises that in the future, fees may be adjusted every two years.

More details available on the ARRL web site.

Minutes, May 11th Meeting

Paul Lusardi NØVLR, Secretary, **WASH**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Moment of silence for recently departed silent keys, followed by introductions.

Reading of the minutes waived.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Mark, N3RDV: read and accepted

Secretary – Paul, NØVLR: Tower Trailer committee report w/Randy KB3KGP. Motion to allow Paul to decide on trailer at Dayton, all approved. All Dayton go-ers, please be on the lookout for any tower-trailers for sale

VE – Jacque, N3ZEL: Next VEC session July 20 2006

QSL manager – Ed, N3ZNI: Cards came in, cards went out

Website – Rick, KB3IAC:

- a. Uploading website – N3SH.ORG should be operational!
- b. Will focus on Field Day and PA QSO.
- c. Rick will arrange for batteries for field day

Repeaters, APRS Digipeater, & NP2SH beacon – Pete, N3RNK / Steve, W3SRL / Frank, KB3FZU:

- a. Electric bill for \$20.37
- b. Scenery hill site is off site due to no audio
- c. S.H. site access is limited to business hours
- d. Looking to drop-ship a new system in there and bench test the old one
- e. Bad power amplifier on main site – only putting out 100W
- f. Spare amps available - thanks to Brett, N3BV
- g. Main site is putting squeals randomly
- h. Randy/Frank will perform some shack maintenance work soon

Club FM Net – Kevin, N3HKQ

- a. Will put out new schedule for July
- b. Dave, N3IDH will fill in for anyone

Public Service – Mark, N3RDV/Dave, N3IDH

- a. Race for the cure, this Sunday
- b. M/S bike tour, Randy will be running APRS
- c. PVGP – Mid July
- d. N3IDH – benefit walk/Run in Bentleyville June 3rd

Contests – Ted, W4ZE:

- a. Mid Atlantic QSO party this weekend
- b. Italian RTTY next weekend
- c. CQ WPX CW contest – Memorial Day weekend
- d. Larry K3VX will be portable from ??? looking for contacts in Mid Atlantic QSO

Activities – Larry, K3VX – Dayton & Field Day – Library Sportsman's Club

- a. Tapping power from shelter – will need string lights
- b. Running 2A/3A
- c. One station for Phone / CW / Digital
- d. Food – Dan gets \$200 food – all carried
- e. Paul, Randy, Kevin operate from Raccoon park as WA3SH
- f. FD pins and t-shirts at Dayton – Carol will get \$100 worth
- g. UHF/VHF will be tried even without WB4GCS's help

Quartermaster – Harold, K3HCR: not present, no report

Newsletter – Ron, WN3VAW - PA QSO Party Bonus Station Status : Ron will chair the overall operation, appointing team captains at each N3SH/R and /M location. June newsletter due early

Ways and Means – Carol, KB3GMN

- a. 50/50
- b. Christmas party location (on Thursday, OK, but Friday strictly adults, wth DJ) –decide next meeting
- c. Already got charcoal for B/S picnic

President – Kevin, N3HKQ: AAAP 2006 star party schedule and assistance with special event station. Is any one night each month better than another and who is interested in helping? We picked 7/22 to commit to a station –motion Randy, Larry Second – several members agreed to attend/help out

Old Business : None

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WASH Spotlight: AMSAT Guys



Not everyone who went to Dayton Hamvention did so just for fun. Here's Kevin N3HKQ & Jim WB4GCS while "on duty" at the AMSAT Booth displaying a model of a MicroSat (or is it the real thing?)

Photo courtesy of and ©Copyright 2006 Frank Bobro KB3FZU.

Every month we're going to feature a **WASH** club member, something about them, something they're involved in or a club-related activity that we're involved in, in the **WASH Spotlight**. Submissions for the Spotlight should be sent to Ron WN3VAW at [wn3vaw at yahoo dot com](mailto:wn3vaw@yahoo.com)

Monthly WASH Breakfast

Please join us for the next **WASH** Breakfast! We usually get together on the LAST Saturday of every month for a chance to informally sit down, shoot the breeze, compare notes, drink lots of coffee, and just have a good time!



Join us this month at **The Beach House**, on Route 88 in Finleyville, just south of Trax Farms and adjacent to Mineral Beach. Start time is about 8 AM until ????. Monitor 146.955 & 443.650 for talk-in or any last minute changes.

All are welcome, **WASH** members or not, amateurs or not!

Wireless Association of South Hills Membership

2006	NØVLR	W3SRL	KB3GUZ	WASH /MM	Silent
K3EED	NØWVP	W3VFA	KB3IAC	KA3UPY	Keys
K3HCR	N2QIV	W3WH	KB3IRQ	WASH GA	
K3LGM	N3AWF	W4ZE	KB3IVW	K3OL	K3EED
K3SGT	N3CZZ	W8LEV	KB3IVX	KB3IJX	KB3ENX
K3VX	N3DFK	WA3JPP	KB3LIX	WASH NE	KB3FQT
K3WJL	N3HKQ	WA3RVD	KE8RN	NØPEU	N3FZ
KB3FNM	N3IDH	WA3WMB	NØPEU	WASH NY	N3KEH
KB3FZU	N3KFD	WA3YFQ	N3BSQ	KE3XB	N3OBD
KB3GMN	N3QMV	WB4GCS	N3PN	N3YPB	N3SKR
KB3GMP	N3RDV	WO3Z	N3RHT	N3YPB	N3SRC
KB3GMU	N3SBF		N3RNX	WASH OH	N3XFE
KB3HVN	N3UE	2005	N3TBK	N8DPW	W3ZLK
KB3KOT	N3XI	K3JDS	N3VEH	WASH TX	
KB3MRT	N3ZK	K3PCF	N3ZCG	K3LGM	
KB3NAF	N3ZEL	KA3NMG	W3GEL	WASH VI	
KC4WTT	N3ZNI	KA3TWI	W3HND	NP2JF	
KB6VLV	W3RJM	KB3DCO	W3JAF		
KE7FD	W3RWS	KB3EPI	WN3VAW		

Through June 1st, 2006

List compiled by

Mark Stabryla N3RDV, Vice President/Treasurer

"Seen" at the 2006 Dayton Hamvention



Above: The Tim Allen Memorial Table (More Power!) Right: Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH at the FCC Forum. Below: A Table of Treasures in the Flea Market

Photos courtesy of and ©2006 Greg Babin KQ3DX



And now you know why Randy submitted the picture on the last page: Relaxing in the room, L- R: Dave N3IDH, Paul NØVLR, Randy KB3KGP (now N3ZK), Kevin N3KFD & Paul's sister Diane KB1KRJ. Photo courtesy of and ©2006 Greg Babin KQ3DX



Left: Some of the club having dinner at the Outback. Right: N3KFD in Heaven at the Outback. Photos courtesy of and ©2006 Jacques Gosselin N3ZEL

Below left: SuitSatMan? Stranger than YagiAntennaTowerHardHat Guy? Below Right: Some of the gang examining the Porcupine Mobile! Both photos courtesy of and ©2006 Frank Bobro KB3FZU



North Hills ARC 21st Anniversary Hamfest

Free Admission! Free Parking!

Sunday, July 9th 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, Wexford PA

Talk-in on 147.090 MHz

A Real Old-Fashioned Hamfest!

1st Prize: ICOM IC-706 MkIIIG 2nd Prize: ICOM IC-T7H

For more information, contact John Gormand N3RQD (412) 487-9254

On-Line www.nharc.pgh.pa.us or n3rqd@earthlink.net

WACOM Hamfest *Sunday, November 5th 2006, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM*

Washington County Fairgrounds, Washington, PA

For More Information contact Ed Oelschlager N3ZNI at n3zni@arrl.net or (724) 746-9235

www.wacomarc.org

More Hamvention Photos



More of the gang relaxing in the University of Dayton dorms after a long day at the HARA Arena. Above: Bill W3WH and Larry K3V X, Below: Ed N3ZNI and some guy from Texas (Dave K3LGM)

Photos courtesy of and ©2006 Greg Babin KQ3DX



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New Business:

1. Meeting time takes up too much social time, suggest 8/17, W3WH will coordinate
2. Ron to coordinate SES for PAQP
 - a. 3 primary stations @ 2-3 Xmtrs, manned by 5-10 per site
 - b. ALL and WAS county, N3XI, W4ZE, perhaps WA3SH in Fayette
 - c. WAS – RTTY and PSK31 modes
 - d. Secondary stations (K3AIR from BUT)
 - e. N3ZNI offered N3SH/M – to decide by June to accept or not
 - f. Bonus certificate can be offered by working multiple N3SH locations

Good of the order – 2006 Field Day & Dayton

Motion by everyone to close meeting

After the meeting demonstration of propagation prediction software – Dave, N3DFK.

DX News Briefs



Following the vote in May, Montenegro plans to attain independence from Serbia and Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia) sometime in July. Once this happens, and they are either assigned a prefix block by the ITU or join the UN, Montenegro will become a new entity on the DXCC list. Presumably, Serbia will remain as the “survivor” of the existing S&M entity (what would Marshall Tito think?). No word yet from the DXCC desk as to exactly what will happen... stay tuned!

“Please accept my apologies. Soon after I returned home from my last visit to KG4, Hurricane Wilma came to visit. I am still haggling with the insurance company and contractors as we start another hurricane season today (June 1st). Couple that with a job at which I am expected to put in 14+ hour days, 7 days a week, and hopefully you get the picture. On the bright side, however, I left work “early” today and am printing labels now. I hope to start getting cards in the mail on Saturday. In the meantime, again my apologies to everyone who has been more than patient.” —W4OX / KG4OX

“John 9M6/G3OOK now has a new call effective immediately. It is 9M6XRO. I will be handling these cards for him.” — M5AAV

KC4D will be QRV as 7Q7WW on 5 — 23 June. Look for him on the low bands, mostly CW evenings and mornings. QSL via KC4D — 425 DX News

JK1FNL, 7K4QOK and JE1KUC will be QRV as KH0/NA80, KH0/KG8RP and KH0/N1KU on 7—10 July, including the IARU HF World Championship. QSL all three via their JA home calls — JK1FNL, 425 DX News

Look for special Canadian prefixes from 10 June to 8 July, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Reginald Fessenden’s voice transmission by radio. VX = VE, VG = VA, XK = VY, XJ = VO — VA3RJ, 425 DX News

The Pathfinder Web Client has been updated and moved. You can now find it at <http://www.dxlabsuite.com/pathfinder/WebClient/> — AA6YQ

PA5M had to cut short his operation as 4W6AAB due to civil unrest and was evacuated. Only about 400 QSO’s were made. He may or may not return once things settle down. QSL via PA7FM — PA7FM, OPDX

AH8A will be QRV as 8R1EA during the CQ WW SSB 28-29 October, with RTTY activity before & after the contest. QSL via AH8DX — AH8DX

A “group from Texas” will join the Chinese Radio Sports Association in activating B1Z during the CQ WW SSB. Details to come — OPDX

QSL Routes

3C5DX via EA5BYP — EU1SA	HS40HL via HL1XP — LA5HE
3DA0NW via K9NW — KZ2I	J5UCW via IV2ILH — WV1K
4L2M via UA9LP — RA3SL	J68RI via K4RG — W2IRT
4L8A via DJ1CW — WA3FRP	JD1BMB via DJ0FX — JJ1BDX
4O2A via 4N1SM — VE3EXY	JW0HZ via SQ5TA — K3WI
4X/UT5DX via UT2UB — K3WI	JY4NE via K3IRV — WA3FRP
5J1W via NN1N — K3WI	K7C via N4XP — N4XP
5R8GZ via G3SWH — K3WI	KH9/AH2BE via NT4TT — NN3W
5T5HC via JA0HC — EU1SA	R1MVV via DK4VW — JJ1BDX
5X1RI via WD4ELG — WV1K	RI0L via RU0LL — RA3SL
8Q7DV via UA9CLB — RA3SL	ST0RM via T93Y — K3WI
9G5OO via DL4WK — NK0S	TJ3FR via DL7UFR — EU1SA
9H3V via W5PF — WV1K	TM0ANT via F6KDF — KE3D
9J2BO via G3TEV — K1NU	TR8CA via F6CBC — K5AQ
9M0F via JA1HGY — EU1SA	TY4TW via GM4FDM — GM4FDM
9M6/G3OOK via M5AAV — K3WI	UA9FAR via W7YS — K3WI
A71A W via W3HNC — EU1SA	VP2MSC via N3ZNI — WA3FRP
BA1RB via EA7FTR — W2IRT	VP2MVX via N3ZNI — W2IRT
BV4FH via N4XP — N4XP	VQ9JC via ND9M — K3WI
DT8A via HL2FDW — K3WI	VU4AN/VU3JLW via AA4NN — K4MQG
E30NA via DL5NAM — RA3SL	VU4AN/VU3RYC via DK4WL — W9OL
EK6TA via DJ0MCZ — W2IRT	YA0Y via DL5SE — RA3SL
ER0ND via UT7ND — K8QM	YK1BA via N5FF — WV1K
HI500A via JA5DQH — W6RJC	YS1OD via WN5K — W6RJC
HP1DCP via EA5KB — K3WI	YX0A, YX0LIX via KU9C — KU9C
HQ9H via W0JAR — W2IRT	ZL4WW via W6YJG — K3WI

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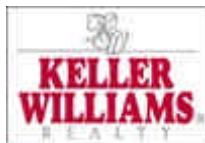
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FCC News

ARRL Web Extra & ARRL Letter, courtesy of the American Radio Relay League

Newington, CT, May 24th, 2006 — Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth advised those attending the FCC forum at Dayton Hamvention 2006 to try kindness instead of confrontation when problems arise on the bands. Hollingsworth spoke May 20 to a nearly full house at Hara Arena, and for the most part he praised the behavior of the majority of Amateur Radio operators, especially those who volunteered in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina last year. But, he noted, radio amateurs still could be more courteous and less inclined to fly off the handle at some perceived on-the-air offense.



"You need to lighten up and not embarrass the Amateur Radio Service," Hollingsworth advised. "All of us make mistakes, especially with the new features you have on radios today. It's very easy to make a mistake, to be on the wrong frequency or be operating split and not know it—there's a hundred ways to make mistakes." Hollingsworth said experience has shown him that at least 75 percent of the interference complained about is absolutely unintentional.

In Hollingsworth's view, radio amateurs all too often are hypersensitive and rude. "We have a radar going to detect offenses at all times, we assume the worst in people, we rarely give people the benefit of the doubt," he said. He joked that if there were three amateurs in a town, there would be two Amateur Radio clubs.

"And there'll be two hamfests with 20 people each, because they wouldn't dare consolidate them," he added.

"Stupid Filter"

Hollingsworth acknowledged that "certain problem operators" remain, but the real troublemakers are rarely the newcomers to Amateur Radio. "If there's a downfall in Amateur Radio, it won't be caused by no-code Technicians or codeless anything else," he said. "It'll be caused by the microphone--no doubt in my mind." He advised his audience to ignore the troublesome operators and not give them the attention they crave by engaging them on the air.

"Now, think about it: If what you're hearing annoys you, or angers you or is stupid, use the 'stupid filter,' which is that big knob—that VFO that will take you somewhere else," he quipped. "It's the largest knob on the radio." He recommended moving to another frequency or even another band altogether.

Words of Praise

Hollingsworth praised the Volunteer Examiner program as "outstanding" and noted there had not been a single complaint in the past year stemming from an examination session. He also said the Amateur Radio community should have a greater appreciation for what the ARRL is doing on its behalf.

"Most of you have no idea how much work is done in Newington for you and the Amateur Radio Service generally," he said. "I see it every day, but I think you have no idea of the hard work and dedication that comes out of that office up there, and I don't think we would be there if it weren't for [the League]."

"This country's communications infrastructure *needs* Amateur Radio," Hollingsworth emphasized, praising Amateur Radio's overall performance following Hurricane Katrina. "You have a tremendous amount to be proud of."

He also suggested that radio amateurs have an obligation to stay informed about what's going on in Amateur Radio that might affect their activities. "You have to not only keep up, you have to lead the way, because it's in your charter," he said, pointing to §97.1 of the Amateur Service rules.

No Comment on Code Issue

Hollingsworth noted at the start of his talk that he could not address any questions dealing with the FCC's long-awaited decision on the Morse code requirement (Element 1), because he works in the Commission's Enforcement Bureau. "We don't meddle in rule making," he explained, but added that he didn't expect CW to decline if the FCC does drop the 5 WPM Morse requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes as it's proposed to do.

Silent Keys



Clarence ("Jay" or "CJ") Marks N3DHC, Whitehall (formerly of Mt. Lebanon), 75, March 10th

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